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Above: Barack Obama takes the oath as the 44th U.S. President from Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., Tuesday. Bottom: President Barack Obama signs his first act as president Tuesday in the President's Room of the U.S. Capitol, a proclamation, after being sworn in as the 44th President of the United States in Washington D.C.

## Obama takes office as 44th president

By Anita Pere  
Editor in chief

WASHINGTON - The crowd chanted "Obama" and "Yes, we can" as the new president prepared to give his speech after being sworn in as the 44th president of the United States by Chief Justice John Roberts. His inaugural address echoed his campaign messages of hope, change and inclusiveness.

The ubiquity of America's challenges was one of President Barack Obama's first talking points.

"Everywhere we look, there is work to be done. The state of the economy calls for action, bold and swift, and we will act - not only to create new jobs,

but to lay a new foundation for growth," Obama said.

He specifically mentioned the need for modernizing colleges and universities, reducing the cost of health care and harnessing alternative fuels.

"Now, there are some who question the scale of our ambitions - who suggest that our system cannot tolerate too many big plans," Obama said. "Their memories are short. For they have forgotten what this country has already done; what free men and women can achieve when imagination is joined to common purpose, and necessity to courage."

Ella Stewart from Houston said she hopes Obama will fulfill expectations.

"I'm expecting that his word

will be his bond, and he'll deliver," she said.

Obama also mentioned the troubled economy, suggesting a possible return to tighter restrictions on financial markets.

"(The market's) power to generate wealth and expand freedom is unmatched, but this crisis has reminded us that without a watchful eye, the market can spin out of control - and that a nation cannot prosper long when it favors only the prosperous," Obama said.

Orel Ofri, who is originally from Ghana but has lived in Woodbridge, Va., for two years, believes all eyes will be on the president as he deals with the economic crisis.

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Associated Press

## Massive crowds invade Capital for inauguration

By Sommer Ingram and  
Ashley Corinne Killough  
Staff writers

WASHINGTON - Inauguration Day saw crowds totaling more than 1 million people on the National Mall and along the parade route. Armed with scarves, hats and blankets, thousands arrived in the wee hours of the morning to stake out a spot on the worn grass of the mall in hopes of getting a glimpse of the nation's 44th president, Barack Obama.

By noon, metro ridership had reached more than a half-million people, transit officials said. At the Federal Center Southwest Metro Station, located near Capitol Hill, some riders couldn't exit the train due to overcrowding on the platforms. Conductors had to wait for those on the platform to move back a safe distance before driving on toward the

next stop without opening the doors. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority closed several Metro terminals throughout the day due to overcrowding. The Metro bus system also experienced problems with a heavy stream of riders. Drivers skipped scheduled stops if the bus had reached capacity, leaving some riders to find alternate transportation.

Meanwhile on Capitol Hill, ticket holders waiting for entrance into the inaugural site on Capitol Hill awaited security checks in a line estimated at thousands. Color-coded tickets were given to 240,000 people Monday. The color directed spectators where to sit or stand on Capitol Hill, and all attendees were instructed to enter the ceremony from the south side of the Capitol.

Security gates were

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## Bush returns to Texas; lands in Waco



Shanna Taylor/Lariat Staff

Former president George W. Bush and his wife Laura wave to a waiting crowd at the Texas State Technical College Airport in Waco Tuesday night. The former president took his final flight on the Air Force One on his return trip home to his Crawford ranch.

By Liz Foreman and  
Brittany Hardy  
Asst. city editor and staff writer

On his final flight in Air Force One, former President George W. Bush arrived at the Texas State Technical College Airport in Waco Tuesday night greeted by a crowd, on his way to his Crawford ranch.

A few hundred people cheered, waving cardboard Ws and homemade signs as the former president descended the steps of Air Force One to country music blaring from the speakers. Bush, hand-in-hand with the former first lady, Laura Bush, gave a five-minute address to the crowd before shaking hands and taking pictures with those lined up to greet him.

The former president's mes-

sage was one of thanks and appreciation for those who supported him throughout his presidency.

"Today was a great day because we got to come home once and for all," Bush said. "I come home with my head held high."

The most important thing, he said, is to come home happy with who he was during the presidency.

"When I look in that mirror at the ranch in Crawford, Texas, I will be proud of what I see," Bush said.

Valerie Citrano, a White House volunteer and Waco resident said the night's celebration is a fitting finale to his eight years in office.

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"I think Obama has come into office in a very tough time in America. It's going to be pretty tough," Ofri said. "The whole world is looking up to Obama and waiting to see what he's going to do about the economic situation. There's a lot of expectations from people all over the world."

The president denied the necessity of choosing between security and personal freedom.

"As for our common defense, we reject as false the choice between our safety and our ideals," he said. "Our Founding Fathers, faced with perils we can scarcely imagine, drafted a charter to assure the rule of law and the rights of man, a charter expanded by the blood of generations."

As for the America's two on-going wars, Obama said the United States will "begin to responsibly leave Iraq to its

people" while keep pressing for victory in Afghanistan.

Many in the crowd sensed subtle rebukes of former President George W. Bush during the speech.

"(Obama's speech) kind of had an undertone of fixing all the things Bush screwed up," said Rob Gill of Overland Park, Kan.

The Obama crowd cheered at Obama's rhetoric of "a new era of peace" through inclusiveness.

"We are a nation of Christians and Muslims, Jews and Hindus -- and non-believers," he said. "We are shaped by every language and culture, drawn from every end of this Earth; and because we have tasted the bitter swill of civil war and segregation, and emerged from that dark chapter stronger and more united, we cannot help but believe that the old hatreds shall someday pass."

Despite long waits and cold weather, onlookers hung on every word. Some closed their

eyes and listened. Others raised their camera above their head to capture video of the president's words.

Many people tried to get a better view by climbing on anything they could find, such as trees. Daniel Leibovic of Richmond, Va. taped the ceremony from the top of a Port-A-Potty.

"You could see everything, except (Obama) on the stage because it was too far away," Leibovic said.

He also said a few people used the Port-A-Potty while he was lying on top of it. "It smelled pretty bad, but it was worth it," he said.

Before Obama's historical address, Pastor Rick Warren, who was welcomed with disapproving responses from various pockets of spectators, performed the invocation.

Aretha Franklin then warmed up the audience, soulfully singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," striking a chord with the excited, though shivering, crowd.

And standing on the steps of the Capitol, where he's served as a senator for 36 years, Joe Biden was sworn in as the 47th vice president before John Paul Stevens, associate justice of the Supreme Court.

After the inauguration, Obama and Vice President Joe Biden made their way down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House in the Inaugural Parade. Obama and Biden rode in a limousine at the parade's start but walked and waved to onlookers as they neared their destination.

A.J. Yamin from Washington, D.C. called the parade "fascinating" and said seeing it was worth braving the cold for.

His mother, Maria Yamin, came from Venezuela to see the parade.

"She still can't believe that we were actually there," he said.

Staff writer Ashley Corinne Killough and The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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"I think Bush being here tonight puts a book-end to his presidency," Citrano said. "It had to be here, it wouldn't have been anywhere else."

Citrano, who has volunteered for the White House throughout Bush's presidency, has had the opportunity to shake hands with Vladimir Putin and attend church with Tony Blair, during the dignitaries visits to Crawford.

She said Bush's presence in Central Texas has been a memorable experience for residents.

"This is a classroom of living history right here in McLennan County," Citrano said. "Our students have had the opportunity to live through history. That can't be duplicated."

While many local residents and supporters warmly celebrated Bush's return to Texas with a party on Tuesday night after his airport greeting, others in the area celebrated for different reasons.

The people at the Crawford Peace House said they were "celebrating" Tuesday as well.

"We're celebrating a change in attitude and a change in administration that we're hopeful will go in another direction, a direction of peace and caring," said Kay Lucas, a spokesperson for the Crawford Peace House.

"The main thing that's being

done here is defending the Constitution, that's our main role," Lucas said.

John Wolf founded the Crawford Peace House on Easter 2003, right after the war began.

"We knew the war was getting ready to start and decisions would be made in Crawford and we wanted to have a voice," Wolf said.

The small organization once fit 1,000 people from all over the nation in to their tiny kitchen, Lucas said, "Believe it or not."

"We're a grassroots organization. We're funded by the everyday people, we don't have a big voice in the government, like the large corporations," Lucas said.

Though the members of the Crawford Peace House may not support Bush, Lucas said that the local community has benefited from the former president's presence in the area.

"The local Crawford children have had the opportunity to learn firsthand about diplomacy. And that's the way it should be," said Lucas. "But I think some people are relieved that the media circus will be gone, even through they all benefitted from the extra business."

Lucas said the Crawford Peace House is, "looking forward to the future now." "It's your future, it's not really ours," Lucas said as a message to Baylor students.

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scheduled to open at 8 a.m. for spectators with blue tickets, which were tickets for standing room on the south side.

The correct line for blue-ticket holders stretched around the Hubert H. Humphrey building at the corner of Independence Avenue and 2nd Street S.W., but others holding blue tickets were instructed to another area, causing confusion.

Law enforcement officials were scarce as the crowd struggled to inch its way toward the security point, at times coming to a standstill for an hour or more. Ticket holders were in lines running 15 people deep at times, and with no substantial barriers or law enforcement officials to clarify the boundaries, the chaos grew as time marched on.

"I came out here expecting the 30 degree weather, expecting the crowds, expecting the long wait," said one New York woman. "But this level of chaos was something I never guessed was coming."

And after standing in line for 3 hours or more, many blue-ticket holders never entered their des-

ignated standing area. At 11 a.m. about 30 minutes before the ceremony was supposed to begin, word spread that the crowd had been misinformed. The real line was the one near the Humphrey building, which the crowd was just reaching. However, it was now too late for the hundreds of people to get in line.

"The lack of organization absolutely astounded me," said Breann of Charleston, S.C. "You would think with a crowd of this magnitude, the law enforcement would try harder than they did to make sure everyone got where they were supposed to go. Now, the people who didn't have tickets to begin with will have a better view than us."

The crowd dispersed into frustrated groups, as back-up plan after back-up plan began to fall through.

"Let us in, let us in" the pack chanted at the security guards. Some tried to squeeze onto National Mall, while others decided they'd rather see it on TV than try to fight more crowds. Disappointment filled the air as spectators headed their separate directions.

"I've been waiting for this for as long as I can remember," said Brandon Wooding of Alabama.

"It's not that I expected to be right up front and center, but having a ticket should have at least insured that I got in. And now I'm going to be out here, simply because of a lack of communication."

Spectators designated to stand in the silver section, locat-

*"... Having a ticket should have at least insured that I got in."*

Brandon Wooding  
Alabama

ed between the reflecting pool and the Mall, waited as long as six hours for entrance due to limited security personnel. Stacked shoulder-to-shoulder, spectators crammed between federal buildings on 3rd Street from Maryland Avenue to C Street, where the view included only the dome of the Capitol building.

The seemingly disorganized system left many spectators dis-

appointed. "Talk about a bridge to nowhere, this is a ticket to nowhere," said one Dallas man.

Around 11:30 a.m. the crowd broke through the fencing and stormed the designated area, without going through security.

Devin Hooker from Seattle migrated to the silver area after waiting in line for the much closer blue area for two hours, only to be turned away when the security personnel closed the gates at the start of the ceremony.

"We know we were disappointed because we were supposed to be closer, but just to be able to be here and take it in and actually hear him; it was still powerful," Hooker said. "It was moving."

Even some of the blue-ticket holders who weren't granted entrance stuck around to cheer on Obama.

As he took the stage, cheers from the crowd inside the inaugural site spilled over into the crowds outside. Though separated from the actual inaugural site, spectators outside joined together to celebrate the nation's new president, filling the streets of the capital with the timeless chant:

"Yes we can, yes we can."

Anita Pere and Ashley Corinne Killough contributed to this story.



Former President George W. Bush thanks the waiting crowd as he and wife Laura exit the Air Force One at Texas State Technical college Airport in Waco Tuesday night. Bush and wife Laura are returning to their ranch in Crawford, but recently purchased a new home in the neighborhood of Preston Hollow, a suburb of Dallas.

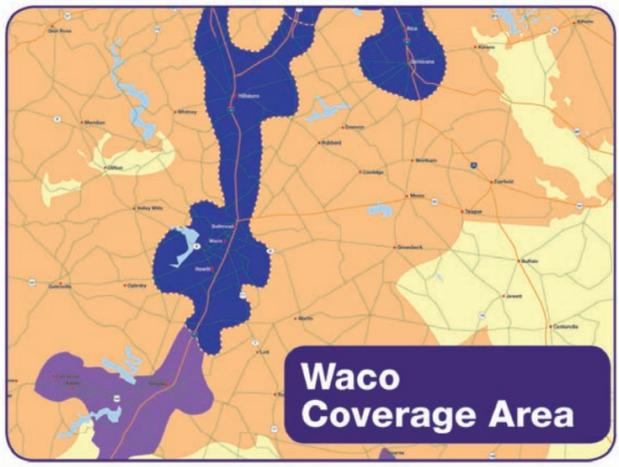


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Editorial

Price of inauguration fits today's standards

Tuesday morning marked the 44th chapter in the saga of the American presidency, and much has changed since the beginning of that process. It took the Founding Fathers nearly a full week to determine in what manner to swear in George Washington, but Barack Obama was ushered into the White House within one minute.

And with a much larger price tag. Last week, the Associated Press reported that Obama's swearing-in ceremony would fetch between \$140 million and \$160 million - more than \$100 million more than former President George W. Bush's 2005 ceremony.

While it is true that the total price of the ceremony is somewhere in that range, the reporter included the government payout, the private sector's contribution and even additional security costs. However, security concerns and other additional elements are not historically figured into the final tab, because prior to Sept. 11, 2001, security at such an event did not entail such a large portion of the nation's funds.

According to Eric Boehlert of Media Matters for America, which is a Web-based media watchdog site, when those funds are subtracted, the estimate falls somewhat closer to \$45 million, which is well within the range of the last inauguration's costs.

The New York Daily News puts the figure at \$49 million, slightly higher than Bush's 2005 cost of approximately \$40 million.

Sure, \$45 million to \$49 million might sound a bit excessive, especially with a down-trodden economy looming over the horizon, but take into account why

such an event is important.

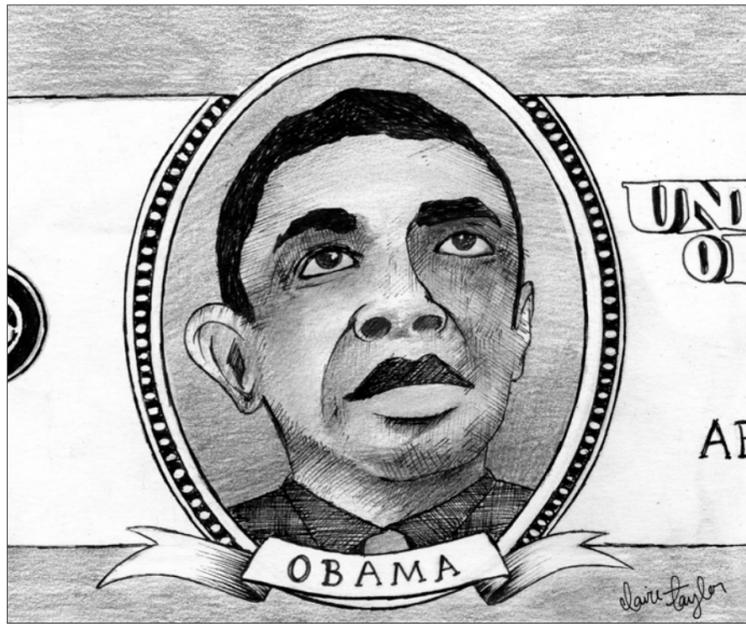
From a purely fiscal perspective, the gala and week-long festivities help to eliminate economic stagnation in the greater-D.C. area. One of the major struggles during such a tumultuous time is that people horde money.

The reported number of people that descended upon National Mall for the inauguration fluctuates as sources such as the Associated Press reported more than 1 million people, while the Washington Post Web site cited nearly 2 million. With this many visitors, Washington D.C., will surely get an economic boost.

Forbes magazine predicts a direct impact of \$1 billion in the region and an additional billion in indirect spending through hotels, airlines and other corporate expenses. Compare that with the NCAA basketball tournament's Final Four, which grosses approximately \$110 million for the local economy, or the Super Bowl, which has topped out at \$400 million, and the financial fluidity of Obama's inauguration is astounding.

While those numbers are predictions, and are probably exaggerated to some degree, the effect can easily be seen. Even if the predictions are off by a factor of 10, which is highly unlikely, that still would provide an economic boost to the nation.

The United States' government has increased inauguration allotment every year since the days of Jimmy Carter. According to USA Today, Ronald Reagan netted \$16.3 million, George H. W. Bush clocked in at \$28 million and Bill Clinton climbed to \$33 million. The younger Bush's 2001 price tag fell to \$30 million, but increased by \$10 million in 2005.



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The United States' Congress shelled out \$49 million for Tuesday's event, according to the New York Daily News, which in the larger view is just an extension of larger and larger ceremonies.

However, what separates this ceremony from those in the past is the historical significance of such an event. Whether or not Obama was your presidential pick, his election serves as a ground-breaking moment. Because of this, more than a million people will be in Washington, D.C., to witness the event.

The last time more than 1 million non-natives flooded the National Mall for an

inauguration was in 1963 when 1.2 million citizens attended former President Lyndon B. Johnson's inauguration.

So, is \$45 million to \$49 million excessive? Not in the grand scheme of things. Not when you consider that this inauguration has symbolic meaning, beyond that of a first black president, but of nation's eagerness and readiness for change, for something different from the past eight years. It's this enthusiasm from voters across the country, in a time of difficulty, which deems this inauguration, even with its higher price tag, all the more necessary.

point of view

Meaning of historical inauguration goes beyond rousing rhetoric

Everything around me was screaming that this was the moment I'd been waiting for.

As President Barack Obama took the stage, I had lofty expectations. Memories of rousing speeches throughout his campaign, of his rhetoric and ability to speak to this nation in a language we can understand left me expecting a lot from Obama in his first speech as president of the United States.

On Election Night, I'd stood staring at the TV in a room in the Waco Hilton, my assignment to cover Chet Edwards' campaign completely forgotten, tears streaming down my face. I listened to Obama talk about how we rise or fall as one nation, as one people, about how victory belongs to the American citizens, about how change had come to America. I felt something stir in me that I'd never quite felt before,

and I expected to feel it again on Inauguration Day.

I expected Obama to introduce a new phrase that would rank up there with the likes of "nothing to fear but fear itself" or "I have a dream." I expected a speech that would go down in history and be repeated for years to come like the Gettysburg Address.

All morning the streets had been pulsating with excitement, the air brisk with anticipation. But as President Obama's speech began, it was eloquent, as always, but I didn't feel quite the same sense of euphoria, as I had before. First I just attributed it to the cold; I

thought maybe the wind chill was numbing my soul as well as my body. But as his speech went on, I realized there was no key phrase that had caught my attention, no rousing rhetoric. I thought the feeling was gone.

But then as I stood there, with my feet like blocks of ice and my fingers almost too cold to curl around my pen to take notes, as I stood there shoulder-to-shoulder with strangers, I realized the feeling was right there within all of us. It didn't matter if his speech was two minutes or two hours, it didn't matter if he coined a new phrase or spoke in clichés. That moment - that moment when I stood alongside my fellow Americans, both black and white and everything in between, when I stood among visitors from foreign lands and felt the strands that bonded us all together - that's the moment I fully under-

stood what this day meant. I was trying too hard to force myself to feel something, and the moment I stopped, I felt it all around me - almost too much emotion for one person to bear. The crowds had been tough, we'd been fighting each other all morning for a better place in line, but in that very moment, we were all the same. Each breath we took was breathed as one, every movement was as one. My tears were the next woman's were the next man's and so on. My heart

felt attached to a million different strings connected to the million different people standing around me, and each emotion I felt was magnified tenfold. As I looked around me, I saw a million different expressions of love, of respect, of joy, of pride, of disbelief, of hope, written upon every face.

Chills ran up and down my spine as Obama's voice, rich with courage and determination, rang clear through Capitol Hill. Chants of "Yes we can," "Yes we

did" began to ripple through the crowd. Young and old, rich and poor, black and white, we cheered for this man who we know is not perfect, who we don't expect to be our savior, but who has paved the way and carved the path into a new future.

did" began to ripple through the crowd. Young and old, rich and poor, black and white, we cheered for this man who we know is not perfect, who we don't expect to be our savior, but who has paved the way and carved the path into a new future. For it is now that we as a people, we as a nation, take the first steps to the promised land.

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BY SOMMER INGRAM

point of view

Personal, mutual respect most needed

After President Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th president, he spoke to a nation plagued by economic, security, health care and national and international morale problems.

The moving inaugural address resonated a call to personal and national responsibility. It attended to the lengthy and difficult path we must forge to economic prosperity. It answered the threat of real terrorism. It noted drastic mistakes of the past administration briefly and with grace.

Obama gave examples of the personal "faith and determination" of the American people, like taking a pay cut rather than having a co-worker lose a job. They are analogous to national sacrifices that will need to be made by the country for national and international prosperity.

Obama committed the country to not only correcting brick and mortar structural problems, by building bridges and electric grids, but also using technology to fix greater problems, like making health care better and cheaper.

He implied, however, that America would lead by example.

Apparently speaking directly to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and any leaders with similarly fascist leanings, he chastised, "To those who cling to power through corruption and deceit and the silencing of dissent, know that you are on the wrong side of history, but that we will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist."

That point is not lost on those who also condemned the extra-legal activities of the Bush administration, like the detainment and treatment of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay.

The mild cheer that followed a passing thanks to President George W. Bush showed that the former administration was less than an afterthought - it is a painful memory that we as a country have been trying to block out since before it was over.

While Obama used rhetoric heavy with Judeo-Christian themes, he acknowledged those of different faiths, and, in an unprecedented move, those with none.

"We are a nation of Christians and Muslims, Jews and Hindus, and nonbelievers. We are shaped by every language and culture, drawn from every end of this Earth," he said. It was a soothing gesture to those who've felt that the past administration was not concerned with representing their interests.

He mentioned the historic nature of his inauguration, (that is, regarding his race) once, briefly and poignantly.

For those that weary of international bloodshed, anticipate the end of the Iraq War, and fight for international human rights, one line resounds with our new president's signature "hope."

"Know that America is a friend of each nation and every man, woman and child who seeks a future of peace and dignity, and we are ready to lead once more," he said.

What was missing was a promise to work for the rights of the gay and lesbian community. Obama invited Pastor Rick Warren, who supported banning gay marriage, to pray at the inauguration, to much backlash. A promise to work toward equality for gays would have lifted some spirits and fit into his theme of inclusiveness, as well as won back some supporters.

Obama eloquently called for what is most needed during the toughest times in America. Not dependence, but personal and mutual respect and dignity. Not fear, but tolerance and understanding that would benefit our "patchwork heritage."

He made the success of the country our responsibility again, and it is our job now to nurture innovation in the years to come, in the face of an economic crisis and low confidence. Making every citizen accountable for our country's image, and calling for us to help restore it, is to nurture true patriotism.

Whether the lofty goals will be realized is yet to be seen. The speech will be remembered not only for its historic nature, but for the timeless principles and commitment to progress it simultaneously espouses. Jade Ortego is a senior journalism major from Sweeney.



BY JADE ORTEGO

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## Waco's religious revival underway

By Jenna DeWitt  
Reporter

Billy Graham's daughter, Anne Graham Lotz, has announced plans for a revival in Waco geared toward women called Just Give Me Jesus.

The conference will be Sept. 11 and 12 at the Ferrell Special Events Center. The conference is free and open to all who would like to attend. In preparation for the conference, Lotz spoke yesterday at a pastors' kick-off at George W. Truett Theological Seminary and a women's kick-off at First United Methodist Church.

This is the ninth year for the Just Give Me Jesus revival series and women have remained an influential force for revival within the religious community Lotz said.

"To reach the church, I needed to reach the women," she said, quoting Laura Bush.

Waco is an especially important location to Lotz as all three of her children attended Baylor. She is also a former member of Baylor's Board of Regents.

The ministry has taken her around the world from Manila, Philippines to Des Moines, Iowa. She said, through these events, her team has witnessed great revival among those in attendance.

Such revival is powerful and unique for each conference, she said.



Stephen Green/Lariat staff  
Anne Graham Lotz spoke about her Just Call Me Jesus revival at the George W. Truett Theological Seminary Chapel yesterday.

"The change that comes when you wake up in your relationship with God is dramatic. Every story is different," she said.

The goal of each conference is to "give out the message of truth and hope. It's a message of love, real love," Lotz said.

Lotz said she sees ministry growing with every conference.

"Sometimes the fruit of what we see is that we are invited somewhere else," Lotz said.

The process of holding a conference is not easy. Those wishing to start a Just Give Me Jesus event in their city must write to Lotz's non-profit organization, AnGeL Ministries, after they have met in prayer and gathered the support of the local church community.

"We prayed weekly all through the spring and summer. We had different women with different backgrounds coming together to pray for revival," said local co-chair Varyn Gross.

Gross is coordinating the Waco event along with fellow local co-chair Doris King.

Though September is more than eight months away, the women said yesterday's kick-off events were only the beginning of the next phase in the process.

The three women said they are working with the university's Spiritual Life staff to have student-led groups meet around campus after the conference.

"Wouldn't it be wonderful to have them in every dorm on campus?" Lotz said, but for now "we would love them to pray for each other. I know there are some students that are spiritual leaders here. This is the time to rise up."

Lotz also advises those students involved in spiritual leadership to "get on their knees. If God calls you, then you follow Him. He will equip you. He knows where you are going."

## Save food, feed volunteers

By Shanna Taylor  
Reporter

Feeding 1,000 volunteers in one afternoon is a massive undertaking, but for one group of Baylor students that was just the beginning of something bigger.

The Baylor University Campus Kitchen, or BUCK, became a reality on Monday as students and community members worked together to provide 1,000 lunches for those volunteering around Waco as part of the national Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

The BUCK seeks to empower people by alleviating hunger using resources that already exist. The project has teamed up with Aramark, the company that provides food for Baylor's dining halls, along with community organizations such as Caritas, to rescue left-over food that is normally thrown away and provide it to the community.

"The wonderful thing about this organization is that it not only feeds the hungry, but it prevents food that could be put to good use from getting thrown away by rescuing it from local restaurants and cafeterias," social work graduate student and volunteer coordinator Sheena Smith said.

Students gathered Sunday afternoon at The Center at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church to make sandwiches, wash apples and sort utensils. Monday morning students, sporting T-shirts that read "The BUCK STARTS Here!" returned to pack up the lunches and deliver them to the nine gardens around Waco designated as vol-

unteer sites.

"This is our big kick-off," Houston senior Christine Hersh said. Hersh is the kitchen manager and nutrition coordinator. "We will be delivering food once a week starting in February."

The program is part of a national project that started in the Washington, D.C. area, and Baylor has become host to the 13th Campus Kitchen in the nation, and the first in Texas, according to co-sponsor

*"(Baylor University Campus Kitchen) not only feeds the hungry, but it prevents food that could be put to good use from getting thrown away..."*

Sheena Smith  
volunteer coordinator

Dr. Gayor Yancey, Dean of the School of Social Work.

The program started as a project in a Master's class in the School of Social Work last semester, and was chartered in October. The first 'dry-run' took place in early December, and it will start full-scale operation in February. The application process alone for Campus Kitchen schools can take up to a year to complete, but Baylor's students completed the process in one semester. In a matter of months, the program has gone from the glimmer of an idea to a reality.

"This program has a lot of potential. Some of the kitchens serve thousands every day," Hersh said. "We hope to be able to do that in the future."

Campus Kitchens is not just

about serving food, however. Their mission statement is three-fold: to fight hunger in the community, to provide educational opportunities for community members and service opportunities for students, and to foster life-long connections between students and communities.

This focus on body, mind and community is a core element of the project, which offers job training and educational opportunities as well as meals.

"Campus Kitchen also implements an educational and relational piece by allowing students to teach one another and the community about health, nutrition and culinary skills," Smith said.

The Campus Kitchen is just one facet of the Baylor Interdisciplinary Poverty Initiative, a grant program aimed at eliminating poverty in the community.

"The kitchen is a multi-disciplinary project, not just something for social work students. We want to involve all majors and members of the community," said Rosemary Townsend, program coordinator and director of business affairs and community partnerships in the Student Life department.

"Waco is the fifth poorest city in Texas, and we want to encourage students to do something about it," said social work graduate student Flor Avellana, the student coordinator for BUCK.

This weekend more than 80 students stepped up to that challenge, carrying 1,000 box lunches, and planning to carry many, many more.

Reporters Ashleigh Schmitz and Dache Johnson contributed.

### BEAR BRIEFS

**Bears for Life** will sponsor an event today and tomorrow at Fountain Mall to commemorate the anniversary of the Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision. Pink and blue flags will be displayed with small signs explaining what they mean.

**The Association of Black Students** at Baylor will hold a Martin Luther King Jr. celebration from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Miller Chapel.

**Phi Kappa Chi** will be holding a Phi Chi sports night tomorrow from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Russell Gymnasium.

**Baylor Jui-Jitsu** club will be meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today at Rena Marrs McLean Gymnasium. Regular meetings and practice is held Mon. and Wed.

**Sigma Nu** is holding a field goal kicking contest and dinner at 5 p.m. today at the Baylor Sciences Building Fields.

**Alpha Epsilon Delta** is holding a MCAT/DAT review course at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Baylor Sciences Building to help students prepare for the exams.

**Poppers, Lockers and Breakers** are starting a new student organization. The interest meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Fri. at the Bearobics room in the McLane Student Life Center.

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# University in stable financial standing, Garland says

By Sommer Ingram  
Staff Writer

Baylor was often cast in a negative light last semester as a result of the incentive-based SAT re-testing and rumors of racially-charged events on campus after Election Day.

Even though he deemed these issues "difficult and embarrassing," Interim President David Garland told faculty members at the annual spring faculty meeting that he was appreciative of the lessons that were learned.

The meeting was held at 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 14 in Roxy Grove Hall.

"I grew up in an integrated community: integrated church, school, everything," Garland said. "So after Election Day, it was painful for me to hear faculty, staff, students, and even members of the community talking about what they interpreted to be racially-driven acts on this campus."

Garland said he was very pleased by the reactions of the staff, as well as various organizations on campus, such as Faculty Senate and Student Senate, to the incidents.

And though the so-called acts of overt racism were proven to be false, Garland said there were still other issues that needed attention.

"Covert racism is no less

insidious," he said. "We are still making progress toward diversifying the racial and ethnic fabric of our school, and we need to be increasingly sensitive and vigilant in that area. In retrospect, I am glad this happened because it forced us to examine some key issues and address the problem of the racial climate on our campus."

Garland commended faculty members for their continued hard work, as well as students.

"Baylor is being excellently represented by students at conferences around the country, which confirms my impression of the excellence of our student body," he said. "And I constantly hear that we have top-notch faculty who will challenge them, invest in their lives, and provide an education that is an integration of faith and learning."

The university is continuing its efforts to be a vital part of the greater Waco community by initiating an office of community relations on campus.

Garland praised the work done during the fall semester, such as the recycling partnership with the city, the Education Summit and the Campus Kitchen project.

"We have much to contribute and our community is an absolutely crucial place to contribute to," Garland said. "The work we're doing makes a difference,

and I hope this will facilitate an even closer connection with Baylor and the Waco community."

Dr. Elizabeth Davis, interim provost for academic affairs, presented the financial and enrollment report in the absence of Dr. Reagan Ramsower, vice president for finance and administration.

Since Baylor is more of a tuition-driven than an endowment-driven university, enrollment figures are paramount, she said.

As of Jan. 9, Baylor had already received as many applications for the fall as they had by the end of any other school year.

10,409 students had been accepted, compared to 8,374 at this time last spring.

"Getting the applications early and planning early has been the plan," Davis said.

The current economic situation has left many concerned with the financial health of the university, especially since the endowment has been affected. But Davis said Baylor is in a good place compared to other universities.

"Baylor is sitting in a very good financial situation. It's sort of a good time to not be totally endowment-driven. Endowment actually only accounts for about 10 percent of our revenue," she



Interim President David Garland addresses faculty about key issues and the future of the university Wednesday, Jan. 14 in Roxy Grove Hall

said. "Thankfully we have had responsible and conservative fiscal planning that keeps us on a smooth trajectory toward our 2012 goals."

The administration does not currently have plans to limit the budget.

"We are being good stewards of our resources to continue

to make Baylor an affordable option for those who deserve to be here," Garland said.

Tiffany Hogue, assistant provost for institutional effectiveness, gave an update on the Honor Code system, reporting 72 Honor Code violations in the fall.

Top violations include plagia-

ism, offering another student's work as their own, and altering documents.

Hogue encouraged professors to include an Honor Code statement on all syllabuses, discuss academic integrity regularly, and address misconceptions about plagiarism before the students' first writing assignment.

# Accomplished pastor to speak at annual MLK celebration on campus

By Lauren Hollon  
Reporter

In honor of Monday's national holiday, the Association of Black Students and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Inc., will host their annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration at 7 p.m. today in Miller Chapel inside Tidwell Bible Building.

The event will feature guest speaker the Rev. Dr. Claudette A. Copeland, who is also speaking this afternoon at the Multicultural Activities Office's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon.

Pearl Beverly, the director of Multicultural Activities, secured Copeland for today's activities.

"We'd heard great and wonderful things about her. What had really peaked our interest was that she has spoken at one of the largest MLK celebrations in the United States, with more than 80,000 people attending," Beverly said.

Copeland co-founded the New Creation Christian Fellowship church in San Antonio, Texas.

She was a pastor there for 21 years and now serves as a copastor in order to devote more attention to evangelism, according to her Web site.

"We thought having Rev. Copeland speak was a great opportunity, and we just

jumped at the chance," said Ashley Nyambal, Woodbridge, Va., sophomore and the recording secretary for the Association of Black Students. "She has accomplished so much."

Copeland and her husband served together as U.S. Air Force clergy in 1980, making them the first-ever black couple in U.S. history to serve together as military chaplains.

She is internationally known and was featured in Ebony magazine as one of the 15 greatest black women preachers.

She has authored several books, including "Stories from Inner Space: Confessions of a Preacher Woman and Other

Tales."

She also founded Destiny Ministries, a national organization geared toward empowering women.

The celebration tonight will also feature entertainment from the Heavenly Voices gospel choir, the PORTRAITS performing arts group, and the Ridiculous Praise youth dance ministry from Copeland's San Antonio church.

The evening's theme, "We Must Learn to Live Together as Brothers or Perish Together as Fools," comes from one of King's speeches given in 1964 in St. Louis, Mo.

"We chose this theme because

with the presidential inauguration the day before, it seemed especially appropriate. Emphasis on unity is essential at this time in our history," Nyambal said.

Between performances, excerpts from Dr. King's speeches that emphasize the theme will be read.

"Our committee chose the excerpts together and voted on them," Friendswood junior Sharlie Bradley said. "My excerpt is from Dr. King's sermon called 'A Knock at Midnight.' This was one of the most voted-for excerpts, because it really emphasizes the evening's theme. Given everything that's been going on with

Barack Obama's election and everything that happened on campus afterward, we felt this excerpt really emphasized the unity ABS is trying to promote."

This event is free and all are welcome.

"I hope that people walk away tonight not just seeing our theme as a nice idea, but actually taking steps to put unity into action. Everything seems fine and we're all living together in harmony, generally speaking, but there's always more work to do and areas to improve. We hope after tonight people will take more initiative to bring about unity in their own environment," Nyambal said.

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## PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION 2009

## Alumnus Allan Marshall leads youths to D.C.

By Sommer Ingram  
Staff writer

Fifteen thousand high school students came from all corners of the country to Capitol Hill to witness history in the making as a part of The Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference. This program, which spans from Jan. 17 to 21, is designed to bring top-notch students from around the nation together to enhance their understanding of the presidential campaign.

Baylor alumnus Allan Marshall is one of about

800 staff members for the conference. Marshall, 24, graduated in 2007 and is currently director of community development at the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm excited about this opportunity," Marshall said. "With my job at the chamber I work very closely with the community, and I think some of these same skills I am developing here can be applied to my job in Waco. This will enhance my professional development and open up a wider network."

The Inaugural Scholars

heard from national figures such as former Secretary of State Colin Powell and former Vice President Al Gore, and also participated in the swearing-in ceremony and the inaugural parade.

"These scholars are probably the best and the brightest around the country," Marshall said. "To witness the first African-American president get inaugurated is probably a dream come true for a lot of them."

As a political science major, attending the inauguration has been a dream

of his own.

"This is just the icing on the cake for me — one of the biggest experiences of a lifetime," he said. "For

me as an American, it makes me really happy about the way

our country is going. As an African-American, it really means a lot to see a role model for young African-American males. That, I think, is the thing that makes me so happy;

makes me keep going."

Marshall recalls his feelings of elation on Election Night.

"I know I cried when the news broke," he said. "I think his campaign was just a phenomenon — no one saw this coming. But I did believe he would get this far because he's so transformational and universal as a politician."

The Inaugural Scholars will have the chance to sit in on debates between political analysts from both sides as well as attend the Black Tie Gala Inaugural Ball to top off

their trip.

Marshall hopes the entirety of this experience is enough to inspire this generation of students for a lifetime.

"I hope they can be inspired so that one day they may be president or a great leader that can contribute something to society," he said. "I think all of us are looking for an opportunity to be great and be one of those great figures in American history. I think a lot of the students are going to be great as scholars. They are the next round of leaders."



Steven Green/Lariat staff

Patrons gather in the SBC Theatre in the Mayborn Museum Complex Tuesday to watch the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

## Student, local organizations hold watch parties for inauguration

By Morgan Hoffman and Shauna Harris  
Reporters

Members of Baylor Democrats and the Association of Black Students met with fellow Baylor students 7 p.m. Tuesday to celebrate the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

Students from all areas of campus ventured to the Den of the Bill Daniel Student Center to watch a video of Obama being sworn in as the 44th President of the United States, as well as his inaugural address.

As Obama uttered the final words of the inaugural swearing-in, applause broke out through the room.

David Matthew, a junior from Lampasas, said that Obama not only represents racial barriers

being broken, but the American dream being attainable to each and every citizen.

"Obama is representing the American dream: coming from nowhere to the highest point of power," Matthew said.

Matthew also displayed an amount of conviction and sincerity when addressing the day itself.

"I believe that this moment will always be remembered and how proud we were of it," Matthew said.

Though not all the students knew each other, their shared beliefs and trust in Obama brought them together to celebrate his achievement with fellow supporters.

Kala Woodbridge, a junior from San Berdegen, Calif., said Obama's inauguration high-

lights a turning point for the country.

"It definitely marks an important moment in history for us and shows the progress our country has made and how fast we've made change," Woodbridge said.

Dallas freshman Kristeena Ingram said she shared similar sentiments, adding that racial limitations in the United States have finally been overcome.

"As an African-American woman, I thought it was important to see that the racial barriers had been broken and that it's not so much of an issue," Ingram said.

Whether students were watching for the first, second or third time, everyone in attendance seemed proud knowing that they were a part of history.

in the U.S. House of Representatives. He also volunteered for President Barack Obama's campaign and met President Obama at a rally in February 2007 in Austin.

"It's a historic election, one of the biggest elections we've had in a long time," Bowles said.

### Paul Warren

Nashville freshman Paul Warren was invited to the inauguration by the University Presidential Inaugural Confer-

ence, which offers tickets to the inauguration and other events in Washington, D.C. during the week of the inauguration to college students. At the University Presidential Inaugural Conference reception Sunday, Warren asked keynote General Colin Powell what he would advise President Obama to do about the genocide in Darfur.

The University Presidential

Inaugural Conference sent Warren an invitation in conjunction with his participation in the Global Youth Leadership Conference during summer 2007. Warren attended the Black Tie Gala Ball Tuesday.

Warren, a 20-year-old who has not declared a major, said attending the inauguration seems "kind of surreal."

For more stories about students in D.C., please see The Lariat online

## Baylor ITS director goes to D.C. with enthusiasm, hope

By Ashley Corinne Killough  
Staff writer

WASHINGTON — During his campaign, President Barack Obama compared his potential presidency to the writing of the next great chapter in the American story. But for Randy Woodruff, a local Obama supporter and Baylor employee, Obama's election signals another paperback metaphor: a bookend to decades of uninspiring leadership that he says began 45 years ago with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

And it was a bookend that Woodruff traveled 1,240 miles to celebrate Tuesday among millions on the frozen, brown grass of Washington, D.C.

"Barack Obama was the headline today, but the real meat of the story was the outpouring of emotion and enthusiasm and joy from millions of Americans," Woodruff said.

While the memory of attending Obama's inauguration may be his most recent, Woodruff's very first recollection involves another historic moment, one that centered not on a national triumph but a national tragedy.

Woodruff remembers standing on a Houston street as a four-year-old in November 1963, clinging to his mother's hand and waving a small American flag as then-President Kennedy rode by in the second-to-last motorcade of his lifetime.

On the presidential itinerary for the following day was a stop in Dallas.

On Nov. 22, the man Woodruff had just seen was suddenly dead. And the flag Woodruff held became a mounted symbol on the family wall, acting as a reminder of patriotism and service during what Woodruff described as the "turbulent" years that followed.

"As I read about (Kennedy) as I got older, I thought he was a really inspirational person and a person who had called the country to be a better country," Woodruff said, adding that Obama's election serves as a completion to Kennedy's leadership abilities. "We have another person calling us to be a better people, calling us to a time of service."

Growing up in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Woodruff became interested in government and politics while following the Vietnam War and Richard Nixon's resignation.

"I was probably the only kid who followed the Watergate hearings at age 13 and 14," Woodruff said. "It was because I was concerned about what was happening in our country, and I thought we were being misled by some pretty unscrupulous people."

He maintained an interest in politics throughout college, working on various campaigns.

After graduating from Baylor in 1982 with a major in anthropology, Woodruff went on to work in the oil industry for 17 years.

Since the war started in Iraq, Woodruff said he has kept in tune with governmental affairs by switching his reading lists from fantasy to nonfiction, with dozens of books on foreign policy lined up on his office bookshelf.

"I became extremely con-

cerned after we invaded a country that had not done anything to us," Woodruff said. "I was very concerned about the future and thought it was time for someone to do something, for someone to take a stand."

Obama first caught Woodruff's attention in 2004 during his famous speech at the Democratic National Convention.

"The speech pretty well blew me away. It was very inspirational," Woodruff said. "With that said, I thought there was no way some guy named Barack Obama was going to be the next president. I didn't think the country was ready for that."

But Woodruff quickly became a fan. During the primaries, he volunteered weekly and raised money to help support local grassroots efforts in Waco.

He watched as his small group of fellow Obama supporters expanded from six or seven to more than a hundred.

C.J. Jackson, a Waco Obama supporter, worked with Woodruff on the campaign, organizing strategy sessions, rallies, door-knocking and recruiting.

"I'm very happy and proud that he attended the inauguration, which is the culmination of our long effort," Jackson said. "I'm glad he was there to witness this amazing event."

When the polls closed in California on Election Day, Woodruff felt, among many feelings, victorious.

He said that for him, it wasn't an event 21 months in the making. Rather, it was a moment he dreamed of for 45 years. He celebrated that night with other volunteers at the McLennan County Democratic Party headquarters.

"The room was probably 40 to 50 percent African-American, and I kept wondering what these people, who had been discriminated against and grown up in a different environment, were thinking. I really wondered what they might be experiencing," Woodruff said.

Ryan Young, a 2006 Baylor graduate, also was there that night. Young worked as the public relations manager in a voluntary position for McLennan County for Obama. He, too, made the journey to Washington — but on a bike.

After Young and his girlfriend received tickets from Chet Edwards, they decided to drive to Virginia and ride their bikes into Washington to avoid traffic on the metro system.

"I decided to come to the inauguration because of its historic nature. I'll always look back on this moment and be glad I took five days off to be here," Young said. "And it's remarkable to hear Randy's story about President Kennedy. It's one of the reasons he worked so hard on the campaign."

A week before Election Day, Woodruff and his wife booked flights to Washington for the third week of January. Woodruff says he knew it was a Democratic year.

"I wanted to be here because I think it's a moment in history," Woodruff said. "I think that there are presidencies that mark important moments in our history, and this is probably the presidency of my adult lifetime that will represent that kind of change."

## Students use Facebook to let opinions be known

Facebook is used as a way to keep in touch with friends, a professional source of networking, or even a place to upload pictures. With the current election, however, Facebook has become a forum for political activity. A quick look at Facebook will provide an inside look to the thoughts and feelings that the youth of America are experiencing during inauguration time.

"The great thing about Facebook is that it has turned into a political forum without that being its main goal. You see how your friends are feeling about the election or inauguration," said Chris Jones, a 2008 graduate from Dallas. His Facebook status read, "A change we can believe in."

Many statuses like Jones' have been posted throughout the day. Here is a list of the following that the Lariat has compiled:

"The stock market went below 8,000 the day Obama was inaugurated, nice."

"Happy Obama Day!"

"The Inauguration Was DOPE- No Matter What Side of the Fence You Sit On."

"Witnessed a dream turned into a reality. Yes we can! President Barack Obama is my commander-in-chief finally!"

"How did our Muslim president get sworn in on a Bible?"

"I couldn't be more proud today, we live in an amazing country."

"Not my political parallel but I'm excited and anxious for a new chapter of American history. Very cool day."

"From PAST to PRESENT we are the FUTURE. Let's keep BREAKING walls and making HISTORY 365 days a yr! Congrats President Barack Obama, this was my American Dream!"

"Loving the peaceful transition of democratic power."

"Glad to be an American... Obama owns."

"So excited. gobama."

"The end of the world as we know it."

"Haha ...obama... who said light skinned brotha's out of style lol."

"Isn't really happy about who is getting the power, but is proud the most powerful nation on the planet peacefully transfers power from one person to the next."

"Telling everyone to chunk George W. the duce. Its time for some change.... OBAMA!!!"

## Students travel to Washington, D.C. for Obama

By Anita Pere  
Editor in chief

Baylor students went to D.C. for the inauguration Tuesday. Here's a look at their stories.

### Brad Bowles

Robinson senior Brad Bowles received a ticket to the inauguration from Rep. Chet Edwards. Bowles, a 21-year-old international studies major, volunteered for Edwards during his most recent two campaigns for a seat

The University Presidential surreal."

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION 2009

Lariat on the Hill

Excerpts from The Lariat's blog:

A Dream Deferred ...

There is a book being published that is comprised of letters various women sent in giving their words of advice/encouragement for the nation's next First Lady. I've been thinking about that today, and I decided to write my own letter to Michelle (though it obviously won't be published). Here's an excerpt:

"When I look at you, a whole lifespan passes before my eyes. I see the hands of old slaves, bruised and calloused, stained with oppression. I see their faces, hard lines carved out of determination around their eyes. I hear faint notes of the old Negro songs my grandmother used to sing when I was a child. I hear the timeless words of Langston Hughes and Martin Luther King, Jr, of Maya Angelou and Frederick Douglass. I think of the first-generation college student, of the single mother struggling to raise 2 boys, I think of the young minority child who can now see someone who looks like them in the White House. I see generations of strong women from Coretta Scott King to my own mother. When I look at you, I see me. I see everything I've always had the potential to become ...

-Sommer Ingram

Wonders Never Cease ...

This morning, I went with Sommer to Senate Room 385 to pick up her press ticket to the inauguration tomorrow.

Things looked grim. We beggars were told to wait against a wall. Someone dispersing tickets approached me and asked who I represented.

"The Baylor Lariat."

He retreated to the a table along the other wall and started rummaging through papers and assisting someone else. Several minutes passed. Had I been snuffed?

I approached him at the table. My inner journalist practically salivated at the sight of a stack of tickets in his hand.

"Sir, should I should just keep waiting over there, or are you looking into my request?"

He started at me blankly and handed me a ticket.

"Thanks!"

Then I bolted out of there before he could change his mind.

-Anita Pere

Still in Line as Inauguration gears up ...

We're standing literally shoulder to shoulder. If I were to faint right now, my body wouldn't touch the ground. There's lots of pushing and shoving. In fact, that's the only option for movement.

I can't put into words how many people there are. We all had to wind around Capitol Hill through a maze marked off by closed streets and gates. I've already seen two people fall on their face. But some were nice and stopped to help. I never thought I'd say this, but now I know how cattle feel ...

-Ashley Killough

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(Top) An onlooker, who requested he remain anonymous, sheds a single tear while President Barack Obama is being sworn into office Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

(Above) A United States Military Soldier salutes the color guard as it passes him on the parade route Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

(Top Right) President Barack Obama waves to the crowd outside the Canadian Embassy Tuesday in Washington, D.C. Obama was accompanied by

(Right) Several members of the Presidential escort march in Tuesday's Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C.

Photos by Jordan Wilson/Round Up

Alumnus performs in choir in D.C. for inauguration

By Ashley Corinne Killough  
Staff writer

WASHINGTON — While several Baylor students and alumni traveled to Washington to witness the 56<sup>th</sup> presidential inauguration, John-Paul Hayworth, a 2001 Baylor graduate, performed for President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden at Sunday's Lincoln Memorial Concert. Hayworth sang with the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington in a performance that featured Josh Groban and Heather Headley. The performance was broadcast by HBO numerous times.

Hayworth works in politics and legislative affairs in Washington D.C., and has previous experience working for the mayor of Washington, D.C., Adrian Fenty, and as a lobbyist for four and a half years. He graduated from Baylor with a B.A. in History and International Studies.

**When did you first hear that you were going to sing for the president-elect and vice president-elect, and what was your reaction when you found out?**

We were told Jan. 12 that we would be performing at the

concert. At first, I was simply stunned. It is an utterly unique and humbling experience to be selected to perform for the president-elect, not to mention the millions of people that saw it live and on TV.

**Where exactly was the performance held?**

The performance was held on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. The site was chosen in part because of the president-elect's deep regard for President Lincoln as well as the numerous historical events that have happened there, including the "I

Have a Dream" speech by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and a performance by Marian Anderson on Easter Sunday, 1939.

**There were thousands in attendance and many more watching on television. What was this experience like for you?**

When the stage doors parted and I was able to actually see the crowd, I filled with pride, both for myself and for the GMCW, but also for all Americans. The concert was titled, "We Are One" — those three short words really sum up the emotions of

performing. I sang for everyone, I sang because singing is one of the many blessings God has given me, and I sang because music can and does bring joy.

**What did you sing, and how long did you rehearse before the show?**

We were asked to sing "My Country Tis of Thee" with Josh Groban and Heather Headley. We rehearsed for a few hours on Wednesday evening and again for an hour and a half on Friday afternoon with Josh and Heather at the Lincoln Memorial. It was very cold that day, but it all

came together wonderfully.

**Have you watched a copy of the concert, yet? What was it like seeing yourself on HBO?**

I did not personally tape the performance, but a number of friends did and I am hoping to get a copy of the concert. On Sunday evening, the GMCW gathered to watch the show together.

The GMCW is a family of great friends, we all support each other and lean on each other. It is a great group to be a part of, very much like my Baylor family.

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"I think Obama has come into office in a very tough time in America. It's going to be pretty tough," Ofri said. "The whole world is looking up to Obama and waiting to see what he's going to do about the economic situation. There's a lot of expectations from people all over the world."

The president denied the necessity of choosing between security and personal freedom.

"As for our common defense, we reject as false the choice between our safety and our ideals," he said. "Our Founding Fathers, faced with perils we can scarcely imagine, drafted a charter to assure the rule of law and the rights of man, a charter expanded by the blood of generations."

As for the America's two on-going wars, Obama said the United States will "begin to responsibly leave Iraq to its

people" while keep pressing for victory in Afghanistan.

Many in the crowd sensed subtle rebukes of former President George W. Bush during the speech.

"(Obama's speech) kind of had an undertone of fixing all the things Bush screwed up," said Rob Gill of Overland Park, Kan.

The Obama crowd cheered at Obama's rhetoric of "a new era of peace" through inclusiveness.

"We are a nation of Christians and Muslims, Jews and Hindus -- and non-believers," he said. "We are shaped by every language and culture, drawn from every end of this Earth; and because we have tasted the bitter swill of civil war and segregation, and emerged from that dark chapter stronger and more united, we cannot help but believe that the old hatreds shall someday pass."

Despite long waits and cold weather, onlookers hung on every word. Some closed their

eyes and listened. Others raised their camera above their head to capture video of the president's words.

Many people tried to get a better view by climbing on anything they could find, such as trees. Daniel Leibovic of Richmond, Va. taped the ceremony from the top of a Port-A-Potty.

"You could see everything, except (Obama) on the stage because it was too far away," Leibovic said.

He also said a few people used the Port-A-Potty while he was lying on top of it. "It smelled pretty bad, but it was worth it," he said.

Before Obama's historical address, Pastor Rick Warren, who was welcomed with disapproving responses from various pockets of spectators, performed the invocation.

Aretha Franklin then warmed up the audience, soulfully singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," striking a chord with the excited, though shivering, crowd.

And standing on the steps of the Capitol, where he's served as a senator for 36 years, Joe Biden was sworn in as the 47th vice president before John Paul Stevens, associate justice of the Supreme Court.

After the inauguration, Obama and Vice President Joe Biden made their way down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House in the Inaugural Parade. Obama and Biden rode in a limousine at the parade's start but walked and waved to onlookers as they neared their destination.

A.J. Yamin from Washington, D.C. called the parade "fascinating" and said seeing it was worth braving the cold for.

His mother, Maria Yamin, came from Venezuela to see the parade.

"She still can't believe that we were actually there," he said.

Staff writer Ashley Corinne Killough and The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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"I think Bush being here tonight puts a book-end to his presidency," Citrano said. "It had to be here, it wouldn't have been anywhere else."

Citrano, who has volunteered for the White House throughout Bush's presidency, has had the opportunity to shake hands with Vladimir Putin and attend church with Tony Blair, during the dignitaries visits to Crawford.

She said Bush's presence in Central Texas has been a memorable experience for residents.

"This is a classroom of living history right here in McLennan County," Citrano said. "Our students have had the opportunity to live through history. That can't be duplicated."

While many local residents and supporters warmly celebrated Bush's return to Texas with a party on Tuesday night after his airport greeting, others in the area celebrated for different reasons.

The people at the Crawford Peace House said they were "celebrating" Tuesday as well.

"We're celebrating a change in attitude and a change in administration that we're hopeful will go in another direction, a direction of peace and caring," said Kay Lucas, a spokesperson for the Crawford Peace House.

"The main thing that's being

done here is defending the Constitution, that's our main role," Lucas said.

John Wolf founded the Crawford Peace House on Easter 2003, right after the war began.

"We knew the war was getting ready to start and decisions would be made in Crawford and we wanted to have a voice," Wolf said.

The small organization once fit 1,000 people from all over the nation in to their tiny kitchen, Lucas said, "Believe it or not."

"We're a grassroots organization. We're funded by the everyday people, we don't have a big voice in the government, like the large corporations," Lucas said.

Though the members of the Crawford Peace House may not support Bush, Lucas said that the local community has benefited from the former president's presence in the area.

"The local Crawford children have had the opportunity to learn firsthand about diplomacy. And that's the way it should be," said Lucas. "But I think some people are relieved that the media circus will be gone, even through they all benefitted from the extra business."

Lucas said the Crawford Peace House is, "looking forward to the future now." "It's your future, it's not really ours," Lucas said as a message to Baylor students.

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scheduled to open at 8 a.m. for spectators with blue tickets, which were tickets for standing room on the south side.

The correct line for blue-ticket holders stretched around the Hubert H. Humphrey building at the corner of Independence Avenue and 2nd Street S.W., but others holding blue tickets were instructed to another area, causing confusion.

Law enforcement officials were scarce as the crowd struggled to inch its way toward the security point, at times coming to a standstill for an hour or more. Ticket holders were in lines running 15 people deep at times, and with no substantial barriers or law enforcement officials to clarify the boundaries, the chaos grew as time marched on.

"I came out here expecting the 30 degree weather, expecting the crowds, expecting the long wait," said one New York woman. "But this level of chaos was something I never guessed was coming."

And after standing in line for 3 hours or more, many blue-ticket holders never entered their des-

ignated standing area. At 11 a.m. about 30 minutes before the ceremony was supposed to begin, word spread that the crowd had been misinformed. The real line was the one near the Humphrey building, which the crowd was just reaching. However, it was now too late for the hundreds of people to get in line.

"The lack of organization absolutely astounded me," said Breann of Charleston, S.C. "You would think with a crowd of this magnitude, the law enforcement would try harder than they did to make sure everyone got where they were supposed to go. Now, the people who didn't have tickets to begin with will have a better view than us."

The crowd dispersed into frustrated groups, as back-up plan after back-up plan began to fall through.

"Let us in, let us in" the pack chanted at the security guards. Some tried to squeeze onto National Mall, while others decided they'd rather see it on TV than try to fight more crowds. Disappointment filled the air as spectators headed their separate directions.

"I've been waiting for this for as long as I can remember," said Brandon Wooding of Alabama.

"It's not that I expected to be right up front and center, but having a ticket should have at least insured that I got in. And now I'm going to be out here, simply because of a lack of communication."

Spectators designated to stand in the silver section, locat-

*"... Having a ticket should have at least insured that I got in."*

Brandon Wooding  
Alabama

ed between the reflecting pool and the Mall, waited as long as six hours for entrance due to limited security personnel. Stacked shoulder-to-shoulder, spectators crammed between federal buildings on 3rd Street from Maryland Avenue to C Street, where the view included only the dome of the Capitol building.

The seemingly disorganized system left many spectators dis-

satisfied. "Talk about a bridge to nowhere, this is a ticket to nowhere," said one Dallas man.

Around 11:30 a.m. the crowd broke through the fencing and stormed the designated area, without going through security.

Devin Hooker from Seattle migrated to the silver area after waiting in line for the much closer blue area for two hours, only to be turned away when the security personnel closed the gates at the start of the ceremony.

"We know we were disappointed because we were supposed to be closer, but just to be able to be here and take it in and actually hear him; it was still powerful," Hooker said. "It was moving."

Even some of the blue-ticket holders who weren't granted entrance stuck around to cheer on Obama.

As he took the stage, cheers from the crowd inside the inaugural site spilled over into the crowds outside. Though separated from the actual inaugural site, spectators outside joined together to celebrate the nation's new president, filling the streets of the capital with the timeless chant:

"Yes we can, yes we can."

Anita Pere and Ashley Corinne Killough contributed to this story.



Former President George W. Bush thanks the waiting crowd as he and wife Laura exit the Air Force One at Texas State Technical college Airport in Waco Tuesday night. Bush and wife Laura are returning to their ranch in Crawford, but recently purchased a new home in the neighborhood of Preston Hollow, a suburb of Dallas.

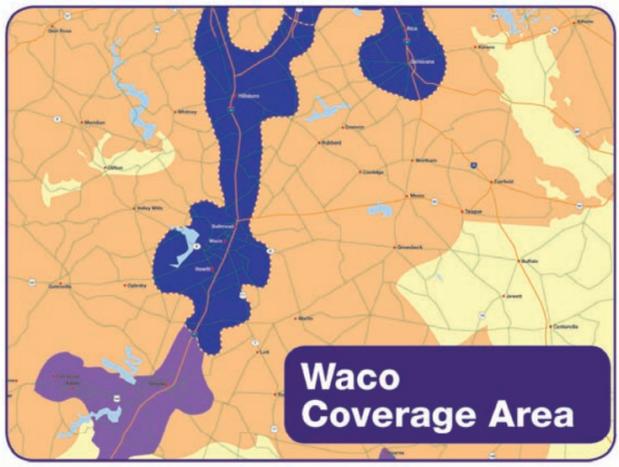


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# 'Paul Blart: Mall Cop' lacks sophistication of good comedy

By Jackie Hyland  
Contributor

If you want to walk away with a light chuckle and perhaps a small smile, go see "Paul Blart: Mall Cop."

MOVIE REVIEW

Just the name "Paul Blart" can give you a sense of what kind of humor is to follow — the worlds "witty", "clever", or "actually funny" don't make the list.

"Mall Cop" combines slapstick, juvenile humor with a bit of suspense and action. This union produces 90 minutes of Segway action, Rock Band moves and light-hearted laughs that at the very least keep audiences mildly entertained.

Paul Blart, played by Kevin James ("King of Queens"), is a middle-aged, over-enthusiastic mall security officer at a mall in New Jersey. He takes his job extremely seriously and lets it be known that his number one priority is the safety of shoppers of the mall, while all the other officers could care less.

His personal life is empty,



Courtesy of Sony Pictures

Kevin James (King of Queens) stars as Paul Blart in the new comedy "Paul Blart: Mall Cop." Blart must save his mall from thieves who take it over on Black Friday.

since his ex-wife left him once she married him and got her green card. His daughter and mother, with whom he lives, constantly try to find him a girl-

friend, and even go to the extent to sign him up for "perfectmatch.com" in order to increase his love-finding chances. On top of this loneliness, he struggles with

daily criticism of his weight and his condition of hypoglycemia, which has impaired his opportunities to rise in the ranks of a police officer.

The suspense and action of the movie kick in when actor Keir O'Donnell, playing a faux security officer, Veck, takes over the mall on the infamous "Black Friday," taking hostages. With his helpers, cleverly code-named as all the reindeer of Santa's sleigh, Veck tries to ransom the money from all the stores in the mall.

Paul Blart, oblivious to the chaos that occurred when the mall was taken over, was occupied closing down the video-game shop but got caught up playing the popular video game "Rock Band."

Once he stops rocking and figures out something strange has happened, he decides he can't Segway his way out of the mall to safety because his crush, Amy, a kiosk worker, played by Jayma Jais, is one of the hostages. Due to Blart's massive crush on Amy, he puts himself through quite a

few crushing moments including, getting beat up in elevators, stuck in a spray-tan booth, and wedged in an air-duct in one of the mall stores trying to evade the robbers and free the other hostages.

Audiences will have that underdog rises-to-the-top, feel-good sentiment when we see Paul, the low-man on the totem pole, overcome his inadequacy complex. Blart even goes to the extent damaging his mall in order to divert the bad guys, and then finally be respected by the "real" cops at the scene.

You can count on entertainment and a few chuckles with this one, but it's the kind of humor you can predict with a PG movie, better suited for families and young teens rather than the audience member looking for something original, witty and comical.

Grade: C+

**"Paul Blart: Mall Cop"**

**Starring:** Kevin James, Keir O'Donnell

**Director:** Steve Carr

**Rating:** PG

**Duration:** 1 hour and 31 minutes

**View Trailer Online at** [baylor.edu/lariat](http://baylor.edu/lariat)

# Art Center Waco showcases work from Central Texas photographers

By Caley Carmichael  
Reporter

Seven Waco residents are being celebrated for having the power to hold the sun in one place, to stunt growth, to give life to the bloodless. These phenomena do not involve magical conjures, but the simple power of a camera.

Their photographs are being showcased at a downtown exhibit, "Waco's Amateur Photography Exhibit," sponsored by Art Center Waco.

The display consists of 15 to 20 color and black and white photographs from each artist.

"There is a wide range of subjects that are covered in the photographs," Art Center Waco director, Mark Arnold said. Images include landscapes, profiles, patterns, religious imagery and culture shots.

Each photograph tells an indi-



Caley Carmichael/Reporter

Optometrist Dr. Spencer Moore stands in front of his photography on display at the "Waco Amateur Photography Exhibit" Thursday. The exhibit is located at 220 S. 4th St. in downtown Waco.

vidual story, with themes that range from disaster and poverty to bliss and beauty.

"Although they are local photographers, I was impressed how their

photographs encompassed a very large geographical area," said Baylor alumnus Will Fisher.

Some photographs are showcased for enjoyment only, but selected photographs are for sale, with prices ranging from \$10 to \$450.

"It seems that temporary exhibits like this one are few and far between in Waco," Fisher said. "I think it is important to support local talent when these events occur."

Photographer and optometrist Dr. Spencer Moore perused the exhibit Thursday with wide eyes and grin.

"I like to focus on God's creation," Moore said. "Nature is a beautiful thing."

Moore said he characterizes most of his own work as creation photography.

After his first year in optometry school, Dr. Moore said he realized that the optics of the eye are the same as optics for a camera.

His in-depth knowledge of lenses

allows him to better understand pure color and focus, he said.

"It is my job to get everyone to see as clear as they can," said Dr. Moore. "I do optics all day long, whether in photography or optometry."

*"I think it is important to support local talent when these events occur."*

Will Fisher  
'07 Alumnus

Along with Dr. Spencer Moore's work, "Waco's Amateur Photography Exhibit" displays the work of Hack Branch, Carol Crosthwait, Steve Dutton, Charles Evans, Josie Cunningham Roby and Dr. Farley Verner.

Arnold said these photographers come from various career backgrounds, yet their common thread is their love

for the camera.

"Who are we to decide the difference between professional and amateur," Arnold said.

Aside from the color and culture that the photography exhibit brings to Waco, it is also "an initiative to bring awareness to Art Center Waco being downtown," Arnold said.

A volunteer at the exhibit said Arnold plans to eventually raise enough money to relocate downtown and have continuously changing art exhibits.

Baylor's aspiring photographers can also be involved in future photography exhibits.

"Baylor students can contact Art Center to get their work on display in our gallery," said Arnold.

The exhibit is located in the Ollie Mae Building at 220 S. 4th St. downtown Waco.

Doors are open noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturdays.

The current exhibit ends Feb. 20. Admission is free.



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# 'Defiance' tugs at heart strings

**Billy Collins**  
Contributor

Thank you, Edward Zwick, director of the film "Defiance," for not casting Tom Cruise again. Cruise may have done wonders for Zwick in "The Last Samurai," but competing with "Defiance" by starring in the WWII epic "Valkyrie," during the current Holocaust film revolution, wasn't Cruise's best career choice.

## MOVIE REVIEW

"The Boy in Striped Pajamas," "Valkyrie" and "Defiance" are WWII stories that reveal Americans' search for truth in cinema, along with entertainment. Zwick's "Defiance" is the latest addition to the war-epic, with a focus on unsung heroes facing impossible odds.

The film stars the newest Bond Daniel Craig in a Holocaust narrative about three brothers forced to shepherd a flock of Jewish escapees in the Belarusian wilderness. Craig's character, Tuvia Bielski, is the eldest, and his brothers Zus and Asael are played by Liev

Schreiber (The Manchurian Candidate) and Jamie Bell (Jumper).

"Defiance" begins with Zus and Asael entrenched in the woods while German "Jew hunters" obliterate their village

along with family and friends. The Bielski brothers are alone from the beginning with few options for survival.

Enter Tuvia, the independent, strong elder who becomes the



Courtesy of Paramount Vantage

From left: Liev Schreiber and Daniel Craig star as brothers struggling to survive in the WWII-epic "Defiance."

obvious hero within the first five minutes of the film. Tuvia and Zus immediately begin discussing revenge and survival, but their plans are abandoned when the brothers encounter scores of helpless Jewish refugees seeking safety in the woods.

The Bielski brother entered the wilderness with little more than a gun and the will to survive, but they became, almost by chance, overnight legends — God's final gift to the Jews.

Much of the film is predictable. From the onset, Tuvia and Zus's missions divide the Jewish camp into hopeful survivors and vengeful zealots. Like any middle child, Zus seeks independence from his older brother and leads a

collection of men to fight along side a brigade of the Red Army.

Unlike his brother, the moral Tuvia refuses to behave like the savage Germans for the sake of healthy community. But, war is savage no matter how you spin it. When Tuvia's following captures a Nazi soldier, they waste no time beating him to death in the middle of camp, cursing and shouting the names of their murdered brother and sisters.

According to director Edward Zwick, the film was tight on money with cast and crew receiving less than 25 percent of their normal salaries. Yet, the feature's quality was anything but low-budget. Zwick sacrificed little for his action sequences and balanced violence with comedic romance.

Each scene dominates its predecessor in meaning and emotional appeal, leaving the audience wondering if the brothers will survive the Belarusian winter and the Nazi bombing raids.

Defiance is also sprinkled with Jewish religious significance. The refugees pray that God would remove his blessing from them because the suffering has become too great — a message many of us aren't accustomed to hearing.

Zwick sought to inform rather than entertain. His message was loud and clear as he, once again, broke apart stereotypes of a famous historical minority. It may never out-rank "Blood Diamond" in my book, but Zwick proved that no matter how we construct history, there are always stories to be told.

Grade: B+



Courtesy Photo

Baylor Alumna Erin McCarley debuted her album "Love, Save the Empty" Dec. 30. Since then her single "Pony" broke an iTunes record of most downloaded "Single of the Week."

## Baylor alumna's debut album offers catchy melodies, meaningful lyrics

**By Kelli Boesel**  
Entertainment Editor

Although Baylor alumna Erin McCarley can't really distinguish herself from the influx of women singer-songwriters that have dominated the pop market in recent years, she is worth a listen.

Once you stop comparing McCarley to similar artists like Colbie Caillat and Sara Bareilles, she develops her own sound. McCarley is lighthearted and carefree. Her melodies and lyrics will have you humming and singing along in no time.

McCarley said while she was writing the songs for her debut album "Love, Save the Empty" she was writing from a personal place.

"The record is really personal and observatory too," McCarley said. "It's just like observing people and the way they react, just the fragile and insecure parts of people. It's just so inter-

esting and beautiful to me."

The best elements to McCarley's song writing are her melodies. The majority of the songs on the album are upbeat and have great melodic hooks, which are essential elements to good pop songs.

A stand out track, melodically, is "Pony (It's OK)." The catchy lyrics and beat make it clear why the song was featured as iTunes "Single of the Week" in early January. As "Single of the Week" "Pony (It's OK)" went on to break the record of most downloaded "Single of the Week" by almost 100,000 downloads.

McCarley said when she heard the news, so much was going on that she hasn't had the time to wrap her head around the achievement.

"It's like 'Yay! Celebrate!' and then on to the next thing," McCarley said.

McCarley said her personal favorite track on the album is

"Pitter-Pat."

"Pitter-Pat is one of my most special songs, or just one that I hold really close," she said. "Usually when I listen to that song, halfway through, it makes me proud of the whole project."

"Pitter-Pat" and "Gotta Figure This Out" also stand out from the album because in these tracks, McCarley slows the pace down. By doing this, she elevates the truth in the album and shows real talent as a songwriter.

The one negative to the album is that, despite a few exceptional tracks, the songs run together and aren't really distinguishable from each other.

Overall, "Love, Save the Empty" is a heartfelt, successful freshman album for McCarley.

Grade: B+

Just can't get enough of Erin McCarley? Check out a full Q & A article online at [baylor.edu/lariat](http://baylor.edu/lariat).

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Associated Press

President Barack Obama walks down Pennsylvania Avenue with his wife Michelle Obama on their way to the White House Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

## Michelle Obama sets fashion trends

By Samantha Critchell  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — First lady Michelle Obama celebrated her husband's inauguration Tuesday night wearing a white chiffon, one-shoulder gown covered in fluffy appliques and beading that will now become part of fashion history.

Designed by 26-year-old Jason Wu, much loved in the fashion world but otherwise not well known, the gathered-skirt gown was surprising for its reserve given Michelle Obama's love of jewel tones and sleek silhouettes. Yet it was unconventional too, exposing her much-remarked-upon, well-toned arms.

The gown's slight train swirled pleasingly and her shoulder-sweeping earrings picked up the gown's sparkle as she and President Barack Obama danced the evening's first dance at the Neighborhood Ball at Washington's Convention Center.

"First of all, how good-looking is my wife?" the president asked a cheering crowd.

The gown will be donated to the Smithsonian, according to tradition, the first lady's spokeswoman said.

The fashion industry has anxiously looked to the election of President Obama for months, embracing his wife as an emblem and ambassador of modern style, who wears clothes from young designers as well as mainstream American retailers.

Earlier in the day, Michelle Obama won applause from style-watchers for the sparkling yellow sheath dress with matching coat by Cuban-born American designer Isabel Toledo that she wore to the swearing-in and parade.

The lemongrass-colored dress was applauded as a cheerful message of hope and a vote for the American fashion industry. In some light, the embellished ensemble took on a pale greenish cast, coordinating nicely with green gloves from J. Crew and Jimmy Choo green patent pumps.

Wu, who has only shown a collection since 2006, and Toledo, who had a short stint at Anne

Klein but is considered relatively avant-garde, are exactly the kinds of designer Obama gravitates toward.

"There is nothing that comes close to this moment," Toledo said, speaking in New York. "It's not just my moment and hers, but it's the world's...It's not only what she's wearing. It's what the moment represents."

That unusual shade of yellow "really popped" on Michelle Obama's complexion, said fashion designer Kai Milla, wife of Stevie Wonder and an invited guest to the swearing-in ceremony.

The overall day-look was largely a hit.

"She's off to an auspicious start," said Hamish Bowles, Vogue magazine's European editor-at-large who curated the Metropolitan Museum Costume Institute exhibit on Jackie Kennedy in 2001.

"Mrs. Obama's choice today was appropriate, dignified and elegant, but it also had a considerable element of fashion panache," he added. "She's finding great American talent."

## Obama travels ball to ball

By Lisa Tolin  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — "At Last" may have been just what President Barack Obama and his wife Michelle were thinking Tuesday night as they glided through their first inaugural dance to the Etta James classic.

The Obamas were the star attraction at the Neighborhood Ball, the first of 10 inaugural celebrations they planned to attend, going into the early hours of Wednesday. The celebrations marked the end of a long day of formal inaugural events and the two-year campaign that put them in the White House.

The president pulled his wife close and they danced a slow, dignified two-step while, offstage, Beyonce sang. The president spun first lady Michelle Obama once in a half-turn.

Obama cut loose in a faster groove a few minutes later, as Shakira, Mary J. Blige, Faith Hill and Mariah Carey sang along with Stevie Wonder to his "Sign, Sealed, Delivered." The song was played at nearly all of Obama's rallies throughout the campaign.

"You could tell that's a black president from the way he was moving," comedian Jamie Foxx joked following the dance.

At the Obama Home States ball, the president pulled the first lady much closer than he did on their first dance. At one point, he wrapped both arms around her waist and locked his fingers together at the small of her back.

At the Commander in Chief Ball, Obama and Vice President Joe Biden each saluted the nation's military men and women via satellite. Biden said he wasn't looking forward to his moment in the spotlight — the dancing, that is.

"The thing that frightens me the most (is) I'm going to have to stand in that circle and dance in a minute." At that, he laughed and did a quick sign of the cross.

The Obamas were more enthusiastic, splitting up to dance with Marine Sgt. Elidio Guillen of Madera, Calif. — who was shorter than dance partner Michelle — and Army Sgt. Margaret H. Herrera, who cried in the president's arms.

Despite the formal attire and celebrity entertainment, balls aren't overly fancy affairs. Lines often are long to get in, go to the bathroom or check your coat, and the food is heavy on vegetables with dip and cheese cubes.

Director Ron Howard said he sympathized with the long day Obama was having.

"I feel bad for him," Howard said in an interview with The Associated Press at the Western Ball. "He's had a long day and now he has to do seven dances. This has got to be the grueling part for the first family."

At the Obama Home States ball, the dance floor was dominated by two little girls who skipped



Associated Press

President Barack Obama and his wife Michelle Obama dance at the Youth Inaugural Ball at the Washington Hilton in Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

and twirled in matching red dresses while the grown-ups stood still, crowded around the stage waiting for Obama to appear.

Sheryl Crow was greeted by a cheering crowd for her appropriate hit, "A Change Would Do You Good." When hip-hop star Wyclef Jean asked the men at the Mid-Atlantic Ball to pull off their tuxedo jackets and swing them in the air to show their support for Barack Obama, thousands did.

Jean played a raucous 30-minute set for the 7,000 guests, starting with an ad-lib ode to Obama: "With a father from Africa, with the spirit of America, we voted for him. Obama's the president."

At the Youth Ball, Kid Rock belted out songs as well-dressed 20-somethings mingled about. One of them walked up to a bartender, gave him a high five and said, "Barack Obama is president!"

Though the mood was celebratory, the reality that the country remains at war hung over the festivities at the Commander in Chief ball and a separate Heroes Red White & Blue Ball.

"Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers today, every day, forever," Obama told troops at the Commander in Chief ball. "Tonight, we celebrate. Tomorrow, the work begins. ... Together, I am confident we will write the next great chapter in America's story."

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## Scores

### Men's Basketball

**BU 73, TTU 61**  
Josh Lomers got the start for the Bears just like he did last year. LaceDarius Dunn led with 20 points.

**@TAMU 84, BU 73**  
Mamadou Diene and Josh Lomers picked up early fouls, eliminating an inside presence. Tweety Carter led with 16 points.

**BU 98, OSU 92 (OT)**  
Oklahoma State led by as many as 17 points in the first half and had a lead with less than five seconds remaining. Curtis Jerrells led with 31 points.

### Women's Basketball

**No. 5 BU 63, @CU 50**  
Foul trouble limited Danielle Wilson from playing all 40 minutes, but she still led the Lady Bears with 16 points.

**No. 5 BU 68, No. 20 ISU 57**  
The Cyclone's 18.2 percent shooting performance in the first half kept them from coming back against the Lady Bears. Danielle Wilson led scorers with 18 points.

**No. 5 BU 75, No. 22 OSU 57**  
Andrea Riley scored 33 points in a losing effort against the Lady Bears. Melissa Jones led Baylor with 18 points.

## Sports briefs

### Baseball ranked No. 8 in Baseball America poll

Baseball America, a magazine for professional and collegiate baseball, has released its pre-season ranking, and the Bears are logged at No. 8. Other polls list the Bears as low as No. 18, but no coaches vote in a poll until the ESPN poll comes out later this month. Texas A&M University comes in at No. 1, while Louisiana State University claims No. 2. The University of Texas is ranked No. 4, Rice University comes in at No. 7, the University of Missouri is No. 10, the University of Oklahoma is No. 16 and the University of Arkansas is No. 22.

### Miller, Volz on watch list

Aaron Miller, a junior outfielder and left-handed pitcher, along with Kendal Volz, a junior right-handed pitcher, were named to the Brooks Wallace Award watch list. The award has honored the best college baseball player for the past six years. Miller hit 12 home runs last year and led the Bears in home runs, doubles, slugging percentage and walks. Volz had a 3-6 record with a 4.20 ERA last season. He was also a closer on Team USA with a 0.00 ERA and eight saves.

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# On the road again...

## Men's, women's basketball begin week-long road trip

By Brian Bateman  
Sports editor

Sitting at 2-1 in the Big 12 Conference, the Bears are in a four-way tie for third place.

However, with an 8 p.m. game against Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan., the Bears face a minor hurdle before the onslaught of No. 6 University of Oklahoma and No. 14 University of Texas.

"I think we're glad they don't have (Michael) Beasley and (Bill) Walker," head coach Scott Drew said.

Last year when the Wildcats visited Waco, freshman forward and sensation Beasley dominated the interior against Baylor, scoring a Big 12 record of 44 points. The other forward, Walker, scored 31 in a losing effort as the Bears withstood the barrage with a 92-86 win.

This time, neither Walker nor Beasley will be on the court.

"They lost two big players last year but they're definitely going to come in and compete," Kevin Rogers, Baylor senior forward, said. "They're definitely (going to) come in and play their A-game."

Kansas State limps into the game without a conference win, but according to Baylor head coach Scott Drew, it has the ability to pull out a win.

"They're more traditional; they like to play more (big men)," he said. "It seems like coach Martin's trademark is rebounding. This team is no exception."

Kansas State ranks in the middle of the pack in total

rebounding in the Big 12, but excels in offensive rebounding (ranked No. 1 with 16 per game) and rebound margin (No. 1 with a 5.3 advantage). Baylor is second in offensive rebounding with 14.33 per game and No. 7 in the Big 12 in rebound margin with one fewer than the opposition.

"When it comes to rebounding, we have to want to get those rebounds," Rogers said. "In the long run they can hurt."

That was the case against Texas A&M University, when the Aggies controlled the boards until the last few minutes of the game.

The Wildcats may cause more problems for the Bears with the starting line-up. Kansas State runs a more traditional set of two guards, two forwards and a center. That normally wouldn't be a problem for a team, but Baylor has struggled with the play of centers Mamadou Diene and Josh Lomers. Neither found their way to the floor against Oklahoma State University, which was an admittedly smaller line-up.

"The great thing is the versatility and depth we have on our team," Drew said. "It's a challenge from a coaching standpoint, but the great thing is you have the versatility--you're always able to adjust for foul trouble, matchups and style of play."

"I think all year long we'll have different people step up. In the first game it was Fred (Ellis) and Josh (Lomers) against Texas

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Shanna Taylor/Lariat Staff

Baylor forward Kevin Rogers (23) fights for a rebound against Oklahoma State guard Obi Muonelo during the Bears' 98-92 overtime win Saturday at the Ferrell Center. Both basketball squads begin a week-long road stand this tonight.

## Women looking toward 4-0

By Joe Holloway  
Sports writer

The No. 5 Baylor Lady Bears will put their nine-game winning streak on the line at 7 p.m. tonight when they travel to College Station to take on No. 9 Texas A&M University.

The game looks to provide one of the greatest challenges for the Lady Bears squad, as the Aggies are the first top-10 team they've played since upsetting then-No. 2 Stanford back in November. Baylor head coach

Kim Mulkey said that, win or lose, her team's rating percentage index is likely to go up.

"You know in the Big 12 you're going to play 10 to 12 times against teams that could be ranked in the top 25," she said. "It wears you out but it makes you better, too. You've got to bring it every night."

But unlike the Stanford victory, the A&M contest will take place on the road. It's the first away game against a ranked opponent for the Lady Bears. Senior guard Jhasmin Player listed Texas A&M, Texas Tech,

and Oklahoma as the three teams with the hardest road environments.

"It's always tough to play anywhere on the road in the Big 12," she said. "You have people swaying, and moving and screaming. They just make it hard."

Leading the Texas A&M charge against Baylor will be senior guard Takia Starks, who leads the Aggies in scoring average with 15.2 points per game, and senior forward Danielle

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## Basketball schedules

### Men

@ Kansas State  
Tonight, 8 p.m.  
Bramlage Coliseum,  
Manhattan, Kan.

@ Oklahoma  
Saturday, 3 p.m.  
Lloyd Noble Center  
Norman, Okla.

### Women

@ Texas A&M  
Tonight, 7 p.m.  
Reed Arena,  
College Station

@ Texas Tech  
Saturday, 1 p.m.  
United Spirit Arena  
Lubbock

## Behind the scenes: videographer helping Briles win

By Nick Dean  
Sports writer

For the past eight years, Michael Bolding has come into work with a smile on his face. Having a dream job is usually the main theme of a daydream, but for Bolding, that is an everyday reality.

"It's a dream job," Bolding said. "I get to work with sports all day."

Bolding is also known around his office as "Jumbo."

"An old equipment manager, nicknamed 'Beefy', told me I was in need of a nickname, so he called me Jumbo," Bolding said. "It just stuck ever since."

As athletic video coordinator, Bolding is in charge of having practice film edited and ready for Baylor coaches. This film will be used to build strategy and improve upon player's skills.

"Most of the footage is ready for the coaches almost immediately when they come off the practice field," Bolding said.

Before his time at Baylor, Bolding spent 13 years at Southern Methodist University editing and creating practice film for coaches and players. He spent some time at

Educational Enterprises, a company that filmed high school football teams across the state.

"I had a small stint with the XFL, too," Bolding said. The Collegiate Sports Video Association named Bolding the National Video Coordinator of the Year in 2000.

"I have always loved playing sports and watching sports," he said. "My wife doesn't understand how I can work all day long, come home and watch more sports."

Bolding has a crew that enables his department to provide efficient and effective tapings of all practices.

"Our job is the eye in the sky," Bolding said. "We shoot what the coaches can't really see on the field level."

The athletic video department consists of 10 students and one part time assistant. Many of the students are able to receive internship credit or are able to get wages through the Federal Work-Study program.

"The software still requires input and people," Bolding said.

Without the production of Bolding's staff, the Bears would have a much tougher time improving upon past mistakes.

"There would be a lot of things the coaches couldn't be able to tell without the footage," Bolding said.

Along with the football

practices, Bolding's team covers home games for men's and women's basketball, volleyball and the other Baylor sports.

Bolding is glad to be a part of the Baylor athletic department.

"To coaches, film is almost second hand, they have to have it to help the players out," he said. "They have always tried to keep up with the bigger schools."

The Baylor Athletic film department is making improvements on what seems to be a daily timetable. A recent upgrade in software is bringing the athletic editing department to the brink of athletic filming technology. Thunder, made by XOS Technologies, was recently released after a two-year beta testing period.

"There aren't even NFL teams with this technology," Bolding said.

The new technology that the athletic department purchased from XOS Technologies includes PlayAction simulator. This software combines a coach's playbook with virtual players that run the various plays.

"The players will be able to carry it home and use it," Bolding said. "It will be more like playing a football game and learning, instead of just watching practice film."

Bolding has been in the industry long enough to see become an IT person," Bolding said. "I used to be an old film



Stephen Green/Lariat Staff

Michael Bolding, football video coordinator for the Baylor Bears, takes film from Baylor's practices and converts it into a teaching tool for the coaches.

many changes and developments come and go.

"When I worked for Education Enterprises, it was all on 16 mm film," Bolding said. Now, the technological advances of the 21st century have altered the way Bolding views his job description.

"Technology has made me

guy. It's hard to explain how far my job has come."

Throughout all the changes, one aspect has remained the same — Bolding's love for his job.

"If I won the lottery tomorrow I would still want to do this job," said Bolding. "I love my job that much."

# Player battled with wounded knee

By Joe Holloway  
Sports writer

When she's not on the court wearing a look of intense focus, Lady Bears senior guard Jhasmin Player is almost always wearing a smile. In every press conference, in every interview, before practice, after games, it's very seldom a grin doesn't stretch across her face.

With the Lady Bears ranked No. 5 in the nation, being the proud owners of a 15-1 overall record that includes an 81-65 upset of then-No. 2 ranked Stanford in November and after going 3-0 to start play in the Big 12, it's no wonder she looks so happy. With that smile being such a constant fixture on a face that has become almost synonymous with much of Baylor's success this year, one would generally think that Player would find something to smile about in almost any situation.

So it's then hard to picture Player on Feb. 2 of last year, nine minutes into an away game at Kansas State University. After scoring on a fast break, she went down hard, injuring her left knee.

No one was smiling. "Initially, when I did it and I hit the ground, it wasn't really

pain. It was more discomfort and it was something I wasn't used to," she said. "Me and the trainer had an argument right there on the floor because I thought it was my groin and he said it was a my knee. It just tingled everywhere."

Specifically, it was ACL. It was torn, and it was the end of Player's junior season.

"I hadn't been injured since I'd been at the university and, when I did it, I did it really big," she said. "The plane ride home was tough. Getting it through my head that it was really torn was tough."

Player wasn't the only one having trouble coming to terms with the severity of her injury. At the time, her teammates seemed almost as distraught as she was.

"You never want to see one of your teammates go down like that," then-junior forward Rachel Allison said after the Kansas State game. "The sounds that she made really hurt our hearts."

Allison said that she went over to Player and told her that the rest of the Lady Bears would win the game for her, which they did, fighting through tears to a 63-49 victory.

"My teammates, I love them to death but they didn't help at all," Player said, smiling. "This is the best team I've ever been on. When I'm hurt, they hurt. When they hurt, I hurt. So when they

saw me hurt it was hard for them to keep me up because they were all crying like they all tore their ACL.

"They're crying, I'm crying, coach Mulkey's trying to tell us all to shut up because we have to move on. They're great. It was just good to have them around and work with me and see it all pay off."

It was an emotional game, and head coach Kim Mulkey said that those emotions were for Player.

"We were happy that we won, but those tears were from Jhasmin being hurt," she said. "These kids love each other and very seldom do you get to coach players that truly care about the welfare of another. Jhasmin is one of our captains; no one out-works Jhasmin Player. We just wanted to hug her and love on her and say all the good things that you can."

But however painful and emotional it was for Player and her teammates during and after the game at Kansas State, it was only the beginning. She missed the final 11 games of the Lady Bears' 07-08 campaign, and wouldn't step onto the floor in a game situation until the team's 08-09 home opener against the Houston Jaguars on Nov. 3: a full nine months after she injured herself on Feb. 2.

In between was a long road

to recovery that included a Feb. 27 surgery to repair her injured knee.

"The surgery was probably the worst thing that's ever happened to me. It was my first surgery and I was miserable," she said. "I had a great doctor and the hospital was great. Everyone treated me incredibly well. The thought of it being an ACL reconstruction just threw me."

Player had her surgery on a Wednesday and, after spending the night at the hospital, was back at Baylor only two days later.

"Friday morning I was back in Waco doing rehab," she said. "That was the first day. They took the bandages off and I saw the stitches, the swelling and the blood and I couldn't take it. I'm crying, my mom's crying. After that day I had to tell myself that this is day one and I've got six months ahead of me so let me get my mind right because I can't come in here and cry every single day."

Over those next six months Player got support from a number of sources. She said she couldn't have done it without help from teammates, coaches, and trainers. But one person that was there all along the way was her mother.

"My mom was out here anytime," she said. "She was always in my ear telling me that every-



Jhasmin Player (15) runs down the court during the the Lady Bears basketball game against Iowa State Wednesday at the Ferrell Center.

Stephen Green/ Lariat Staff

thing happens for a reason."

Maybe now, finished with rehab and back on the court putting up 9.3 points, 5.3 rebound and 2.8 assists per game in her final season, Player has found that reason.

"I think I'm a far, far tougher player," she said. "I just look at it

like I'm not the first and I'm not the last, but I will be someone that when the next person does it and they need advice, if they need to talk about it, because I've been there, then I can share my experience with them."

That's something everyone on the Lady Bears can smile about.

# Gordon, Townsend set BU records at Wes Kittley Invitational



Missouri sophomore Brittany Bruce practices her sprint time Wednesday. Two Baylor runners set school records Saturday in Lubbock.

Jacky Reyes/ Lariat Staff

By Julie Sessions  
Reporter

The Bears' track and field teams kicked off its 2009 season with a great start this weekend in Lubbock, claiming an impressive total of 10 event victories at the Wes Kittley Invitational in Lubbock.

Junior Thaddeus Gordon and sophomore Tiffany Townsend set two new Baylor records, setting the tone for what looks to be a very exciting upcoming season for both the men's and women's teams.

"This was a really solid opener for us, and we got a lot accomplished," head coach Todd Harbour said. "You never know what to expect when you turn (the team) loose after

Christmas break ... but we stayed healthy and had no serious injuries. That was the main goal."

Gordon, who recently transferred from South Plains Junior College in Levelland, recorded a mark of 15.13 meters to break the Baylor school record for the triple jump.

"I just try to go out there and get a foundation laid ... just jump, really," he said. "I am not really trying to break a record, I just make sure I finish strong and at least in the top three."

"(Gordon's) best event right now is the triple jump," Harbour said. "To break a school record right now at his first try, that's not bad."

Townsend, a 2008 outdoor All-American in the 200-meter

event, sprinted to a record-breaking time of 23.48 to finish first in the women's 200.

"I feel like we had a good opening, and I'm glad I have the (200) record," she said. "I (later) want to break the 60-meter record."

"Townsend was a star coming out of high school ... and she's off to a great start," Harbour said. "(We're) looking for more great things coming up from her."

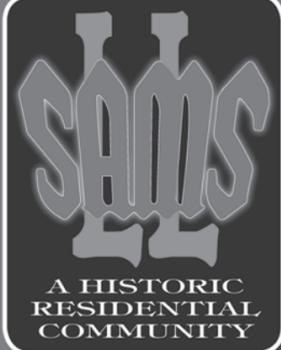
In addition to Townsend and Gordon, several other members of the Bears track and field teams took home honors this past weekend. Senior Katrina Davis finished second for the Lady Bears in the 400-meter race with a time of 55.63, while recent the Uni-

versity of Texas at Arlington transfer senior Jodi Hulet finished first in the women's mile with a time of 5:06.8.

The women also took first place in the 4x400-meter relay, with a time of 3:41.10.

The men's team covered substantial ground as well, with redshirted freshman Whitney Prevost clocking in a NCAA provisional time of 21.20 in the 200-meter and 6.24 in the 55-meter race. And in the 4x400-meter relay, the Bears finished first in an impressive time of 3:11.06 with the help of Marcus Boyd, J.T. Scheuerman, James Gilreath and Quentin Iglehart-Summers.

Next weekend the Bears travel to Fayetteville, Ark., for the Razorback Invitational.



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# Softball prepping for 2009

By Megan Duron Reporter

With its first game scheduled for Feb. 6 against the what is likely to be No. 1 University of Florida, the Baylor softball team is hoping to put last year's disappointing season behind itself and start this season off on the right foot.

After a phenomenal 2007 season in which the Lady Bears placed fifth in the College Softball World Series, the results of the 2008 season weren't quite as the team would've hoped. Beginning the 2008 season ranked No. 8 in the country, the Lady Bears were more than discouraged when they didn't make it to the Big 12 Tournament.

When asked about the previous season, Lady Bears' Head Coach Glenn Moore said, "We've used it for a motivational tool, but if you don't learn something from it, it really was a loss."

After a two-hour scrimmage to reconnect with teammates and review fundamentals, senior infielder Alex Colyer was able to reassess the team as it enters the 2009 season.

"We had a great freshman class come in, but we also had a great freshman class from last year come back as sophomores," she said. "I think we have a solid team, I think we have a young team. Even though we have five seniors, most of the

## February schedule

Feb. 6-8	at Florida
Feb. 13	vs. Northwestern State
	vs. New Mexico
Feb. 14	vs. UTSA
	vs. Mississippi
	vs. Stephen F. Austin
Feb. 18	at Houston
	at Houston
Feb. 20-22	vs. Sam Houston State
Feb. 24	vs. Oklahoma Christian
	vs. Oklahoma Christian
Feb. 27	vs. Louisiana-Monroe
Feb. 28	vs. Louisiana Tech
	vs. Rutgers

girls who started last year are back. I think hopefully a year of experience, especially the experience we had last year, we learned our lessons and we're ready to come out and play."

Senior infielder Brette Reagan is prepared to face Florida for game one of the 2009 season.

"Now we just focus on playing and doing what we know how to do and put it in play; you know, run the bases and just be smart, and do the little

things." Reagan emphasized going back to the basics, the way they did in their 2007 season.

"I just want to take each pitch, you know each inning, as it is."

Coach Moore looks at the upcoming season in a positive light.

"I think we're going to be better having gone through the fire of a 2008 season, yeah we're going to use that to hopefully help us in 2009."

# Men's tennis ranked No. 7

By Ben Powell Reporter

Scheduled to play many of the best teams in the country, Baylor men's tennis will put its No. 7 ranking to the test.

Head coach Matt Knoll and the Bears are currently scheduled to play 21 dual matches. Twenty of those matches are against ranked opponents, seven of which are listed in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Top 10. Baylor will face powerhouse teams such as the Universities of Ohio State (No. 1), Texas (No. 2), UCLA (No. 4), Virginia (No. 5) tradition-rich Stanford (No. 12) and Pepperdine (No. 14).

"You could argue it's more than we need," coach Knoll said, "I decided early in my career never to have an under-scheduled team."

Many fans may remember it was Virginia, then No. 1, which eliminated the Bears in the quarterfinals of last season's NCAA Tournament in Tulsa, Okla. This year Virginia will be without former No. 1 player Somdev Devvarman.

The Bears' lineup from last season remains virtually unchanged with the return of five letter winners in David Galic, Denes Lukacs, Attila Bucko, Dominik Mueller and Jordan Rux.

"I think we are good enough (this season). If we play our best tennis we can beat anybody,"

Lukacs, a junior from Eger, Hungary, said.

Rux, a sophomore, is the highest nationally ranked player on the team at a career-high No. 13 by the ITA in singles after winning nine of 12 matches this past fall. Lukacs, an ITA All-American, is No. 21 followed by junior Attila Bucko who jumped from preseason ranking No. 100 to No. 40. Junior Dominik Mueller is ranked No. 72.

The team will temporarily be without the service of senior David Galic who is recovering from a shoulder injury.

The Bears will play most matches in Waco, including an eight-game stretch in March. After playing on the road for most of the fall season, coach Knoll and the team are ready to play in front of a loud home crowd.

"I love it. The fans are a definite advantage," Bucko said.

Some students have returned the traditionally quiet fan atmosphere associated with the sport into something that more resembles an English Premier League soccer match.

"The guys are going to feed off the energy. If you're a visiting guy, the noise is going to shake you," coach Knoll said.

This will be the team's first year without three-time All-American Lars Poerschke. New faces that will be in the Bears line-up are freshmen Julian Bley, Marc Bruch and Maros Horny, a transfer from Comenius University.

"They're good players and they will have to grow a lot by the end of the season," Knoll said.

The Bears' first dual match of the season will be Jan. 22 at No. 43 Southern Methodist University, followed by a match at No. 10 University of Florida on Jan. 25. Baylor's first home match is a National Indoor Qualifier versus No. 30 University of Utah and either Georgia Tech University or No. 31 San Diego State University.

Last spring, Baylor finished first in the Big 12 Conference with a 15-2 record at home.

"Some people are scared to come here, and we want to keep it that way," Knoll said.



Rux



Knoll

# Sports world stops for Obama

By Joseph White The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Muhammad Ali and Magic Johnson had prime seats at the Capitol. LeBron James watched from a hotel room in Los Angeles with his two sons. Across the country, coaches rescheduled practices, and even the Super Bowl had to take a back seat Tuesday to the inauguration of Barack Obama.

"This day means a lot to inner-city kids, to African-American

kids, to everyone," said Cleveland Cavaliers star James, who contributed \$20,000 to Obama's campaign but couldn't attend the swearing-in because his team is on a West Coast road trip.

"This day will last forever. It will be in books. It will be in schools. It will be in classes. It will be on test questions. It means a lot not only on this day, but for the rest of the days to come and the years to come."

It takes a lot bring the sports world to a standstill, but there

was no ignoring the magnitude of the moment. Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin pushed back his first pre-Super Bowl news conference one hour so it wouldn't conflict with the inauguration.

"What we're doing here today pales with what's going on in our nation's capital," Tomlin said.

The Boston Celtics, on the way to Miami for a road game, voted to change their schedule and arrive in time to watch the ceremony.

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