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Enrollment increases despite economy

By Shauna Harris
Reporter

The recent economic slump impacting individuals and companies globally has not affected Baylor University's enrollment figures.

The Office of Institutional Research and Testing released the 2009 spring enrollment report Monday. It confirmed an increase of 375 students since last spring, amounting to a total

of 13,664 Baylor attendees for the 2009 spring semester. This figure consists of 11,366 undergraduates, 2,103 graduate and professional program scholars and 195 students enrolled in the Baylor/U.S. Army affiliate degree programs.

"In light of the current economy, we are very pleased to have enrolled more undergraduate students this year over last spring," said Diana Ramey, assistant vice president for

enrollment management.

This is the fifth year in a row that Baylor has experienced an increase in spring attendance. Last spring 13,289 students enrolled. Spring 2007 enrollment was 13,169 students. There were 13,019 attendees in the spring of 2006 and 12,715 students for the spring of 2005.

"The strength of our enrollment testifies to the perceived value among students and their families of a Baylor University

education and degree," Ramey said in a press release.

Even though the number of students increased significantly, faculty members, staff and administration have experienced no dilemmas and took the numbers with stride.

"We were able to accommodate all housing requests for the incoming students and are excited to have more students

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Spring enrollment 2009

	Male	Female	Total
Freshman	994	1,401	2,395
Sophomore	1,026	1,468	2,494
Junior	1,070	1,418	2,488
Senior	1,575	2,300	3,875

Source: www.Baylor.edu/irt

Entrepreneurs find new home in Kokernot

By Ashley Corinne Killough
Staff Writer

Campus Living and Learning and the Hankamer School of Business have paired up to launch a new program in August, in which students with an entrepreneurial drive will have the chance to bridge their educational experience with their housing community.

In the Entrepreneurship Living and Learning Center, approximately 100 students will live in North Village for the participate in ongoing activities that aim to enhance leadership, planning and management skills.

In addition to group discussions, Mary Abrahams, director of the program, plans to bring in entrepreneurial and civic leaders to engage with students and provide tips on business management.

"It's sometimes very difficult for students who have their own business or who have plans to start one because they're doing it on their own," Abrahams said. "We want to provide for them a place where they can sit down and get some advice."

Abrahams said this particular housing option will allow students to benefit from living with like-minded students who think innovatively and creatively.

"When students are around others who talk about the advantage of entrepreneurial thinking, they can find those 'aha!' moments, where they ask, 'what if we could do this?'" Abrahams said.

The only requirements for the program, which is open to all majors and classifications, are an interest in entrepreneurial thinking and a commitment to participate.

The program has already attracted 50 applicants, most of whom are freshmen participating in the Entrepreneurship

Engaged Learning Group. The ELG is similar to a Living-Learning Center in that it also places students in a residence hall with a central theme, but ELGs are designated for freshmen and run for two years, whereas Living-Learning Centers are open to all majors.

Cleburne sophomore Bryce Hagan, who aspires to write screenplays for a career, is a participant in one of the entrepreneurship ELGs in Kokernot Residence Hall.

"I have to be entrepreneurially minded because I'll essentially be self-employed. It's my job to write a story that a publishing company sees as profitable," Hagan said. "So once I finish a script, I have to send it in to whoever I think will buy it. It's a risky business, and until I get hired, it's just me and my pen."

Hagan views his goal as a calling and says the ELG provides an environment where he feels comfortable sharing his dream with others.

"Kokernot really feels like a second home and I know that most everyone else would agree.

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LLC Quick Facts

-Students accepted in the ENT-LLC will be housed in North Village

- The ENT-LLC is open to all classifications and majors.

-100 students will be accepted into the program.

-The program offers discussion groups, lab support, faculty access and guest speakers.

Preserving the soul



Jacky Reyes/Lariat Staff

Audio specialist Tony Tadey works with a record player and audio equipment to restore albums as part of the Gospel Music Restoration project. Dr. Robert Darden and Tadey are working to preserve old gospel records with the help of a \$350,000 grant. The collection is available in Moody Memorial library.

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

Falling in Love

Dr. Robert Darden, associate professor of journalism, remembers falling in love.

A Christmas record by Mahalia Jackson, perhaps the greatest gospel artist of her time, played on the hi-fi player Darden's father bought with his \$15-a-month pay raise in the 1950s.

The five and a half minutes of Silent Night were heaven to then-six-year-old Darden.

"Just her and Mildred Falls on the organ," Darden said, eyes closed, a small grin spreading across his face. "It was heavenly. My parents say I played it over and over again."

His father's career in the Air Force contributed to Darden's attraction to gospel music.

"The Air Force was integrated before the rest of the country, so I grew up in African-American homes with African-American friends, and their moms were always playing this music," he said. "I just never got it out of my head. Rock and roll, rap, jazz—all of it comes from the spiritual gospels. This music is as good as it gets."

The Project: Black Gospel Music Restoration

The basement of Moody Memorial Library holds a secret treasure.

A collection of gospel records of every kind, from

those tucked away in secret corners or buried at the bottom of worn cardboard boxes, to those seen in record stores, has found a home.

With the help of audio specialist Tony Tadey, Darden is rescuing forgotten records

Listen to gospel audio clips and browse album art at:
<http://contentdm.baylor.edu>

"I feel this sense that every day something that matters is lost and future generations are going to think it was a sin," Darden said. "Down the road, music lovers are going to figure out how important this music was and say to us, 'Why did you let this slip away?'" They're going to look at us and see that for so long we valued this so little. I worry about that. And this project is my response."

The men have been working with the help of a \$350,000 grant from Charles Royce, a Connecticut businessman, to create a digital audio archive by saving the file digitally and then converting them to high resolution MP3s that can be streamed online.

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Associated Press

Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., talks with reporters between votes as the Senate works into the night on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the economic stimulus package) Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Senate meets, talk stimulus plan

By David Espo
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate moderates worked to cut billions of dollars from economic stimulus legislation Thursday in hopes of clearing the way for passage as the government spit out grim new jobless figures and President Barack Obama warned of more bad news ahead.

With partisan tensions rising, several Republican attempts to remake the bill, with higher tax cuts, lower spending and relief for homeowners, failed on

party-line votes.

"The time for talk is over. The time for action is now," declared Obama as the Senate plodded through a fourth day of debate on the legislation at the heart of his economic recovery plan. He implored lawmakers in both parties to "rise to this moment."

Obama added he would "love to see additional improvements" in the bill, a gesture to the moderates from both parties who were at work trying to trim the \$920 billion price tag.

Increasingly, the events that mattered most were not the long

roll calls on the Senate floor, but the private conversations in which the White House and Democratic leaders sought either with the support of a large group of centrist lawmakers or without them, to clear the bill at the heart of the president's recovery program.

"As I have explained to people in that group, they cannot hold the president of the United States hostage," said Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "If they think they're going to rewrite this bill and Barack Obama is going to walk away

from what he is trying to do for the American people, they've got another thought coming."

Republicans countered that neither the president nor Democratic congressional leaders have been willing to seek common ground on the first major bill of the new administration.

"We're not having meaningful negotiations. ... It's a bad way to start," said Sen. John McCain of Arizona, who was Obama's opponent in last fall's presidential campaign.

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Editorial

Make food safety a priority

In an ideal world, we would all know what we are putting into our bodies. For most, eating is a thrice-daily event. For something of such common occurrence in our daily lives, more emphasis should be placed on food safety.

Instead of worrying about whether the food we consume will have an adverse effect on our waistlines, Americans now have to worry about the potentially fatal effects of eating bacteria-ridden foods.

With the present recall of salmonella-tainted peanut products, food safety issues are now brought to the forefront. The ongoing investigation into the peanut company responsible for one of the biggest food recalls in U.S. history highlights the importance of food safety in general.

Food safety isn't something to take lightly. It's what we put in our bodies on a regular basis, and should therefore be treated with the utmost attention.

According to a Feb. 4 article from *The Atlantic Journal-Constitution*, the nation's food supply is monitored by an agency, the Food and Drug Administration, that is understaffed and spread too thin. The consequences of the lack of resources and manpower have caused the FDA to routinely turn over food inspections to states.

Watchdog groups have criticized this move because they say states are ill equipped, or not equipped at all, to screen facilities where food products are stored, processed or manufactured.

More than 500 people in 43 states have been sickened while eight have died after eating various foods produced with salmonella-contaminated peanuts. It is shocking to hear speculations that the company, Peanut Corp. of America, repeatedly ignored health



violations that should have deemed their product unsafe to eat, and in turn shouldn't have been shipped out. The Food and Drug Administration also failed in that it didn't detect the infected shipments. This all raises the question of the safety of any and all products on grocery shelves.

If they can let this slip, how can we trust that they are doing everything to protect our nation's food supply? It's obviously time for change, and no one needs a greater dose of inspection than the FDA itself.

This isn't the first time that the agency has graced front-page news this year.

Earlier this year, the agency introduced a questionable policy that ignored the overwhelming desires of consumers, Michael Hansen, a senior scientist with Consumers Union, publisher of *Consumer Reports*, told the Associated Press.

In January, the FDA made the decision to allow transgenic animals to be

sold as food and medicine. Transgenic animals differ from the conventionally bred animals that are treated with hormones or antibiotics in that their DNA is specifically altered to achieve a particular trait.

Although genetic engineering has been used for crops, producing animals through the manipulation of genes is relatively new.

With the new policy, the FDA pledges to submit the product to scrutiny by independent advisers at a public meeting before allowing any genetically engineered animal product to be sold, according to the Associated Press article.

What's strange is the fact that the policy doesn't require all genetically engineered foods to be labeled as such. Consumers won't know whether or not they're feeding their children altered livestock.

The controversy that surrounds genetically engineered products and the surge in popularity of the organic

food industry should hint that people are more conscious of what goes into their bodies. Maybe this is why the FDA chose not to enforce labeling on genetically altered meats. In doing so, health-conscious eaters or those that would prefer natural meats would choose a different option.

Beyond having to worry about the nutritious quality of food, people shouldn't have concerns regarding which plants their food comes from, if it's been loaded with antibiotics or preservatives or been genetically altered in some way.

Going down the grocery aisle shouldn't become an ordeal focused on finding the safest and most natural foods.

As lawmakers sit down to hearings over the national salmonella outbreak, they not only need to pass stronger food safety laws and provide more money for inspections, but should also keep the wants and needs of the consumers in mind.

point of view

Virginity auction buys into patriarchy

The highest bid for Natalie Dylan's auctioned virginity is now at \$3.8 million. When the 22-year-old with a bachelor's degree in women's studies put her body up for sale in September, she said she was doing it to pay for graduate school and also as a sociological experiment.

When I first heard about Dylan, not her real name, I was unfazed — I've heard of these types of auctions before, and I dismissed it as a media stunt. I thought, "Whatever. It's a free country."

It was only when I ran across her column for the online newspaper, *The Daily Beast*, that my interest was peaked. Dylan was using a feminist, capitalist justification for what she called her thesis project, "the value of virginity."

In her column, Dylan said in her women's studies classes she came to understand the historical role of women's sexuality within the context of a patriarchy.

As she put it, "Deflowering is historically oppressive — early European marriages began with a dowry, in which a father would sell his virginal daughter to the man whose family could offer the most agricultural wealth. Dads were basically their daughters' pimps."

At this point, I am following her. I agree. How terrible that virginity is still an idolized-fetish in our culture. To preempt the argument, the valuation of virginity was written into many religions as well to reinforce ideas about women — that they belonged to one man, etc. — that were useful in society at the time. These codes of "morality" ensured that a man wasn't raising someone else's children.

She, like me, finds these ideas outdated and distasteful. But instead of opting out of the patriarchal culture, she buys in. She capitalizes, literally and figuratively, on that notion.

One can do what one wants with one's body, always. It's just her feminist justification that confuses the issue. If men are willing to pay millions of dollars to "take" her virginity (note this rhetoric), out of some primal need to possess or due to socialization that teaches them that this is the most valuable thing a woman has to offer, why not take advantage of that, she says?

Because of the hideous cynicism, that's why. Her argument, the same sometimes used by more self-aware sex workers, porn stars etc., is based on the faulty notion that women must work within patriarchal boundaries — as a sex object — to "succeed."

She writes as if there's no way out of that position.

The use of one's body as a means of empowerment is an old and contested notion. But having sex for money is not a radical reclamation of the body. It doesn't change men's conception of women. In fact, this probably makes it worse. It reinforces a stereotype that women do exactly what Dylan is attempting to do: use her sexuality to advance in the world.

In the end, Dylan may gain money, but she has not changed the power structure, where men are still at the top.

She may see this as a big joke on the world and, especially, on her bidders: that her sexual function is so meaningless to her as to barter it and so valuable to others that some will give an obscene amount of money to share it with her.

Any message she was trying to convey is unheard in the din of overwhelming sexist discourse. If there is any intentional irony, it is lost in the public eye.

Dylan's argument for selling her virginity is faulty, ironic, exploitative and cynical. It is too easy to say that whatever I choose to do with my body, by virtue of choosing, is a feminist act.

To sell our bodies, to strip, work at Hooters, etc., is to be complicit in our own oppression. I think that our sexuality is a positive aspect of our lives, and we should celebrate it. But to take ancient, denigrating roles and repackage them to look like empowerment is laughable and tragic, and it's holding us back.

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BY JADE ORTEGO

Letters to the editor

Christian arrogance put to rest

Liz Foreman's column, *Undercover missions* can't justify breaking laws, was very insightful and puts to rest the Christian arrogance of "My God says I have to do this, which trumps your views, laws or beliefs."

I found her thoughts on the impact on converts quite refreshing, given the damn-the-consequences attitude of many missionaries. I would be surprised if there hasn't been major reaction to this article. Please publish the reactions. Judging by this article, Ms. Foreman must be an impressive student and person.

C.P. Steinmetz

Survey needs definition of "god"

In Your religion study do you

define god or ask for a definition of god?

I don't just mean asking if they believe in an Abrahamic god or a Hindu god or a Buddhist god or any of the other hundreds of varying perceptions of god. Unless there is a consensus of what the word means, asking if a person believes in god becomes meaningless.

As a start, would you define god as omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, benevolent and without bodily form or gender?

To paraphrase Alice in Wonderland: a word means just what I say it means.

I hope your religion survey is not just another Alice in Wonderland.

George Oertel
Barefoot Bay, Fla.

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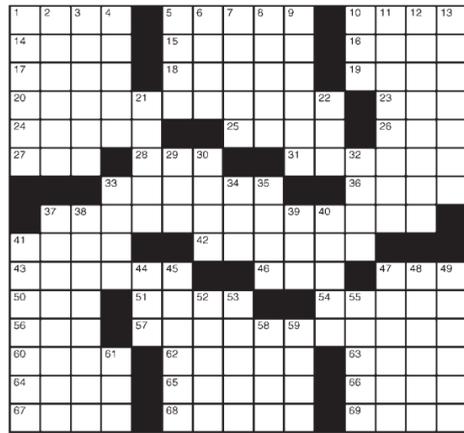
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No need to pay, recycle away

By Jenna Williamson
Reporter

Waco residents, including those in the Baylor community, are invited to recycle their old electronics Saturday free of charge.

The electronics drive will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Goodwill Computer Works parking lot on 3334 Franklin Ave.

Among items being accepted are computers, cell phones, printers, televisions, VCR/DVD players, monitors, copiers, scanners, cable wires, networking equipment and batteries, including car batteries. Proof of McLennan County residency is required to drop off items, which could be a driver's license, cable bill or Baylor ID.

Normally, the city of Waco charges \$5 to \$20 to recycle unwanted electronics, such as computer monitors and televisions. The city, however, is holding Saturday's event for the public because of funds received from the city of Lorena.

In 2005, Lorena was fined for having sub-par conditions at their wastewater treatment plant, resulting in an \$8,640 payment to the city of Waco.

Instead of sending the money to the state, Waco City Council decided to make a donation to a local environmental organization.

The organization chosen was Goodwill Computer Works, which refurbishes and sells used electronics. The store tries to salvage computer systems, according to Della White, assistant manager of the store.

"Things that are no longer current are recycled in an effort to keep items out of the landfill," she said.

The store isn't selective about whom they allow to purchase their merchandise.

"We try to provide electronics at a lower price," White said.

Parker Willson, executive director of Keep McLennan County Beautiful, said it will be "hard to predict" how large Saturday's turnout will be. He mentioned that with this month's change from analog to digital broadcasting, many people are purchasing new televisions and will need somewhere to go with their old ones.

Willson said that the drive is a good thing for Waco because it "gives people a proper way to dispose of hazardous waste." In addition, it will encourage



Photo Illustration by Stephen Green/Lariat Staff

Waco residents, including Baylor students, can recycle electronic devices free of charge from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Goodwill Computer Works parking lot. The City of Waco charges \$5 to \$20 for recycling electronics, but will hold a day-long drive thanks to funds received from the City of Lorena.

people to clean out their homes. "People may have three and four computers in their garage and they don't know what to do with them - this gives them a place to go," Willson said.

Goodwill Computer Works employees try to maintain the safety of those donating computers.

"Hard drives are never seen by employees," White said.

Goodwill Computer Works is audited by Dell, she explained, which means that the store must follow Dell guidelines in destroying personal information.

Justin Havelka, program analyst for Waco's landfill operations, stressed the importance

of recycling batteries. Large car batteries are harmful, but even the double-A's found in television remotes cause problems. Among other contaminants, batteries can contain lead and sulfuric acid, which are "both considered to be hazardous if they get into the environment or groundwater," Havelka said. Batteries Plus will handle battery disposal at Saturday's event.

Items not being accepted at the drive include appliances such as refrigerators, plastic (except for computers), paper, wood, items containing iron or hazardous materials.

This event is co-sponsored by Keep Waco Beautiful and the City of Waco.

Student Senate confirms three new members

By Morgan Hoffman
Reporter

Student Senate was in a voting mood Thursday afternoon as two student court justices and an assistant court clerk were up for senate confirmation.

Those applying for student court positions and non Student Senate members were required to leave the meeting room for confirmation voting.

The voting process took a total of 40 minutes to confirm the three new student government court members, who were greeted with applause as each applicant returned from waiting.

Tuan Loh, a junior from San Antonio who was confirmed as a student court justice, said the experience of facing new student cases every week is what enticed him to apply.

"When I read the court justice description, I knew I would like the experience of going through cases and making important decisions," Loh said.

Student Court Chief Justice Matt Crosby, a senior from Escondido, Calif., said the student court member confirmed on Thursday was well qualified for his newly appointed position.

"Tuan is involved in the community through the Waco Chi-

nese church and has achieved success at Baylor, while taking part in Baylor's community environment," Crosby said.

McLean, Va., sophomore Ashley Miller, who along with Loh was confirmed as a student court justice, added that becoming a Student Court member is a great way to help Baylor improve student life.

"I think I can contribute and I really care about Baylor and the students so I thought joining student court would allow me that opportunity," Miller said.

Also joining student court is Magnolia freshman Christian Latham, who will be serving as an assistant court clerk.

"Although I cannot become a justice until sophomore year, I thought joining student government as a court clerk would help me prepare for it," Latham said.

Latham added that he has the experience to handle the position of assistant court clerk and the responsibilities that come with it.

"In high school I was either president or vice-president of five different organizations and I have a lot of administrative skills that I will bring to clerkship," Latham said.

All students confirmed into student court will immediately assume the responsibilities of their appointed positions.

Juice runs dry for gossip Web site

By Justin Pope
The Associated Press

Critics hoped the better angels of human nature would kill off the popular campus gossip site JuicyCampus.com. Some prosecutors were trying to use the law to do the trick.

In the end, the site's much-criticized founder insisted he was merely the latest victim of the economic downturn.

In any case, the site one college official recently called a "virtual bathroom wall" of hateful and degrading speech was offline Thursday, much to the relief of administrators and many students nationwide.

"We're very happy," said Erika Lowe, vice president of the student government at Western Illinois University, which had been working with administrators to block the site from campus computers there.

"While we support free speech, there was nothing positive coming out of this Web site. It only served to dampen spirits and ruin friendships."

But JuicyCampus was popular. Following its launch on seven campuses in 2007, it spread nationwide, and founder Matt Ivester said the site was getting more than 1 million unique visitors monthly. He said it was all in good fun, but the anonymity the site granted its gossip-posters seemed to bring out the worst in people.

Fraternities and sororities cruelly attacked each other. Typical discussion threads included "Biggest slut on campus" and "easiest freshmen." Others identified women who had gained weight and one post named a rape victim and said she "deserved it."

Several student government associations asked their colleges to block access to the site from campus networks, and a handful, including Tennessee State and Hampton, did so. New Jersey prosecutors, meanwhile, were investigating whether the company was violating the state's Consumer Fraud Act. No charges were filed.

The site appeared to be pro-

tested by a federal law absolving Web sites of responsibility for what their users post. And most colleges decided they couldn't get into the business of picking and choosing sites to block. So they urged students to stay away and quietly hoped this day would come.

"To be tactful, I'm not disappointed," said David Maxwell, president of Drake University in Iowa. He had received complaints from parents and students, but declined to block the site when student leaders asked him to consider doing so.

"We certainly value the university environment as a safe haven for expression," Maxwell said. But academic freedom "also requires you to be held responsible for what you say. The anonymity of JuicyCampus was really a concern for us."

A public relations firm representing the company said Ivester was unavailable for a telephone interview Thursday, and the site was already offline. But in a farewell note on a separate blog site, Ivester wrote that "in these

historically difficult economic times, online ad revenue has plummeted and venture capital funding has dissolved."

He denied that legal troubles were to blame, or that advertisers were avoiding JuicyCampus because of its content. The site employed about 20 people, according to spokesman Steven Wilson.

Ivester said posts would no longer be publicly available, and the site's privacy policy would continue, it would not release IP addresses without a subpoena. The site has said it blocks its discussion board from being indexed by search sites like Google.

He did acknowledge some users had gone overboard.

"While there are parts of JuicyCampus that none of us will miss, the mean-spirited posts and personal attacks, it has also been a place for the fun, lighthearted gossip of college life.

I hope that is how it is remembered," he wrote, before signing off: "Keep it juicy."

BEAR BRIEFS

The School of Music presents a Symphonic Band 7:30 today at the Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. The 76-member band will perform pieces spanning most of the 20th century.

The Korean Student Association will hold an open mic night from 6 p.m. to midnight today at Season's Creamery.

The fourth annual Philosophy of Religion Conference Keynote Address from will be 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. today at the Armstrong Browning Library Treasure Room. Dr. John Martin Fischer, distinguished professor of philosophy at the University of California will present, "Stories, Freedom and the Meaning of Life." The event is open to the public.

The Martin Museum of Art is holding a photography exhibition of O. Rufus Lovett's work until Feb. 24 at the Hooper-Shaffer Fine Arts Center. The exhibition is an all day event.

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Band puts rock spin on Christian lyrics

By Lincoln Faulkner
Contributor

Oh, Sleeper, whose music Alternative Press described as a ferocious brand of thunderous thrash, giving way to the types of catchy hooks and sweeping soundscapes uncommon in Christian metalcore, will headline Friday's show at Art Ambush.

The concert will also feature Syrens, Our Desperate Measures, Silence The Tempest and Everyone Dies In Utah. The show starts at 6 p.m. Friday and tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

Oh, Sleeper front man Micah Kinard said the band started in 2005 after guitarist James Erwin, bassist Lucas Starr and drummer Ryan Conley disbanded emo-rock band Terminal.

Returning home to Mansfield, Starr and Conley started looking for a band members to create a harder sound. They called up vocalist/guitarist and childhood friend Shane Blay from West Virginia, and found Kinard on the Internet, Kinard said.

"They actually found me on Myspace," he said.

Kinard said he was playing bass and singing back-up for a pop band while studying script writing when Conley contacted him.

After Kinard and Conley discovered they both held Christian writing goals, Conley invited Kinard to hang out with the band, he said. In two months Erwin finally joined and the band solidified, Kinard said.

The band released an EP "The Armored March" and was on their first U.S. tour after three months together, Kinard said.

Since then, the band has released one full length album, "When I Am God," on their current label Solid State, and toured with fellow label mates Underoath in 2008.

Kinard said that when writing songs he does not want write music unless it's glorifying to God, and he said he does not believe in "sugar coating" the message, even when it takes getting special permission from the label to use certain lyrics.

"We wanted to be as honest as



Courtesy Photo

From Left: Shane Blay, James Erwin, Ryan Conley, Lucas Starr and Micah Kinard make up the Christian band Oh, Sleeper. The band will headline Friday's concert at Art Ambush.

possible," he said. "We've gotten a lot of encouraging e-mails, one of them from an Atheist who was like 'I don't believe in your God and I'm not saying I do now, but I wanted to tell you your music spoke to me on a different level and helped me through a lot of what I'm going through.'"

Kinard said the band just wants its songs to speak into the listeners lives.

"Just listen to it, take what you want from it," he said.

Storytelling lyrics, Kinard said, are what he likes listening to and adapting in his own writing.

"I like to try to tell a story where if you're reading along with it and your listening to the music it can paint a picture for you," he said.

Writing lyrics for the band can sometimes be intimidating,

Kinard said.

"Every time (the band) writes something new I'm like, 'Oh man that sounds so sweet,'" he said. "Then, I'm like 'How am I going to add anything to this?' Then, I'll just pray about it, try to start writing, and it kind of happens."

The Art Ambush concert will also be one of Conley's last performances with the band because Conley plans to join the Navy, Kinard said.

"He feels that in Oh, Sleeper he's fulfilled everything he's wanted to do in music," he said. "Now he feels like he needs to take the next step I his life."

The band plans to replace Conley with Californian Matt Davis, who will play his first show at a metal fest in Plano, Kinard said.

"We're definitely going to

make sure (Conley's) last two shows are memorable ones," he said.

Also performing at Friday's concert is grindcore band Syrens, who regrouped in 2008, guitarist Bryce Lucien said.

Lucien, along with vocalist Terrance Delaney, bassist Chance Harris and drummer Dustin Weaver, write to encourage individualism, Lucien said.

"We've written a lot about individuality because we don't really see that anymore," Lucien said. "When a group of people start to like a style of music or band just because it's what's 'cool,' there's no thought to it. We want people to enjoy music because it's what they want to listen to, not because they want to fit in."

Playing live is intense, Lucien said. He said he would compare the band's performance to hardcore band The Chariot.

"If our singer could breathe fire without getting arrested he would," he said. "There's a place where we can't do shows anymore because the crowd ripped the balcony down."

Recently, the band has meloed out, finding a happy medium between going nuts and still sounding good, Lucien said.

One of the opening bands for Oh, Sleeper and Syrens is local band Our Desperate Measures. Band members include vocalist Fabian Valdez, guitarists Matt Chavez and Josh Contreras, bassist Kodee Cessna and keyboardist Zach Colyer.

Starting up in 2007, Our Desperate Measures has been playing music just for the love of it and as a form of worship, Chavez said.

"We're a Christian band, and we let God look through us and have us write what he wants us to write at that time," he said. "We all love playing live, it's not just the attention, it's our style of worship to God."

The band members invite the audience to come visit with them after the show, Chavez said.

"If you want to talk to us about anything — music, life, anything in general — just come talk to us after the show," he said. "We'll be willing to help you or talk to you about whatever's going on."

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Acy: It's a must, must-win game

By Nick Dean
Sports writer

The Bears will take a trek to Lubbock this weekend to face the Red Raiders for the second time this season.

A win against Texas Tech would end Baylor's four-game losing streak in conference play. Baylor (15-7, 3-5) lost its fourth straight game Monday to Kansas.

The Jayhawks topped the Bears, 75-65, with a focus on turnovers, transition points and emphasis on stopping senior guard, Curtis Jerrells.

"I only shot seven times," Jerrells said. "I normally shoot about 18 or 19."

Texas Tech (11-11, 1-6) is also on a four-game losing streak, having lost to Oklahoma State University Tuesday.

The second meeting of the Red Raiders and the Bears comes with much more on the line for both teams.

"I haven't been at this point before," freshman forward Quincy Acy said. "We have a veteran team and I have faith we will get through it."

In order to better prepare for the upcoming games, head coach Scott Drew has put emphasis on the offense.

The Bears are hard at work, offensively, focusing especially on turnovers. "(Texas Tech) played hard (Tuesday) night. We expect a great game from them," Drew said. "We are only concerned about ourselves."

Texas Tech is a fast moving team in terms of transitions; an aspect of the game Baylor can play well against.

The Bears set the tempo of

each game, though a hot start by the Red Raiders this Saturday could prove disastrous.

"We aren't panicking," Jerrells, a Del Valle native, said. "We know it is going to take that extra step."

Personally, Jerrells has taken on more time in the gym in hopes of improving.

His recent lull in playing time hasn't helped the Bears' striving effort for wins. Drew knows Jerrells will play to his potential again.

"Every year players go through one or two games when they don't shoot well," Drew said. "Good players bounce back and that is what CJ will do."

Jerrells suffered his first game without a made field goal against Kansas Monday. He averages 16.8 points per game.

"We always have close games."

Jerrells said. "We need to do a little extra to win those close games." That extra strength may come from junior center Josh Lomers.

Lomers has a history of playing well against the Red Raiders, especially in the paint. He adds the size and height needed to inhibit points made in the paint.

Saturday's game is a pivotal win — or loss — for both teams. Despite the intensity, the Bears are not sweating.

"We are one game back from where we were last year. It's not a time to panic," Drew said. "Our margin of error is just not as great now."

Even though Drew is relaxed, Jerrells knows from experience what another loss can cause.

"We have to be hungry," Jerrells said. "Our back is against the wall."



Shanna Taylor/ Lariat Staff

Baylor forward Kevin Rogers prepares to make a jump shot against Kansas' Mario Little Monday. Baylor will look to end its four-game losing streak Saturday against Texas Tech University.

Bears' numbers down from 2008, but Drew's not done

2008 Key stats

81.8 offensive points per game.

76.5% free throw shooting

26.5 defensive rebounds per game

4.75 blocked shots per game

2009 Key stats

76.5 offensive points per game.

68% free throw shooting

22.3 defensive rebounds per game

3.75 blocked shots per game

By Brian Bateman
Sports editor

Before Feb. 6 last year, the Bears held a 17-4 record including a 5-2 conference record. The five wins were against the unranked Universities of Iowa State, Oklahoma State, Nebraska and Texas Tech and a struggling Texas A&M squad. The two losses were against unranked University of Oklahoma and No. 10 University of Texas. This season, the Bears have faced three ranked teams through the midpoint of the season.

However, last year's fast start quickly fell into disarray as the Bears went 4-5 in the final nine

games. This year's remaining schedule promises to be just as difficult. The Bears still have No. 2 Oklahoma, Texas A&M and surprisingly successful University of Nebraska at home, as well as trips to Oklahoma State and No. 16 Texas.

"We are 3-5 (in conference) and we have to win at least 75 percent of the rest of our games in order to get a postseason bid and also to make a run in the tournament," senior guard Henry Dugat said.

Only one official statistic improved since last season: the assist average increased from 11.06 per game to 11.25. All other major averages stayed

within the normal game-to-game fluctuation.

Included in that is a drop from a league-best 81.8 points per game to 76.5 and a stagnant scoring defense that has hovered at 80 for the past two years.

"We gave up so much to Oklahoma," senior guard Curtis Jerrells said. "I think that the defense look so good (against Texas) because we were bad the game before. We got to do a good job being consistent."

Baylor's free throw percentage has fallen from 76.8 percent to 68, defensive rebounds have fallen to 22.3 from 26.5 and the absence of a true center has dropped the blocked shots aver-

age a full one block.

Guard Aaron Bruce, forward Richard Hurd and forward Mark Shepherd left the squad last year, which could account for the rebounding and free throw deficiencies, but the Bears did pick up freshman forwards Quincy Acy and Anthony Jones.

So, what's missing?

"I don't think that anything is missing," senior forward Kevin Rogers said. "I think we just need to get back to the way that we started out the season. We have to help each other on defense and having the trust factor with each other as far as rotations. I think our biggest hurdle has been defense."



Stephen Green/ Lariat Staff

Baylor guard Jessica Morrow drives past a Texas defender Sunday at the Ferrell Center. Baylor will return home at 11 a.m. Saturday when the Kansas State Wildcats come to town.

Lady Bears back on track after 76-71 win

By Joe Holloway
Sports writer

The No. 8 Baylor Lady Bears (18-3, 6-2) ended a two-game skid with a narrow 76-71 win on the road Wednesday night over the University of Nebraska and will look to build on that success when they play host to No. 18 Kansas State University (19-2, 6-2) at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Ferrell Center.

The game in Lawrence, Neb., was the first the Lady Bears have been able to take from the Cornhuskers in the two teams' last three meetings there. Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said that it was a big win for her team.

"It's amazing the difference one game can make," she said, referring to the loss Baylor suffered to No. 16 Texas only a few nights before. "The last thing

you want to do is go on the road when you're dejected after such an emotional loss at home."

Despite Nebraska's position at the bottom of the conference rankings, with a 1-7 record in the Big 12, the Huskers put up a good fight on their home court. What was once a 15-point Baylor lead was eventually cut to three by the final eight seconds.

"They got themselves back into the game," Mulkey said. "It's a good win. It's a win that we needed. A lot of teams would have lost that game."

The Lady Bears, however, were able to control the damage the Huskers did by making free throws down the stretch. Sophomore guard Kelli Griffin, who was a perfect 10-for-10 on the night from the charity stripe, including six in the final three minutes of the game.

"I think I'm pretty comfortable shooting free throws," Griffin said. "I don't mind the pressure."

Another Lady Bear put under a great deal of pressure in the Nebraska game was freshman post Ashley Field, who made her first career start.

"When you're a freshman and you're thrown in there like she was, you know she has butterflies," Mulkey said. "She was very poised."

Field said that any nervous feelings she had before the game disappeared as soon as the ball was put into play.

"Right off that tip off when I was able to get that ball after Danielle tipped it, after that it kind of just went away," she said.

"When a player starts playing they actually have to focus on the game and not worry about

being worried. Once the ball was thrown in the air I completely forgot about it and just wanted to play basketball."

Mulkey indicated that she would keep the same starting lineup against the Wildcats, a team she said would try to limit Baylor's time with the ball.

"It's the same as always. They will play the half court game," she said. "You're going to have to play the entire shot clock defensively. You're not going to have many possessions with the style of play Kansas State plays."

The Wildcats are lead by senior guard Shalee Lehning who leads the Big 12 in assists with 172. The Lady Bears will look to limit her role.

"She just gets the most out of her ability," Mulkey said. "Everything they do goes through her hands at some point."

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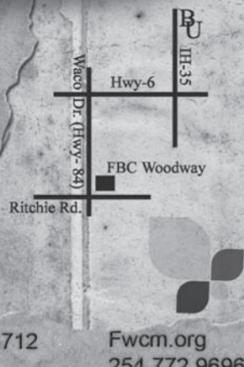
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In an Associated Press interview, he said Obama "gave the Democrats the leeway to basically shut out Republicans starting with the House and now here in the Senate, and I don't think that's good."

McCain's penchant for working across party lines has irritated fellow Republicans in the past, but he was not taking part in bipartisan talks on trimming the stimulus bill.

Instead, he advanced an alternative that highlighted the differences between the two political parties.

It carried a price tag of \$421 billion, less than half the White House-backed measure. The majority of that was in the form of a one-year cut in the payroll

tax and reductions in the two lowest income tax brackets.

The proposal also included provisions to help the battered housing industry, including the \$15,000 tax credit for home buyers that passed separately on Wednesday.

Another proposal, by Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., was designed to reduce mortgage rates to as low as 4 percent for millions of homeowners. It was defeated on a vote of 62-35.

Sen. John Thune of South Dakota was the third Republican to try. He proposed a stimulus consisting of tax cuts and unemployment benefits for laid-off workers, at a total cost of \$440 billion, but lost, 60-37.

Nearly 20 senators from both

parties met twice during the day and reviewed a list of possible cuts totaling nearly \$80 billion. They included elimination of at least \$40 billion in aid to the states, which have budget crises of their own, as well as \$1.4 billion ticketed for the National Science Foundation.

There was no sign the group of self-appointed compromisers had agreed to support the reductions, but even if they had the numbers were far short of what some were looking for.

"The president made a strong case for a proposal that would be in the neighborhood of \$800 billion," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, who met with Obama at the White House on Wednesday.

Yet several hours later, Obama told reporters aboard Air Force One the legislation was already within range of what he wanted.

The legislation is a blend of federal spending and tax cuts that supporters say can create or preserve at least 3 million jobs. They cite the tax cuts for lower-income workers, as well as more money for jobless benefits,

worker training, food stamps, health care, education and public works projects such as highways and mass transit.

Critics contend the bill is bloated with spending for items that won't create jobs, such as smoking prevention programs or efforts to combat a future pandemic flu outbreak.

And while polls show Obama is popular and the public supports recovery legislation, Republicans have maneuvered in the past several days to identify and ridicule relatively small items in the bill.

Whatever the public relations battle, Republicans have tried without success so far to reduce spending in the measure and were ready with additional attempts during the day.

The legislation is a key early test for Obama, who has been in office just two weeks and has made economic recovery his top priority.

The new jobless claims were reported by the Labor Department, and the total was the highest since October 1982, when the economy was in a steep recession.

There's such a strong sense of community there that I don't get anywhere else on campus," Hagan said.

Zac Main, freshman from Ardmore, Okla., also participates in the learning group and will be living in the Living-Learning Center in North Village next year. Main said he appreciates the chance to work, think and build off the ideas and strengths of his peers in the ELG.

"It allows you to build friendships with people interested in the same things as you, and it allows you to learn how to build relationships with potential peers," Main said.

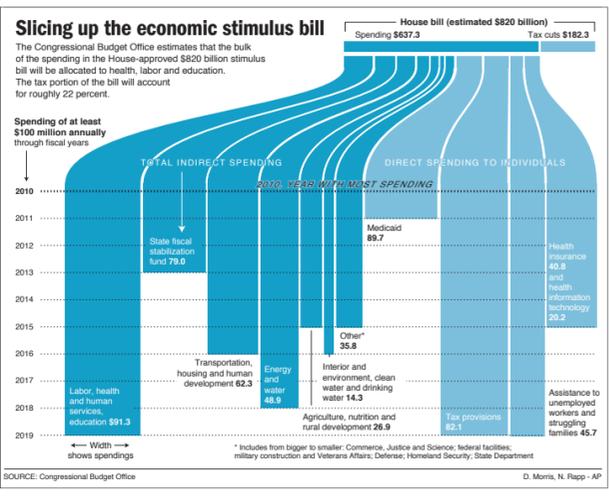
This is the first time Campus Living and Learning has created a Living-Learning Center out of a learning group — a method Rishi Sriram, assistant dean for learning and engagement, called a success. Sriram said the program has been in the works for 12 to 18 months.

"Student Life has been desiring to create this kind of partnership with the business

school for a long time and was looking for the best opportunity," Sriram said. "I think we are passing a tipping point as more in the university community are interested in connecting what happens inside and outside of the classroom for students."

As the ninth Living-Learning Center at Baylor, the program is a stepping-stone in the university's goal to have 50 percent of the student population living on campus by 2012. The campus currently houses roughly 40 percent.

"The excitement and energy around these programs is growing rapidly," Sriram said. "These programs bring faculty, staff and students together for one purpose: to enhance student learning."



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than ever before," said Terri Garrett, director for Campus Living and Learning.

Not only has the quantity of students increased, the retention rate of undergraduate students has improved as well, according to the institute's statistics. The fall 2008 to spring 2009 rate increased to 95.2 percent from the fall 2007 to spring 2008 retention rate of 94.9 percent.

On the other hand, freshmen retention rates fell from 95.1

percent last year to this year's 94.5 percent retention rate.

Though overall retention rate percentages from recent years to present continue to rise, staff and campus departments maintain working vigorously to assure continued improvement in figures.

"An increase in spring enrollment next year would indicate an increase in retention, which is of course is our goal," Ramey said. "Work will continue across the campus in academic colleges and schools and in administrative departments to help students succeed."

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After reading an editorial about gospel music by Darden that ran in the New York Times, the businessman decided to invest in Darden's dream.

"When we preserve these songs our No. 1 goal is to get the best sound off of the record," Tadey said. "We want to capture every little sound—the clicks, the scratches—that's all a part of the sound for that particular record. The soul comes through so clear in every performance."

They have digitized over 1,500 items and around 5,000 individual songs. Full songs are accessible on campus.

Another rare recovery is the sermon of the Rev. C.L. Franklin, father of legendary singer Aretha Franklin.

"As far as I know, it's the first recording of him. It's over eight 78s, which are even older than 45s, of him preaching one sermon. He was so enormously influential in the Civil Rights movement," Darden said.

Dark Water Below Us

Darden's work with gospel music doesn't just stop with his music restoration project.

He worked as the gospel music editor for Billboard Magazine for 12 years.

Recently, he's been writing a new book, tentatively titled "Dark Water Below Us: Black Sacred Music and the Civil Rights Movement," and received a grant from the oral history department to spend the summer traveling and conducting interviews about the influence of gospel music on the Civil Rights Movement.

"Dark water below us" is a line from the "Old Ship of Zion" song.

As far as the music restoration, Darden and Tadey are working with the library to raise money to extend the grant.

"What makes this worth it is seeing people tear up when they hear 'Old Ship of Zion,'" Darden said. "I know I've saved something that matters and that still touches people like few other kinds of music can."

Little Known Treasures

A strong voice swells from the speakers as Darden closes his eyes and sways to the a capella rhythm.

"Get on board if you want to see Jesus," he sings.

The song: Old Ship of Zion. The group: The Mighty Wonders. The work of this 1950s group has long been lost — until now, that is.

"We came across a copy of this little 45, probably the only one still in existence," Darden said. "The lead singer has a little bit of a lisp. It's not perfect. But the first time I heard this song, tears were in my eyes when it finished. They put everything they had into this one little two-and-a-half-minute song."

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