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Edwards talks stimulus package at forum

By Hayley Hibbert
Reporter

United States Rep. Chet Edwards, (D-Waco), spoke Thursday via videoteleconference from Washington, D.C. about his decision to support the stimulus package.

"The Global Business Forum's theme of 'Rebuilding

the Global Financial system' is very timely," Edwards said. "We are in a global economy, and we are facing some of the most significant challenges I've seen in my lifetime."

Edwards provided some statistics on the global economy as a result of the United States' financial crisis.

"As of January, the Interna-

tional Monetary Fund (IMF) has forecasted a 2.8% shrinkage in world trade this year, which is the first shrinkage in world trade since World War II," Edwards said.

Edwards recognized Americans' concerns with the state of the economy.

He addressed the seriousness of the situation, calling it

the most serious and longest economic recession since the Great Depression.

Edwards explained that the current recession has lasted longer than anyone would have expected.

"What is different about this than a typical economic business cycle recession is that, normally, lower mortgage rates

would help pull the economy out of a recession. In this case, the opposite has occurred. An increasing number of foreclosures and vacant housing is keeping us dragged down into the recession," Edwards said.

He hesitated when mentioning the number of people who lost their jobs in the last year because of the recession.

Of the 3.6 million Americans who have lost their jobs since December 2007, Edwards said 1.6 million of these have been lost in the last 90 days alone.

In order to demonstrate the severity of that number, Edwards told the audience to consider every man, woman,

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Spending plan reaches trillion under Obama

By Andrew Taylor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Trillion is the new billion.

No longer is it a billion here and a billion there that add up to real money. Swap a "t" for the "b" if you want a measure of what's at stake under President Barack Obama's first spending plan.

Obama charted a dramatic new course for the nation Thursday with a bold but contentious budget proposing higher taxes for the wealthy and the first steps toward guaranteed health care for all, accompanied by an astonishing \$1.75 trillion federal deficit that would be nearly four times the highest in history.

Denouncing what he called the "dishonest accounting" of recent federal budgets, Obama unveiled his own \$3.6 trillion blueprint for next year, a bold proposal that would transfer wealth from rich taxpayers to the middle class and the poor.

Congressional approval without major change is anything but sure. The plan is filled with political land mines including an initiative to combat global warming that would hit consumers with considerably higher utility bills. Other proposals would take on entrenched interests such as big farming, insurance companies and drug makers.

Obama blamed the expected federal deficit explosion on a "deep and destructive" recession and recent efforts to battle it including the Wall Street bailout and the just-passed \$787 billion stimulus plan. The \$1.75 trillion deficit estimate for this year is \$250 billion more than projected just days ago because of proposed new spending for a fresh bailout for banks and other financial institutions.

As the nation digs out of the most serious economic crisis in decades, Obama said, "We will,

each and every one of us, have to compromise on certain things we care about but which we simply cannot afford right now."

Signaling budget battles to come, Republicans were skeptical Obama was doing without much at all.

"We can't tax and spend our way to prosperity," said House GOP leader John Boehner of Ohio. "The era of big government is back, and Democrats are asking you to pay for it."

Obama plans to move aggressively toward rebalancing the tax system, extending a \$400 tax credit for most workers, \$800 for couples, while letting expire President George W. Bush's tax cuts for couples making more than \$250,000 a year. That would raise the top income tax bracket from 35 percent to 39.6 percent for those taxpayers and raise their capital gains rate from 15 percent to 20 percent as well.

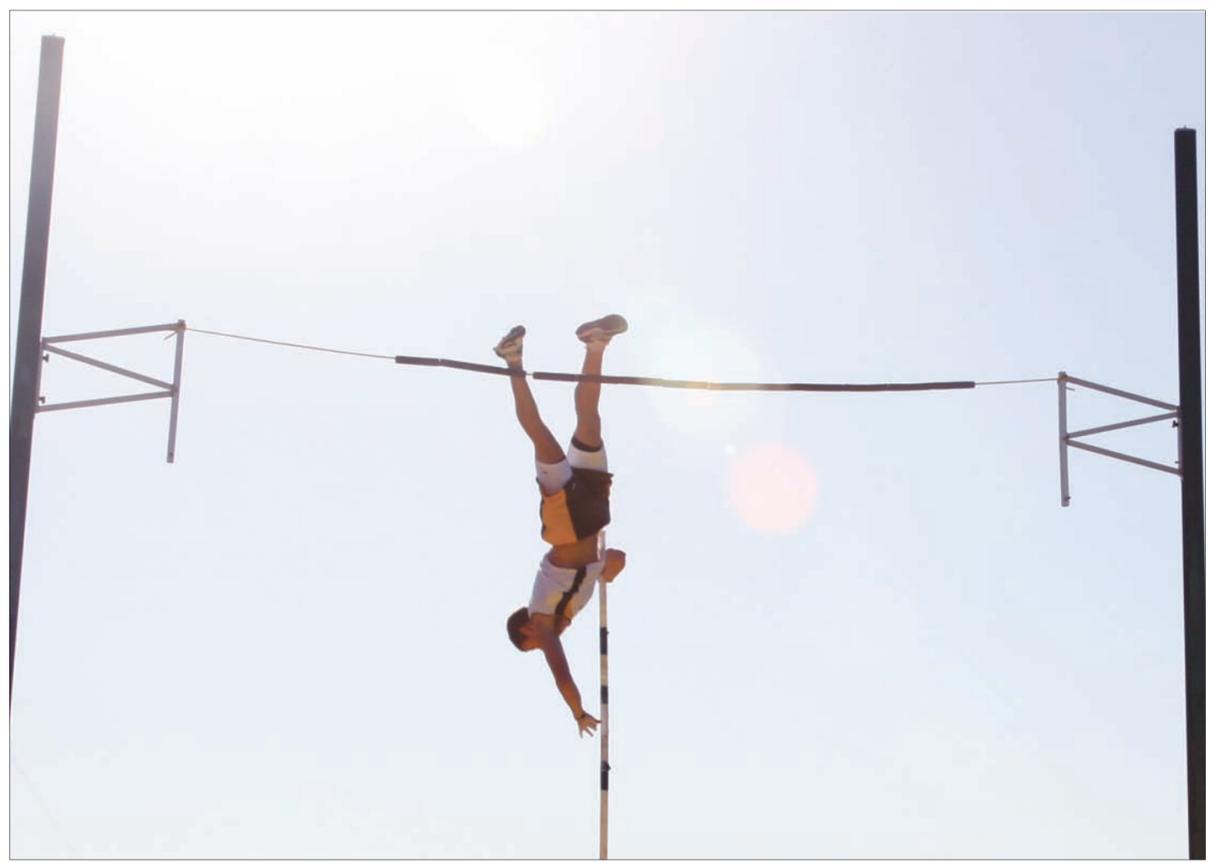
Thursday's 134-page budget submission, a nonbinding recommendation to Congress, says the plan would close the deficit to a more reasonable, but still eye-popping, \$533 billion after five years. That would still be higher than last year's record \$455 billion deficit.

And the national debt would more than double by the end of the upcoming decade, raising worries that so much federal borrowing could drive up interest rates and erode the value of the dollar.

Also, to narrow the budget gap, Obama relies on rosier predictions of economic growth, including a 3.2 percent boost in the economy next year, than most private sector economists foresee.

There is already resistance from Democrats who are upset with the budget's plan to curb

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A pole vaulter on the Baylor track team vaults over the bar during a practice session. The Baylor track and field team are set to travel to College Station for the Big 12 Championship. Last year the Bears took home five Big 12 titles in Lincoln, Neb. The championship will begin on Feb. 27 thru the 28 at the Gilliam Indoor Track and Field Stadium.

Flying to the championship

Track and field head to College Station to compete in Big 12 championship

By Julie Sessions
Reporter

The Baylor track and field team travels to College Station this weekend for the 2009 Big 12 Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Last year, the Bears won five Big 12 titles at the championships in Lincoln, Neb., and this weekend they look to

claim even more.

"This is by far the best team we've had since I've been here, and we're definitely going to try the best we can to win the team title in College Station," senior Quentin Iglehart-Summers said. "I've been getting a little faster every week in the races that I've wanted to so hopefully, I'll be ready to drop those big times this weekend."

Last year, the men's 4x400-meter relay team won first in the event with a time of 3:06.96, its second fastest of the season.

While the Bears were without their anchor Summers at

the 2008 championships, this year the San Antonio native looks to lead the men's team to substantial victory ground.

"I think as a whole, our team is pretty good, and we've definitely got a shot at getting the top three," Summers said. "If we go out there and hit all our q's and take care of what we've got to take care of, we can hit all our cylinders and win."

Individually, members of the men's team in other relays also look to set big marks.

"I don't want to go through any race thinking I can't win it, and I think I'm in good enough shape to win (the 800-meter relay) or finish in the

top three," junior Chris Gowell said. "We've been training really hard for this, and with Texas A&M being a rival for us, it's obviously going to be very competitive."

A distinct rivalry and competitiveness that carries to the women's side, too.

"Of course, A&M would be my personal favorite to beat and I think almost everyone would agree with that," sophomore sprinter Tiffany Townsend said. "There's no personal vendetta ... but I think our team as a whole is going to go in to this strong

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Stephen Green/Lariat Staff

San Antonio freshman Nik Thudium runs on a treadmill Thursday night in the McLane Student Life Center. The third annual Know Your Body IQ week will begin Monday and continue through Thursday.

Weeklong events promote wellness

By Trent Goldston
Reporter

The third annual Baylor University Know Your Body IQ Week will begin Monday and continue through Thursday.

The event will feature several speakers and offer many opportunities to learn more about the consequences of eating disorders and also to raise awareness.

According to Van Davis, assistant director for Campus Recreation Fitness, this year's Know Your Body IQ Week could be the biggest yet.

"Several of the events last

year had more than 300 people participate," said Davis. "With many sororities offering points to those who attend, we expect to bring out a lot of people."

The first event of the week will be the "Trash the Fat Talk" walk, which is co-sponsored by the Delta Delta Delta sorority. The walk will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, on the Baylor Cub Trail which is located in the field behind the science building. This event will help to raise awareness of body image and eating issues to members of the Baylor community.

"Society pushes images that are so unhealthy. They are on

the radio, television and all around us," said Dr. Randal Boldt, a staff psychologist at the Baylor Counseling Center.

According to Boldt, the walk will make participants more aware of how they add to that pressure. The second event is titled "Diagnosing and Treating Eating Disorders and Related Body Image Issues." Speaking will be David Rogers of Remuda Ranch. Remuda Ranch is Christian inpatient facility which has treated nearly 9,000 individuals with eating disorders since 1990. Rogers will be flying in from Virginia for this event. According to

Rogers, eating disorders have become a serious crisis.

"It's a rampant issue, 7 million women and 1 million men currently suffer ... the way our society is going, breeds these types of problems ... we are becoming an empty culture," said Rogers.

According to Rogers, Know Your Body IQ Week is a big step in the right direction.

"It is great that Baylor is being proactive ... a week like this is exactly what is needed to turn the tide," Rogers said.

On Tuesday at Waco Hall,

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Internship at church valuable to growth of faith

The past two summers, I interned at my church working with children.

I had a peace about taking both of those jobs, but I didn't know why.

However, as a children's and preschool intern, I've seen a lot of the inner workings of children's ministry.

I don't remember much about church as a child, other than coloring the bulletin during "big church." But I'm somehow familiar with obscure Old Testament stories and I know all of those pesky little songs that kids love to learn. ("Who did swallow Jo Jo Jo Jo?") As a preschool intern, I became reac-

quainted with all of this, and I realized how very much my Sunday School days impacted me. I also realized some other things:

First, we all have a spiritual element about us, a part that desires to connect to our Creator, even at age three.

Second, a lot of what we teach kids, teenagers and adults from the pulpit is moralism.

The church tells kids: "You should honor your father and mother. You should treat others how you want to be treated. You should tell the truth."

Not much changes as an adult: "Thou shalt not drink when you're underage. Thou

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BY JENNA WILLIAMSON

shalt not sleep with your girlfriend. Thou shalt not lie to your parents."

I learned all of these in church, at some point. And, yes, I believe that all of these are scriptural.

This is what gets me. Christianity is so much more than these isolated "shalts" and "shalt nots." Christianity is

about having identity in Jesus Christ.

This was a huge slap in the face my freshman year of college, when I truly realized, for the first time, that God was OK with imperfection. The church is full of people who struggle, who stumble, who fall, who fail. Misfits. Imperfect people. And every one is beloved.

As a friend put it, maybe the church is just teaching our kids what we know. Maybe adults have never experienced anything more than the "shall nots," so this is what they pass on.

That's what happened with me. And perhaps this is why I was put in that intern position.

Maybe God wanted me to be intimately involved with the church so He could break my heart.

I want to say, to the little girl whose favorite color is pink, that pink is on this earth because God knew her heart, and he knew that it would bring her joy.

I believe the church should be about introducing kids to the Creator of the Universe, even from infancy.

I want kids to know that He loves them beyond belief and to see that He's in every part of their lives. He made the color pink just for them.

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loves them beyond belief and to see that He's in every part of their lives.

The Village Church in Dallas has this vision. Their preschool ministry centers on teaching children five fundamental truths: God made everything, He's in charge of everything, He sent Jesus to save us, He wants to talk with us and He is good.

What a beautiful thing for the church to hope for. I think moralism can be woven beautifully into those truths as kids grow up. But I love that it isn't the point.

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Editorial

Indulgences are outdated practice

Several Roman Catholic parishes in our country have regrettably revived the practice of issuing indulgences as part of a larger campaign to encourage Catholics to be more concerned with their spirituality.

Indulgences are full or partial excuses for punishment after a sin has been confessed to a priest. Historically, indulgences have been associated with pardoning or reducing time spent in purgatory.

The reintroduction of indulgences may inspire some Catholics to re-evaluate their spiritual life, but the negative connotations indulgences conjure should have dissuaded Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI from putting their stamp of approval on them in recent years. Overall, indulgences will hurt Catholicism, not help it.

According to a New York Times article, indulgences were most recently approved by Pope Benedict as part of the celebration of the Pauline year. The Pope declared the Pauline year, from June 28, 2008, to June 29, 2009, for the purpose of rediscovering the teachings and life of St. Paul. This issuance of indulgences will end when the Pauline year ends, but the Times article states the Pope has approved indulgences nine times in the last three years as part of church celebrations.

Indulgences first made their modern-day appearance in 2000, under the leadership

of Pope John Paul II, in observance of the church entering its third millennium of operation. He also declared indulgences in 2004 and 2005 for the year of the Eucharist. Indulgences have been offered a total of 12 times since 2000.

With all these separate issuances, non-Catholics may perceive that the religion is resorting back to the Medieval Catholic church. After all, the formal title of Martin Luther's 95 Theses is "Disputation of Martin Luther on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences." Medieval Catholicism is assumedly something the Church would want to put behind them. The Spanish Inquisition and the Crusades brought human rights violations the Church would probably rather not draw attention to. It's curious that Catholic leaders are promoting something reminiscent of their darkest hour.

But the indulgences of today are very different from those of Medieval times. Indulgences can no longer be bought. According to the Web site of the Diocese of Brooklyn, a parish which offers indulgences, the requirements for obtaining an indulgence are that a Catholic receives Holy Communion, goes to confession, prays for the Holy Father and part from sin and temptation.

The Church's motive in issuing indulgences, according to sources quoted in the Time's



article, was to remind Catholics of the importance of acknowledging sin and repenting for it. The reduction of time in purgatory has been downplayed, according to the Times article.

Catholics should on their own choose to go to confession

because they recognize their sins and desire to truly atone. They shouldn't be motivated simply because the award of an indulgence makes it more appealing. So why would the Catholic church not launch a different type of campaign?

Why even mention the word "indulgence" again?

The reinstatement is a dated solution to a problem that needs a modern-day, innovative strategy to truly raise awareness of sin and reconnect people with their religion and their God.

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Christian music more than wrinkled noses, stereotypes

I often find myself in a predicament when my forgetfulness and my music addiction combine. I get a melody in my head but can't remember the lyrics and therefore, can't get it out. The problem part of this comes when no one else around me knows the song, which happens a lot since I mostly listen to Christian music.

There are plenty of misconceptions about Christian music that need to be dispelled. Too many stereotypes keep music listeners from recognizing its benefits. Just the name "Christian music" seems to receive rolled eyes and wrinkled noses.

"That genre is not my style," I sometimes hear or "I get enough

hymns at church, thanks."

Those who aren't familiar with Christian music may be surprised to learn that the main difference between Christian and secular music is mainly the message. From a technical musical standpoint, Christian music like secular music can be divided into country, rock, pop, rap, hip-hop and R&B.

Sure, the industry is not as diverse as the mainstream market in every style, but with the Internet making music easier to share without the corporate interests of traditional record companies, unique artists have a much greater chance of getting noticed.

With Christian music, listeners come away feeling like

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BY JENNA DEWITT

they can endure their struggles and overcome their problems. Though there is some secular music that brings hope to listeners, too much secular music says that things will never change or that listeners should be angry when life goes downhill.

Neither Christian nor secular musicians are immune to the pressure and emotional strain of being in the music

industry. Despite believing they were called by God to minister through music, Christian artists suffer burn-out, contract disagreements, homesickness and writer's block.

Secular artists cite these stresses as an excuse for their legal problems, moral mishaps and tragedies.

Christian artists, however, have a calling to inspire others and live set apart from the worldly ways of their mainstream celebrity counterparts. They don't let their struggles become a weakness, but use them as a way to minister and relate to their listeners.

It's refreshing to see artists that live with purpose, knowing they are setting an example

for younger fans. The world needs more public figures that speak on setting boundaries and loving others rather than voicing their self-obsession and their right to live their lives as carelessly as they want to.

Christian artists are not only shaking the world's expectations of stars as people, but as musicians as well. As with secular radio hits, some Christian music can seem excessively repetitive and even predictable.

But artists such as teen favorite BarlowGirl and Waco's own David Crowder Band have been known to smash stereotypes with jazz, techno, bluegrass or even classical pieces like "Panis Angelicus" appearing on Bar-

lowGirl's 2008 release, Home for Christmas. Since their 2006 album, "B Collision," David Crowder Band's versatility has come to be expected by frequent listeners, making their music anything but boring.

If listeners explore Christian music beyond the "contemporary Christian" songs overplayed on their local radio station, they will discover new dimensions to the artists they thought they knew well.

These discoveries just might break the misconceptions and stereotypes that have kept large audiences away for too long.

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Man behind the music makes Sing happen

By Shanna Taylor
Reporter

Hundreds of people will stream to Waco Hall to watch All-University Sing this weekend, but few of them will see Jason Young. He'll be there, down in the orchestra pit, hidden from view, doing his best to make sure the show goes smoothly—a show that would be quite different without him.

Young is the man behind the music of all but one of this year's Sing acts. He has been an arranger, musician and consultant for 16 groups over the past year, and many others throughout his 19 years working with Sing.

It all started when he was a senior Music Education major at Baylor. He became a replacement arranger when a friend's group lost the one they had lined up.

"It took me 300 hours to arrange that first act. I just figured it out as I went along," he said. "I worked really hard, and the following year four groups asked me, and the year after that eight groups asked."

From that a single act he has gone on to arrange almost 250 acts.

He now spends closer to 60 hours on each act, and wrote 118 songs for this year alone, covering every genre and style, from Carmina Burana to Dragonforce.

Young said his involvement with an act often begins nearly a year in advance of the final performances, when groups begin tossing around themes and ideas for the acts to be produced the following spring. He said he comes in as an independent arranger hired by the groups, and not affiliated with Baylor in any way.

"Sometimes groups will bring him in during the process of picking a theme and say, 'These are our ideas, and these are the songs that we're thinking about with each of our ideas. What do you think about the way these songs go together?'" said Ryan Brinson, last year's Sing president and head Sing chair for Sing Alliance. "It's not really what do you think about each of these acts, but which of these do you think would be the easiest and the best to arrange in the most productive way."

After discussing what music fits a theme, and how the act will be structured, Young said he returns to his studio to record all of the music, picking the music out by ear from CD and playing all of the instruments himself.

Throughout the process he and the Sing chairs stay in communication, constantly tweaking the music, working to stay

within time constraints and make sure the songs are in the right key for singers said Brinson.

"What's great about him is that when we would tell him 'This is what we're looking for,' he would come back with exactly what we were looking for and then some," Brinson said. "He would give it that extra 'umph' that you couldn't anticipate."

After the final CD has been produced Young said he returns to his studio in Austin to write the extensive scores and sheet music for the band, which this year amounted to 508 pages.

"I think that Jason's contribution is significant because he takes the vision of the students and puts it down on paper as music," said Keith Frazee, coordinator for student productions.

"He is incredibly talented, has a heart for students and loves



Shanna Taylor/Lariat Staff

Jason Young, the man behind the music of Sing, plays the piano Wednesday night in the Waco Hall orchestra pit during a dress rehearsal for Sing.

Baylor. All that makes him great to work with," Frazee said.

Young said love is what keeps him coming back every year, despite the lonely hours of studio work, and the heartbreak of when things don't go right because of technical problems.

"I love it," he said. "I have found what I love to do. Very few people are fortunate enough to find a job that is uniquely designed around their talents and their strengths. Do what you love and you'll never work a day in your life."

Men, Women's basketball face tough weekend games

By Joe Holloway
and Brian Bateman
Sports writer and editor

Women face UT at Austin

The No. 6-ranked Baylor women's basketball team will travel to Austin for a rematch with No. 16 University of Texas at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Frank Irwin Center.

The Lady Bears shot a mere 31.3 percent from the field in the two teams' first meeting, a 58-55 road upset by the Longhorns in the Ferrell Center Feb. 1. Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said that while the loss was disappointing, it wasn't any more so than any other defeat.

"It was probably a shock to a lot of people," Mulkey said, referencing the teams' records and rankings leading up to the game. "I'm never shocked in this business."

While revenge was perhaps too strong a word, junior post Danielle Wilson did admit that the Lady Bears' loss to the Longhorns would probably play in her thoughts leading up to the game.

"I think you know in the back of your mind that they beat you on your home court," she said. "You're going to take that into consideration."

Despite losing to the Longhorns at home, Baylor has beat every Big 12 team that has beat Texas this season, except for No. 2 Oklahoma, though Mulkey said she wouldn't look too much at Texas' games against those teams.

"We now have access, through

conference rules, where you can see just about any game that's played," she said, but added that what works for those teams might not work for Baylor. "You don't change anything. What it boils down to, this time of year especially, is just making plays. That's usually going to be the difference in games."

Mulkey said the Lady Bears would take what they've been doing and maybe make a few adjustments or tweaks at the most.

"We've already played each other," she said. "We know just about as much as you can know about each other."

One team that dealt Texas a loss, though early in the season, was the Texas Tech Lady Raiders.

Texas won the second meeting of the two teams decidedly when they faced one another again in Austin, 77-46. However, the Lady Bears have beat the Lady Raiders in both of their games this year, including Wednesday night's 83-53 blowout in the Ferrell Center.

According to Mulkey, the Lady Bears will try to have much of the same energy and aggressiveness against the Longhorns as they did against the Lady Raiders, particularly from sophomore Kelli Griffin at the point guard position.

"It starts with Kelli," she said. "Let's hope Kelli continues the way she played (Wednesday) night."

After the Texas Tech win, Mulkey said that Griffin played with a contagious enthusiasm that the rest of the team picked

up. "I thought we came out of the gates like racehorses," she said. "We've got to keep doing that. She just took off and everybody ran with her."

It was also announced Wednesday that Wilson has been named to the mid-season Naismith Award list. The award is annually given to the women's college basketball player of the year.

"It's an honor," Wilson said before shifting the attention elsewhere. "It's my coaches and my teammates that give me the ball so I can't take credit for that."

Men face Colorado at home

The Baylor men will face the

University of Colorado at 3 p.m. Saturday, a squad that knocked them off in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament last year.

"Colorado's not coming in to lose," assistant coach Matthew Driscoll said. "They were the first team ever for a 12 (seed) to beat a 5 (seed). We beat them up there (in Boulder, Colo.) handily. There's an embarrassment to us right there in the Big 12 Tournament."

The Bears (16-11, 4-9) are coming off a loss the Oklahoma State University last Saturday, while the Buffaloes (9-18, 1-12) are seeking their second conference win of the year.

Sophomore guard Cory Higgins leads the Buffaloes with 17.3 points per game and 5.6 rebounds per game, but Colo-

rado still ranks last in Big 12 offensive production.

Driscoll, who filled in for head coach Scott Drew at a Thursday press conference, noted the importance of sophomore guard Lace Darius Dunn's contribution to the offense.

"In his last couple of games, he's made two's," Driscoll said, but added how important it was for him to make 3-pointers. "The best thing about him is that he doesn't have to take them on the line. He can shoot deeper."

Defensively, the Bears and Buffaloes are both in the bottom slots in field goal defense, but Colorado's Higgins leads the Big 12 in steals.

That might prove trouble for the Bears, who average 12.5 turnovers per game.

Sports Online

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No. 10 Baylor men's tennis will play No. 9 Mississippi at 3 p.m. today at the Baylor Tennis Center. Free Dr Pepper floats will be available to fans before the Top 10 match.

The No. 6 Baylor baseball team heads to Houston for the Houston College Classic. Texas A&M, California-Urvine, Houston, UCLA, and Rice will all compete.

The Baylor softball team will face three squads in the QTI Invitational at Gettnerman Stadium. The Lady Bears are on a six-game winning streak.

The women's basketball team will head to Austin at 2 p.m. Saturday for a rematch with Texas.

The men's basketball team will face Colorado at 3 p.m. Saturday, and travel to Austin Monday.

BEAR BRIEFS

The Baylor University Jazz Ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m. today at the Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. The concert is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, call the School of Music at 710-3991.

The Global Business Forum continues with the viewing of "Money Never Sleeps" at 2:30 p.m. today on the 5th floor of Cashion Academic Center. The film will make sense of the complicated world of high finance and profile people who keep money moving.

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and confident.”
In addition to the Aggies, Baylor will be facing some tough competition from the best of the best in the Big 12, including the University of Texas, Texas Tech University and the University of Nebraska.
“We beat a lot of these teams at the New York meet three weeks ago ... so it's going to be a good meet,” head coach

Todd Harbour said. “The A&M women's team is ranked No. 1 in the nation right now and we almost beat them in New York, so I think we definitely have a chance to score pretty well against them.”
At the New Balance Collegiate Invitational earlier this month, the men's 4x400 took first, while the women's squad took second overall.
Both squads took third place at the Texas A&M Invitational last weekend in College Sta-

tion, and currently Townsend ranks No. 1 in the Big 12 in the women's 200-meters.
“(Everyone) is going down to College Station to not only perform well individually, but take a shot at winning those conference titles as well,” Harbour said. “We're going to perform at a very, very high level ... and we're healthy and ready to go.”
The action begins today in College Station at the Gilliam Indoor Track Stadium.

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the ability of wealthier people to reduce their tax bills through deductions for mortgage interest, charitable contributions and state and local taxes.
That tax hike would raise \$318 billion over the upcoming decade toward a down payment on Obama's high-priority universal health care plan. Cuts to the Medicare and Medicaid federal health programs would

supply an additional \$316 billion, but that still wouldn't provide enough money to guarantee coverage for all, and Obama wants Congress to come up with hundreds of billions of dollars in additional hard-to-raise revenues to pay for the rest.
Then there is the proposed clampdown on the Pentagon budget, which would get a 4 percent boost, to \$534 billion next year, but would then get increases of 2 percent or less

over the next several years. Domestic programs favored by Democrats would, on average, receive a 7 percent boost over regularly appropriated levels, even as many agencies are already swimming in cash from the just-enacted economic stimulus plan.
Taken together, Obama's plan contains so many difficult-to-digest ideas that it's virtually certain to be significantly redrafted during debates later this year.

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and child living in Waco. Multiply that number by 13, and that's how many people have become jobless in the last three months.
Edwards explained his decision to support the \$789 billion stimulus package, as well as the Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP), which allows the government to purchase assets and equity from financial institutions to strengthen the economy.
“I felt that the risk of inaction was greater than taking a chance,” Edwards said.
He followed up with a breakdown of how the stimulus package will be spent.
“Of the \$789 billion, 36 percent will be in the form of tax cuts,” he said. “Eighteen percent will be given to states and localities, preventing them from major layoffs and 14 percent will go to infrastructure investments, for roads and modernizing hospital systems. Texas gets \$2.4 billion. Schools will receive 6.4 percent, 5.8 percent goes toward new energy policies, and 18.8 percent will help struggling middle class families.”

market for recent college graduates.
“I see a room full of eager students, and I wonder why no one is talking about their challenges when they graduate,” she said.
Edwards offered no solution, but said, “We need to get education right. We are competing with nations where people earn \$2 a day. We must assure our bright students get an education and go to college.”
Georgetown alumna Nicole Hanson-Emerson said, “As a recent graduate looking to find a job, it was disheartening that Edwards couldn't say when the job market will get better.”
With all of the policies the United States is implementing, Dr. Stephen Gardner, director of the McBride Center for International Business and chair of the forum, says it is important to maintain a free and open trading system with the rest of the world.
“We are launching into a difficult time in this political economy,” Gardner said. “The challenge for our policymakers at the national level will be to pursue policies that encourage international trade.”
Edwards reiterated the crisis' global impact, and said that the decisions the United States makes during this time will shape how the rest of the world conducts business.
“For better or for worse, the United States impacts the economic situations of the rest of the world,” Edwards said. “The president is working on a program that will reassure American workers that trade is vital for the health of our economies and our individual families.”
In closing, Edwards made it clear that while recessions are temporary, it is difficult to tell what direction the economy will take if policies are not implemented quickly.
“Americans are resilient, strong, and innovative,” Edwards said. We have a good market system, and a stronger democracy than most nations in the world. However, we face a serious recession that could get worse if we take no action.”

Edwards said he is unsure if the stimulus package and TARP funding will be enough, but said that the Congressional Budget Office predicted that the growth will be 2.5 to 3.5 percent greater in the next year than it would have been without the packages.
Edwards suggests several key success factors Americans must meet in order to get the economy back on stable footing.
Restructuring long-term deficits is necessary so that interest rates don't skyrocket in the future.
The United States must decrease its dependence on foreign energy sources, and it must more effectively regulate its financial institutions, he said.
Life-long Waco resident Dolores Carter said that experts have failed to mention the job

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there will be a theatrical performance titled “Eaten Alive”.
The presenter, Eva Van Dok, is a Broadway actress who will be portraying 5 women struggling to cope with eating disorders.
Van Dok is a recovered anorexic/bulimic and has been touring college campuses with this presentation since 2002. The performance will be from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

“I am hoping that we will fill Waco Hall,” said Davis, “this program is not only really funny, but the students are sure to be deeply affected by the message.”
According to Davis, for the first time, Know Your Body IQ Week will feature an event designed for men.
From noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, there will be a presentation by Keith Frazee, coordinator of Baylor Student Productions.
The speech is titled, “Your

Mirror is a Liar: Male Body Image and the unattainable Superman.”
According to Boldt, this event is important because body image problems for men are sometimes misunderstood and underestimated. There will be free pizza for the first 50 participants.
From 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday will be the, “Eat Well- Live Well” presentation and cooking demonstration.
Leading the event will be Regina Martin, and Monica

Serra, both of whom are registered dietitians.
The event will be held at the Family Consumer Sciences Building and will offer free food sampling and healthy goody bags for all participants.
All week long there will be other activities offered at the McLane Student Life Center lounge.
For more information, there will be resource tables available at the McLane Student Life Center and in the Bill Daniel Student Union lobby.

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