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BU joins service learning initiative

By JENNA THOMPSON
REPORTER

Baylor became a member of the Texas Campus Coalition this fall joining more than 60 universities and colleges around the state to establish service learning and civic engagement.

Texas Campus Coalition is part of a national organization that helps colleges come together to reach out to their communities and establish programs that combine service and learning, said Baylor service coordinator Marianne Magjuka.

Magjuka played a key role in getting Baylor to join the Texas Campus Coalition.

"I'm just so energized and encouraged by the passion that students have. It seems like so many different types of student groups have come together around issues of social justice," she said. "Now with us joining Texas Campus Compact, it's creating this environment where students can really feel empowered and like they have a voice to address these issues."

Service learning involves a student applying his or her knowledge to help the community Magjuka said. This way the student is gaining experience in their field of discipline and helping others at the same time.

"The focus for us this year is going to be creating resources that support faculty that want to do service learning and creating ways that would encourage faculty to try service learning in their courses," Magjuka said.

Austin Community College is an active member of the coalition. In April 2008, ACC was awarded a \$102,040 grant from Gov. Rick Perry to fund an Action Community Impact program where students mentored at local high schools in math, science, technology and engineering. Texas Tech, University of Texas in Austin and Rice University are also members of the coalition.

Joining Texas Campus Coalition has put Baylor in the position to further develop its service sector. One example of

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Protester and The National 912 Project member Arvid Mosnes stands with his homemade sign in Waco's Indian Spring Park Thursday, during the local tea party protest. He hopes to create a third national party that is independent of our two party system.

SARAH GROMAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Protesters let off steam at local tea party

By LAURA REMSON
STAFF WRITER

Waco's Indian Spring Park was the site of the Waco Tea Party Thursday afternoon, drawing a crowd of hundreds to the Brazos riverside.

These events are in protest of the current administration's actions as well as current reforms under consideration in Congress. Many protesters see current actions as too much government involvement in the lives of American citizens. The topic of healthcare was inevitably one of the hot button issues at the protest. With many of the participants above their thirties, many fear that reform could mean a loss of benefits and ease in receiving treatment.

Signs at the event had messages such as "Impeach Obama," "No Obama, I have My God," and "Socialism, No Obamacare." In light of many other similar protests, a group called the Tea Party Express is crossing the nation, stopping in 34 cities over 16 days. The bus tour will end at the national 09.12.09 Taxpayer March on D.C.

Arvid Mosnes, a protestor from Grand Junction, Colo., came not to protest for one particular party, but with hopes for a third national liberty party. He works with the organization The National 912 Project, a group that group aims to return to its constitution and the principles and values of their founders.

"[The Government] swears on the Bible to uphold the constitution. They are going above and beyond," Mosnes said.

He also compared the actions of Congress to those of Hugo Chavez in Venezuela and Robert Mugabe, the president of Zimbabwe. He said administration's actions against the Constitution are parallel to the Vikings' violent history towards women. Mosnes joined the Tea Party Express on its fifth day in Albuquerque and plans to continue on to the Taxpayer March on D.C.

"I see this as a last chance for a peaceful resolution," Mosnes said. A surprising visitor to the Waco Tea Party was none other than American President Thomas Jefferson. Walt Lewis, an actor from Bosque County, portrays Jefferson, among other characters, for events. He had previously participated in another tea party event and was asked to speak at the Waco Tea Party.

During his part in the presentation, Lewis spoke a few of Jefferson's lines. "The words of Thomas Jefferson fit this event," Lewis said.

Kevin Jackson, another speaker at the Waco Tea Party and author of "The Big Black Life; How I Learned the Truth About the Democrat Party", gave his thoughts at the event.

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Graduate school council self-evaluates policies

By KELSEY MOHR
REPORTER

From the moment freshmen step onto the Baylor campus, the expectations of academic integrity are stated explicitly. For entering graduate students, the issue is not always clear.

In an attempt to correct this oversight, a graduate council committee chaired by theology professor Dr. Barry Harvey, is exploring how graduate programs at other universities address students at the graduate level.

The bulk of the responses found that graduate schools tended to not have their own separate honor code, similar to the Baylor Graduate School.

When the graduate student catalog was reviewed, the committee found no specific mechanism to prevent academic dishonesty in Baylor's graduate school. The committee recommended addressing this more explicitly in the catalog, as well as requiring some sort of tutorial or contract to prevent any misunderstanding of Baylor's stance on academic dishonesty.

The "big step in graduate students (is the) move from someone being mentored to someone who does research on their own," Harvey said.

Last spring, Harvey's committee advocated the creation of a separate graduate honors council.

The acceptance of an honor code and academic accountability that are more specific to graduate level education have become more prevalent in universities across America. Harvard Business School has its recent student-initiated oath to

uphold ethical business practices and Columbia University introduced an honor code in 2007 for their graduate school of business. According to some, the accountability in graduate school is different at the undergraduate level than what is expected at the graduate level.

"At the undergraduate level it is pretty regimented," said Dr. Denny Kramer, assistant dean of the Graduate School. "(But in graduate school) you are probably plagiarizing because it was a choice. At the end of the day, you are accountable for your-

self."

Law and business graduate schools have been more vocal about academic integrity, but this leaves out so many other disciplines. The Graduate School, covering around 100 masters and doctorate degrees, has not concluded whether a holistic approach or a discipline-to-discipline approach would best, but there is agreement that more awareness and a proactive strategy would be best.

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Bears headed to battle Deacons

By KEVIN TAMER
SPORTS WRITER

The long-awaited college football season is finally here. Baylor kicks off the 2009 season against the Wake Forest Demon Deacons Saturday, in Winston-Salem, N.C.

This marks the second consecutive year in which the two teams open their seasons against each other.

Last year, Baylor committed five turnovers, which contributed to a 41-13 loss to the Demon Deacons. However, defensive back Jordan Lake believes the second time around will be different.

"Whenever you're playing a team for a second time, it gives you more confidence because you know what to expect," Lake said. "Watching film is one thing, but when you've played them before it is totally different. Last year it was our first game and some people played a little

timid, but we are more comfortable now and that will make a big difference."

The Bears are up against a Wake Forest team that finished the 2008 season with an 8-5 overall record and 4-4 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. They capped off the season with a 29-19 win over the Navy in the EagleBank Bowl, which marked their third consecutive bowl appearance.

One of the biggest questions head coach Jim Grobe and Wake Forest face is whether the defense can regroup after losing seven starters from the 2008 roster. The Demon Deacons enter season without linebacker Aaron Curry who was the fourth overall pick in the NFL draft and cornerback Alphonso Smith, a second round selection who recorded seven interceptions during his senior year.

In addition, the defense lost Stanley Arnoux and Chip Vaughn who were also drafted in the first four rounds.

While the defense is in the rebuilding stage, Wake Forest's offense must pick up the slack. Quarterback Riley Skinner is back and has proven to be one of the most accurate passers in college football. The fourth-year starter is coming off a 2008 season in which he completed nearly 64 percent of his passes for 2,347 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Joining Skinner in the backfield will be a rotation of two solid running backs, Brandon Pendergrass and Josh Adams. Pendergrass is the team's leading rusher with 528 yards while Adams ranks fifth in career rushing yards among active ACC rushers with 1,355. In addition, on Deacons return five projected starters on the offensive line who combined for 92 career starts. While there might be some concern after losing both starting wide receivers D.J. Boldin and Chip Brinkman, the Demon Deacons will rely on Marshall Williams and former

quarterback Skylar Jones to tally up the receptions.

As for the Bears, they have come along way since the two teams' last meeting. Wake Forest must find a way to stop a much more experienced Robert Griffin, who made his rookie debut against the Deacons after replacing Kirby Freeman during the Bears' fourth offensive series.

Since then, Griffin has emerged as one of the most dangerous quarterbacks in college football. Griffin finished the 2008 season with a 59.9 completion percentage, 15 touchdowns and 846 rushing yards.

For a Bears team that has lost six of its last seven season openers, getting a win on the road this Saturday will build a strong foundation for the rest of the season, according to senior center J.D. Walton.

"This game is huge, because

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JED DEAN | PHOTO EDITOR

The Baylor line sang traditional songs led by the Spirit Squad and Chamber and then joined the football team in the new practice facility for a few more sic'ems.

Capital offers learning, exposure

Point of View



BY EMILY HAMMON

My first day of negotiating the Washington D.C. traffic left me asking myself, "What made me think I could do this!" Although I confess I wanted to turn around and go back to my small town where no one honks and very few people are in any kind of hurry, I'm very glad I didn't.

My internship with the conservative think tank Eagle Forum proved to be more than I could ever have imagined.

Learning the back-stories of the individuals who shape the future of legislation proved to be the most fascinating part of my job.

One of these individuals was Eagle Forum's founder, Phyllis Schlafly, who began influencing congressional thinking in the 1960s by visiting each congressman's office with homemade loaves of bread to garner their attention. She has since helped to build a powerful organization that is well respected.

I was able to meet many people that have influenced the course of world events. The recounting of events by a surviving protester of the 1989 uprising against communism in China was especially touching and gripping.

Previously, Tiananmen Square in China had been only a mention in the history books accompanied by a powerful photograph of a student blocking tanks with his body. The personal story of Dr. Wang Dan's efforts to organize the student uprising was fascinating to hear and brought history alive for me.

An emotional surprise was announced during the Dr. Wang Dan's speech. American supporters of the Chinese freedom fighters informed Dr. Wang Dan that they had secured donations and the volunteer skills of a leading orthopedic surgeon to repair the amputated legs of a Tiananmen Square protester. This injured protester was a former Chinese Olympic athlete who lost both his legs in the struggle for freedom.

The Chinese student-protests for freedom reminded me how precious and important our liberties should be regarded. Although now as a Harvard Professor Dr. Wang Dan and his fellow compatriots enjoy American freedoms, they continue to long for a democracy in their beloved China.

Not only did I have the remarkable opportunity to attend congressional meetings, write press releases, attend seminars, luncheons and coordinate the annual Collegian Summit, but, most amazingly, I was also able to witness history in the making.

I attended the Ronald Reagan statue unveiling in the Capitol rotunda. I watched as a frail Nancy Reagan lovingly reached out and stroked her beloved Ronnie's arm. I stood in close proximity to many of the leading figures of Congress.

I was very fortunate to witness the many events that transpired this summer in Washington D.C. I took walked away from my internship adding more than just a line on my resume.

I discovered that a Baylor Student can be as effective as any of the Ivy Leaguers that populate our nation's capital.

The people I met in D.C. inspired me to believe that I can make a difference in the direction of the country. Our lives can be as influential as we choose to make them.

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Baylor's campus master plan threatens student culture

Editorial

The Baylor campus development master plan has been in the works for years now, as a way to achieve the university's residential campus imperative.

This master plan has caused Baylor administration, in conjunction with real estate subcommittees, to think of the entire area around Baylor and look at its future development, according to Dr. Reagan Ramsower, vice president for finance and administration.

The fruits of this master plan were first realized last year in the form of a new grassy lot in front of Brooks Residential College, following the demolition of Pics & Gifts, UBS Bookstore and the Shell gas station.

This grassy area is a strategic part of the plan in that it is an attempt to make the corridor between Baylor and I-35 more aesthetically pleasing, since having establishments in that space diminishes visibility of the campus, according to Ramsower.

The goal is noble—most do not object to the university's beautification efforts. In fact, so much is done on a regular basis in the way of high-profile architecture, maintenance and landscaping that this only seems like the next step in making Baylor a masterpiece to those peering down from I-35.

However, there's another side to this that administration should consider.

The meaning of a residential campus is one where students can live, work and play, but as seen with the demolition of three establishments already, students are watching local businesses be pushed farther away, diminishing convenience and options.

To have a truly residential campus, students should have access to places within walking distance around the perimeter of the university and on the Baylor side of I-35.

In essence, the master plan, at least right now, seems like an effort to expand and sterilize the Baylor Bubble, at the expense of local businesses that may be convenient to students and a part of Baylor's history.

Not only did the three establishments make life a little easier for students, but also a 28-year history of serving Baylor students was lost with the relocation of Pics & Gifts.

Grass seems to be taking the place of some local student culture.

Although Ramsower did not confirm that the leases of the remaining businesses located between I-35 and the Baylor campus will not be renewed, he did state that the campus master plan calls for the entire area between the campus and I-35 to look like the grassy lots that now lie in front of Brooks residential college.

This area now includes Ihop, Subway and the adjoined Exxon gas

station. Three places frequented by students, faculty and staff.

The Fifth Street Subway is a popular place for students to eat, especially on Sundays, when freshman are forced to find dinner either at Chili's Too or off-campus restaurants because the dining halls are closed for dinner.

If Baylor is going to carry out the master plan and push local businesses away from the immediate perimeter of the university, there should at least be plans to build and provide transportation to other places of business around the area. Many students come to college without vehicles, and some find walking around in the surrounding area simply too unsafe.

Sure, the new DASH shuttle system will offer students the opportunity to visit locations downtown, but it only runs five days a week until 5:30 p.m., long before most college students even begin to think about dinner, much less make plans.

Ramsower did say, however, that once the master plan is fully realized, private investors and businesses will be encouraged to come in and develop. Even so, this may happen years after current businesses around campus are forced to close. Also, it does not solve the problem of losing local establishments that have been part of students' lives and the Baylor community for years.

A haircut in Waco spells disaster

Point of View



BY KEVIN TAMER

It takes approximately 30 days for the average human's hair to grow half an inch. However, it only takes 10 minutes for the average hairdresser to completely butcher your hair.

If you have ever had your haircut in Waco, you know exactly what I am talking about. It really is a ridiculous experience.

I have found that the problem is that no matter where you go, you always get the same type of person cutting your hair; the most apathetic person in the world. You sit in the chair and tell this person exactly what you want, but for some reason they choose not to listen.

You sit there cringing as you watch your self-confidence diminish with each snip of the scissors. You are screaming inside but you don't say a thing. When the nightmare is finally over, you find yourself staring in the mirror at the injustice you experienced at the hands of a complete stranger. However, the craziest part of the whole ordeal is that when it comes time for another haircut, we go back.

So that brings up the question, who's fault is it really? Albert Einstein once said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result."

But maybe it's not that I am insane,

maybe it's that I have too much faith in the common person. I have faith that maybe my next experience will be different. I know you get what you pay for, but if I shell out \$13, I expect a halfway decent haircut. All I ask is that the next person who cuts my hair, respects these few things:

First, when I say an inch, I mean an inch.

The last time I checked, an inch is 2.54 cm., it is not "whatever you feel like cutting off." I know there are no hash marks on your fingers, but come on. Inches are everywhere. Obviously I don't expect you to be perfect, but when I say an inch and receive a third grade summer buzz cut instead, we have a problem.

You don't work at Play-Doh Mop Top Hair Shop. You can't just cut away and expect some new hair to shoot out of my head. You are cutting real hair, on

a real person that has to go to class Monday.

Secondly, please do not make small talk.

You've made it pretty clear that you don't care about my physical appearance, why would I want to talk to you about my plans for the weekend? I'll tell you what I'm doing this weekend: I'm probably making a three-hour drive back home to my mom's hairdresser to try and fix this disaster you

call a haircut.

No, I would not like to talk to you and further distract you while you continue to butcher my hair. All I care about is the fact that you are in the process of giving me a chili bowl and I am too much of a softy to confront you about it.

Lastly, don't assume anything, just ask.

There is no room for presumption in your profession. If I wanted a mullet or a Nike Swoosh shaved in the back of my head, I would have asked for one, but I didn't. You can't assume I will be OK with your creativity. With that being said, when it comes time for a major haircut decision just ask me what I think. Because once those scissors cut my hair, there's no going back.

Kevin Tamer is a junior journalism major from Colleyville and a sports writer for the Lariat

Lariat Letters

Upperclassmen should explore parking options

After reading the article about the decline in student parking, I have to say that I was disappointed by the point of view that was shared. I don't understand how it would make better sense to prevent certain students from being able to park on campus in order to do "what's best" for the student body.

The fact that freshmen live on campus should be more than enough justification to allow them all to have parking spaces, if they so choose.

Wouldn't it make more sense for the people who live off campus to explore the other options available to them when it comes to getting to and from school?

For example, those of us who live in the neighborhoods around Baylor should try walking to school rather than driving everyday. Not only would this free up spaces for the people that live further away, as well as the freshman who need a place to store their car, but this would be better for the environment and could even be considered exercise.

Another option would be to take the B.U.S., especially for people who live in places like The Outpost or University Parks apartments where the B.U.S. comes around every 15 minutes to pick people up for school.

Another sensible option would be to ride your bike to school. If you don't have one, you can get a cheap one at Wal-Mart and save yourself some money by not buying a parking pass. When it comes down to it, complaining about a reduction in parking that was enacted to create a safer place for students walking and driving around campus seems unreasonable and selfish.

Annelise Hardegree is a senior English major.

Student upset by lack of free parking spaces

I feel as though Baylor needs to re-evaluate their "solution" of eliminating parking to make streets two-way rather than one-way.

I would be interested to know the ratio of students complaining about one-way streets as compared to the students complaining about not enough parking.

Since the semester started last week, I've had to seek parking elsewhere besides campus.

My mornings begin with the endless search for the "holy grail" of a parking spot on campus and quickly turn to frustrated driving through the neighborhoods behind campus to find a spot for my car to sit and wait for me to return.

It's amazing to me the number of cars with a parking decal forced to park on free public streets. In essence, we've paid \$225 for a Baylor car decoration.

If I wanted to sport my school spirit with a Baylor decal, I would have gone to the Spirit Shop and bought a much cheaper one.

Kristen Warren is a graduate student of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

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NFL All-Star gives back to Waco

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The United Way of Waco-McLennan County kicked off its 2009-2010 campaign Thursday and invited several community leaders, Baylor administrators and faculty members to celebrate.

A luncheon, held at the Mayborn Museum Complex, premiered the organization's new goals and Public Service Announcement that features NFL All-Star LaDainian Tomlinson.

A Waco native and University High School graduate, Tomlinson went on to play for TCU in Fort Worth and was drafted by the San Diego Chargers in 2001.

In the video clip, Tomlinson is featured speaking to a group of Waco youth and encouraging them to keep education as their primary focus.

"How many of you think homework is just as important as teamwork?" Tomlinson asks the

"Like biblical tradition, helping the poor is not done for extra credit."

Dr. David Garland
Interim President

group.

The PSA is part of the campaign The United Way is launching in hopes of increasing donor funding. They hope to raise more than \$2 million this year.

Sheree Corn, the event chair and member of the board for four years, said it wasn't an impos-

sible feat.

"Last year, the goal was \$2.1 million and the goal was reached with a little extra," Corn said.

Interim President Dr. David Garland spoke highly of the agency and compared its efforts to parables found in the book of Luke in the New Testament.

Garland mentioned Scriptures in which Jesus helped the poor without the expectation of anything in return and commended the agency for having a similar attitude by continuing to fundraise for the different avenues it serves without looking for recognition or payback.

"Like biblical tradition, helping the poor is not done for extra credit," he said.

Tomlinson's mother, Loreane Tomlinson, made a guest appearance at the luncheon.

When asked about the impact that the agency has had on her life, she credits the success of her

son partially to the Waco Boys and Girls club, which he participated in as a youth.

"It had a tremendous impact, served a good purpose and taught him the boundaries and techniques on sportsmanship," Loreane Tomlinson said.

Baylor will have its own kickoff event later this month, said Student Body President Jordan Hannah. He encourages students to get involved as much, and in as many ways, as possible.

While a complete plan of action is in the works, Hannah expressed the importance of showing support. He said he'd like to see monetary donations to show the United Way the university is 100 percent behind.

"Times are tough," he said. "But if we had a dollar from every student, we'd have over \$12,000. That's a profound impact on serving the community we live in."



SARAH GROMAN | LARIAT STAFF

Walt Lewis dresses up as Thomas Jefferson on Thursday at Indian Spring Park's Waco Tea Party where hundreds of people gathered to protest President Barack Obama's policies.

New lab to study paleoclimatology

LAURA PATTON
REPORTER

The promise of a new paleoclimatology lab, along with a history of professors researching the subject, attracted Dr. Dan Peppe to join Baylor's faculty.

The first-time professor, who recently earned his doctorate degree from Yale University, is currently splitting time between teaching and researching.

Peppe is looking at fossil plants from the last 65 million years. He said he puts a great value on what he is researching.

"By better understanding what happened in the past, we can understand what is happening today, and better predict what will happen in the future," Peppe said.

His research also includes how plants and animals respond to climate change and the study of fossil plants to estimate past climates and plants' reaction to the environment.

"We look at sedimentary rock to interpret the rock record," said Dr. Stacy Atchley, a geology professor who specifically researches layers in rocks, but is not currently involved in the paleoclimatology branch of research.

The basic goal of the study is to seek the fundamental history

of the ancient world. To do so, Peppe is specifically looking at paleomagnetism, which analyzes the earth's magnetic field to date rocks.

For nearly a decade, Baylor has housed a research group studying paleoclimatology, which is loosely defined by NASA as the study of past climates.

Baylor is one of the only institutions in the country that places an emphasis on paleomagnetism and paleoclimatology and is currently building a lab.

It will be the ninth lab in the U.S. equipped for this type of study. Other institutions include California Institute of Technology and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as well as the U.S. Geological Survey.

The Baylor lab, which is to be a "state-of-the-art" instrument in a magnetically shielded room in the Baylor Sciences Building, and can measure multiple samples at a time.

Baylor will be added to the RAPID list once the lab is completed and running.

"The nice thing about Baylor is that there are several faculty members doing the same kind of research," Peppe said. "The appeal is a combination of the faculty and the facilities. The facilities are awesome."

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there is a snow-ball effect with the first one." Walton said. "You have eight months of training leading up to this Saturday. We are ready to showcase everything we've done in those 8 months in the weight room and on the practice field. You win your first game then you have five games to win before getting bowl eligible."

Kick off is set for 2:36 p.m. and will air locally on ABC.

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In the midst of a failing economy, a long line of corporate scandals and a major loss of trust in business leaders, integrity has become more than just the stuff of medieval knights and superheroes.

The heat of hard financial times brings the into sharper focus.

"The integrity of one's research is the most basic thing," Harvey said.

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Waco mayor, city officials to visit Dr. Pepper hour

BETHANY MOORE
REPORTER

The Barfield Drawing Room will be filled with more than faculty and students during Dr. Pepper hour at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, as Waco Mayor Virginia DuPuy, City Manager Larry D. Groth and other city officials will be attending.

Welcome to Waco is part of an event hosted by Student Government, inviting students to learn about new experiences and activities in the community. Not only is this a chance for students to discover their new home, but also an opportunity for them to communicate their ideas and opinions with the city.

Groth and the other city officials who plan to attend are interested in meeting with and hearing from Baylor students for numerous reasons.

"First of all, we want to allow students to identify with city leaders and get a better feel of who they may be. Also, we want to reach out to the students and let them know the opportunities in the city, not just for entertainment but more importantly for their employment plans after graduation as well," Groth said. "It is critical for Waco's future to retain as many of these bright young people as possible. We hope Welcome to Waco becomes an annual event on campus for students to connect with the city and see what all Waco has to offer."

Emily Saultz, the External Vice President of Student Government, who planned and organized the event for the students said, "I have heard some students complain that it isn't a college town, well here is their chance to share ideas with the city." Saultz said she learned so much in preparing for the event, specifically about cool things for students to get involved in that she had been unaware of in the two years she's lived in Waco.

The hour will include information about Waco's demographics, local attractions, the recent restoration of downtown, fine arts, maps, shopping, free Dr. Pepper floats and information that students may need to become part

of the city. After hearing about the event, Midland junior Katie Yocham, said she believes it is important to meet the officials of Waco and become more involved on a civic level.

"It makes me happy because I think the idea of Baylor being in a bubble is a problem on campus. We have the potential to be the light of the world, but we need to do that in the community, not just within our group friends," Yocham said.

Yocham said she moved off campus this year in an effort to learn more and become a part of Waco.

William Burnson, 18, a freshman from Scurry, who lives on campus. "I'm ready to get into Waco, since it's where

I'll be for the next four years," Burnson said. "It makes it easier to get involved when I hear about things like this."

Student government encourages students to attend and learn what it means to be a citizen of the city, not just a four-year visitor.

"Civic engagement is more than just going into the city. Let's see citizenship for what it really is," Saultz said.

Saultz would also like Welcome to Waco to represent a move to strengthen Baylor's relationship with the community and show the university's appreciation.

"Through this event we can put a face to the city, and show them the face of Baylor," Saultz said.

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"Our government is a crack head and we expect him to check himself into rehab," said Jackson during his speech.

Jackson graduated from Baylor in 1981 and will also be speaking in Dallas on Friday.

Like other anti-reform protests, there were those protesting the protest. Waco resident Raquel Coronado said she was there to counter-protest.

"It's the right thing to do," Coronado said. "Healthcare is a human right." She elaborated to say that speaking out against other protesters is a First Amendment right. Standing across the street from the main event, she said that she had been called derogatory names from passing cars. Coronado carried a sign with the phrase "Healthcare Not Warfare" and a small drawing of a grenade.

Some previous demonstrations have ended violently, including Thursday, which had a man whose finger was bitten off. The event occurred at a pro-healthcare reform rally in a suburb of Los Angeles, Calif. There were also anti-reform protesters at the event. After a verbal discussion between a protester from each side, a fight began, at the end of which the anti-reform protester's finger was bitten off. The digit was later brought to a local hospital.

President of the Waco Tea Party Toby Marie Walker said she was overwhelmed at the number of people at the event.

"I don't remember an event this large in Waco other than the Fourth of July," Walker said.

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This is that Baylor is now able to sponsor a participant in the AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America program. According to their Web site, the AmeriCorps VISTA initiative was founded by John F. Kennedy in 1963 and enlarged by President Bill Clinton in 1993. It is made up of 170,000 members and aims to fight poverty in local communities.

This year, because of its recent membership in the Texas Campus Coalition, Baylor is able to host AmeriCorps VISTA worker Alumna Amanda Allen.

Allen, a native of Shreveport, La., graduated from Baylor last year and was involved with Mission Waco, World Cup Café, the Steppin' Out Steering Committee, as well as six other service efforts.

Allen acts as the service learning liaison at Baylor. Her role is to raise awareness on campus, expand programs to reach more students and involve more organizations in the community.

"Instead of doing hands-on service, you're doing more programs and events, and more sustainable stuff that's going to last after you're gone," Allen said. "VISTA builds capacity in nonprofit organizations and communities to help bring individuals and communities out of poverty."

Allen will serve as Baylor's AmeriCorp VISTA for one year, but according to the grant awarded by the coalition, the university will sponsor a different VISTA member for a total of three years.

18 die in drug center murders

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Neighbors mopped blood from the sidewalk outside a drug rehabilitation center Thursday, cleaning up the carnage after gunmen lined up patients against a wall and then riddled them with bullets, killing 18.

It was the third attack on a drug treatment center in Ciudad Juarez.

Chihuahua state authorities said Thursday they were investigating reports that the centers have turned into hideouts for drug smugglers being sought by police and hit men from rival gangs.

Public Safety Secretary Genaro Garcia Luna, Mexico's top law enforcement official, said rehab clinics were also being used as recruiting and training centers by drug cartels.

He told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview that a recently detained drug suspect belonging to the La Familia cartel oversaw various private, nonprofit drug rehab centers across western Michoacan state.

The suspect Rafael Cedeno claimed to have trained 9,000 recruits for the cartel in 2008.

"We're checking to see if there is a link with what we've found (in Michoacan)," Garcia Luna said.

Garcia Luna said in Michoacan, Cedeno's rehab centers held retreats to train members, and if addicts did not cooperate, they were executed. He said the La Familia gang preferred recovered addicts because they were less likely to touch the drug loads.

Mexico's burgeoning drug trade has fed a growing drug abuse problem, particularly in border cities where gangs have a heavy presence. Scores of rehabilitation centers have opened their doors in recent years, some out of the homes of recovered drug addicts with checkered pasts.

Most of the centers are not guarded or regulated.

Patricia Gonzalez, the prosecutor of Chihuahua state, where Ciudad Juarez is located, said Thursday that the centers have become hide-outs from police or rival gang members.

Bloody footprints tracked from the door of the humble cinderblock Aliviane center remained on Thursday, as federal police and soldiers stood guard. El Paso can be seen just across the U.S. border.

At 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, about eight gunmen broke down a door at the center, lined their victims against a wall and shot them dead, authorities said. Gonzalez said one man died Thursday and another remained hospitalized.

Little information about the victims was available. Sobbing mothers and wives gathered outside the prosecutors' offices to demand answers and find out whether their loved ones were among the dead.

Elisabeth Quintero, 32, said she lost her son, 16; her younger brother, 28; and her cousin, 21. Another woman gently braided her hair, comforting her outside the Chihuahua state prosecutor's office.

"They have said nothing," Quintero said. "Just that somebody killed them."

Quintero declined to give details about her relatives' addiction problems, saying only that the men checked in to straighten themselves out.

She called her teenage son "delinquent."

Jaime Valle was at a loss as to why his 17-year-old son, Jaime Saul Perez, was gunned down just as he was trying to turn his life around by seeking help for marijuana abuse.

He said his son had never been in trouble, except for smoking pot, and had been expected to finish his treatment and return home this weekend.

"I want justice!" Valle yelled. "Kill those ungrateful dogs that are going around killing innocent people. Justice! I want justice!"

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico's deadliest city, has seen the worst of the nation's drug violence with more than 1,300 deaths this year. The bloodshed has continued despite a buildup in troops since March.

Surging gang violence has claimed 13,500 lives since President Felipe Calderon took office in 2006 and deployed soldiers across the country to fight cartels, but Garcia said the government has no intention of backing down.

He said the bloodshed is peaking because the government is taking on drug gangs like never before, and that the crackdown is the only way Mexico will eventually find lasting security.

"The permanent offensive against crime — that is not going to stop," he said.

The Ciudad Juarez is home to the Juarez cartel, which has been fighting other drug gangs for lucrative drug routes into the United States.

In June, five men were killed in an attack at another rehabilitation center, while 50 patients scrambled over a back fence to escape.

In August 2008, gunmen barged into a pastor's sermon at a rehabilitation center and opened fire, killing eight people. Authorities have yet to say whether the attacks are related.

Hector Parra, director of the Center for Liberation from Addiction in west Ciudad Juarez, said six families pulled their relatives out of his institution Thursday for fears it might be targeted.

But he insisted his center is safe because it does not admit members of major drug gangs and screens prospective patients for telltale tattoos.

The site of Wednesday's attack, Aliviane, is not affiliated with the similarly named U.S. nonprofit Alivane Inc., which has 13 clinics in Texas.

A spokesman for the U.S. organization said it was contacted several years ago by people in Ciudad Juarez who wanted to use its operation as a model for a similar program, and that Alivane Inc. contributed beds, fans and other materials to help it get started.

The spokesman asked that he not be identified because of concerns about his own safety, adding that his organization was "very sorry for the unfortunate incident" which took place just a few miles from its own headquarters in El Paso.

He said security was being strengthened at the U.S. rehabilitation clinics.

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One Book, One Waco announces fall selection

By ASH ANDERSON
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

"Sun, Stone, and Shadows," the fall selection for the One Book, One Waco program, was unveiled Thursday morning at McLennan Community College.

An anthology of Mexican short stories compiled by Jorge F. Hernandez, the anthology dives into the heart of Mexican literature by bringing together 20 stories penned by a select group of authors.

While past selections have been either novels or nonfiction works, the committee charged with the task of finding this fall's work decided on something a little different.

"With each book we try to bring something new, something exciting, and something different to the Waco community. We try to engage more people," said

Bryan Fonville, former student body president and member of the One Book, One Waco book selection committee. "We try to target segments of the population that we haven't reached yet as a program, and we try to select a book with themes that are particularly relevant to our local community. It was under those pretenses that we selected this book."

Another attractive component of this year's selection is that it is composed of multiple short stories instead of one long adventure.

"Whether you're a business person or a mom or a student, a lot of people don't really have time to read a 300-page book," said Alex Schmidt, vice chair of the One Book, One Waco planning committee. "The book is divided into several

sections, so you can pick a topic that interests you the most. The goal is providing unique opportunities for people to get involved in and discuss with their neighbors."

Fonville is hopeful that the theme of the stories and the ethnicity of the authors will strike a chord in the Waco community.

"One Book, One Waco seeks to bring together the diverse citizens of the Waco community, to engage in open dialogue and meaningful conversation. By reaching out to Waco's Hispanic and Latino populations, not only will the program resonate with a larger number of Waco-area citizens, but we'll also be introducing an entirely different segment of the population to Mexico's unique culture and history."



COURTESY PHOTO

Baylor alumna Katie Croft opened her "The Croft Art Gallery" on Tuesday, in hopes of bringing sophisticated art culture to the Waco community.

Alum opens art gallery

MEGAN KEYSER
STAFF WRITER

A Baylor alumna is celebrating the grand opening of her own art gallery tonight in downtown Waco, which will feature art by two fellow Baylor graduates.

Katie Croft, who graduated from Baylor in 2005 with a fine arts degree in photography, opened The Croft Art Gallery on Tuesday, hoping to bring sophisticated art culture to the community.

Croft has lived in Waco for several years and saw a need for an art gallery. A lot of people travel to Austin and Dallas for museums, galleries and fun evenings, she said. "There's no reason we shouldn't have that here."

"I love Waco," Croft said. "I miss that culture."

The opening reception will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. today at 712 Austin Ave. The event will give people an opportunity to talk to artists whose work is on display, to view and purchase artwork

and to enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine and live music.

Two Baylor alumni are showcasing this work at the gallery this month. Joseph Drew is headlining with photography and painting pieces, and Abigail Mayfield will also have work on display.

Twenty pieces in various media are represented in The Croft Art Gallery this month. "We have all the media in one space," Croft said, since there is not an art district in Waco. "It will showcase a little bit of everything."

Next month the gallery will have a sculpture show and some international art.

Croft wants to support Baylor, but her main goal is to showcase an international art base. She hopes to see an art district develop in Waco. "I'd love to see that happen. That would be ideal."

"The Croft gallery wants to invite all people who have a passion for art culture and enjoy doing it themselves," Angela Baylis, a senior

marketing major and studio art minor, said.

Baylis, who began working with Croft early in the planning process and serves as a liaison between the gallery and Baylor campus, was impressed with the gallery and thinks it will bring a lot to downtown Waco.

"When you go in, it's gorgeous," Baylis said. "When I walked in, I was blown away. There's nothing like it in Waco."

Considering the plans to rejuvenate downtown Waco, Baylis said the gallery adds a good feel for the downtown area. "It just fits," she said.

Although the gallery welcomes anyone with a love of art, Croft hopes people will come to buy artwork. Pieces are available at a variety of prices, Croft said.

The Croft Art Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The first Friday of every month, the gallery will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. with new works by new artists.

Swine flu scare worries those attending Westfest

SABRINA LANDWER
REPORTER

A recent swine flu outbreak in the town of West has some students worried about attending Westfest, which starts at 5:30 p.m. today with a preview party.

The Czech folk festival that annually draws 20,000 visitors to the Hill County town will continue from 11 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

There will be a parade in downtown West at 10 a.m. Saturday, and the Kolache 5,000-meter Fun Run at 8 a.m. Sunday.

"I went to West Fest last year and had an awesome time, but it is definitely not on my schedule this year," said Junior Jillian

Meddleton of San Diego. "It's not worth the risk."

But Donna Hykle, secretary of Administration for the West Independent School District, doesn't expect the outbreak to affect the event.

"There have only been a few cases of swine flu in the schools," Hykle said.

"We were kind of worried about having a lesser audience," she said, "but our numbers haven't declined so it is no longer a concern."

Westfest is marking its 24th year of celebrating West's Czech history with baking contests, arts and crafts, Czech polka dances, festive costumes, tractor pulls, horseshoes and cultural food

selections.

The Festival takes place 15 miles north of Waco, at the West Fair and Rodeo Grounds.

There will be a parade in downtown West at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Admission for the preview party is \$12 for adults and free for accompanying children 12 and under. Admission for Saturday and Sunday is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children, members of the military and seniors.

From Waco, drive north on I-35 to exit 351 and bear right on FM 1858 to reach the West Fair and Rodeo grounds.

Visit the Westfest Web site at www.westfest.com for more information.

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INDEPENDENCE BOWL: The Bears are 5-7 all-time in Shreveport.



COURTESY OF THE VALERO ALAMO BOWL

ALAMO BOWL: The last time Baylor competed in a bowl game was in the 1994 Alamo Bowl against Washington State University.



COURTESY OF THE HOUSTON TEXANS

TEXAS BOWL: Baylor has more bowl appearances (three) in the city of Houston than any other city.

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

It became a buzzword with Baylor fans following last season, encompassing 14 years of hope and disappointment. Players and coaches hear it wherever they go, on campus, in the locker room and in the entire city of Waco.

This year's team can bring a bowl game berth to Baylor for the first time since 1994, and it knows it.

"It would be huge for all of the seniors that came in with my class," safety Jordan Lake said. "I would carry that for the rest of my life, to be able to ride out in the sunset and point Baylor in the right direction."

To prepare for loftier expectations, head coach Art Briles has worked at changing the mentality of his team since he took command in the 2008 preseason. The program made progress last year and still has a way to go, Briles says.

"We're just like everybody in America. Anywhere you go everybody is excited, eager and hopeful. What we have to do now is stop saying and start playing," Briles said.

Fans may remember Briles' distinctive signing day press conference statement, "I'm not on a five-year plan or a seven-year deal. We are on a five-minute plan."

The players took that message to heart and practice with bowl game ambitions, realizing the mark they can leave with their careers.

"We want to get to that pinnacle," senior wide receiver David Gettis said. "We want to take it one game at a time though, but it is definitely in the back of our minds to get to that point where we can be bowling."

Sophomore quarterback Robert Griffin has also seen a change in the way the Bears practice, knowing they have the most realistic postseason chance in his four

Baylor seasons. Briles and the 10 coaches he hired all stress execution on every repetition of every drill.

"That was one of Coach Briles' main goals when he got here," Griffin said. "Everyone has been working hard for it, and everyone has a different attitude towards everything."

Although predictions are higher this year than in any of his previous seasons, senior linebacker Joe Pawelek tries to approach each game just the same.

"I guess seeing the time clock running down is a little bit of pressure," the fifth-year senior said. "But in terms of putting pressure on ourselves, it's nothing different than what I've had for the past five years."

Several players appear on 2009 watch lists for prestigious awards, including quarterback Robert Griffin for the O'Brien and Maxwell Award and safety Jordan Lake for the Bednarik Award. Lake would love to cap his Baylor career with such an honor yet has bigger, more team-oriented goals at the top of his priority list.

"It's exciting and such an honor to be nominated for the Thorpe award, but at the same time, it's about team victories," Lake said. "Without team victories, individual stuff does not really matter that much."

Pawelek is also one of 55 candidates for the Bednarik Award, and punter Derek Epperson earned candidacy for the Ray Guy Award, which Daniel Sepulveda claimed twice at Baylor.

Last year the Bears dropped two games by a combined six points, both 31-28 losses to Connecticut and Missouri. The Bears were not far from their goal, but in 2009 Briles will not accept close as satisfactory.

"We might have opened some eyes, but we didn't finish many people off," Briles said. "We have to finish what we started. We want to be happy at the end."

Former Baylor greats give 49ers fan hope



Chris Derrett

I am an avid fan of football, both college and the NFL, and I like winning. So it is only natural that I look at the upcoming NFL season and hope it doesn't end with me crying myself to sleep in December. Again.

I am a longtime San Francisco 49ers fan.

This is a team that, since 2003, has only one more win than the Houston Texans, a 2002 expansion team. It is a team that has used 10 quarterbacks in that duration, including the very forgettable likes of Tim Rattay, Cody Pickett and Chris Weinke. Yes, we resorted to a then 35-year-old Heisman winner who spent six years in baseball's minor leagues before giving

football a whirl.

This team used to be the Rolls Royce of the NFL in the 1980s, and now they would be lucky to get \$4,500 clunker status. Even in the late '90s you could use the 49ers on Madden for a challenge; now they would barely pass for a Division I school in NCAA Football.

Their losing ways have even extended off the field and managed to humiliate the team and their fans in the headlines. We disgracefully lowered our heads in 2005 after a training video meant to teach 49ers players about public relations leaked to the public. The world was able to see censored parts of the video on MSNBC, featuring racial slurs and topless women. I found the topless part pretty ironic, considering the team finished the season at the bottom.

Basically, the team has been the doormat of the league: a piece of cardboard with "Welcome" scribbled on it, probably misspelled

to reflect their countless mistakes over the years. But entering a year that may mark a turnaround for Baylor, a few former Bears may change the 49er's fortune as well.

Last year the 49ers realized Mike Nolan was not getting the job done and turned the reins over to Mike Singletary. That is the same Mike Singletary whose picture takes an entire wall at the Student Life Center, whom most of our parents remember as a dominating force with the Chicago Bears. He took over seven games into the season, going 5-4 and establishing a mentality.

Vernon Davis knows all about that mentality. In Singletary's first game as interim head coach, he ordered Davis to the locker room when Davis committed a 15-yard personal foul penalty in the third quarter. After the game his now YouTube famous press conference let everyone know the man's basic premise as he roared, "I want

winners!"

Former class of '06 Baylor receiver Dominique Zeigler has also worked his way up to the number three spot on the Niners' roster. He should far exceed his five-catch total of last season.

The 49ers have stunk for a while now. A friend of mine and I question whether they even deserve their name or should go by something like the San Fernando 48ers until they return to a respectable level.

Either way, they are a franchise that knows how to win and has been a bottom feeder for long enough. In the words of a disruptive former 49ers receiver, I have my popcorn ready. At the end of the 2009 show, hopefully I won't be breaking out the tissues. Again.

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Baylor, Wake Forest face similar challenge

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While Baylor and Wake Forest University clash on the field Saturday afternoon, the two teams will share a common bond: replacing top-five NFL Draft picks.

During the preseason, Baylor players have been scoured with questions regarding former offensive tackle and No. 2 overall pick Jason Smith. The Demon Deacons painstakingly understand.

Wake Forest's defense is undergoing renovations after losing All-Americans Aaron Curry and Alphonso Smith. Curry, a linebacker, was selected No. 4 overall by the Seattle Seahawks, while Alphonso Smith, a cornerback, was the Denver Broncos' second round pick.

"I don't know if you can ever replace players like Aaron Curry and Alphonso Smith," Wake Forest defensive coordinator Brad Lambert said. "It's the younger players' time to be every-down players. This year we feel like we're still good up front with the defensive line.

"We have some younger guys at linebacker and in the secondary

and it's their turn to step up."

If losing Curry and Alphonso Smith wasn't already catastrophic, the Demon Deacons must fill the vacancies left by the rest of their linebacking core. Stanley Arnoux finished second on the team with 89 tackles while Chantz McClinic tabbed another 51 tackles.

However, junior Hunter Haynes vehemently believes the aftermath of last season's linebackers will be reflected upon the level of intensity displayed by Lambert's defense.

"All three of them were fifth-year seniors and they really taught the younger guys to work," Haynes said. "They left their footprint on us and on our overall work ethic. Even though they aren't here, they have done a great job affecting how we play."

The secondary has to adjust to new faces also. Senior Brandon Ghee is the lone starter returning from a Wake Forest secondary that captured 15 interceptions in 2008.

So how does the back seven of Wake Forest's defense recuperate from its mass exodus?

"We have to try to do it col-



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Linebacker Aaron Curry is introduced to the Seattle media. Curry led Wake Forest with 109 tackles in 2008.

lectively," linebacker John Jones said. "It's a total reconstruction of our defense. Everybody has to hone in and be focused on what we have to do. The biggest thing is guys are just going to have to step up."

The Demon Deacon's inexperienced defense will encounter a prodigious challenge in their first game against Robert Griffin and Baylor Saturday afternoon at BB&T Field. Griffin made his career debut in the second quarter of the Bears' season opener against the Bears' season opener at BB&T Field. Griffin made his career debut in the second quarter of the Bears' season opener against the Bears' season opener at BB&T Field. Griffin made his career debut in the second quarter of the Bears' season opener against the Bears' season opener at BB&T Field.



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Redshirt freshman Taylor Douthit chows down on some watermelon after the first "Line March" following the football team's final practice before leaving for their opening game against Wake Forest on Thursday.

Weekly NCAA picks

Every week the sports editor Justin Baer and sports writers Chris Derrett and Kevin Tamer will predict outcomes of the weekend's upcoming games. Follow throughout the season as the three vie for bragging rights.

Week 8 Picks



Game	Baer	Derrett	Tamer
Baylor @ Wake Forest	34-28 Baylor	31-24 Baylor	31-30 Baylor
No. 5 Alabama @ No. 7 Virginia Tech	20-17 Alabama	20-13 Va. Tech	27-20 Alabama
No. 20 BYU @ No. 3 Oklahoma	52-21 Oklahoma	51-17 Oklahoma	44-23 Oklahoma
No. 13 Georgia @ No. 9 Okla. State	24-21 Georgia	31-20 Ok. State	24-14 Ok. State
Nevada @ No. 23 Notre Dame	31-24 ND	38-14 ND	38-30 ND
Last week's record	N/A	N/A	N/A
Overall record	N/A	N/A	N/A