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Regents searching for answers about alumni

Probing questionnaire demands responses regarding ex-president

By Jon Schroeder
Staff writer

When members of the Baylor Board of Regents asked President John Lilley to answer some questions about the Baylor Alumni Association, a controversy of the past suddenly was shoved into the present.

The January 2005 resignation of Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr. was not without its arguments, and one of those was a sort of falling-out between the board of regents

and the Baylor Alumni Association, said Todd Copeland, editor of *Baylor Line* magazine and alumni association director of communications.

The alumni association publishes *Baylor Line* magazine quarterly, and the feature article of its winter 2004 edition was a profile titled "A Turning Point?" It examined the "heated debate" around the office of then-president Sloan and the controversial Baylor 2012 proposal.

"We're not a muckraking publication," Copeland said. "We're not in the business of stirring up controversy."

Copeland, a '90 Baylor alumnus who has edited the maga-

zine since 1998, called the 2004-2005 turmoil centered on the magazine "puzzling."

According to a Thursday *Waco Tribune-Herald* article, the questionnaire given to Lilley by regents asks very direct questions about the relationship between the alumni association



Lilley

and specific members of the Committee to Restore Integrity

to Baylor, a group which called for Sloan's firing prior to his 2005 resignation.

The document also questions the editorial authority of the alumni association over *Baylor Line* magazine, according to the *Tribune-Herald*.

Baylor Line magazine is 100 percent alumni-funded, Copeland said. Although the alumni association does receive money from Baylor for its Heritage Club, legacy, homecoming

reunion and commencement tent programs.

Copeland said some discussion has been set into motion by the actions of regents — some alumni even became members of the alumni association Thursday and cited the controversy specifically as a reason for joining.

He did not comment on any questionnaire the regents may have posed to Lilley's office or questions Lilley asked the alumni association.

"My interest isn't in exposing wrongdoing at Baylor or launching investigative stories; it's about celebrating things at Baylor. It's a great school," Copeland said. "When there have been dips in the road, we've had to acknowledge that and cover it in a way that hopefully generate alumni support for the school, to rally around it."

Bill Nesbitt, alumni association president-elect, and Jeff Kilgore, alumni association executive vice president, questioned the motives of the "five, six or seven" regents they believe authored the question-

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Super Bowl, Super Crazy

Members of the Cirque du Soleil circus perform Thursday during a press conference in Miami outlining the group's planned pre-game festivities for the Super Bowl.



Associated Press

Game brings out dysfunctional fans

By Claire St. Amant
Staff writer

Foam fingers, painted chests and team jerseys will overrun sports bars and local residences Sunday night. It's Super Bowl time. And while the Chicago Bears and Indianapolis Colts will play at Dolphin Stadium in Miami, many fans will be celebrating their favorite team from wherever they are.

Dr. Kirk Wakefield, chairman of the marketing department and head of the sports, sponsorship and sales program, said the Super Bowl creates a high-energy environment across the nation.

Wakefield published an article in Volume two of the 2006 *Journal of Leisure Research* which examined the behavior of dysfunctional sports fans.

He said the Super Bowl is "not just another game" and will bring a certain level of enthusiasm to watch parties.

Wakefield generally defines a dysfunctional fan as someone who is confrontational to the opposing team, has obsessive behavior and suffers from some type of social disorder.

He also has found most dysfunctional fans consume alcohol during the game,

which contributes to their explosive demeanor.

Wakefield added that dysfunction can occur on a smaller scale without the abuse of alcohol if fans are "highly identified" with a team.

Chicago sophomore Casey Quinn had hoped to make it home for her family's big party but has decided to cheer on the Bears from Waco.

"I plan on getting really dressed up in my Bears jersey and hat," she said. "I don't know where I'm going yet, but I will go out somewhere with friends to watch it."

Quinn said if the Bears win, she doesn't know what she'll do.

"I would go crazy!" she said.

Wakefield said he suspects there will be some dysfunctional fans in Waco, but the real danger lies near the home bases of the Bears and Colts.

"If you're watching the game somewhere between Chicago and Indianapolis, you could end up with a mixed crowd," he said. "That is the perfect environment to find dysfunctional fans."

Chicago freshman Lucy Wenk is traveling home to attend a family Super Bowl party where both the Colts and the Bears will be represented.

"It should be pretty intense," Wenk said. "Chicago fans are hard core."

Wenk said her party will have around 30

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Students push for policy change

Senate passes bill that could pave way for non-Baptist groups

By Kate Boswell
Staff writer

In a 15-12 vote, the Student Senate passed a controversial bill Thursday asking for change in Baylor's policies on chartering non-Baptist Christian organizations.

The bill recommends that the Baylor Board of Regents change the current policy, which allows only Baptist organizations to be chartered, to allow other Christian groups to enjoy the same privileges as Baptist ones.

The bill's authors said they hope the bill will be presented to the regents at Thursday's meeting.

"I'm just enthusiastic that the students were encouraged by the student body to express their views and I'm just encouraged that they represented the 60 percent of the non-Baptist Christians," said Lauren Micek, an Irvine, Calif., senior and one of the bill's authors.

The bill was hotly debated. Opponents of the bill expressed concerns that this move would open the school to secularism or betray Baylor's Baptist identity.

"If you think of Baylor, you think of Baptist," said Skyler Herring, a Roswell, N.M., sophomore. "Would the founders of Baylor ever have recognized a revolt against Baylor's Baptist heritage? The answer is no."

Will Simmons, a Frisco junior, said he was worried that allowing these groups to be chartered would require Baylor to make theological judgments about which groups were Christian and which weren't.

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Senate approves wage increase, small business tax breaks

By Jim Kuhnhen
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted overwhelmingly Thursday to boost the federal minimum wage by \$2.10 to \$7.25 an hour over the next two years.

Packaged with the increase were controversial tax cuts for small businesses and higher taxes for many \$1 million-plus executives.

The increase in the minimum, the first in a decade, was approved by a 94-3 vote, capping a nine-day debate over how to balance the wage increase with the needs of businesses that employ low-wage workers.

A top priority of Democrats, the wage increase has both real

and symbolic consequences. It would be one of the first major legislative successes of the new Democratic-controlled Congress.

"Passing this wage hike represents a small but necessary step to help lift America's working poor out of the ditches of poverty and onto the road toward economic prosperity," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

President Bush urged the House to support the measure, including the tax help for small business.

He said, "The Senate has taken a step toward helping maintain a strong and dynamic labor market and promoting continued economic growth."

The bill must now be rec-

onciled with the House version passed Jan. 10 that contained no tax provisions. House Democrats have insisted they want a minimum wage bill with no strings attached, though some have conceded the difficulty of passing the legislation in the Senate without tax breaks.

Republicans stressed the importance of the business tax breaks in the bill, though it was a significantly smaller tax package than Republicans had sought during previous attempts to raise the minimum wage.

"The Senate's reasonable approach recognizes that small businesses have been the steady engine of our growing economy and that they have been a source of new job creation, a source of

job training," said Sen. Michael Enzi, R-Wyo., who helped manage the debate for the GOP.

The bill presents a challenge to Democrats who must navigate between the demands of labor and other interest groups and the realities of the Senate, where Republicans hold 49 of 100 votes. House and Senate Democrats will try to negotiate a way out of the potential standoff.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has said she supports some of the tax provisions in the House package, but she also has said she would prefer they be put in a separate, House-initiated tax bill.

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Associated Press

Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton, center, Barack Obama, left, and Max Baucus react Thursday to the passage of the minimum wage increase.

Men's basketball: No more excuses, just results

I slinked out of the Ferrell Center after the slaughter. Maybe I'm a glutton for punishment, or maybe I'm just stupid. Probably a little bit of both. But I couldn't believe what I'd just seen and yet I couldn't rip my eyes away.

The men's basketball team had somehow managed to follow up a 40-point loss to unranked Oklahoma. A loss that drove head Coach Scott Drew to call a 12:01 a.m. team practice the next morning.

With a 26-point loss to No. 8 Kansas on Jan. 23 at home, it was the ugliest game I'd seen played in, well, a week.

The Bears managed a measly three points in the first eight minutes. Assistant coach Matt Driscoll said after the game that the first 20 minutes of the Kansas game were "not indicative of Baylor basketball."

I'll say. The team is more talented than at any point in Drew's tenure, and yet the pieces don't seem to be moving. I've been told to wait. I've been told to let talent develop. Believe it or not, I've been told that Drew is in an untouchable situation and we shouldn't question a thing he does.

Well, I'm sick of waiting and I'm tired of sitting on my hands.

Drew is the best recruiting head coach men's basketball has seen in a long time. He brought in top 100 recruits Tweety Carter and Josh Lomers this year, and the former is Baylor's first ever McDonald's All-American.

Forward Tim Bush has progressed under Drew after transferring from LSU and is now a front-runner for the Bears' Sixth Man Award. Mamadou Diene,

sports take



BY WILL PARCHMAN

Henry Dougat, Curtis Jerrells the list of high-talent recruits Drew has packed on his roster is dizzying.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about all of this is the turnaround time it's taken. The fact the Bears have so much talent so soon is pretty remarkable.

So where are the results? Since that defeat to an infinitely more talented Kansas team, the Bears have gone on to prove they can lose in more than one soul-crushing manner. They blew a second-half lead to a Texas team they had in their

crosshairs, made all the more painful by their national television appearance. I don't consider a five-point loss, at any level, a success.

I understand the challenges Drew has faced. Trust me; I get that running a program that rubbed up with the infamous death penalty is one of the toughest tasks a coach can undertake. He had to assume control of a shattered program and build it up from almost less than nothing.

It also hurts me to prod his methods after being such a blind follower of his program for the past few years, but the time has come.

I can take a double-digit loss now and again from this team. It's bound to happen with so much youth.

But a combined margin of defeat of 66 points spread out

over just two games in succession is unacceptable. I can't chalk that up to inexperience — it's just poor play.

A blind reproach of Drew would be irresponsible. To make a blanket statement like, "He's a bad coach," is simply not true. But there are pieces of his repertoire that need improvement.

The offense is vanilla. The team goes through a series of hand-offs a couple feet behind the three-point arc and, almost like clockwork, someone gets off a heavily contested shot. The offense seems frantic and unorganized.

If the shooters go cold, which happens to even the best teams, forget about competing. Just pray the margin of defeat isn't in triple digits.

I hope there will be a time when people stop pointing to Drew's situation and start pointing

to his coaching. Whether his coaching is satisfactory or not is up for discussion, but his grace period is over. As irresponsible as it is to criticize Drew with eyes closed and ears shut, it's equally irresponsible to accept mediocrity. I challenge you to expect real victories and eschew moral ones. The Colorado game was a start, but it has to build.

We'll find out soon if Drew is the root of the problem.

I remain cautiously optimistic that the team is simply playing below its means and that Drew, as nice and genuine a guy as there is in this business, is clear of blame.

If not, well, don't say I didn't warn you.

Nice guys finish last more often than any of us would like to admit.

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Editorial

Public's job to be 'criticizer in chief'

Before President Bush began his state of the union speech on Jan. 23, we put aside pessimistic attitudes in order to understand and discern the content and delivery of his speech. With apparent graciousness, he delivered a speech that surprised many with its open hand of ideas. Sadly, three days later he uttered words that slammed through the country like a punch to the stomach: "I'm the decision-maker."

Four years ago, Bush may have been able to get away with such a strong statement. But with approval ratings flirting with a record low, it is apparent that his views do not reflect those of the people. While the possibility for re-election is off the table for the president, he would do good to give his political party a chance to regain a positive image in the next election cycle.

Not only were Bush's comments a disappointment to many citizens, but even a Republican senator has come out in opposition to Bush's strong statement.

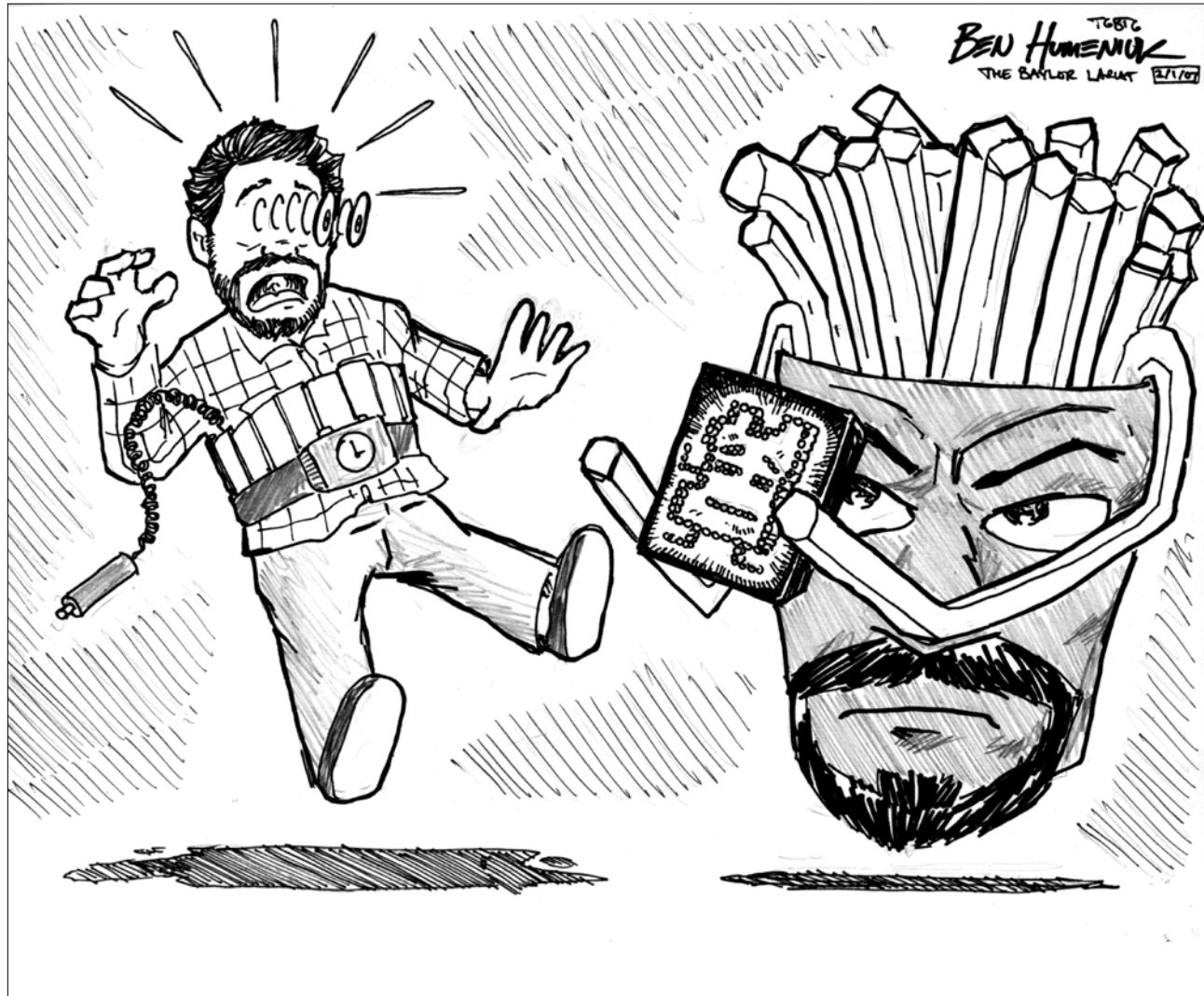
In contrast to the president, Sen. Arlen Specter, a Republican from Pennsylvania, has consistently shown integrity by legitimately questioning decisions of the president and his own party when he felt it was appropriate. On Tuesday, Specter "respectfully" reminded the president that making decisions is a "shared

and joint responsibility."

It seems the president needs to take a refresher course on what it means to be in a political office in the United States. There are established checks and balances that serve as a way, to no one's surprise, to check and balance the power among three branches of government: the judicial, executive and legislative. Our Founding Fathers' whole purpose of setting up the government in such a way was to ensure no one could ever establish tyrannical rule again. If the president wants to regain some dignity, he would be wise to return the power he's hoarding from the other branches of our government.

Along with submitting his power to the checks and balances put in place, Bush needs to remember that he isn't the only citizen of the United States. We elected officials to represent us with the promise that our voices would be heard when it came time to move our country in a particular direction. The country should follow the will of the people, not the sole desires of the president.

To say the least, our patience with the president ran out a long time ago. We were given hope last week when it seemed he wanted to work together and listen to everyone's opinion. But the president's quick change of tone only three days later shows that our initial apprehension was justified.



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Letters to the editor

Sexism in sports

I'm writing in response to Jacquie Scott's column, "Sexism clearly seen in women's basketball games," in Wednesday's Lariat. She argues that sexism dominates women's basketball, particularly here at Baylor. Her reasoning is pretty absurd.

First, she mentions it's difficult to enjoy a Lady Bears game when the fans heckle the visitors "because they're women athletes."

Is she inferring that if they were males, no one would heckle them? I have heard many Baylor students heckle the visitors even when they are males. The bottom line is that all athletes, male and female, know that they will hear racial, sexist and personal insults when they hit the road. Scott also claims that you never hear anyone say, "Wow, he's a male Sophia Young." Actually I have heard people say that many times.

Lastly, she claims research shows that teams without "Lady" attached to the front of their names have "stronger athletic programs." The Baylor Lady Bears, Tennessee Lady Volts, LSU Lady Tigers and the Georgia Lady Bulldogs. All poor basketball programs. They each have made the Sweet 16 for three consecutive seasons, including six Final Fours in that span, but other than that her research is right.

Jay Hamlin
Telecommunications 2007

What ever happened to dinner and a movie?

Since when did text messaging take the place of phone calls and "meeting up" at a party become a date? In the last 20 years, the dynamics of dating have changed, and I'm not a fan.

When my mom tells me stories about when she and my dad started dating, I stare at her with disbelief.

Did guys really call girls on a Wednesday night for a Saturday night date and show up with flowers on the doorstep?

You could call me old-fashioned, but I want the romance of dating back. The phone calls, the flowers and maybe even dinner and a movie. It isn't about the money a guy

spends on me; it's about the time and effort he puts into planning the date.

I'm not looking for dinner at the most expensive restaurant in town or a dozen roses. Flowers picked from the side of the road and a picnic in the park would do just fine.

Dating is about taking the time to get to know another person you might be interested in starting a relationship with.

I'm beginning to think the art of dating has somehow been lost. I was starting to think the lack of dating was solely the fault of guys because of their lack of motivation in pursuing girls, but I was proven wrong.

point of view



BY BRITTANY MIHALCIN

When I asked my roommate what she thought about dating, her answer surprised me. "I don't date. It's a waste of time," she said.

Maybe that's just it. Dating has become a waste of time to people and it has lost its true meaning. It's not special anymore. I think it's the fault of both parties. A lot of women don't want to waste their time dating, and in return, many

guys have completely given up the pursuit of women. Have we put ourselves in the ultimate dating dilemma?

Perhaps the problem is, somewhere along the way, women stopped being grateful for all the effort guys tried to put into dating. Guys then got frustrated and stopped pursuing women, and we're stuck in a vicious cycle.

Let's be honest. Almost everyone wants to be in a real relationship one day.

God created us for relationships, so it's natural we would want one. Unfortunately, a lot of us have given up on that hope.

The problem is, no one is willing to put in the work

and time it takes to even start a relationship. That's right, the big D-A-T-E is usually a requirement in starting a solid relationship.

Call me crazy, but I don't see what it could hurt to at least try to get back to the good old basics of true dating.

If we replaced text messages with meaningful phone calls and meeting at a party with walks in the park, I think we'd actually begin to enjoy the art of dating again.

Maybe we'd all be happier. And a few of us might even fall in love.

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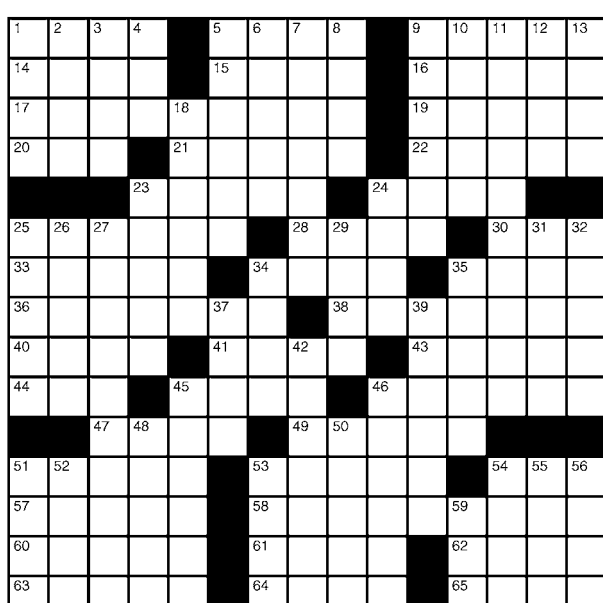
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By Robert H. Wolfe
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Mayborn's new events appeal to children, adults

Mayborn Events

- Feb. 5 (10 a.m. - noon)**
Mayborn Museum Monday
"Tooth Talk"
- Feb. 8 (6 - 7 p.m.)**
Family Fun Thursday
"Weird Science"
- Feb. 10 (All day)**
Sensational Saturday
"Storytelling"
- Feb. 12 (Noon)**
Mayborn Museum Monday
"Valentines"
- Feb. 15 (6 - 7 p.m.)**
Family Fun Thursday
"Litterbugs"
- Feb. 19 (10 a.m. - noon)**
Mayborn Museum Monday
"Furry Animals"
- Feb. 25 (3:30 - 4:30 p.m.)**
Symphony Sunday Sounds
"Heart Strings"
- Feb. 26 (10 a.m. - noon)**
Mayborn Museum Monday
"Hats Around the World"

By Yvonne Pham
Reporter

"Trains, planes and automobiles" was Thursday's theme at the Mayborn Museum Complex as its Family Fun Thursdays event jump-starts this month.

The theme for the evening incorporate transportation and how it has changed the way we live and travel.

The event had interactive activities for children to enjoy.

"The whole point of the programming is to give them more in-depth access that they normally wouldn't get during a regular visit," said Sherri Jurls, assistant marketing director.

Family Fun Thursdays are held weekly, each with a different theme and interactive activity.

Katie Smith, museum education facilitator, said Thursday's event will include "transportation crafts, a few transportation games and singing transportation songs."

Mayborn is currently developing activities and events that will appeal to college students as well.

"We're going to have Mayborn Madness, College Movie Night and a Star Party guided by an astronomy

professor in the area," Jurls said.

"Our goal is to include the entire community. That includes the very young to the very young at heart and everyone in between."

The museum didn't forget Valentine's Day. Mayborn will host its recurring Museum Mondays event, rightfully named Valentines, at noon Feb. 12.

Ann Hornung, director of public programming, said the itinerary for the Valentine-themed Monday also will include opportunities for visitors to participate in the event.

"They can make Valentine's Day crafts, such as cards. We'll also read Valentine books, sing Valentine songs," Hornung said.

Both events cater to families and children.

On Feb. 25, the museum will host the Waco Symphony's Sunday Sounds, providing entertainment for all ages.

The symphony will perform traditional chamber music with its "Heart Strings" series.

All events will be covered under the museum's regular admissions fees, which are \$4 for children, \$6 for adults.

Admission is free for members and Baylor students.



David Poe/Lariat staff

Three-year-old Clara Burns plays in the bus at the Mayborn Museum Complex's Family Fun Thursdays with Hollis Mutch, a museum studies graduate student, and other children on Thursday evening.

Missing teen hid fellow abductee, official says

New information emerges in case of two missing boys

By Christopher Leonard
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Abducted teen Shawn Hornbeck was ordered to guard fellow captive Ben Ownby and hide him from police when they were repeatedly left alone in their captor's apartment, an official close to the investigation told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Shawn's cooperation came from the isolation and abuse he experienced in the first 30 days after he was kidnapped in 2002, said the official, who requested anonymity, citing a lack of authorization to speak publicly about the case.

Shawn, then 11 years old, was so traumatized after that first month that he began to see

Michael Devlin, who was accused of kidnapping both boys, as his protector and surrogate parent, the official said.

He also added that such a reaction is common among abuse victims.

"He's a victim. He was kidnapped. He was taken from his parents. He was forced to live with this guy. He was forced to accommodate," the official said.

The official would not elaborate on what happened to Shawn when he was first kidnapped.

He did say, however, that details of the abuse and captivity would emerge soon in the case against Devlin.

Devlin, a 41-year-old pizzeria manager, is charged with kidnapping Shawn and Ben. The abductions were four years apart and both boys were taken from separate remote Missouri towns.

Shawn's parents have said in a televised interview that while

they have not asked their son about his ordeal, they believe he was sexually abused.

Shawn, now 15, was kidnapped in 2002 from near his home in Richwoods.

"We hope to get justice in a way that has dignity for our criminal justice system."

Scott Sherman
Hornbeck family attorney

Ben was abducted in Beaufort on Jan. 8, and a white pickup seen speeding away led police to Devlin. During Ben's four days of captivity, Shawn helped ensure Ben did not escape during the hours when Devlin was at work, the official said.

Devlin worked for a couple

hours on Jan. 10 and all day the next two days, according to his boss at Imo's Pizza, Mike Prospero.

The boys were found Jan. 12 at Devlin's apartment in the St. Louis suburb of Kirkwood, about an hour from the towns where the boys were taken.

The night before they were discovered, the official said, Shawn answered the door when authorities arrived to question Devlin.

Before Shawn answered the door, he and Devlin told Ben to hide behind the door of Devlin's bedroom and to remain silent. Shawn spoke with the authorities, as did Devlin.

At the time, Devlin refused to let authorities enter his home.

Officers did not have probable cause at the time to force their entry.

The next day, officers raided the home and found the boys. Scott Sherman, an attorney

representing Shawn's family, said the family could not comment on anything that happened between the date Shawn disappeared and the date he was rescued.

"The family thanks everyone for their concern and we hope to get justice in a way that has dignity for our criminal justice system," Sherman said.

Devlin's attorney Michael Kiely, through a spokeswoman, said it is "reprehensible that stories about this case are being told by the government in anonymous leaks."

Investigators are checking for connections between Devlin and other missing-person cases elsewhere in the country.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Sgt. Al Nothum, a spokesman for the task force investigating Devlin, said investigators have received calls from other states, but he declined to discuss specific cases.

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Seniors, get your yearbook pictures taken and order your Round Up Feb. 12 to 16, outside the Student Government office in the Bill Daniel Student Center. To schedule an appointment, visit www.ouryear.com. For additional information, visit www.baylor.edu/roundup.

Want to teach fitness?
Aerobic certification and sign-ups will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday in the McLane Student Life Center. For additional information, contact Ember_Strand@baylor.edu.

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Journalists under fire, group says

Media profession faces 10-year high in deaths, incarcerations

By Hope Yen
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of journalists killed or jailed worldwide has reached its highest level in a decade, with arrests rising as governments seek to control the Internet, an advocacy group said Thursday.

The survey by Reporters Without Borders, a media-advocacy group, found that 81 journalists were killed last year and more than 140 are behind bars.

It was the worst year for deaths since 1994, which was marked by the Rwandan genocide, civil war in Algeria and conflict in the former Yugoslavia.

In the United States, blogger Josh Wolf was jailed last August after defying a federal judge's order to hand over his video of a protest at an economic summit of the world's industrial powers. Sudanese Al-Jazeera cameraman Sami al-Haj was imprisoned at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, without charges on suspected al-Qaida links.

"There has never been a more dangerous time to be a journalist," said Lucie Morillon, Washington director of Reporters Without Borders. "But even more deplorable was the lack of interest, and sometimes even the failure, by democratic countries in defending everywhere the values they are supposed to incarnate."

The report said many governments were seeking to gain more control over the Internet, a popular medium for dissent in less democratic countries and a growing source of news in the U.S.

At least 60 people are in prison worldwide for posting criticism of their governments

online, from 50 in China to four in Vietnam, three in Syria and one each in Tunisia, Libya and Iran.

China has been a leader among those countries in installing spyware and demanding that U.S. companies Yahoo Inc., Google Inc., Microsoft Corp. and Cisco Systems Inc. alter their search-engines to filter out Web sites critical of the government, the report said.

In the U.S., the report said journalists and bloggers' "freedom of expression" is at risk.

It called for laws requiring that telecommunications companies treat Internet broadband content alike and move the information at the same network speed - whether the content is on a small, independent blog, or Web log, or well-heeled Web site.

Legislation to do that was rejected by the Senate last June, but backers are hopeful that the new Democratic-controlled Congress will change course.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, meanwhile, has said that Congress should require Internet providers to preserve customer records as a way to assist prosecutors' investigations into child pornography and possibly terrorism.

"It has become vital to examine new technology from a moral standpoint and understand the secondary effects of it," the report said.

Iraq was the most deadly country for journalists last year, with 39 reporters and 26 other media workers killed. Among them were two Americans - Paul Douglas of CBS and his sound man James Brolan, while the rest were Iraqis.

At least 30 journalists were arrested by Iraqi security forces in 2006. The U.S. Army arrested eight media workers, including AP reporter Bilal Hussein, who was taken into custody last April and has yet to be charged.



Chris Weeks/Lariat staff

Rain doesn't cloud campus tours

Campus tours continued Thursday despite the cold and rainy weather. The University Host department leads campus tours regularly for visitors and prospective students and their families.

Prisoner gets drunk from hand sanitizer

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Prison officials and poison control centers can add a new substance to their list of intoxicants, hand sanitizer.

A usually calm 49-year-old prisoner prompted a call to the Maryland Poison Control Center after guards found him reeking, combative and "lecturing

everyone about life."

Other inmates and staff reported the unidentified prisoner had been drinking from a gallon container of hand sanitizer, which is more than 70 percent alcohol, according to an article appearing in the February issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. The call was one of about a half dozen the center has received involving hand

sanitizers, said Dr. Suzanne Doyon, the center's director and co-author of the article.

While the hand sanitizer contains other chemicals in smaller amounts, it is primarily the same type of alcohol found in liquor, and acts on the body in the same way, Doyon said.

"I don't think a lot of people realize these are ethanol containing, or alcohol containing,

They are really no different than a really concentrated liquor," she said. However, other types of hand sanitizers contain isopropyl alcohol, which is metabolized differently by the body, and has different health effects, she said.

Alcohol-based sanitizers are credited with being more effective against germs, authorities said in the article.

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- 2.) Only six teams have never played in a Super Bowl. Name them.
- 3.) New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady has won two Super Bowl MVP awards. Where did Brady attend college?
- 4.) What was the first Super Bowl played on artificial turf?
- 5.) Where was Super Bowl I played?

Answers:

- 1) The seven "J" quarterbacks in the Super Bowl from 1980 to 1993 were: Jim Plunkett, Joe Montana, Joe Theismann, Jim McMahon, John Elway, Jeff Hostetler and Jim Kelly.
- 2) The six teams NOT to play in the Super Bowl are: Jacksonville Jaguars, Cleveland Browns, Houston Texans, Detroit Lions, Arizona Cardinals and New Orleans Saints.
- 3) Tom Brady attended the University of Michigan.
- 4) Super Bowl V was the first played on artificial turf. The Baltimore Colts defeated the Dallas Cowboys, 16-13.
- 5) Super Bowl I was played at the Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles.

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

Anthony snubbed by All-Star team after serving 15-game suspension

By Brian Mahoney
The Associates Press

NEW YORK — One bad night may have overshadowed all the good Carmelo Anthony has done this season.

The NBA's leading scorer was not among the seven reserves announced Thursday night for the Western Conference team that will play in the NBA All-Star game.

Denver teammate Allen Iverson was chosen, extending his streak of consecutive All-Star appearances to eight.

He started the last seven games while playing for Philadelphia.

Anthony, who is averaging 31.3 points but missed 15 games while suspended for his role in the brawl at Madison Square Garden, was the most obvious omission.

Earlier Thursday, Anthony said he hoped his suspension wouldn't prevent him from earning his first All-Star spot.

"I hope no one holds that over my head over anything," he said. "Things happen. One incident like that is held over one person's head, life ain't fair."

"I did my punishment. I could've easily kept my name out there by appealing it and doing other stuff about it, but I just did my 15 games suspension and hopefully put that behind us."

Steve Nash, Amare Stoudemire and Shawn Marion were all chosen from the Phoenix Suns, but Dirk Nowitzki was the only player picked from the Dallas Mavericks, who have the league's best record.

The Mavericks had been hoping Josh Howard would be

selected as well.

Detroit and New Jersey had multiple reserves picked for the Feb. 18 game. Chauncey Billups and Richard Hamilton, who both made their first appearances last season, are going back, and Jason Kidd and Vince Carter will represent the Nets in the game at UNLV's Thomas & Mack Center.

Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal and first-timers Dwight Howard of Orlando and Caron Butler of Washington round out the East reserves.

The seven reserves were voted on by the head coaches in their respective conferences. Coaches couldn't vote for their own players, and had to select two forwards, two guards, a center and two players regardless of their position.

The remainder of the West reserves were San Antonio guard Tony Parker and Utah forward Carlos Boozer.

The starters were announced last Thursday.

LeBron James, Shaquille O'Neal, Chris Bosh, Dwyane Wade and Gilbert Arenas were picked in the East. Tim Duncan, Kevin Garnett, Yao Ming, Tracy McGrady and Kobe Bryant were voted in by fans to start for the West.

Anthony still has a chance to play in Las Vegas. NBA commissioner David Stern will choose replacements for Yao, who is still recovering from a broken bone under his knee, and Boozer also is unavailable because of injury.

Anthony and Josh Howard are the most likely choices, but could face competition for those spots from Seattle's Ray Allen, Portland's Zach Randolph, the Clippers' Elton Brand and



Associated Press

Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony, who leads the NBA with more than 31 points per game, wasn't selected to play in the 2007 NBA All-Star game.

another Denver player, Marcus Camby.

Stern said he expected to make his decision in the next few days, and that when doing so he wouldn't consider the suspension he gave Anthony for the punch the Denver star hit the Knicks' Mardy Collins with on Dec. 16.

Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni will lead the West squad, since Dallas' Avery Johnson is ineligible after coaching last season. The same three Suns were chosen as reserves to the 2005 game.

"Obviously the reason I'm there is because of these three

guys and other guys on the Phoenix Suns," D'Antoni said in a statement. "For them to get this, that's really special."

Washington's Eddie Jordan is close to clinching the East coaching spot, largely because of the play of Butler. The forward is averaging 20.6 points and 8.0 rebounds, both career highs.

"Coach Jordan gave me more and more freedom and I really thought I had a chance," Butler said.

"I dedicated my time last summer and look what came out of it. I couldn't be happier with this, but I know there is still work to be done."

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guests, with the majority of the fans for the Bears and only a few for the Colts.

"I'm glad there will be fans from both sides," she said.

In addition to winning bragging rights, Wenk said her family will make a "Super Bowl Pool" and place bets on the score for each quarter. First-through third-quarter winnings will be \$100 each, with the fourth quarter carrying a \$500 prize pack-

age, she said.

"It's always exciting when you have a chance to walk away with some cash," she said.

Wakefield said, "family-oriented parties" usually don't involve the type of highly identified fans who are classified as dysfunctional.

"If the environment isn't totally centered around winning and losing and it's more of a social event, then you probably aren't a dysfunctional fan," he said.

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maire, according to the Tribune-Herald.

Kilgore also questioned who still wanted to continue the Sloan debate.

Nesbitt added that he believes the authors of the questionnaire harbor a grudge because of the circumstances surrounding Sloan's resignation, according to the article.

Kilgore was unavailable to the Lariat for comment on the situation.

Lilley said he wasn't part of any 2004-2005 controversy at Baylor and declined to talk about whether any questionnaire directed toward the president's office was being posed on behalf of the board of regents as a whole or on behalf of a particular group of regents.

"I have been directed to provide this work for the regents," he said. "The work has been done."

Lilley did not comment on possible reasons his office was

given this particular set of questions. Jim Turner, chairman of the board of regents, and Will Davis, the previous chairman, were unavailable for comment Thursday.

"Everything we do is related to our vision and our mission: 2012," Lilley said. "Everything we work on every day, because it's such a comprehensive plan."

John Barry, vice president for marketing and communications, said he hadn't read any such questions himself, but that he could not comment on matters involving the board of regents until after its meeting Thursday.

Barry said he is not aware of the specifics of what is being asked, adding that it shouldn't come as a surprise that the regents, through the administration, would want more information about the association.

"The fact of the matter is the agenda the board has established in its adoption of Baylor 2012 is a very ambitious

agenda," he said. "In order to accomplish those objectives, it should come as no surprise."

Three separate Baylor 2012 initiatives directly relate to the performance of the alumni association, Barry said.

The alumni association is directly involved with engaging the Baylor family, recruiting high-quality students and increasing Baylor's endowment.

"We're looking forward," he said.

"Leading by looking through the windshield, not through the rearview mirror."

Barry said Baylor 2012 and the "ambitious" agenda the board of regents has laid out for Baylor are the reasons for administrative actions, though he did not comment on the motivations of the regents involved.

"We can do all these wonderful things if we focus on the future," Lilley said.

"I'm focused on the windshield."

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"I am not sure that we are ready and capable and quali-

fied to start making theological evaluations," he said. "What about political Christian groups who are expressly political and expressly religious?"

Jen Kim, an El Paso

junior and one of the bill's authors, said she believes Baylor could maintain its Baptist heritage and would not follow in the footsteps of secularized schools.

"If we want to maintain these (Baptist) roots, we can do so," she said.

"We want to be a school that other schools can look at and say, 'Hey, they've maintained their heritage.' We want to be a

leader for them."

Vincent Harris, a Fairfax, Va., freshman, said he did not feel that the bill's opposition was fairly represented in the senate.

"Due to the absence of 19 senators, this bill does not represent the student body," he said. "This was a slim victory."

Kim said ideally the Board of Regents will take the Student Senate's recommenda-

tion seriously.

"I hope that the regents will take into consideration this bill, especially since there was a lot of student input into it," she said.

In other business, the senate also swore in three new Student Court justices: Sergio Rodriguez, a McAllen junior; DJ Jackson, a Houston junior; and Harry Taylor, a Lufkin sophomore.

Jackson said he was excited about his new duties.

"I'm hoping more students will find out about Student Court and that they do have a voice," he said. "And if they have a problem they will come to us."

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A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the tax breaks are necessary to overcome a potential GOP filibuster.

"Of course, Democrats would prefer to pass a clean increase in the minimum wage," said the spokesman, Jim Manley. "The fact is that Republicans have made it very clear that the only way we will pass a modest increase in the minimum wage is with tax breaks for small business."

Besides increasing the minimum wage from the current \$5.15 an hour, the bill would extend for five years a tax credit for businesses that hire the disadvantaged and provide expensing and depreciation advantages

to small firms.

The tax breaks would be paid for by closing loopholes on offshore tax shelters, by capping deferred compensation payments to corporate executives and by removing the deductibility of punitive damage payments and fines.

Senators also adopted an amendment that would bar companies that hire illegal immigrants from obtaining federal contracts.

That measure was designed to encourage companies to participate in an employee identification program that can weed out undocumented workers.

While the tax breaks have won the support of small business groups as well as retailers and restaurant owners, they have drawn opposition from

larger businesses that would bear the brunt of the revenue provisions. Several business groups also opposed the immigration measure.

After the House passed its bill on Jan. 10, the White House issued a statement insisting that final legislation include small business tax breaks. It subsequently issued a statement supporting the Senate version, but said the revenue measures were not necessary.

According to the Labor Department, 479,000 workers earned exactly \$5.15 an hour in 2005, the most recent estimate available. Most are young and unmarried and more likely to be women, minorities and part-time workers. According to the liberal Economic Policy Institute, the increase would af-

fect 5.6 million who make less than the proposed minimum of \$7.25.

More than two dozen states and the District of Columbia have minimum wages higher than the federal level. The political potency of the issue was evident last November, when proposals to raise statewide minimums passed in all six states where they came to a vote.

Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., a close ally of Speaker Pelosi, said he has talked to key Democrats in the House and Senate to make sure the differences in the bills don't derail the effort to raise the minimum wage.

"We just have to sort it out," Miller said.

"I think it can be done. Just don't ask me how."

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Staying cool under pressure

Akron Beacon Journal (MCT)

Two University of Akron students have proven they can withstand the heat of national competition.

Especially if it involves carving ice.

Rose Dressler and Isaac Delamatre took first place in the team championship in the Collegiate Ice Carving national contest that ran Friday through Sunday in Frankenmuth, Mich.

The University of Akron's team members of the hospitality management program.

The students are taught ice carving as an extra-curricular activity, and it can pay off after graduation — chefs often are asked to carve ice into such things as fruit, vegetables and other shapes for banquets.



MCT

Isaac Delamatre, left, and Rose Dressler, heft a 300-pound block of ice before practicing their ice carving skills in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Battle on Burning Sands show features hot steppin' groups

By Ashlie Young Reporter

The stage of Waco Hall will be on fire Saturday with the quick steps of dancers in the 3rd annual Battle on the Burning Sands Steppshow, hosted by Baylor's chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

The step contest has drawn contestants and audience members from not only campus but also around the state.

Naroby Bush, a senior health science major from Natchitoches, Lou., went to last year's show and plans to go again this year.

"It was a great experience, (last year)," Bush said. "This type of dance has changed over the years and grown into a challenging, creative show. I encourage students to come see it this Saturday."

The show takes place Saturday in Waco Hall. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7:06 p.m. with

special guest host Fonzworth Bentley. Bentley can be recognized from shows such as *Making the Band 2*, where he was P. Diddy's personal assistant, and also from his work with the musical group OutKast.

Also included in the show are DJ Mr. Rogers on the 1s and 2s and DJ Candlestick.

Josh Sanders, a senior from Houston, has been working with his fellow Alpha Phi Alpha members to put this show together.

"I hope that this show will draw an even more diverse group than ever. Everyone is welcome to come. People from all over the state are coming to compete and enjoy the show," Sanders said.

"I encourage all Baylor affiliates to come out this Saturday. Students, faculty, parents, anyone who wants to come see an exciting show."

The step contest features six groups competing for a total of \$4,000 in prizes.

Prizes will go to the first- and second-place division winners of both the fraternity and sorority.

There is also an alumni group from the University of Houston performing. Two high school groups, one from Waco High and another from Fort Worth, called the Showtime Steppers, will also be stepping during the event, although they are not competing for the prize.

Tramese Andrews, a senior journalism major from Garland, Texas, believes that this show will bring together people from all over.

People from many fraternities and sororities, other colleges and universities and even high schools will be in attendance, she said.

Tickets can be purchased for \$15 at the Bill Daniel Student Center ticket office and also at Marilyn's Gift Gallery.

Tickets can also be purchased through Alpha Phi Alpha or at the door Saturday night for \$20.

Annual piano competition draws talent from 5 states

By Aileen Wong Reporter

Sixty-four young pianists will compete in the 28th annual Baylor/Waco Piano Competition at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

The competition, sponsored by the Baylor School of Music, is an opportunity for talented pianists from seventh to 12th grade to compete and gain experience and recognition.

"It's a strong field this year, and as usual, a lot of well-respected independent piano teachers are in the competition," said James Williams, professor of piano and director of keyboard studies.

The competition is split into two piano concerti divisions and four divisions of piano solo repertoire.

The divisions are split by grade level.

The students will compete and winners are announced based on maturing and musical sophistication.

First and second place will receive cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$200, and honorable mentions also will be announced.

This year the solo competition has an unusually large number of students from 11th and 12th grade, so the division is split into two groups.

"Given how young they are, there is astounding talent and accomplishment," said Brian Marks, assistant professor in the keyboard division of the School of Music.

"It really can be quite impressive."

The event will feature pianists who are taught by 40 independent teachers. Many of these teachers are respected in their field.

"This is always a wonderful experience, from faculty judges to students," Williams said.

"We always get positive feedback about the high level of competition and cordiality they receive. They are always impressed with the friendly atmo-

"Given how young they are, there is astounding talent and accomplishment."

Brian Marks, associate professor in the keyboard division of the School of Music

The pianists will be allowed to tour the buildings, speak with professors and get an idea of what the School of Music is like.

"In some instances, students who have competed in the competition become music majors in the School of Music," Williams said.

This competition is not only an exciting event for the contestants, but also for the faculty and judges.

Many of the judges are faculty and have been working hard to pull the competition together in its final stages.

"Every year, I and my colleagues look forward to this," Marks said.

"The pieces the students choose to play are so interesting."

Attendance at the competition is free and open to the public.

The competition will take place at various locations on campus, including halls in the McCrary Music Building, Jones Concert Hall, Meadows Recital Hall and Roxy Grove Hall.

Winners will be announced in each division at 1:15 p.m. in Meadows Recital Hall Saturday. Call 710-1417 for more information.

sphere because the competition can be very cut-throat."

The competition is extended to a five-state area: Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. While at Baylor, competitors will be allowed to see the campus and the music facilities.

"It's a good recruiting opportunity for the Baylor School of Music," said Lesley Sisterhen, assistant professor of piano pedagogy.



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Technicolor comes to town

The Waco Hippodrome will host Florin Entertainment's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The Hippodrome is located at 724 Austin Ave., and the box office will open at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Students can get a discounted balcony ticket for \$10 at the door, but only about 65 tickets will be available. Other tickets cost \$22 for seats in the mezzanine, \$35 for the balcony and either \$42 or \$47 for floor seats.

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Youthful Bears slide into season

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

Analysis

In 2005, the Baylor baseball team took one of its most experienced teams in school history all the way to the national semifinals of the College World Series.

Two years later, the Bears are much younger, but the goal is the same.

After going 37-26 and making it to the championship round of the NCAA Houston Regional in 2006 – considered by many a rebuilding season – Baylor seems poised to make a deeper run this year.

While the Bears lost six impact players from last year's team to graduation or professional baseball, head Coach Steve Smith expects his team to be just as talented this year after bringing in the nation's best recruiting class according to **Baseball America**.

Catcher Zach Dillon, infielder Kevin Russo, outfielders Kevin Sevigny and Seth Fortenberry and pitchers Ryan LaMotta and Cory VanAllen will be tough to replace, but with 15 true freshmen joining 18 returning lettermen, the Bears have great expectations.

Baylor enters the season ranked 24th in the pre-season polls and were predicted by Big 12 coaches to finish fourth in the conference behind No. 6 University of Texas, No. 12 University of Nebraska and No. 23 Oklahoma State University.

One area that's expected to be a strength this season is depth in the pitching staff. The Bears return eight pitchers from last year's squad, including Jeff Mandel and Randall Linebaugh, who are expected to be their top-two weekend starters,

Highly-touted freshman Kendall Volz will be fighting for the Sunday rotation slot. With celebrated freshmen Dustin Dickerson and Aaron Miller joining sophomore stand-out shortstop Beamer Weems, first baseman Tim Jackson and outfielders Chase Gerdes and Ben Booker, the Bears lineup is expected to have more power hitting potential than it has in the past three seasons.

The Bears' inexperience makes the play of their younger players an unknown, but if their freshmen mesh as well with the returners as Smith hopes, this could be a special season.



No. 21 Ben Booker
Height: 6-3
Weight: 202
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Lorena
Avg.: .268
HR: 2
RBI: 23

No. 1 Beamer Weems
Height: 5-10
Weight: 175
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Virginia Beach, Va.
Avg.: .297
HR: 8
RBI: 47

No. 29 Chase Gerdes
Height: 6-1
Weight: 195
Class: Senior
Hometown: Uvalde
Avg.: .292
HR: 2
RBI: 34

No. 8 Shaver Hansen
Height: 6-0
Weight: 185
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Grand Junction, Colo.

No. 11 Aaron Miller
Height: 6-3
Weight: 200
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Channelview

No. 20 Seth Hammock
Height: 5-11
Weight: 210
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Corpus Christi
Avg.: .270
RBI: 4

No. 15 Kendal Volz
Height: 6-4
Weight: 225
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Bulverde

No. 24 Jeff Mandel
Height: 6-3
Weight: 200
Class: Senior
Hometown: Houston
ERA: 4.40

No. 18 Randall Linebaugh
Height: 6-0
Weight: 175
Class: Junior
Hometown: Mesquite
ERA: 3.42

No. 19 Dustin Dickerson
Height: 6-4
Weight: 205
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Waco

No. 10 Nick Cassavechia
Height: 6-0
Weight: 180
Class: Junior
Hometown: Dallas
ERA: 3.03

No. 12 Matt Sodolak
Height: 6-0
Weight: 200
Class: Senior
Hometown: Columbus
Avg.: .257
RBI: 29

No. 44 Tim Jackson
Height: 6-0
Weight: 215
Class: Senior
Hometown: Cedar Hill
Avg.: .268
RBI: 31

Baseball in February

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2/10	Rice	Houston (MMPAC)	7 p.m.
2/11	Vanderbilt	Houston (MMPAC)	2:30 p.m.
2/13	Texas State	Waco	6:30 p.m.
2/16	Stephen F. Austin	Waco	6:30 p.m.
2/17	Stephen F. Austin	Waco	3 p.m.
2/18	Stephen F. Austin	Waco	1:30 p.m.
2/20	Texas-SanAntonio	Waco	6:30 p.m.
2/23	Oral Roberts	Waco	6:30 p.m.
2/24	Oral Roberts	Waco	3 p.m.
2/25	Oral Roberts	Waco	1:30 p.m.
2/27	Texas-Arlington	Waco	6:30 p.m.

Go Bears!

- ◆ Picked to finish fourth in the Big 12 Conference in the preseason coaches' poll.
- ◆ Youngest team in Steve Smith's 13-year tenure.
- ◆ Incoming class ranked as nation's best by **Baseball America**.
- ◆ Ranked 24 in the USA Today/ESPN Preseason Coaches Poll.

The good news

- ◆ League coaches picked the Lady Bears to finish second in the Big 12 Conference.
- ◆ Chelsi Lake and Brette Reagan were named to the "watch list" for the sixth Annual USA Softball National Collegiate Player of the Year Award by the Amateur Softball Association
- ◆ Ranked 18 in the USA Today/NFCA Preseason Top 25 Poll.

Softball in February

Date	Opponent	Locations	Time
2/9	Southern Miss	Waco	4:15 p.m.
2/9	Texas A&M-CC	Waco	6:30 p.m.
2/10	Stephen F. Austin	Waco	11:45 a.m.
2/10	Kentucky	Waco	4:15 p.m.
2/11	Kentucky	Waco	9 a.m.
2/11	Texas A&M-CC	Waco	1 p.m.
2/14	Sam Houston State	Waco	4 p.m.
2/14	Sam Houston State	Waco	6 p.m.
2/16 - 2/20	Ragin' Cajun Invite	Lafayette La.	TBA
2/23 - 3/04	FCA Leadoff Classic	Columbus Ga.	TBA

High expectations for season ahead

By Will Parchman
Sports writer

Analysis

Head Coach Glenn Moore's adopted slogan "It's time," which his players picked up on last year, reflects the urgency in the Bears' 2007 campaign. Moore has been building a winner since he arrived in 2000, and things are now beginning to come to a head. Moore signed pitcher Kirsten Shortridge, the national Gatorade Player of the Year, and the freshman will bolster a team bubbling over in veteran and athletic talent.

Nevertheless, Baylor's consecutive 41-week stay in the comfort of the Top 25 won't be enough anymore. The Bears' undefeated fall practice schedule, the first in school history, outlined exactly where the team's expectations are.

In the clouds. "We have more depth than we had last year," head Coach Glenn Moore said. "The team has the mountaintop in sight, but the team knows there are a lot of streams and trees to get over before we get there."

Infielders Brette Reagan and Chelsi Lake are quickly becoming one of the more powerful tandems in the Big 12. While regarded as one of the best defensive catchers in the conference, Lake forms one half of Baylor's power combo in the middle of the batting order. The other is Reagan. The sophomore third baseman was Baylor's first ever Big 12 Freshman of the Year in 2006, an award she is parlaying into her 2007 season.

The left side of the infield could be the strongest ever under Moore, and the pitching figures will take a step up in 2007 as well. With Shortridge added to the rotation and outstanding seniors Lisa Ferguson and Ashley Monceaux returning from highly successful seasons, the Bears are in line for a good deal of success from the circle this year.

"All four of our pitchers could be No. 1's on Division I staffs somewhere," Moore said. Improving on a 2006 NCAA Regional Finals appearance shouldn't be hard for this squad. As Moore said, "It's time."

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No. 7 Tiffany Wesley
Height: 6-0
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Baton Rouge, La.

No. 3 Kelsey Sage
Height: 5-8
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Waco

No. 9 Miriam Romero
Height: 5-2
Class: Senior
Hometown: Douglas, Ariz.
Avg.: .267
RBI: 7

No. 2 Maritza Martinez
Height: 5-2
Class: Junior
Hometown: Midland

No. 10 Nicole Wesley
Height: 6-0
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Baton Rouge, La.

No. 4 Brette Reagan
Height: 5-5
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Magnolia
Avg.: .355
HR: 12
RBI: 44

No. 5 Brittany Turner
Height: 5-9
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Fort Worth
ERA: 3.02

No. 22 Lisa Ferguson
Height: 5-10
Class: Senior
Hometown: Fort Worth
ERA: 1.96

No. 1 Kirsten Shortridge
Height: 5-11
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Waco

No. 17 Ashley Monceaux
Height: 6-2
Class: Senior
Hometown: Tucson, Ariz.
Avg.: .336
HR: 8
RBI: 29

No. 11 Chelsi Lake
Height: 5-9
Class: Senior
Hometown: Keller
Avg.: .362
HR: 18
RBI: 52

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