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## Aftershock of plunging markets still felt

### Gasoline cost declines with economy woes

Jennifer Sutton and  
Christina Kruse  
Reporters

The price of a gallon of gasoline has dipped below three dollars for the first time in over a year, for some gas stations.

As of Wednesday afternoon, Murphy USA, located on I-35 and Loop 340, was charging \$2.92 per gallon. The Flying J, located on South New Road and I-35, had regular unleaded at \$2.95 per gallon.

According to the Energy Information Administration, gasoline consumers paid an average of \$3.78 per gallon in August 2008.

In August of last year, gasoline was priced at about \$2.77 per gallon.

Several things affect the increase and decline of gasoline prices.

"To a large extent, the average gasoline price reflects three factors: (1) the price of oil; (2) the overall cost of refining the oil into gasoline and (3) factors

influencing the demand for gasoline, such as people's incomes," David VanHoose, professor of economics, wrote in an e-mail interview.

"The biggest reason why gas prices are dropping is that the price of crude oil is falling," said associate professor of economics Charles North.

In July 2008, West Texas Intermediate, a type of crude oil, peaked at about \$145 per barrel. As of today, the New York Mercantile Exchange closed the price of crude oil at \$88.56.

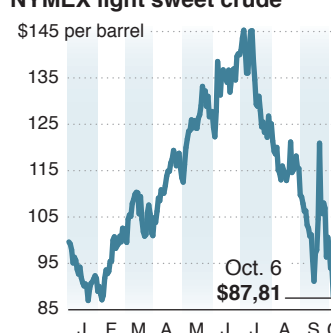
Another reason the price of gasoline is dropping may be attributed to the downturn of the economy, which causes buyers to be more cautious in their spending.

"The general expectation is that incomes in industrialized nations may fall in the future - especially in the event of a global

#### Low oil demand

Oil prices plunged below \$90 a barrel Monday, its lowest settlement in eight months.

#### NYMEX light sweet crude



SOURCE: Department of Energy AP



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Memphis sophomore Alicia Benham fills up her tank for \$2.99 at the Valero gas station on the corner of 5th Street and Jack Kultgen Expressway. Benham said she is happy about the low gas prices. **Below:** Gas prices at Raceway gas station on Valley Mills Avenue are a few cents lower at \$2.95 per gallon.



### Economic panel to clarify issues

By Kirsten Johnson and  
David Poe  
Reporters

While the recent national financial crisis flourishes as the "topic de jour" in coffee houses across America, the Hankamer School of Business has prepared a panel discussion to help answer student questions.

"We have had a lot of students in the business school asking questions about what is happening, and what they can do," said Tisha Emerson, associate professor and associate chair of economics.

Students are not the only ones to bring up this topic. Professors have been corresponding with one another as well.

"Internal e-mails have been circulating. One person would send an article out, and then others would add their own responses," said Dr. Charles North, associate professor of economics. "Over the past two weeks, several people in the

department though it'd be a good idea to have a panel discussion."

The Understanding the Financial and Mortgage Crisis panel discussion will take place from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. today in Kayser Auditorium in the Hankamer School of Business. Five business professors will share their perspectives and recommendations on the current crisis facing the nation.

Dr. Kent Gilbreath, professor of Economics and the holder of the E.M. and Thelma Stevens Chair of Private Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, will discuss the origins and causes of the crisis and its impact on the economy.

Another panelist is Dr. Gia Chevis, assistant professor in the department of accounting and business law, who will speak on "mark-to-market" accounting procedures. This method was addressed in Congress's bailout legislation, and

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### Federal Reserve cuts interest rate

By Jeannine Aversa  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - In a rare coordinated move, the Federal Reserve and other major central banks from around the world slashed interest rates Wednesday to prevent a mushrooming financial crisis from becoming a global economic meltdown.

The decision sent Wall Street on a roller coaster ride. The major indexes moved in and out of positive territory, with the Dow Jones industrials at times falling more than 200 points or rising more than 100.

Overseas markets tumbled on worries that the move wouldn't immediately help ease the pain from the financial crisis.

The Fed reduced its key rate from 2 percent to 1.5 percent. In Europe, which also has been hard hit by the financial crisis, the Bank of England cut its rate by half a point to 4.5 percent and the European Central Bank sliced its rate by half a point to 3.75 percent.

The central banks of China, Canada, Sweden, and Switzerland also cut rates. The Bank of Japan said it strongly supported the actions.

"The recent intensification of the financial crisis has augmented the downside risks to growth," the Fed said in explaining the coordinated action, the latest in a series of bold moves meant to pry open tight lending and revive the global economy.

The Dow Jones industrials, already down 875 points this week, rose 85 points in afternoon trading.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said Wednesday that global financial markets remain severely strained, underscoring the need for quick action to implement the government's \$700 billion rescue program.

The Fed's action will reduce borrowing costs almost immediately for U.S. bank customers whose home equity and other floating-rate loans are tied to the prime interest rate. Bank of America, Wells Fargo and other banks cut their prime rate by half a point to 4.5 percent after the Fed announcement.

White House spokesman Tony Fratto welcomed the cooperation among the Fed and other countries' central banks to battle the crisis. "It's important and

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### Hard times benefit some local businesses

By Alex Maxwell  
Reporter

The economy's downward spin seems to be affecting everyone in some form or another, but there are some businesses that may actually be benefiting.

The businesses that are rising, or remaining steady in business, while the economy is falling, provide essentials to everyday life for an affordable price.

Food is a necessity that people need everyday in order to survive.

"I think people eat when they're stressed," said Julie Vitek Keith, owner of Vitek's Bar-B-Q. "Whether it's good or

bad times, people need to eat." The restaurant industry seems to be experiencing very little change.

Keith said that they haven't really noticed a decline in business since the economy started dropping.

Clothing is also an everyday essential. Retail stores that offer cheaper alternatives to buying new clothes have been benefiting from how the economy is driving people to spend their money.

Amelia's Fashion Exchange offers high-quality, gently-used clothes from top designers at an affordable price according to the.

Courtney Johnson, a Waco junior and sales associate at Amelia's, said that business has

been picking up on both ends: consignment and selling.

"People are pinching their pennies," Johnson said. "But we've remained pretty busy."

People are looking to save money when it comes to their transportation, too.

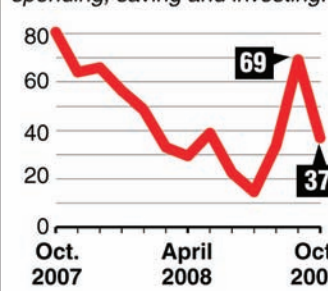
"In September, sales fell below 1 million vehicles for the first time in 15 years, but analysts fear the market could be even worse in October," according to a New York Times article on Tuesday.

The fall in auto sales has directed those in need of an automobile or service to turn towards smaller dealerships and garages to fulfill their needs.

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#### Consumers hunker down

A monthly national index of consumer attitudes on the local economy, personal finance, spending, saving and investing.



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Source: FBC Consumer Attitudes and Spending by Household (CASH) Index, a monthly survey by Ipsos of 1,000 adults  
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Charles Tolbert will use a \$300,000 grant to study how jobs created by small businesses affect rural communities. Tolbert will be travelling to Los Angeles to begin the research.

### \$300,000 grant to study benefits of jobs created in small communities, rural areas

By Sommer Ingram  
Staff Writer

Dr. Charles Tolbert, chair of the sociology department, and Dr. Carson Mencken, associate professor of sociology, will use a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to assist in determining whether new employers creating jobs in rural areas is actually beneficial to those small communities. The professors' project was in the top two of the 60 projects

that were proposed.

The professors were awarded the grant to help create an innovative data-set that links worker data to employer data. This data will help the researchers determine factors that cause a non-employer to become an employer and whether the effects on the community are positive or not.

Non-employers are individuals who have businesses but no employees, and there are at least 7 million in the United States.

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Charles Tolbert  
Chair of the sociology  
department

"The big question is: what can we do to help rural America

develop and move into the 21st century?" Tolbert said. "If you take a small, sparsely populated area and one of these non-employers creates a job, it can make a big difference. That's why they (USDA) were so keen on funding our work."

At any given time, thousands of these non-employers take on employees.

"We want to see what local conditions facilitate moving from having no employees to

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# Presidential debate had no distinctive winner

Wednesday's high-tension presidential debate was in the form of a town hall meeting, with both candidates fielding questions from the audience. It came close to a rehashing of the material from the first debate.

Both Sen. "That One" Obama and Sen. McCain repeated talking points from the first debate, and avoided directly answering questions.

McCain was more comfortable in his preferred setting. He also looked like he might at any point lose his temper, and he briefly grappled with moderator Tom Brokaw and Obama about each of them getting an opportunity to rebut.

Obama was told repeatedly to

stay within the allotted time. Both grinned when the other accused them of something negative.

Themes that dominated the debate, which focused on the economy, environment and foreign policy, were the image of Obama as a corrupt "tax-and-spend" liberal with ties to evil lobbyists, and McCain as identical to Bush, with ties to evil lobbyists.

McCain was the more negative of the two, occasionally sounding sarcastic and calling out Obama when he failed to answer a question.

McCain referred to Obama, at one point, as "that one" to much fury and online analysis, some implying varying racial messag-

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BY JADE ORTEGO

es or mere disrespect. The latter seems the case, as it seems consistent with McCain's inability to look at or address Obama.

No doubt underscoring some already-present cynicism, each candidate repeatedly corrected the other for outright lying about the other's record.

Sen. Obama repeated twice that "prosperity is not just going to trickle down" from deregulat-

ed corporations.

I flinched when McCain responded, "I'll bet you, you may never even have heard of [Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac] before this crisis," to a young African American man in the audience. McCain has received some criticism on the blogosphere for appearing racist and ageist.

Obama seemed eager to talk about energy, emphasizing alternative fuels and tax incentives for buying hybrid vehicles. He also bizarrely, uncomfortably, included off-shore drilling, as well as the use of nuclear power, in his energy plan.

McCain emphasized the use of nuclear power and offshore drilling, but also listing, as he always

does, the need for "alternative fuels, wind, tide, solar, natural gas, clean coal technology," to the charge that he has voted against the development of these sources 23 times.

There were pleasingly discernible differences in the candidates proposed foreign policy, tax and health care plans. They also clearly disagree about the war in Iraq, McCain was still holding on to the idea that there is a reason for us to be there.

McCain sickeningly referenced the Holocaust in an attempt to rationalize not speaking with foreign leaders, implying that speaking with Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad would legitimize any genocidal fantasies

he may have.

He stopped just short of once again describing being tortured.

McCain didn't actually answer the question of the priority of health policies, energy policies, and entitlement reform and didn't answer if the economy was going to get worse before it got better.

Neither candidate fully answered the closing question, "What don't you know and how will you learn it?"

In Wednesday's debate there was no clear winner, except for Tom Brokaw who came off as inhumanly gracious and patient.

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## Editorial

# Alternative meds can work as well

Sickness has always been a part of life, but the way people have gone about curing ailments has changed. Pills and expensive surgeries are a Western answer to treating or curing sickness. Pharmacies line nearly every major street and are even located in common retail shopping centers, ready to dispense medicine to the common citizen.

From instant relief from the flu to curing major ailments such as heart disease, the world of medicine has increasingly turned from natural remedies to chemicals produced in a laboratory. With so many options to treat illness, it can be stressful finding the best one.

It's not necessarily a bad situation to have. Western medicine has made significant advances, such as the discovery of penicillin, which led to the creation of immunization vaccines for diseases such as polio and malaria. Science has even moved beyond natural substances into human-made compounds that do not exist outside the lab. With synthetic medicine, millions of people can receive cures for a fraction of the cost of last century's medicines.

But Western drugs are not the only option. People can also look to herbal medicines for some of their medical needs. Natural supplements are available as an alternative to main-

stream medication.

Currently, anti-depressants are part of a multi-billion dollar industry. Although medicines manufactured by pharmaceutical companies can be effective in treating depression, they are also very expensive. St. John's wort, a natural supplement, can be just as effective in mild cases of depression and related conditions, according to the Web MD Web site.

An alternative to pain treatment is acupuncture. The process involves applying pressure to key locations on the patient's body with needles, suction or direct pressure from small objects, which, in turn, redistributes tissue weight around nerve receptors.

In a 2007 survey of physicians, conducted by CNN, acupuncture was the No. 1 recommended pain treatment alternative to traditional pain medications, because of its ease of application and effectiveness.

Although many Americans associate needles with acupuncture, that isn't always the case. In 2004, movie star Gwyneth Paltrow appeared at a New York film premiere wearing a back-baring dress that showed off what seemed to be numerous circular welts. She later admitted that the bruises were a result of a procedure known as cup-



Cupping is a form of acupuncture in which suction cups are attached to the skin at the pressure points. Suction is formed either by directly pumping the air out of the container or lighting a flammable substance to burn all the oxygen inside the cup, which then has to be quickly applied to the body for there to be enough suction. The pressure loss in the cup forces the blood to the surface, bringing toxins out of the bloodstream. The procedure takes between five and 15 minutes per day for an average of one week.

According to Dr. Subhuti Dharmananda, the director of the Institute for Traditional Medicine in Portland, Ore., the procedure helps pain, stomach disorders, paralysis and respiratory problems, along with sev-

eral other medical conditions.

Even Baylor has taken steps toward alternative medicine. Recently, Baylor's Department of Psychology and Neuroscience found that using hypnosis could reduce hot flashes. Supplemental estrogen injections are the current cure in Western medicine.

Though Western and alternative medicines can be effective in relieving and even curing certain medical conditions, a simple, positive attitude can go a long way toward feeling better.

Patients visit the doctor to get better, and many times the treatment isn't what makes them healthy.

According to The New York Times Magazine, in 1994, Bruce Moseley, a surgeon, brought in 10 patients who had arthritis

in their knees. He told them that they were going to get an experimental surgery to relieve their arthritis. Some patients were given the full surgery, while others received just a cleaning of the knee cap, which had no effect on the arthritis.

After six months, all exhibited positive reactions, even though only some received the actual surgery for arthritis. It's part of the so-called placebo effect, where a patient's mentality, in this case, affects the way they physically feel. By simply thinking that they had been treated, they actually started to feel better.

For people looking for relief or a cure, they should keep their eyes and minds open for more than just a pill or standard surgeries.

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# Class can help students who struggle with managing finances

"Now instead of lookin' fly n rollin' phat, My legs are sticking to the vinyl and my posse's gettin' laughed at. F-R-E-E that spells free, Credit report dot com baby."

We all know and love the free credit report commercials with the guy singing about his girlfriend, or his not-so-phat-car or his trashy bike. Unfortunately, I might be headed direction, down the path of cruddy credit. I'm beginning to believe that college isn't just four years of education in books, but four years of education in managing that slippery thing called money.

As a disclaimer, let me say how lucky I am that my parents provide for my rent and groceries. I know a lot of students do

not have this luxury.

My money problems started the summer before my junior year of high school, when I started working at a gift shop. Right after school started, I turned sixteen. My parents were nice enough to pay for my gas and insurance, so I could save some of my money.

My dad got the gas bill and gave me a one of his checkbooks so that I could pay, since he lives in California. While explaining to me how to balance a checkbook, my dad probably saw the information going in one ear and out the other, because it definitely didn't stick.

Since being out of high school, I have had to pay an absurd amount of bank overdraft fees out of my gift shop job sav-

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BY MOLLY MACEWAN

ings because my parents, and rightly so, held me responsible for the overdrafts. I've had some big overdraft fees. I'm talking enough for a month's rent, a few years of Sonic happy hour drinks or a new TV.

I always assume I can keep track of the money that I've spent in my head - 87 cents at Sonic, \$5 at Subway and \$1.07 at McDonalds. It shouldn't be too hard, but it gets me every time. Just when I come around

to balancing my checkbook and realize that the negative sign has appeared in the balance column, I get the domineering phone call from my dad.

"Molly, you need to check your account. Have you balanced your checkbook lately? You are being very irresponsible," he always says. "I swear it's not my fault! They just charged me too soon!" I always whimper.

I began to wonder if I was the only one who shouldn't have been allowed out of second grade. But to my surprise, my friends are having the same problem keeping track of their money. My friend Emily blamed the credit card company for forgetting to transfer a deposit.

Woo hoo! Someone else can

go back to second grade with me!

A couple of nights later at the library with my friend Roman, I was discussing my distress at missing out on another new pair of shoes because I overdrafted my account again and had to use my money to pay the bank fee. Lo and behold, he struggles with the overdrafting disease too.

What is it with college students and money? We can get accepted to a university and study finance and neuroscience but can't even do basic math for a checkbook?

After a little research I found that Baylor can help me recover. Business 3302, Personal Financial Decisions, offers instruction in things like personal financial

statements, cash management, responsible use of consumer credit and budget management. I'm excited to know that I can get help for my personal money trouble. I think this course would be great to add to everyone's schedule next semester. If each Baylor student was required to take this class, maybe we would be better at handling our personal finances. Taking the class might even give me a new theme song:

"Now instead of sayin' sorry n dishin' dough, My fingers are sticking to the green and my posse's sippin' joe, A-D-D that spells add, Subtract and I'm alright baby."

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# Voter registration finishes, county rate down from '04

By Ashley Corinne Killough  
Staff Writer

Monday not only marked the statewide deadline for registering to vote, but also ended a season of active voter registration efforts by the Republican and Democratic parties of McLennan County.

Kathy Van Wolfe, elections administrator, said as of Monday, there were approximately 133,000 registered voters in the county, slightly down from 134,650 people registered to vote by the deadline in 2004.

"This decline is probably because we've been working really hard this year on cleaning up our roll, making sure it's

Joe Seaman  
Waco junior and Democrat

"We can actually say something in Texas with our votes."

Monday not only marked the statewide deadline for registering to vote, but also ended a season of active voter registration efforts by the Republican and Democratic parties of McLennan County.

"I don't know the reasons for the relatively low turnout in the past, but there seems to be more effort this year by the parties, candidates and volunteers to register voters," Van Wolfe said.

After targeting areas that typically have a low voter turnout, McLennan County Democrats have submitted more than 3,600 applications for unregistered

voters to the elections office since July, said Jody Money, voter registration coordinator.

Deputized volunteers in the group went to clinics, libraries, food pantries, apartment complexes and nightclubs to register voters.

"We went all over the county. Our philosophy was that it wasn't enough just to go to a public place and set up a table," Money said. "We wanted to go to people who are out there and don't participate, folks who feel cut off and disenfranchised from the process."

Money said he believes that if McLennan County residents were polled, there would be more Democrats than Republicans.

"As long as we're willing to do the work that's necessary to keep those Democratic voters in the process, then we can turn McLennan County blue again."

Waco junior Joe Seaman, who registered 25 voters, volunteered between three and four hours a week with other Baylor Democrats. Seaman said that, while he knew Sen. Barack Obama wouldn't win Texas, he believed the Democratic vote could have an influence in local elections.

"We can actually say something in Texas with our votes," Seaman said. "Traditionally, McLennan County has gone red at the top of the ballot, but one of our main goals is to get more down-ticket votes for state and local candidates."

M.A. Taylor, chair of the McLennan County Republican Party, said he estimates Republican volunteers helped register between 800 and 900 voters. Taylor said before 1985, McLennan County had been primarily a conservative Democratic county.

"As the Democratic Party drifted farther and farther away from what it stood for, the conservative Democrats became Republicans, and now about 65 percent of the county votes Republican," he said.

Taylor said he also expects a high number of voters this year.

"I think this will probably be the biggest turnout for any election in McLennan County," Taylor said. "There seems to be a lot of interest in it. We've already given out 1,500 McCain/Palin yard signs and just re-ordered some more."

Jim Bawcum, voter registration coordinator for the McLennan County Republican Party, said volunteers from the county's party, Republican Women's Club and the Young Conservatives of Texas at Baylor worked together in registering voters.

They set up booths at Richland Mall, McLennan Community College, local high schools and community events, such as the Heart O' Texas Fair and Farmers' Market.

"Anywhere there was a gathering of people in any of the surrounding communities, we would go and set up a table," Bawcum said.

Now that the voter registration deadline has passed, representatives from both parties said their focus will be on educating voters for the Nov. 4 election.

## McLennan County voter registration for recent election years:

Registered Voters 2008:  
**133,000**

Register Voters 2004:  
**134,650**

Number of people who actually voted in 2004:  
**79,671**

Statistics are as of Monday, Oct. 7



Courtesy photo

Biology doctoral candidate Jason Tyler is fish habitat sampling in a central Texas stream. Tyler recently was awarded the Environmental Protection Agency's prestigious STAR fellowship.

# Agency awards fellowship to biology doctoral candidate

By Melanie Crowson  
Reporter

Biology doctoral candidate Jason Taylor studies rivers and streams - down to the smallest organism.

It is this passion that drove Taylor to become the first Baylor graduate student to receive the Environmental Protection Agency's prestigious Science To Achieve Results or STAR fellowship.

This means that Taylor's research has been funded with a \$111,000 grant.

Among the many thousands of applications from graduate students across the nation, Taylor, along with 31 others, were given fellowships.

"With the economy, they only chose 32 for this year combined with next year, so it was a lot more competitive," Taylor said.

Taylor can be found in the field or in the lab, focusing on his work to fulfill his proposal.

He has been studying the various food webs within the river and tributaries along the Brazos, to follow the source of the amount of phosphorous in the river system, or "ecological indicators of nutrient pollution in freshwater streams," according to Taylor's proposal.

Taylor's field-work and experiences in Belize and northern China helped him decide to come back to school, he said.

"It was the education in college and the work that I did after college that really motivated me to go back to school and go for my doctorate," Taylor said.

Taylor said he plans on using his funding from EPA for research methods, such as the sampling and lab work needed to analyze chemical compounds of the organisms in the water systems.

"I'm going to be taking thousands of samples, which is about \$7 a sample, so that was the main reason why I applied for this," Taylor said.

Taylor had to write three separate six-page proposals for the research he was planning on conducting with the money he would receive from the EPA.

The versions of his proposals were designed for three separate audiences, including tax-payers, politicians and peers in the same field as Taylor.

"The application took about a month and I had to write a one-page statement of career goals and where I want to go in terms of the field of environmental science," he said. "I had to write a six-page proposal of

what I wanted to do for my dissertation, which was very hard because my dissertation for the doctoral committee is going to be 60 pages and I had to basically condense that down to six."

Taylor's adviser, Dr. Ryan S. King, who has worked with Taylor since June 2006, said he is very familiar with Taylor's research, as well as his attitude.

"He really has everything you hope for in a doctoral student," King said. "When he found out he got the grant, he notified me very quickly by e-mail and he was very humble about it. I was pretty ecstatic."

Taylor applied in October 2007 and was contacted about his selection in late July 2008.

Taylor's colleague and fellow doctoral candidate in biology, Jeff Back, said Taylor was definitely a worthy candidate for this grant.

"I think it's outstanding and shows his expertise and knowledge in stream ecology," he said. "He's very deserving and the ideas in his proposal are well worth funding."

Dr. King shared the same outlook of Taylor's work.

"This funding benefits him, benefits our lab as a whole and Baylor," King said. "I am very proud of him."

## BEAR BRIEFS

**Baylor's Campus Orchestra** will present a concert at 6 p.m. tonight in Jones Concert Hall in the Glenis McCrary Music Building. The concert is the first of two evening concerts of the fall semester, under the baton of Associate Professor of String Music Education Michael Alexander. The event is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, visit the School of Music on the Baylor Web site.

**Campus Crusade for Christ** will be holding Big Impact tonight at 7 in the SUB Den. The event is free and open to all students. For more information, contact baylorimpact@gmail.com.

**After Dark** tickets are now on sale at the Ticket Office in the Bill Daniel Student Center. Tickets cost \$10, \$12, and \$14. After Dark will take place at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday at Waco Hall. For more information, visit www.baylor.edu/student\_activities/campus\_programs.

**The Fair Trade Bazaar** will take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at World Cup Cafe on 15th Street and Colcord Avenue. Fair trade products can be purchased. For more information, contact callison2@hotmail.com.

**The Baylor Rising Artists Network and Uproad Records** will be holding auditions for a new CD on Oct. 15 and Oct. 16. Sign up in the Campus Program Center of the Bill Daniel Student Center. For more information, visit www.baylor.edu/bran.

**Steppin' Out** registration deadline is Friday. To register and organization and for additional information, visit: www.baylor.edu/steppin\_out

**The Parent's Weekend Choral Concert** will be held at 5 p.m. Friday in the Jones Concert Hall. This event is open to the public and free of charge. For more information, visit the School of Music on the Baylor Web site.

**Dr. Robert M. Sapolsky** will give a lecture titled "Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers: Stress, Disease and Coping" from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. today in the Roxy-Grove Hall. The lecture is part of the 2008 Beall-Russell Lecture Series in the Humanities. For more information, visit the Baylor Web site.

**Missions Week** starts Sunday. It is an annual event designed to offer to Baylor interaction with missionaries from all over the world. They will speak in classes, hold seminars and talk with student organizations. For more information, visit Spiritual Life on the Baylor Web site.

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# Terrorists may have link to drug lords

By Curt Anderson  
Associated Press

Miami, Fla. — There is real danger that Islamic extremist groups such as al-Qaida and Hezbollah could form alliances with wealthy and powerful Latin American drug lords to launch new terrorist attacks, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

Extremist group operatives have already been identified in several Latin American countries, mostly involved in fund-raising and finding logistical support.

But Charles Allen, chief of intelligence analysis at the Homeland Security Department, said they could use well-established smuggling routes and drug profits to bring people or even weapons of mass destruction to the U.S.

"The presence of these people in the region leaves open the possibility that they will attempt to attack the United States," said Allen, a veteran CIA analyst. "The threats in this hemisphere are real. We cannot ignore them."

Added U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration operations chief Michael Braun: "It is not in our interest to let that potpourri of scum to come together."

Their comments came at a two-day conference on the illegal drug threat in the Americas hosted by the U.S. Southern Command and the 35,000-member AFCEA International, a trade group for communications, intelligence and national security companies.

Much as the Taliban tapped Afghanistan's heroin for money, U.S. officials say the vast profits available from Latin American cocaine could provide al-Qaida and others with a ready source of income.

The rebel group known as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, has long used drug money to pay for

*"They use the same money launderers, the same document forgers."*

Michael Braun  
DEA operations chief

weapons, supplies and operations — and is also designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S.

"We've got a hybrid that has developed right before our eyes," Braun said.

Latin America's drug kingpins already have well-established methods of smuggling, laundering money, obtaining false documents, providing safe havens and obtaining illicit weapons, all of which would be attractive to terrorists who are facing new pressures in the Middle East and elsewhere.

Allen, of the Homeland Security Department, said there was currently a "low probability" of cooperation between terrorists and drug organizations, but the "fertile ground" of Latin America — where government corruption is common and institutions often weak — means that the possibility deserves renewed U.S. attention.

"It would be an unprecedented act. But we cannot rule it out," he said.

The officials said the key to preventing such an alliance is increasing cooperation between government agencies and with nations in the region.

They singled out for praise the governments of Mexico and Colombia for making huge strides against drug groups, while criticizing Venezuela for its failure to do so.

Braun said the DEA can be a particularly critical component because of its wide use of human informants and telephone wiretaps to track those in the drug trade.

Those sources often provide tips about other types of crime and could be key to identifying terrorists in Latin America.

"They use the same money launderers, the same document forgers," Braun said. "You are naturally going to bump up against terrorist organizations."



Sarah Morris/Lariat Staff

## Thinking outside the box

Houston freshmen Blaire Howard (left), Christiana Blades (center), and Orlando, Fla., freshman Clare Berlinsky (right), take their studies out of the library and on to the lawn of Founders Mall Wednesday. "It's way too beautiful to study inside," Howard said.

# Galveston scrambles to restore beaches, seeks government aid

By Juan A. Lozano  
Associated Press

Galveston — The coast here doesn't have the whitest sand or the clearest water, but to millions of Houstonians and other Texans, this is the beach. And thanks to Hurricane Ike, it's also a mess.

The remains of houses, rotting cattle carcasses and other debris are scattered along Galveston Island.

In some spots, all the sand was sucked back out to the Gulf of Mexico, leaving only rocks.

Galveston-area officials are scrambling to clean up the sand, which draws throngs of out-of-towners who spend millions on food, rental housing and shopping.

They say they're relieved that the most popular beach spot along the seawall is largely intact, but they've asked Congress for \$100 million to help them bring the beach back to life.

"Without beach restoration and erosion protection, our economy will suffer greatly," Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas said.

Galveston is not exactly Aruba.

It sports brownish-gray sand, and the murky Gulf waters are tepid by midsummer. Jellyfish, seaweed and sand fleas normally pepper the beach.

But it is the closest beach to Houston, the nation's fourth-largest city, and it is a prized retreat for often sweltering southeast Texas.

Beaches on the eastern end of Galveston remain heavily littered by debris like water heaters, tires, sofas and the occasional rotting cattle corpse.

While most parts of the beaches along the seawall are mainly clear of trash, debris submerged in the shallow surf in some areas could be dangerous to swimmers.

Close to a month after Ike hit, a no-swimming ordinance remains in effect on the island.

Along the far western end of the island, where pricey vacation homes once stood, the beaches suffered "quite a bit

of sand loss," said Peter Davis, chief of the Galveston Island Beach Patrol.

The hurricane's destructive 12-foot storm surge erased large swaths of beach on the west end.

"It's really sad. A lot of beach is gone," said visitor Sherry Attaway as she walked along the beach.

Attaway, 55, from nearby Santa Fe, Texas, used to own a home nearby and knows this

for the city of Galveston.

"Fixing erosion is incredibly expensive," she said. "Replenishing the beaches is important because it's our No. 1 tourist attraction. Galveston and beaches: It's who we are."

It's unlikely that Congress will pony up that much money for the beaches during the current national economic crisis, but Cahill said that if not, officials would try to combine local, state and federal funds to get the



Associated Press

Galveston beach patrol chief Peter Davis stands by the seawall in Galveston Friday. Large portions of the beach were swept off shore from Hurricane Ike.

stretch well. But on this day, the beach — covered with splintered wood, jagged chunks of concrete and other debris from destroyed homes, as well as 20-foot high piles of sand that had been blown inland by Ike's winds — made it all seem unfamiliar.

"We probably lost about 7 feet of sand on beaches," Attaway said. "I'm all for building back as much of the beach as you can. I know it's extremely pricey, but it's one of the biggest draws of Galveston."

Grateful that Ike didn't hit during the height of tourist season, local officials hope they can get the beaches cleaned and restored by spring.

The \$100 million requested from Congress would be used to buy sand to restore the beaches and repair erosion control devices — essentially huge, sand-filled socks put along the shore, said Alicia Cahill, a spokeswoman

work done.

If the beaches are not restored, it could devastate the local economy.

Tourism brought in more than \$705 million to the island in 2006, easily the area's leading engine.

Last week, the Texas General Land Office authorized a \$6 million emergency project that will replenish about 2 miles of the most popular stretch of beach, as well as reinforce Galveston's 10-mile-long seawall.

The 17-foot high seawall has protected Galveston from storms since 1904, but it is probably the beach's worst enemy, said Don Van Nieuwenhuis, director of professional geoscience programs at the University of Houston.

All the energy from the storm's surge bounces off the wall and carries the sand offshore, he said.

# BIN gets the boot, will be replaced by student Web pages

Jade Ortego  
Staff Writer

Baylor will replace the Baylor Information Network, still offline 10 months after a security breach by a student employee.

Between Dec. 10 and Dec. 13, 2007, "a student employee abused permissions in an unlawful and unauthorized way to access a limited number of BearIDs and Passwords," according to a statement sent out by Lori Fogleman, director of media relations.

The breach affected over 500 people who had logged on to the BIN. No social security numbers, financial or academic information were jeopardized.

The BIN was shut down the evening of Dec. 13, and the accounts were expired the next day so passwords could be reset.

The student who is being investigated by the FBI in connection with the breach was expelled and can no longer set foot on Baylor property.

"I made a huge mistake, and it has affected me, my friends, my girlfriend and most importantly my family," said the former student employee, who asked to remain anonymous. "So needless to say, I am still not fully recovered. Things with the FBI are still not concluded."

The former student employee is finishing school at a university out of state.

A criminal investigation is still ongoing, and the name or intent of the student can not be released to the media.

Before the BIN went offline, students voted for student government officials through the BIN. Since its shutdown, voting moved to [www.baylor.edu/sg/vote](http://www.baylor.edu/sg/vote), and news on student government is distributed in a newsletter sent out to students by e-mail.

"(BIN) got used a lot during elections but not a lot on a regular basis," said Nicole Yeakley, Lindale senior and external vice-president.

The BIN would host polls for students, but the sample would often be so small that the results were insignificant, Yeakley said. "I don't think the BIN will ever come back," Yeakley said.

Discussion on how to make the BIN relevant again has kept it from being renewed.

The Web site included news from external sources and a place to sell things and post apartment listings.

"It was started up at least 4 or 5 years ago, and a lot of other Web sites have sprung up and done things better," said Parker Short, Dallas senior and internal vice-president.

Facebook and Craigslist do the same things as the BIN, but open their Web sites to more people, Short said.

"The BIN was great when it first started, but plenty of things have come around to easily take its place," Short said.

The university is in the process of creating new Web pages that are tailored to Baylor's many audiences, Fogleman said. The Information Technology Services have redone the faculty and incoming students' pages, and also will work on the current students' page.

The current student's page will include information and news targeted at students, similarly to what the BIN provided.

Later this month, the university will hold focus groups with students to find out what kind of services and information students value, and what informative applications students would like to see on the updated current students page, Fogleman said.

The new page will be tailored to the needs of current students.

Student government has suggested for the new Web site to have some of the elements of the BIN they found particularly valuable to students, like local restaurant menus and the church directory, Fogleman said.

The page, [www.baylor.edu/bin](http://www.baylor.edu/bin), redirects visitors to an ITS service page that states "The Baylor Information Network (BIN) is currently unavailable. Staff members from the Division of Student Life and Information Technology Services are working with representatives of Student Government during the spring 2008 semester to review and evaluate the services provided by the BIN in order to provide the best functionality and the greatest security."

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# Art Ambush adds music venue to store

By Ashley Erikson  
Reporter

Make room Common Grounds — there's a new venue in town.

To kick-off their new music venue, Art Ambush, a tattoo, piercing and clothing store, will hold a concert at 6:30 Friday at 3523 Franklin Ave.

"Performing is the best part of being a musician," said Chris Applegate, bass guitarist for Mechanical Boy. "We get to let loose, dance, have fun and express a whole other persona we can't (express) in everyday life, like at work."

Mechanical Boy is indie-rock band based out of Houston.

Other artists to perform Friday include The Tastydactyls, A Loss For Words and I Am The Avalanche.

"We're big supporters of Art Ambush," said Blake Rawlings, lead singer for the Tastydactyls. "They've been working with us really closely and we've been helping them with the venue."

Tastydactyls is Waco-based band that plays a mix of disco and indie-rock.

The space itself has been used as a storage area until now.

"A lot of people complain about Waco," said Gabriel Colbert, owner of Art Ambush. "Instead of complaining, you should change it."

The griping has been done by more than Baylor students or Waco residents, Colbert said.

"A lot of bands in the area say there's not any places to play and there's not good enough pay for gigs," he said.

After touring as a musician and producer for eight years, Colbert said he decided he should use his contacts to support Waco and the arts.

When Colbert chose to open the shop in July of 2007, best friends Lindsey Ebert and Ruth, who wouldn't give out her last name, joined the cause.

"We didn't want to be known as just a tattoo parlor," Colbert said. "It's tattoos, piercings, clothing, art and live music."

Ebert, who went to Baylor



Courtesy of Gabriel Colbert

Gabriel Colbert, owner of Art Ambush, sits in a traditional barber's chair, sporting a Tastydactyls shirt. Art Ambush is a tattoo, piercing, clothing store that has recently added an art and live music venue.

for nursing, is currently a tattoo artist at Art Ambush.

"Because of Lindsey, we're keen on sterilization and cleanliness," Colbert said. "Ruth, who does piercings, is from New Zealand. Her culture brings a little character to the place."

Ruth makes some of the clothing and purses at Art Ambush, as well as a distinctive set of bowls made from vinyl records.

Musicians from out of state travel to Art Ambush to get tattoos on a regular basis, Colbert said.

"You could get a tattoo or piercing while sitting next to somebody like Fly Leaf," he said.

With his performing arts and business degree, Colbert does most of the shop's promotions through flyers and Web site.

For about a month, he has been cleaning and painting the space where Friday's concert will take place.

"The cool thing about our place is it's a music venue, not a bar with a stage," Colbert said.

Colbert said that they plan to host more art shows and galleries with the space as well, which

has a "cool, underground warehouse feel."

"I'm just excited," he said. "There's a huge underground art scene that's finally coming up (in Waco). This venue will be a place for all forms of artists to meet to try to make Waco more enjoyable."

An advantage Art Ambush has is people of all ages can attend the shows.

"It's a family environment whose people can enjoy music that's positive," Colbert said.

Because alcoholic beverages and smoking indoors is prohibited at the show, Colbert hopes it will draw people, since they can feel more comfortable than at a bar, he said.

"Most shows end around 10 p.m. so people can still go out after or do homework," Colbert said. "You can fit (the show) into your schedule, but still go to bed early if you have things to do the next day."

In the future, Colbert said artists like Dance Garin Dance, He Is Legend and As Cities Burn will perform at Art Ambush.

"There's not one particular genre," Colbert said. "You can expect anything from folk to indie to hard-core to experimental."

Tickets can be purchased for the concert at Art Ambush for \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

For directions or more information, visit [www.artambush.com](http://www.artambush.com).

"We want it to be a memorable experience," Colbert said. "And we want to build friendships where people can feel comfortable coming by just to say hi."



Courtesy of Chris Applegate

Mechanical Boy, an indie-rock band based out of Houston, will play Friday at Art Ambush with bands The Tastydactyls, A Loss For Words and I Am The Avalanche.



Courtesy of Michael O'Brien

The Randy Rogers Band will be playing at 9:30 tonight at the Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo on the Bud Light True Music Stage. The country band was on Rolling Stone magazine's top-10 "Must See Tours of the Summer."

# Popular country band to play tonight at fair

By Ashley Erikson  
Reporter

The Randy Rogers Band will perform at Heart O' Texas Fair at 9:30 tonight. The band is on tour to promote their eponymous album.

Lead singer Randy Rogers said the band is influenced by both rock and country. He is a fan of the Beatles, The Rolling Stones and Merle Haggard.

Rogers started playing piano at the age of 5, and guitar at 11.

"I started writing songs by the time I was 12," he said. "My first gigs were at church and in my garage for the neighbors."

Rogers also played in a high school talent show before starting the band in college, he said.

Since the band's formation in 2003, they have made live performances one of their top priorities.

"Being on stage is the biggest rush there is," Rogers said. "We strive to get better and (performing) drives us to do just that."

Last year the band was ranked in Rolling Stone magazine's Top 10 "Must See Tours of Summer."

"We don't really get off tour," Rogers said. "We stay out as much as we can."

But being away from home is difficult sometimes, he said.

"You miss out on birthdays, get-togethers and holidays—not to mention all the stuff in

between," Rogers said.

Every member of the band is engaged or married, except for bass guitarist Jon Richardson.

"I always said I play music for free, and I get paid to leave the family behind and go on the road," guitarist Geoffrey Hill said.

The band certainly has something to show for it. They earned over \$2.5 million on the road in 2007 and had the No. 1 most-downloaded country album on iTunes.

Randy Rogers Band sings about real life, which draws crowds, Rogers said.

"We try to write life down," he said. "We write about things we go through and try to be as honest as we can."

Katy junior Amy Steger said the band has great music.

"I like them because they are real southern boys," she said. "It's so much fun to dance to (its songs) with a cute guy."

In the future, the band plans to release a new music video for their single "In My Arms Instead," record another album and start up another tour in 2009.

Tickets for today's show are \$10 and can only be purchased at the fair gate.

If you need a reason to come to the show, Rogers said, "It's honest, real country music that stays true to Texas. Plus our shows are always a lot of fun."

## WACO HAPPENINGS:

### Bethany Dillon Concert

Popular-Christian artist Bethany Dillon will be in concert 8 p.m. tonight at Common Grounds. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$12.

### "The Express" Screening

The Baylor Activities Council is offering Baylor students the opportunity to attend a free screening of the movie "The Express" 8 p.m. tonight at the Hippodrome.

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# Volleyball sputters at No. 3 Texas, 3-0

By Austin Talbert  
The Daily Texan

It was a tale of two sets for Texas.

The Longhorns (11-2, 5-1 Big 12) cruised in the first, hitting .696 percent. Though Baylor (12-4, 4-2 Big 12) had entered the game Wednesday at Gregory Gymnasium tied with the Longhorns for second place in the Big 12, the Bears looked bewildered by the Texas attack in the first set, falling to the hard-hitting Longhorns 25-14. And while the Bears fought back in the second set, the result was still the same and ultimately the high-powered attack of Texas was too much for Baylor, and the Bears fell 3-0.

"It was a good win against a team that was tied with us coming in tonight," Texas head coach Jerritt Elliott said. In the first set, the Bears hit the ball well (.318) with three service aces, committing only four errors, and were well prepared, putting themselves in the right position defensively throughout the set.

So it goes for Baylor against Texas, the Longhorns are now 62-2 all-time against the Bears

and have never lost a home match against the Bears in 30 meetings.

But that didn't stop the resilient Bears from responding. After Texas cruised through the fast-paced first set, the Bears bounced back and took an early lead in the second. The teams fought back-and-forth until Baylor took a 22-20 lead, forcing a Texas timeout.

But Texas, which only hit .250 in the second-set compared to the unworldly .696 in the first, regained the swagger that dominated the first set. Out of the timeout and down two points, Texas picked the perfect time to go on a 5-0 run. An Engle kill finished capped the run, and the set 25-22.

While the Bears limited Texas' hitting to a mere .250, the Bears struggled even more only hitting .150 and committing eight costly errors. The Bears hit .225 for the match, while Texas hit .446, cooling from their torrid pace in the first set, but still strong enough to tame the Bears.

The third set was almost a replay of the first with the Longhorns cruising to a 25-15 win, sweeping the match 3-0.



Peter Franklin/ The Daily Texan

Baylor's Briana Tolbert (21) taps the ball over the net while Texas' Amber Roberson (18) jumps for a block. Baylor fell to the Longhorns 3-0.

# Baylor takes road trip against CU, TTU

By Joe Holloway  
Sports Writer

The Baylor soccer team continues conference action on the road Friday, traveling to Lubbock to take on Texas Tech University, and again on Sunday when they visit the No. 22 University of Colorado.

The Bears (5-5-2, 1-1-1) will have momentum on their side when they face the Red Raiders (6-5-1, 1-4). They are fresh from a big 1-0 victory over a tough University of Nebraska team, while the Raiders have lost three of their last four matches. But the Bears could have another advantage as well, as Baylor head coach Marci Jobson is very familiar with how Texas Tech head coach Tom Stone runs his game.

"I played for Tom for four years in pro league," she said. "He's a great motivator. He knows how to organize."

But Baylor, picked to finish last in the Big 12 by conference coaches at the beginning of the year, still has a tough task waiting for them in Lubbock.

"He's got some very gifted players," Jobson said, specifically mentioning junior Brittany Harrison, who has seven goals, the second-most in the conference, as one of Tech's premier players. "They're a good team."

Redshirt freshman goalkeeper Courtney Seelhorst, who tallied eight saves in the Nebraska game, said that she hopes the Tech game won't be quite as stressful.

"We'll keep them out of there as good as we can," she said. "We've been continually working on our set pieces and our defense, and working hard."

According to freshman defender Staz Salinas, keeping the Red Raiders out won't be easy.

"It's going to be another hard

fought game," she said "We're just going to have to go out there and battle."

After Friday's match, the Bears will fly to Boulder, Colo., for their match against the Buffaloes (9-2-2, 3-1-1). Most recently, Colorado posted a 2-0 victory over the University of Kansas (8-4-1, 2-2-0). At No. 22 in the nation, the Buffaloes won't be an easy team to knock off.

"They're a very gifted team," Jobson said. "There is no easy game for us in the Big 12 this year."

In addition to facing one of the top teams in the nation, the Bears will also have to contend with the altitude.

"Last time I went up there, I played a tournament up there and it did affect us a little bit," Salinas said. "But it's nothing we can't handle."

Jobson said that while it's always more difficult on the

road, the altitude could pose a challenge.

"I'm sure it's not going to be easy," she said. "But the great thing about the way we play is that we use a lot of subs. We have a lot of players, a lot of depth that can come into the game."

The Bears will practice in Colorado before the game on Sunday, Seelhorst said, who also said the altitude might be a factor.

"That'll at least let us know what we're looking at when we practice before," she said. "It'll give us an idea."

More than anything, the Bears, who have been no stranger to close, tough games this year, hope to come away with respect from the two games.

"We want other teams to know that Baylor isn't going to be a team that you show up and get your three points and go home," Jobson said.

# Lance Armstrong cleared for cycling

By Graham Dunbar  
The Associated Press

GENEVA — Cycling's governing body is relaxing its rules to allow Lance Armstrong to make his comeback at a road race in Australia in January.

The International Cycling Union said the seven-time Tour de France champion can compete in the Jan. 20 to 25 Tour Down Under, his first race since retiring three years ago.

A strict application of testing rules would not have allowed the 37-year-old Texan to compete until Feb. 1, 2009, six months after he filed paperwork with the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

But the UCI said Wednesday that Armstrong could return early because its drug-testing standards have improved since the rule was drawn up four years ago.

"Riders are now subject to a much-reinforced system of monitoring compared to that of the past," the governing body said in a statement. "Lance Armstrong has and will be the subject of very strict monitoring throughout the period running up to his return to the peloton."

Armstrong's comeback is meant to draw attention to his global campaign to fight cancer, a disease he survived before winning seven straight Tours from 1999-2005.

It is also a defiant stand against critics who doubt he could have achieved those victories without the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

Now he is liable to be tested at any time without notice and will have his own biological passport as part of an initiative to monitor possible doping offenses.

Riders must give a series of blood and urine samples that allow a World Anti-Doping Agency-accredited laboratory to establish a baseline. Fluctuations from those readings afterward could indicate doping.

Armstrong said last month he was tested in late August, and has enlisted anti-doping expert Don Catlin, who will make test results available to the public.

Catlin, who ran the first anti-doping lab in the United States at UCLA for 25 years, will freeze and keep samples of Armstrong's blood to be analyzed in the future.



Sarah Morris/ Lariat Staff

Baylor midfielder Andi Fagan (10) competes with Nebraska's Sari Raber (7) for the ball. The Bears will continue Big 12 Conference play this weekend on the road, as they visit Texas Tech University and the University of Colorado.

## Sports briefs

### Lady Bears picked in top 4

Big 12 Conference coaches selected the Lady Bears basketball team to finish fourth in the Big 12, conference officials announced Thursday.

It's the fifth time in as many years that Baylor has entered the season ranked in the top four.

The University of Oklahoma came in first with 124 points and seven first place votes, while the University of Texas came in second with 95 points and one first place vote. Iowa State University claimed third with 93 points and two first place votes.

Baylor received one first place vote and 89 points.

Last season, the Big 12 had a conference record 11 teams make the NCAA post-season tournament.

Baylor will begin conference play Nov. 14.

### Rux falls short of main draw

Kerrville sophomore Jordan Rux fell in the round of 32 at the D'Novo All-American Tennis Championships' pre-qualifying tournament in Tulsa, Okla.

Shuhei Uzawa of Ohio State University took the win from Rux 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Baylor already has two qualifiers for the tournament, which starts today. Denes Lukacs and Dominik Mueller will compete for the Bears.

### BU baseball to hold annual "Burgers on the berm" Friday

The Baylor baseball team will hold its annual Burgers on the berm at 6 p.m. Friday. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. All proceeds go to benefit the Diamond Girls.

Baylor will meet rival University of Texas Sunday for a scrimmage.

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# Baylor still looking for 1st conference win since 2006

By Garrett Turner  
Sports Writer

The last time the Baylor Bears won a Big 12 conference game was Oct. 21, 2006, against the University of Kansas. Kansas didn't score in the second half, leading to a stunning comeback and a 36-35 victory.

The Bears are still looking for their first conference win after opening conference play against the University of Oklahoma. It was a game in which, according to head coach Art Briles, the score didn't depict the game.

"I certainly don't think the score is indicative of the closeness of the football teams," Briles said. "I think (Oklahoma) came out of the gates pretty fast and had some good things happen to them early in the football game. I'm proud of the way our guys battled. They continue to do that and they continue to get better and work hard to win which is what we need to do this Saturday against Iowa State."

Iowa State University, a team that jumped out to a 20-0 lead in the first half against No. 16 University of Kansas, proved they aren't a team that should be taken lightly, after taking a nationally ranked team to the wire. The Cyclones faltered, losing 35-33. Briles, however, isn't taking a win for granted.

"I think they're really getting better," Briles said. "They're moving the ball and they're doing a good job at quarterback. (Austin Arnaud, Iowa State's quarterback) is doing a good job and they have a lot of confidence in him. He has a good arm and runs the ball well enough to keep you off balance. You can say what you want but they're a pretty well established football team."

## Bowl hopes still alive

Reaching a bowl game is a goal for many players this season. Currently at 2-3, the Bears need to win four more games to have a shot at reaching their first bowl game since 1994. Those wins will be tough to come

by with four of the next seven games being against ranked Oklahoma State University (No. 17), University of Missouri (No. 3), University of Texas (No. 5), and Texas Tech University (No. 7). For players such as defensive tackle Vincent Rhodes, the competition isn't what matters, it's getting a win.

"We didn't start last week how we wanted to in the conference," Rhodes said, "so it's a must that we come out of this weekend 3-3. We have a sense of urgency, now since we still have goals, like making it to a bowl game, so we have to come out with a win."

According to Briles, the team is prepared and ready to face their upcoming competition. However, there is just one thing they haven't done in the Big 12 yet — win.

"We've been through a couple of wars already," Briles said. "Our guys are field tested and ready to go. That's what our approach is this week, to win a Big 12 football game."

In addition to winning, get-



File photo  
Baylor's Dominique Zeigler (7) scores the final touchdown against the University of Kansas on Oct. 21, 2006. With his score, the Bears completed a 19-point comeback for a 36-35 win. Iowa State University blew a 20-0 halftime lead against the University of Kansas Saturday.

ting off to a good start is almost equally important for both freshman quarterback Robert Griffin and Briles.

"We need to come out of the

gate like we did against Washington State and Northwestern State," Griffin said. "If we come out strong, it helps us a lot throughout the game."

In a conference where four out of the AP top 10 reside in the Big 12, getting any conference win will give this team more respect.

# Intramural football enters postseason

By Kyle McKanna  
Reporter

A whopping 200 teams began play in the flag football league playoffs this week.

Eight divisions of men's and women's brackets are set to be completed by the middle of next week. The top two teams in each division will then face off in the all-university championships.

Weather caused a changed in the scheduling, but the playoffs are underway.

"We had games rained out on Monday night," Arp, Texas graduate student and intramural graduate assistant Crystal Brewster said. "So we have games on Friday this week, which was unexpected."

Until now, teams have only had a chance to compete against teams in their pool. Pools consisted of four to six squads who played against each other over the course of three weeks. For the first time, all teams that earned the required amount of sportsmanship points during pool play were allowed to play in the playoffs. This led to 115 men's and 85 women's teams vying for their league's titles.

Despite the large numbers, many teams feel like they have a good shot at winning it all.

"Last year we got disqualified," Dallas junior and Kappa

"A" team member Sarah Gardner said. "This year we're ready."

Teams that qualified are now involved in a bracket tournament within their leagues. Men's and women's gold, green, residence hall and open leagues each have two divisions of playoffs. The winners of the two divisions in each of the leagues will face off to decide who receives intramural champion T-shirt. Those two will then represent their league in the all-university championships.

The other spots in the all-university championships will be given as at-large bids by the Championship Selection Committee. At-large bids offer teams that didn't win their divisions a second chance at the championship. Men's and women's at-large bids will be awarded, which along with the four division champions rounds out the fields of 16.

To coincide with the playoffs, Baylor intramurals is teaming up with American Collegiate Intramural Sports in a giveaway.

"We are going to have a tent and a banner set up during the playoffs for the giveaways," senior intramural coordinator Dominique Hill said. "You have to enter online to win the big prizes."

Items will be given away at the field.



Shanna Taylor/ Lariat Staff

The Baylor cross country team competed in their first meet of the season, the Bear Twilight Invitational, on Aug. 29. This past weekend, Baylor placed third.

# Bedell clocks fastest 6K time in BU history

By Andrew Martinez  
Reporter

Lady Bears cross country runner Erin Bedell finished with the fastest 6K time in Baylor history in Friday's Paul Short Invitational.

Bedell's time of 20 minutes and 7 seconds was good enough for her to finish fourth individually and help her team to third-place finish in a 43-team field at the invitational held in Lehigh, Pa.

The Lady Bears finished behind No. 9 West Virginia University and then-unranked Villanova University.

"There were a couple of other meets that maybe had more competition, but we ran really well," Baylor cross country head coach Todd Harbour said. "It was our best average time ever."

Baylor's average time was 20:45.

The No. 16 Baylor squad had two other runners finish in top spots, with Nichole Jones capturing sixth overall with a time only six seconds behind Bedell's. Danielle Bradley finished at No. 13 with a time of 20:44. Jessi Barnes and Renae Van Wyhe finished No. 35 and No. 36 to round out the top five for Baylor.

Harbour said he was proud of Bedell's performance and happy to see the tenacity and courage

she's shown in combating injury and illness the past couple of years.

"I thought (Bedell's performance) was amazing," Harbour said. "Considering where she was at least year — she didn't even make our top seven to go to the NCAA last year and we really missed her," he said. "It's a blessing to see her perform at this level."

While Bedell was happy with her performance, she was happier with the team's effort on Friday. She said she hopes it's a sign of things to come.

"It feels really good, but I'm more proud of how far our full team has come," Bedell said. "Our team has run really fast compared to past Baylor teams," she said.

The junior runner said she was so caught up in the race that she did not realize she would accomplish something special on that Friday afternoon.

"After the race Coach Harbour asked me if I freaked out when I heard my 3K split," Bedell said. "I told him that I heard him but I just didn't process it, I was just trying to stay focused and stay in my area to do well," she said.

The Paul Short Invitational was the third race in which Bedell, Jones and Bradley finished with the top three spots for the Baylor team. Earlier in the year, Jones beat Bedell by six seconds to claim first in the

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emerging as employers," Tolbert said. "Its just widely held that it's a good thing if someone becomes an employer and provides jobs to the community, but this assumption is not based on good science, and that was part of the motivation for our research."

The professors take data from a census data facility located in the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank, and they track the history and movement of people hired by former non-employers. With access to an employee's work history, Tolbert and Mencken are able to tell how long a worker stays with a job, if they stay in the community once the job is gone, and generated revenue.

They are the first to link the worker data set to the non-employer set.

"It's that linkage that's a big deal," Tolbert said. "We've never had both the data on an employer and employee put together. In the future, this will be a really important data set for the social sciences. Foreign countries are already utilizing

it." Ultimately, this study of small business activity could lead to the development of policy advice for small businesses in rural areas that focus on what attributes successful employers exhibit, and how effectively to distribute money.

"Where there is economic development money to be allocated, this research will help us to see what the best use of it will be," Tolbert said. "For example, if you're sitting in a policy-making position, do you put all of your money into bringing in a factory that will provide lots of jobs, or do you give a lot of entrepreneurs a little money?"

The professors will choose one graduate student to work with them, so that their research also serves as a training exercise.

"Dr. Tolbert is a terrific scholar who inspires a good scholar among those under his charge," said Dr. Kevin Dougherty, assistant professor of sociology. "He sets a wonderful model for what it means and looks like to be a scholar."

With the current condition of the economy, taking a more

detailed look into small businesses could turn out to be very beneficial.

"It's always harder in rural areas to make a go of a small business, but these people have been recently hit with a double whammy—gas prices rising and the more general economic meltdown," Tolbert said. "In coming years we will have data about this current time period that seems to be so problematic. We'll be able to do a lot of research that could help small businesses better buffer themselves next time."

At the conclusion of their research, the professors will enlist the help of the Southern Rural Development Center to run workshops for people who have an interest in becoming employers.

"The idea in the end is to try to focus and provide sounder footing for this presumption about non-employers," Tolbert said. "The grant was very gratifying and a little humbling, and I can only imagine what power our new data-set has beyond our field of study."

Mencken is in China on business, and was unable to comment.

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Chevis will explain its role in the credit crisis.

"I don't think there are any magic bullets or quick fixes, from Congress, the Fed, the President, or anyone else," Chevis said. "I think everybody needs to take a deep breath, roll up their sleeves, and prepare for five or so years of hard work and sacrifice to truly make things better."

Also speaking Dr. James Garven, professor of finance and insurance and holder of the Frank S. Groner Memorial Chair in Finance, who will focus on the moral hazards related to bailouts,

Dr. David VanHoose, professor of economics and Herman W. Lay Professor of Private Enterprise, will talk about who is to blame.

"On Wednesday morning, I saw reports that some professional economic forecasters are suggesting an unemployment rate as high as 8 percent in 2009. Certainly, such

a jump in unemployment could impinge on the job and career-entry opportunities of up-coming Baylor graduates," VanHoose said.

VanHoose shared his view on investments and a recommendation on how to handle them in the crisis situation.

"My own rule is 'protect the principal.' That is the advice I give anyone," VanHoose said. "Do not be tempted to hold financial assets with the highest—and hence likely riskiest—returns."

The concluding panel member is Dr. William Reichenstein, professor of finance and holder of the Pat and Thomas R. Powers Chair of Investment Management, who will comment about what investors should do now and how the crisis might affect investor portfolios and savings plans.

Mark Dunn, associate professor of marketing, will emcee the panel discussion. Following the professors' presentations, a Q&A session will let anyone make inquiries to the panel.

"The financial crisis is a very complex issue. Students attending the discussion will get a deeper understanding of what is happening, and as a result will make better financial decisions and better understand the actions of the government," Emerson said.

While no further lectures or discussions are scheduled, more may be planned if the demand is apparent, according to Emerson.

Meanwhile, Web sites are covering the topic.

"There should be a bunch of academic forums from both Baylor and many other universities available online, and most of these would be much more informative than the talking heads on cable TV," North said.

The discussion will be videotaped and accessible online by Oct. 20 via a link on the Hankamer Business School's Web site.

For additional information, visit <http://finance.baylor.edu/financialcrisis/>.

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Small used car dealers and wholesalers have seen an increase in sales despite current market trends, compared to new car dealers.

Danny Faulkinberry, owner of Danny's Auto Sales off of Franklin Avenue, said that the last few months were slow, but September sales picked up.

"New car sales are going

down and used cars are not depreciating nearly as fast as a new car does once driven off the lot," Faulkinberry said.

Faulkinberry explained that the majority of the car lot used to be trucks, but it has been harder to sell trucks over small cars because of the gas prices.

Another auto service provider, Freddy's Auto Glass' master technician, Rodney Duron, said he doesn't think the global economy usually hits Waco as

much. Duron said he thinks that Waco is recession-proof since there aren't many big stock market players in town.

For goods and services that people need in order to live and perform necessary activities, business remains un-phased by the economic crisis, he said.

"Business has been no different," said Duron. "It's just making people hold their money a little longer."

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recession - inducing gasoline producers to try to sell more gasoline now," VanHoose said.

Professor of Economics Kent Gilbreath said that he thinks gas prices will continue to decline for the next few months unless a political phenomenon such as war occurs.

"The economic forces are not going to be there to turn around the prices in oil," Gilbreath said.

On the other hand, VanHoose says decreases will not necessarily continue. "I think we all must get used to relatively volatile gasoline prices for a

while." Kimberly Mencken, lecturer and director of the Center for Private Enterprise wrote in an e-mail that she is going to take advantage of the lower prices while they last.

"My husband and I try to carpool some, but we can't carpool as often as we would like. I would love for the currently lower prices to last, but I am not counting on it," Mencken said. "I think I had better go fill up my car before the prices go back up."

Students have also been affected by the price of gasoline.

Vanhorn freshman Adam

Graniczny said he hasn't been home since summer school because it cost too much for gasoline.

Graniczny's vehicle holds 25 gallons of gasoline and costs about \$80 to fill the tank. "That's the biggest problem," he said.

Since the price has dropped for a gallon of gasoline, Graniczny is now considering a drive home, which is an 8-hour trip.

Houston senior Fallon Rice said that she recently filled her vehicle's gasoline tank for \$38, but she is used to spending from \$40 to \$55.

Rice is still not happy with the price of gasoline, but says it is better than past prices.

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helpful that central banks are working in a coordinated way to deal with stress in the financial system," Fratto said.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who was in Denver Wednesday to tour a hospital, also praised the decision. But she said Congress may need to go back into session to pass another economic stimulus package worth about \$150 billion.

The first economic plan this year cost \$168 billion and sent tax rebate checks to most individuals and couples and awarded tax breaks to businesses.

The House did pass a \$61 billion economic aid proposal last month before lawmakers left Capitol Hill ahead of the Nov. 4 election. But a similar plan failed to pass the Senate.

The country's presidential contenders also embraced the action. "This is a global crisis that requires a global solution," said Democrat Barack Obama. Republican rival John McCain hoped it would contain the "financial crisis spreading across the globe."

Some analysts were skeptical that the coordinated rate reductions would do much to turn things around.

"At first blush, while this is a big step, it is unlikely to prove sufficient to stem the rot. Additional rate cuts are likely and further measures to inject liquidity and re-capitalize banks are needed," said Marc Chandler, global head of currency strategy at the investment firm Brown Brothers Harriman.

The rate cuts came against a backdrop of increasing anxiety in global financial markets. Investors have been fleeing shares on worries that neither the Fed, nor other central banks, could move fast enough to stop the rising turmoil.

European indexes fell. In Britain, the FTSE-100 fell 5.2 percent, Germany's DAX dropped 5.9 percent, and France's CAC-40 dropped 6.3 percent.

In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 closed 9.38 percent lower and Hong Kong's Hang Seng tumbled 8.17 percent hours before the rate cuts were announced; their declines showed the extent

of the worldwide gloom.

The worldwide gloom followed a sell-off in U.S. markets late Tuesday, where major stock indexes slid 5 percent. The rout brought the Dow Jones Industrial to its lowest close in five years. The blue chip index is now around 33 percent below its record close of 14,164.53 a year ago.

The Fed's action Wednesday was the latest in a long series of moves over the last several weeks that the central bank has taken in coordination with other federal agencies, Congress and the White House to shore up a financial industry stung by bad loans, mounting losses and — in many cases — collapse. President Bush signed the financial bailout bill into law on Friday.

The Fed's action reversed its current policy on interest rates, which had been to hold them steady out of concern that more cuts would fuel inflation. Since Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues put a stop to interest-rate cuts in June, economic and financial conditions have deteriorated significantly.



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**Staying on your toes**

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