

Fall at the Kaska Family Farm



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Clockwise from above: The Kaska Family Farm offers a tractor-drawn hayride that allows riders to tour the farmland.

Madison Clanton, 6, races her rubber duck Sunday afternoon. The rubber duck races are a new addition to the Kaska Family Farm, and those wanting to race the ducks may purchase one for \$1 at the front gate.

Maggie's pumpkin patch is named after the family dog, Maggie. The price of the pumpkins range from \$1 to \$5.

Madison, 3, from Waco, wanders through Farmer John Paul's mini maze, which can be completed in less than ten minutes.

Farmer John Paul's Mini Maze.

Cole Witte, 9, hops off the cow train. Each of the cows has a name: Moo Linda, Della, Michelle, Lady, Regina, Tessie, Eleise, Jessica, Belle and Carrie.



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The Kaska Family Farm offers fall fun for all, including a pumpkin patch, a hay jump, corn cannons and the Heart of Texas Maize. The Maize is a 6-acre cornfield maze with a classic Dr Pepper logo in the center. Farm hours are 5 to 10 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays until Nov. 9. Entrance to the farm costs \$7 for adults, \$6 for children and \$6 for seniors. The Kaska family farm is located at 15893 County Line Road North in West, Texas.



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Library window dedication ends 10-year project

By David Poe
Reporter

Not a ray of sunlight shines through the windows of the Cox Reception Hall of Baylor University's Armstrong Browning Library without being transformed into a palette of warm reds, cool blues and soothing greens.

The newest stained glass window will be dedicated at 2 p.m. today in Armstrong Browning Library.

Since 2001, the Cox Reception Hall has housed stained glass windows featuring the Browning family's time spent in Italy with the installment of the first of six stained glass windows.

"The Brownings spent most of their married life in Florence, Italy," said Rita Patteson, interim director of Armstrong Browning Library and curator of manuscripts. "So that's really why we chose Italy. Florence was really their home."

In 2007, the Armstrong Browning Library installed the final stained glass window of the theme, completing the 10-year project.

The final window features an image of Vallombrosa, a monastery near Florence, Italy.

This window will be dedicated to the late Anne Miller, who spent much of her life in Baylor's English Department as a student and an assistant to Dr. A. J. Armstrong, and later, as a professor in English.

The window story of Elizabeth Barrett Browning trying to gain access into the Vallombrosa Monastery, and Browning's "feistiness" in the situation, is something Miller would have appreciated, said Cynthia Burgess, curator of books and printed materials.

"Miller was an icon and everybody would take her course," said John Wilson, director of

library advancement and special projects at Baylor University Libraries. "She had quite a following both with students and alum."

Wilson began working on the "Brownings in Italy" stained glass window project when there were only two windows.

"I had no idea how to fund them," Wilson said. "You would talk to alumni and donors and mention the project in hopes of finding means to fund it."

A call was made to the Armstrong Browning Library by an old friend, who asked to remain anonymous, about a year after Miller passed away.

The friend, also a former student of Armstrong, ended up funding a great portion of the final stained glass window to remember Miller, Wilson said.

"At one time the Armstrong Browning Library housed the English department, and (Miller's) office was right along this hall near the Cox Reception Hall," Patteson said. "So it's quite fitting that the window is relatively near her old office."

The Vallombrosa stained glass window is installed on the west wall of the Cox Reception Hall.

"It's uncanny how that could happen with the funding, the subject matter and the location."

Wilson said. "It was almost as if it was meant to be."

Planning for the Italy-themed stained glass windows began in the late 1990s.

Willet Hauser Architectural Glass, based in Philadelphia, was asked to create the six stained glass windows.

"The idea was discussed with Cynthia Burgess, the director at the time," said E. Crosby Willet, a design consultant for Willet Hauser Architectural Glass. "They pretty much worked out the ideas and we designed them."



Photos by Christina Kruse/Lariat Staff

A stained glass window story, "Browning in Italy," adorns the walls of Cox Reception Hall. Each of the stained glass windows, from design to the finished product, took roughly five to six months to complete.

Baylor adds library to Texas history

By David Poe
Reporter

The Carroll Library and the Texas Collection were recently approved for Texas State Historical Markers and the unveiling of these markers will take place at 11:00 a.m. today in Burleson Quadrangle.

The Texas Historical Commission in Austin, Texas approved the applications for the historical markers, but the markers were first approved by the McLennan County Historical Commission.

The applications were sent in the fall of 2007, just before Christmas.

"We realized that we qualified for the markers so we tried to get them," said Michael Toon, librarian for the Texas Collection and member of the McLennan County Historical Commission. "It just shows that we have been here a long time and our historical value has been here."

The historical markers will be located in Burleson Quadrangle.

"It's a way for people to learn about what's happened in those particular places and to remember those who have been associated with Baylor for a long time," said Dr. Thomas L. Charlton, professor of history and director of the Texas Collection.

Construction began on the Carroll Library in 1901 and was completed and dedicated in 1903. Carroll Library served as Baylor's main library, until 1968, when Moody Memorial Library was opened. Carroll Library almost met its end 46 years earlier.

In 1922 Carroll Library suffered a major fire. All holdings and books could have been destroyed if it were not for the actions of Baylor's students.

"The library collection was saved because students were determined to not let them get burned in the fire," Charlton said.

As Carroll Library was smoldering, Baylor students rushed over and began throwing the

library's books into Burleson Quadrangle to save the collection.

"There were several thousands of volumes," Charlton said. "This was a major undertaking of the students."

The damage Carroll Library suffered from forced a re-build. The library reopened in 1923, just in time for the birth of the Texas Collection.

The Texas Collection began in 1923 when Dr. Kenneth Aynesworth, a graduate of the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and member of the Board of Regents, donated his personal documents on Texas and the Southwest.

"(Aynesworth) was worried that his documents may be lost in a house fire or other disaster," Charlton said.

The documents were originally stored on the second floor of Carroll Library. They were later moved to Moody Library, but ended up back in Carroll Library where they have stayed to this day. The Texas Collection is not just for history as some may suspect.

"Our holdings are in music, arts, poetry, politics and more," Charlton said. "All academic disciplines are represented here."

The Texas Collection is considered a Texana Research Center and is the largest collection of materials pertaining to Texas in private hands. It's also the official university archive for Baylor.

Researchers from around the world come to Waco to use the holdings of the Texas Collection, but the collection is not limited to only researchers.

The holdings of the collection are available to everyone. Some have even stopped by the Texas Collection to research their genealogy as the collection contains microfilm records dealing with births and deaths in Texas.

"Carroll Library provides an incredibly quiet and peaceful place to study," said Fort Worth freshman Brett Harper.

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"Imagine how many of those are Baylor girls," Chhin said. "This is an issue that needs to be talked about at Baylor. It's affecting college women our age, and there's an abortion clinic in Waco."

The two members said they were unsure of Baylor's exact policy concerning pregnancy. Bears for Life strongly supports abstinence before marriage, but said students who get pregnant should be offered the tools and emotional support necessary to carry their pregnancies to term.

"What we want is an openness on the part of the university, so that if a student gets pregnant, she can feel comfortable utilizing the health center for check-ups and referrals," Womble said. "We want there to be plenty of information available to the woman so she can know all of her options."

Womble said Bears for Life proposes volunteer babysitting services for student-moms, diaper drives and pregnancy forums in which different organizations provide information about resources available to pregnant women at Baylor.

"These are projects that student organizations, including Bears for Life, can work with the school in providing for students," he said. "While there is a fine line between encouraging the behavior that caused the crisis pregnancy and helping women who are in crisis pregnancies, we feel we can show Christ's love through some of these measures."

Mary Lou Scott, associate vice president for Student Life, said pregnancy outside of wedlock goes against Baylor's sexual misconduct policy, but Baylor takes a redemptive approach.

"If a student were to come to us and says that they are pregnant, then we would first make sure that their physical and emotional health are taken care of, but it is not our place to say what should or shouldn't happen," she said referring to the decision to have an abortion and withdrawing from school. "We are trying to work with the student as best as we can to help accomplish their goals. We really look into each individual situation, background and the faith base of students, and we look for options then."

Scott said she has encountered pregnant students in the past, but did not give a specific number.

Baylor's sexual misconduct policy specifies fornication, adultery, incest, sexual assault

and homosexual acts as "misuses of God's gift."

"Baylor will strive to deal in a constructive and redemptive manner with all who fail to live up to this high standard.

Nothing will be done to encourage abortions or other drastic actions that might bring great harm to those involved," the policy states.

Tim Powers, associate director for safety and citizenship education with Campus Living and Learning, said if a woman were to become pregnant while residing in a dorm, no disciplinary action would be taken. "We would offer assistance to her, and she could remain in the dorms, but after she had the baby, she could no longer live on campus," he said.

Brandon Miller, assistant vice president of Student Success, counsels students who either temporarily or permanently withdraw from Baylor. In his three years working for the university, he said he's only had a few women openly tell him they were leaving because of pregnancy.

He said the pregnant women he conducted exit interviews with said they were satisfied with their experience at Baylor and would recommend the university to a friend.

Recent Baylor graduate Nicole Early Grey was pregnant with her daughter Lucy throughout her senior year at Baylor.

Grey, who is married, said that while her professors were extremely kind and accommodating to her needs, many students were not so accepting.

"My teachers were very understanding of my situation, especially my chemistry teachers. They let me watch labs instead of dealing with the chemicals," she said. "Baylor students, on the other hand, are a different story. To my own peer group, being pregnant at such a young age means only two things: knocked up or no ambition. And I did feel those stereotypes on campus... Baylor students are very sheltered in their way of thinking about the world."

Grey said she was not aware of any resources for pregnant women or young couples on campus.

Currently, Baylor does offer limited resources, but they are not widely advertised.

Dr. Sharon Stern, medical director of Baylor Health Services, said, "Pregnancy is a bump in the road for this person's life."

Stern said the Baylor Health Center will give pregnancy tests, but does not offer care beyond the initial diagnosis. The health center will refer patients to gynecologists off

campus.

"They (students) should come in here so we can help them get help; we only initiate care," she said. "We have all of the resources available to diagnose pregnancy."

Stern said the health center would never refuse to see any patient who is a current Baylor student.

"I am always happy to see any student as a patient in the health center," she said. "When they come to us with their concerns and problems, we treat them with respect and help them to the best of our ability."

The Baylor Health Services Web site does not provide any information concerning sexual health or women's health, and does not mention pregnancy. Texas Christian University's Web site includes an entire section dedicated to women's health.

Their listed resources include contraception advice, birth control prescriptions, and diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases. Walk-in office visits are available each day for the possibility of unexpected pregnancy.

Baylor will provide STD testing, but it is not listed on its Web site.

TCU also has a Women's Resource Center as a part of Student Development Services.

The resource center provides a forum on campus to address women's issues.

Pregnancy outside of marriage is not a new issue to Baylor.

The New York Times reported in 1989 that Dawn Bonner, unwed and pregnant, was forced to withdraw from Baylor in 1987 based on an unwritten policy banning pregnancy outside of marriage.

Bonner filed a lawsuit in 1989 claiming that she was expelled after a counselor asked her to have an abortion, and she refused.

The lawsuit was settled outside of court in 1990. Baylor's policies have since changed, but some students feel the culture of Baylor remains the same.

Several students and faculty members, when asked, did not feel comfortable discussing pregnancy.

Garland junior Daniela Mireles said if she saw a pregnant woman at Baylor she would immediately think, "Why is she here?"

"I'm really religious so sex outside of marriage is not something anyone should be doing," she said. "It's wrong."

Mireles said she would not feel comfortable being pregnant while attending Baylor.

A senior from Houston, who asked not to be named because of her membership in a sorority, said if she saw a pregnant woman on campus, she would wonder if the woman had a ring on her finger.

"My first thought would be: Is she married?" she said. "I think the reason that is, is that I do go to Baylor. I think if I hadn't gone to Baylor, that wouldn't cross my mind."

This student also said she would not feel comfortable being pregnant at the university.

"I think people are very judgmental in general, as a student body," she said. "I think that's one of the things they're most judgmental about. I would not feel comfortable at all with going to class and walking around campus."

She said if she were obviously pregnant, she would not go to the Baylor health center for care.

Morgan Black, a senior from the Virgin Islands and co-founder of the human rights group Project Dignity, said Baylor is not a great atmosphere for young parents because of its limited resources and support.

She said students feel they "have no choice but to go to the local Planned Parenthood."

Black stressed that it's important to provide contraceptives to prevent unwanted pregnancies in the first place.

"I think that Baylor does its students a huge disservice by not providing comprehensive safe sex education and particularly not providing contraceptives," she said. "I was astounded that the health center does not provide condoms."

Stern said the health center does not provide condoms at this time because it does not fit with the health center's mission statement to have a "firm commitment to biblical teachings."

The center will provide birth control pills by prescription solely on a menstrual health basis.

Pamela Smallwood, CEO of Planned Parenthood of Waco/Central Texas, said 41 percent of the patients who seek help at the clinics in Waco range in age from 18 to 24.

Smallwood said, in Baylor's defense, "providing pre-natal care is an enormous medical protocol."

She was concerned with Baylor's lack of condom distribution program.

"I hope that anyone involved with any high-risk group such as college students is providing people with the information they need to obtain the resources they need to protect themselves," she said.

According to their Web site, Planned Parenthood of Waco/Central Texas provides reproductive health services to over 8,000 men and women each year.

The clinic performed 712 surgical abortions and 534 medication abortions the same year.

Bears for Life supports Care Net of Central Texas as an anti-abortion alternative to Planned Parenthood.

The crisis center located in Waco provides resources for women to carry their pregnancy to term as well as adoption options, STD testing, abstinence-only sex education, counseling and aid after the child is born.

According to its Web site, the center has served more than 2,600 clients each year for pregnancy testing alone.

Care Net is listed on Baylor's Social Work Web site.

Womble said Bears for Life would not be in favor of Baylor offering birth control and condoms because the university should not encourage the behavior that leads to unplanned pregnancies.

Womble said Baylor should offer more abstinence-only sex education to its students.

Bears for Life has talked to the spiritual life office and hopes to book some guest speakers in the future who will educate students about the biblical view of sex.

Tyler Yates, Plano senior and co-founder of Project Dignity, said that pregnancy is a taboo subject at many schools, but there is an ongoing imagery at Baylor that no one gets pregnant.

"Baylor seems to think that it never happens here and that evolves into an atmosphere of ignorance," he said.

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Spence said Baylor hasn't started the program yet, but he expects the paper to be issued at variable rates between 2.5 and 3 percent.

In other business, the statements showed a \$10.168 million increase in land assets. Director of Real Estate Services Karl McNair said this was due to the largest number of land and lease purchases he's seen in seven years.

The university bought and tore down the Studio 20 condominiums, worth \$700,000, located by L.L. Sams Lofts. McNair said the university currently has no plans to build on the site.

It also purchased the triangle of land between Dutton Avenue and Interstate 35, which is currently occupied by UBS University Bookstore and Spirit Shop and Pics & Gifts.

The demolition of the Shell gas station, which also sits on the land, began at the beginning of the school year.

Dr. Reagan Ramsower, vice president for finance, told the Lariat on Sept. 8 the land would be turned into an empty, grassy area for aesthetic purposes. McNair said the total cost was \$2.7 million.

The university also bought a block of land on La Salle Avenue between 8th St. and 9th St. with plans to relocate the Baylor Physical Plant there.

Other purchases included the Pinetree Apartments on 9th St. and Speight Avenue, Darshane apartments on 9th St. and James Avenue and Browning Place on 8th St. across from the Armstrong Browning Library.

McNair said these properties were mainly purchased for student housing, and the university currently has no plans to tear them down.

The financial reports also stated a \$2.1 million loss on property, plant and equipment. Don Bagby, director of facilities management, said this was primarily attributed to the demolition of a portion of the Fairmont Apartments, which are located behind the Speight Plaza Building and Parking Garage.

McNair said the old apartments were facing significant electrical code issues.

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Rocking the Horror Picture Show

John Anderson dresses up for the one-time showing of the The Rocky Horror Picture Show, which played at the Waco Hippodrome Thursday evening.

Celebrate this Halloween tastefully, inexpensively

Editor's note: This is the fourth installment of a column series where The Lariat explores living inexpensively.

By Melanie Crowson and Christina Kruse
Reporters

In this day and age it's hard to find a Halloween costume that doesn't show too much skin.

However, we've come up with a few alternatives for those who want to be different and not conform to the limited range of manufactured costumes.

"Costumes have gone the same way as every other consumer product," said Commercial Point, Ohio junior Kieran O'Connor. "They center around sexuality. With men, it's an immature innuendo. With women, it's become blatant that the more skin you show, the more popular the costume."

Houston junior Brook Patera said she thinks the costumes sold in stores are too revealing. "I think Halloween shouldn't be an excuse for girls to expose themselves as much as they do," she said.

Scantly clad outfits are pricey too. In order to save money, first, take an inventory of your current wardrobe to see what materials you have to work with. If you have clothes that might be paired with something you don't have, check out Goodwill next.

Goodwill cashier Mary Graham said she usually sees costume shoppers spend anywhere from \$6 to \$20.

"They usually don't spend a large amount," she said.

Also, if you are a last minute shopper, Goodwill will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday.

"They'll still be coming in Friday — up until the minute we

close, we'll still be busy," Graham said.

Here is a list of items found at Goodwill that could make good costumes:

- Vintage buttoned shirt: \$7.99
- Hawaiian shirt: \$4.29
- Army camouflage jacket: \$4.99
- Grass skirt: \$2.99
- Cowboy boots: \$8.99
- Graduation gown: \$4.99
- Graduation cap: \$1.99
- Overalls: \$4.99
- Sombrero: \$2.99
- Plastic beehive wig: \$3.99
- Frankenstein mask: \$4.99
- Wedding dress: \$19.99

Another option is to look to classic fictional characters in cartoons, cult-classic movies or books for inspiration to create your costume. For example, draw a zig-zag on a yellow T-shirt and pair it with black shorts for Charlie Brown.

If you plan on making your costume scarier than Charlie Brown, you might need to make fake blood, fake scar tissue or face paint. Here the recipe for each effect:

Fake blood:
2-1/2 tablespoons water
60-70 drops of red food coloring
10-15 drops yellow food coloring
2-3 drops blue food coloring
5-1/2 tablespoons' white corn syrup.

Face Paint:
One tsp. corn starch
1/2 tsp. water
1/2 tsp. hand lotion or face cream
Food coloring

Fake Scar Tissue:
1 Tbsp. non-flavored Gelatin
A few drops of hot water

For the scar tissue, mix together to make a paste.

Apply to skin to resemble drooping flesh and then powder it with a thick layer of baby powder. Add color with face paint after it has been applied to the skin.

Halloween is a time for adults to get in touch with their inner child — instead of wearing some manufactured get-up, be creative and mix things that are in your closet with cheap, yet unique clothes from second hand shops.



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Sugarland senior Lindsay Freeman, Baylor Trans Council president, said she dressed up with several of her group members in as characters from Revenge of the Nerds.

Freeman used a plaid shirt, black jumper, moccasins, socks, glasses and a perfect attendance ribbon for her outfit. Freeman said the most money she spent was on the black jumper, which she bought at WalMart for \$10.

Haunted houses spread chills down spine on All Hallows Eve

By Courtney Webb
Reporter

Spooky entertainment is minutes away.

Museum of Horrors, The Texas Chainsaw Nightmare and the Temple Texas Hell House give customers goosebumps.

Museum of Horrors and The Texas Chainsaw Nightmare are two haunted houses at one location. This large facility is a scare factory, based on all the things that go bump in the dark, which keeps these houses from being recommended for the faint of heart.

With a woman vampire as your guide, you will twist and turn through the haunted house.

Wind through different room recognizable from famous horror movies such as "Saw," "A

Nightmare on Elm Street" and "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre." Disfigured creatures lurk the halls and pop out when you least expect it.

"The Texas Chainsaw Nightmare was voted best haunted house in central Texas for 20 years," said Jason Anderson, haunted house owner.

Tickets for both haunted houses are \$25, otherwise \$15 a piece. You can receive \$2.00 discount if you arrive with a canned good. The fright fest duo is located North of Waco on I-35 exit 345.

"I recommend being at the front of the line when entering the haunted houses, because that is the scariest place to be," said Houston senior Justin Makris said.

Temple Texas Hell House is 45 minutes, with a demon as

your guide.

"Each scene will give you a real, life look into the things that we deal with every day, intensified," Makris said.

At the end of this fearsome excursion you have the choice to stay for the after-party, called "After Dark."

After Dark continues until you decide to leave, sometimes not ending till 7 A.M. the next day, Deawn said.

The haunted house is open from Oct.30th- Nov. 1st. Tickets are \$8.

Temple Texas Hell House staff strongly advises against bringing children under the age of 12. Some topics, scenes and situations are not suitable for children.

The house consists of guns, blood, violence, intense and disturbing scenes and images.

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By Stephen Jablonski
Multimedia Editor

Our waiter stands outside in front of the two tables that attempt to mimic New York patio dining on Austin Avenue in downtown Waco.

He greets us warmly like we've been there before, though I assure you we have not. This is the first meal with my two roommates in full formal attire. As college students, The Green Room Grille is a financially intimidating venue.

RESTAURANTREVIEW

And though we would walk away with lighter wallets (much lighter), the cost covers both an uncommon meal and a most welcoming atmosphere.

Our waiter asks for my name, which I apprehensively provide. We don't have a reservation, though, overlooking the restaurant with two parties and a majority of unoccupied chairs on a Wednesday evening, we didn't think one was required.

But, the waiter was only inquiring because for the rest of the evening I was Mr. Jablonski, (my fellow diners so formally addressed as well). Though the number of utensils presented before us was perplexing, we were treated as diners deserving the utmost respect. It's a kind of treatment rarely offered to all patrons in such formal ambiance.

The Green Room Grille offers a number of such rarities.

One of my roommates orders his first course: Escargot a la Bourguignon (\$9). It was my first time attempting to eat snail. While I find it a wonder that anyone thought it fitting to drench a snail in Pernod-garlic butter and serve it on French bread, I also can't figure out which fork is best to attack my tomato, basil & mozzarella salad (\$10) with, so I keeping my general social judgments at a minimum.

While the escargot was my



Christina Kruse/Lariat Staff

The Green Room Grille offers Waco diners French cuisine and a comfortable atmosphere. The restaurant is located at 725 Austin Ave.

first encounter with the surprisingly appetizing course, I approach the tomato, basil and mozzarella salad with a skeptical experience.

Served with a sweet balsamic reduction, the tomatoes were the first of a number of fresh vegetables to come (as well as the most enjoyable in my four years of Waco dining), and the mozzarella was just as enjoyable.

A lemon sorbet garnished with candied ginger pieces follows the first course. We're not used to this. Wing Stop doesn't serve a palette cleanser between the fries and the wings.

Nevertheless, it's a pleasure to be called Mr. Jablonski and cleanse the palette, and we savor the moment as we prepare for our main courses.

My entree is the Angus Rib Eye from Yoakum, Texas (\$38) served with chimichurri sauce, Yukon Gold potato puree (mashed potatoes) and a vegetable du jour, which today's are carrots and asparagus cooked al dente.

While the chimichurri sauce is good, it has to be used in moderation on the rib eye, which in its self is a succulent main course. They're doing something well in Yoakum.

The dessert, a Mascarpone Cheesecake with Balsamic Strawberries (\$7) is a fitting end to a lavish meal. An exceptional balance of texture and flavor (not too thick or too rich as most cheesecakes tend to be), the dessert is paired well with a "surprising interpretation of the classic strawberry sauce" as the

menu says.

What I found most interesting about the Green Room Grille was the atmosphere.

This Wednesday evening there are only a few other dining parties, and the wait-staff is the most nominal I've ever seen (two people). Even so, it's not a sterile, quiet environment but hospitable, soothing surroundings.

The musical stylings of Andrew Bird, Iron & Wine and similarly mellow artists sound over the stereo system, melodies more likely to be heard at Common Grounds than at a \$70 dining experience. But the placid compilation works.

While I take note of bands that frequent my iTunes selection, the music fades well into the overall atmosphere for the

more mature dining parties as unknown artists in downtown Waco's most in-vogue restaurant.

The waiter says that the cooks all graduated from TSTC's Food Service/Culinary Arts program. According to the Waco Tribune-Herald, the three graduates were the first to participate in the Culinary Practical from the American Culinary Federation.

While the Green Room Grille's notable service and exceptional dishes are accompanied by an exceptionally hefty price, it merits a reservation for a celebratory lunch or dinner at some point in one's Baylor career or Waco experience.

Just be sure what you're celebrating is worth around \$50.

Grade: A-

UPCOMING EVENTS

Waco

Dial "M" for Murder @ 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Waco Civic Theatre. The theater is located at 1517 Lake Air Drive. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors.

Sweeny Todd @ 7:30 p.m. Monday at The Waco Hippodrome. The theater is located at 724 Austin Avenue. Tickets range from \$35 to \$59.

Dallas/ Fort Worth

Necroplex Haunted House Halloween Music Festival @ 8 p.m. tonight at the Necroplex Haunted House, Italy, Texas. Admission to Haunted House is \$15.

Eli Young Band @ 10:30 p.m. tonight at Billy Bobs, Fort Worth, Texas.

Austin

Carrie Underwood @ 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Erwin Center.

Puddle of Mudd @ 7 p.m. Sunday at Stubb's Barbeque.



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Pigskin celebrates 50th anniversary

By Ashley Erikson
Reporter

Zoot suits, submarines and Christmas elves are just three of the themes of the All-University Sing acts who will perform in the 50th annual Pigskin Revue this weekend.

The Broadway-style production was established in 1958 by Marie Mathis, the founder of All-University Sing, in order to showcase top acts from the previous year.

The top eight acts from Sing were awarded monetary prizes and will perform in Pigskin for Baylor's 100th Homecoming.

"Sing is judged each night by four new judges ranging with experience in dance, theatre, music and higher education or student affairs administration," said Keith Frazee, coordinator of student productions.

Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Sigma paired up and won first place and best choreography for "On The Town," Kappa Omega Tau placed second for "From the Bayou to the Big Easy" and Phi Kappa Chi received third place for "Ain't No Chain."

Orange Country, Calif. senior and Phi Kappa Chi's Sing chair, Anthony Carillo said Pigskin is a quicker process than Sing.

Since choreography, songs and themes are already planned out, one might think Pigskin is easy compared to Sing, but Car-



Alex Song/Lariat staff

Chi Omega performs "Trespassin'" during Pigskin Revue Thursday night. Pigskin showcases the top eight acts from All-University Sing in the spring.

illo said that's not the case.

"It's just a different kind of monster to tackle," he said. "Homecoming time is much busier than the spring," he said.

On top of making floats, performers have to teach lyrics and choreography to new members of the group.

"We have a whole new class who hasn't done this before and they have to replace other members who graduated in spring,"

Carillo said. "We started new members about three weeks before everyone else to overcome the situation."

Alpha Tau Omega's "Be Our Guest" will also be showcased this weekend. The difference between Sing and Pigskin is that the group has nights off to work on the float or do intramural sports, said Plano senior Jason Walker, the Alpha Tau Omega Sing chair.



Claire Taylor/Cartoonist

Taking a peek at the president's bookshelf

By Kelli Boesel
Entertainment Editor

While serving as interim president, dean of Truett Theological Seminary and the William M. Hinson Professor of Christian Scriptures, it's hard to believe that Dr. David Garland has any time for himself.

Nevertheless, he still finds some time to do a little reading, for both work and pleasure.

He shared his reading list with The Lariat in a question-and-answer e-mail.

1. "Liberty" by Garrison Keillor

Garland said he likes the radio show "Prairie Home Companion" and has listen to Keillor's "wonderful voice" for a long time.

2. P.G. Wodehouse

"I always have a P. G. Wodehouse book nearby. He is the creator of 'Jeeves' the butler and is the premier humorist of the last century."

3. "Mencken: The American Iconoclast" by Marion Elizabeth Rodgers

"I am also reading a biography, "Mencken: The American Iconoclast" by Marion Elizabeth Rodgers. (I am reading it) because he is a fellow Baltimorean and I have an interest in journalism."

4. "Prodigal Summer" by Barbara Kingsolver

"I like her writing."

5. "69 A.D.: The Year of Four Emperors" by Gwyn Morgan

"I like to read ancient history, particularly related to the Roman world."

6. "Theologie der lukanischen Schriften" by Petr Pokorny

"I am working on a commentary on Luke and try to keep up with my German."

7. Andrie du Toit Focusing on Paul

"He is a fellow New Testament scholar from South Africa, and he just sent me a copy."

Showtime! to sing variety of popular tunes

By Courtney Webb
Reporter

Baylor ShowTime! is singing and dancing their way into homecoming weekend.

The musical theater group is performing their 28th annual homecoming production "Cabaret," directed by Dr. Leta Horan, associate professor of piano and musical theater. The production is choreographed by Jerry MacLauchlin, a faculty member at McLennan Community College.

The arrangement of genres will range from pieces of the 1950s, Broadway musicals and movies to rock & roll, pop, bandstand and jazz.

"ShowTime! will be performing 'Bandstand Boogie,' from American Bandstand, 'Splish Splash,' and many more," said Daniel Farris, associate profes-

sor of ensembles and music. "They will also be throwing in some Halloween pieces from 'Sweeney Todd' and the song 'Cruella De Vil.'"

Baylor ShowTime! is one of the premier performing ensembles in the United States, Farris said, and it has toured extensively throughout the United States and Europe.

"Horan and MacLauchlin do an excellent job in getting the group ready to perform," said Woodlands junior Lauren Bell. "I have been to this concert in previous years and I have never been disappointed. Baylor ShowTime! just really knows how to get your feet tapping."

Horan is also a musical director, vocal coach and conductor/pianist for professional and academic theatre productions. MacLauchlin is a performing artist, producer, director and

educator.

For over two decades, Horan and MacLauchlin have collaborated in directing Baylor Showtime! and producing numerous professional and academic musical theatre events.

"Baylor ShowTime! is inspiring," said Brazos Middle School teacher LeAnn Gunther. "These young people are so talented and you can tell they truly love what they are doing." LeAnn has attended concerts held by the School of Music for three years.

"The upbeat music and cheerful faces is what keeps me coming back for some more of that wonderful music," she said.

Homecoming "Cabaret" first began in 1960, with performances by famous alumni, Downing said. ShowTime! made its first appearance at the production in 1987 with a number of returning alumni for performances.

"We've been practicing five days a week for one and one-half hours at a time instead of the two hours a night (we practice) for Sing," he said.

Developing a theme before coming up with the music was easier this year for Alpha Tau Omega, Walker said.

"We immediately knew that we wanted 'Hotel California' and 'Love in an Elevator' for our hotel-elevator theme," he said. "It took the longest time and most effort to come up with the choreography though."

Walker choreographed the group's entire performance by pulling inspiration from music videos and his sister, who is on the dance team, he said.

"My sister gave me general guidelines, like an eight-count here or there, which would give me an idea for a few moves," Walker said.

Other acts include Chi Omega in "Trespassin'," Delta Delta Delta in "Twas the Day After Christmas," Phi Gamma Delta in "In Our Yellow Submarine," and Pi Beta Phi in "Mischievous in the Library."

People can expect high energy acting, singing and dancing, Carillo said.

"I love the tradition of it and the fact that it's much bigger than me and the student body," Carillo said. "It's an adventure and a challenge, but just a thrill to put it all together."

Starting in 1995, ShowTime! invited successful alumni to preform with the ensemble, but this year is different. "We will not be having any alumni performing in the show itself, (but) there will be some in the audience," Farris said.

Baylor ShowTime! has been sponsored by The Baylor Alumni Association for over 40 years. They provide alumni, students and the Waco community with an alternate entertainment option during homecoming.

"We love to contribute in any way to Baylor, and ShowTime! is such a great ensemble," said Baylor Alumni Associate, Shari Downing. The association couldn't resist sponsoring the show, she said.

Baylor ShowTime at Cabaret is today at 8 p.m. in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$15.

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BU's rise in athletic success contradicted by poor fans

By Andrew Martinez and Kyle McKanna
Reporters

Over the past few years, Baylor has experienced the type of overall athletic success that only the Bears of the extinct Southwest Conference had enjoyed. The men's and women's basketball teams are both threats to win the Big 12, the baseball and softball teams have each recently sent a team to the College World Series, and the emergence of freshmen stars Robert Griffin and Kendall Wright have the football team showing flashes of brilliance. Every aspect of Baylor sports seems to be improving, except one. The fans.

"A fan is someone who is highly identified with a team," professor in sports and entertainment marketing Dr. Kirk Wakefield said. "If a team wins or loses, it's just like it happened to them." For whatever reason, the highly identified Bears fans are few and far between. Baylor teams consistently lose the ever-important home-field advantage because of crowds that either have no fans or are filled with traveling fans from other schools. The majority of students refuse to use the free ticket that is available to them for every home sporting event.

Even the Baylor Line is strugg-

ling to have students attend games. "The first game we had about 300 more (Baylor Line) members than could fit in the designated section," Baylor Chamber of Commerce member Nick Wilson said. "That hasn't been as much of a problem as the season has progressed."

So far this season, Baylor is averaging 64 percent attendance (32,000) to home football games. This low number makes them one of only two schools in the Big 12 with less than a 90 percent attendance rate. Iowa State averages 88 percent. Some of that low number can be blamed on the stadium's distance from campus. Any real estate agent would take one look at the situation and give three simple reasons for Baylor's fan problem; location, location, location. This would be all the reasoning you would need if on-campus facilities for other sports didn't produce the same poor numbers.

Last season, as the men's basketball team traveled its road to the NCAA tournament, only three schools in the conference had lower total attendance to its home games.

"You can attribute this to a number of things - social factors and facilities," Wakefield said. "In marketing, we talk about having a good product. Baylor is just now starting to put out a product

that creates interest and creates a fan base."

Baylor fans struggle to show up to games, and struggle to handle victory and defeat graciously. For a long time, a Baylor fan has had only two options following a Baylor game - jokingly accept another Baylor loss, or dance in jubilation over the upset that had just taken place. Now, with every sport having a realistic chance of winning games each time they suit up, fans have to cope with heartbreaking losses and lopsided defeats.

Many of the Baylor athletes are learning to handle the ins and outs of winning and losing. Baylor sports fanatics, however, have not always handled the success with the same graciousness. On March 5, 2008, Baylor men's basketball coach Scott Drew, in the middle of the Bears 71-57 loss to Texas A&M, had to resort to addressing Baylor fans on the public address system - asking them to stop throwing soda bottles and mini-basketballs onto the court.

"I think it was a great game with a lot of intensity," Drew said. "It was an unfortunate event that fans began throwing things onto the court and that's never good because our primary concern is for player safety."

Two Aggie fans, who later were found to be innocent of throwing



Shanna Taylor/Lariat Staff

Baylor fans and cheerleaders cheer on the football team during the Northwestern State University game. Recent success has brought out the worst in fans.

objects onto the court, became scapegoats for an angry section during the game. Drew credits the game's physicality for leading to tempers flaring on the court, causing increasing fan intensity.

"After the screen that Twenty (Carter) took from Joseph Jones and then when A&M finished the game with a dunk - that led to things escalating," Drew said.

Drew went on to say he appreciates the increasing support Baylor fans have had for the men's basketball team and hopes

fans will continue in creating a good home field advantage for Baylor basketball.

"Every year our fans have been good," Drew said, "but last year after winning the Paradise Jam and especially after our overtime win at A&M the atmosphere went to another level. The Ferrell Center can acoustically be a very loud arena, it can get about as loud as any place in the country."

Bad behavior by fans is not isolated to Baylor events. European soccer fans are known for

Game from page 1

Sophomore Kenton Gedwed, an outfielder for the Baylor baseball team, played wide receiver during Daniel's reign at Southlake's Carroll High School. Emphasizing his leadership and confidence, Gedwed sees one main characteristic that makes the two quarterbacks similar.

"You can tell they both have that swagger when they're out on the field," he said. "It's not a cockiness. You can just tell they have that kind of confidence."

Ironically enough, head coach Art Briles actually recruited Daniel out of high school when Briles was at the University of Houston. Daniel has to be thrown in the discussion of being one of the top three quar-

terbacks in the Big 12, Briles said.

"I might have been the first coach to give him a scholarship," Briles said. "I liked him because he was a linebacker-turned-quarterback. He was always a real tough kid who competed extremely hard and had a great passion to win. It has all held true. He's had a great career and done an outstanding job at Missouri. He's a guy who has elevated their program without a doubt in my mind."

Missouri hasn't always been such a talented team. Before Daniel's freshman year in 2005, the Tigers went 33-25 from 2000-2004. A struggling team in the Big 12 was desperate for

a top recruit - which should sound familiar to a Baylor fan - to get them started in the right direction. That's just what they got in former quarterback Brad Smith. Coming to Missouri in 2002, Smith was a dual-threat at the quarterback position and made his team competitive. In only his sophomore year, Smith led the Tigers to an 8-4 regular season record and to their first bowl game in five years..

"Missouri used to be a 4-8-type of a team, but than they brought Brad Smith, who is a guy that could individually win a couple of games, and I think that's what Griffin is," Gabe DeArmond, publisher of Powermizzou.com, another recruiting Web site, said. "(Griffin) is a guy who can take his team from three wins to five wins by him-

self. Then you bring the talent in around him, and maybe by his senior year you're setting a stage for an eight- or nine-win team which will also set the stage for whoever comes in after him."

Briles knew Daniel was going to be good coming out of high school, not because of his talent but because of what he's got inside. For Briles, Daniel and Griffin contain some of the same attributes. The only difference being the maturity of the individual athlete.

"(Daniel is) a fearless competitor," Briles said. "He's a believer, which Robert is, which you have to be if you're going to be a successful athlete, or person in general, and he's an achiever. I think all those attributes are pretty much the same."

In Daniel's first season as a

starter, his sophomore year, he completed 64.4 percent of his passes and held a 143.8 quar-

"(Daniel) is a fearless competitor. He's a believer, which Robert is..."

Art Briles
head coach

terback rating with eight interceptions. Griffin, keeping pace in both categories, currently has completed 57.7 percent of his passes with a 120.7 quarterback rating and holds the record for most pass attempts without an interception to start a career by a freshman. According to DeArmond, no one in Missouri

the violence often accompanying high-stakes matches. Detroit fans are known to burn cars after big wins and Philadelphia fans once booed Santa Claus at a Philadelphia Eagles game.

"Ten percent of fans are kind of over-the-top," Wakefield said. "If you put an unstable fan in that type of environment then something is bound to happen."

Some have surmised that bad fan behavior is only a reflection of our more violent culture. Being in a fervent and emotionally charged crowd only fuels boorish and sometimes violent fan behavior. Wakefield believes aggressive and violent fan behavior has always been a problem.

"People have always had violent tendencies the only difference being the media's instantaneous coverage," Wakefield said. "Mankind has been fallen for a long time."

With games against other Texas schools left on Baylor's football schedule and Baylor expected to field its best basketball team in years, raucous fans and loud crowds are sure to be the norm.

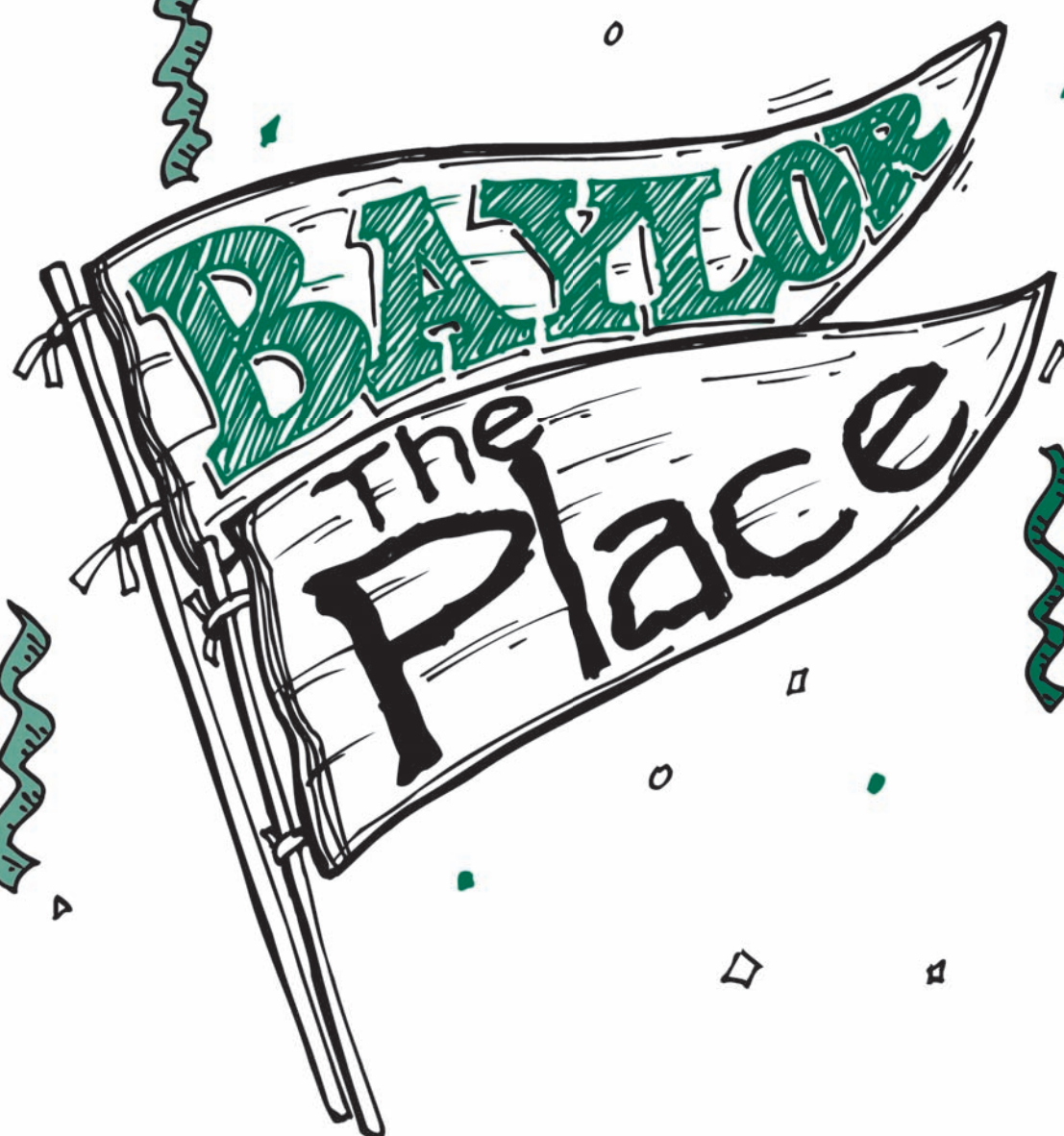
"We're just starting to get a fan base that cares," Wakefield said. "That it (Baylor-Texas A&M basketball game incident) happened here is embarrassing, but maybe we just haven't learned yet to be good fans."

thought Chase could ever be in the Heisman discussion when he started his sophomore year, but with the development of wide receiver Jeremy Maclin and tight end Chase Coffman, the possibility of becoming a Heisman Trophy winner was a reality for Daniel last season. Just like Daniel, Griffin is a young, talented quarterback desperate for some playmakers to make his own case for respect in the Big 12.

But how far could Griffin's potential take him?

"I think it all depends on how Baylor does," Howell said. "If (Griffin) continues at this pace and Baylor continues to get players around him, it's going to be hard for him not to be in that discussion. He's mentally got that potential."

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Assistant professor runs Gunslingers minor league team

By Garrett Turner
Sports Writer

Those who aspire to shape the minds that make our university — the professors — work tirelessly to equip students with the necessary tools to leave academia and make a difference in the world. Seeing them in a class setting only allows students to see a single dimension of their lives, but if students look past the books, past the professional attire and past their intimidating intelligence, there's another life waiting to be seen.

Looking into Dr. Ann Mirabito's past will uncover an undergraduate degree from Duke University with an economics major, a master's in business administration from Stanford University and a series of successful jobs, including working for the Federal Reserve Board in Washington D.C. and Frito Lay, Inc., all of which have built an impeccable resume and paved the way for her and her husband Frank's next venture — owning their own baseball franchise.

"Two years ago (Frank) wanted to buy a boat," Mirabito said. "I thought it was just a vessel you pour money into. Then last year he decided he wanted to buy a minor league baseball franchise.

Well, I wanted him to go back to buying a boat but by then he was already gone from that idea."

A dream of purchasing a boat quickly sailed into a love for baseball, which the two shared even before they got married. When Mirabito and Frank decided to get married, they went to the Los Angeles Dodgers training camp for his birthday. They have always enjoyed baseball and when given the opportunity to purchase the franchise they "decided to go for it." Frank, being a successful lawyer, was less qualified than the administrative experience came in to play to run a business such as a baseball franchise.

Enter Ann Mirabito. With a passion for business and administrative decisions, Mirabito grabbed the franchise's reigns and took control.

"The process of making business decisions is enormously fun," Mirabito said. "It doesn't really both me if I make a bad decision because I think you learn from a bad decision. I've also always chosen to work for organizations that penalize sins of omission more heavily than sins of commission. Better that you do something and do it wrong than if you just sat on your hands and do nothing."

This business, the Texarkana Gunslingers, just completed its first season ever as an independent baseball franchise. A member of the Continental Baseball League, which isn't affiliated with Major League Baseball, the Gunslingers went 38-34 and made it to their league championship to make their first season a memorable one. This league plays fewer games compared to the Major Leagues, and according to Mirabito, this is where the vital business marketing decisions come into play.

"It's incredibly busy because you're packing a years worth of activity into a three-month period," Mirabito said. "It also requires fast decision-making. There are only 34 home games in the season, so from a marketing perspective you need to watch really closely to what's working. You must make adjustments very quickly to the marketing plan so you can continue to leverage what's working and drop promotions that aren't working."

It was a long journey before she actually acquired the team. After graduating from Stanford and getting married to her husband Frank, the couple became two working professionals conquering the corporate world. At the time Mirabito was the vice

president and associate publisher of the Time Life Books' narrative book division, while Frank was a law partner for one of the top 10 most profitable law firms in the world. Seeing that she had reached the top in the corporate world, Mirabito and her husband looked at each other and said, "Maybe we could do something for somebody else for a change." They both resigned from their respective positions and sought a life in upper New York, where they both engaged in non-profit organizations for five years. After five years of non-profit work, a life of academia awaited.

"One of the things I've noticed the more senior I get, is when I work with employees, they are struggling with what they're going to do in the beginning of their careers," Mirabito said. "I was excited about the chance to start teaching and to work with students that are at an early stage of trying to figure out what they're doing in their career. That's what you do as a professor help people shape their careers, so that's why I became a professor."

More than just a professor, Mirabito doesn't need the boat her husband wanted. She can stay afloat in the professional sports world on her own.



Christina Kruse/Lariat Staff
Ann Mirabito, an assistant professor in the Hankamer school of Business, sits at her desk Thursday afternoon. Mirabito owns Texarkana's Gunslingers, a minor league baseball team.



Courtesy of Katie Sanders

Baylor's Katie Sanders (left) and Anna Breyfogle (middle) crane their necks at the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Both athletes have been roommates since their freshman year.

Teammates find common ground in Europe

By Justin Baer
Reporter

To have chemistry is a formidable quality, but to have chemistry and incredible talent is a potent combination.

Such is the case for juniors Katie Sanders and Anna Breyfogle, roommates and criminals guilty of wreaking havoc against Big 12 Conference opponents since their freshman year.

Their friendship elevated to a new level when the duo studied abroad this summer as part of the Baylor European Business Seminar.

"We have been roommates for the past three years, and I have never spent that much time with her," Sanders said, who currently leads the team

with 3.51 kills per set. "I had a great time. I had never been out of the country before and I got to go to seven different countries in five weeks."

Although the trip allowed Breyfogle and Sanders to visit places like London, Paris and Prague, the chemistry developed during the trip — through good and bad — has helped the pair on the court this season.

"You spend 24 hours a day for five weeks with each other, so it's good but then you start to get kind of stressed," Breyfogle said. "But now that we're (back in Waco), we are so much better friends on the court and off the court. Everything just clicks; you could say we are on the same wavelength."

Whatever wavelength that is,

it is a dominant one. Breyfogle leads the conference with 1.52 blocks per game (sixth in the nation) and has at one time led the NCAA in blocking, while Sanders's kills are sixth in the conference.

Their statistics are daunting, but their leadership is a solid reason why Baylor (14-8, 6-6) is in prime position to make its first NCAA Tournament since 2001.

"They are the types of players you build program around," head coach Jim Barnes said. "I think it's great what Baylor gives to the students here, especially the student-athletes where they can go and study abroad. That can really help with their chemistry, and they are a foundation that we build upon."

Breyfogle's and Sanders's first passion is volleyball, but that didn't deter the two from having a little fun with soccer while in Europe.

"The EuroCup was going on and it's huge there," Breyfogle said. "We went to this thing called a fan zone, and it was a blast. People dressed up for whatever team they were supporting. It was insane."

"We decided to go for Portugal and so we dressed up and painted our faces. It was crazy."

The Bears continue their Big 12 slate this weekend when they travel to Norman, Okla., to face the University of Oklahoma Sooners — a team that fell victim to the Bears in a wild, five-set match earlier in the season in Waco.



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THE "YES!" BUILDER

Fagan, Lynch helping lead Bears out of Big 12 basement

By Joe Holloway
Sports Writer

There have been some exciting games at the Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field this season. At home the Bears are 5-5-1 and, of those games, a 10-1 domination of Prairie View A&M University and a 5-0 loss to Oklahoma State University are the only examples of lopsided matches. Every other match has been decided by two goals or less.

That's a lot of close matches for a team picked by coaches to finish dead last in the Big 12 this year. The Bears ended up in second to last place, edging out Iowa State University by a game, but the number of narrow in conference losses suggests that this is not a team that's too far behind the pack.

"Results-wise we haven't had a great season," head coach Marci Jobson said. "I think though that we've gotten so much better."

Two big reasons for Baylor's successes this year have been seniors Andi Fagan and Carolyn Lynch.

Fagan, who has played every position but goalkeeper during her career at Baylor, has continued to prove her versatility this year playing both forward and midfielder.

"When I was younger I split time with one of my teammates (at goalkeeper), but that was pretty much it.

Here it's everything but," she said. "My favorite is outside mid, just because it kind of utilizes my skills. I'm better at running long distances and beating my player that way."

After scoring the first two goals of her career in Baylor's first home game of the season, Fagan has gone on to add two more for a team leading total of four.

"She brings a lot of good things to the table," Jobson said. "Andi's a very solid player, very steady, and has done a good job for us."

Coming all the way from the city of Walnut in southern California, Fagan said she was first invited to come to Baylor after

coaches saw her play in a tournament in San Diego. She also looked at Arizona State, several California schools, and "quite a few random schools," but in the end decided she could get the best education at Baylor.

"I weighed it against other schools," she said. "Baylor was definitely the top."

A graphics design major, Fagan isn't sure exactly what she'll be doing after graduation, but says she's looking for a way to combine all her interests, including soccer.

"Soccer is definitely something I love and want to keep doing, like possibly coaching on the side or doing individual coaching," she said. "A lot of jobs for graphic design require experience in other countries, so I really hope to go work abroad and get some experience in other countries then come back to the U.S. and eventually work at Puma or Nike and do graphics for their apparel."

As to which countries she would like to visit, Ireland and Australia are tops on Fagan's list, though, as a Spanish minor, she said she would also like to travel to Spain.

"I'm not fluent. I used to be," she said. "I'm trying to work my way back up to fluency."

No doubt she would be able to see some exciting soccer matches in Spain as well. She just missed the end of the season when she studied in Italy over the summer, but was able to make it to an "ancient soccer" game.

"It's kind of a combination of football and soccer," she said. "They have ex-convicts playing, so they just kind of all tackle each other."

For now the team captain is looking to finish the season on a high note with a good game against No. 12 University of Texas Friday.

"I think during the season we accomplished a lot," she said. "We changed our whole team mentality to one that's really positive. There's a chance to finish strong."

Lynch also contributing

But Fagan's not the only team captain with a huge impact on the team. Carolyn Lynch has taken on some of the top players in the conference and the nation in her first year as a defender and has largely shut down their production.

"In my mind she is our most



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Baylor's Carolyn Lynch dribbles the ball during a home match. Lynch usually matches up against the opponent's best player. Baylor will play its final match today in Austin.

valuable player," Jobson said of the Austin native. "I think her teammates would probably vote her that. She's always taken the

best player on every team and I'd really be interested to see how many goals she's gotten beat for. I don't think she's gotten beat for

very many."

Lynch said that her first season as a defender surpassed even some of her own expectations.

"I've really liked it," she said. "I didn't think that I would, but the way we've played and the way they taught it to me, and they taught it well, it made it a fun challenge."

In previous seasons she had played mostly midfield but said she was OK with the switch.

"It's something different that I hadn't done before," she said. "I miss getting in the attack a little bit but it's part of my job this year."

Lynch started playing soccer when she was four and has never taken a year off. She moved to Austin from Dallas when she was seven, and that's when she got involved with the Lonestars club team, the team that also produced Baylor soccer players freshman defender Staz Salinas and sophomore forward Lott Smith.

Majoring in general studies, Lynch said she doesn't really know what she wants to do after she graduates next December.

"I've been focusing on soccer so much I haven't really thought about that," she said. "I'm still trying to decide."

Jobson said that she's probably good enough to play semi-pro somewhere or to go overseas and play, an option that Lynch said she has definitely entertained.

"I've thought about it," she said. "I definitely want to finish school first. We'll see how I feel after I graduate."

Whatever she decides, Jobson believes the doors are wide open for Lynch.

"Carolyn is awesome with people," she said. "She has a magnetic personality, so I think Carolyn's going to do great in life."

As far as the how her last season as a Bear has gone, Lynch ranks it at the top.

"I think this is by far my best," she said. "I had the most fun probably because I've played the most and it was kind of a fun role to be a senior leader. The others were good, too, but this is my favorite."

And the team is no doubt glad she spent it here at Baylor.

"I'm really proud of the season she's had as a player, a person, and as a captain," Jobson said.



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Lady Bears back in action

By Brian Bateman
Sports Editor

The Lady Bears are back. Starting practice just two weeks ago, Baylor's women's basketball team is preparing for its first game of the season.

Last year, the Lady Bears struggled to keep enough players on the court. Several transfers from previous years, a dismissal and an injury handicapped Baylor with just nine active players. Of those, just seven saw significant playing time.

This year, it's completely different. "We've got 13 people that can just sit there and bang against each other," senior Rachel Allison said.

In the off-season, forward Jessika Bradley transferred from Baylor to San Diego State University. Other than the graduation of Angela Tisdale, it was Baylor's only loss.

With the inclusion of seven newcomers, the Lady Bears have a full roster for the first time since 2005.

"We're eager to hit someone else than ourselves," senior guard Jhasmin Player said.

Morghan Medlock, a junior transfer from the University of Southern California, will add depth to the post position. Whitney Zachariason, a forward transfer from the University of Arkansas, will also help test the front line. Since she didn't receive a full transfer waiver from Arkansas, she will have to ride the bench until Dec. 20.

"They will compete every day with Danielle (Wilson) and Rachel (Allison) and make them better, or if they don't produce, say, 'Hey, I'm here to take your spot,'" head coach Kim Mulkey said of the duo.

Perhaps the biggest boost will come from Player, who tore her ACL and missed the latter half of the season. Although not completely healthy, she has been active in practice.

"She told me it was my decision (whether to play or get a surgery)," Player said. "Time was on my side."

Mulkey plans to play her in the exhibition this Monday. That game will be against the Houston Jaguars at 7 p.m.

Although the competition doesn't count in the official statistics, the team won't be taking any plays off.

"The exhibitions are extremely important," Player said. "After the exhibition's over, we're going to be watching film the next day. She's going to pick it apart and tell you everything you've done wrong."

That would be wise of Baylor, as Stanford visits Waco on Nov. 16.

The Cardinal is the eight-time defending Pac-10 Conference champion.

Impact returners

Jhasmin Player, senior guard

One word can best describe for Player – workhorse. She was not supposed to play for two more months following a torn ACL in February. Player spent all summer rehabilitating and has practiced without a brace.

It's that dedication that alleviates the burden of Angela Tisdale's departure: that and her playmaking ability on both sides of the ball.



Player

Rachel Allison, senior post



Allison

Allison's tenacious playing style has garnered notoriety through her career. Just last year, Kim Mulkey called Allison the best defensive player in the conference. The first-team All-Big 12 and All-Defensive team pick will help anchor the front line for the Lady Bears, and her senior leadership will be vital to Baylor's success.

Melissa Jones, sophomore guard

She's not the most athletic player on the team, but she compensates with aggressive defense. In her freshman campaign, Jones made an immediate impact in rebounding.

Jones will team with Player to fill Tisdale's void. Although their playing styles vary, Jones' presence on the court could match Tisdale's.



Jones

Jessica Morrow, senior forward



Morrow

Morrow's versatility provides a plethora of options for Mulkey. At six-feet tall, Morrow has the size to be a force inside, but her elusiveness allows Mulkey a viable option at the two or three spot.

Morrow has a deadly 3-point shot, shooting 35.6 percent (37-106) and scoring 12 points per game to earn honorable mention on the All-Big 12 team.

Danielle Wilson, junior post

Every game is a block party for Wilson. Through her first two seasons, Wilson already owns Baylor's all-time blocked shots record (163), and provides an answer to potent Big 12 front lines, namely the Paris sisters from Oklahoma.

Wilson also is dangerous on offense. She scored 10.2 points per game and led Baylor in field goal percentage (.515).



Wilson

Clawing



Illustration by Claire Taylor

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Mulkey adds new faces to court, bench

By Joe Holloway
Sports Writer

A new season of Baylor women's basketball is fast approaching, and with it come several new faces around the Lady Bears squad.

Of the 13 players on the team's roster, seven are either freshmen or transfer students in their first year as a Lady Bears. With last year's lone senior Angela Tisdale now graduated, head coach Kim Mulkey will return four starters from last year's squad, but the newcomers will no doubt look to have a huge impact on the team in this year's exhibitions and on into the season.

"We've made great progress in two weeks," Mulkey said. "But we've got a long way to go."

Mulkey mentioned that there was still some separation between the returning players and the newcomers, but that it should change as they become more familiar with the system.

"I remember when I was a freshman, how frustrated I would get," she said. "I thought I was better than that junior or senior, but the truth of the matter was that I didn't know what they knew."

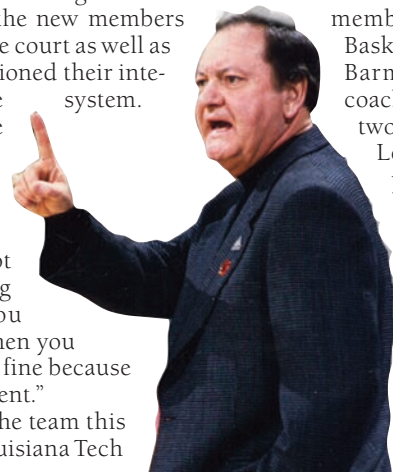
Senior guard Jhasmin Player, who herself is returning from a torn ACL and a sprained MCL, said that

the most important thing is to have chemistry with the new members of the team off the court as well as on but also mentioned their integration into the system.

"They're learning more and more every day," she said. "It's a lot of things being thrown at you every day but when you learn it they'll be fine because they have the talent."

Also joining the team this year is former Louisiana Tech

head coach Leon Barmore. A member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, Barmore was Mulkey's coach in college and the two coached together at Louisiana Tech for 15 years before Mulkey came to Baylor. Mulkey said have him the team is fun and that she is totally comfortable having him sharing the coaching load.



Leon Barmore

Preseason Big 12 coaches rankings

	1	@ BU Jan. 28; @ OU Feb. 21		7	@ BU Feb. 7
Just like their male counterparts, the Lady Sooners have two siblings that center the squad. Courtney and Ashley Paris will keep this squad at the top all season.			The Wildcats return all but one starter from last year's 22-10 squad. However, that might not be a good thing. Inconsistency followed Kansas State throughout the year.		
	2	@ BU Feb. 1; @ UT Feb 28		8	@ NU Feb. 4
Former Duke head coach Gail Goestenkors had trouble righting the state's flagship school last season, but by the Big 12 tournament, Texas was a tough out. That won't change this year.			Four starters return from a squad that was just one game over .500. Kelsey Griffin leads the squad with 15.3 points per game, but Baylor shut her down last year.		
	3	@ BU Jan. 14		9	@ KU March 4
The Cyclones always have great 3-point shooting, and this year won't be any different. A loss to eventual Big 12 tournament champion Texas A&M will give the squad bulletin board material for 2009.			Taylor McIntosh is gone, but five forwards will battle to take her place. Kansas ran a three-guard offense, but that might change this year.		
	4	Not applicable		10	@ TTU Jan. 21; @ BU Feb. 25
Baylor welcomes seven newcomers to its squad. If they perform well, Baylor should make a run at the conference title, if not, Bear fans will witness another season like 2008.			Six-foot-2 forward Dominic Seals returns for the Lady Raiders, but that's about it for Tech. A 4-12 Big 12 record probably won't get any better for this squad.		
	5	@ TAMU Jan 21; @ BU March 7		11	@ CU Jan. 10
The Aggies lost A'Quonesia Franklin, and with her, a good shot at the Big 12 championship. Just like Baylor, the transfers and freshmen will make or break this squad.			The Buffaloes finished slightly better in conference than their Texas Tech counterparts, but lost by 18 in Lubbock. These two squads are nearly interchangeable.		
	6	@ BU Jan. 17; @ OSU Feb. 11		12	@ BU Feb. 14
Andrea Riley averaged 24.6 points last year as a sophomore, and the 5-foot-5 guard might just increase that this year. Without help, though, the Cowgirls won't make it far in the NCAA tournament.			The Tigers return all five starters, and hope to build off of last season's 2-14 conference record. The good news for Missouri fans: there's only one way to go – up.		