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## Plane crash ruled deliberate

**Officials confirm two deaths, 13 injuries from attack by man angry with the IRS**

By NICK DEAN  
NEWS EDITOR

A man allegedly enraged with the Internal Revenue Service flew a plane into the Echelon Building, where an IRS office is housed, in Austin shortly before 10 a.m. Thursday.

The FBI has identified Joseph A. Stack, a 53-year-old software engineer, as the pilot of the plane.

According to the Associated Press, Stack was presumed dead. Emergency crews found two bodies in the building Thursday night, but Chief of Austin Police Art Acevedo declined to say whether either was the pilot. At least 13 people were injured, with two reported in critical condition. All persons were accounted for.

Law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation was still ongoing, said that before taking off Stack set his house on fire.

According to the Associated Press, Stack took off in a four-seat, single engine Piper PA-28 airplane from an airport in Georgetown, failing to file a flight plan, and flew a low route over Austin until colliding with the seven-story building with an IRS office that holds 190 people.

Mike Meyer, an aircraft line maintenance controller for United Airlines, said the plane was designed in the ‘60s and carries about 40 gallons of fuel.

“Will it cause a lot of damage? Yeah, you splash that much gasoline around and ignite it, it will make a mess,” Meyer said.

Engineers were sent to the scene to assess the stability of the building once the incident was contained.

Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell held several press conferences throughout the day to update Austin residents.

“The mayor has been telling the same message throughout the day: That Austinites can, and should, feel safe,” Matt Curtis, communications director for

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Austin firefighters tend to a fire after a single-engine plane crashed into the Echelon Building, Thursday, in Austin. The FBI identified the pilot as Joseph A. Stack, 53.

## Crash shocks, rattles nerves

By LAURA REMSON  
STAFF WRITER

AUSTIN — As information about the Thursday airplane crash came out, reactions ranged from sadness and shock to horror and anger. Many remembered the events of September 11, 2001, while others wondered how something like this could happen in a place like Austin.

Ed Martin has been in the Austin area for more than 35 years and said the IRS building holds a special place in his heart. He used to work there as an IRS agent from 1991 to 2001. While Martin now works as a private investigator, he has friends that still work in the building.

“I know that most of them are safe,” Martin said early Thursday afternoon. “There is one still missing, but I think I know who it is. More than likely, he’s in the rubble.”

Martin explained that the north side of the building where the plane crashed is the collections division of the IRS offices.

“More than likely, that’s where the guy who crashed the plane – his beef was with the collections division because those are the ones that collect the taxes.”

Russell Mahavier lives about 10 minutes away from the office buildings. After hearing the news, he decided to bike over to the scene to see for himself.

“This world is pretty stressed out right now,” Mahavier said. “People put a lot of value on money and their way of life and you get to a point where you’re stressed out over it. It happens to a lot of people, but there is another way. There’s another means. It’s whatever you can handle. And obviously he got to a point where he couldn’t handle.”

Jessie O’Connell lives in the neighborhood just adjacent to the Echelon office buildings, about a mile and a half away. She didn’t hear or feel the crash, but after hearing it was safe, she came out to see the scene.

“I have been in many of these buildings and I have ac-



In this aerial view, smoke billows from a seven-story building after a small private plane crashed into a building that houses an office of the federal tax agency in Austin, Texas on Thursday

tually worked in one of them,” O’Connell said. “So it sort of hit home to me, that I have spent a lot of time in offices in this cluster of buildings.”

As a New York native, O’Connell was reminded of Sept. 11, noting that there was a certain feeling she felt that the actions were intentional.

“When I watched the planes fly into the buildings back then, you just got a sense that it wasn’t an accident,” O’Connell said.

Her biggest fear was the possibility of others copying the alleged pilot Joseph Stack’s actions.

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## Three students assaulted on campus

By LIZ FOREMAN  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Three Baylor students were assaulted in a string of attacks early Monday morning by two suspects who were later apprehended by the Baylor Police Department.

According to Baylor Police, the two suspects committed each assault within the 30-minute window from 1:15 to 1:45 a.m. in separate areas of campus.

Joe Ricky Mendoza, a 17-year-old male, along with a

13-year-old were each charged with robbery, two accounts of assault and evading arrest for their suspected involvement in the three isolated assaults.

Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said Baylor police officers Andy Posey and Justin Swanson accosted the two males on Tenth Street and Speight Avenue on a routine patrol around 1:05 a.m., minutes before the first assault occurred.

“They did a courtesy stop to say hello, and in so doing, they identified them, which was quite interesting,” Doak said. “It

was later determined that their story was contrived, but at the time it was believable, so the officers sent them on their way.”

Approximately 10 minutes after this stop, the first assault occurred on Eighth Street near Dawson Residence Hall. The suspects struck a student in the face, according to police. The student was using his cell phone and dropped it after suffering the blow. One suspect then retrieved the student’s cell phone from the ground and both suspects fled the scene.

Baylor police reported that

when two officers arrived at the scene of the first assault, they immediately received a call about a second assault. This occurred in the Penland Residence Hall parking lot when two males asked a student for a cigarette then struck him in the face and on the back of the head.

Minutes after the second assault, Posey, in the unmarked unit, saw the two male suspects near Dutton Avenue Parking Facility and pursued them on foot until they split up and got away, Doak said.

At this time, Baylor Police re-

ceived a call about the third assault, which occurred near North Village Residential Community around 1:45 a.m. The two males struck Glenrose freshman Matthew Dulcie in the face twice as his girlfriend stood by.

Dulcie said he was walking his girlfriend, St. Louis freshman MacKenzie Pfitzinger, back to her dorm in North Russell Residence Hall via the sidewalk between Truett Seminary and North Village Community when he noticed two males wearing

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## Sing takes steps to cut environmental effects

By HOGAN ALLCORN  
REPORTER

This year Sing is partnering with the Baylor Sustainability Committee in an effort to make practical and effective contributions toward the green movement.

House lights during rehearsals have been reduced by 50 percent and competing groups will be encouraged to reuse props, costumes and backdrops for other events like Pigskin, the Homecoming Parade and After Dark.

Coordinator of student productions Keith Frazee oversees

all rehearsals and performances of Sing.

“Making an effort for sustainability should be a part of all programs at Baylor, and All-University Sing is no different,” Frazee said. “This year we are committed to making a conscious effort in that direction. From being mindful of our energy usage, to waste management, to reusing old props and costumes, Student Productions is doing its part for a more sustainable university.”

To spread awareness, the Baylor “reNEW” logo will be featured in this year’s Sing program and attendees will be

encouraged to recycle their programs.

Baylor’s sustainability coordinator Smith Getterman is the architect behind the project.

“General awareness is one of the main reasons why we turn these major events green,” Getterman said. “It’s the little things that people do for the environment like recycling a Sing program that goes a long way.”

The extra recycling bins added this year in Waco Hall should make it easier for the Sing audience to recycle their programs. Programs found on the floor will be recycled by the Waco Hall housekeeping staff.

Reducing the energy needed in lighting for rehearsals in Waco Hall was inspired by the Baylor Sustainability Committee’s “Last out, Lights out” project where students, faculty and staff are reminded by memos around various light switches on campus to turn off lights when leaving rooms.

“Last out, Lights out’s initiative is easy to accomplish but very effective,” Smith said.

Menlo Park, Calif., senior Beth Roller serves as a member of the Student Production Steering Committee and helped coordinate Sing’s new green mission.

“It is extremely important for big productions like Sing to go green because it would have such a big impact,” Roller said.

Roller, a former Sing chair for Chi Omega, confirmed that other productions such as Pigskin, Stompfest and After Dark will use similar environment friendly tactics.

The Baylor Sustainability Committee is also turning other Baylor traditions green, including the Bearathon and Diadeloso.

As a Baylor alumnus, Getterman said going to Baylor helped

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# Courageous movement in skateboard ministry

Through-out life, I have been constantly reminded of the unanswerable question: Why do bad things happen to good people?

It’s a hard question to ask and an even harder reality to face, especially when it happens to someone close to you.

This past September, Elijah Moore, eight-year member of the King of Kings Skateboard Ministry team, nearly lost his life in a struggle with pancreatitis that put him in a coma for two weeks and has caused his kidneys to enter renal failure.

While he was in the hospital, his fellow teammates and supporters devised a plan to help raise money for Elijah and his newlywed wife, Joy.

A benefit skateboard demonstration was put together by the King of Kings skate team as well as their sister company, Reliance Skateboards.

The money was used to help put together an awareness video as well as the Web site “Moore-Love.com.”

The Moore-Love.com Web site contains a video of clips of Elijah skateboarding as well as interviews from members of his team. Also, limited edition T-shirts were designed by friends of Elijah’s and are being sold on the site.

Elijah is a world-renowned skateboarder and has traveled all over the globe. It was at a demonstration in New

## Point of View



BY CLAIRE TAYLOR

Zealand that he and his soon-to-be wife Joy first met and fell in love.

It’s hard to understand how much of a tremendous and awe-inspiring person Elijah is without knowing him or seeing him on film.

This is a guy whose hobby it is to find four-leaf clovers wherever he goes.

He is a guy who has words like “Praise God” or “Desire” always spray painted in huge font across his skateboard. He is a man who lives his life constantly focused on the Lord.

Elijah is not only a respectable man of God, he is also a close friend of mine. We grew up in the same neighborhood of Garland and have known each other for many years.

My little brother, Tommy, now 17 and still skating, learned how to skateboard from Elijah back when he was in elementary school.

As Christians representing the biggest Baptist institution on earth, I feel we have a responsibility to support our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Check out [www.Moore-Love.com](http://www.Moore-Love.com) to learn more about how to order a Moore-Love T-shirt, donate money or just as a chance to witness what these men are doing everyday in an effort to spread God’s word.

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# Years of success should allow Teach for America to keep federal grant

President Barack Obama is not the only one with big goals for the future of the American education system.

In perusing a Teach for America brochure, one will find a plan mirroring Obama’s in its mission statement. The main difference: Teach for America has a 20-year track record of positive impact on education. Obama: little over a year.

Teach for America, a 20-year-old nonprofit organization designed to place recent college graduates in urban and rural public schools for at least two years, has come under the threat of a cut in federal funds.

The Obama administration has issued a proposal to start a grant competition for programs for teacher training programs. The caveat: If approved by Congress, Teach for America will lose its uncontested \$18 million in funding, authorized by the federal higher-education law.

The grant contest is a great idea. In fact, it may actually bring rise to organizations that parallel the success Teach for America has had in effecting achievement in schools.

However, Teach for America should be left out of the contest, with its grant intact. This organization has proven its success through decades of hard work and has received high acclaim from federal officials, lawmakers and major philanthropists.

The point of the proposed competition is to spread \$235 million across several programs designed to recruit and prepare teachers to for high-need schools. However, Teach for America should not have to compete for money that it has put to good use year after year.

Education secretary Arne Duncan told the Washington Post that he backs the proposal.

“It’s an expanded pool of resources and we want the best to rise to the top... There’s a big, big opportunity out there for high performers,” Duncan said.

The problem with this logic is that Teach for America has already risen to the top.

Studies abound with data exhibiting the impact of Teach for America teachers on student achievement.

One such study, conducted by Mathematical Policy Research Inc. in 2004, concluded that corps members’ students gained greater achievement in math than students of veteran and certified teachers and equal achievement in reading to veteran teachers.

The \$18 million grant accounts for nearly 10 percent of the organization’s \$189 million budget, according to the Washington Post article. For a nonprofit organization like Teach for America, no funding loss is insignificant.

In fact, where the organization itself is concerned, reaching its goals hinges upon continued growth.

Since its start, Teach for America has placed approximately 24,000 teachers across the country, and to effect even more change, it needs to have the available funds to place teachers in as many underprivileged schools as possible.

Teach for America has a proven model that works. The success stories and statistics clearly illustrate this point.

It makes sense that a portion of Obama’s massive education budget should go toward encouraging other organizations to take on the task that has proven successful for Teach For America. However, in doing so, the \$18 million typically guaranteed to the organization should not be put at risk.

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## Lariat Letters

### Ken Starr: viable representation of university’s Bible-based principles

Let me start this by saying I love Baylor University, there is no other university in this nation that I think would be a better fit for me than this wonderful institution.

So, when I heard the news that Baylor was getting its 14th president after 19 months of searching I was elated.

Another person was going to come and contributed to this wonderful place that I call home.

Naturally, whenever a new order is established rebellion is bound to take place, so of course I was not surprised that the more liberally-inclined students at Baylor would feel the need to raise their voices in outcry of this newly appointed servant of the university.

One of their major grievances with Kenneth Starr J.D. is that he was a supporter of Proposition 8, a bill that defined marriage between one man and one woman in the state of California.

I found that interesting that of all the things they could have said, that specific issue was a deciding factor for them. How interesting considering they attend the world’s largest Baptist university — the same place that forces them to go to chapel twice a week for two semesters and take two religion classes; the school that has Bible verses written on the science building; the school whose administrative building has etched in stone quotes taken from its former president speaking from behind a pulpit.

The protesters’ real issue is not with the highly esteemed and honorable Kenneth Starr, it is with Baylor or — more realistically — Christianity.

Marriage is not to be defined by a government but by the source from which it came, God, who created them male and female and said it was good (Genesis 1). If Proposition 8 is the issue for these outraged students — it probably means they have an issue with Genesis 1, Leviticus 18 and Romans 1 — not with Kenneth Starr, so instead of protesting the man on his first day here, protest God.

Yes, I said protest God, burn the Bible, throw your hissy-fit at the One with whom you really have an issue and give His servant a chance to make his own impression on you. I can almost promise you God is big enough to take you protesting him. Now, sure, Kenneth Starr did a good job at handling it himself, but he knew what the real issue was there.

In conclusion, might I recommend to all future college students and current ones, if you want to go to a Christian university be prepared to be around Christian leadership and to put up with their crazy Bible-based ideas. When you sent that \$300 deposit and followed up with another \$40,000, you signed up to put up with them.

Jarell Wilson  
Austin freshman

### Ken Starr: to unite or divide?

I misunderstood what we were told. I thought we were going to elect a president who would unify us with Baptist roots and the heart of Baylor.

I cannot, for the life of me, understand how selecting a polarizing figure will unite the Baylor family.

Once again, I think the idea that we are supposed to be a “Texas Harvard

or Yale” has betrayed the “Good Ol’ Baylor Line.” I hope this choice proves me wrong. I really do. I love this school and I think it is time we became what our intention was in the beginning — the best Baptist University in the USA.

Ken Smith  
Class of ‘65

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Please Recycle This Issue



# Political forum brings heated issues to table

By CATY HIRST  
STAFF WRITER

The McLennan Country Republican Women's Club hosted the Republican Primary Forum from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Waco Convention Center.

The Republican candidates competing for the House of Representatives seat for District 17 in Texas debated who would have the best odds of beating incumbent Rep. Chet Edwards after the primaries. Chuck Wilson of Waco, Dave McIntyre of Bryan, Bill Flores of Bryan, Timothy Delasandro of College Station and Rob Curnock of Waco are each vying to a spot against Edwards, a Democrat.

Rodney Kroll of Waco said he believes the Republican candidates have an opportunity to beat Edwards in this year's election.

"We are a conservative district with 55 percent of the voters for Republican candidates," Kroll said. "We have Republican judges in this county, we have Republican representatives, we

have a Republican senator, we have a Republican governor, a Republican lieutenant governor and we voted for a Republican president last time. But yet we have a Democrat congressman who is constantly supporting a very liberal agenda in the federal congress."

Wilson emphasized his experiences working for a case officer in the CIA and said that made him appreciate freedom since he has fought against terrorism. He also owned and managed a small business.

McIntyre focused on his U.S. Army career and his experience in Homeland Security, dealing with infrastructure issues such as petroleum and water.

Flores said he is running because the debt in America is out of control.

He also said his experiences as a small business owner will help him change the state of the economy.

"I looked at our debt exploding and no control over spending and I thought it was unconscio-

nable," Flores said.

Curnock said he began this race because of the control Democrats have in Washington D.C.

"I got into this race because the America that my father grew up in is gone, the America I grew up in is almost gone, and I shudder to look at the America my kids are growing up in," Curnock said.

Delasandro said he is running because he believes returning to the U.S. Constitution can solve the many problems Americans are facing today.

The first question addressed to the candidates was if the American government should be more focused on dealing with the struggling American economy or the war on terror.

Wilson said the issues were equally important and both should be handled, without having to place one on a higher priority level. Curnock agreed.

"I don't believe socialism works. We have to get back to good old capitalism," Curnock said of the economy.

McIntyre took a different position, saying the economy is the most important issue and should be handled first.

"[Terrorism] cannot destroy America. It can hurt us, but it cannot destroy us," McIntyre said.

McIntyre argued that the deficit is what will do the most damage to Americans if it is not resolved.

Flores agreed with McIntyre that the economy is the most pressing issue, while acknowledging that both are important.

"You can't have national security without economic prosperity," Flores said.

Delasandro said the government should focus on national security and border security, and that the government is the primary cause of debt.

He argued for less federal control in the private sector.

All of the candidates said they were pro-life, with most arguing for national prevention of abortion.

Carolyn Commander of Waco said she also believed all the can-

didates were qualified, although she has been volunteering for Wilson's campaign.

"I like that they are all pro-life," Commander said. "That makes a big difference to me."

Waco junior Ryan Meredith, a member of the Baylor University College Republicans, said the debate was successful.

He said the College Republicans support all five of the Republican candidates.

He also believes the Republican Party has a chance to beat Chet Edwards in the election.

"This year is the year that we can really have a conservative voice and have representation for the people," Meredith said.

Another issue addressed at the forum was how well the candidates would stand up under the pressure in Washington.

"I really liked everyone," Commander said. "My concern is that they don't forget [their values] when they get elected and get into office."

All of the candidates agreed they would beat Edwards, espe-

cially since Edwards voted for the stimulus package and other liberal bills.

"It is nice for the fist time to have five candidates that are qualified and are very capable and you could support all five of the candidates," Kroll said.

All of the candidates were also against nationalized health care, although they all agreed some degree of health care reform is necessary.

The candidates ultimately agreed that Edwards is too liberal to represent District 17. T

hey also agreed they would not work with Pelosi or Obama if it meant compromising their values, citing that they would place conservative values over bipartisan efforts.

"Nancy Pelosi should not be calling the shots in this district. We should," Curnock said.

The forum ended with the candidates saying they will represent conservative values for District 17.

"God bless America. God bless Texas," Wilson said.

# Team receives grant for research on Boy Scouts

By SARA TIRRITO  
STAFF WRITER

A two-year, \$992,000 grant from the John Templeton Foundation has been awarded to Dr. Byron Johnson and Dr. Rodney Stark, co-directors for the Institute of Studies of Religion at Baylor University.

The grant will allow them to research what effects boy scouting has on men's lives.

"The foundation is of the opinion that this is an extremely important research project that will empirically allow us to test the impact of becoming an Eagle Scout on the future of the young men who go through the rigorous process of becoming an Eagle Scout," Dr. Kent R. Hill, vice president for character development at the John Temple-

ton Foundation, said. "There has never been a study of scouting that is as sophisticated or thorough as this one is."

The research will compare Scouts to non-Scouts, and Eagle Scouts to Scouts who participated for shorter periods of time.

Stark and Johnson will be working with the Gallup organization to identify national samples of men who have and have not participated in scouting.

Then surveys and interviews will be administered.

Johnson said it would be interesting to answer questions about whether the religious component of scouting affects character development, and about which parts of scouting do or don't contribute to the character building process.

"It's exciting; they [Boy Scouts

of America] are 100 years old, and it's about time there's some rigorous research done on boy scouting," Johnson said. "We hope to learn not only something about scouting and the connection between scouting and character development, but also the connection -- if any -- between religion and spirituality. There's clearly a religious aspect that runs clean through the whole scouting experience."

Becky Oppermann, Longhorn Council Boy Scouts of America field director for Central Texas, said she was excited that this topic was being looked into.

"To think that a university would be interested in researching the effects of scouting on boys as they get older is amazing to me," Oppermann said.

"For me it signifies that we

take for granted what scouting means for some people. For the university to want to do this is a tremendous stepping stone for scouting."

Stark said the research could be helpful to Boy Scouts if it provides positive evidence about the organization.

"The scouts have taken a lot of flak over all kinds of things, like the fact that the religion figures into the scouting and that sort of thing, and it wouldn't hurt for them to have some evidence that scouting makes a difference," Stark said. "But we don't know that that's what it'll come out."

Johnson said he does hope that the research will have a positive outcome.

"I don't try to indicate that I'm value-neutral on these

things. I hope we find that Boy Scouts makes a huge impact on people, especially achieving the rank of Eagle," Johnson said. "Anyone that's had any kind of exposure seems to have nothing but positive [things] to say, so it's one of those things where you go into it and you have some ideas about what the findings might look like."

However, Johnson said he doesn't want to make assumptions.

"It's important not to assume anything and to go in there and give it a good look," Johnson said.

Stark said this particular research project is not as closely connected to religion as is typical for his and Johnson's projects, but that scouting does have a religious aspect.

"There's clearly a religious element to scouting," Stark said. "The scout law talks about 'I'll do my duty for God and my country.' It'll be interesting to see, for example, if Scouts are more religious than non-Scouts. Clearly, there are a lot of people assuming that religion is going to jump up in this study and be one of the important factors."

Johnson said Baylor is an appropriate place for this research because there are many studies in which faith is considered as a factor.

"I'm not saying this research couldn't be done at another place that's completely secular, but here I think there's an appreciation for the idea that faith might matter," Johnson said, "And I just think that gives us kind of a distinct advantage."

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COURTESY PHOTO  
Co-founder of Raven and Lily, Kirsten Dickerson poses with a group of women artisans from Ethiopia.

# Raven + Lily helps women artisans

By NEELY GUTHRIE  
REPORTER

Seventy percent of the world's poorest people are women, two-thirds of those who cannot read or write are women, 100 million girls are expected to enter forced marriages in the next decade – and Raven and Lily is seeking to change that.

The nonprofit organization aims to empower these types of impoverished women through design opportunities.

Raven and Lily's mission is to create unique, fashion-forward items in an ethical way to benefit the women who create the pieces.

The materials the artisans use are all locally sourced or donated, therefore reducing waste and providing a way to eventually establish sustainable industries in different areas of the world.

"I love that the women in India, Africa and Los Angeles are not only learning a skill but they're changing their lives," said Chicago junior Lauren Holdsworth, PR representative for Raven and Lily.

The women involved in Raven and Lily partnerships are

paid a fair trade wage, and additional proceeds are returned to assist with community development. As stated on Raven and Lily's Web site, it is their goal to see transformation happen in the lives of these women who face the challenges of illiteracy, HIV/AIDS, political instability and extreme poverty.

"There is no market in a slum ... and We ultimately want to enable them to function on their own," said Kirsten Dickerson, co-founder of Raven and Lily.

Dickerson began to see all the pieces of Raven and Lily fit together during a church mission trip to India about a year ago. Her church was working with three other organizations, each one involved micro-enterprising with a design emphasis.

"This was the first time I saw a very tangible way I could support these women," Dickerson said. "I left dreaming, praying and discussing ways to connect my experience and relationships in the design world to these women."

Her passion for missions, 13 years of outreach, career and communications in design prepared her to make Raven and Lily a reality. But she didn't al-

ways see herself doing this.

She and her husband, Brandon, both went to Baylor and at that time she was convinced she was going to do mission work full time.

However, after they married and moved to California, Brandon, a film director, encouraged Kirsten's love of design.

He also hired her as the art director for several of his music videos, so she began to explore the uses of her artistic talent and to learn more about design.

She continued her volunteer work, and through that was connected to the impoverished and the more well-off at the same time.

"I can identify with both cultures," Dickerson said. "But I have a hard time switching gears. You don't know, but it's just where you're supposed to be."

After the mission trip to India, Dickerson went back to L.A. and began asking her designer friends about the idea of partnering with a nonprofit group. They gathered a team together, began praying, got everything ready and launched Raven and Lily about a year ago.

Dickerson not only wants to

help the women financially, but she is extremely passionate about empowering them individually.

"I'm most alive when I'm with these women," she said. "We help them with the market and the design, and they do it themselves."

Roots Boutique, on Austin Avenue, now carries Raven and Lily products.

"The main reason why we chose to carry their line is because we value human life. By us buying those products we can affect their lives," said manager Alissa Neely. "It makes them feel like what they're doing is worthwhile, and the stuff that they have is cute, affordable and it's fair-traded."

Common Grounds will host the Raven and Lily Trunk Show Extravaganza from 2 to 6 p.m. Feb. 26. It's a chance for students to support by purchasing the items made by the women around the world who are working with Raven and Lily to improve their situation in an eco-friendly, sustainable and ethical way.

"People are becoming more and more aware and buying things that [they] love and buying things that have a story," Dickerson said.

# Basketball tournament for Special Olympics at BU

By TORI LIGGETT  
REPORTER

The Area 12 Basketball Tournament for Special Olympics will be held today and Saturday in Marrs McLean Gymnasium and Russell Gymnasium.

The event will start out with the traditional opening ceremonies, and each team will march in with its banners.

Both gyms will be filled with athletes competing on five-on-five teams, three-on-three teams and individual competition.

The athletes will be judged on shooting, passing and dribbling.

The athletic teams will represent ten different counties.

They are traveling from a

12-county area, from Corsicana to Lampasas and from Hill County to Marlin.

"To me Special Olympics give people with intellectual disabilities a chance to enhance their quality of life," Tommy Smith, director of Area 12, said. "The chance to work with volunteers that dedicate their time is also rewarding. Seeing the faces of the participants receive their medal or ribbon makes it all worth while."

Close to 300 athletes will be attending the event, Smith said.

Dr. Margaret Woody, professor of education, will serve as the games director.

She said she is excited to have this event held on Baylor cam-

"The Special Olympics offers... an opportunity to make public and model an important mission for society - valuing all of God's children."

Dr. Jon Engelhardt  
Dean of School of Education

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"I think the Special Olympics is a way for us to provide some

recreational activities for these athletes. It is also great for our Baylor students to give their time and effort through helping; sometimes people don't realize that everyone has something to give," Woody said. "We are able to facilitate recreational activities, but we are also able to receive back from these athletes who have to much to teach us."

Volunteers from Baylor include 200 students to 12 faculty members, according to Woody.

"It is very important that students realize that their roles are critical in running a event of this magnitude, regardless of what task a volunteer is assigned it is crucial to the tournament," Woody said. "A meet this large

is run primarily by volunteers. I want to thank the volunteers for their contribution. It is greatly appreciated."

Faculty and students who have signed up to volunteer will be assisting in every area from cheering to logging scores.

"The Special Olympics offers a great opportunity to provide a motivating event for some of our most challenged children to experience the thrill of athletic competition and an opportunity to make public and model an important mission for society — valuing all of God's children," Dr. Jon Engelhardt, dean of the School of Education and professor of curriculum and instruction, said.

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# Professors drawn to U.S. by academic ambition

By BRITTNEY HERMAN AND NEELY GUTHRIE  
REPORTERS

Dr. Ivo Novakovic, lecturer in religion and Baylor Interdisciplinary Core, and Dr. Lidija Novakovic, associate professor of religion, both born in former Yugoslavia, ended up in Waco after the dissolution of their home country and years of academic perseverance in several countries.

Ivo grew up in Western Yugoslavia, now Croatia, and Lidija lived near the Romanian border, the current Serbia.

They met at a summer camp for Baptist youths called Uglijan, located on the Adriatic coast.

“We met the summer of 1977 at camp. I knew his family,” Lidija said. “He was one of the five, but I had never met him.”

Furthermore, Ivo said, “We really never would have met without help of this kind of Baptist framework.”

They married a year later, after they finished their undergraduate degrees.

Ivo came from a very religious family, and after getting his degree in physics wanted to make some sense of how he could relate his faith and science.

However, he said religion was not very popular at that time because of the Communist Party atmosphere.

“I was not a Communist Party mem-

ber, but certainly I was interested to work in education and not hiding completely my identity, so that was a stretch for me,” Ivo said.

After an invitation from the Baptist Union to study and teach theology at the seminary in Serbia, Ivo, Lidija and their two kids moved to Switzerland.

“We wanted to get our bachelor’s in divinity, and then eventually our master’s degree,” Lidija said. “That should have been enough to come back and teach theology in the one Baptist seminary that we had in Switzerland.”

They stayed in Switzerland for many years because of the conflict within Yugoslavia.

“We had a contract, of course, to return to our country, but in the meantime the country that we left disappeared,” Ivo said.

“In a way we were free to do as we wanted, and therefore we decided to continue an education and come to America to receive a Ph.D.,” Lidija said. “It was known if you teach in this country, it’s not enough to just have a master’s.”

Ivo and Lijida had already invested so much in their studies that they decided to continue studying.

They both were accepted to Princeton, where Ivo received his Ph.D. in theology and Lijida received her Ph.D. in New Testament. One year shy of graduation, Lidija came to Baylor on a part-time

teaching basis.

“I was not offered a job because I did not have a Ph.D. yet, although it was a great way to get acquainted with the program,” Lidija said.

After a short time at Baylor, she went back to Princeton with Ivo and her two children to finish her degree. Ivo worked in the library and soon after graduation, Lidija began her career at Bethel University in 2001.

“This was a smaller 2,700-person college. I was there for about six years, until 2007. I applied back at Baylor and came back full time in the spring of 2007,” Lidija said.

During this time at Baylor, Ivo taught at Yale University, leading a special assignment trip to the Balkans. He soon received a temporary lecturer position at Baylor and the Novokovic family has lived here since.

Lidija also received an invitation from Baylor to teach after she had published several articles about the Dead Sea Scrolls so she and Ivo now both teach in the religion department.

“I am really excited about teaching here not only in theology ... but I am also interested in nonverbal communication, so I am very much interested in how religious experience is communicated in forms that are not really verbal,” Ivo said.

He said that nonverbal communica-



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Dr. Lidija and Dr. Ivo Novakovic, both Baylor professors, grew up in former Yugoslavia but moved to America to pursue their academic careers when they could not return to their home country due to political conflicts at the time.

tions of religious experience was particularly high for the countries where certain religions may not be welcome, especially more Eastern countries; however, Yugoslavia and the region he came from are known for diversity, despite the Communist influence.

“[That region] sometimes handles that extremely well and sometimes not so well,” Ivo said.

There is a Muslim presence, an artic-

ulate Catholic presence and even Orthodox Christianity in the region.

“It’s just in my bones,” Ivo said. “My friends are from all sides. I have enjoyed, explored and worried about lives in those communities there.”

Houston junior Danielle Grootemaat said, “[Ivo] clearly has a lot of personal interest in the field, and with his background from Croatia to Princeton Theological Seminary, he brings tons of insight into our discussions.”

At Baylor, however, Ivo hasn’t seen or had to worry about cultural or religious tensions.

“If there is something like resistance to other cultures, and Baylor is guilty of that, I have just not experienced that,” Ivo said. “For me this is actually a very positive experience, with students but also with colleagues.”

The transition to America was gradual and took time for Lidija and her family to adjust. Although it may have been challenging, she was also ready and prepared to make a change into a different culture.

“The most exciting thing for me was the feeling that you can really pursue your dreams here,” Lidija said. “Any career you want and are capable of, you can make an income from it. You can always change. I was just 40 years old when I first came to America and age was no limit for me to begin a career.”

# People’s Law School to educate with new courses

By HOGAN ALLCORN  
REPORTER

The People’s Law School, in its fifth year, has added four new classes to its curriculum.

The event brings members of the Waco community, ranging from students to senior citizens, to attend the one-day, free event designed to educate participants about their legal rights.

The event will be hosted by the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center and was organized by professor Patricia Wilson.

“The law touches us in everything we do in some way or another,” Wilson said.

“The law can sometimes be confusing. The People’s Law School will not answer every question for every specific situation, but it can help you get a grasp on some fundamentals that may help you in your day-to-day personal and business life.”

The event will offer 14 “user friendly” courses on a variety of legal topics including consumer rights, small businesses, landlord/tenant rights, retirement planning, wills, traffic law, elder law, employment law and family law.

The courses will be taught by law professors and local practitioners.

“Law: Fact vs. Fiction” is a new course that examines the authenticity of Hollywood’s presentation of the law in television and movies. The course, taught by Waco attorney Will Hutson, will examine video clips from television and movies and discuss the way the law actually works.

“This new course was added to enlighten the public and dispel misconceptions of the law that that people have from TV shows and movies,” Hutson said. “I watch law shows just like everyone else.

People will come in and ask me why I don’t do certain things that they’ve seen on TV and I will

tell them that those certain things simply don’t exist in a court of law.”

Hutson plans to examine shows and movies varying from “My Cousin Vinny” to “Boston Legal.”

“‘My Cousin Vinny’ is a very accurate description of courtroom procedure, largely because the final script was written by a knowledgeable attorney,” Hutson said.

“Then there’s a show like ‘Boston Legal’ that is just ridiculous and isn’t an accurate illustration of criminal law. But sometimes accurate isn’t entertaining.”

Professor of law Rory Ryan

is looking forward to returning to teach willing and enthusiastic participants.

“I have taught different courses over the past few years, and it’s always worthwhile,” Ryan said. “It is always refreshing to teach people who are there for the sole reason that they want to learn.”

This year, Ryan is teaching one of the new courses, “Introduction to the Constitution.”

In addition to the courses, the first 80 attendees will receive a copy of the book “Know Your Rights,” written by consumer law expert Richard Alderman.

Participants are allowed to

register for three courses, each about an hour long.

The People’s Law School, to will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center.

For more information and registration information, visit [www.baylor.edu/law/PLS](http://www.baylor.edu/law/PLS). Check-in and walk-in registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in the lobby. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

“When people come, they usually come back the next year or ask us to do this more frequently,” Wilson said.

# Obama’s Tibet trip maddens Chinese

BEIJING (AP) — China on Thursday protested President Barack Obama’s meeting with the Dalai Lama, saying Washington had interfered in Chinese domestic affairs and demanding that the U.S. take steps to improve ties.

Vice Foreign Minister Cui Tiankai summoned U.S. ambassador to China Jon Huntsman to lodge a “solemn representation” over Thursday’s meeting at the White House, the ministry said in a statement posted on its Web site.

“The behavior of the U.S. side seriously interferes in China’s internal politics and seriously hurts the national feelings of the Chinese people,” the statement said, quoting spokesman Ma Zhaoxu.

The meeting was seen as another test of rocky ties between Beijing and Washington, strained in recent weeks by issues from Taiwan arms sales to cyber spying allegations.

However, the language of the protest issued by the Foreign Ministry was relatively constrained, a reflection of the White House’s low-key treatment of the meeting with the exiled Tibetan leader and Beijing’s own desire to maintain healthy China-U.S. relations. The meeting was in the White House’s Map Room, a lower-profile venue than the Oval Office.

In his statement, Ma expressed “strong dissatisfaction and resolute opposition” to the meeting.

“The Chinese side demands that the U.S. side seriously consider China’s stance, immediately adopt measures to wipe out the baneful impact and stop conniving and supporting anti-China separatist forces that seek Tibet independence,” said the statement, posted on the ministry’s Web site.

China accuses the Dalai Lama of seeking to remove Tibet from Chinese rule and objects strongly to all contact between him and overseas leaders.

The White House said Obama told the Dalai Lama that he backs the preservation of Tibet’s culture and supports human rights for the Tibetan people. He also gave encouragement to the Dalai Lama’s request for talks with the

Chinese government.

While the meeting was long expected, the administration had taken considerable measures to limit its impact on China-U.S. relations. Obama had declined to see the Dalai Lama during his Washington stay in October because it would have come before the president’s November China visit.

There was no welcome fanfare on Thursday and Obama made no public comments, issuing only a brief statement through his spokesman.

The meeting came at a time when U.S.-Chinese relations are particularly raw, with China warning of retaliation over the Obama administration’s approval of a multibillion-dollar arms sale to Taiwan, the self-governing democratic island that Beijing claims as its own.

Disputes over trade, exchange rates, and human rights have also ratcheted up tensions, although Beijing has recently seemed to indicate through the official media that it doesn’t want to see a major crisis.

After the White House meeting, the Dalai Lama chided Beijing for taking a “childish” and “limited” approach to Tibet’s quest for greater autonomy and said Obama had been “very much supportive” of his views on human rights and the concerns of the Tibetan people.

The Dalai Lama fled Tibet in 1959 and has since led a self-declared government-in-exiled in India.

China claims Tibet has been part of its territory for centuries and sent communist forces to occupy the Himalayan region in 1950. Many Tibetans say they were functionally independent for most of their history and accuse China of undermining Tibet’s unique Buddhist culture and flooding the region with Chinese migrants.

Sporadic contacts between the Dalai Lama’s envoys and Chinese officials were renewed last month after a break of more than a year. No breakthroughs were announced and China has made no firm indications of offering concessions to the Tibetan side.

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# It's not so easy to follow dreams

## POINT of view

BY ERIN NIPPER

I once had dinner with Horatio Sans, McLovin and the guy who played the rat in the movie "Willow."

It sounds like a bad joke, set in a bar, but these were the people who influenced my decision to go back to school, and thus brought me to Baylor.

Some people dream about being a "movie star." They will take the dream, tuck it away in a corner of their mind and then bring it up in an attempt to fill awkward silence on a bad date. However, I have never been the kind to sit back and wonder.

So, I left class one afternoon, drove to Louisiana and auditioned for a talent agency.

Allow me to explain. I began college while I was still in high school, first through concurrent enrollment, then over summer vacations. My stepfather was the vice chancellor of a community college, and when I took my ACT test early, he thought it would be a good idea for me to get an early taste of academia.

By the time I began college as a full-time student, I was bored out of my mind.

I enrolled in a class called "Modern World Literature." I thought that modern meant, "new" or at least "interesting." I was disappointed when I learned that it actually meant "before the Pilgrims."

My professor walked into the room, slammed the nine books that we were required to have purchased for the course on to a desk and said, "None of us in here are freshman. Let's get cracking."

My time as an English major was short lived. I ventured to a more interesting department:

theater. My love affair with performance had begun.

After my first two years of school, I was completely burned out. Although I won acting awards, received a scholarship and was chosen as a nominee for the prestigious Irene Ryan Scholarship Award, the thought of dragging myself to class one more day to learn about makeup, blocking and the proper terms by which to call the pieces of colored plastic that cover stage lights, made me want to jump out of my car as it rolled down the interstate.

Then, I heard about a budding film industry in Shreveport, La. The New Orleans industry moved there following Hurricane Katrina. Affectionately dubbed "Little Hollywood" by actors and producers, Shreveport had been the location of films like "Mad Money" and "The Great Debaters" and was home to a brand new string of casting agencies.

I got an appointment with an acting agency, auditioned and was signed after two weeks. One day, after I officially had representation, I auditioned for my first film: Oliver Stone's "W." I auditioned for the part of "Fran" (as she was called in the script — character names tended to change by the time the films were cast), a girl who George Bush allegedly proposed to in a bar.

Needless to say, I was not cast as "Fran." In fact, I could not even get on as an extra. I had to work odd jobs (getting coffee, filing papers, making phone calls for production) just to scrape up enough gas money to get to work and back. It was not an "easy" job, nor was it glamorous by any stretch of the imagination.

I worked in Shreveport for eight months. My days were filled with movie sets and auditions. Sometimes, I worked 16 hours at a time doing nothing more than

literally standing in one spot.

My nights consisted of going to "acting showcases" and mingling with "B-list" celebrities just to try and squeeze my way into an audition by word of mouth. Usually, the only thing I would gain from conversations with these types was a good story.

However, one night, I got more than just a story. I received a little inspiration.

When walking into an acting agency you never know who the characters that may be on the other side might be.

On one occasion, one of those characters was Horatio Sans, who had been a cast member on Saturday Night Live for seven years and acted in the films "Miracle on 24th Street" and "Step Brothers." He was in Shreveport working on a film called "Year One."

The cast for "Year One" included actors like, Michael Cera (who played Bleeker in the movie "Juno"), Jack Black and Christopher Mintz-Plasse, better known as "McLovin," from his role in the comedy "Superbad."

Mintz-Plasse was one of the others who happened to be at the agency that night, along with Rick Overton, or as I like to call him, that guy who played Fran-jean, the rat, in the movie "Willow."

I had been working one of those 16-hour days as an extra. There was a thunderstorm, and I decided to go to the restaurant that was located below my agency to wait out the storm before driving back home.

When I walked in the door, my agent (his name was Jeffrey, in case you were wondering) was sitting at a table with a group of actors from "Year One."

Frustrated, soaking wet and exhausted, I sat down in the booth next to Sans and began to visit with him.

I told him about how I had

quit school to pursue my dreams of becoming a star, or something along those lines.

I told him how frustrated I was, because I was not making any money, I could not get a good audition and I felt that I was wasting my time since I had dropped out of college. I guess I expected him to sympathize with me. I thought he might tell me to "keep on acting" or maybe say something inspirational.

He didn't. In fact, he laughed at me. His response? "You're young. You have time."

In a bar, at 1 a.m., Horatio Sans provided me with a moment of clarity: I was young, and I had a future.

I walked out of the acting agency after the storm cleared and I made another decision: I was going back to college. I came to Baylor that August. I wanted a fresh start, and I definitely needed one.

I must say, things have not been perfect since I came, though. Taking a year off of school can leave one a little out of the game, but I know that I had my "life experience."

About a month ago, I was watching a film that I worked on. I actually saw the back of my head in a movie. I was so excited that I screamed and rewound the DVD so that I could take in the whole minute that I watched myself on a real-life movie. I called my mom to tell her that my behind had made its big screen debut.

Do I think that everyone should pack up and run away from boredom? Absolutely not. Do I suggest going to a bar to receive life advice from B-list celebrities? Never.

However, I do think that if you have a dream, don't tuck it away and wonder "what if." You never know who you could meet along the way.

## Braised Balsamic Chicken

### Ingredients

- 6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- ground black pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

### Directions

Season chicken breasts with ground black pepper and garlic salt. Heat olive oil in a medium skillet, and brown the onion and seasoned chicken breasts.

Pour tomatoes and balsamic vinegar over chicken, and season with basil, oregano, rosemary and thyme. Simmer until chicken is no longer pink and the juices run clear, about 15 minutes.

## Easy Angel Food Cake

### Ingredients

- 1 1/4 cups cake flour
- 1 3/4 cups white sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups egg whites
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract

### Directions

Beat egg whites until they form stiff peaks, and then add cream of tartar, vanilla extract, and almond extract. Sift together flour, sugar, and salt. Repeat five times. Gently combine the egg whites with the dry ingredients, and then pour into an ungreased 10 inch tube pan. Place cake pan in a cold oven. Turn the oven on; set it to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Cook for about one hour, or until cake is golden brown. Invert cake, and allow it to cool in the pan. When thoroughly cooled, remove from pan.

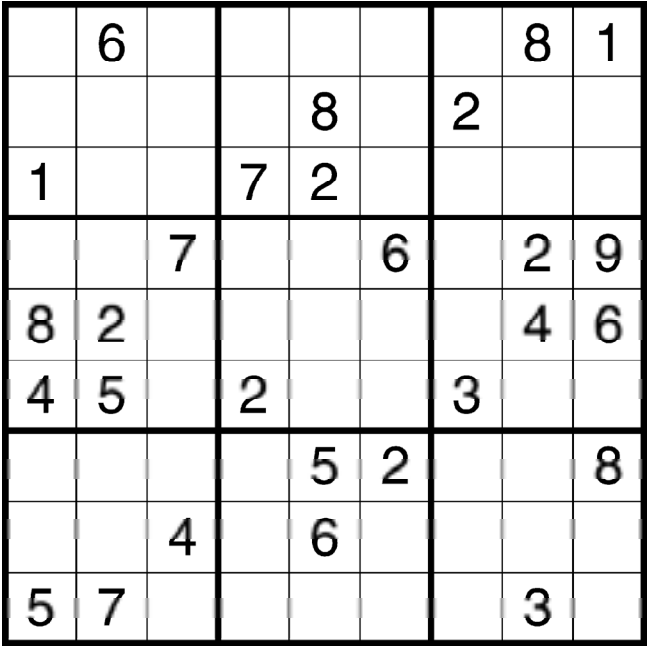
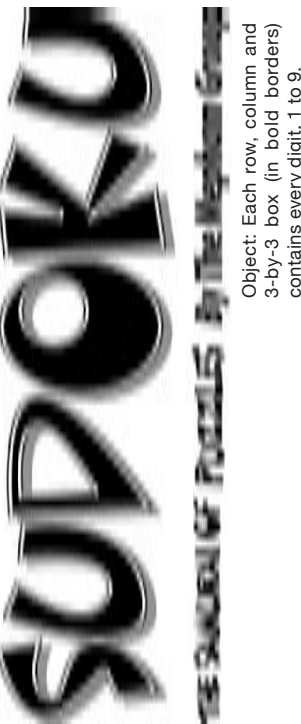
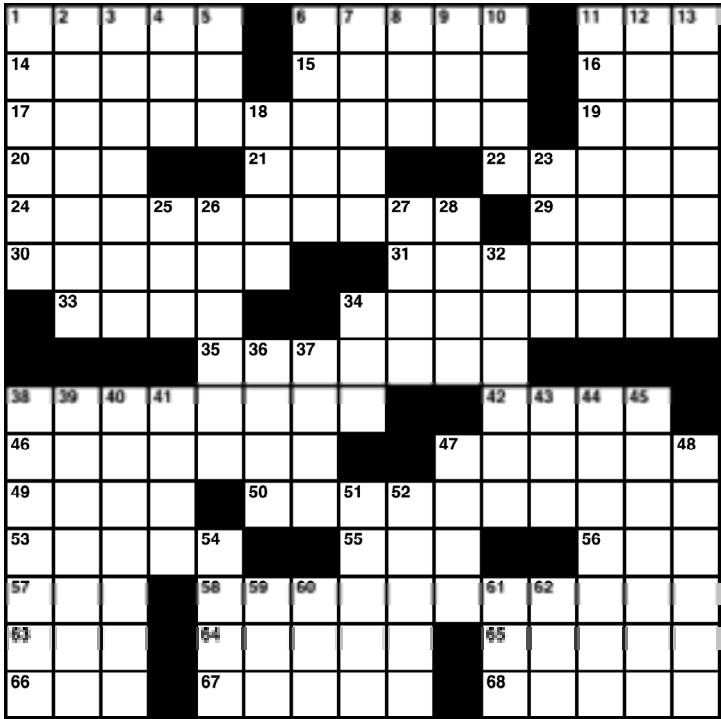
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# Behind Sing: Prop crew keeps show smooth

By RACQUEL JOSEPH  
REPORTER

Each act in All-University Sing has two minutes to set up its props and seven minutes to impress an audience and judges. One of the best ways to spice up a dance number is to add a prop that can be twirled, thrown or paid homage to.

The props for all of this year's 18 acts are artfully packed into a prop room and crammed against the walls of a dark and narrow passageway connecting opposite sides of the stage.

The seven-man prop crew

cares for all of the bits and pieces of an act that can't be held. Their most important responsibility is to make sure that the rehearsals and show dates flow smoothly.

Carrollton senior Sarah Culver, leader of the prop crew, said that they are also responsible for making sure no one gets hurt as large set pieces make their way to stage and are moved during the act. If someone were to get hurt during an act, the prop crew steps in to provide first aid.

Austin junior Kelli Kanode says that so far this year, things are going smoothly with only "minor injuries," though there

have been slips and falls by performers as they rush from one side of the stage to the other in the dark.

Just like everyone else involved with Sing, the crew is sworn to secrecy about themes and none of them belong to a fraternity or sorority.

Houston junior Daniella Romero thinks it adds to the fun of working backstage.

"We all secretly try to guess from the props what they could be doing and sometimes we are right and sometimes we are surprised."

During the show, Romero and

her fellow crew members must untangle the props, unpacking them in a way that leaves room to rush from one side of the stage to the other.

While one act is on stage, another act is "on deck," waiting for its cue to approach the stage.

Plano junior Jessica Rodriguez, Sing chair for Zeta Tau Alpha, said, "Before we go we have to wait out in the lobby. At first the girls were quiet but it's been getting a little more antsy, like, 'this is it.'"

While the performers try to keep their nerves in check, the atmosphere backstage is what Kan-

ode describes as stressful.

"During rehearsals you have a little bit more time but now it will be going back to back, and we have to pick up the pace," Kanode said.

The prop crew scrambles to prepare the next act's props during the current act's seven minutes of stage time and still keep track of any mishaps on stage.

A single sheet of paper taped up next to the stage door serves as the game plan with an inventory of everything necessary to every organization's act.

Each time Romero said she wonders, "How are we going to

get it all out and how are we going to put it back?"

When everything is prepared, the prop crew gives the signal to the waiting act and that only two minutes remain on the clock to ensure every piece is in safely in place.

While working in relative anonymity, prop crew has become a part of Sing tradition.

Working behind the scenes anonymously is just fine with Kanode.

"I feel that the people in Sing understand what we do," she said. "They appreciate us and that's all that really matters."

# Chamber returns to stage for first time since 1996

By JAMES BYERS  
REPORTER

Baylor Chamber of Commerce members are known for serving the university. Now they're dancing, too.

For the first time since 1996, Chamber is participating in All-University Sing. Chamber opens each night of the year's Sing production with a four and a half minute performance to welcome the audience.

However, Chamber isn't competing with other acts for a spot in Pigskin Revue next fall.

Austin junior and Sing Chair, Dakota Farquhar-Caddell, said that Chamber dropped out of Sing nearly 15 years ago because the organization's immense Homecoming duties kept it from participating in Pigskin Revue in the fall.

Chamber is still heavily involved with Homecoming, but this year, the members of the organization collectively decided that even if they can't compete at Sing, they can still perform.

Farquhar-Caddell said that Chamber members are committed to providing an entertaining opening act, even if they aren't being judged.

"We want to add something to Sing that makes it feel like a unified show, like a unified experience," he said.

To accomplish that goal, Chamber will sing a mash-up of songs that includes "I Gotta Feeling" by the Black Eyed Peas, "Everybody Have Fun Tonight" by Wang Chung and "Don't Stop Me Now" by Queen.

"We picked three different songs that would prepare the audience for a fun, exciting night at Sing," Farquhar-Caddell said.

And there's dancing, of course. The 24 participating Chamber members, donning blue, gray, black and white sweatshirts and jackets, continually dance throughout the act.

After the mash-up, the guys change into vests and the girls into dresses to perform "Sing Anthem," an original composition by musician and independent arranger Jason Young, who has been involved with Sing for 20 years. Chamber plans to perform "Sing Anthem" annually, essentially making it Sing's theme song.

Baylor alumnus Ryan Machen, a former Sing Alliance president, choreographed the group's act. Machen taught the routine to a



The Baylor Chamber of Commerce performs their opening act for All University Sing. This is their first time to participate in Sing since 1996.

# Steering Committee renews its involvement in Sing 2010

By RACQUEL JOSEPH  
REPORTER

The Student Productions Steering Committee is a name reserved for six students, with a mix of majors, interests and classifications. This diverse group of students is making its return this year as the group with the brains behind All-University Sing.

Member Mark Harris explains the reason for the group's revival.

"Eight heads are better than one, or two," Harris said.

After being phased out about five years ago, the committee is back this year to assist coordinator of student productions Keith

Frazee and graduate apprentice Cheryl Mathis with one of the biggest Baylor events and traditions of the university's history: All University Sing.

The committee is divided into three subcommittees: internal, external and marketing.

The internal subcommittee deals in Sing chairs, schedules and much more.

The external subcommittee focuses on vendors, sponsors and venues.

The marketing subcommittee is all about publicity, ticket sales and taking the creative ideas of performers and applying them.

Committee member Sarah Pullin, a junior from Houston,

describes her duties as "everything from critiquing acts to finding judges to buying thank you gifts."

If a task needs doing, the committee is ready to deploy.

Frazee said that at every Sing rehearsal, at least one committee member is present, which was quite an adjustment for the participants in the show.

"A lot of eyebrows go up when people hear there are students involved because Sing is supposedly shrouded in secrecy, but they have exhibited a level of professionalism," Frazee said.

Harris, a junior marketing major, said one of the best parts about the inner workings of Sing

is "getting to watch how different all the groups are."

Harris also discussed the development of performances that the committee has witnessed throughout the various practices.

"They put on comparable shows but they all take different journeys to arrive at the same place," Harris said.

Having six students taking part in the committee has made a big difference in Frazee's eyes.

"I can say with confidence every act has gotten better because of their insight and perspective," he said.

However, considering the time commitment of being a member of the committee, the thing the

group members has in common must be a passion for Sing.

Houston senior Sarah Pullin has been attending Sing since she was 4 years old. This Sing experience gives her the advantage of having seen the production evolve over time and allows her passion for it to grow.

"People ask us why we do it. We don't get paid for it, no class credit," Pullin said. "You really do have to love Sing and have the desire to make it the best it can be."

Moreover, there are other benefits to being a member of the committee. Harris said one of the best parts of being a part of Sing is working with passionate peo-

ple that he can rely on to create a great experience for everyone involved.

"This year is going to be the best year of Sing in recent memory," Frazee said.

Frazee also attributes at least part of the improvement of this year's Sing production to the revival of the committee.

With opening night out of the way, the Student Productions Steering Committee can finally begin to take a few sighs of relief and sit back and enjoy All-University Sing.

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From left: Craig Fritsch, Logan Verrett, Shawn Tolleson and Willie Kempf

## Bears return bevy of talent, experience on mound

By JUSTIN BAER  
SPORTS EDITOR

He is the one whom you rely on in critical situations. Not only is he talented, but he also possesses an aura of confidence and composure in any high-pressured situation. His leadership is discernible on the field and in the locker room.

He is the ace of the pitching staff.

Most teams consider themselves fortunate to have one player talented enough to be a true ace of the team's pitching staff. Baylor baseball head coach Steve Smith has four.

"I would like to think that any of us could go out there on any given day and go out and shut down a team," senior Willie Kempf said.

Smith is counting his blessings with the pitchers he has on hand. Despite losing former Bears Kendal Volz and Aaron Miller to the Major League Baseball Draft, the

talent and experience he returns is bountiful.

Kempf, juniors Shawn Tolleson and Craig Fritsch and sophomore Logan Verrett have 460 innings of career experience divided among them, and it seems the only predicament is finding a way to maximize the talent of the staff whose collective resume includes: Cape Cod All-Stars, state championship rings, Team USA memberships and a draft selection.

"Those guys have exceptional stuff and exceptional ability," Smith said. "They have all worked at expanding their ability. ...I am very confident that there will be a different dimension on the mound when we take the field."

According to the skipper, each pitcher of the group has exhibited spurts of greatness, but none have yet to compile seasons worthy of self-fulfillment. Out of the four, Kempf has provided the best season when he recorded

a 6-2 record with a 3.69 ERA in 2008. Yet Smith is confident with the prospective of his pitchers' seasons.

"I think we have three or four guys that on any given day could go out and no-hit somebody," Smith said. "They just haven't put out a year they were happy with... They have the ability to do it."

With the departure of the majority of last year's offensive production, the staff may be beckoned to carry an extended load.

Miller also produced 12 home runs from the batter's box, while fellow Baylor draftees Shaver Hansen and Dustin Dickerson combined for 27 home runs.

While Tolleson credits the incoming freshmen's skills, he cited

that games are won away from the plate.

"Our freshmen are really talented," Tolleson said, "but we are going to have to pitch and play defense—that's what it takes to win games."

Tolleson further believes he is finally returning to the ability that had scouts drooling his senior year of high school before an injury requiring Tommy John surgery.

Verrett's dogmatic demeanor out of the bullpen demanded respect during his freshman season. He delivered Baylor to victory last season against No. 3-ranked Texas A&M University when he

"I am very confident that there will be a different dimension on the mound when we take the field."

Steve Smith  
Head baseball coach

struck out 10 batters during 6 and 1/3 innings. His poise portrayed in similar situations throughout the year makes him the ideal candidate to man the closer's position, but Smith says Verrett isn't fond of the idea.

"It's kind of an interesting thing. When asked, all of our pitchers said they would like to see Verrett finish their game," Smith said. "If you ask Verrett that, he says he wants to start the game."

Meanwhile, Fritsch opted not to sign with the Detroit Tigers after being picked in the eighth round of the June draft.

Despite a shaky start to the 2009 season, the Round Rock flamethrower was one of the Bears' most dominant pitchers toward the end of the season. From April onward, Fritsch clocked 34.1 innings on the mound in which he struck out 38 players and posted a minuscule 1.87 ERA.

Fritsch's 95-mile-per-hour

fastball complements a daunting slider to his arsenal.

Although control issues have haunted him in the past, the 6-foot-4 right-hander believes clearing extracurricular activity from his mind while on the mound repaired the issue mid-season.

"I just need to go out there and compete and trust my stuff," Fritsch said. "At the end of the year, I just went out there and had fun."

Kempf possesses the most experience out of the four. As a senior, the two-time captain realizes the additional responsibilities delegated to himself.

"You lose so many of your good juniors to the draft. And for the guys that it didn't happen for last year—all we have to play for is winning and the team," Kempf said. "That's all we are worried about. We have had the ups and downs of the past three years; we know what it takes to be a winning program."

## Without high expectations, Baylor geared to prove doubters

By CHRIS DERRETT  
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor baseball enters this season picked sixth in the Big 12 coaches' pre-season poll—the first time this decade for the Bears to land outside of the top four. It makes no difference to coach Steve Smith, however, as his squad of experienced pitchers and strong hitters make its run at back-to-back NCAA tournament berths.

"Fortunately it will get played out on the field," Smith said. "I am very comfortable with the guys we have got."

Much of the Bears' experience lies on the mound. Baylor returns 10 pitchers, four of whom made at least four starts last season.

Logan Verrett, who moved from the bullpen to the starting rotation and finished 7-1 last season, will most likely start Baylor's season opener against Duke this afternoon. His ability to locate pitches helped him to 64 strikeouts and only 19 walks, the highest strikeout-to-walk ratio among returning pitchers.

After playing through his sophomore season with injuries, Shawn Tolleson looks to improve from his 1-2 2009 record. The record may not be indicative of Tolleson's effort last season, though.

The Major League Baseball prospect also pitched five no-decisions, in which he collected 18 strikeouts in 18.2 innings.

Willie Kempf also worked his way into the starting rotation last year, compiling a 5-5 record and 5.22 ERA. He struck out 41 batters in Big 12 play, and last summer Kempf pitched 28 innings for the Victoria Generals of the Texas Collegiate League.

He voiced his confidence in the Bears' hurlers at Wednesday's pre-season press conference.

"I would like to think that any of us could go out there on any given day and go out and shut down a team," Kempf said.

Craig Fritsch is the fourth of Smith's starters and takes his turn in Baylor's fourth game, an afternoon matchup against Georgia that ends the QTI Apparel's Opening Weekend Classic. Fritsch made six starts in 2009 and earned a 4-5 record and 5.09 ERA.

On the offensive side, even Smith admits that his team misses the bats of Dustin Dickerson, Shaver Hansen and Aaron Miller, who all pursued professional careers after last year.

"I don't know if we will replace it statistically. That would be a big ol' order," Smith said. "I do think that we have some guys that can play and swing the bat."

Most experienced of the position players is senior Raynor Campbell with

52 games started last year and 147 in his career. He hit .243 last season, belted eight home runs and bagged 31 RBI.

The season was actually a parody of his freshman and sophomore campaigns. In those seasons, Campbell batted a combined .317 with nine home runs and earned a Freshman All-America tab his rookie season.

"I don't want to put any pressure on myself," Campbell said about offensive responsibility. "We have guys that can easily fill in those holes that we lost... None of the offense should ever rely on one player."

Senior captain Gregg Glime takes his familiar position behind the plate and adds to his current total of 97 starts as Baylor's catcher. He knocked in 15 runs last year and finished at .215, but more importantly in 45 catching starts Glime allowed just four passed balls.

Beyond Baylor's proven returners are others competing for playing time at various roster spots.

Junior Jon Ringenberg and sophomore Trent Blank made six and four respective starts in 2009, with Ringenberg claiming two wins and Blank getting the first of his career against Houston Baptist University.

Also working for more innings are Joey Hainsfurther, Ross Speed and Brooks Pinckard. Pinckard and Hains-

further are expected to compete for the closer's role.

Redshirt freshman Kolt Browder and true freshman Crayton Bare saw action in the Bears' 14-inning scrimmage against Texas last fall and could also earn time on the mound.

The infield has been cemented with veterans. Landis Ware and Hainsfurther reside at shortstop and second base respectively, while Campbell returns to third base and Dan Evatt at first base.

But Smith expects younger players to vie for playing time in the outfield and infield.

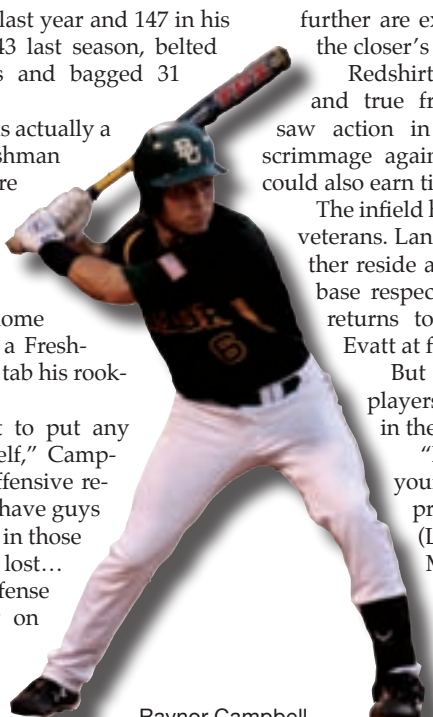
"I think some of the younger guys have some pretty significant upside. (Logan) Vick, (Max) Muncy, and (Cal) Towey have every bit the potential as the ones we just lost."

While the infield is veteran-filled, the outfield will see a platoon of inexperienced players roam its grass. Vick has filled the slot vacated in left field by Ben Booker, and Towey replaces Miller in right field.

Center field is a bit more vague, with a trio of players offering their own benefits to the lineup. Pinckard's blazing speed is a valued asset, but Don Lambert's defense and Chris Slater's bat make Smith's decision difficult, the coach said.

Glime likes the combination of improved talent and new prospects compared to last year's team.

"I would say every guy has improved," Glime said. "Some guys have added weapons to their arsenal. They were good before, but I am excited to see how they are now."



Raynor Campbell



Logan Verrett

### Impact Position Players



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# Baylor's secret behind dynasties revealed

By DANIEL CERNERO  
AND JEREMY JOSEPH  
REPORTERS

The unprecedented success of Baylor's track and field squad and men's and women's tennis teams over years past has had a lasting effect on each of the programs.

Because of their successes, Baylor has established itself as a premier venue for these sports in the Big 12 Conference, arguably one of the toughest conferences in the nation.

"The Big 12 is a premier track conference," head coach Todd Harbour said. "At one time we had eight teams ranked in the top 25."

"You can finish seventh in the Big 12 and (still come back to) finish sixth or seventh in the nation," he added on the depth of the conference.

Because collegiate athletes spend at most four years at a university, a program's tradition and reputation are oftentimes the only things carried on over a long period of time.

Along with a credible coach staff, recruiting nationally coveted athletes depends heavily a program's reputation.

The men's tennis has represented well on the national level by winning the 2004 National Title; it is the only Big 12 team to accomplish such a feat.

"There's a small group of teams who have won a title,"



DANIEL CERNERO | LARIAT STAFF

The men's tennis team 2004 National Championship trophy is one of many trophies glimmering in the Baylor Tennis Center.

men's tennis head coach Matt Knoll said. "I think it gives the guys that we are recruiting and the guys that are on the current team the sense that anything is possible."

"We've created a culture where focusing on tennis is important and guys are interested in making school and tennis their priority," Knoll said about how he was able to recruit so well. "We have people of high character and they

want to be around people of high character."

The Bears have won the Big 12 regular season title every year since 2000 except in 2001 when they finished second behind Texas A&M.

They have also been the Big 12 postseason champions every year since 2002 except in 2006 when they were beaten in the Big 12 Championship by the University of Texas.



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Former Baylor All-American Jeremy Wariner takes off on the anchor leg of the 4x400-meter relay team on Aug. 23, 2008, in the 2008 Summer Olympic Games.

The Bears have produced three professional players on the ATP Tour, including No. 40-ranked Benjamin Becker who graduated in 2005. Because of its private school standing and a more expensive tuition, the track and field team has had to focus on quality over quantity, Harbour said.

The Bears have done just that, earning the nickname "Quartermile U," in reference to their

dominance in the 400 meters.

Baylor has produced Olympic-quality quartermilers throughout its rich history, including legendary gold-medal winner Michael Johnson and more recently gold-medal winner Jeremy Wariner.

Harbour said of his quartermilers, "Those guys step up to the challenge every year."

Because of the recognition Baylor has received at the one event, Harbour feels the need to

emphasize that Baylor is "more than just a 4x400 school."

"We've had great sprinters and middle distance runners and some great field event athletes," Harbour said.

Baylor's men tennis team isn't the only one to dominate Big 12 competition over the past few years.

The women's tennis team currently rides a five-year conference title streak and a 41-match winning streak over league opponents.

"It's definitely a great accomplishment and we're very proud of it," head coach Joey Scrivano said. "We're going to keep it going as long as we can."

Streaks like these only make the recruiting process that much easier.

"If I'm a player and I want to be a part of a winning program, then I'm going to be attracted to Baylor women's tennis," Scrivano said.

While beating up on Big 12 opponents is nice, he pointed out that it's not the end goal for each season. With dominance a continued theme for each tennis program, each is expected to be a national championship contender.

"We have to stay humble and focus on what's important, which is player development and getting better," Scrivano said. "If we do that, if we become a tougher, smarter, more disciplined team, we're going to do some great things this year."

## Udoh, Dunn aid each other on court

By MATT LARSEN  
SPORTS WRITER

Kobe and Shaq.

The classic one-two punch from the early parts of the decade notched a cool back-to-back-to-back NBA championship run from 2000 to 2002 with the infamous inside-outside double threat.

While the Baylor men's basketball team still has some work to do before it posts its back-to-back-to-back NCAA championship run, the 2010 Bears and the 2000 Lakers do have a thing or two in common.

That includes strong rebounding, a block machine in the post, and an elite 3-point shooter.

True, LaceDarius Dunn isn't quite putting up Kobe Bryant's 81-point games

and Ekpe Udoh doesn't quite fit into Shaquille O'Neal's size 21 shoe. But for a pair of college basketball players slugging it out against an top Big 12 opponents, the duo has been successful.

Together they have garnered seven Big 12 weekly honors, including four Player of the Week and three Rookie of the Week honors.

Udoh leads the Big 12 in total blocks and blocks per game with 109 on the season and a 4.36 average per game. Those 109 swats are also good enough for fourth in the country.

The 6-10 forward also outworks opponents on the offensive end, as he leads the conference in offensive rebounds with 4.0 per game and 102 total.

"He's just a monster down there in the paint," Dunn said. "That's why I like sitting around the 3-point line just waiting for the kick-outs. Ekpe does a great job of that, drawing double teams, and making plays for other people."

Dunn leads the Big 12 and is ranked fifth in the country for his 82 three-pointers on the season.

"Lace, even if he's missing, the next shot might go in. He might just get on fire," Udoh said. "It's great to have outside shooters that [make it] easier for the big men down low."

However, Dunn's contribution goes beyond his ability to drain shots from outside.

The 6-4 guard is second in the conference in total points and free-throw per-

centage with 478 points and a .845 average from the line.

Dunn's fellow threat from three-point land, senior guard Tweety Carter, also praised his teammate's ability beyond his lethal shot.

"He's more of a leader this year," Carter said. "You can say a lot of things about him, and he's going to come out and play 110 percent."

"He's a guy you got to just let him go. The good thing about him is when he's not shooting, he's still playing hard."

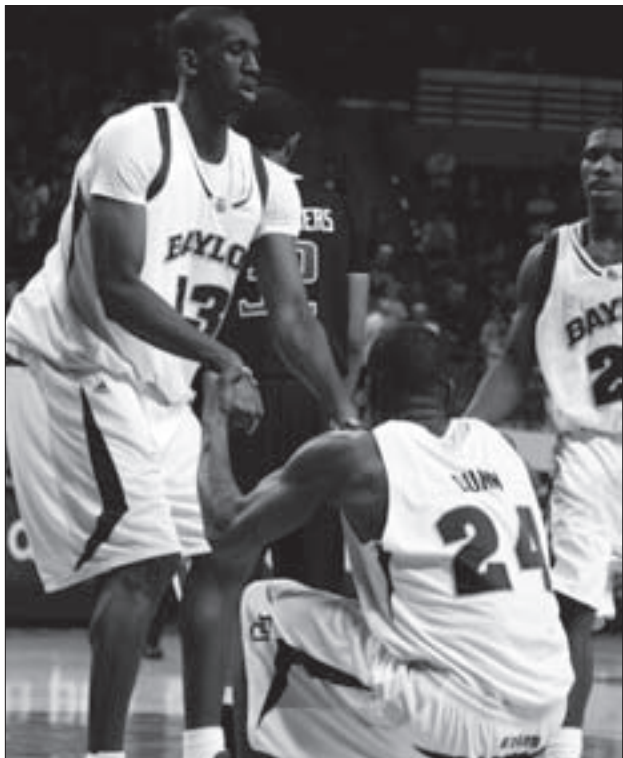
While the ultimate impact of the Dunn-Udoh tandem has yet to be seen, no one doubts the immense impact the duo has made on a Bears team third in the Big 12 standings and in the hunt for just their second

trip to the NCAA Tournament since 1988. (Their last appearance was in 2008).

"If you live by the three, you also die by the three," Baylor head coach Scott Drew said. "It's a lot easier to make a 4-foot shot than it is a 20-foot shot, so you have to have that inside-out game."

"Plus, if you get the ball inside, those are some of your easiest ways to make threes—on the kick-outs. So you really have to have that balance."

Kobe and Shaq may have a lock on the role of classic inside-outside double threat in the NBA's recent history, but when it comes to the Big 12 and college hoops, LaceDarius Dunn and Ekpe Udoh are eyeing a couple championships of their own.



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Ekpe Udoh picks up LaceDarius Dunn (No. 24) after Dunn fell to the court during Tuesday night's victory against Texas Tech.

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# Softball eager for home-opening tournament

By MATT LARSEN  
SPORTS WRITER

Putting the errors that plagued opening weekend in Houston behind them, the Lady Bears softball team comes home this weekend to play host to the QTI Getterman Classic.

“There’s no place like home,” senior catcher Courtney Neiten said in Dorothy-esque fashion. “We have a great fan base here, and we absolutely love it. Who wouldn’t want to play in this park? It’s the most beautiful park in America. We’re out to defend our turf and defend home.”

Though Getterman Stadium may not be Kansas, Neiten and company look forward to back-

to-back games Friday when they will take the home field for the first time this season.

They take on the University of Central Arkansas first at 3 p.m. and Wichita State University directly after at 5:30.

Saturday brings two more contests for the Bears with the University of Tulsa at 3 p.m. and the University of Texas-El Paso at 5:30, while the Lady Bears close out the busy tournament Sunday against the University of Texas-Arlington at 1 p.m.

Though the field does not boast any other ranked opponents, head coach Glenn Moore believes his team will need to come in focused.

“It’s a pretty strong Getterman

QTI Classic for us,” Moore said. “[Tulsa is] a very strong team. It beat Oklahoma last year and won Conference USA. We know we’re going to be tested when we play them.”

Baylor’s second opponent Saturday, UTEP, is also catching some attention after racking up 22 runs against New Mexico State on Tuesday.

“Yeah they are swinging the bats,” Moore said. “They are a team we have been watching climb the ladder. This is probably the best team they have had as a program.”

The ninth-year coach likes the way his team has looked this week, though.

“I think we have the blind-

ers on now,” he said. “There’s always a lot of distractions when you’re at home for the first time, but I think they are locked in.”

The No. 25 Lady Bears are coming off a disappointing tournament in Houston where they went 2-3 and struggled on the defensive side of the ball, notching eight errors in their three losses to ranked opponents.

Moore stands by his choice to play tough games early in the season, though.

“You could go out and play teams that are ranked 50-to-100 and run-rule all those teams, and you don’t know what you need to work on,” he said. “Then when you run into Big 12 competition, you will find out real quick. I like

playing with strength of schedule for that very purpose.”

Regardless of field play, Moore already sees improvement in the bats from last season.

“Six home runs in the first weekend? I don’t know if we’ve ever done that before,” he said.

Juniors Dani Leal and Jordan Vannatta took two pitches deep each, with Leal’s both coming in one game, while sophomore Bree Hanafin and freshman Kelsi Kettler added one homer apiece over the weekend.

Sophomore Kaycee Walker voiced her pleasure at her teammates’ success when swinging for the fences.

“That’s really exciting,” she said. “That’s one of the main

things they were concerned about this year: us not having enough power and too much speed, but it looks like we’re going to have a pretty good balance of both.”

Since both the errors and the home runs from last weekend are in the past, Neiten hopes her team will use both as fuel for making a statement at home.

“So were starting out a little rough,” she said. “We’re not quite satisfied with where we started off, and if we were satisfied, than we would have some bigger issues...I think people have realized that you have to grow up in a hurry in this game, and we’re here to show that we’re not the team that showed up last weekend.”



DANIEL CERNERO | LARIAT STAFF

Brittney Griner battles her way through a swarm of defenders Wednesday night in a 65-48 victory against Texas Tech University. Griner scored 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Lady Bears.

## Lady Bears yearning for consistency

By CHRIS DERRETT  
SPORTS WRITER

“Hopefully we’ll win enough of these games to make the playoffs.”

It was a simple comment Kim Mulkey made about her team early in the season, and after a 24-point loss and 17-point victory in its last two games, the young squad is exactly where its coach thought it would be.

And at this point every hint of positivity, including Baylor’s 65-48 win over Texas Tech University, is crucial to building a NCAA Tournament caliber team, Mulkey says.

“Every time something good happens, and wins are good, it helps everybody. We just beat a team that was playing pretty good,” Mulkey said about beating the Red Raiders. “Our kids did exactly what they needed to do; they forgot about the Iowa State score.”

Mulkey’s squad rebounded to dominate a Texas Tech team that scored two upsets over Oklahoma State in Stillwater and Texas A&M in Lubbock, in its two games prior to Wednesday night.

Although the final box score showed similar shooting percentages for Baylor and Texas Tech, the Lady Bears’ first half 12 of

27 shooting was its highest first-half percentage since an identical performance four games ago at Kansas State.

At Iowa State, Baylor finished the first 20 minutes at 6-for-24, and Oklahoma held them to a 6 of 32 first half in Norman.

Also encouraging to Mulkey was her team’s ability to score with Brittney Griner on the bench. Griner sat the final eight minutes against the Red Raiders while her team furthered its lead.

“It’s a sign of growth,” Mulkey said, contrasting Wednesday night with the three minutes Baylor played without Griner against the Sooners. “It is a sign of kids listening, being more confident, not being timid with the ball, running the offense and that was a good sign.”

One of the Lady Bears’ top contributors Wednesday night, Ashley Field, understood the importance of strong play entering the regular season’s final stretch.

“We knew it was a must-win. Being able to produce the game that we did tonight with everyone playing well, playing defense and everybody making their shots just helps going into the next game,” Field said.

Field averaged 3.4 rebounds and 6.8 points per game before hauling in 10 boards and scoring

13 against the Red Raiders.

In Baylor’s next game, a 7 p.m. contest on Saturday with Oklahoma State, the team looks to avenge a 78-65 loss the Cowgirls handed it earlier in the season.

When the Lady Bears came into Stillwater with the 6-foot-8 freshman Griner, Oklahoma State countered with 5-foot-5 senior Andrea Riley, who exploded for 43 points in her team’s win.

The Cowgirls have had their own frustration recently, losing their last four games. An unforgiving schedule pitted Oklahoma State against a No. 4-ranked Nebraska team, No. 10 Oklahoma and No. 15 Texas A&M, but even with the tough schedule head coach Kurt Budke and his team say there are no excuses.

“It goes back to, ‘I can’t shoot and I can’t rebound.’ At some point in time they’ve got to step up,” Budke said after losing to Texas Tech.

In Waco, Mulkey continues to work with her raw talent and hopes to turn brief flashes of strength into a solid team like those in previous years.

“We need consistent players. I need to be able to go on the floor at every practice and say, ‘I know what I am going to get from that kid,’ and I don’t have that feeling right now,” she said.

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hoods walking toward he and Pfitzinger.

Dulcie said he was startled by the suspects' actions although the two appeared suspicious from the start.

"They got closer and right off the bat, I said, 'How's it going?' to one guy, and I looked over at MacKenzie," Dulcie said. "Right between me looking at her and back at the guys, one guy laid one into me out of no where. I started falling back and my knees buckled and the other guy dropped one right on my eye."

Pfitzinger said she had little time to react because it happened too quickly. "As soon as they got closer, one lined up in front of the other and they came straight up and the first one hit Matt and the second one followed right up and hit him," she said. "Honestly, it happened so fast, by the time I realized what happened, they ran off." Dulcie said from the first hit, to him popping up from the ground to watch the attackers flee toward the Dutton Avenue Parking Facility, the entire event lasted around 30 seconds.

Pfitzinger called the Baylor police from her dorm room a few minutes later.

Following this final attack, Doak said two officers joined Posey in pursuit of the suspects and they eventually captured the 13-year-old near the Dutton facility. While Baylor police said they had a warrant out for Mendoza's arrest, he turned himself in a few days later, Doak said. He was released on Wednesday afternoon on a \$25,000 bond.

Doak said five officers were on patrol early Monday morning, including the officer in an unmarked vehicle.

"This is truly what we refer to as random act of violence. There was nothing that could be done, Doak said. "Officers on the front end did their job to find people who didn't fit and stopped to talk to them. It turns out this was the same two. They were over here for who knows what reasons."

Deedra Dulcie, Matthew's mother, said she was pleased by the quick action of Baylor police, but is concerned with students' level of awareness.

"Baylor is a safe place, as safe as any place can be," she said. "The job of the police was done

well, as they quickly apprehended both suspects. Where I can see a need for improvement is with each individual student. I don't think Matthew or MacKenzie could have done much of anything to have prevented the attack on them. However, there are always a few things we all can do to help protect ourselves and others."

Deedra also voiced concerns over broken emergency call boxes around campus, and specifically two nonfunctioning ones near two of the assault locations.

Warren Ricks, Baylor chief risk management officer, said the call boxes have presented many technical problems and several are not functioning.

"As much as I'd like to say electronic equipment works 100 percent of the time, that's unfortunately not the case," Ricks said. "We'll occasionally have some that are not functioning. We hide them with the tarp so folks will know which ones aren't working." Ricks said he is aware that at least one nonfunctioning call box was located near where an assault occurred, but that the call boxes are not designed to stop these incidences. "One of the assaults occurred five feet from call box," Ricks said. "There's no correlation between call boxes and where the assaults happened. These acts were by two random acts by youth. A call box is not going to stop that," he said.

Ricks said the department of risk management is doing research into some of the problems they have had with the equipment. Deedra said that if the emergency call box near her son's attack had been working, it would have made little difference, because the attack happened so quickly. However, she said she sees them as an asset to students and police who may have an easier time finding the exact location of incidences such as Matthew's.

Doak stressed that this was an unfortunate, but isolated incident in which troubled teenagers decided to randomly commit acts of violence. "This kind of thing really creates havoc on the university the good news is they weren't running loose and everything was wrapped up very quickly by the officers," he said.

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"My concern is that others are going to feel that their life was somewhat similar to Mr. Stack's and that this is a good way to resolve those kinds of problems," O'Connell said. "I hope that we can avoid that."

Lindsay Riley, who was one of many to come out to the crash site, wondered about the deeper meaning behind Stack's actions.

"I think there's a lot more going on than meets the eye and I don't know what," Riley said. "I'm not saying a government conspiracy or anything, but anything is possible. I think the whole reasoning behind it goes beyond just a guy who was [mad] off at the IRS. A lot is going to come from this. I think a lot of government parties are going to (get) riled up."

Some were angry and frustrated with Stack's actions.

"I consider it a coward's way out," said Helen Foshee, an Austin resident. "If you're committing suicide, which obviously this person was doing, there's better ways to handle your personal issues and demons that someone is having ... than taking your own life and putting innocent people in danger. That's a coward's way to do it."

Those on the scene wondered about the fact that this happened in Austin.

"It's Austin, Texas," Garrison said. "This doesn't happen in Austin, Texas - but if it can happen here, it can happen anywhere. We have such a good vibe here in the city. This is so not what anybody expects."

O'Connell though, said this incident was not unique to Austin.

"I don't feel that Austin is special, in that it surprises me that anything happened here," O'Connell said. "It's a big city, with lots of people experiencing all kinds of life travails."

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him understand how to make the entire campus greener.

"The traditions that Baylor have are the backbone of this campus," Smith said.

"If the traditions here are environment friendly, then Baylor is making a huge step forward in the green movement."

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Leffingwell

said. "They should feel free to go about their day."

Acevedo said the site was a contained incident at the 12:30 p.m. press conference.

A statewide search began Thursday for the motive of Stack's attack, Austin police declined to comment on an anti-government, manifesto-like Web note that surfaced.

At noon Thursday, The Lariat published a letter online that was found on the Web site embeddedart.com. Stack's letter cited several grievances against the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. The note was signed Joe Stack (1956-2010).

Stack is the administrative contact for embeddedart.com.

"I know I'm hardly the first one to decide I have had all I can stand. It has always been a myth that people have stopped dying for their freedom in this country, and it isn't limited to the blacks, and poor immigrants," the note stated. "I know there have been countless before me and there are sure to be as many after. But I also know that by not adding my body to the count, I insure [sic] nothing will change. I choose to not keep looking over my shoulder at "big brother" while he strips my carcass.... I have just had enough."

Karen Ziegler, an owner of Red's Indoor Shooting Range, said she had been in the IRS office of the Echelon Building Monday for a meeting.

"They kept the place pretty compartmentalized," Ziegler said. "I did see a lot of people in the waiting room Monday."

Zeigler, an Austin resident, said she was a bit awestruck as she heard the news of the incident.

"Watching all the black smoke out of that building was a bit eerie," Ziegler said. "I made friends with a security guard there - we had friends in common. Now, there is no way to know if everyone is safe."

Jeff Levy, manager of Manny Hattan's New York restaurant, said the sound of the plane hitting the building was intense even from across US Highway 183.

"We thought somebody hit the front of the building with



SARAH GROMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A ladder from an Austin Fire Department fire truck extends toward the blackened Echlon IRS Building to allow fire fighters entry the wreckage.

their car so we all went out to the front and that's when we saw the building was on fire," Levy said. "It was really kind of weird because we didn't see any emergency vehicles at that time when it happened. I mean, we were out there seconds after it happened. There were no emergency vehicles out there - nothing. You kind of want to do something, but you can't."

Levy said it took seven phone calls to 911 before he finally got through to report the incident.

"They must have been overloaded with phone calls," Levy said. "People were just coming out of the buildings, wondering what happened." Levy said the Gateway Shopping Center, where his restaurant is located, was shut down and blocked off by the FBI.

Levy said the sight of the incident was beyond explanation and chaotic.

"Have you ever kicked an anthill? That's what it looked like with police, EMS, firetrucks after it happened," Levy said. "They probably got here about 15 or 20 minutes after it happened. EMS

and police started showing up and were just everywhere."

As the investigation continued throughout Thursday, the FBI blocked embeddedart.com for investigative purposes. Though as the letter circulated, many developed their personal theories for the reasoning of this tragedy.

"Do you expect this kind of thing here?" Levy said. "The thing is, you do. George W. Bush was the governor of this state, lived here in Austin. You know, if somebody here wants to make a statement I'm sure that's what they would be going for - political." Stack's Web note ended in a tone that may leave many wondering about his intentions and sanity. "I saw it written once that the definition of insanity is repeating the same process over and over and expecting the outcome to suddenly be different. I am finally ready to stop this insanity," the note stated. " Well, Mr. Big Brother IRS man, let's try something different; take my pound of flesh and sleep well."

Laura Remson, staff writer, contributed to this story.



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