



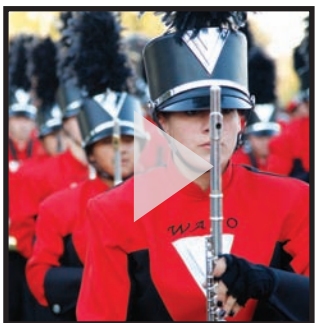
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Due to construction, entry to the first floor of Moody Memorial Library will be restricted this week; students can enter the library through the garden level or through Jesse H. Jones Library

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Career Services will teach students how to transition into their first job at 5 p.m. today in 203 Cashion Academic Building; students can RSVP using their Hire A Bear account

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Students interested in joining a Christian sorority are invited to attend Sigma Phi Lambda's interest meeting at 7 p.m. today in 207 Draper

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The Baylor Wind Ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall of the Glennis McCrary Music Building; the event is free

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No. 23 running back Jay Finley scores a touchdown Saturday against Colorado cornerbacks No. 23 Jallil Brown and No. 18 Jonathan Hawkins during the second half. Baylor won at Boulder, Colo., 31-25. Finley ran for a career-high 143 yards.

# Bears stampede Buffaloes

## Finley gains career-high 143 yards

By CHRIS DERRETT  
SPORTS EDITOR

It wasn't pretty, and it wasn't easy. But after Chance Casey batted down Colorado's last-second heave, Baylor could leave Colorado with a 31-25 win and move within one victory of bowl eligibility.

"What we've done is put ourselves in position to make it a re-

ality and that's a lot different than hope. We've operated on hope for a while and now we've got an opportunity to operate on reality," coach Art Briles said.

The Bears overcame early mistakes and beat the Buffaloes using an offense more balanced than any other effort this season. Running back Jay Finley, who had previously topped out at 76 rush yards this year, gained a career-high 143 yards on 14 carries and two touchdowns Saturday. Robert Griffin racked up a season-high 137 yards on the ground, adding to the team's total of 309.

Finley's first touchdown, a 17-yard rush up the middle, capped an 80-yard drive and gave Baylor

a 21-15 lead it would not relinquish. The drive came after Byron Landor stripped Colorado's Will Jefferson at the Baylor 1-yard line and Antonio Johnson recovered the fumble for a touchdown.

Briles said Monday he felt the fumble and subsequent Baylor touchdown was essentially a 14-point swing. For his seven-tackle effort, including two forced turnovers, Landor was named Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week by a panel of media.

The Buffaloes later capitalized on a botched Baylor lateral and added a field goal to cut the margin to 21-18, but Finley's 14-yard touchdown dash pushed the lead back to 28-18.

"It feels good, but it will feel better once we get there," Finley said about being so close to a bowl. "I want to see how it feels to be a part of this."

The win was only the second in the last 29 games in which Baylor trailed at halftime. Just before halftime, Aaron Jones' 50-yard field goal was one of the few offensive bright spots for Baylor in the first half.

"We did everything to lose, so that's good that we did get the win when we played so poorly offensively at times," Griffin said.

Jones' kick made the score 15-10 in favor of Colorado at half-

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# Who believes in ghosts? Plenty, say BU authors

By MEGHAN HENDRICKSON  
STAFF WRITER

About 68 percent of Americans believe in the possibility of the paranormal, according to the authors of the newly published book "Paranormal America: Ghost Encounters, UFO Sightings, Bigfoot Hunts, and Other Curiosities in Religion and Culture."

Baylor associate professors of sociology Dr. Carson Mencken and Dr. Christopher Bader, along with Joseph Baker, co-authored the book about paranormal beliefs in the U.S. The book is geared toward a general audience.

"Anyone can read it and everyone should read it," Mencken said. The book examines who tends

to believe in the paranormal and how pervasive paranormal beliefs are in society. The book also researches paranormal theories but does not confirm or deny their validity.

"The book is about the believers of the paranormal, not whether or not it is real," Bader said.

Mencken and Bader began their work on this book in response to the realization that by looking at existing research, no one knew who paranormal believers were.

"Research was a mess," Bader said. "It was old and no one had done a random sample. There were good studies done about whether Methodists or Presbyterians believe, but not about the average American."

Mencken said a lot of media stereotype paranormal believers as uneducated, unemployed alcoholics.

"We were surprised to find in our research that the people who believe in the paranormal fit none of those stereotypes," Mencken said. "We discovered that those that held unconventional beliefs were of a respected position."

Mencken and Bader hope that readers will walk away from their book with an understanding of what sociologists do, and how pervasive the paranormal is in society.

"Roughly two-thirds of people believe in the possibility of one

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Baylor professors of sociology Dr. Carson Mencken and Dr. Christopher Bader, along with Joseph Baker, are co-authors of a recently published book about paranormal beliefs in the U.S.

# Paul's Baylor days at issue in debate

By ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Republican U.S. Senate candidate Rand Paul angrily accused Democratic rival Jack Conway of gutter politics for running a TV ad that questioned Paul's affiliation during his college years with a group that mocked Christianity.

Paul demanded an apology during a nationally televised debate Sunday night, denouncing the commercial as false and calling himself a "pro-life Christian." Conway offered no apology and even repeated the accusations in his ad, which started airing statewide Friday night.

"Those who stoop to the level of attacking a man's religious beliefs to gain

higher office, I believe that they should remember that it does not profit a man to gain the world if he loses his soul in the process," Paul said, referencing a scripture from the Gospel of Mark.

The candidates wrangled over health care, taxes and entitlements, but those issues were overshadowed by a contentious back-and-forth over the ad.

Conway, the state's attorney general, defended the attacks, saying Paul failed to answer the two "fundamental questions" raised in the ad.

The ad is based on published reports that Paul, during his college years, was a member of a secret society at Baylor known as the NoZe Brotherhood. A narrator in the ad asks why Paul, while in college, tied a woman up and told her to worship an idol called "Aqua Bud-

dha." Those claims by an anonymous woman were made in articles in GQ Magazine and The Washington Post earlier this year.

"Why did he freely join a group known for mocking, for making fun of people with faith?" Conway asked during the debate. "And secondly, when is it ever a good idea to tie up a woman and ask her to kneel before a false idol, your god, which you call Aqua Buddha?"

Conway said it was apparent that Paul affiliated with a group that "reveled in sacrilege."

Paul condemned the tactic, saying: "How do you respond to a guy who's

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Kentucky Republican U.S. Senate candidate Rand Paul speaks during a debate with Democrat Jack Conway on Oct. 11 at Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights, Ky.





# Evenhandedness needed in Israel-Palestinian peace talks

If there ever was a situation that reeked of complexity, it is the Israel-Palestinian conflict. The Palestinians, having lived in what many cultures consider a holy land since about A.D. 630, feel they have an uncontested right to live in their own Palestinian state. Israel, formed on Palestinian land after the Holocaust, was declared a nation in 1948, after the British pulled out of the area. Israelis, promised the land by Britain during WWII, and Palestinians, promised the land by Britain during WWII, live on what many have coined “twice-promised land.” Both groups of people feel they have a right to live on the land. But the area, already overpopulated, wasn’t meant to hold two dynamically opposed groups of people, and conflicts over land, race, religion, culture and rights have ensued ever since 1948, when Britain threw its hands up and withdrew from Israel. After the British withdrew from the land, the Israelis and Palestinians immediately broke out into war, fighting for the land and the right to a homeland. The war — fought in battlefields, government offices, places of worship, businesses and the playground — has engulfed the region ever since.

tricky and complex scenario, the solution is still unclear, and Israel hasn’t helped the problem. Israel’s recent actions concerning the Israel-Palestinian peace talks have been unjust in every way and are only aimed at harming Palestinians. Israel, instead of extending the moratorium on settlement building in Palestinian territory for a mere 60 days, refused to stall settlement building, even though the vast majority of the international community — the UN included — believes Israel is violating international law in its settlement building. This first action on behalf of Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was the first sign that he has no desire to move toward peace. Meanwhile, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has made every effort to maintain and encourage the peace talks. The second indication that Netanyahu has no desire to deal with the Palestinians in an equitable fashion came when he pushed for non-Jewish immigrants in Israel to declare their allegiance to the “Jewish” state of Israel, despite being a parliamentary democracy. However, Monday Netanyahu asked the justice minister to amend the bill to include Jewish immigrants, after thousands protested the bill as racist. Immediately following this attempted

policy change, Netanyahu demanded that the Palestinians recognize Israel as a Jewish state, despite concerns that this will affect the status of Palestinian refugees who hope to return to Israel. The recognition of Israel as a Jewish state could encourage discrimination against Palestinians in and outside Israel’s borders. In fact, many believe Israel only demanded to be recognized as a Jewish state in an attempt to transfer the blame for failed peace negotiations onto the Palestinian people. At the very least, Israel’s lack of dedication to the peace talks is evident in its actions. At the most extreme, one can easily blame Netanyahu for purposefully fumbling the peace talks, simply because he is not in favor of a two-state solution. Meanwhile, Abbas, members of the Palestine Liberation Organization and other members of the Palestinian community continue to reach out to Israel and Netanyahu, in a vital attempt to reach peace in this region of the Middle East. If these negotiations were handled with more care, concern and dedication, perhaps true progress could be made. Until Netanyahu stops attempting to shift blame and starts to encourage legitimate problem solving, nothing will change.

# Why maturity, childlike glee can coexist in life’s later years

Walking through the Heart O’ Texas Fair and Rodeo one evening with my friends, I had to laugh.



Carmen Galvan | Staff writer

Carnivals and fairs had never really appealed to me as a child, and now here I was, a college student, blissfully enjoying the bright lights, whirring rides and never-ending fried food. As the three of us tried talking ourselves into riding just one more dizzying ride, and maybe even the mini dungeon drop, a rush of childlike happiness flooded through me.

I was inspired to skip through the fair with Hardy, my cheap yet expensive stuffed animal, while eating a giant ice cream cone — only stopping to take pictures with the plastic teddy bear or to ride the carousel.

It was a refreshing experience, and one that rejuvenated us all. Somehow we entered the fairgrounds as “mature adults” and left as excited and sugar-hyped kids.

In all honesty, I don’t believe maturity is defined by seriousness.

I think maturity is the ability to know when to be an adult and when it’s OK to let the inner child loose.

Just because you’re in college doesn’t mean you can’t be silly and jump on a carousel with the rest of the 5-year-olds.

At least that’s what I keep telling myself.

I find it strange that with each semester I come closer to graduation, the stronger I feel the need to become a child again.

It’s not like I didn’t enjoy my childhood. As a matter of fact, I was the girl with Barbies, fairy tales and an all too active imagination.

And I wonder what happened. Where did the cheerful little girl go?

I suspect that she’s hidden by so-called maturity and ambition, which I’ve been told is no place for children.

Yet life takes creativity, empathy and common sense, gifts we are born with or develop during childhood.

We can’t exactly let our creative juices flow if we’re pinned down with the intellectual burdens of a scholar, nor can we understand the feelings of others if we are always reasonable.

This is where the little versions of us appear.

By relating their experiences to our childhood, by adopting the innocent understanding of a child and by remembering that we have much yet to learn, we can better understand the needs of society and the feelings of others, not to mention we ourselves enjoy life more.

Imagine life without “Toy Story” because we’re “too old” to watch it, or if there was an age limit to Disneyland. Outrage! Uprising! Or at least a lot of whining and complaining.

Either way, I’m learning not to be embarrassed by my inner

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Carmen Galvan | Staff writer

child as she keeps life interesting.

However, it doesn’t mean I’ll let the child within hinder me from staying focused on my goals.

Especially since my mother has always said that Sleeping Beauty was determined to become a doctor and Prince Charming went to law school before living happily ever after.

Who knew fairy tale characters could be such good role models?

*Carmen Galvan is junior journalism major from Baytown and a staff writer for The Lariat.*

# What’s on my mind? Learn grammar, please

Call me old-fashioned, but I hate the way people write on Facebook as if they are too “cool” for grammar. I don’t understand how “mii” means “me,” “boi” means “boy,” “yhu” means “you” and how people use “their,” “they’re” and “there” interchangeably. I cannot fathom why people do this. Are they not aware of how ignorant they make themselves look? As dumb as it may sound, I take grammar seriously. To me if you write incorrectly on Facebook, in text messages or in e-mails you are just creating bad habits for yourself. If you use the wrong “there” on Facebook more than likely you will use the wrong “there” in an e-mail to a professor. Just a little hint, Facebook



Amanda Earp | Copy desk chief

users. “They’re” is equivalent to “they are” and “their” is used for showing possession.

Also, how many times have we, as college students, heard

that future employers check Facebook? Like a million. Thus, you should want to appear as educated as possible. And updating your status with the spelling equivalent to that of a 6-year-old does not exactly send a scholarly message. I read these posts — often multiple times because I do not understand what the person is trying to say the first few times I read it — and I seriously think people go out of their way to change the spelling of a word. They have to. That is the only way “mii” can mean “me.” See, if I was going to use the word “mii” I would at least use it for “my” instead of “me,” it makes the most sense phonetically. For the record, I would never do that.

It also does not make any sense that most of the words people are using are the same length as the correct word. For example, boi and yhu. Both these words are three letters long, as are the correct words (boy and you). What do you gain by using these words? You did not save time or space because the words are the same length. A lot of my Facebook “friends” who do this I went to high school with or met in college. Therefore, I know they have had some type of education and should know how to spell correctly. The thing is, most of these people do know how to spell correctly. They just choose not to for some reason. It infuriates me that this is not only socially accepted by our

generation, but it is popular. It worries me that future generations will think spelling this way is normal and that there is no need to spell correctly. Don’t get me wrong, I’m not perfect with my Facebook status and I do occasionally make a typo. Generally, however, I double-check my spelling and word choice because I would hate to be THAT person. I encourage all of you to do to the same because nobody is going to think you are an intelligent person and take you seriously if you cannot even spell “you” correctly. Amanda Earp is a graduate student in the journalism and media arts department from Huntsville and the copy desk chief for The Lariat.

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# AP throws weight behind news clearinghouse

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — The Associated Press is overseeing the creation of an organization to help newspapers and broadcasters make more money as more people get their news from mobile phones and other wireless devices.

Project coordinators announced Monday that the AP, a 164-year-old news cooperative, hopes to play a leadership role as long-established media try to reverse several years of decline brought on by their inability to capitalize on the Internet.

AP CEO Tom Curley said the company is creating a digital-rights clearinghouse that should help news media protect their content and generate more revenue as technology hatches new channels for distributing the news they produce.

“We’ve stood by while others invent creative, new uses for our news and reap most of the benefit,” Curley said Monday in a speech before the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association in Austin.

But the recent shift to so-called smart phones and tablet-style computers is giving the media a chance for what Ken Doctor, a newspaper industry analyst, has described as a “digital do-over.”

As the clearinghouse tries to generate revenue for its participants, it may find itself negotiating with companies such as Apple Inc. and Google Inc., both of which have created products that give consumers new ways to read news.

In creating the clearinghouse, the AP is drawing upon research that began in 2007 to establish an enforcement and payment system loosely modeled after the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. ASCAP collects



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royalties and distributes them to more than 390,000 songwriters and others involved in the creation of music.

The news clearinghouse would try to negotiate licensing deals for stories, photos and video produced by participating news organizations, including the AP.

News organizations would still produce and own content made available to the clearinghouse.

Any payments would go to them, after subtracting administra-

tive fees expected to be 20 percent at first.

The clearinghouse also intends to fight piracy by relying on a tracking system, called a “news registry,” that the AP began developing more than a year ago.

Besides detecting unauthorized use of content, the registry’s tagging system can provide insights about the people who are viewing content or the frequency with which a specific company or expert is mentioned in news coverage.

That information conceivably could be used to show ads to people who are most likely to be interested in certain products and services or sold to companies trying to understand how they are perceived.

In hopes of avoiding antitrust issues, the AP is setting up the clearinghouse as an independent organization. An executive hasn’t been appointed to run it yet. It could be in operation by the end of the year.

The AP believes that much of the media will be clamoring to join, based on the industry’s response to its news registry.

Since it moved out of its test phase in July, more than 1,000 newspapers have either joined or indicated they will. The registry will remain a part of the news cooperative.

Curley indicated that the clearinghouse’s biggest moneymaking opportunity is likely to be the licensing of copyright-protected content to mobile phones and an array of computer tablets such as Apple’s iPad and emerging com-

petitors.

By 2012, the AP expects more than 250 million wireless devices to either be running on Android, a mobile operating system made by Google, or the Apple system that powers iPhones and iPads.

Meanwhile, newspaper and magazine circulation is expected to keep falling.

Curley said that will set the stage for the day when there will be “more touch screens than front pages.”

“The move to mobile ... will usher in a new golden age for the development for products, if we’re up to the challenge,” Curley said.

Newspapers desperately need to find ways to bring in more money because their main revenue source — advertising — has plunged in the past four years.

Total ad revenue at U.S. newspapers is on a pace to reach about \$25 billion this year, a nearly 50 percent drop from \$49 billion in 2006, according to the Newspaper Association of America.

Television and radio broadcasters also have been suffering financially in recent years, although not as severely as print media.

Because the not-for-profit AP relies on newspapers and broadcasters for a big chunk of revenue, the news cooperative also has felt the pinch as it lowered its fees to help the media weather the advertising downturn.

Last year, the AP’s revenue fell by nearly 10 percent to \$676 million, and another drop was budgeted for this year.

Most analysts, and even many

industry executives, believe the news media miscalculated as the growth of the Web audience began to accelerate in the late 1990s.

Among other things, newspapers decided to give free access to their websites, which diminished



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the value of the content that they sold in print. That decision also has made it easier for search engines and blogs to republish key parts of their stories — and keep revenue generated by ads on their sites.

The growing use of mobile devices could allow traditional news organizations to take back control. Curley described “a multidimensional, multi-platform opportunity” that goes beyond existing delivery mechanisms such as websites and search results pages.

The AP and many of the newspaper publishers that own the cooperative already have seized on the opportunity by creating applications for the iPhone, the iPad and Android-powered phones.

More than 70 newspapers now pay for an AP service for creating smart phone apps in a partnership with Verve Wireless Inc.

Plans to do something similar with the iPad are in the works. The AP charges a fee for creating these mobile applications.

Without providing specifics in his speech, Curley indicated the AP has something more elaborate in mind for the mobile app market next year.

This next-generation app platform “will offer consumers fresh perspectives on the day’s top stories and take them behind the scenes with our experts,” Curley said.

As part of its effort to build more mobile apps, the AP will begin offering a new advertising tool, called “iCircular,” that will attempt to sell the digital equivalent of coupons and other circulars that are inserted into newspapers’ print editions.

Although the news industry still has to deal with matters such as making money from links people share on Facebook, Twitter and other social channels, Curley said the news media have no choice but to figure that out with such initiatives as the clearinghouse.

“It’s time to make it a real business and extract some additional value from the marketplace to support the good work we do,” Curley said.

# Why culture, art and poetry matter

By JENNA DEWITT  
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Artists, intellectuals and other academics have failed the nation, Dana Gioia, speaker for the Beall-Russell Lecture in the Humanities, said Monday afternoon in a discussion titled “Why Culture Matters.”

“They have lost track of their audience and have become too focused on the academic community,” he said.



Dana Gioia

Gioia is a poet, author, critic and former chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts as well as the current director of the arts and culture programs for the Aspen Institute.

At a luncheon prior to the lecture, he explained why he is concerned that culture and art, specifically poetry, matters.

“We have a tremendous amount of creativity, but we have lost the audience,” he said. “We commercialized arts and entertainment.”

Gioia said product placement has taken over the media and other forms of entertainment.

“I think that we have a culture in which the temporary, the disposable, the mildly provocative crowds out the truly noteworthy,” he said.

One area of art that particularly concerns Gioia is theater. From the form’s roots in Athens, theater has been “the foundational civic art,” he said.

“Arts participation in the U.S. has gone down. Less than 10 percent of Americans attend any type of play a year,” he said.

Gioia spoke of the ability of plays to have a “cathartic effect” on their diverse audience, an audience that might be experiencing the community tensions reflected in the play’s action.

One part of American culture Gioia spoke of specifically was an increasing number of television shows that display “usually quite poor, uneducated people behaving badly.”

“The pleasure we get is one of smug superiority over others,” he said.

“I think that it is morally damaging. It is no better ... than socially acceptable pornography. This society seems to be robbing the poor of its dignity, turning them into clowns.”

He encouraged the audience to

turn its attention elsewhere.

Gioia commented on the disappearance of arts from the education system, particularly in universities.

Like sports, he said, the arts are vital to the experiences of well-rounded students.

“Our society feels sports have value. If you put sports in schools, kids learn things that are really important to them that they are unlikely to learn in other ways,” he said.

“Now interestingly, they don’t say this about the arts.”

Gioia said this is mainly due to the focus of arts educators on ideology instead of practice.

Dr. Laurel Zeiss, assistant professor in the School of Music, said she would add that music can be used to benefit students as well.

“I think a lot of the things he said about sports in schools apply to music too,” she said.

“You have to work as a team, be disciplined, be able to fail and develop fine motor skills. But, unlike sports, you can do music the rest of your life.”

Zeiss said she aims to make her music history and culture classes applicable to her students’ lives.

“I’m using the arts to show that the past is relevant to our culture,” she said.

“Other cultures emphasize music as a process and as a community. I try to bring out those things.”

Students also expressed the importance of the arts in their lives. Waco doctoral candidate Jeff Bilbro said he writes poetry in his spare time in addition to his work in the English department.

Bilbro said he has studied Gioia’s poetry and criticism.

He agrees with Gioia when he says that poets should practice both formal poetry and free verse.

“He’s right that you have to use all tools,” Bilbro said. “Poetry should arrest the reader.”

Gioia has had success as both a poet and critic.

As a poet, Gioia he won a National Book Award for “Interrogations at Noon.” As a critic, he has received national attention for his essay-turned-book, “Can Poetry Matter?”

The Beall-Russell Lecture series, held in the Cashion Building, is known for bringing the all-stars of the humanities to Baylor.

Past lecturers have included Maya Angelou, Bill Moyers and Alexander McCall Smith.

The lectures were established in 1982 by Virginia Beall Ball to honor her mother, DeLouise McClelland Beall, and Lily Russell, former dean of women at Baylor.

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# Martin opens colorful exhibits today

By CHRIS DAY  
REPORTER

The Martin Museum of Art is showcasing an exhibit by artist Makoto Fujimura and another by artist and professor Dornith Doherty. Both premiere today and run through Nov. 13.

In Gallery I will be Soliloquies, an exhibit that draws from traditional painting practices Fujimura studied in Japan and concepts of contemporary Western abstraction.

The paintings are predominantly influenced by French artist Georges Rouault. The exhibit features paintings that focus on atmospherics via color. Fujimura paints with layers of mineral pigments that contrast with each other to achieve certain emotions.

The paintings are “heavily influenced by the 17th century decorative screen tradition called Rimpa, which ‘combines decorative elements of patterns of nature into extravagantly rich images of gold,

silver, mineral pigments, and sumi ink,” according to a press release.

Fujimura has been exposed to creative work from birth.

“I was brought up in a creative home. My father was a research scientist and my mother was a creative educator,” Fujimura said.

Fujimura pursued the arts in college at Bucknell University with a double major in animal behavior and art, with a minor in creative writing.

He then furthered his artistic foundation by attending graduate school at Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music for six and a half years. There he was a National Cultural Affairs Scholar and was the first non-Japanese citizen accepted into the program.

Fujimura’s liaison to Baylor is Thomas Hibbs, distinguished professor of ethics and culture and dean of the Honors College.

“From images of his work in books and online, I thought he was a very talented artist,” Hibbs said. “But photographic images of

his work pales by comparison with the personal encounter with his paintings, which are monumental, sublime, luminescent, and deeply moving.”

Gallery II will feature works from two different series by Doherty, “Altered Terrain” and “Archiving Eden.”

“Altered Terrain” features photographs taken of various natural landscapes with the goal of examining the landscape’s relationship with human agency.

“When I’m working in a landscape I take specimens and take photographs, make still lives of the collected objects, and illuminate them with slides of the landscape they were taken from,” Doherty said.

Several pieces in the exhibit were taken from a project that Doherty began six years ago examining the Rio Grande from Colorado to the Gulf of Mexico.

The series “Archiving Eden” centers on two seed banks. One was in Fort Collins, Colo., called

National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation, which is the largest seed bank in the world. The other was the Millennium Seed Bank located in Sussex, England.

Many of the photographs are made from X-rays taken from the seed banks.

“I take them to my studio and make the images that you see that change color,” Doherty said.

This project was inspired by an article by John Seabrook about the Svalbard Global Seed Bank in Svalbard, Norway, which is only 700 miles from the North Pole and the second-largest seed bank in the world.

The exhibit features a variety of styles, including hologram-like works that change in color and shape as the viewer walks by.

“The changing color ones are three separate images that are interlaced, cut into tiny fine lines that are attached to lenses. When you walk by it creates an animation,” Doherty said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Artist Makoto Fujimura is exhibiting his paintings today through Nov. 13 in Gallery I of the Martin Museum of Art.

# El Charro Café offers break from the ordinary

By EVAN WEPPLER  
CONTRIBUTOR

If you’re tired of going to the same restaurants with the same people every time, El Charro Café is the place to go. It is near campus. It’s small — you can see all the tables and booths in one glance.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW

You seat yourself wherever you wish, and the wait staff quickly arrives at your table. I had popped in for a quick bite to eat in the hour between two classes and was worried that I would not make it in and out in time for my next class. I was astounded by their quick response. I sat down at 12:15 p.m., got my

food by 12:30 p.m. and was out of there before 1 p.m.

The chips are a perfect balance between thick and crisp. The salsa comes in a little squeeze bottle with a miniature bowl alongside it. It was quite fun entertainment, dousing my chips with salsa from the bottle. The salsa is spicy and warms your mouth. The zest sticks with you for the rest of the meal, adding just that extra “kick” that makes the meal even better.

The wait staff at El Charro is attentive. I had just put down my half-full glass of Dr Pepper when suddenly my waitress looked over, her eyes zeroing in on a customer with a need.

Still, they do not cross the line and become the “hovering” waiter, always interrupting your conversation with “How is your food?” No, here at El Charro, they respect the customers and their space. There

is an assortment of people, instead of simply the same Baylor students that you see everywhere you go.

The food is Mexican comfort food, leaning more toward true Mexican food yet still somewhat Tex-Mex. I ordered the Enchiladas Rancheras, the special of the day, and it arrived hot but not mouth-scalding.

The enchiladas were covered in sauce and sharp, melted cheese. The chicken enchilada contains soft, tender strings of chicken that still maintain a strong refreshing taste.

The beef in the beef enchilada is also quite soft, but still firm enough to not turn into tasteless mush. The rice, however, is rather tasteless. As a lover of Tex-Mex rice, I was disappointed.

Returning for dinner with a friend, we both enjoyed the squeeze bottle salsa. She ordered

the papas, beef tips with potatoes in gravy. I ordered the Baylor, which came with a cheese enchilada, a crispy beef taco and beef fajitas, along with the regular rice and beans.

*“The food is Mexican comfort food, leaning more toward true Mexican food yet still somewhat Tex-Mex.”*

Evan Wepler | Contributor

crunch, filling beef and fresh lettuce, a fine counterexample of the mushy taco shell mess that I have often been given at other Mexican restaurants.

The rest of our meals came soon, along with the customary warning: “Don’t touch the plate. It’s very, very hot!”

My beans and rice were the same. The cheese enchilada had two types of cheese, it seemed tasty, sharp melted cheese on top, but the cheese in the middle reminded me somewhat of baseball stadium nacho cheese. Still, it was quite filling.

The fajitas, unfortunately, did not extend my happy experience. While the homemade flour tortillas were just right, the beef fajitas were just wrong. My friend and I agreed that the taste and consistency of the meat was more akin to beef strips at a Chinese restaurant

than a Mexican one. They tasted all right, but they were just out of place. Fortunately, my friend’s dish was delicious, with a thick, hearty gravy and plump, well-cooked pieces of beef and potatoes.

The menu has all the Mexican restaurant staples, and it also offers sandwiches, burgers and other “Americano” dishes. All the meals are fairly priced around \$7 or \$8. They even offer breakfast until 1 p.m.

The hours are rather odd, though, so be sure you don’t show up when they are closed.

Inside, the faux brick walls and colorful décor create a fun, festive environment.

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# Soccer beats Jayhawks, likes playoff outlook

By MATT LARSEN  
SPORTS WRITER

Following a 1-1 tie to Seattle University at home Friday, Baylor soccer picked up its first Big 12 road win in the form of a 1-0, extra time victory over the University of Kansas on Sunday afternoon.

The win lifts the Bears (10-5-2, 3-4) into a tie with Missouri for seventh in the conference with three games left before the Big 12 tournament, a single-elimination tournament featuring the league's top eight teams.

"It was a huge win for us," head coach Marci Jobson said of the Kansas win. "It was kind of like two teams hanging on a pole and [waiting to see] who is going to drop off first. It was really nice to get a win, and a win on the road. It was a win we really needed at this point."

Sophomore forward Hanna Gilmore earned the spotlight with both of Baylor's goals on the weekend, burying two penalty kicks late in the matches.

Though Gilmore's tying shot against non-conference foe Seattle kept the Bears from dropping their first home match of the year, her

finish in the Big 12 matchup with the Jayhawks (5-11, 1-7) in the second period of extra time proved to be the more clutch goal of the weekend.

"She really stepped up," Jobson said. "It's a really hard thing to do when the whole game is basically on your back at that moment."

From the other end of the field, junior keeper Courtney Seelhorst had just as many jitters, if not more, than Gilmore did.

"It's always hard for me to watch, and I always end up peeking," Seelhorst said. "I don't know why; she is so good at them. I get nervous for her I think."

The opportunity came after freshman Alex Klein was fouled in the 103rd minute during a run through the box.

Now tied with sophomore Lisa Sliwinski with a team-high seven goals on the season, Gilmore simply remained calm and collected while all eyes rested on her.

"You can't let the fear of taking the PK make you miss," she said. "You know you have the whole team behind you and if you miss it, you miss it, and if you make it, even better. You just have to be a peace with it."



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 8 forward Hanna Gilmore kicks a penalty shot in for a goal during Baylor's game against Seattle on Friday at Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field. Baylor tied Seattle 1-1.

Gilmore, along with sophomore forward Dana Larsen and freshman defender Vic Hoffman led the attack with two shots on goal apiece.

The Bears kept Jayhawks' goal-

keeper Kat Liebetrau busy, forcing her to make seven saves on the evening. Their efforts grew more focused in the second half, putting four of their five shots on frame.

On the other side, Seelhorst

managed four saves of her own. Possibly the biggest save of the afternoon came when a cross found a Jayhawk attacker's head and flew toward the back post before Seelhorst made the stop.

The junior goalie posted her conference-leading 10th shutout of the season but knows her defense played in a critical role in that statistic.

"There were so many times that if I came out, people were getting back on the goal line," Seelhorst said.

One such time junior Staz Salinas slid across the goal line to tackle the ball away from a would-be Kansas goal-scorer.

"Staz had a great save back there, covering behind me in goal," she said. "I had a lot of help today."

The Bears' eyes are set on qualifying for the conference tournament for the second time in Jobson's three-year tenure. Their remaining schedule includes the teams currently ranked sixth, seventh and eighth in the conference.

To make the outlook even brighter, those three teams, Missouri, Iowa State and Texas Tech, all will come to Waco, where the Bears have yet to lose this season.

"[It's] a boost in the confidence for sure, knowing that we can take it to someone at their home field," Gilmore said. "Now we have a win under our belt and three more games at home."

## Barnes calls loss at Missouri ‘worst match of season’

By RACHEL ROACH  
SPORTS WRITER

After its loss against Kansas last Wednesday, Baylor volleyball was looking forward to its match on Saturday at Missouri to help boost its ranking in the first half Big 12 play. However, the team lost 3-1 (18-25, 20-25, 25-22, 15-25) on the road.

Head coach Jim Barnes called the game against the Tigers "our worst match of the season."

The team's hitting percentage against the Tigers was far below its .220 season average. Baylor hit a .134 with 24 errors against Missouri's .216 percentage with 15 more kills than the Bears.

Two players that did deliver offensively were senior Elizabeth

Graham and sophomore Torri Campbell, each acquiring 13 kills.

"I thought we had a valiant effort from Liz and Torri," Barnes said. "They really played hard and hit very well up the middle."

Barnes credits the two middles for their hard work but wishes to see improvement in the pin hitters for future matches.

"We just hit zero at the pins. We were eight kills, eight errors on each pin, and that's what hurt us. We didn't put the ball away at the pins," Barnes said.

Barnes, Graham and senior Caitlyn Trice each addressed the issue of the team lacking ability to synergize. Barnes attributes the team's performance to nerves about adjustments after senior Ashlie Christenson's stress frac-

ture. Trice said the team did not mesh.

"I think it was one of those days where certain things weren't on," Trice said.

Graham believes that the team needs to work on consistency throughout games.

With the first round of conference play coming to an end, the team realizes the pressure it has to win the match against Kansas State.

"This is our last game of the first round," Barnes said. "We need to get to that four-win total to keep us in the chase for the NCAA tournament."

The Bears plan to work on offensive efforts while maintaining the power from their backcourt.

The team remains thankful for

the defensive efforts of Trice and junior Allison King. During the match against Missouri, Trice acquired 20 digs and King added 19.

"Our backcourt has always done a great job, and that's anchored by Caitlin Trice and Allison King. We need them to really come and play their game and control the match [against Kansas State]," Barnes said. "They're the ones that keep us close in games with their defense and serve receives."

Trice plans to work alongside King and continue keeping a hold on the back row by talking and working together.

The team looks forward to the match against Kansas State on Wednesday.

"We're expecting to do a lot better against Kansas State," Gra-

Baylor	18	20	25	15
Missouri	25	25	22	25

Baylor	Match Stats	Missouri
45	Kills	60
.134	Hitting Percentage	.216
66	Digs	81
7.5	Blocks	9
2	Aces	5

ham said.

The Bears play the Wildcats at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Ferrell

Center.

Kansas State enters the match on a four-game losing streak.

## Dunn present at Baylor's first practice

By CHRIS DERRETT  
SPORTS EDITOR

Baylor men's basketball was back in action Friday with its first official practice, and everybody, including LaceDarius Dunn, was happy to be back on the court as a team.

"Everybody's always excited for the first day of practice until they find out they have to run lines," head coach Scott Drew said.

Dunn returned to class after a hearing with a committee of Baylor faculty and students. He was previously suspended indefinitely after being charged with aggravated assault and posting \$12,500 bail.

On Friday Dunn was seen greeting his teammates with high-fives and handshakes as players warmed up for practice. Drew also tossed Dunn the ball as Dunn took warm up shots, and the two had jovial conversation.

"It's good to have him in practice. It's good to have him back in class; I know he was really motivated to get caught up with his schoolwork. That's first and foremost; we want to make sure he's working toward that degree,"

*"It's good to have him in practice. It's good to have him back in class."*

Scott Drew | Head coach

Drew said.

Drew said he will wait for Dunn's case investigation before making any statements on the situation or allowing Dunn to play games.

With the possibility of the Bears playing without their leading scorer from last year, leadership may come from players of all classifications including sophomore guard A.J. Walton.

"Coach Drew tells me I'm a

sophomore, I've only been here two years, but I'm still a leader, probably the most vocal person on the team. Like he said, I am a veteran point guard, so that's my job," Walton said.

After dropping an Elite Eight game to Duke last year, the team says it is ready to fill the voids left behind by guard Tweety Carter, forward Ekpe Udoh and center Josh Lomers.

"We were actually three minutes away from a Final Four. This year we have great players, incoming players and returning players. We're just trying to make a good run this year," Walton said.

One of the more highly touted incoming players, freshman Perry Jones III, knows it will not be easy and is working on improving his game. The 6-foot-11 Duncanville forward looks to mirror Udoh's contribution to the team as an uncommonly versatile player at his height.

"Most big men my size aren't

able to put the ball on the floor," Jones said. "I hope that's going to be part of my strength. Right now I'm working on the little things, mostly like boxing out all the time."

More experienced players like Acy are also breaking down each aspect of the game as they work.

"I've been working on my skill set, midrange jumper, a little bit of ball handling, just anything to help the team," Acy said.

Drew said one of his team's greatest strengths will be its length. Last season the Bears were the second-tallest team in the country, and with Jones on the floor, Drew hopes the combination of long players and athleticism can produce success.

Acy said the Bears want to go beyond the Elite Eight.

"We need to go higher, because we shouldn't have lost. We got a taste of what [the tournament] is like, so we want that taste and more," he said.

## Three strikes and out: Jefferson dismissed

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baylor Bears tight end Willie Herbert Jefferson III has been dismissed from the team after his second arrest on a drug charge in two weeks, and his third arrest since signing with the Bears.

In a Baylor University statement issued Thursday, football coach Art Briles says he was cutting the sophomore wide receiver from Beaumont Ozen for violating unspecified team rules.

That was after his arrest Thursday in nearby Bell County. Officials at the Bell County Jail in Belton say Jefferson was free on \$1,500 bond after his arrest on a misdemeanor marijuana possession complaint by a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper. A DPS dispatcher said no details on the arrest were available Thursday night.

Last week, Waco police arrest-

ed Jefferson and fellow sophomore receiver Josh Gordon after officers reported finding a small plastic bag of marijuana in a car Jefferson was driving. Gordon was a passenger.

On Jan. 25, 2009, Jefferson was arrested on charges of marijuana possession in Orange County. At the time, Jefferson was a signed recruit.

Jefferson ends his Baylor career with six catches for 144 yards and two touchdowns.

He was rated three out of four stars by Scouts.com as a high school recruit from Ozen High School in Beaumont.

On National Signing Day in 2009, Briles said Jefferson fit the profile for a tall receiver able to create mismatches and added, "He's very mature with his mind process at this stage of his life and is going to be a very welcome addition to our football family."

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paranormal item, which includes astrology, UFOs, psychic abilities, Atlantis, Bigfoot, ghosts and haunted houses,” Bader said.

People from more conservative religious traditions tend to be less willing to believe in the paranormal than those from more moderate traditions, Mencken said.

“People who are more moderately religious tend to believe in the paranormal,” Bader said. “If you are not at all religious, or highly religious, it is not likely that you will believe. Someone who attends church once a month is much more likely to believe in the paranormal than someone who attends church on a weekly basis.”

While researching, the authors found that it was not difficult to find paranormal believers due to the large number of organizations devoted to the unconventional beliefs.

“Something that has changed in the paranormal over the decades is the level of organization,” Bader said. “Texas has several Bigfoot organizations and Waco has a ghost hunting club.”

The two professors went on a ghost hunt in the fall of 2007 and brought along a few graduate stu-

dents of sociology, including Andrew Whitehead.

Whitehead said spending time with the ghost hunters and learning about their experiences and how they hunt ghosts was an interesting experience when he was new to learning how to study society.

“I didn’t see or feel anything so I can’t speak to whether or not ghosts were there,” Whitehead said. “But I was surprised to remember how it felt when I was a kid and I was discovering my grandparents’ attic and it’s all new and exciting. Going into the haunted house with the ghost hunters, I had the same exciting rush.”

Whitehead said he can’t recommend going ghost hunting, because he wasn’t actually hunting ghosts but watching the hunters. He said that spending time with ghost hunters is always exciting.

Bader said there are fliers at Ninfa’s in downtown Waco about weekly ghost tours that are offered if anyone is interested in experiencing the paranormal this Halloween season.

More information about this book can be found at Paranormal-AmericaBook.com.



No. 10 quarterback Robert Griffin throws away the ball to avoid being tackled by Colorado No. 26 safety Ray Polk during the second half of the game Saturday in Boulder, Colo. Baylor won 31-25.

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time. Two minutes prior, Colorado intercepted a tipped Griffin pass, knocked a 45-yard field goal and took a 15-7 lead.

Both teams squandered early opportunities before Colorado got on the scoreboard. Just after Byron Landor notched his first career interception, Finley fumbled away Baylor’s possession three plays into the resulting drive.

Other first half Baylor miscues included a failed fourth-and-1 attempt and a missed 24-yard field goal.

Finley and Griffin finally sparked Baylor’s ground game midway through the second quarter. Griffin rushed 24 yards to start the drive, later gained another 20

with his legs and handed to Jay Finley for the third 20-plus yard run of the possession. Jerod Monk caught a nine-yard Griffin pass and scored the Bears’ first points of the game.

“It was real fun. That was my career high, so it was a blessing to have,” Finley said. “With the team we have, we can have a game like that all the time.”

Finley exploded in the second half with 116 of his rushing yards. His 38-yard rush on Baylor’s second half opening drive helped set up a 25-yard Jones field goal. Meanwhile Griffin also broke long runs, including a 36-yarder that led to a 38-yard Jones kick, which forced Colorado to go for a touchdown on its final drive.

Lee dazzles as Rangers seize lead

By MIKE FITZPATRICK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Cliff Lee was even better than before in the post-season, and that was no small feat.

The ace of October went through the New York Yankees like a buzz-saw again, striking out 13 and pitching the Texas Rangers to an 8-0 victory Monday night for a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven AL championship series.

Josh Hamilton hit an early two-run homer off Andy Pettitte and started a six-run outburst in the ninth with a leadoff double. Lee allowed only two singles in eight innings and became the first pitcher to reach double digits in strikeouts three times in one postseason.

Mr. Automatic improved to 7-0 with a 1.26 ERA in eight postseason starts. Three of those wins have come against the power-packed Yankees, including two in last year’s World Series for Philadelphia.

New York won the other four games to take home its 27th championship, but now faces a tall task if it plans to repeat. The Yankees must win three straight against the resilient Rangers to advance without facing Lee in a decisive Game 7 at Texas.

Game 4 is Tuesday night and the Yankees say they will start struggling right-hander A.J. Burnett, who hasn’t pitched since Oct. 2. Tommy Hunter goes for Texas in his first career start at Yankee Stadium.

Pettitte, the ol’ pro seeking his 20th postseason win, did his best to match Lee. But the longtime New York left-hander hung a first-inning breaking ball that Hamilton yanked

over the short porch in right for his second homer of the series.

Texas broke it open in the ninth against an ineffective David Robertson, getting RBI singles from Nelson Cruz and Bengie Molina, plus a two-run single by Mitch Moreland.

Rangers closer Neftali Feliz flung his 100 mph fastball in the ninth and finished the two-hitter in front of a nearly empty ballpark, adding two strikeouts to increase Texas’ total to 15 — one shy of a postseason record for Yankees batters.

New York’s two hits matched a postseason low also set in Game 4 of the 1958 World Series and Game 3 of the 2001 division series.

Michael Young had three hits for the Rangers, who are 4-0 on the road in these playoffs. Texas won all three games at Tampa Bay in the first round, including a pair of masterful performances by Lee.

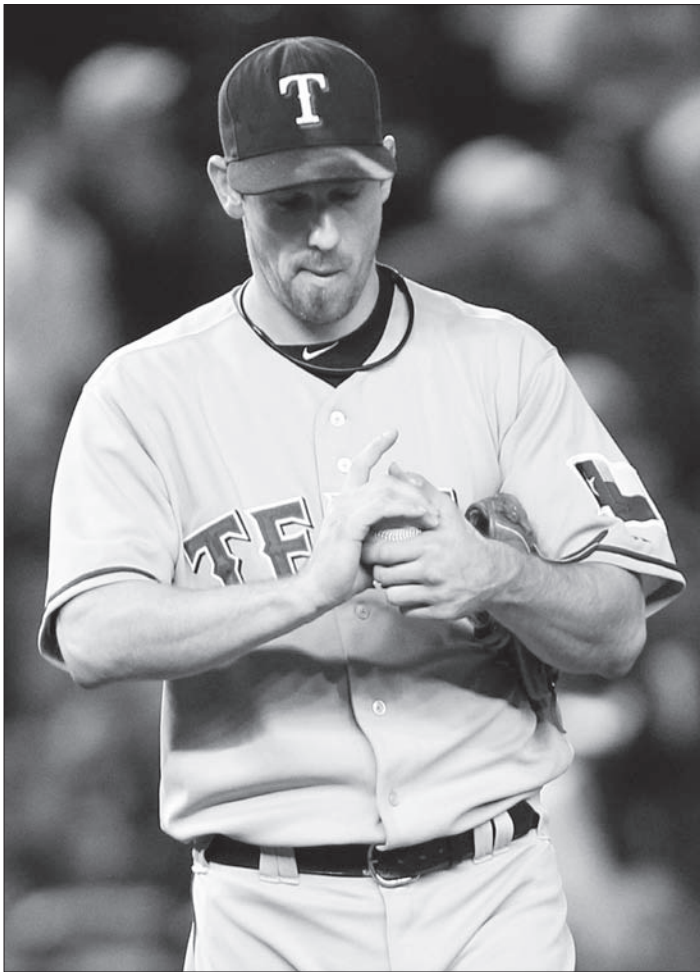
Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez and the Yankees fared no better. Cutters, curves, sliders — they couldn’t touch Lee, who pumps in one strike after another like a robot programmed to do so.

Lee was so dominant, New York hitters were left shaking their heads in the dugout or questioning calls by plate umpire Jim Reynolds.

Robinson Cano showed bunt, Brett Gardner tried another head-first dive into first base. None of it worked.

Gardner singled leading off the sixth and stole second, but Lee never rattled. He struck out Jeter for the second time, then induced routine grounders from Nick Swisher and Mark Teixeira, who is 0 for 11 in the series.

Lee has been spectacular in the



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Texas Rangers pitcher Cliff Lee rubs a new baseball Monday after giving up a single to New York Yankees’ Jorge Posada in the fifth inning of Game 3 of baseball’s American League Championship Series. The Rangers won 8-0.

postseason, striking out 67 and walking only seven in 64 1-3 innings. Even after throwing a season-high 122 pitches, he was going to pitch the ninth until Texas broke it open.

Lee retired his first 11 batters,

striking out seven, before missing high with a full-count fastball to Teixeira. It was the left-hander’s first walk in 19 2-3 innings this postseason, drawing a loud roar and a standing ovation from some in the sellout crowd of 49,840.

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and 14, Flores was leading with 48 percentage points to Edwards’ 38 points. But in their Oct. 4 and 5 poll, Flores’ lead had dropped from 10 points to four points, in a 46-42 percent vote.

Stances like wanting to abolish the Department of Education and Department of Energy, or raising the Social Security retirement age to 70, have turned voters against Flores, Jacobs said.

“I think what we’ve been seeing is as people learn more about Flores, the momentum goes more and more to Edwards,” Jacobs said. “The more people learn about Flores, the more they realize how bad he would be for our district.”

Joe B. Hinton, chair of the Republican party of McLennan County, said he believes the FiveThirtyEight forecast numbers

echo numbers he has heard from other sources.

Hinton said the Obama administration’s policies and actions in regard to health care and spending, among other things, have caused citizens to dislike the administration and have created a desire for change across the nation. He said the turnout for early voting on Monday morning in Waco was the biggest he’d ever seen, and he believes it is because people want change.

“All of this is coming together into a nutshell and I think the beginning of it is starting today because there’s a lot of unhappy people out there,” Hinton said.

Hinton said he expects to see Edwards ousted this year.

“It’s just time for him to go; he’s outworn his welcome,” Hinton

said. “And I think that’ll be quite evident when you see the polls are closed and the votes are counted.”

Karen Petree, chair of the Democratic party of McLennan County, said she disagrees.

“In the past everyone has assumed that Chet Edwards couldn’t win the race and he’s always pulled through,” Petree said. “He’s had unwinnable races before.”

Petree said the unfavorable FiveThirtyEight forecast for Edwards stems from the outlook nationally but does not give enough credit to local voters.

“They’re taking in the national climate and things like that, the animosity toward President Obama, but I think it underestimates the voters and their independent-mindedness,” Petree said. “They know that Congressman Edwards

has always represented them well in Washington and also they don’t know anything about Bill Flores. He’s come out and flip-flopped on issues and it’s making voters wary of supporting him.”

If Edwards is not re-elected, it could cause McLennan County to be divided during redistricting, Petree said.

“Congressman Edwards has worked so much in the past with the state legislature that they like to keep him intact,” Petree said. “If McLennan County doesn’t have a congressman from our county, they will likely split us up to lessen our voice in congress. They’ll have no reason to keep us together because there’s no congressman here.”

Early voting will continue until Oct. 29. Go to www.baylorlariat.com for polling locations.

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going to quote somebody anonymously from 30 years ago that’s untrue? You just out-and-out lie because you have nothing to stand on.”

The issue flared again in the closing moments, when Paul declared he would not shake Conway’s hand afterward, stating: “I will not be associated with someone who attacks my religion.”

“We will try to keep the debate on a higher tone,” Paul said.

“I hope you will leave my church, my family and my religion out of it.”

Paul walked past Conway with-

out offering his hand or making eye contact with his Democratic opponent.

Over the weekend, the Paul campaign prepared a response ad that touts the Bowling Green eye surgeon’s faith. With TV offices closed over the weekend, they had to wait until Monday morning to begin the process of getting it on the air.

“Rand Paul keeps Christ in his heart and in the life he shares with his wife and his three boys,” a narrator says as video plays of him walking and fishing with his family.

Paul said Sunday night he was disheartened that the race had turned so personal.

“We have serious problems in our country ... and he’s descended into the gutter to attack my Christian beliefs,” said Paul, a Bowling Green eye doctor.

Paul and his family attend a Presbyterian church in Bowling Green, where his wife serves as a deacon.

“Jack, you should be ashamed of yourself. You should apologize. Have you no decency? Have you no shame?”

During the debate, Conway

kept up his favorite attack lines, accusing Paul of being out of touch with Kentucky’s drug problems and claiming Paul supports a \$2,000 deductible for Medicare recipients — comments Paul was caught making on videotape shown on YouTube. Paul has said the comment was taken out of context, and that he doesn’t support such a high deductible.

Paul, a tea party favorite, advocated his belief in limited government and the free market.

Paul and Conway are competing for the job of retiring GOP Sen. Jim Bunning.

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