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Alpha Phi Omega will host a tennis tournament at 7 p.m. today and 11 a.m. Saturday at the Penland Tennis Courts. Brackets will include women's singles, men's singles and mixed doubles. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each bracket. The cost is \$20 for singles and \$35 for doubles; each fee will include a long-sleeved event T-shirt. All proceeds will be donated to Relay for Life.

Equestrian match

Baylor equestrian will face Kansas State at 1 p.m. today at the Willis Family Equestrian Center.

No place like home

The Lady Bears return home to take on Michigan State at 7 p.m. today at the Ferrell Center after nearly beating No. 1 Connecticut Tuesday.

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Bears hope to sweeten bowl bid

MATT LARSEN
SPORTS WRITER

They may be out of the hunt for a Big 12 championship, but after their best season since joining the Big 12, the Bears will be playing for more than just pride when they host No. 16 Oklahoma at 7 p.m. Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium.

"Our deal is to fight to the finish and win," head coach Art Briles said. "Oklahoma, in the last ten years, maybe four universities have done better than they have on a national level. It's what brings energy to the table because you have an opportunity to do something." That something on a confer-

ence scale would be to simultaneously cut the legs out from under a hungry OU squad and a rolling Texas A&M team in their bids to win the Big 12 South. The Sooners must win out and the Aggies need the Sooners to beat Oklahoma State to force a three-way tie with the Cowboys.

Beyond playing the spoiler role, Baylor also brings the question of bowl destination to the Floyd Casey turf. The Bears might travel down the road to the Texas Bowl, but a win over OU might send them out to the West Coast for the Holiday Bowl or another bowl game entirely. But Houston and San Diego

are far-off thoughts for the Bears because their season-long mentality has been that each game is a season of its own. Their last regular season match-up will be no different.

"We've got to try and go out with a bang; that's all we can do," senior running back Jay Finley said. "We want to finish strong and build a little more momentum going into the bowl game. But like we say, we're taking it a game at a time."

The fifth-year back has as much to play for as anyone on senior day at Floyd Casey, where he ran past

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MAKENZIE MASON | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 23 running back Jay Finley avoids a Texas A&M defender during the game last Saturday.

Pulitzer-winning author visits BU

BY SARA TIRRITO
STAFF WRITER

Marilynn Robinson, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "Gilead," will host a book signing from 3 to 4:30 p.m. today in the lobby of Moody Library.

Robinson has been on campus since Wednesday, engaging with students, faculty and staff both in and out of the classroom. On Thursday night, Robinson spoke to the Baylor community about "Writing as an Act of Faith."

Robinson said various aspects of writing are acts of faith.

One such act of faith comes when a person follows their vocation or what they feel deeply called to do, even when it is difficult, Robinson said.

"I think whenever you're about to do something original, you are working against the odds because originality is extremely difficult, but at the same time it's what you have," Robinson said. "Anything that's done with the full use of your resources is something unique in the world."

Robinson said people often feel they have to be in control of their lives and conform to a work ethic model, but even failure can be positive in the sense that it allows a writer to examine his or her own life.

"If you write a book that fails, or appears likely to be a tremendous failure, you have to have in any case — if you have been scrupulous in the writing — a very profound encounter with your own life," Robinson said.

It is also important for Ameri-

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NICK BERRYMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Coffee and music combine

Plano freshman Amy Boykin performs during the second half of Acoustic Cafe Thursday in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den.

Law school to facilitate adoptions

BY CARMEN GALVAN
STAFF WRITER

Twenty-six children will be legally adopted by families from McLennan County and its surrounding areas Saturday as part of National Adoption Day.

The event is organized through a joint effort of the Department of Family and Protective Services and the Baylor School of Law, as well as the Baylor Public Interest Legal Society, a student organization dedicated to service.

Bridget Fuselier, associate professor at the law school and one of the primary organizers for the

event, said this is the law school's third year to host the event and that it is one of the ways law students become involved in the community.

"When I took over as sponsor for the public interest society, they were wondering how to get involved, and I told them about National Adoption Day," Fuselier said. "I approached Family Protective Services and asked if we could host an event and they were very excited."

Seven lawyers and a judge will work pro bono for the families participating in the event, and Judge Gary Coley said he was

looking forward to the event as he has presided over each of the children's hearings.

"It's a privilege," Coley said. "I get the opportunity to see these kids join a new environment. I've seen these kids through some really difficult circumstances and so it's exciting to see over two dozen be adopted."

The adoption event will take place at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Sheila & Walter Umphrey Law Center. Coley will first hear the cases, and once the hearing ends the child and his or her family will enter a separate room where an employee of the Department

of Family and Protective Services will take the family's first family portrait, said Andrea Barnett, adoption supervisor for the Department of Family and Protective Services and an organizer for the event.

Each of the families will also receive a basket with "Toy Story" themed items because this year's theme for the event is "A Family's Love is to Infinity and Beyond." Families will receive items such as a small cake, "Toy Story 3" DVD, coloring books, games and other family-oriented items.

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American promotes global peace by building schools

BY SAMREEN HOODA
REPORTER

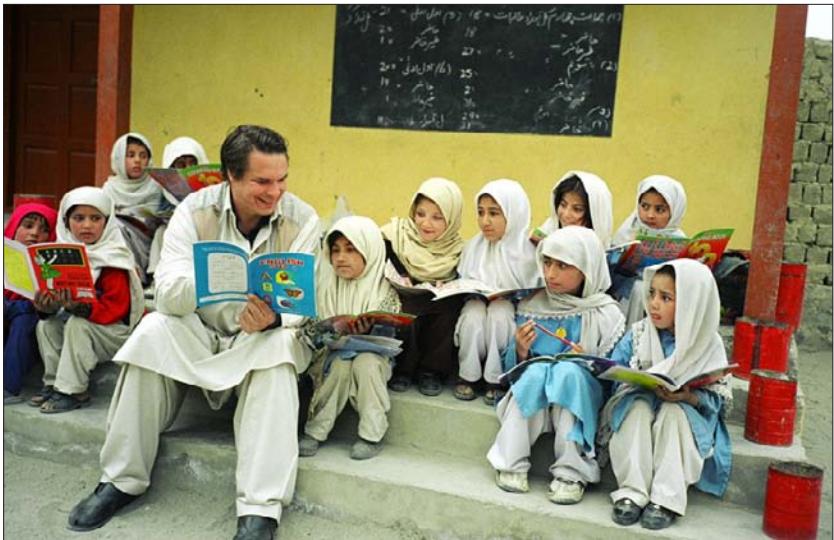


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Best-selling author Greg Mortenson, who recently spoke in Dallas, has built more than 70 schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

He is well known for his best-selling novel "Three Cups of Tea" and as the American who builds schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan, yet his story began with an accident that changed his life.

Greg Mortenson first went to Pakistan on an attempt to climb the mountain K2. After getting lost twice, cold, sick and hurt, Mortenson stumbled upon the small village of Korphe where the locals nursed him back to health. It was here, Mortenson said during his recent visit to Dallas, that he first encountered what would become his new life.

"I saw 84 children sitting in the dirt doing their school lessons," Mortenson said. "Most of them were writing with sticks in the sand. When I saw those 84 children sitting in the dirt and they asked for help to build a school, I made a promise that day that I would help

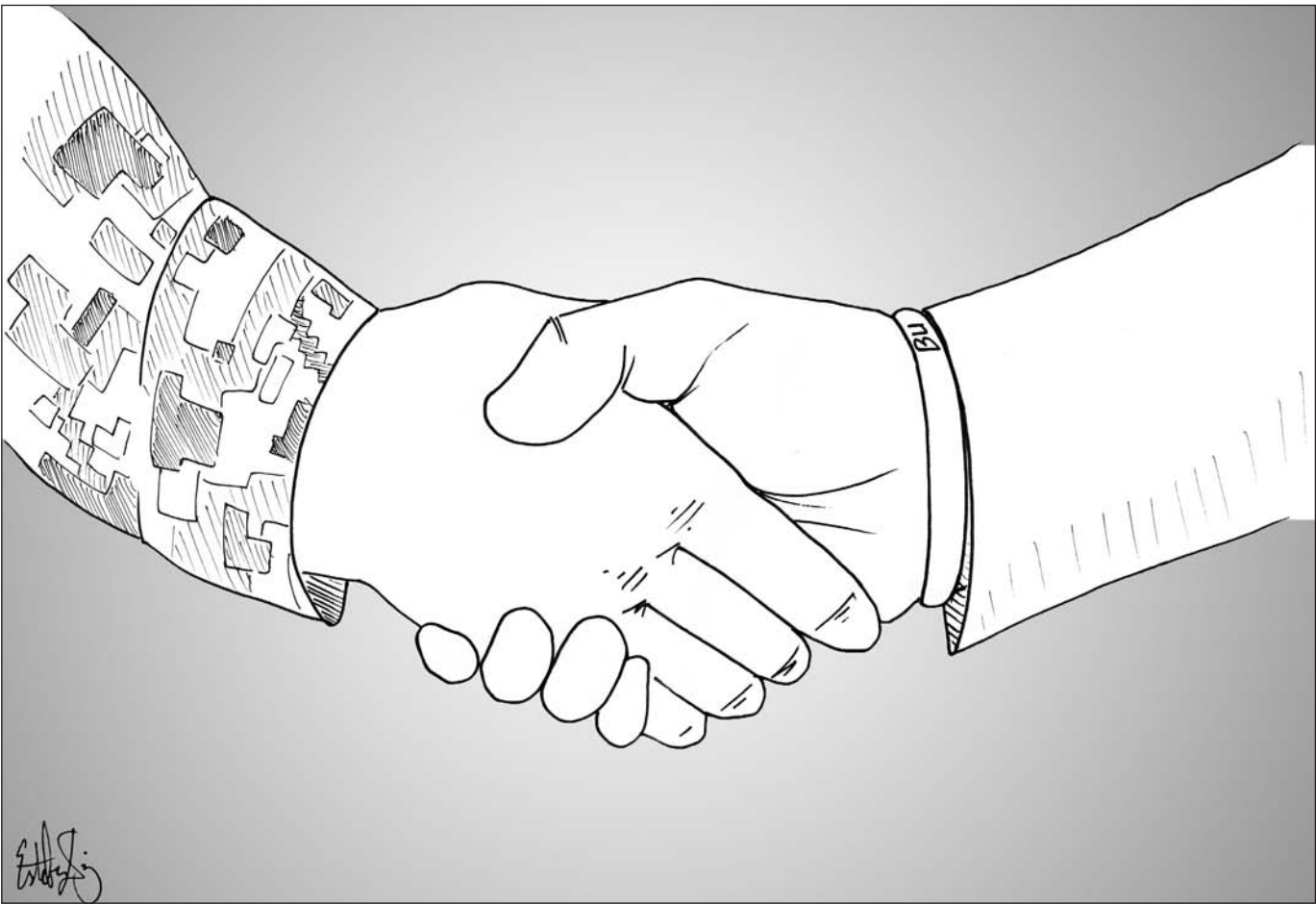
them."

Mortenson didn't realize then that the climb ahead was still steep. He came back to the states and wrote letters to 580 celebrities asking them to donate to the cause. He got one response: a check for \$100. But he did not give up, speaking at schools and appealing to people's desire that all children have a right to an education. Mortenson eventually got the funds he needed to begin the school he had promised.

"I built that school and then 78 more and I'm still doing it today," Mortenson said.

This is his life's purpose and he constantly strives to fulfill it, said Sadia Ashraf, outreach coordinator for the Central Asia Institute, a nonprofit Mortenson started to promote education in remote regions of Northern Pakistan and Afghanistan. It is his passion for the cause that has made him so remarkable at what he

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Baylor’s admirable reach to help ailing soldiers

Editorial

For years, Baylor researchers from the psychology and neuroscience department and the School of Social Work have been working toward a cure for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. A disorder known to plague war veterans, many have begun to delve into the problems surrounding PTSD in order to truly understand its devastating effects on both the veteran and his or her family. According to research done by Baylor’s School of Social Work students, an estimated half of the soldiers that return to the war-front for multiple deployments display enough symptoms to be diagnosed with PTSD,

though only 6 percent to 12 percent are diagnosed. PTSD affects those who have gone through trauma, according to the National Center for PTSD. Trauma could be experienced as fear or horror in a life-threatening situation, such as combat. Symptoms include reliving the event, avoiding situations that remind you of the event, emotional numbness and feeling jittery or jumpy. Those with PTSD also tend to self-medicate with alcohol and drugs, according to the Veterans Healing Initiative, a group formed to help veterans with mental disorders recover from addiction. There is nothing weak in getting professional help for a problem. There is no shame in dealing with PTSD, or any other dis-

order, in a healthy way. It takes great courage to take control of the disorder and seek treatment. If you know someone with these symptoms or you suspect someone you know has PTSD, the U.S. Department of Veterans’ Affairs has resources available online at www.va.gov. In Waco, the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System on Memorial Drive offers both an outpatient clinic and intensive residential services. The Lariat commends all researchers, Baylor-based and nationwide, for taking positive steps toward awareness and solutions for PTSD. In order to protect the safety of our soldiers, mental health professionals and those skilled with dealing with addicts should meet together to create the most effective form of treatment.

This disorder, however, has been found to affect those close to PTSD victims, too. The research being produced from Baylor offers a unique perspective on the disorder. In the Central Texas area, where soldiers and veterans are members of communities, there is a great need for more research into this disorder. Baylor’s role in the researching on PTSD shows that we are a university committed to aiding veterans and their families. Our location provides great opportunities to develop effective, beneficial treatments for the disorder caused because men and women sacrificed part of their lives for us. The least we can do is use our resources to help those that fought for us.

Enough is enough: Throw out the BCS, start playoff system

I am so happy Baylor football is having a great year. Otherwise, I might not be watching college football at all.



Tyler Alley | Reporter

It’s not because the games are boring. The problem is there are only two or three games a week that have any ramifications for the national championship game. What is the reason for this? We all know it, and most college football fans cannot stand it: the Bowl Championship Series, a.k.a. the BCS. Every season since the BCS

was created, only two teams have had a chance to play for the national championship, which could be viewed as “the gold medal of college football.” Then eight teams below the top two teams play in the Orange, Sugar, Rose or Fiesta Bowl, or the equivalent of four silver medals. All the other bowls after that might as well give out those trophies little kids get in their community soccer leagues for “playing real hard all year long.” Those teams get a little more pride and earn some money for their university. College football is the only sport without a tournament-style postseason, or playoffs. It is also the only sport where teams such as Boise State and TCU can go undefeated and not even get a chance to compete for a national championship. That does not make your sport unique; it makes it a travesty. I do not understand how anyone can continue to deny that we need playoffs and defend the BCS; every “logical” reasoning to support it can be easily disproven. Some people say the BCS makes the regular season the playoffs. Well that’s stupid.

It’s the regular season, which is supposed to lead to a postseason. Some people try to compare college football to college basketball, claiming that fans would not pay attention to the games until the postseason, which is how college basketball is sometimes viewed with fans not paying attention until March. The problem with that argument is that college basketball teams play 30+ games before the conference tournaments begin. College football teams play 12 games, and games are only once a week. Other take a more direct approach and attack the non-BCS teams such as Boise State, saying the Broncos do not play any good teams from big conferences so they should not get a chance anyway. That is because there is no reason for teams from major conferences to play Boise State. Virginia Tech lost to BSU early in the year and it has hurt them all year. Had the Hokies defeated Boise State, it probably would not have affected their resume at all. By the way, Virginia Tech has a 5-0 conference record in the Atlantic Coast Conference, which is considered a “major”

conference. Personally, I think Boise State could cruise through the ACC, but the computer that controls the BCS does not care. And if anyone thinks the current system chooses the best two teams, and therefore the most evenly-matched game, have a look at the scores for all four BCS National Championship games. All of the games were decided by double digit margins, including one 27-point deficit. It’s time for change in the NCAA. We need playoffs. I do not care if they have eight, 10 or sixteen teams; I just think something needs to be done to rectify college football. Remember that dramatic 2005 Rose Bowl between Texas and USC, when Vince Young took the game over in the second half and led the Longhorns to victory in the closing minutes? Imagine how many more of those games we could have if there were playoffs. It’s time to stop having bias against Boise State and TCU and give every team a chance to think that they could be crowned the best team. Tyler Alley is a Houston junior journalism major and a reporter for The Lariat.

Message from the president

Dear students:
The conclusion of the fall semester is rapidly approaching. We are all preparing for Thanksgiving, when we can share a special time with loved ones and reflect upon our many blessings.



President Ken Starr

Baylor has celebrated many successes this semester, both in the classroom and on the playing field. As you conclude your semester, I kindly ask you to march with the theme of “finish strong.” The end of the semester brings the stress of term papers, group projects and impending final exams. I therefore want to encourage all of you, including our graduating seniors, to finish the semester on a high note, full of energy and determination. As Coach Art Briles and the Baylor Bears football team look to conclude their most successful regular season in recent history, becoming bowl eligible for the first time in 15 years, we should rally to encourage them to “finish strong.” These wonderful student-athletes have been working very hard since summer camp opened in August to bring pride to the Baylor Nation. This week, Briles said, “Our deal is to fight to the finish and win. We’re going to fight to the finish and try to claw out a really good win against a really good football team this Saturday.” Tomorrow is Senior Day at Floyd Casey Stadium. Seniors Jay Finley, Antonio Johnson, Byron Landor and Danny Watkins

are just a few of the players who will play their final home game in a Baylor Bears uniform. For all of our seniors: I invite you to join me tomorrow night in running into Floyd Casey Stadium with the Baylor Line. This will be your last opportunity to take part in this great tradition, so please join with your classmates and our enthusiastic freshmen. I also commend all of you for supporting Baylor athletics in a variety of ways. You’ve attended the game day tailgates on campus for home football games. You’ve attended chalk talk each week with football players and coaches. You, along with the rest of the Baylor Nation, rose up during the summer to support Baylor’s position of maintaining a strong Big 12 conference. It is our duty as fans and supporters of our student-athletes and coaches to encourage them in every way possible. You have risen up to support the team throughout the year, including an impressive game day atmosphere last Saturday at Floyd Casey. The greatest way to finish this football season is to be in the stands for the final game against Oklahoma at 7 p.m. tomorrow. But don’t just arrive just before the start of the game. Come for March of the Bears at 4:30 p.m. to greet our magnificent team as they arrive at Floyd Casey Stadium. Then stay and take part in the great “game day” culture of support – tailgate with friends, family or one of the thousands of our alumni who will return home. But our support does not end after tomorrow night’s game. Our team will be competing in a bowl game for the first time as a member of the Big 12 Conference. Stay tuned on how to purchase tickets. We, as the Baylor Nation, must rise up, yet again, to support the Bears. So, support the Lady Bears tonight against Michigan State and join me during these final weeks of the semester. “Finish strong!”

Letters to the editor

Ill-informed editorial

I agree with most of the “Worker’s safety should be worth more than ashes to casino owners” editorial. However, on two points you missed the boat: 1) the suggestion of “smoke-free areas for gambling within their casino” ignores the facts that smoke drifts and that even small amounts of smoke cause health problems. 2) Atlantic City did not end their complete ban because (as you imply) casinos were suffering economically from it. Their revenue increased during the ban, compared with the months preceding and following the ban. You seem to have taken your statement that they “lifted the ban a month later due to complaints from the city’s casinos” almost directly from the UPI article “Las Vegas: A haven for smokers” of November 12, which stated (incorrectly) that they “gave up a month later after complaints from casinos”. The fact is that the city council voted to revoke the ban before it took force, but they needed a second reading a month later to legally lift the

ban. By the time they saw that revenues had actually risen, they apparently had had enough embarrassment, and then swept the whole issue under the carpet. Learn from this: the success of the gambling industry does not depend on smoking, and good journalism does not consist of rewording and perpetuating other journalists’ mistakes. Chris Schultz
The Pennsylvania State University, ’66

Letters

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Sell-off promotes confidence

By WAKELEAH CRUTISON
COPY EDITOR

Students showcased their sales skills at the Baylor Business Sell Off on Thursday.

The competition serves as skill development for students, said Andrea Dixon, director of the center for professional selling.

“It’s an opportunity to take the knowledge and skills they acquire in class and bring it to life,” Dixon said.

In the role-play competition, representatives posed as buyers to whom the students have to sell computer software.

Before the competition, students were given a scenario with a product to sell and a prospective buyer, “Smith,” owner of Sgt. Pepper’s Hot Air Balloons.

Twenty-five students role-played with 12 businesses from around the Waco area.

Students entered one of three rooms to greet their awaiting buyer and make their sales pitch in front of a video camera.

“Having their sales pitch on video can help them with self-assessment and also serve as a physi-

cal example of their selling skills in their online portfolios for corporate executives,” Dixon said.

Judges view the videos and the top five students receive cash prizes, with the top student receiving \$1,000, according to the Professional Selling website.

All top five students will compete in the second round of the competition in February, in which the top two students earn an opportunity to participate in the National Collegiate Sells Competition in March.

The judges evaluate students on how well they build rapport with the buyer, how they address the buyer’s needs, how well the students overcome the buyer’s concerns and how they close the sale.

Austin senior Dave Games and Dallas junior Sam Turtletaub, competitors on Baylor’s professional selling team, brought experience to Thursday’s sell-off.

The competition teaches students how to maintain relationships with customers, Games said. Games and his team members earned fourth place in the Indiana University National Team Selling Competition in October.

“It’s a great way to network and meet people in companies,” he said, “and they can give you instant feedback on what you need to improve on and what you’re doing that’s good.”

Turtletaub took first, second and third place in three events on Nov. 11 at the World Collegiate Sales Open, and he and his team took first place at the Indiana University National Team Selling Competition. He said he knew he wanted to be in business so he could interact with people.

“I just want to talk to and make connections with as many people as I can,” Turtletaub said. “It’s not just selling; it’s showing people why they need a product instead of trying to sell it to them.”

Turtletaub said the most difficult part of competing is remaining focused on the main goal: the people, not the product.

“Selling’s about the customer and showing why they need something,” Turtletaub said. “Some salesmen get caught up in the product and showing all of its benefits, and they forget to focus on the customer.”

Turtletaub said the Center

for Professional Selling has been around for 25 years and benefits the students.

“You get to be involved and network with people from other companies,” Turtletaub said. “You get a lot of interaction. It’s more like real life and not like typical school.”

Steven Bell, MBA graduate student, helped with the competition by setting up the website orienting students during the competition.

“It’s a great way for students to get real-world experience in a live setting,” Bell said.

Most people graduate and go into some form of sales.

“It can go into any industry; every company needs to sell themselves and their products,” Games said

Turtletaub said the real-world experience of participating in the sell-off makes finding a job much easier because it helps students know what to expect.

“It takes real life and a lot of hard work to prepare. Strong presentations take a lot more work and practice,” Dixon said. “It looks easier than it is, and they see how much work it really takes.”



NICK BERRYMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Give thanks

Students sit down to eat at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday in Fountain Mall.

Dell doubles net income by replacing technology

By JESSICA MINTZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Personal computer maker Dell Inc. said Thursday that its net income for the latest quarter more than doubled as companies spent more to replace aging technology.

Dell’s earnings topped Wall Street’s expectations, and investors drove its shares up almost 5 percent after the results were announced.

Businesses of all sizes, plus government agencies and other public-sector customers, spent more with Dell in the quarter. Large-enterprise revenue jumped 27 percent to \$4.3 billion from a year ago, and small-and-medium-business revenue rose 24 percent to \$3.7 billion.

While networking gear maker Cisco Systems Inc. recently reported unexpectedly slow growth in new orders from government customers, Dell said public-sector revenue rose 20 percent to \$4.4 billion. However, Dell’s business with

federal, state and local government accounts for just 9 percent of the public-sector business and 3 percent of the company’s overall revenue.

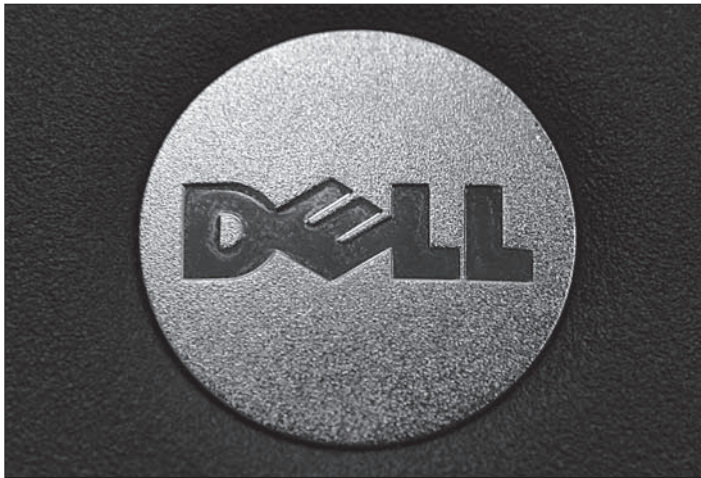
Revenue from consumers, Dell’s smallest customer segment in the quarter, increased 4 percent to \$3 billion.

In an interview, Dell Chief Financial Officer Brian Gladden said the company expects to see similar “muted” growth through the holiday shopping quarter.

Desktop and laptop computers made up about 56 percent of Dell’s revenue in the quarter.

PCs are less profitable than Dell’s technology consulting services and other smaller slices of Dell’s business, but the company still managed to improve gross margin — a measure of profitability.

Dell said lower component costs helped margins in the quarter, as did “pricing discipline” — not cutting prices too deeply to attract buyers — and improvements in the supply chain.



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Dell Inc. on Thursday said its net income for the latest quarter more than doubled as companies spent more to replace aging technology.

The company said it also passed on some deals that could have hurt margins.

For the current fourth quarter, Dell indicated that gross margin would not be as strong.

During a conference call with analysts, Gladden said less-profitable consumer PCs would make up

more of the computers sold in the quarter. He also said component prices were bottoming out, and wouldn’t provide as much of a lift.

Analysts came back with question after question seeking more details about margins.

“They did a good job. I’m not taking any credit away from that,”

said Kaufman Bros. analyst Shaw Wu in an interview. But, he added, “a lot of the supply-chain efforts have been ongoing for several years. All of a sudden, it is somewhat confusing that they show up this quarter.”

Wu also questioned the effect of one-time accounting gains had on profitability in the quarter, in addition to the reasons Dell cited.

Rodman & Renshaw analyst Ashok Kumar was left wondering what level of gross margin to expect from Dell in the future.

“A lot of us are skeptics out there. Clearly the margin they delivered was good, but it’s not sustainable by any measure,” Kumar said.

For the fiscal third quarter, which ended Oct. 29, Dell’s net income jumped to \$822 million, or 42 cents per share, from \$337 million, or 17 cents per share.

Excluding a \$72 million gain related to Dell’s failed bid to buy data-storage maker 3Par and other items, Dell earned 45 cents per share.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters expected Dell to earn much less — 32 cents per share.

Revenue jumped 19 percent to \$15.4 billion from \$12.9 billion, slightly less than the \$15.8 billion analysts predicted.

For the full fiscal year, which ends in January, Dell said it expects revenue around the midpoint of its earlier guidance for an increase of 14 percent to 19 percent from last year. That would put fiscal 2011 revenue at about \$62 billion. Analysts are currently predicting \$62.4 billion.

Dell also said it expects businesses will continue to upgrade computers as they switch to Microsoft Corp.’s latest PC operating system, Windows 7, and other new software.

Gladden also shot down rumors that Dell is planning to go private. Shares of Dell, which is based in Round Rock, Texas, rose 64 cents to \$14.30 in extended trading. Earlier in the day, Dell shares added 31 cents, or 2.4 percent, to close at \$13.66.

Religious voters motivated more by issues than doctrine

By JADE MARDIROSIAN
STAFF WRITER

The Republican Party gained a surge of voters from all demographics, especially religious sects, in the 2010 midterm elections.

Almost all congressional districts voted a higher percentage of Republican candidates into office in the 2010 midterm elections than the previous election in 2008.

Dr. Patrick Flavin, associate professor of political science at Baylor said the Republican Party ran on a more unified platform in the midterms than the Democratic Party.

“The Republican Party platform included smaller government, so

for example opposing the new health care reform law and reducing the national debt. Basically just trying to provide an alternative to what the Democrats are currently doing,” said Flavin.

Analysis done by the Pew Research Center’s Forum on Religion and Public Life of National Election Pool exit poll data reported by CNN showed that white Protestants voted Republican over Democratic in their congressional districts by a 69 percent - 28 percent margin.

This marks a six-point increase in Republicans’ share of the white Protestant vote compared with 2008 and an eight-point gain compared with the last midterm

in 2006.

Catholic voters showed even more polarized results. Catholic voters favored Democratic over Republican candidates by double-digit margins in the last two congressional elections, but swung to favor the Republican party in the 2010 midterm election.

Fifty-four percent of Catholic voters cast the ballot for Republican congressional candidates in the midterms, which was an increase of 12 points compared to 2008.

“The idea of a Catholic vote has gone away over time,” Flavin said. “If you look at how Catholics broke in this election, they broke the same as the rest of voters.”

Flavin explains that it is hard to

pick out a distinctly Catholic vote and those that are very religious and attend church regularly tend to break strongly Republican.

Conversely, religiously unaffiliated voters supported Democrats over Republicans overwhelmingly in the midterms by 68 percent to 30 percent. However, exit polls showed that the GOP made gains even in this committed Democratic group.

Republicans secured eight points compared with 2006.

West Des Moines, Iowa junior Grant Nelson is Catholic and said his religious identity did not play a role in how he voted in the midterm elections.

“I voted Republican in the mid-

term elections because of both the economy and the social issues,” Nelson said. “Of those the economy was a bigger factor for me, so my Catholic identity sort of took a backseat to that.”

Within these three major religious groups, Catholic, Protestant and unaffiliated, support for the GOP rose this year compared with 2006, which effectively matched or exceeded the levels of support for the Republican Party in any recent election.

Gains by the GOP among religious groups parallel the party’s broad-based wins amid the general electorate.

“I think the reason people turned out was not due to a Catho-

lic identity; it was due to the economy,” Nelson said. “It is probably the economy and the health care reform that angered enough GOP voters that they turned out.”

Flavin agreed that religious identity was not necessarily what drew voters.

“It didn’t strike me that Republicans focused heavily on life or moral issues in this election,” Flavin said. “The GOP seemed to be more focused on spending and the size of government. Catholics are kind of like the rest of voters and are fed up with the Democrats more than the Republicans. Voters in general tend to not be happy with either party, but more dissatisfied with the Republicans.”

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By RACHEL BADDEERS
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For two Baylor students, Sibling Day helped solidify their bond. This past Friday was Sibling Day at Baylor, and students were encouraged to invite their younger siblings to attend. Registration included a T-shirt and provided a list of various week-end activities.

When Waco sophomore Allaire Downs heard about the day, she immediately had to tell her mom. Friday was not only Allaire's birthday, but it was also her brother, Lincoln's. They're not twins – they just happen to share the same birthday.

Lincoln and Allaire's mother, Sarah Downs, and their father, Richard Downs, got married when they were 19 and 22, respectively.

They were high school sweethearts from Iowa, and both of them were students at Baylor at the time. Within a year of being married, they had Lincoln on Nov. 12, 1989.

Sarah was at a Rolling Stones concert in Dallas when she went into labor with him.

It was four weeks before her due date. Richard was in law school, and he had to leave right before a final to make it to Lincoln's delivery.

"He called his professor and said, 'I

think I might be late because my wife is in Dallas. She unexpectedly went into labor,'" Sarah said.

All of his professors were lenient, but little did he know he would have to make the same phone call exactly a year later when Allaire was born.

Sarah went into labor with her while cleaning up from Lincoln's first birthday. She started having back pain so she went to the hospital.

It was five weeks before her due date, and her doctor tried to tell her she wasn't in labor. Sure enough, though, Allaire was born three hours later.

Being a 21-year-old student and mother of two small children was not easy, Sarah said.

Lincoln was too young for daycare, and they hadn't made any arrangements for childcare.

Because she was an upper-level student in the journalism department, she was able to bring him to class while she finished up the semester.

"It's kind of a blur. My professors were great," she said.

Richard had a lot of responsibilities as well, being a full-time law student and parent. They had some help from his grandparents, but overall, they had to learn how to juggle things.

"When you get in a situation like that, you do what you have to do. It was definitely well worth it," Sarah said.

Because they are so close in age, Lincoln and Allaire basically grew up as twins.

From moving from crib to bed and learning how to ride a bike to having combined, themed birthdays every year, they did almost everything together, Sarah said.

Both Allaire and Lincoln have fond memories of their birthdays together.

"It's all we ever knew, but it was fun," Lincoln said.

One of Allaire's favorite parties was when she turned five and Lincoln turned six.

It was Batman-themed, and one of their dad's friends dressed-up like the superhero. Lincoln was on "cloud nine" because he thought it was really Batman. Allaire still remembers the look on his face when she revealed the truth almost a year later.

"It's like his dreams were shattered," she said.

For the most part, Lincoln and Allaire had a great relationship growing up. They fought in grade school and were "too cool for each other" in high school, but they became much closer when Lincoln went away to college.

"We talk every day," Lincoln said. "We're really close."

"In high school it wasn't as fun. We didn't want to share friends. It wasn't cool for me to go hang out with him and his friends and vice versa," Allaire said. "Now we have lunch once or twice a week. His friends are my friends, and we love seeing each other and being around each other."

Bellaire sophomore Suzy Reed is one of Allaire's closest friends and has been her roommate since their freshman year.

"The Downs' are a very open family, Reed said. "Their parents love entertaining their friends, so it's fun."

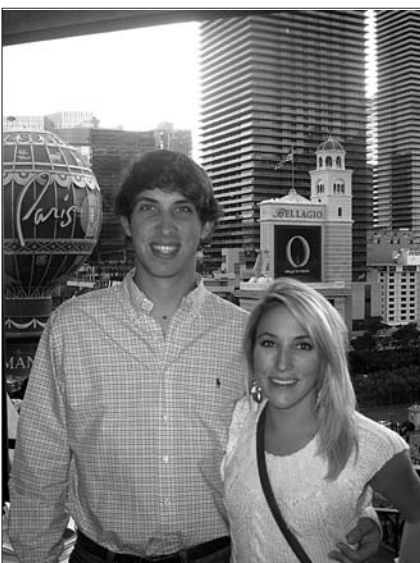
Another one of Allaire's roommates, Sarah Hutchins, says their family is very close.

"Their mom is the best cook ever. She cooks gourmet meals every night," Hutchins said. "They always get home-made coffee cake on the morning of their birthday."

Reed, who has a twin brother, can relate to having to share a birthday with a sibling. "It's always been that way. It's just something you grow up doing, so you don't know any different."

While they enjoyed it growing up, Allaire and Lincoln stopped having combined parties when she turned 15 and he turned 16.

Most recently, their family took a trip to Las Vegas to celebrate their birthdays



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Siblings Lincoln and Allaire Downs celebrated their shared birthdays and Baylor's Sibling Day together.

this past weekend. "Having both kids out of our home, it was nice to reunite with them. And it was neat that they thought we were cool enough to hang out with," Sarah said. "It was one of the best times we've ever had."

Attorney said judge will plead guilty in drug case

By GREG BLUESTEIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Senior Judge Jack T. Camp, a veteran federal judge who was arrested in October after authorities said he tried to buy cocaine and other drugs to use with a stripper, plans to plead guilty to some of the charges at a hearing Friday in U.S. District Court, said his attorney Bill Morrison.

The attorney declined to disclose which of the charges Camp will plead guilty to, saying the judge overseeing the case hadn't yet formally approved the deal.

"We are not taking any public positions because the judge hasn't signed off on the agreement, but he does plan to plead guilty," said Morrison, who also would not say whether Camp will step down. "A mutually beneficial agreement was reached."



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Senior U.S. District Judge Jack T. Camp poses for a photo in Atlanta on Nov. 20, 2008. Camp is facing drug and gun charges after a stripper claimed the judge used cocaine with her.

The charges against Camp, a 67-year-old who is married with two grown children, were laid out in a shocking eight-page affidavit released days after his Oct. 1 arrest.

The judge, who is free on a \$50,000 bond, faces four drug-related charges and one count of possessing firearms while illegally using drugs.

Authorities say a stripper, who previously had a felony drug trafficking conviction, had been secretly working with the FBI since the spring to build a case against the judge. In exchange, prosecutors vowed not to charge her.

Camp's relationship with the dancer, who was only identified as CI-1 in the documents, appears to have begun earlier this year when he received a lap dance from her at an Atlanta strip club, according to the affidavit.

Authorities say he returned to the Goldrush Showbar for more dances the next day — and added sex and cocaine to his tab.

Over the next few months, the two used cocaine and other drugs together — sometimes at the strip club — and the judge would pay \$40 to \$50 to join her in getting high, according to the documents.

Things took a twist in June when the judge followed the strip-

per to a house in suburban Atlanta to buy drugs, authorities say.

He had a semiautomatic handgun with him that he later said he brought with him to protect her, the affidavit said.

The relationship unraveled in October. First, Camp told the stripper he would try to help with her criminal record and advised her to tell a potential employer that "it was a minor offense and that one of the judges on the court can explain that to him," according to the affidavit.

A few hours later, the dancer asked Camp to follow her to a grocery store parking lot to meet a drug dealer, and Camp then gave the stripper \$160 to buy the drugs from an undercover officer.

Within 10 minutes, FBI agents swarmed the judge's car when he drove to a nearby night club. They recovered the plastic bag containing blue pills and a white sub-

stance, along with two guns from his front seat.

The case created a mess in the busy Northern District of Georgia circuit, which covers metro Atlanta.

Senior U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan from the District of Columbia was assigned the case because the other judges recused themselves, and prosecutors from the Justice Department's central office are handling the case.

It's unclear whether any of the decisions Camp made while he was being investigated will be revisited, but several attorneys have filed appeals or signaled they would do so.

Camp's attorney, meanwhile, said the judge looks forward to moving on after Friday's plea.

"He's holding up well," Morrison said. "It's a stressful situation, but all things considered he's doing OK and making progress."

Army vet convicted of slaying student

By BOB JOHNSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OPELIKA, Ala. — A former Army soldier who claimed to be mentally disturbed from his deployment in Iraq was convicted of capital murder Thursday in the abduction and shooting death of an Auburn University student from Georgia.

Jurors deliberated about six-and-a-half hours over two days before convicting Courtney Lockhart, 26, of rural Smith Station, in the killing of 18-year-old freshman Lauren Burk of Marietta, Ga.

Wearing a black suit, Lockhart sat calmly with his lawyers and showed no emotion when Circuit Judge Jacob Walker read the verdict. Burk's family members, mostly sitting behind the prosecution table, began hugging each other

and patting each other on the back.

Jurors then voted 12-0 after deliberating for another hour to recommend sentencing him to life in prison without parole, rather than death by injection. The judge is not bound by the jury's recommendation. He tentatively set sentencing for Jan. 28.

But District Attorney Nick Abbett, who is retiring in January, said it might be hard for the judge to overturn an unanimous recommendation for life.

"That was a pretty strong statement from the jury," Abbett said.

Burk's sister, Jaklyn Semones of Alpharetta, Ga., said she felt fine with the life in prison without parole recommendation.

"I'm just happy this has come to an end. Justice was done," Semones said.

Burk's father, Jim Burk, released a written statement thanking po-

lice, prosecutors and the jury of eight men and four women for the verdict.

"We still have some questions as to why this happened, but hopefully we can find answers in the future. We continue to love and pray for Lauren," he said.

Burk was abducted on the night of March 4, 2008, as she got into her car in a campus parking lot after visiting her boyfriend. According to statements given by Lockhart, he pulled a gun on the screaming student, trying to rob her, and forced her into her car as he drove it off.

During the argued sentencing, jurors heard emotional testimony from Lockhart's mother and father, who expressed sorrow for the grief the son caused the Burk family.

His mother, Catherine Lockhart Williams, tearfully apologized to Burk's mother, who was sitting

in the front row of the gallery.

"I just want to say to you and your whole family that I am sorry. I feel your pain because I am a mother, too. If I could I would get up and hug you but they probably wouldn't let me do that," Williams said.

In a statement to police read to jurors earlier during the trial, Lockhart said he ordered her to disrobe, not to have sex with her but because he thought it would make her less likely to escape the car.

At one point Lockhart said he spoke of his problems: "We started talking about how my life was over. She said she could help me get a job," he said in a written statement.

But Burk was shot in the back at close range as she opened the door and jumped from the car.

"I just had the gun right there and it went off," Lockhart was



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Murder defendant Courtney Lockhart listens during opening statements Nov. 12 in his capital murder trial in Opelika, Ala. Lockhart has pleaded not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect in his trial, where he is accused of killing Auburn University freshman Lauren Burk of Georgia.

heard saying on a mostly garbled videotape played at the trial.

The nude student collapsed on the road and bled to death as Lockhart drove off and later burned the car on the Auburn campus. He was captured three days later in Phenix City after a car chase when he was

a suspect in a robbery attempt in Newnan, Ga.

Though Lockhart's attorneys argued he had mental troubles, a psychologist who testified for the defense could not say for certain that he suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder.

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Potter series begins its end

By ROBYN SANDERS
CONTRIBUTOR

Both greatly anticipated and deeply bittersweet, the first part of the Harry Potter film finale, “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1” hit theaters today. Some Baylor Potter fans are having mixed feelings about the end of the film adaptations of the globally popular series.

“When the books ended, it was sad, but there was always the continuance of the movies to look forward to,” Dallas sophomore Jennifer Browder said. “Now that the movies are coming to an end, Harry Potter is gone; there’s no more.”

Many fans feel like there never has been anything quite like the phenomenon of “Harry Potter.” Before the hit series, midnight book releases were nearly unheard of, and neither was an eight-part film series. Considering the degree of worldwide infatuation with the boy wizard that has been mounting for more than a decade, it is hard to say if a blockbuster book and film series like “Harry Potter” will ever be repeated.

“Never, to my knowledge, has there been a book series that has been translated to film in this compressed amount of time with a kind of fidelity to the books,” said Dr. James Kendrick, assistant professor of film and digital media in the communication studies department.

“Harry Potter” is much more than a franchise to many students. Corpus Christi junior Abigail Pitzer credits the series with kindling her love of reading.

“I didn’t read anything before Harry Potter,” Pitzer said, “but after Harry Potter, I never pulled my nose out of a book for anything.”

Houston junior Maddee Schrader said she read the books during the summer before she started college.

“I got the books from the library and I probably read all seven



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Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) star in Warner Bros. Pictures’ “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1,” the seventh film in the series.

of them over three months,” she said.

Kendrick says that one of the culturally beneficial attributes of “Harry Potter” is bringing kids back to books.

“Yes, children read them, but adults read them as voraciously as kids do, and it’s something that parents and their kids can read together,” Kendrick said. “It’s one of the first series in a while that I think is truly going to be around a hundred years from now.”

Considering how meaningful the “Harry Potter” series has been to so many students, it’s no wonder that sentiments are running high at the approach of the seventh film, just as they undoubtedly did when the seventh book was released in 2007. This time, however, the anxiety isn’t over what’s going to happen at the end, but whether the film will live up to “Potter” fans’ high expectations.

“I like the books better than the movies, but I’m interested to see if they do the last book justice in the film,” Schrader said.

Pitzer said she was concerned that the movie would not uphold the quality of the book.

“Harry Potter has already kind of come to an end, so I think it’ll be a little easier to finalize it with the movie,” Pitzer said.

Whether the outlook on the final “Potter” film is cynical or optimistic, fans agreed that the film franchise as a whole has had a vast impact on how Hollywood will undertake movies like this in the future.

“What [‘Harry Potter’] has done is really drawn the studios’ attentions to the vast economic benefit of finding a series like that that they can draw out over years of time,” Kendrick said, “because let’s face it, a ‘Harry Potter’ movie is as close to a sure thing as you

can possibly imagine. The saying in Hollywood is “nobody knows anything,” but everybody knows that a Harry Potter movie is going to be a massive hit. [Author J.K Rowling] really found a way to connect with a lot of people on a lot of levels and create something beloved. That’s really rare.”

In the minutes leading up to each showing in movie theaters across Waco, expect to see “Potter” fans chattering with excitement or wringing their hands in nervous anticipation. For everyone who read Harry Potter’s story with wide eyes and a pounding heart, who waited for their Hogwarts Letter on their 11th birthday (whether they will admit it or not) and were sorely disappointed when it never came, and who still get chills when hearing John Williams’ “Hedwig’s Theme,” the wait is over, and audience excitement couldn’t be greater.

Despite variety, buffet fails to impress

By JENNA DEWITT
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

For a city in Central Texas, Waco’s Asian food comes in a wide range of forms, from hibachi grills to family-friendly buffets. One such buffet, Summer Palace, 1520 North Valley Mills Dr., sacrifices quality for quantity. The buffet has a surprising amount of variety, but none of it done exceptionally well.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

In addition to an array of Chinese dishes, the buffet includes small pizzas, pasta, fruit and ice cream. The diversity contributes to the comfortable, family-friendly atmosphere.

A round, smiling Buddha sits on the front counter in front of a very large, back-lit photo of a Chinese waterfront. Asian classical

music plays overhead throughout the impressively spacious dining room area. The comfortable booths and quiet volume level made conversation easy.

The key to a successful meal at Summer Palace is to not overeat with so many different dishes, which are mostly meat, shrimp, fruit or dessert. The best of these was probably the black pepper beef, which had enough spices to make it interesting, without overspicing. The dish, along with the sliced potatoes, was a welcome break from the other greasy, fried meat dishes.

A notable meat dish was General Tsu’s chicken. The bright red sauce was very spicy, but also sweet enough to balance out the hotness. The poor-quality meat kept this one from being a favorite, however.

One sweet dish that was worth the health risk was the “biscuits.” This dessert item was fried, sugared bread formed into perfect balls. A few of these made the trip

down Valley Mills worth the drive in my book.

Other desserts included chocolate pudding, bananas drizzled in strawberry sauce, several cakes and an ice cream machine with toppings nearby. The bananas provided a welcome break from the grease of the meat and fried food items. The peach cobbler was also decent, though not as sweet as might be desired.

On the more healthy side, the fruit was surprisingly good for late in the season, especially the watermelon. Vegetables and mushrooms were included in many of the dishes as well. One side dish, the sautéed green beans, was chewy and lacked the juicy flavor expected of the vegetable.

The noodles and rice were all unremarkable, even the mei fun, tiny rice noodles that appeared interesting from their texture, name and appearance.

The wait staff was prompt to refill drinks and replace empty

buffet dishes. The waitresses on two occasions offered to split the check and asked my friends and I if we would like to pay at the table instead of waiting to pay out at the front counter.

As far as the price goes, the restaurant has a Monday through Friday lunch (11 a.m. to 4:20 p.m.) buffet price of \$6.65 for adults. The children’s weekday lunch buffet price is \$3.95 for ages 4 to 11. Children age 3 and under eat free. Dinner and weekend buffet prices are \$8.95 for adults and \$5.35 for children. Soda, coffee and tea cost \$1.35.

If the over-fried dumplings, greasy, chewy meat and stale fortune cookies are avoided, I would recommend Summer Palace for a cheap lunch or dinner for friends with diverse tastes. This is definitely not a place to take a date or anyone else you would like to impress, but for a family or friend group hoping to save some money while eating out, it’s not a bad place.

‘Unstoppable’ thrives on Washington’s acting

By STORI LONG
CONTRIBUTOR

When an unmanned train “the size of the Chrysler building” carrying explosive material goes rogue, barreling at full speed on occupied train tracks through cities, who are you going to call? Denzel Washington, of course.

MOVIE REVIEW

With his charmingly debonair ways and innate gift for redeeming any movie he is in, Washington helps to transform a movie with no real tangible plot into a fast-paced, tension-filled, enjoyable movie-experience.

The movie opens with the life of Will Coulson, portrayed by Chris Pine, who seems to almost reprise his role as the young, cocky captain of the Enterprise in the 2009 rendition of Star Trek, except he is now the young, cocky conductor of a freight train. Coulson is down-and-out, having been separated from his wife and kid because of various legal issues. His day is not

improved when he is met by immediate hostility from the older workers, who take offense to a younger man invading their territory.

Washington plays Frank, a veteran train engineer, who is paired with Coulson on his first day. It does not take long for youth and experience to butt heads as the two take their first train ride together.

Meanwhile, unbeknownst to conductor and engineer, a series of unfortunate events led to the rogue train being unleashed.

After several failed attempts made by those in charge to stop the train, Coulson and Frank take things into their own hands in a harrowing attempt to chase the train down in reverse, hooking their train to the unmanned train and pull it back in the opposite direction before it reaches the highly populated town of Staton.

Their circumstances force both men to examine their own lives and priorities, and allows for a friendship of necessity to form between the seemingly opposite characters.

Everything about the movie is fairly predictable, with no great complexities or plot twists. However, the story is carried forward



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Denzel Washington stars in from 20th Centruy Fox film “Unstoppable.”

by compelling performances from Washington and Pine. It would be no easy feat for any actor to act alongside someone as talented as Washington, and Pine more than manages to hold his own.

Along with Washington and Pine, the movie has a fantastic supporting cast, namely Rosario Dawson who plays Connie, the senior train dispatcher, who serves as the liaison between headquarters and Pine and Washington. The movie itself is raw and vivid, a directing style Tony Scott has become known for with such movies as “Man on Fire,” and serves to heighten the

tension by making viewers feel as if the events were really unfolding right before their eyes. This is not a scary movie, but there are plenty of jumps and screams to be had thanks to the realistic filming and ever-mounting tension.

While I don’t believe this movie will be generating Oscar buzz, it is what it is and it does what it does well. If you have the time, the money and all you want is a fast-paced action film, then “Unstoppable” will by no means disappoint.

Grade: B-

This weekend in Waco

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8 - 11 p.m. — Nathan Angelo will perform with Seth Philpot and Jarrod Dickenson at Common Grounds. Tickets cost \$8.

>> Sunday

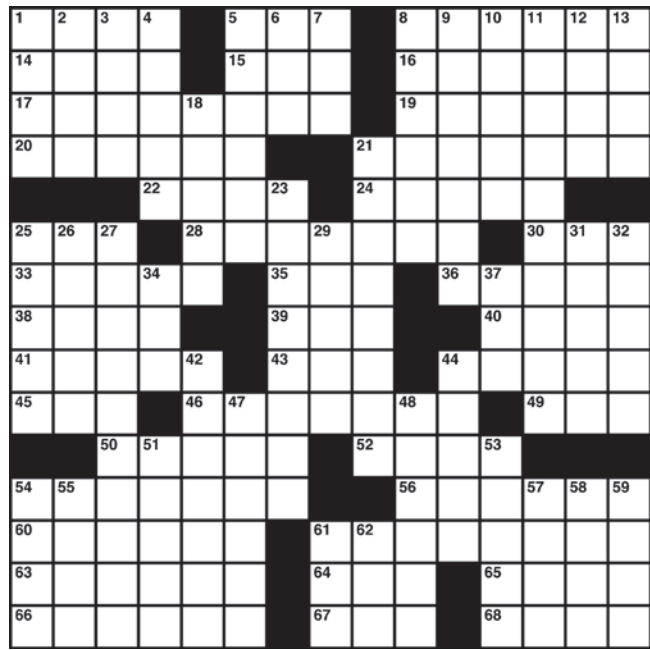
2 p.m. — The Waco Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Austin will join to present “The Nutcracker” in Waco Hall. Call 254-754-0851 to purchase tickets.

>> Monday

8 p.m. — The Psalters will perform at Common Grounds. Tickets cost \$5.

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Men cruise to victory

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS EDITOR

No. 17 ranked Baylor's Thursday night matchup with Jackson State was another sloppy 40 minutes, but the 63-49 contest was another win nonetheless. Freshman Perry Jones III exploded for 15 first-half points before finishing the night with 20 and adding eight rebounds in 36 minutes.

The Bears controlled the score from the opening tip, but never by much as 26 turnovers hindered the team and the guard-oriented Tigers worked to keep the Baylor lineup out of the paint.

With his team up 3-0, Jones scored nine straight points beginning with a bucket in the paint and ending in an alley-oop dunk plus an and-1 free throw. After the game, he said the performance was a matter of listening to his teammates and coaches.

"They told me to look for my offensive game because they see what I can do in practice. So they just want me to come out and display it on the court all time," Jones III said.

Because of Baylor's 16 first half turnovers and four offensive re-

bounds on 13 of 19 shooting, Jackson State grabbed just two total rebounds before the buzzer. The Tigers came as close as 30-26, but an 8-0 run between the halves gave Baylor all the cushion it needed.

Coach Scott Drew's squad also survived an 11-minute field goal drought in the second half behind a bevy of free throws. In the stretch between an A.J. Walton 3-pointer at 15:13 and a Fred Ellis layup at 4:13, the Bears went 10 of 10 from the charity stripe.

"We have this thing called free throw club. If you're shooting under 75 percent, you have to make 10 free throws before you leave the gym after practice," Walton said. "Nobody wants to be in the free throw club."

Walton was a perfect 6 of 6 from the line and totaled 14 points and five assists. He brought the crowd to his feet late in the game when Jones passed to him on a fast break and he took the opportunity to throw down a one-handed jam.

Juniors Quincy Acy and Fred Ellis had quieter nights than in Baylor's previous two games, each notching eight points.

Junior Anthony Jones scored six

and hauled in seven rebounds. His 27 minutes of playing time were the fewest among Baylor's five starters.

While the free throws rained down for the Bears during a subpar 5 of 15 second half, they held the Tigers to an equally poor 8 of 23 in the final 20 minutes.

The Bears' second half lead grew as large as 47-32 before Jackson State banked a shot from beyond the arc to beat the shot clock.

"I think this team has a chance to be very good defensively and very good on the boards," Drew said. "Those aren't things that people necessarily like to see [as much as offensive plays], but at the end of the day, coaches know that can win you a lot of games."

The Bears did show offensive power in the first half. Jones III was 7 of 8 from the field, and his team shot 68 percent. Ellis' game opening 3-pointer was one of three that fell for Baylor in the half.

The game ended on an 8-3 run including Walton's dunk and one final jumper from Jones.

Thursday was also the last game of LaceDarius Dunn's suspension. When the team's only senior returns, Drew expects fewer turn-



DANIEL CERNERO | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Baylor No. 20 freshman Stargell Love guards a Jackson State opponent during the second half of Thursday's game. The Bears' defense held the Tigers to 8 of 23 second-half shooting Baylor won, 62-49, and improved to 3-0.

overs and more scoring opportunities.

"He's done a great job coaching

and being involved on the bench, but I know we're all ready to get him on the floor and have him play

with us," Drew said.

Baylor next sees action at 7 p.m. Monday against Lipscomb.

Women increase outside shooting

By RACHEL ROACH
AND MATT LARSEN
SPORTS WRITERS

Coming from last place in 3-point shooting for the Big 12 in the 2009 season, the Lady Bears perimeter shooting is expected to make improvements.

"I think we're shooting pretty good from the three," head coach Kim Mulkey said in an interview Thursday. "I wouldn't look at our 3-point shooting today and think we're the same team as last year."

After a solid performance Tuesday evening against the University of Connecticut freshman Odyssey Sims was evidence of improved outside shooting.

Scoring all of Baylor's shots from above the arc at 3 of 3, Sims served as an offensive threat.

Fellow sophomore Kimetria Hayden, saw the benefit of having a three-point threat on the floor while running the floor for fast break opportunities and looking to drive.

"It's hard for a defense to try to stop me from going to the goal and try to stop a 3-point shooter in the corner," Hayden said. "It gives us a good offense to throw off the defense a little bit."

However, Sims isn't the only player that will lead the Bears this season.

Junior Terran Condrey caught fire in the game before UConn, when she dropped four three-pointers in a matter of minutes against a Rice squad intent on protecting the paint.

Rice and UConn, like most teams that have played the Bears both last year and so far this season, focused their defensive efforts on containing sophomore Brittney Griner. Often this contain looks like doubling or tripling up on the 6-foot-8 post, which leaves space for perimeter shooters like Condrey and Sims to cash in.

In previous years, the Bears often looked to now-senior guard Melissa Jones for that much-needed spark.

Jones led the team in both attempted and made threes despite a knee-injury that kept her sidelined off-and-on for a good portion of last season. Her absence left the Bears with a need for perimeter shooters to step up.

So far in 2010-2011, a number of candidates have answered the call as four Lady Bears have attempted more than 10 threes (none of them Jones), and all four are



DANIEL CERNERO | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Odyssey Sims bring the ball up the floor in the Baylor's game against Florida International last Friday. Sims is one of several players who increase the Lady Bears' perimeter shooting threat this season.

shooting at or above the .333 mark. Sophomore Jordan Madden and freshman Makenzie Robertson join Condrey and Sims on that list.

"I'm comfortable with all of them," Mulkey said.

The only reservation's the head coach has is with unpredictable circumstances. "What I'm not comfortable with are situations in the

game you can't help, and that's experience," Mulkey said.

After the Bears play together more, and gain confidence the team will play better in game situations, sophomore Brittney Griner said.

"In practice I feel our players are shooting pretty good. It's just getting confidence to knock it down in the game" she said.

Texans' Schaub to start despite injury

By CHRIS DUNCAN
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Houston Texans quarterback Matt Schaub is back with the team after he was hospitalized with an injury to the bursa sac in his right knee.

Schaub practiced on Thursday, and coach Gary Kubiak expects his No. 1 quarterback to start when the Texans (4-5) visit the New York Jets (7-2) on Sunday.

Kubiak said Schaub took about half the first-team snaps on Thursday. The only way Schaub will not start is if he has a setback before the game.

"Everything we thought would happen today happened," Kubiak said. "Everything is pointing in the right direction."

Schaub acknowledged that his knee has been bothering him most of the season. He said the pain increased on Tuesday morning and checked into a hospital later in the day. He stayed overnight and studied the playbook and a video of Wednesday's practice during his stay. He said the knee didn't bother him during Thursday's workout.

"It feels good and it's ready to go," Schaub said. "There is no doubt in my mind I'll be playing on Sunday."

Schaub said the injury will not

require surgery. He's started the last 25 games for Houston after missing five games in 2008 with a strained ligament in his left knee. He also missed five games in 2007 with a shoulder injury.

Schaub had no explanation for why the injury flared up, but he said it won't limit his movement in Sunday's game. He says he feels no pain in his knee when he runs or throws.

"It was just kind of weird Tuesday morning when I woke up, the way it was and everything," he said. "It was out of ordinary."

Schaub ranks fifth in the AFC in completion percentage (64.2) and yards passing (2,320). Dan Orlovsky is Schaub's backup, and Matt Leinart is next on the depth chart.

Orlovsky started seven games for Detroit in 2008, when the Lions became the first team in NFL history to go 0-16. He hasn't taken a snap in a regular-season game since signing with the Texans in March 2009.

"Like I said, I'll prepare the same way," Orlovsky said. "I honestly felt that I did a good job of preparing with our offense every single week and I won't change that. My job is to get ready to play no matter what the case is. I'll be ready."

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Baylor’s bowl game destination still unknown

By TYLER ALLEY
REPORTER

With the college football regular season winding down to its final games, bowl projections are becoming a little clearer. Results are still subject to change with some teams playing longer seasons than others, including some conferences holding championships, but there is less room for error for the analysts and experts.

So where does Baylor appear to be going?

Most experts in media assume Baylor will fall to Oklahoma and finish with a record of 7-5. Assuming the teams that are sup-

posed win do, in fact, win, Baylor would finish behind six teams in the Big 12: Nebraska, Oklahoma State, Missouri, Texas A&M, Oklahoma and Kansas State.

Kansas State finishes with games against a weak Colorado and a non-conference game against North Texas, two very winnable games. The team Baylor beat to become bowl-eligible may in fact finish with a better record than the Bears. Texas Tech also has a chance to finish with the same record as Baylor, as the Red Raiders play Weber State and University of Houston.

The Big XII Blog on ESPN.com currently has Baylor projected to

play in the Texas Bowl, on Dec. 29 in Houston’s Reliant Stadium, against an unnamed Big Ten opponent. CBSSports.com goes a little further with its projections, putting Baylor in the Texas Bowl against Northwestern. Rivals.com also has Baylor projected to play against Northwestern, but instead it projects Baylor to be in the TicketCity Bowl. The TicketCity Bowl is a new bowl this year that is played at Dallas’ Cotton Bowl Stadium, since the actual Cotton Bowl game was moved the new Cowboys Stadium in Arlington this year.

The selection process for bowls is fairly simple, but it also has a

number of factors that play a role in the process.

Every bowl has two conferences from which it may pick its two teams, one from each. The more prestigious bowls get first pick on which team they want from that particular conference.

For instance, since it is highly unlikely that a Big 12 team will compete for the national championship, the winner of the Big 12 championship game will play in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, which is the bowl the Big 12 has a contract with. The AT&T Cotton Bowl gets the next pick out of the Big 12.

The remaining bowls will choose a Big 12 team in the follow-

ing order: the Valero Alamo Bowl, the Insight Bowl, the Bridgepoint Education Holiday Bowl, the Texas Bowl, the New Era Pinstripe Bowl and the TicketCity Bowl.

The bowls, however, do not necessarily have to invite the next school with the best record, and invited schools do not have to accept the bowl’s invitation. This is why bowl projections are never 100 percent accurate, even after all the games have been played.

Other factors may come into account. It is possible the Texas Bowl will choose Baylor over Kansas State because Houston is only a three-hour drive for Baylor fans, so it will boost ticket sales.

While there are changes made every year to the bowl system, history can be taken into account. Last season, Oklahoma finished 7-5 and played Stanford in the Sun Bowl.

Unfortunately, the Sun Bowl no longer chooses from the Big 12, so this is not a possibility this year for the Bears. Missouri, however, finished 8-4 last season and played Navy in the Texas Bowl.

At the moment, the Texas Bowl seems to be the most logical choice Baylor’s first bowl this century. Keep in mind, though, that an upset victory over Oklahoma this weekend could change things entirely.

Cowboys’ Garrett takes hints from former coach Johnson

By JAMIE ARON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — As a third-string quarterback on the 1993 Dallas Cowboys, Jason Garrett tried to absorb every nuance of the game and he especially took note of the way coach Jimmy Johnson ran the club.

Johnson set a tone that resonated throughout the locker room and all of team headquarters. The Cowboys were good and knew it. They knew hard work got them from 1-15 to Super Bowl champs and only more hard work would keep them there. Rules were spelled out, consequences, too; only novices or fools tested the boundaries. Practices could be as tough as games.

By following Johnson’s lead during the week, the Cowboys won on the weekends. Garrett never forgot that. And now that he has Johnson’s old job, he is using a similar blueprint to make the franchise a winner again — so far, that is.

Garrett is only 1-0 since replacing Wade Phillips last week, but soundly beating the division-leading Giants in New York helped win

over a lot of skeptics. On Tuesday, he took a break from planning for the Detroit Lions to let Johnson know his way is back in vogue at Valley Ranch.

“Making sure I get the maximum performance from everyone in the organization every day is my No. 1 daily focus,” Garrett wrote in a text message to Johnson.

Garrett has learned from every coach he’s been around, crafting his theories on offense by playing for the likes of Norv Turner, Ernie Zampese, Sean Payton and Jon Gruden, and getting more lessons in leadership from Nick Saban in his first stint as an assistant coach.

Yet after his first season as offensive coordinator in Dallas, it was Johnson who Garrett turned to for advice on whether to become head coach for the Falcons or the Ravens.

“We talked at length about those jobs and the alternative of staying in Dallas, about the pluses and minuses and what the risks were,” Johnson said. “Then he flew down here to the Keys and spent three days with me.”

Garrett was invited for a guys’ weekend of fishing, drinking and talking football. He brought along

Troy Aikman and several pages of questions.

“I told Troy, ‘This guy is wearing me out!’” Johnson said, laughing. “I wanted to drink beer and have fun and all he wanted to do

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Jason Garrett| Head coach

was talk football.”

It wasn’t about strategy. They mostly discussed running a football team, how to lead 53 players and a staff of assistant coaches. That was among Johnson’s greatest attributes as he took the Cowboys from one win in his first season to Super Bowl champions in his fourth and fifth seasons.

“Xs and Os sometimes clutter people up,” Johnson said. “They forget that players win games. Jason understands that. He’s going to make sure his players are upbeat and motivated. And it’s not

just the players, it’s everyone in the organization — assistant coaches, second-team offensive guards, secretaries. They all need to be positive, upbeat.”

Dallas was 1-7 when Garrett took over, so the first thing he did was create a new, tougher atmosphere.

Wednesday practices are now in full pads. Players must hustle from drill to drill every day. They have to show up earlier every morning and must dress like professionals on a business trip when they travel. On Wednesday, digital clocks were being installed throughout the facility, all synchronized together. Everyone was told the consequences for violating each rule and several guys already have been punished.

It’s all part of the “culture change” team owner Jerry Jones wanted when he made the first in-season coaching switch in franchise history.

“Intelligent people that work at it, they can solve the problems,” Johnson said. “That’s what I like about Jason — he’s intelligent, has a passion for the game and he’ll work hard. That’s what gives him a chance. Is he the greatest in the

world in every phase? Probably no, not right now. But smart people figure out a way.”

Garrett was smart enough to get a history degree from Princeton. In fact, he’s the first Princeton alum to become an NFL head coach. His wife, Brill, went to Princeton, too, and she also got a law degree from Harvard.

Garrett comes from a football family — his dad, Jim, was in pro football nearly every year from 1954-2004, the last 17 years as a Cowboys scout. His oldest brother was a high school coach for more than 20 years, and two more brothers are in Dallas as the tight ends coach and assistant scouting director.

Garrett’s career journey is a tale of hard knocks: a year on the Saints’ developmental squad, a year as an assistant coach at Princeton, time in the World League and the CFL, all before making an NFL roster. He ended up lasting for 12 seasons and it wasn’t because of his arm; he played only 25 games. But he was ready when called on, going 6-3 as a starter.

Those who know him best are convinced he has what it takes to be a successful coach.

Aikman told Fox viewers Sunday that Garrett could’ve become president of the United States had he chosen politics over football. Cowboys radio analyst Babe Laufenberg, a former quarterback, compares Garrett to Bill Walsh.

“I’m not saying he’s going to win three Super Bowls like Bill Walsh,” Laufenberg said. “But Bill Walsh recruited me to Stanford and I see so many of the same characteristics in Jason — as a person, how they approach football, how they teach it.”

Former Cowboys safety Darren Woodson still remembers a conversation he had with Garrett more than 15 years ago. Garrett wanted to know how a safety decides which way to cover a tight end on passing downs, whether to move up and bump him off the line of scrimmage or to back off and follow his route.

“I had to think about it myself,” Woodson said, laughing. “You just knew then that this was his life. You could sort of see that this is what he’s going to do. He’s so organized. He pays attention to all the details. He asks all the right questions. So what he’s doing now doesn’t surprise me.”

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does, she added.

It is this ability to mix passion with a unique perspective that many say makes him a revolutionary.

“I think philosophically speaking he’s looking at an issue that’s been there for many years, looking at it through completely fresh eyes and also looking at it through the perspective of an American, which is a little bit unique,” said Amir Omar, city councilman for Richardson. “And his ability to come back to the States and explain those needs in terms that other Americans would understand, I think that has a really compelling message to it. It not only impacts children in Pakistan but also it impacts the perceptions of Americans.”

Yet Mortenson’s vision is not just designed to change perspectives, but to alter future generations by educating today’s youth, especially women.

“When a girl learns how to read and write, one of the first things she does is teach her own mother,” Mortenson said. “The girls will bring home meat and veggies, wrapped in newspapers, and the mother will ask the girl to read the newspaper to her and the mothers will learn about

politics and about women who are exploited.”

Teaching women, Mortenson says, is the way to changing the world.

“When someone goes on jihad, they first should get permission and blessings from their mother,” he said. “And if they don’t, it’s very shameful or disgraceful. And I saw that happen after 9/11. They were primarily targeting illiterate, impoverished society because many educated women were refusing to allow their sons to join the Taliban.”

But education of this sort can only take place when you don’t walk in as strangers to try and change the world, but first become family, Mortenson said.

That happens with three cups of tea.

“The first cup you’re a stranger, second cup a friend and the third cup you become family. That doesn’t mean you just go around drinking tea, having peace in the world,” he said. “But what it means is that first we have to build relationships and get to know each other.”

That’s how Mortenson believes in promoting peace: one school at a time.

ADOPTION from Page 1

A Baylor law student is expected to dress as the character Buzz Lightyear and members of the Kappa Omega Tau fraternity will perform a short skit from their Pigskin Revue show “The Toys are Back.” Baylor Athletics will also be participating by sending Bruiser Bear to entertain and take pictures with the kids, Fusilier said.

Julie Moody, public information officer with the Department of Family and Protective Services, said that the event is an opportunity to raise awareness for adoption because there are 77 children in the McLennan County area and more than 5,900 children statewide waiting to be adopted.

Barnett emphasized the need to adopt children from the local area.

“It’s a positive thing to take children out of the foster care system and putting them in a permanent home and giving them a second chance,” Barnett said. “We hope

that the word will get out to families that there are children waiting to be adopted and that you don’t

“...these children finally have something in their life that is stable...”

Julie Moody
Department of Family and Protective Services

have to go out of state or out of the country to adopt. They’re here too.”

Moody said it’s a positive feeling knowing the children are being adopted.

“I can tell you it’s a wonderful feeling to know that these children finally have something in their life that is stable and that they know it’s their true home. It’s very rewarding,” Moody said.

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the 1,000-yard mark for the season last Saturday against Texas A&M.

The Bears will need his services to bolster an offense that hopes to outscore a balanced Sooners attack.

Like the A&M squad the Bears faced last week, the Sooners enter the game having thrown the ball just 10 more times than they have rushed this season.

Unlike the Aggies, Oklahoma boasts a couple more big names that it looks to for most of its production.

Running back Demarco Murray gets the heaping plate of carries and averages 91 yards a game with 13 touchdowns.

Murray is also the second-most-targeted receiver behind Maxwell-finalist wide receiver Ryan Broyles, who leads the nation in receptions per game and picks up 120 yards a game.

Broyles is on the receiving end of quarterback Landry Jones’ passes. Jones averages 316 yards a game and sits tied with Oklahoma State’s Brandon Weeden for most touchdown passes in the Big 12.

A number of those touchdowns passes have come thanks to a fast-paced style.

“I expect a really high up-tempo team,” freshman linebacker Chris McAllister said. “I think they run about 85 plays a game. We’re going to have to be ready for it.”

On the defensive side, OU is balanced as well, giving up just one more touchdown through the air than on the ground this season, is are ranked the fourth best defense in the conference.

“They’re big,” Finley said. “They’ve got a D-line and linebackers; that’s what I usually look at. They play well, move well.”

Quarterback Robert Griffin believes he saw a very similar defense a couple weeks ago when they snatched a precious road win.

“The only difference between their defense and the Texas defense is that Texas is a little bit smaller, but quicker,” Griffin said.

“Oklahoma brings both size and speed. It will be a challenge, but we’ve got weapons on our offense so it will be a challenge for them as well. We’ve got to go in there, scheme them up and get ready to play.”



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Marilynne Robinson speaks to students and teachers Thursday in Carroll Science Building.

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can writers to realize that their work has a global impact, and to be faithful to the high standards that have been set by previous American writers, Robinson said.

“This is another reason of course why we should think carefully about the quality of what we do,” Robinson said. “We’re read all over the globe. And the impact that we have is meaningful. It is either a contribution to the rest of the world, an insult to the rest of the world or a distraction to the rest of the world.”

Robinson was brought to Baylor as part of the Intersection Lecture Series, hosted by the Honors College and Student Activities.

“Gilead,” about a small-town pastor who knows he is dying of

a heart condition, won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2005.

Dr. Sarah-Jane Murray, associate professor of the great texts program in the Honors College, said she was glad to hear Robinson speak at Baylor because Robinson’s work is so intertwined with her faith and with finding meaning in life.

“One of the things that is so significant about Marilyn’s work is that she invites us to find great meaning and transcendentals in everyday life,” Murray said. “So I wasn’t interested in Marilyn’s speaking here tonight because she has a Pulitzer Prize, I was interested in Marilyn’s speaking here tonight because she is one of the authors I think in the world who

writes from her heart and from her faith and inspires the people who read her to become better people in reality.”

Tanner Vickers, graduate apprentice for partner programs in the department of student activities, said Student Activities and the Honor College want to bring in speakers who have diverse experience and wisdom to share with students, and Robinson was a good fit for the series.

“She’s an exemplary author. She’s a fantastic individual,” Vickers said.

“She has relevant things to say to students and has much to offer to students just overall through conversation, through the lecture, through her writing.”

Soldiers claim misunderstanding in arrest

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Soldiers accused of breaking into a Colorado medical marijuana dispensary and then accidentally locking themselves inside told police they planned to destroy the marijuana — not smoke or sell it.

The Gazette in Colorado Springs reports a police affidavit

says two of the three Fort Carson soldiers told officers they were trying to steal the marijuana so they could get rid of it.

Police say the three were arrested Saturday on second-degree burglary charges after they accidentally locked themselves in the Colorado Springs dispensary during a burglary attempt.

Officers say they were on an

unrelated call at a nearby business around 2 a.m. when they heard someone banging on glass inside the dispensary.

The soldiers are 23-year-old Pfc. Darius Thomas, 22-year-old Pvt. Cory Young and 22-year-old Pfc. Ramone Hollins. It was unknown Thursday if any of them had an attorney.



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