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Orchestra concert

The 53-member Baylor Campus Orchestra will perform its second concert of the semester at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building; the event is free.

Kick it with a lawyer

Baylor School of Law professors are hosting an auction for students where the prizes include fun activities with the professors themselves. Want to go bowling, golfing or shopping with a law professor? Go to an auction table at the law school today to place a silent bid.

Eyes on the future

Faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of Baylor have a chance to voice their opinion on the university's next 10-year strategic plan. Community input will be taken until April 2011. The university's strategic planning website (www.baylor.edu/strategicplan) will guide the process with timelines, links and instructions.

Symposium series

The Presidential Symposium Series is hosting Nancy Cantor, chancellor and president of Syracuse University, from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center. She will speak on the public mission of universities.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Spring sophomore Gabrielle Lalou, Houston freshman Katie Pyron and Spring freshman Dani Arrecis enjoy ice skating together Wednesday at Baylor on Ice at Fountain Mall. The event, made possible by using a synthetic rink, is part of Christmas on 5th Street.

Tunes, tree kick off Christmas

By CHRIS DAY REPORTER

Baylor's Christmas on 5th Street will feature three major label artists today: Matt Wertz, Phil Wickham and Mandisa Hundley. Mandisa will perform at 7 p.m. with her band in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. The contemporary Christian and R&B artist was signed to Sparrow Records after gaining fame as a ninth-place finalist in the fifth season of American Idol. Mandisa said that since her stint with American Idol, things have been better than she expected them to be.

"I thought to myself, 'Really, is this my life?' I am very thankful for what the Lord planned for me," she said. She describes her sound as having "raging guitars with a funky beat and it talks about Jesus." Mandisa said that during her first two albums, she was discovering her sound. "I can't really compare my sound to anyone. I have rock influences but I grew up on Jeremy Camp with Whitney Houston," she said. Mandisa said she is excited to perform at Baylor as she reflects on her college days. Her backup singer, Laura Cooksey, is a Baylor alumna. "I remember being in college and having no idea what I was going to do graduating with a career in music," Mandisa said. "I believe in Matthew 6:33. 'But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.' I am a firm believer that if you seek the Lord he has got a plan for all of us. As long as I direct my attention to him he will direct my path." Mandisa will primarily sing Christmas music, but will also include hits from her other two albums. The concert is part of Cocoa, Cookies and Carols, organized by the Baylor Religious Hour Choir.

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Church readies holiday festivities

By JADE MARDIROSIAN STAFF WRITER

This Christmas season Columbus Avenue Baptist Church will be presenting "Christmas at Columbus - A Season of Adoration," a series of four events that will begin Sunday. Jewel Hayworth, music ministry assistant for the church, described the series of events as reinforcing the church's mission. "Our mission as a church is to love God, love others and make His love known. We believe this series of Christmas events reinforce that mission," Hayworth said. "We want to share the true meaning of Christmas, the gift of God's only son, Jesus Christ, in ways that will attract our community and touch the heart." All presentations will be held at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, located at 1300 Columbus Ave. "Our hope is that the four events of Christmas at Columbus will draw people into a deeper understanding of who God is and how he has provided salvation for them through the birth, life, death and resurrection of His son Jesus Christ," Hayworth said. "We also hope that they leave filled with joy and happiness and a better and fuller understanding of the meaning of the Christmas season." The first event, "Sing We Now of Christmas," will take place at 6:30 p.m. Sunday and will be a sacred musical concert consisting of an 80-person choir, ensembles, hand bells and orchestra. The event is free and open to the public and designed to share the joy and meaning of the holiday season through song, music and

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East Village plans may ax apartment complex

By SARA TIRRITO STAFF WRITER



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

The Arbors Apartments may not be available in spring 2012 if plans for a new residential community are approved.

Students living in the East Arbors Apartments and Arbors Apartments buildings one and two were recently notified by e-mail that their apartments will not be available for the spring semester of the 2011-2012 school year because of possible plans to construct a new residential complex in the area where these apartments currently stand. Though the plans for the complex, known as the East Village Residential Community, have not been approved, Jeff Doyle, dean for student learning and engagement, said students should be made aware of the situation up front in case the plans for the complex do work out. "If it is approved, then we figured it'd be better not to have students sign up for next fall now and then tell them they can't stay there for the year instead of telling them what we told them [in the e-mail]," Doyle said. In the e-mail, students were told that the Baylor-owned apartments would be open for the fall 2011 semester, but not the entire 2011-2012 school year. They were also offered priority over the general student population in choosing a new housing assignment if they would like to remain on campus for the 2011-2012 school year. "I think East Arbors in particular, it's become a really great upper division community, so I think there's a lot of students that are sad it isn't going to be an option," Terri Garrett, director for Campus Living and Learning, said. "But what we're doing for those students that are being displaced, we really are working to help them if they want to stay on campus, to find an option that's going to be viable for them. They really are our priority at this point."

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Waco Chamber rewarded for excellent energy efficiency

By CARMEN GALVAN STAFF WRITER

The Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce has received the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star this year after earning a grade of 98 in energy performance, according to a statement released by the chamber. The award certifies that a business or organization has met energy efficiency standards, said Lesly Rasco, vice president of communications for the chamber. "It's an efficiency rating because the building met enough of the specifications based on the efficient use of resources such as electricity and water," Rasco said. The Energy Star certification comes as no surprise to the chamber, because the chamber building was originally built to meet the similar energy efficiency standards for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification. The LEED certification is offered by the U.S. Green Building Council and certifies that a building or community is designed to conserve energy through different avenues such as water efficiency and lowered carbon dioxide emissions. The Waco chamber building was the first chamber building in the United States to meet the LEED standards, said Lauren San Miguel, research manager at the chamber. "We built our building in line with the LEED certification, and the Energy Star was something I stumbled across," San Miguel said. "The Energy Star demonstrates our commitment to energy efficiency and using our resources wisely, and it gives us the opportunity to encourage our member businesses to participate in this program as well." Rasco said the chamber expected to be certified. "We'd already met specifications for Energy Star because of LEED, so when we submitted the application, we knew we would get it," Rasco said. San Miguel was a primary force in applying for the Energy Star certification, and she submitted the chamber's application in late October. The application included 12 months of water and electricity bills and a completed questionnaire that was signed by a certified engineer. The chamber received a letter stating its certification on Nov. 19. "The Greater Waco Chamber is pleased to accept EPA's Energy Star in recognition of our energy efficiency efforts," said James G. Vaughan, Jr., president and CEO of the chamber. "Through this achievement we have demonstrated our commitment to environmental stewardship while also lowering our energy costs." Rosco and San Miguel said they hope the chamber will serve as a green example for other businesses in Waco. "Our main purpose is that we would like to see as many business in Waco look into the Energy Star program and submit their applications," Rosco said. "The

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The Baylor Lariat welcomes reader viewpoints through letters to the editor and guest columns. Opinions expressed in the Lariat are not necessarily those of the Baylor administration, the Baylor Board of Regents or the Student Publications Board.

Selling program champions relationships

By MEGHAN HENDRICKSON
STAFF WRITER

Baylor's Center for Professional Selling does not teach students how to make a sale, but how to assess the needs of a customer and help them find successful solutions to meet those needs. This was one of several thought-provoking ideas that was shared by eight senior professional sales students to underclassmen Wednesday.

The professional sales major of the Hankamer School of Business hosted an invitation-only luncheon on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center for underclassmen who expressed an interest in learning more about the major and the value it holds.

Professional sales is a major that stems from the marketing major at Baylor and is limited to only 18 students for the purposes of competition, small classes and effective learning.

Students interested in majoring in professional sales are required

to take pre-requisite courses and be selected through an application process.

Fort Worth senior Sarah Shive attended the luncheon last fall and is now a professional sales major expecting to graduate in May.

Shive helps recruit new students to the Center for Professional Selling.

Two weeks ago Shive competed in the Baylor Business Sell-Off, an individual-level sales competition open to business students, and received an invitation to interview with Dell after the company witnessed her sales skills at work during a role play scenario.

"I have an interview in two weeks," Shive said. "If that job opportunity comes through, it would be such a full circle because I never thought I'd be a sales major and get a job at a sales competition. To me, it's proof that this is a successful program."

Shive said the professional sales major doesn't close any doors, but rather gives students more oppor-



NICK BERRYMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Leawood, Kan. senior Sara Thompson speaks to underclassmen during a luncheon in Cashion Academic Center Wednesday. Eight students described their internships and their journey into Professional Sales.

tunity. The eight students presenting at the luncheon each came from different backgrounds with different interests, personalities and strengths, but she said because

they found their passion in professional sales, each one of them has been equipped with the skills they need to be successful.

"At Baylor we are taught Christ-

centered sales, meaning we don't want to push a product – we want to build a relationship," Shive said in her presentation at the luncheon. "I believe that being learned in that perspective of sales already puts you a step ahead."

Dr. Andrea Dixon came to Baylor from the University of Cincinnati last year to serve as the executive director of the Center for Professional Selling.

Dixon said the reason she does what she does is because of the students.

"I see in a four-month period of time how much they change from where they started just a few months ago," Dixon said. "They would have had PowerPoint slides with 80 words, but part of my job is getting them to change their mindset to see that it's not a presentation — it's a conversation."

Dixon said one of the most important things about professional selling is building value into a product based on the point of view of the customer.

Rockwall junior Emily Kirwan is a double major in nonprofit marketing and international business, but attended the luncheon because she felt it was an opportunity to learn something valuable.

"I realized that I need to start working on myself to become better at what I want to do by preparing now," Kirwan said. "One of the students said that no matter what you do in business, it still involves sales. I think that's true. I think it's important that I learn to sell myself as a business professional."

The luncheon provided an opportunity for underclassmen to receive wisdom and practical advice from their senior peers.

"Each one of those students provided reassurance that they're where God wants them, but they started several majors ago," Dixon said. "It's normal to go through the process in college of trying different suits on — we're telling you to try them on even faster and try more until you find the place that feels right for you."

Amazon severs ties with fugitive WikiLeaks founder

By MALIN RISING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — WikiLeaks was on the defensive on several fronts Wednesday, scrambling to remain on the Internet and post more U.S. diplomatic documents while its fugitive founder Julian Assange was targeted by a European arrest warrant on Swedish rape charges.

Amazon.com Inc. prevented WikiLeaks from using the U.S. company's computers to distribute embarrassing State Department communications and other documents, WikiLeaks said Wednesday. The WikiLeaks site was unavailable for several hours before it moved back to servers owned by its previous Swedish host, Bahnhof, which are housed in a protective Cold-

War era bunker.

At the same time, Swedish officials intensified legal pressure on Assange by asking European police to arrest him on rape allegations that have shadowed him for weeks.

Amazon's move to kick WikiLeaks off its servers came after congressional staff called the company Tuesday to inquire about its relationship with WikiLeaks, Sen. Joe Lieberman, the Connecticut independent, said Wednesday.

"The company's decision to cut off Wikileaks now is the right decision and should set the standard for other companies Wikileaks is using to distribute its illegally seized material," Lieberman said in a statement. He added that he would have further questions for Amazon about its dealings with WikiLeaks.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs spurned Assange's call for Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to step down if she had any role in directing U.S. diplomats' spying on other foreign leaders. Gibbs called the demand "both ridiculous and absurd," saying in television news interviews that Clinton had done nothing wrong and U.S. diplomats do not engage in spying.

Clinton was in Astana, Kazakhstan, enduring repeated comments about the WikiLeaks disclosures as she met with foreign officials at a conference of international leaders.

The WikiLeaks matter was discussed in virtually all of Clinton's private one-on-one meetings with European leaders and foreign ministers during the summit

meeting Wednesday.

"I have certainly raised the issue of the leaks in order to assure our colleagues that it will not in any way interfere with American diplomacy or our commitment to continuing important work that is ongoing," Clinton said.

Assange's call for Clinton's resignation came in an online interview Tuesday with Time magazine from an undisclosed location.

State Department officials have acknowledged that secret instructions to American diplomats to gather sensitive personal information about foreign leaders originated from the U.S. intelligence community. But diplomats were not required to spy, the officials said.

Assange remained a fugitive Wednesday, shadowed by the Europe-wide arrest warrant.

Assange's London-based lawyer, Mark Stephens, complained his client had yet to receive formal notice of the allegations he faces — something Stephens described as a legal requirement under European law.

The 39-year-old Australian computer hacker has been out of public sight since a Nov. 5 news conference in Geneva. He has spoken publicly only through online interviews, while a statement from his lawyer said the Australian was being persecuted by Swedish officials seeking his arrest on allegations of rape, sexual molestation and unlawful coercion.

The exact nature of the allegations facing Assange aren't completely clear. Stephens has in the past described them as a part of "a post-facto dispute over consensual,

but unprotected sex." Even Swedish prosecutors have disagreed about whether to label the most serious charge as rape.

Formal charges have not been filed, but a detention order issued Nov. 18 remains in force pending an appeal by Assange. The case is now before Sweden's Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, Assange's secret-spilling group is still in the process of disclosing hundreds of classified State Department cables, which have revealed requests for U.S. diplomats to gather personal information on their foreign counterparts, highlighted Western concerns that Islamist militants might get access to Pakistan's nuclear material and American skepticism that Islamabad will sever ties to Taliban factions fighting in Afghanistan.

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Violence in video games sparks controversy

By DEREK SOMMER
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Violent video games went on trial in the U.S. Supreme Court last month with Schwarzenegger vs. Entertainment Merchants Association. The case questions the constitutionality of a 2005 California law banning the sale of certain “deviant violent video games” to minors.

Violent video games have often aroused the ire of politicians. One example is Rockstar Games’ Manhunt series, in which the player is an assassin with a wide array of common objects, including a clothing iron and a plastic bag, in gory cinematic scenes.

While some argued that the unsightly sadism in Manhunt was exploring the disturbing nature of extreme violence, others felt it indulged dark tendencies toward violence in players.

The Supreme Court’s decision in this current case could have an important impact on legislation regarding violent video games in other states.

One of the main issues in the case is the difficulty of drawing the line between games that are and are not acceptable. Sexual obscenity, which draws many parallels with violence in this case, has had its share of legislative and judicial controversies.

Violence, meanwhile, does not have a clear definition for proper regulation. The California law defines violence that is unacceptable for minors as against humanoid forms, catering to sadistic tendencies and lacking artistic merit. These parameters, however, did not satisfy the Supreme Court.

“What’s a deviant violent video game? As opposed to what? A normal violent video game?” Justice

Antonin Scalia said, addressing California deputy attorney general Zackery Morazzini at a hearing on Nov. 2. “The Grimm’s fairy tales are quite grim. Are you going to ban them, as well?”

Another issue of the case was the California law’s suggestion that video games should receive the special treatment as a form of media. The video game, movie and television industries all have their own internal systems of regulation, yet video games are singled out by the 2005 law for criminal penalties when sold to children. This argument is based on the idea that violent video games provide children with interactive carnage: the children are not watching their hero in battle but rather exacting pain and death on humanoid figures in the game.

“I would be extremely loathe to see video games treated like ciga-

rettes or alcohol,” said Fort Worth senior Daniel Blauser. “Video games are a much more interactive and immersive form of media [than movies or books]. Gamers like to make this argument themselves, but it backfires on them when you begin to hold video games to a special standard.”

Another issue was whether the California legislation is supplanting the role of parents to a degree.

“I think that it’s up to a child’s parent to decide what is appropriate or not for their children,” said San Antonio senior Kaitlin Speer. “Parents, as the primary guardians of a child, would and should be around when their children are playing video games, so it’s not like parents are unaware as it is that their children are playing these violent video games.”

Supreme Justice Stephen Breyer argued differently.

“[Parents] need additional help [controlling what their kids play] because many parents are not home when their children come home from school,” Breyer said to Paul Smith, the attorney representing the video game industry. In his response, Blauser discussed the government’s involvement in parenting in a broader context.

“Within the public sphere, the government does very much augment and suggest [what parents should expose their kids to],” Blauser said on the issue. “If the ESRB [or Entertainment Software Rating Board] and the gaming industry’s own regulatory system is currently not adequate I could see [the government] stepping in. ... I theoretically agree that the government can, and, under certain circumstances, probably should, have a hand in regulating the video game industry. However, given the

current state of our political discourse, I am very worried about them actually being able to do it effectively without pandering to populism.”

Plano senior Harry Shen said video games as an unregulated media are valuable warning signs about our society that should not be suppressed.

“Violence in video games does not cause violence in the youth,” Shen said. “Improper guidance by parents is the root cause of violence manifesting itself in our culture. What we choose to do in a game, fantasy though it may be, is ultimately a reflection of the moral and ethical foundations that we are made of. Because of this, I think we as a people need to evaluate if our foundations and the basis of our morality need changing rather than changing the art forms we express ourselves with.”

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Kappa Omega Tau fraternity will present the 45th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. KOT recruited musical guests Matt Wertz and Phil Wickham to play on a stage in The Quadrangle next to the Christmas tree.

Kappa Pickers, a vocal ensemble from the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, will also perform.

The lighting of the tree is put together by the fraternity’s Christmas tree chairs, Waco juniors Brennan Bailey and Nick Deaver, Dallas juniors Drew Jolesch and James Blair, Fort Worth junior Layne Hancock and Austin junior Sam Klatt.

“Artist selection, their travel cost, transportation, food cost are all done by the six of us,” Bailey said. “Baylor has been very flexible and has made themselves very available. Baylor has no contact with the artist agencies or the Christmas tree company. That’s all done through us. Basically, every year we build the event and approach Baylor and get it approved.”

The event is paid for through personal donations from the student government allocation fund, alumni and active parents as well as other sponsors that the Christmas tree chairs have sought.

The goal of the event is to raise money to donate to the Mocha

Club’s education project by selling T-shirts and fleeces. The charity seeks to enhance education in South Africa and Kenya.

“It’s our platform, higher education. We just thought it seemed fitting,” Bailey said.

T-shirts are being sold from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at five locations across campus: the Bill Daniel Student Center, Hankamer School of Business lobby, Penland Residence Hall, Collins Residence Hall and Memorial Residence Hall.

“It’s a great winter tradition,” Bailey said. “It’s neat to sit around a table with five of your best friends and envision what you want a philanthropic event to look like.”

The Christmas tree chairs said the revenue is pivotal.

“For me, the depth and detail we’ve had to go into has been unreal,” Hancock said. “We have several different budget sheets. I feel like the experience of this is so comprehensive that it’s better than any single class project you can do. If it’s a marketing class it’s just marketing or if it’s accounting it focuses on accounting. This is everything.”

Student Activities Board will work with the department of modern foreign languages for a presentation in the Bill Daniel Student Center Bowl, singing Christmas Carols in a variety of foreign languages.

The Marketplace Arts and Crafts Fair will be put on by Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

Michael Riemer, the associate director of Student Activities for on-campus programs, described Christmas on 5th Street as one of their major programs of the year.

“I work closely with the Baylor Activities Council, which is the group that is responsible for planning all the Activities for Christmas on 5th,” Riemer said. “They work with several different student organizations. They work with KOT on the tree lighting, BRH on the concert that happens here in Barfield. They work with Delta Sigma Theta sorority on the Marketplace. There’s several different anchor components. There’s the tree lighting and concert, the carols and concert that happens in the Barfield Drawing Room. There’s also the advent services done by Spiritual Life that happen in Armstrong Browning Library and then there’s the Marketplace, which is done on the first floor. It’s all scheduled so that Mandisa will finish before the Christmas tree lighting begins, so that people can go to both.”

Christmas on 5th Street will take place from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. today at Fountain Mall, Burleson Quadrangle, Traditions Plaza and in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Performances

- 6:30 p.m.: Baylor Religious Hour Choir - Barfield Drawing Room
- 6:45 p.m.: Columbus Avenue Baptist Church Handbells - Vara Daniel Plaza
- 7 p.m.: Mandisa - Barfield Drawing Room
- 7 p.m.: The Kappa Pickers - Burleson Quadrangle
- 7:30 p.m.: Columbus Avenue Baptist Church Handbells - Vara Daniel Plaza
- 7:30 p.m.: Scott & Clare - Burleson Quadrangle
- 8:15 p.m.: Columbus Avenue Baptist Church Handbells - Vara Daniel Plaza
- 8:15 p.m.: Phil Wickham - Burleson Quadrangle
- 9:30 p.m.: Matt Wertz - Burleson Quadrangle



FILE PHOTO
The Christmas tree is lit at last year’s Christmas on 5th Street celebration.

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No. 42 power forward Brittney Griner passes the ball during the game against Notre Dame Wednesday, at the Ferrell Center. The Lady Bears won, 76-65, and improved to 8-1.

Women beat ranked Irish

By Rachel Roach
Sports Writer

In the two teams' first-ever meeting, the Lady Bears defeated No. 16 ranked Notre Dame, 76-65, on Wednesday night at the Ferrell Center.

Despite efforts from Notre Dame (5-3) in keeping sophomore Brittney Griner below her average of 23.3 points, she was still a threat, finishing the night with 21 points, eight rebounds and four blocks.

Griner, who leads Baylor (8-1) in scoring, says she's become accustomed to pressure and sagging zone defenses like she saw Wednesday.

"I kind of see it every night," Griner said.

Because of the pressure on Griner, junior Brooklyn Pope was able to have more freedom at the post and followed close behind with 20 points and a team-high 14 rebounds.

"I thought Brooklyn came to play tonight. I thought she was very aggressive and she played under control. She didn't try to do too much. She just let the game come to her. She was very good," head coach Kim Mulkey said.

Pope remains thankful for the playing time and appreciates the help she has received.

"I'm going to get through the hump of not playing. Coach [Kim] Mulkey works with me. She has shown patience with me by keeping me in the lineup and keeps trying me. I got that tonight; I played OK," Pope said.

Freshman Odyssey Sims and sophomore Kimetria Hayden did the work for the Bears beyond the arc, scoring all four of the team's

"We allowed it to be a closer game than it should have been."

Kim Mulkey | Head coach

three pointers, Sims with two and Hayden with one. Hayden finished the night 14 points followed by 11 from Sims.

The Lady Bears only lost the lead once early in the first half when they allowed the Fighting Irish to take a 7-6 advantage. But a combined effort by Griner and Pope put the Bears back in the lead. Griner made a free throw, tying the score at seven, and Pope gave the Lady Bears the lead for good after stealing the ball and driving for a layup.

While Baylor might have won the game, Mulkey was still disap-

pointed with her team letting the Irish chip away at a large second-half lead.

"When you have a 22-point lead, you've got to learn how to extend the lead, take care of the basketball," Mulkey said. "I want them to come up here and be bothered by the fact that we allowed it to be a closer game than it should have been."

Notre Dame sophomore Skylar Diggins was a huge contributor to closing the margin in the second half. The fighting Irish went on a 17-2 run where Diggins scored 14 of those points with two 3-pointers and a fastbreak layup. Diggins led Notre Dame offensively and finished with 21 points.

But the Bears played tough defense accumulating 14 steals and forcing 22 Notre Dame turnovers on the night.

Fighting Irish head coach Muffet McGraw described the Lady Bears' defensive pressure. "We turned it over a lot in the first half, and that put us in a gigantic hole. We worked our way out of it a little bit, but the turnovers in the first half and their offensive rebounds and [our] foul trouble – that hurt us a little bit too. It is disappointing," McGraw said.

The Lady Bears next play Minnesota at home at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Men face toughest foe yet

By Chris Derrett
Sports Editor

While men's basketball says it has not underestimated any of their last five opponents, today's game against Arizona State looks to be the stiffest competition before the semester ends.

"Arizona State's coached by one of the best coaches in the nation in coach [Herb] Sendek," coach Scott Drew said. "They finished second in the Pac 10 last year for a reason."

In all of Baylor's 2010 matchups, the Bears (5-0) have eventually cruised to victory. But the Sun Devils (3-2), who had a nine-point second half lead over the Bears last year before eventually losing, bring Waco its first challenge from a major conference this year.

"I think we're ready for the next step in our schedule. The game's going to be a lot harder than these first five games, and we'll be ready," freshman Perry Jones III said.

Behind its quick, guard-oriented lineup, Arizona State could make scoring more difficult for a team that likes pushing the ball and thriving from the transition game.

The Sun Devils employ a matchup zone defense designed to force undesired shots by blocking passing and driving lanes. It presents the same pressure on the ball carrier as a man-to-man defense and ideally keeps the ball on the perimeter.

"All you hear is, 'great ball pressure,'" sophomore A.J. Walton said. "I think we have the people we need to help us get the victory."

Jones III and junior Quincy Acy hope to crack the Sun Devils' defense in the post. Combined they contribute nearly 30 points per game and have grabbed 29 offensive rebounds. A starter at the 3-position, senior Anthony Jones averages another 7.2 rebounds and adds versatility shooting 36 percent from beyond the arc.

Meanwhile, Walton has worked to limit his turnovers at point guard and finished Monday night's game against Prairie View A&M with six assists and only one turnover.

"We've done multiple things to help us control our turnovers, and it's really just a mind thing. We just have to control the ball and get it to where it needs to be on time and on target."

And as the stat sheet already shows, the Bears' offense relies on



Freshman Perry Jones III scores a layup during Baylor's game against Prairie View A&M Monday. The Bears won, 90-45, and improved to 5-0.

performance from senior Lace-Darius Dunn. In two games of action, Dunn has nailed 10 of 19 3-point attempts and tallied eight assists.

"He's going to shoot it before he turns it over," Walton said. "You can pretty much guarantee 97 percent of the time it's going to go in, so that's a huge help."

Defensively, Drew expects his NBA-sized team to continue forcing turnovers with its length employed in the Bears' zone defense. Arizona State guards Trent Lockett and Ty Abbott, No. 1 and 2 in the team's scoring, bring quickness off the dribble and could light up the Bears if able to penetrate.

The Sun Devils have proved

their reliance on passing, earning assists on 79 of 120 field goals, or 65 percent. The Bears will undoubtedly try to disrupt their foe, something easier said than done.

"Their teams are very fundamentally sound. They don't beat themselves," Drew said.

Drew and his players agree that considering the defenses facing each other today, a 10-point lead could be like a 20-point lead in other, more fast-paced games.

"With two zones, I think it's going to be a long, slow game, but once we get it going we're more of a running team. Our transition is great," Walton said. "If we can get them out of their game, it will be better for us."

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Obama nixes drilling in East

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WASHINGTON — In a reversal, the Obama administration said Wednesday it will not pursue offshore drilling off the East Coast of the U.S. and the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

A senior administration official told The Associated Press that because of the BP oil spill, the Interior Department will not propose any new oil drilling in waters off the East Coast for at least the next seven years.

President Barack Obama's earlier plan — announced in March, three weeks before the April BP spill — would have authorized officials to explore potential for drilling from Delaware to central Florida, plus the northern waters of Alaska. The new plan allows potential drilling in Alaska, but officials said they will move cautiously before approving any leases.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar planned to discuss details of the decision later Wednesday. He said in a statement obtained by the AP that the BP spill taught officials a number of lessons, "most importantly

that we need to proceed with caution and focus on creating a more stringent regulatory regime."

The new strategy focuses on areas with leases that are currently active in the central and western Gulf of Mexico, Salazar said. "Our revised strategy lays out a careful, responsible path for meeting our nation's energy needs while protecting our oceans and coastal communities," he said.

Obama's pre-spill embrace of more offshore drilling was widely viewed as a political ploy to secure more votes for a comprehensive global warming bill in Congress — one of the president's top domestic priorities. But that bill died last summer, and with Republicans winning control of the House and gaining in the Senate, the bill is unlikely to be revived any time soon.

The eastern Gulf — an area stretching from 125 to 300 miles off Florida's coast — was singled out for protection by Congress in 2006 as part of a deal with Florida lawmakers that made available 8.3 million acres to oil and gas development in the east-central Gulf. Under that agreement, the protected region is to remain off limits to energy development until 2022.

But the administration had entertained the idea of expanded drilling, until the BP spill that spewed an estimated 172 million gallons of oil into the Gulf. In order to open more of the eastern Gulf to drilling, the administration would have to ask Congress to lift the drilling moratorium.

The new plan does not affect the Pacific seaboard, which will remain off-limits to drilling in federal waters.

Lawmakers in Florida, where drilling in state-controlled waters has long been banned, hailed the announcement. State officials fear that a spill would damage its beaches, the state's biggest tourism draw.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce said the decision represents a major step backward for the nation's energy future.

"The decision comes on top of the de facto moratorium the administration has imposed on production in both deep and shallow waters in the Gulf and Alaska, which is already causing significant harm to our economy and our energy security," said Karen Harbert, president and CEO of the chamber's Institute for 21st Century Energy.



COURTESY PHOTO

Columbus Avenue Baptist Church will host a series of Christmas-related events beginning Sunday with "Sing We Now of Christmas," a musical concert consisting of an 80-person choir, ensembles, hand bells and orchestra.

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meditation.

On Dec. 11, the youth choir will perform a cowboy Christmas musical, "For Unto Y'all." There will be two performances, at noon and 6 p.m., and a meal will be served during both. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$10, and the money raised will go to supporting the youth mission trip.

At 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12 the children's choir will present a musical, "The Best Christmas Present Ever!"

Children grades pre-kindergarten through sixth grade will perform in the musical, which is also free.

At 6:30 p.m. on the last Sunday of Advent, Dec. 19, the church will present "Carols and Candles," which will conclude "Christmas at

Columbus - A Season of Adoration."

Hinton, Okla., senior Melody Chaloner attends Columbus Avenue Baptist Church and is looking forward to the events.

"They are a lot of fun and a good way to get a break from studying this busy time of year," Chaloner said. "There are families there that will help out in this stressful time and love on you. It's just a great way to get a break from the stresses."

Columbus Avenue Baptist Church encourages the greater Waco community to be involved with the presentations at the church.

"Each event is unique and will appeal to all ages," Hayworth said. "For years people from the surrounding area have attended

Christmas activities at Columbus to celebrate the season. This year will be a powerful reminder of why we celebrate this time of year." Chaloner is highly involved at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church and believes the atmosphere of the presentations will be inviting and warm for everyone.

"The events are very open to everyone so I think it's just a welcoming feeling and it feels like a family environment," Chaloner said. "Everyone is treated equally and it is a great place to feel like a family all together."

For questions concerning any of the Christmas at Columbus events, or to purchase tickets for the dinner theater "For Unto Y'all," contact the music department of the church at 752-1655, ext. 212.

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Although the plans for the East Village Residential Community are currently in the program design process and are not slated for presentation to the Baylor Board of Regents until February, Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life, said it was important to be proactive in dealing with students living in the Arbors.

"We're trying to be proactive so that we can minimize any disruption to our students' living arrangements as we move through the various approvals for this project," Jackson said.

Although the e-mail to students stated that the apartments would be unavailable "due to construction of the new East Village Residential Community," an official decision to build the new complex has not been made, Jackson said.

"Unfortunately the letter was

written in such a way it sounded like the project has been approved," Jackson said. "It's a possibility, and we're working through the steps."

If the program design concepts for the new complex are approved by the Board of Regents in February, the project will move on to the next phase — architectural design and construction planning. Then information obtained during that phase will be presented to the board for approval. If approval is granted, site preparations can begin. Jackson said it is hoped that the project will receive this approval by early fall 2012, if not sooner.

If plans to build the new complex where the East Arbors Apartments and Arbors Apartments buildings one and two currently stand are approved, approximately 140 beds will be lost by the destruction of those apartments. Jackson

said the university is doing its best to minimize the loss of beds, and that the plans slated for presentation to the board of regents also include potentially considering turning other Baylor-owned apartments into apartment-style living areas for students if needed.

The proposed plans for the East Village Residential Community recommend creating a multi-building complex containing 1,000 beds and a dining hall. The need for space for a large complex was one reason for considering building the complex where the East Arbors Apartments complex and Arbors buildings one and two currently stand, Jackson said.

"To build a complex that would eventually encompass 1,000 beds and would have the space to do a dining hall is a very significant piece of property," he said.

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