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# THE BAYLOR LARIAT

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## Noose concluded to be a rope swing

By Liz Foreman  
Asst. City Editor

What was thought to be a noose found hanging in a tree Nov. 5 was actually the remnant of a rope swing, according to four students who came forward on Wednesday.

According to an e-mail sent Thursday by Interim President David Garland to the student body, four students claimed responsibility for the rope which appeared in a tree outside of

Morrison Hall Nov. 4. The students spoke to a group composed of student leaders from multicultural organizations and student government Wednesday

**Editor's note:**  
**The complete**  
**university statement**  
**regarding the rope**  
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night. The four students revealed that the rope was left over from a rope swing that one of them had crafted.

The student body president and presidents of Baylor NAACP and the Black Student Association confirmed their unity on the issue and their trust in the students' statement in another e-mail sent to the student body Thursday.

"The students said that in no way did they intend for it to represent a noose or to transmit a

racial message. We are thankful to these students for coming forward to clear up the issue, and we applaud their courage in doing so," the student leaders said in the e-mail.

The four students who claimed the rope agreed to talk to the Lariat on the condition that the Lariat would withhold their actual names and instead use pseudonyms.

The Woodlands sophomore Steve\*, Houston freshman Olivia\*, Dallas area freshman Alex\*

and Houston freshman Lydia\* revealed to the student leader group that the rope was not meant as a malicious statement, but was an attempt to construct a rope swing.

"We didn't come forward sooner because we weren't sure how we would be able to tell somebody that their passion was guided at something that wasn't meant to be malicious," Alex said. "Basically, we weren't sure who was going to believe us and what would happen if people

wouldn't."

Steve said he and three others were hanging out at midnight on Nov.4, near Fountain Mall and Morrison Hall when he found a piece of rope left over from the tents at homecoming.

Steve said he shaped the rope into a lasso and was practicing his lasso skills that he learned at a family reunion. After playfully lassoing a member of the group, Steve said he tied a Pringles can

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## Bears look to upset Aggies, tackle a win

By Justin Baer  
Reporter

This season, Baylor's battle with Texas A&M University marks more than just a heated rivalry.

Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium, two teams nudging for respect in the Big 12 South will clash not only to settle conflicts between schools separated by 90 miles, but to also avoid slipping into the cellar of the Big 12 South.

"I have picked up on (the rivalry) since being here," head coach Art Briles said. "We will be very determined when we come out onto the field Saturday for a variety of reasons: they are a Big 12 South opponent, they're 90 miles down the road, and they have Texas in their name."

Texas A&M has struggled under the reign of new head coach Mike Sherman. Starting with a home-opener loss to Arkansas State University, the Aggies downfall has sent Texas A&M fans into a fury. Yet at 4-6 a bowl bid, although improbable, is still possible for the Aggies.

Baylor's 45-21 loss to the University of Texas last weekend eliminated the Bears from bowl contention for the 14th

consecutive season, but the opportunity to play spoiler against a rival gives Baylor all the motivation it needs.

"The crowd is always a little bigger and a little more hyped for the game," junior safety Jordan Lake said. "I have had a lot of alumni I have talked to who say 'if you don't make it to a bowl game, that's alright, as long as you beat A&M'."

While Baylor's preseason-quarterback conundrum was solved as soon as Robert Griffin took over, Texas A&M still has a controversy to settle.

Incumbent quarterback Stephen McGee has battled injuries throughout the season, and his fill-in Jerrod Johnson has been sufficient, to say the least.

In 10 games, Johnson has thrown for 2129 yards and 19 touchdowns, compared to six interceptions.

But McGee's experience and leadership is invaluable, leaving the starting quarterback up in the air for Baylor's final home game.

"We have to plan for both right now," Briles said. "Both of those guys are great football players. Jerrod has had just great games this year; McGee has had some great games through his career. So when



Courtesy Photo

The Baylor Bears fell to the University of Texas Longhorns Saturday, eliminating them from bowl eligibility. The Bears hope to pull off an upset win over rival Texas A&M 3:05 p.m. Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium.

it comes down to it we have to stop whoever is on the field and when we have the ball on offense, we have to put points on the board."

If this season's Aggie run defense is in any way indicative of how Saturday's contest pans out, it could be a long day for Texas A&M.

With a dual-threat backfield of Griffin and Jay Finley, the

Bears once non-existent rushing attack now ranks No. 3 in the Big 12 at 185.1 yards per game.

Couple that with Texas A&M's last-ranked rush defense, which allows 214.6 yards per game, and Baylor could be scheduled for a big day.

But to Griffin, the only numbers that matter are those in

the win and loss column.

"I don't try to prove people with my stats; I just try to go out there and win for this football team," Griffin, who was recruited to play safety for Texas A&M, said. "I don't have any hard feelings against anyone. I am not going to go out there and show anyone up."

Kickoff is scheduled for 3 p.m.

## Student Senate plans to partake in Waco summit

By Kate Williams  
Reporter

Members of student government will participate in The Greater Waco Education Summit next Thursday at the Waco Convention Center.

The education summit is part of a five year initiative to create awareness about improving education.

It was originally crafted by Waco Mayer Virginia DuPuy to address the issues directly affecting local schools.

Classes will primarily focus on issues within education, including creating affordable higher education.

Student Body External Vice President Nicole Yeakley began working with Waco educators at the beginning of the semester to address concerns affecting college students.

"Many of the discussions

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Christina Kruse/Lariat Staff

### Book it to the book fair

Mercey Bickell, 8, looks at a copy of "Henry and the Paper Route." Bickel said that she just finished the book in school. The Friends of the Waco McLennan County Library is having its 46th annual book sale. The Sale started Thursday and will continue until Sunday at the Heart of Texas Coliseum. The fair will be open Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Please visit: [www.baylor.edu/lariat](http://www.baylor.edu/lariat) for a complete story.

## Common Grounds quenches thirst for water in Africa

By David Poe  
Reporter

Most students have reasons for going to Common Grounds on a near-daily basis.

It may be the coffee and teas, the creative atmosphere, or just to hang out.

While most of the reasons may be made up to get away from studying, Common Grounds is holding a series of events this weekend that will give students a real reason to go out and get that Cowboy Coffee they've been craving.

Common Grounds is sponsoring "The Wishing Well Weekend" events this weekend.

The goal of this weekend is to raise awareness of and gain donations for the clean water situation in Africa.

"The situation in Africa is saddening," Common Grounds owner Jill Mashburn said. "They drink the same water as their cattle do, and they bathe in the same water they use for restroom purposes."

Despite the seemingly destitute situation in Africa, most would be surprised how little it would cost to provide clean water.

"One dollar goes a long way. It can buy one person in Africa an entire year's worth of clean water," Mashburn said.

In their efforts to create

*"We pay \$3 or \$4 for one cup of coffee everyday. To give up one cup of coffee for a week and have that money provide three people with clean water for a year is huge."*

David Hinckley  
Plano junior

awareness, Mashburn and Common Grounds have been working with The Wishing Well Project, an organization started by students of Pepperdine Uni-

versity. However, Mashburn and Common Grounds have been working closely with a chapter of Wishing Well, which was started in 2006 by students of Oklahoma Christian University.

The events at Common Grounds will be free, but in order to raise money for water wells costing roughly \$2,500 each, there will be a suggested donation of \$3 at the door.

"We pay \$3 or \$4 for one cup of coffee everyday," Plano junior David Hinckley said. "To give up one cup of coffee for a week and have that money provide three people with clean water for a year is huge."

Mashburn agreed that just one person could change the life of someone in Africa.

"It's really easy to wrap your brain around this, and it really makes a difference the things one person does," she said.

The goal of the weekend is to raise about \$5,000 in order to

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Editorial

# Natural gas would lesson US oil dependency

In the last few years, sky-rocketing gasoline prices have given a large push for alternative fuels. Ethanol, wind and solar-powered turbines, natural gas, along with many other ideas, have gushed out of the scientific world. But with the recent economic crisis and the credit crunch that it has lead to, the progress of alternative fuels may be disrupted if the U.S. government does not step in and offer aid to emerging alternative fuel companies.

These companies are suffering not only because of the economy but also because of the 60-percent plunge in oil prices. Congress needs to support alternative energy initiatives because it would benefit Americans in the long run.

Just because oil prices are down now doesn't mean that it will continue to stay that way. Oil prices aren't immune to fluctuation, and when it does go up, then America's foreign oil dependency problem would not have changed.

President-elect Barack Obama's comprehensive New Energy for America plan includes a \$150 billion invest-

ment in clean energy, over the span of 10 years. His other goals are to, within 10 years, decrease America's dependency on foreign oil by saving more oil than what we currently import from the Middle East and Venezuela combined and, by 2015, to put 1 million American-made Plug-In Hybrid cars, which can get up to 150 miles per gallon, on the road.

Anything to decrease the dependency on foreign oil should sound great to a nation of SUV-loving, drive-my-car-two-blocks-down-the-road-instead-of-walking nation.

Since the choice of transportation for many Americans involves driving cars, an investment in alternative fuels such as natural gas is necessary.

While most fuels discussed are for the energy grid, only natural gas and ethanol have the potential to fuel America's cars and trucks any time soon, according to the United States Department of Energy.

Suggestions for the use of ethanol to fuel cars have met some challenges. Ethanol can't be used in its sole form yet, and is currently mixed with gaso-



line to provide a commercially viable fuel.

Natural gas would be an easier way to transition out of a oil-dominated industry because the technology is already available, affordable and feasible for international commerce.

Natural gas has been a fuel supply for several centuries, and in that time, technology has grown along with the demand for it. Ethanol hasn't had that luxury. Although it's been a fuel source for several thousand years, it has never had the research necessary to make it a international commodity. With more studies it could become viable, but until then, natural gas is a better alternative.

The best benefit of cars running on natural gas is the price. The grade of fuel necessary for running a car costs about 63 cents per gallon.

Unfortunately, there are currently drawbacks to using

natural gas. According to the Energy Information Administration, in the United States there are 1500 natural gas stations compared with 200,000 gas stations. In Texas, there are 27 natural gas stations, but not all are located in major cities.

Currently, there are five stations in Houston, 11 in Dallas and one in Austin. There are several others around the state, but anyone taking a trip from Dallas to Austin would be hard-pressed to make it from one filling station to another and would be cutting it close.

As of now, the only legal, commercially available natural gas-powered vehicle allowed on United States' highways is Honda's Civic GX, according to Natural Gas Vehicles for America, but any car can be transformed into a natural gas vehicle with the right adapter. Storage cylinders for gas-burning cars can cost \$4000. The

addition would save money in the long run. They average 39 miles-per-gallon on the highway and produce fewer emissions than normal cars.

According to Paul Roberts, author of "The End of Oil," having more than one option at the pump will serve American drivers well. Oil companies would have to spend more money on researching more efficient ways of drilling for oil in hopes of keeping customers from switching to cheaper, alternative fuels.

If Obama and Americans are truly serious in lessening our nations reliance on foreign oil, then a plan needs to be drawn up for increasing the availability of natural gas stations across the country and build natural gas powered cars. If this happens, then more Americans would be willing to make jump ship from gasoline to natural gas.

## point of view

# Briles can take cue from Drew

Another loss on the road: it's almost as predictable as chicken fried steak in your high school's cafeteria line.

It's no wonder Baylor football's traveling record is a poor 2-47. That's impressive — but for the wrong reason.

That might be changing soon.

The Bears are finally getting talent that can carry a team.

A player with Robert Griffin's potential only comes around once a decade. Kendall Wright is the Big 12 Conference's version of a young Reggie Bush, and Joe Pawelek and Jordan Lake are salty defenders.

But for all that talent, the Bears need some guidance when it comes to situational play-making.

It's something that the basketball team dealt with last year. The head coach, Scott Drew, has done an amazing job bringing in top talent from across the state, the nation and even from across the Atlantic Ocean. He's even managed to bring back a veteran NBA guard to work as a student manager, even though much of that decision came from David Wesley.

Even with all that talent, the basketball Bears couldn't get out of the first round of the NCAA tournament. That's not an indictment for Drew's crew, but it does say something about their experience. Baylor achieved more than any other men's basketball squad in 20 years, but still struggled switching roles from hunter to hunted.

Flying under the radar, Baylor knocked off ranked a slumping Texas A&M University squad, an overrated Washington State University and a University of Notre Dame that had no place in the top 25.

Then the University of Colorado, the bottom seed in the Big 12 tournament, knocked off Baylor in double-overtime: a troubling statistic that nearly kept the Bears out of the NCAA Tournament.

If talent was all that's necessary to be a top-25 team, then Baylor should have ended the season much higher than it did. However, to compete at an NCAA level, experience has to be an equal part in the equation for victory.

In tough games against Texas, Texas A&M, Oklahoma and Purdue, the Bears blew chances to cement their place in the tournament. Against the Sooners, Curtis Jerrells missed two free-throws he normally would have made, and Aaron Bruce fouled a player shooting a 3-pointer. The next week against Texas, Bruce, a seasoned veteran of the program, called a phantom timeout, giving the Longhorns a technical foul shot and enough cushion for the victory.

The basketball Bears went through it last year. Now it's the football team's turn. Dropped passes, dropped interceptions, poor field awareness and procedural penalties are the sign of an inexperienced team. The skill is there, but the execution is not.

But among those silly mistakes is an advantage over the basketball Bears: coaching experience. Drew is an excellent coach, but he hasn't had the years of heart-breaking losses and thrilling victories that Art Briles has had. It takes those close games to determine which risks are appropriate, what play-fakes work and what strategy to employ when there's four seconds on the clock and your squad is down by a field goal.

And for Briles, there's no better crucible for his team than playing in the toughest conference in the nation. Baylor has played six ranked teams already with a seventh on the docket in Lubbock. That's worth its weight in gold for Briles.

So while the record may not improve this year for the football team, the basketball team's rise to prominence should be an outline for Briles, the team and even football fanatics. If the 24 starters at Floyd Casey Stadium take a hint from the hardwood, they will be bowling in 2009.

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## point of view

# BU lacks compassion for pregnant students

Heather Merenda is a junior accounting major at Baylor. She is also the mother of a one-year-old girl. As a pregnant freshman, she struggled in an environment unaccepting of her condition.

"Everyday I had to decide to continue my pregnancy because it was so hard," she said, in reference to nine months of sneers and judgmental stares. "I needed friends, someone to talk to. I needed a shoulder to cry on, and someone to tell me I could finish school."

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Central Texas administers an average of 40 pregnancy tests a month to college students in Waco, yet pregnancy remains a stigma on Baylor campus.

After weeks of intense research and dozens of interviews in preparation for a previous Lariat article, I found that the primary problem is not with Baylor's policies concerning pregnancy, but with a university culture that offers an uncomfortable environment for pregnant students. Although there is no policy against pregnancy at Baylor, the simple lack of resources for pregnant students is a testament of Baylor's disapproval and neglect.

Danielle Brown, a pregnant and unwed senior, wrote a bold letter to the editor last week asking fellow students to stop judging her because all have sinned. The resulting hate mail she received further confirmed my suspicions. One message sent to her Facebook account said, "You shouldn't attack other students when what you did was wrong... It is against our code of conduct to behave as you did, yet you

get a free ride through college while doing it. It's not fair to us, it's not fair to Baylor, and it's not fair to your child."

Brown is looked down upon as a symbol of pre-marital sex. Nothing is mentioned of the man involved or of how this woman made what she thought to be a noble decision to keep the child instead of choosing the easier route of abortion. It is even hinted that her scholarship should be revoked with a child on the way, and this is all from a student attending an institution of higher learning.

Another Facebook message said, "I wouldn't go around announcing you were pregnant. You shouldn't be proud of it ... If everyone had this problem like you say they do, then there would be more pregnant people at Baylor. But there isn't. Wouldn't that make you wonder why someone was here if they were the only person here like that?"

As someone who has researched this subject extensively, I can say with confidence that Brown is in no way "the only person here like that." The idea that pregnant women should be silenced is a flashback to the '50s when women were secretly shipped off for nine months and told never to speak of it again.

I am not implying that all members of the Baylor community are like the ones who sent Brown these hateful messages, which is evident by the many positive responses she received. But there is an undeniable culture at Baylor that says students should be wealthy, white, beautiful, heterosexual Baptists who do not have sex until they receive their "ring by junior spring." The quintessential Baylor Bear is a statistical minority among college students. According to a 2001 Centers for Disease Control survey, 61 percent of freshman college

women have had sex, and this percentage increases as students continue their education for the next three years.

Baylor would be ignorant to think their students are exempt from these statistics. A recent Baylor graduate, who asked not to be named, said six of her close friends had abortions while attending Baylor, yet she admitted that she too would be shocked to see a pregnant woman on campus.

Baylor does not appropriately counter the skewed views of many of its students. Compared to other universities, resources are scarce for young parents continuing their education. The Baylor Health Center offers no pregnancy care beyond referrals and administering a pregnancy test; in fact, pregnancy is not mentioned once on their Web site. The Counseling Center is available for women dealing with crisis pregnancies, but it is rarely utilized because pregnant students say they fear judgment from Baylor staff. Baylor takes the same approach with every controversial subject: If we do not address it, then it does not exist. It takes a nationally covered event like the hanging of a (perceived) noose to spark any kind of significant discussion.

As a Christian university, the Baylor community should conduct itself with a compassionate understanding that we are all imperfect, rather than condemning those who are not in line with traditional Baptist theology. This university is not exempt from real-world issues, and simply ignoring problems does not constitute a resolution.

Until these issues are appropriately addressed, Baylor will never be a top-tier university and will continue to be seen as an institution with a regressive ideology.

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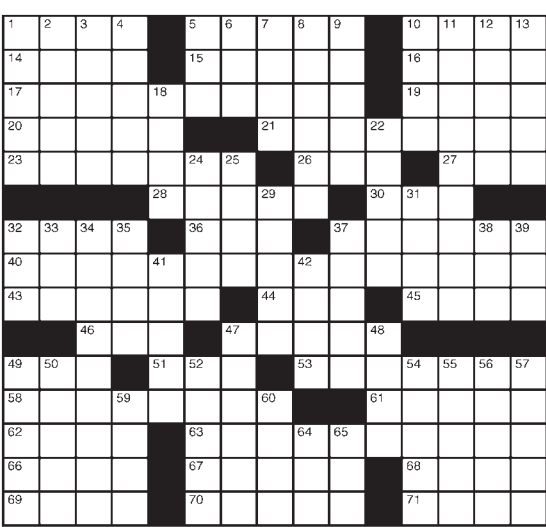
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# Art ambushes Waco with live music

By Lincoln Faulkner  
Contributor

Art Ambush, a local body piercing, tattoo, clothing store and music venue, will ambush Waco 6:30 p.m. Friday with an arsenal of hard-rock bands including He Is Legend, Belle Epoque, Cute As A Button and The News Can Wait.

Gabriel Colbert, owner of Art Ambush located at 3523 Franklin Ave., said that since the shop's debut as a venue on October 10, almost all the shows put on have been sold out.

"We're just trying to get it going to where we actually build a music scene in Waco," Colbert said. "Where kids can actually see bands that usually play in Dallas or Austin."

Headlining the concert is He Is Legend; a North Carolina based band that is "just a 'loud'

rock and roll band," said front man Schuyler Croom.

Croom started the band with guitarist Adam Tanbouz, drummer Steve Bache, and bassist Matt Williams in 2000.

"Adam, Steve and Matt were in a band, and I met Adam at shows — we were eighteen," Croom said. "We started a new band after high school, started touring and it's been that way ever since."

Although the band has been through several name changes, the name He Is Legend — based on the title of Richard Matheson's book "I Am Legend" — has been the band's name for approximately 6 years, Croom said.

Audiences can expect a high energy performance from the band, he said.

"It's loud, fun, party rock," Croom said. "Some of us just like the (fan) interaction. It's

kind of what we've been doing forever."

The audience may be able to get a sneak peak at the band's upcoming record, he said.

"We are in Chapel Hill recording our new record right now," Croom said. "We will probably play a couple of those new tunes. We're hoping to kind of test them out a little."

Also performing is Belle Epoque, a heavy-rock band. The band formed in Aug. 2007 when front man Kyle Istook joined the band Broadway, that later changed its name to the current title, Istook said.

"We changed the name from Broadway because we started writing more diverse music," Istook said. "With a new singer and a new sound, we all of a sudden decided to change the name to Belle Epoque, which means 'Beautiful Era' in French."

The band's sound includes influences from As Cities Burn, Underoath, and Oh Sleeper, whose drummer Ryan Conley is the brother of Belle Epoque's drummer David Conley, Istook said.

Though he wouldn't call Belle Epoque a Christian band, the lyrics are positive, Istook said.

"There's so many bands out there talking about negative things and we just want to let kids know that there's a reason to live and that you can be a good person by just trying to be a good person," Istook said. "You don't have to be perfect. As long as you have a good heart and your heading in the right direction you can achieve anything."

All the shows at Art Ambush finish by 10 p.m., Colbert said, so students with homework or evening plans will have time



Courtesy Photo

He is Legend band members from left to right: Adam Tanbouz, Matt Williams, Schuyler Croom (behind couch), former guitarist McKenzie Bell and Steve Bache.

after the concert.

Tickets cost \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Art Ambush holds 200 people, so tickets are limited and are quickly selling

out, Colbert said.

Parking is available at Art Ambush, on the left hand side of Line X, and in the Freddy's Glass lot.

# Basketball season opens Saturday with two home games

By Garrett Turner  
and Joe Holloway  
Sports Writers

As the Baylor Bears face their season opener against Paul Quinn College 7:30 p.m. Saturday, they will look to shake off the rust for some, and for others, they will step into a world of college football they've never seen before. But according to head coach Scott Drew the team is definitely ready.

"We're ready to get going, especially with a veteran team," Drew said. "I think this is by far the deepest, most athletic and most experienced team we've had overall."

Facing a team with two 7-footers — center Ronald Ogoke and forward -Carl Nelson — the team looks to not worry so

much about the other team, but rather implement what they've been working on throughout the off-season.

"Early in the season it's not as much about the opponent and taking away things," Drew said. "It's about identifying what your teams going to be about."

The men's team returns all five starters from last year and five seniors.

With the team's depth that has players such as sophomore LaceDarius Dunn coming off the bench, the team looks to turn their talent into an effective force.

"Whether Dunn starts or comes off the bench, he's a great player and he's capable of putting up points in a hurry," Drew said. "We are fortunate enough to have four guards that can

be on the court at anytime or together and be very effective."

Dunn, a 2008 freshman All-America candidate, gives his team a kind of confidence that allows them to know they're not losing anything when the team makes a substitution.

"I have no problem coming off the bench," Dunn said. "I'm here to do whatever the coach tells me. My roll on this team is to pick it up a notch and give the starters a rest and not to get the game in a slump where the starters have to fight back to get back in it."

Senior Kevin Rogers starts his last season-opener at the Ferrell Center, hoping to not duplicate the result of last season: a first round exit in the NCAA tournament. Rogers knows the defense has to improve but has already

seen improvements.

"We're definitely ready to finally get going," Rogers said. "I think the exhibition game showed we definitely improved on the defensive end. We still have big obstacles we have to clear and things we have to do but we are ready to let some of them go."

## Lady Bears

The No. 19-ranked Baylor Lady Bears start their season Friday against Florida Atlantic University at 7 p.m. in the Ferrell Center, and will then turn around and play No. 2 Stanford University at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The Stanford game looks to be the headliner for the weekend, but head coach Kim Mulkey said it would be a mistake to

look past Florida Atlantic.

"We don't overlook anybody," Mulkey said. "Our first thought now is trying to win tomorrow night against Florida Atlantic and to not allow our team to look at their record from last year. I think they're better than the wins indicate."

The Lady Bears won both of their preseason games against the Houston Jaguars and the Dallas Diesel, but Friday will be the first non-exhibition game of their 2008-2009 season.

"Being the first game of the year, I'm not sure how poised

or polished we will be," Mulkey said, "but we need to play hard in opening up at home. We have three seniors. That should mean something to them to have their first two games at home."

Mulkey said that the game against Stanford, who contended for the national championship last year, should give the Lady Bears a good gauge of where they are.

"Certainly our challenge is tremendous," she said, "but what a great opportunity to have them come to Waco and play in the Ferrell Center."

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### Cornucopia of friendship

Sophomore Rayza Delgado of Ecuador enjoys a slice of pie and a laugh with Port Arthur sophomore Sarah Peagler at the International Student Thanksgiving Dinner in the Cashion Academic Center Thursday night. The event held by the Baylor Round Table was introduced to students from over 74 countries to the American tradition of the Thanksgiving holiday dinner.

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to the end of the rope and began swinging it.

He said he swung the rope tied to the can over a tree branch in a tree in front of Morrison Hall. When the Pringles can fell back down, Steve said he looped the rope through to secure it to the branch.

“I decided to make a rope swing,” Steve said. “I always make rope swings back home behind my house.”

Steve said he first made a small loop at the end of the rope in an effort to stand in it. When the loop proved too close to the ground, Steve said he made a bigger knot and attempted to sit in it like a chair. This second larger knot was about a foot off the ground, he said, but when he sat into it, he touched he ground. Steve said he and the group then decided to leave the failed rope swing.

“When we were ready to leave I didn’t feel like climbing up the tree to untie it because I didn’t climb up the tree to tie the knot in the first place, I ran a loop. So I just left it there,” Steve said.

The timeliness of the rope hanging from a tree on Election Day with a black presidential candidate did not register to the group until later.

“I guess because we knew it was a thin rope with a single lasso knot a foot off the ground, we didn’t even make the connection at first,” Alex said. “That’s why we didn’t say anything earlier. We were surprised when we heard about a noose on campus.”

It was not until Nov. 6 that Alex said he put the pieces together. While in a class that was discussing the rope found near Morrison Hall, he said it dawned on him that the “noose” could be the rope swing that he and his friends had fashioned.

Alex said he voiced his sudden realization to the class.

Dr. Melanie Nogalski, Baylor Interdisciplinary Core coordinator and instructor of Alex’s class where the discussion took place, said she noticed his reaction.

“He was only putting the pieces together right then (in class),” Nogalski said. “I saw his face. It just dawned on him. I was the only one who saw his face and it’s like a light bulb went on. I think

he couldn’t even believe it.”

Steve said that he heard about a possible noose on campus through Interim President David Garland’s e-mail that was sent to students Nov. 5.

“I got an e-mail and I wondered where this noose was,” Steve said. “I had the thought in my head that I had made the rope swing, but I didn’t think anyone would mistake it as a noose. So when I saw that someone had written about it and its location, I put two and two together I was shocked to learn that someone thought my dumb rope swing was a noose.”

One of the students first spoke to Baylor Police on Wednesday afternoon, before speaking to the student leader group.

“We have some scared people,” said Jim Doak, Chief of Baylor Police. “This is pretty heavy stuff for anybody, let alone freshmen. I can only speculate, but in my opinion they knew they had done nothing wrong, but they worried about how people would perceive it.”

“It was misconstrued from day one and we had nothing else to go on,” Doak said.

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build two wells.

On Friday night, Common Grounds will be holding a dance party.

Saturday, there will be an all-day arts festival in cooperation with the Waco Arts Initiative, as well as a concert in the evening featuring The Afters, a

“With the money raised, we’ll be able to bless these people and bring their community together.”

Esther Havens  
photographer

band from Dallas.

Esther Havens, a photographer from Austin, will be attending and displaying her photography, which relates to

the water issue in Africa.

Havens has taken photographs for many non-profit organizations in Africa and plans to leave for Kenya on Tuesday.

“We’re going to set up a display of images to show the process of getting people clean water in Africa,” Havens said.

The sickness and discomfort that comes from unclean water is something Havens feels is completely preventable and few realize the impact clean water makes on a community.

“These photos will give people a visual connection as to the realness of the situation,” Havens said. “With the money raised, we’ll be able to bless these people and bring their community together.”

With the clean water issue and others like it in the world, people of faith are the ones called to step up to the challenge.

“These are topics of God’s heart, and as believers, they should be on our hearts, too,” Mashburn said.

The process for them coming forward was very difficult, Nogalski adamantly expressed.

“This is a very courageous act for them to come forward because they’re concerned people won’t believe them,” she said. “But they know this is true. Truth is in them speaking out when they made a connection between what they did Monday night and what people perceived it to be.”

Dallas senior Parker Short, Internal Vice President and a member of the student leader group, said the students’ sincerity was evident.

“Everyone could tell they were genuine, honest and definitely sorry that their acts had caused such a huge misunderstanding,” Short said. “Everyone in the room could tell they were honest and sincere.”

“From my perspective, in meeting with these groups, it has become apparent that this is a larger problem and we’ve just been addressing symptoms of it,” Short said.

In the student leaders’ e-mail, they revealed a commitment to improving the cultural atmosphere of the Baylor community.

“In the coming weeks, student leaders will meet together with Interim President Dr. David Garland to discuss specific steps the university can take to strengthen our existing commitment to understanding and mutual respect,” the e-mail stated. “These have been trying days for the Baylor family, and we are confident that through open dialogue, inclusive conversations, and more importantly, proactively addressing issues, we can restore a sense of unity to the university community.”

According to Garland’s e-mail, the Silent Unity March is still planned for 9 a.m. today. It will begin in front of Waco Hall and students are encouraged to wear a Baylor T-shirt.

“The students have made the first step by initiating dialogue starting with administration and looking for ways to include the campus as a whole,” said Pearl Beverly, director of Multicultural Activities. “The students came together, crossing cultural lines in a unified voice to express their concerns for what was happening on campus.”

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will address issues that are important to Baylor, including, encouraging more college attendance in local high school, college retention and encouraging university graduates to become part of the growing Waco job force,” she said.

Yeakley, who will be attending the summit every day, said students should consider attending at least one summit course.

“The summit wants to incorporate students from all three local colleges to learn about the issues that are currently facing the Waco education system,” Yeakley said.

Student Body Internal Vice President Parker Short said that the summit is a great way for Baylor students to reach out to the community and get involved.

Specific classes at the summit span from increasing awareness of the importance of education to the use of research-based community benchmarks to measure success.

Students who wish to attend a mini-summit breakout session can contact Nicole Yeakley for more information.

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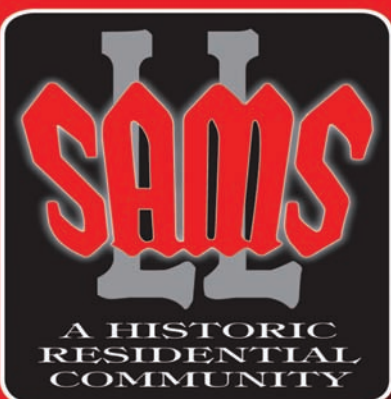
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