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Obama signs to close Guantanamo



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A group of masked protestors gathered outside of the White House on Thursday. Protesters were urging President Barack Obama to close down the U.S. prison in Guantanamo Bay within his first 100 days in office.

President Obama's second day brings major policy change

By Tom Raum and Philip Elliott
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama moved quickly Thursday to reshape U.S. national-security policy, ordering the Guantanamo Bay prison camp closed within a year, forbidding the harshest treatment of terror suspects and naming new envoys to the Middle East and Afghanistan-Pakistan.

"We have no time to lose," he said at the State Department as he welcomed newly confirmed Secretary of State Hillary Rodham

Clinton to help him forge what he called "a new era of American leadership" in the world.

He said his administration is committed to lead. "We can no longer afford drift, and we can no longer afford delay, nor can we cede ground to those who seek destruction," he said.

On his second full day in office, Obama moved to reverse some of the most contentious policies of his predecessor, George W. Bush.

By ordering shut the prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, closing any remaining CIA secret prisons overseas and banning harsh interrogation practices, Obama said he was signaling that the U.S. would confront global violence without sacrific-

ing "our values and our ideals."

"First, I can say without exception or equivocation that the United States will not torture," he said. "Second, we will close the Guantanamo Bay detention camp and determine how to deal with those who have been held there."

The president and Clinton jointly announced the appointment of former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, a veteran troubleshooter who helped broker peace in Northern Ireland, as special envoy to the Middle East. Former U.N. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, who helped write the peace deal that ended Bosnia's 1992-95 war, was named special envoy for Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Obama said he would aggressively seek a lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians while also always defending Israel's "right to defend itself." He called on Israel and Hamas to take steps aimed at ensuring that the cease-fire that's in place in Gaza will endure.

And, citing a "deteriorating situation" in both Afghanistan and Pakistan, Obama said that region is now "the central front" in the battle against terrorism and extremism.

"There, as in the Middle East, we must understand that we cannot deal with our problems in isolation," he said.

Earlier, in signing a series of

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Left outside in the bitter cold

Thousands flocked to the Capitol for the inauguration only to be turned away due to ticket problems

By Ashley Corinne Killough
Staff writer

WASHINGTON — After hearing numerous reports from ticket holders prevented from reaching their designated areas at the swearing-in ceremony, Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, issued a statement Wednesday calling for an investigation of the incidents.

Feinstein said specific incidents included reports of authorities cutting off access to purple and blue standing areas on Capitol Hill, as well as reports of thousands being stranded in the Third Street tunnel for several hours, according to the statement.

"There may have also been other irregularities, but I have heard enough to know that something went wrong and we need to find out what happened," Feinstein said.

The committee has paired up with the Secret Service, U.S. Capitol Police, law enforcement and other parties involved to conduct an examination of the problems that

took place Tuesday.

Josh Taylor, communications director for Rep. Chet Edwards (D-Waco), said he heard security magnetometers at the Blue zone experienced technological malfunctions, forcing authorities to cut off further entrance.

Difficulties in the line leading up to the Purple section, where spectators were stuck in the Third Street tunnel, were primarily due to overcrowding, Taylor said.

"There were a lot of people in there who didn't have tickets but weren't getting filtered out by anyone," Taylor said.

Edwards' office heard from two to three constituents who said they were unable to access the Purple section. Taylor said the staff will forward concerns about the process to the Joint Congressional Inaugural Committee.

In the silver standing area, located between the reflecting pool and the National Mall, similar situations of non-ticket holders clogging up the entrance caused thousands to wait up to six hours.

At the start of the ceremony, spectators still in line migrated en masse to the designated area, tearing down mesh fencing and bypassing security.

A statement from the inauguration committee released early on Wednesday reported

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Protesting for life



Jordan Wilson/Round Up Staff photos

Left: Pro-life protestors march in front of the Supreme Court Building in Washington, D.C., Thursday after holding a rally at the National Mall in front of the Capitol Building. **Bottom Left:** A group of abortion protestors hold signs while marching in Washington, D.C. Police forces said crowds were significantly smaller this year as protestors found it hard to find accommodations only two days after President Barack Obama's inauguration. **Bottom Right:** A young child holds up an anti-abortion sign during Thursday's rally and march on the anniversary of the famous Roe v. Wade court decision. Children and teens were in strong attendance, outnumbering the adults.



Texas education debates evolution in school systems

By Jenna Williamson
Reporter

The debate over the proper way to teach evolution has been hot and heavy among educators in Austin this week.

A committee of the State Board of Education decided Thursday that students will no longer learn the "strengths and

weaknesses" of scientific theories such as evolution and intelligent design.

The board votes in March on a proposed new curriculum, which will have students "analyze and evaluate scientific explanations using empirical evidence, logical reasoning and experimental and observational testing."

Since 1988, the Texas pub-

lic schools have been using the "strengths and weaknesses" standard, which allows teachers the freedom to discuss the pros and cons of creationism alongside evolution.

Those in favor of a new standard feel that Texas needs a stronger, more scientific approach to teaching Darwin.

"We're not talking about faith,

we're not talking about religion, we're talking about science," board member Mary Helen Berlanga said.

Dr. Charles Garner, associate professor of chemistry at Baylor, clarified the reasons for the proposed changes, although he doesn't support them: "One must assume that the purpose of removing the 'strengths

and weaknesses' language from the Texas science standards is to remove all discussion of weaknesses from the classroom." He said that to remove the phrase "does not promote critical thinking, gives distorted views of the plausibility of some theories, and in the extreme would be simply dishonest."

Looking at evolutionary theory from a non-scientific perspective, Garner explained that "theories prosper when only strengths are discussed, but become much less credible if weaknesses are included."

The curriculum being discussed will influence how

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The Blackberry here to stay, Obama family back on track

By Lisa Tolin
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The first family settled into their new lives in the White House on Thursday as President Barack Obama won an important personal victory: He gets to keep his BlackBerry.

Obama will be the first sitting president to use e-mail, and

he has been reluctant to part with his ever-present handheld device. Its use will be limited to keeping in touch with senior staff and personal friends, said White House spokesman Robert Gibbs.

"I've won the fight, but I don't think it's up and running," Obama said as he walked through the White House briefing room Thursday evening to

meet reporters.

And though Gibbs said Obama had to ask at one point where to go next in his "pretty big house," he also said the president was enjoying living above the store and had time for dinner with the family on Wednesday.

"I think that obviously means a lot to him as a father," Gibbs said.

It was back to business for daughters Sasha and Malia, too, who returned to classes at the private Sidwell Friends School on Thursday.

The girls were allowed to play hooky Wednesday after a late-night scavenger hunt at the White House that ended when they opened a door and found their favorite band, the Jonas Brothers.

But two days of frivolity was, apparently, enough.

Michelle Obama had no public schedule for the rest of the week as she helped the girls make themselves at home, said Mrs. Obama's spokeswoman, Katie McCormick Lelyveld.

"Her primary focus this week is getting the kids settled. She is focused entirely on getting unpacked and getting the kids

up and running," McCormick Lelyveld said.

Both girls were excited to get their rooms set up, McCormick Lelyveld said.

Mrs. Obama has worked hard throughout the transition to maintain a strong routine for Sasha, 7, and Malia, 10.

"I know the family's moved

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point of view

Cars less hectic than mass transit

We all know by now that we must conserve our fossil fuels, even use them sparingly when we can. Even oil companies have introduced ad campaigns that force Americans to be cognizant of the damage done to the Earth when they choose to be lazy and drive instead of walk or bike to a nearby destination. A few sacrifices are in order to ensure that our Earth is just as beautiful and clean for our children and grandchildren as it is for us.

So what better way to do your part than to use mass transit, right?

I thought so. I thought I would jump on the mass transit bandwagon if I ever lived in a town with such services. But after this week in Washington, D.C., I'm not so sure. The Washington Metro Rail is supposed to be one of the best in the nation, second in scale only to the New York City Subway, but I'm not impressed.

Let me tell you about my daily commute the past few days.

I walk to a nearby bus stop. Once there, I read the schedule of pick-up times. Depending on my luck, I might have to wait one minute or twenty. I could look online in the morning and strategically plan what time

I should leave the apartment, but what if the bus comes five minutes late? That's five minutes I had to spend waiting in the cold, my nose dripping, teeth chattering (but the cold here is another rant entirely).

Waiting on the bus will set me back when I get to my Metro station. The Metro, a system of underground trains, seems pretty reliable and fast, but I'll more than likely still have to wait at least a few minutes. Then after get off at my stop, I have to walk or wait to catch another bus.

All of this waiting eats up time. I haven't been on time for anything since I got here. No wonder it takes several Washingtonians an hour to commute to work even though this town is a mere 68.3 square miles, compared to Waco's 95.5 square miles.

And God forbid you realize you left something important at home. There's no jumping in the car to run back and get it.

No one can deny that cars are far more convenient. But these past few days have been the first time I've ever used a form of mass transit. Maybe my opinion of it, formulated over the last few days, can't compete with my 21 years of familiarity with using personal cars to get around.

Cities with reputable and dependable mass transit, busses and subways seem like the mark of a new age, eco-friendly city. I'm still not sure why.

What's wrong with driving fuel-efficient cars? My car's gas mileage is about 30 miles to a gallon. Even non-hybrid cars receive better gas mileage. While Toyota and Honda produced fuel-efficient cars for decades, American car companies are seeing the market for them, too. Chevrolet boasts that its Cobalt gets a few more miles per gallon on the highway than comparable Hondas and Toyotas. And the Ford Focus gets 35 miles per gallon on the highway. If you live in a town with decent parking, maybe you should just think about minimizing your driving and opt for a smaller, more economic car.

We all could readjust our lives to use less energy, but this doesn't mean you have to use a mass transit system. You could turn off lights when you leave a room, turn off TVs and computers while you sleep and turn down the thermostat when you leave. As for driving, use a fuel-efficient car and drive only when you must.

I've done my small part to save the Earth by using the Metro these past few days here in Washington, D.C. Now I can't wait to get back to my car.

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BY ANITA PERE

Editorial



Coed rooms spell trouble

Everyone has roommate problems, especially when living in close quarters in dorms. Roommates often find they have stark differences in habits and personalities. One roommate may be a neat freak, the other a slob. One may be an early riser, while the other can't accomplish anything until it's dark outside. But at some colleges, the most recent being the University of Chicago, the differences are much more obvious — roommates are allowed to be different genders. The move to allow these coed rooms may seem like a step into the 21st century, but in reality, this idea will cause more problems than it is worth.

The University of Chicago will join more than 30 universities around the country that have adopted coed dorm rooms for students who would prefer gender-neutral housing. The program will allow interested students to live in a dorm room with a member of the opposite sex without requiring parental permission. And though the program is not intended specifically for couples, people in a romantic relationship will not be excluded.

Universities should be trying to create the most effective learning environment when possible. Residence halls are one area that the school can control and encourage a peaceful atmosphere that will promote studying.

Gender-neutral dorm rooms offer more distractions than traditional single-sex rooms do. Most people know how thought-consuming love and infatuation can be. Even when a couple is apart, it's often hard for them to concentrate on anything besides their love

interest. This difficulty would increase tremendously if that person was constantly present, such as in a dorm scenario.

If a couple is romantically involved and living together, there are obvious diversions that could keep them from performing their best academically. Even if a pair is only platonic to begin with, there is a chance that romantic feelings could develop and distract the students, whether the feelings are mutual or one-sided.

Though it could be said that a person with a significant other would have those distractions regardless of where he or she lives, universities should try to offer the most focused environments wherever they can.

Beyond being sidetracked, students in many, though certainly not all, mixed-gender dorm rooms would inevitably have to deal with the conflict that comes with the end of a relationship. It's no secret that break-ups can be very emotional and awkward. Sharing a room would only intensify this. How could your girlfriend or boyfriend "give you space" when you practically live in a cubicle together? There could be tension and hard feelings that would be make the situation unpleasant, if not unbearable.

Also, dating someone new could be uncomfortable, both for the ex and for the new person. Besides being problematic for the students, this would cause more headaches for resident advisers who have to counsel their residents and for administrators who deal with housing changes.

In a single-sex dorm room, roommates who dislike each other or have a falling out can often tolerate living together for the rest of the assigned time. But feelings after breaking up would cause many students to ask to change rooms. University administrators would then have that much more paperwork to handle.

Some students who sign up for these programs may not realize how uncomfortable it could be. A person whose never lived with a member of the opposite sex might not be familiar with all the routines the other gender goes through. It may be a rude awakening for some roommates when they realize that the other sleeps naked. This, again, could cause more troubles for RAs and administrators.

The worst-case scenario for coed dorm rooms could be an increased risk of acquaintance rape. According to the National Center for Victims of Crime, 77 percent of completed rapes are committed by non-strangers and 85 percent of rapes of college women are committed by an attacker the woman knows. Less than 2 percent of acquaintance rape victims actually report the attack.

Though it's unreasonable to think that most coed living situations would result in acquaintance rape, there is a chance that some would, and those would likely go unreported.

With all the problems that can arise from living with roommates of the opposite sex, it would be smarter and safer for universities to stop offering coed dorm rooms.

point of view

It's time to make recycling a habit

So we are about three weeks into 2009, and while some New York City employee is still sweeping up confetti in Times Square and Dick Clark is settling back into his easy chair, a third of Americans are jumping ship on their New Year's resolutions, according to a survey done by FranklinCovey Products.

Trust me I am right there with you, that thing about running a little more is just not working out too well. I like to blame it on the cold weather.

But I think it is time to refocus. This is supposed to be the year of change, of 'Yes, we can,' as we watched America's first black president be inaugurated this week. It is time to set a goal, stick with it and see the end product come to fruition.

For the Baylor University Sustainability Committee the ultimate goal is beginning to take shape. In the next two weeks, every building on campus will be equipped with recycling receptacles for paper, aluminum cans and plastic bottles. The green containers are everywhere you look, forcing the university's administration to release a student-to-recycling-container ratio.

But all jokes aside, the committee needs to be applauded for its efforts of transforming Baylor into a respected 'green' campus.

The completed container distribution could not have come at a better time as Baylor kicked off Recyclemania last Sunday. The nationwide recycling contest will last for 10 weeks until March 28 and will pit Baylor against 413 other schools to see who can recycle the most.

Last year the campus surpassed its goal of 10 pounds of recyclables per student and finished third in the Big 12.

"We really think we are going to make a much bigger showing this year," University Sustainability Committee member and Director of Marketing and Communications for Information Technology and University Libraries Carl Flynn said. "If we get up to 15 or 16 pounds per person we can possibly win the Big 12."

Something about competition just brings out the never-lose mentality in people. We might fall to you on the football field, but we dominated you in Recyclemania.

However, the competition is about so much more than gaining bragging rights; it's about doing something for the world we live in. It's about leaving this place better than we found it.

At the end of the ten-week contest, the Recyclemania Web site tracks the impact the schools' recycling has had on the earth in terms of acres of forest saved and tons of carbon halted from entering the atmosphere.

The critics will always be there with the argument that it takes more energy to recycle. However, according to the Energy Information Administration, using recycled aluminum scrap to make aluminum cans uses 95 percent less energy than making brand new aluminum cans from bauxite ore.

While other materials such as glass or plastic may not provide as much energy savings, there are still benefits to recycling. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection reports that recycling paper cuts energy use in half and for every pound of steel recycled enough energy is conserved to light a 60-watt bulb for over 26 hours.

In the end recycling is a New Year's resolution that can stick. One resolution that can become a habit, not just on campus but at your house or apartment as well. By your recycling efforts, Baylor is benefiting, the world is benefiting and future generations will benefit.

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Corrections

The cutline for the photo accompanying Wednesday's article, 'Waco's religious revival underway,' mistakenly stated that the conference is call 'Just Call Me Jesus.' The correct name of the conference is 'Just Give Me Jesus.'

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Crime Blotter

Criminal Mischief
Suspicious activity occurred at 2:29 p.m. Wednesday at the 400 block of Daughtrey Ave. Case active.

A criminal trespass warning reportedly occurred at 1:04 p.m. Wednesday at 1920 S. Third St., the Ease Campus Parking Garage. Case closed.

A trespass warning occurred at 8:45 p.m. Jan. 13 at 1110 S. Third St., George W. Truett Theological Seminary,. Case closed.

An act of criminal mischief reportedly occurred sometime between 11:30 p.m. Jan. 8 and 12:30 a.m. Jan. 9 at 1310 S. Eighth St., Collins Residence Hall. Case suspended.

An act of criminal mischief reportedly occurred sometime between 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Jan. 2 at Lot 63 located at the Ferrell Special Events Center. Case suspended.

Theft
A theft of more than \$50 but less than \$500 reportedly occurred sometime between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday at lot one located at the Eighth St. Parking Garage. Case suspended.

A burglary of a motor vehicle reportedly occurred sometime between 3 p.m. and 4:07 p.m. Jan. 18 at 300 Cottonwood Ave. Case active.

A burglary of a motor vehicle reportedly occurred sometime between noon and 4:28 p.m. Jan. 18 at 2014 S. Second St. Case active.

Broadway comes to fine arts center

By Jenna DeWitt Reporter

Young actors flooded the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center Thursday morning to audition for “The Little Mermaid” on Broadway. And to attend a question-and-answer session with Jennifer Rubin, the director of casting and talent development for Disney Theatrical Productions in New York City.

Rubin said she looks for actors who are confident and prepared in the auditions.

As they sang, projecting their voices as if it was a real performance in New York, Rubin wrote and paid careful attention to the way each young woman acted, sounded, looked and carried herself.

“Today they have prepared a song of their choice, a 16-bar cut, with sheet music that shows off their range,” Rubin said. “Sing to the back of the theater. You’ve got to start your song with a bang, your monologue with a bang. It starts in the first five seconds.”

Waco resident Morgan Mason said she found out about the auditions through an e-mail.

“When you’re a performer you go out for all you can. I think we all agree that any part would be fine,” she said.

Mason said the thought of working in New York is exciting.

“It has so much spirit. You can feel it on the streets,” she said.

Stan Denman, chairman of the department of theater arts, said Disney contacted him about holding the auditions about a week ago.

“They normally hold them at SMU but it didn’t work out this year,” Denman said.

He said the young women auditioning were from all over the region. Some of them “have driven from up to four to five hours to get here,” he said.

The auditions were “open,” meaning the actors did not have to go through an agent.

“There is a wide range of talent here today,” said Deanna Toten Beard, associate professor and graduate programs director of the theater department.

“We have young women who are professional quality. We have educated them for this for four years. Everything we do is preparation for professional auditions,” Toten Beard said.

“We don’t want the real world to be a shock when you get out of Baylor.”

She emphasized the hard work her students have done.

She told them, “You have to do it, not just wish for the experience of performing. There are a lot of resources available. We don’t have to be in a big metropolitan area for great opportunities.”

Rubin said she loves being a casting director.

“It’s sort of the puzzle of who should be in the show,” she said.

Before her current position with Disney Theatrical Productions, she was the head of casting for Walt Disney Animation Studios, where she worked on numerous award-winning and nominated films including “Chicken Little,” “Bolt,” “Meet the Robinsons,” “The Wild,” “The Incredibles,” “Brother Bear” and the soon-to-be-released “The Princess and the Frog.”

Rubin encouraged students to be as professional as they can.

“Have the confidence to walk in, knowing you have your training behind you,” she said.



Jacky Reyes/ Lariat staff

Houston freshman Jordan Riley enjoys the warm weather Thursday in front of Memorial Residence Hall. “It’s the perfect day! It would be a shame to sit inside,” she said.

BU Law wins Supreme Court case

By Ashleigh Schmitz Reporter

Baylor Law Professor Mark Osler and two of his former students won a Supreme Court case Wednesday, generating national discussion.

In the case Steven Spears v. United States, the Baylor team received a 6-3 majority ruling in their favor for a case dealing with guidelines for sentencing cases involving crack cocaine and powder cocaine.

In making its decision, the Court clarified an earlier opinion and reversed a court of appeals decision on the issue. “It’s been a roller coaster with a lot of different decisions from different courts that have impacted the mix,” said team member Dustin Benham, a Baylor Law School graduate and adjunct professor at Baylor Law School, said. “We were happy when we won, sad when we lost and extremely happy now because this win is permanent. It’s a great feeling.”

Up until 2005, there were mandatory sentencing guidelines for the ratio of powder cocaine to crack cocaine. United States v. Booker held that guidelines couldn’t be mandatory and became advisory; it was in Booker that it was ruled that one gram of crack cocaine is sentenced the same as 100 grams of powder cocaine.

According to a press release sent out by Osler, the Spears rul-

ing “held that federal judges do have the ability to categorically reject those guidelines if they disagree with them for policy reasons.”

The Supreme Court’s per curiam opinion alleviated the need for oral arguments and helped generate a quick and decisive ruling that would go into effect immediately.

Osler and his former students had been working on this case for many years in order to change legal precedent with the goal that “federal judges can have greater discretion in sentencing crack cocaine cases,” according to Osler’s blog.

“This is a case that caused a lot of discussion in the national community for people who study sentencing and it’s great to be a part of that discussion,” Osler said.

In order to understand the importance of the quick decision, Osler compared this to last year’s Supreme Court case, Baze v. Rees, which decided what form of execution states would be allowed to carry out under the Eighth Amendment.

Due to the length of oral arguments, states were on a several-month hiatus from executing death-row inmates until a holding was reached.

The expediency at which the Spears case was decided, five weeks, avoided such halts on all cases that depended upon this ruling.

“Baylor Law has an interest and an involvement in national legal issues and legal change, things that not only affect Texas, but affect people nationally and go up to the Supreme Court,” said team member Matt Acosta, a Baylor Law School graduate.

While the ruling means important and immediate changes in sentencing defendants convicted of selling the drug, the ruling also affects both the life and reputations of Osler and Baylor Law School.

“(The ruling) helps project our core mission: to train people to be practical lawyers, to really make a difference in law and courtrooms,” Osler said. “In terms of everything else that I do, it gives me more credibility for teaching about sentencing and appeals since those are the two classes I teach.”

Acosta attributes his work in this case and at Baylor Law to his personal and professional success.

“The rigor and teaching style makes you think in an analytical way, at all the possible ways of viewing an issue,” he said. “That’s what Osler did and he did it in the Circuit Court, and we helped do it in the Supreme Court. It’s a long process and it worked; the law school and its fine education and its demands help us succeed in the context of trying to zealously represent our clients to the best of our ability.”

Diadeloso gets music festival

By Morgan Hoffman Reporter

Disagreement permeated Student Senate Thursday night as questions over Diadeloso’s request for \$24,500 created a rift amongst senators.

The Diadeloso committee is requesting money from the Student Government Allocation Fund.

The money was given in order to finance entertainment for the annual Diadeloso celebration.

“For the last three to four years we have been trying to revitalize Diapalooza. Our idea to do so is to host a music festival,” said Dan Johnson, a Plano junior and Diadeloso entertainment head.

Committee chairman Katy Emerson, a senior from Mesquite, said an annual Diadeloso celebration has been held at Baylor for the past 75 years.

“Diadeloso is a long standing Baylor tradition which marks a great history. This year marks its 75th anniversary,” Emerson said.

Not all senate members agreed with Emerson, as Senator Rani Baransi, a junior from Plano, said.

“Diadeloso holds a great tradition, but the amount they are seeking is too much this early in the semester,” Baransi said.

This year the Diadeloso committee is hoping to add an all day music festival to the celebration, called Diapalooza.

It will include performances from student and local bands, as well as four national acts.

The committee has arranged for Mates of State, Dave Barnes, Judas Feet and The Octopus Project to perform at this year’s Diapalooza.

The additional funding will provide for Dave Barnes and the activities that will take place during Diapalooza.

But the committee is still in need of \$24,500 for the fees of the other artists and construction of a stage for their performance.

Student Government Finance member Michael Wright, a sophomore from Houston, said Diadeloso is looking to the future with Diapalooza.

“They’ve done a great job, and worked really hard on getting these big name bands out here for a great price. I think they have a great vision for the future of Diadeloso,” Wright said.

Johnson added that the com-

mittee is not looking to make the Diapalooza music festival a one-time event, but rather an annual occurrence.

“The idea here is to set a precedent for Baylor. Should we set a precedent to say that Diadeloso can handle this event, it will show Baylor that all we require is a budget,” Johnson said.

Despite the large price tag surrounding the event, Student Senate agreed that funding was necessary in order to set a precedent in the future.

Daniel Reddin, Katy senior and committee funding head, said results from the concert will be seen right away.

“I would say that doubling attendance is not an unrealistic expectation. We’re doubling exposure, advertising and providing great musicians,” Reddin said.

Emerson noted that the committee does not hold it’s annual event to make profit, but only for the Waco community to enjoy.

“We aren’t trying to make money through Diapalooza. We are just trying to break even and help everyone have a good time,” said Emerson.

Diapalooza is scheduled for April 23 at the Baylor Sciences Building fields.

One case opens, another closes

Police name possible suspect in automobile burglary cases

By Brittany Hardy Staff writer

The Baylor Police Department and Waco Police Department worked together to identify a possible suspect in association with motor vehicle burglaries in and around Waco, on and off campus.

This past weekend, there were three burglaries of motor vehicles reported on Baylor University’s campus.

The individual arrested in association with this case was identified because his car was recognized. He is not a student.

This case is on-going.

Man charged in robbery of four students sentenced to 40 years

By Brittany Hardy Staff writer

Jonathon Daniel Ochoa, 19, was sentenced, on Thursday, to 40 years in jail. Among other charges, Ochoa was convicted of robbing four Baylor students, who were leaving the popular restaurant, George’s, on Jan. 18, 2008.

In this particular case, just over a year ago, Ochoa approached one of the four students, fired his gun into the air and requested the student’s wallet. After obtaining the first student’s wallet, he asked

the other three students for money. Ochoa collected money from the other students, then fired his gun into the air once more and ran from the scene.

Ochoa was arrested on Jan. 20, 2008, and placed in McLennan County jail for unrelated charges to this case.

On Thursday, Judge Ralph Strother sentenced Ochoa to 40 years for each of the four robbery counts, but ruled that he could serve them simultaneously and he must remain in jail for a minimum of 20 years before he will be eligible for parole.

Ochoa has also been accused of stalking and harassing his ex-girlfriend, after they broke up.

Her new boyfriend’s life was threatened.

The ex-girlfriend in question was one of the people to testify in court.

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now three times in only a few weeks. But if you know them and you know their family, they've had a routine for a long time," Gibbs said. "This is a monumental testament to Michelle."

The monumental testament to her husband? He won the BlackBerry battle.

Gibbs joked that the development was "almost as exciting as the presidential dog."

He poked fun at the White House press corps for stirring at the news during his briefing. "Let's make sure the pen still

works."

But the BlackBerry victory is a big concession. Obama said earlier that he was working with the Secret Service, lawyers and White House staff to keep the device.

Gibbs said the president will limit its use, and security has been enhanced to ensure that Obama can communicate in a way that's protected.

Only a small number of senior staff members and personal friends would be given his e-mail address.

Previous presidents chose not to use e-mail because it can be subpoenaed by Congress

and courts and may be subject to public records laws.

And Gibbs said the presumption from the White House counsel's office is that Obama's e-mails will be subject to the Presidential Records Act, which requires the National Archives to preserve presidential records.

But he also said there are exceptions for "strictly personal communications."

Obama has often been seen checking his e-mail on his handheld device, even when it meant getting his hands slapped by Michelle during his daughter's soccer game.

Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton didn't e-mail while in office, although Bush was an active e-mailer before becoming president.

That was before the era of the BlackBerry, a device now ubiquitous in Washington and precious to Obama.

When asked by The Associated Press about his worst habit during the campaign, Obama responded, "Checking my BlackBerry."

Gibbs said the president believes that using the device is an effective way to keep in touch with people without "getting stuck in a bubble."

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the 56th inaugural swearing-in ceremony was the largest event in the history of Washington, D.C., which required months of planning and organization.

"The Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies deeply regrets that some ticket holders to the ceremonies were not able to get to their ticketed sections, primarily in the purple and blue zones," the statement said. "The number of tickets issued for these sections was based on historic precedent, and calculations of the number of guests that could safely be accommodated in each area."

Kate Dumouchel, a student at Georgetown Law School, waited four hours in the blue zone, where she said no one was directing traffic or telling people where to go.

She said the only time she saw police authorities was at

the security checkpoint.

"I was probably one of the last ones to actually go through security," she said. "After I got in, there were still thousands of people behind me in line, and I only saw the last 20 minutes of the ceremony. It was awful."

Larry Malm, also a resident in D.C., arrived at the purple gate around 7 a.m., only to rush back to his apartment four hours later to catch the ceremony on television just minutes before it started.

"I think there needs to be accountability. One person exercising leadership with a megaphone starting at 7 a.m. could have headed off the entire fiasco," Malm said. "The crowd was composed of happy people who were exceptionally calm and compliant. I'm nearly certain that if clear instructions had been issued, they would have been obeyed. They are very lucky that no one was seriously hurt by the crush of the crowd."

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executive orders in the Oval Office that included closing Guantanamo, Obama said his administration would not "continue with a false choice between our safety and our ideals," a slap at policies pursued by Bush.

The much-maligned U.S. prison camp would be shut down within a year, in keeping with a frequent Obama campaign promise. The administration already has suspended trials for terrorist suspects at Guantanamo for 120 days pending a review of the military tribunals.

Congressional Democrats welcomed the moves.

"President Obama is ushering in a new era of smart, strong and principled national security policies, and Congress stands ready to work with him each step of the way," said Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, outgoing chairman of the Intelligence Committee.

But there was skeptical questioning from Republicans. House Minority Leader John Boehner was among a group of House Republicans who quickly filed a bill seeking to bar federal courts from ordering Guantanamo detainees to be released into the United States.

Boehner, R-Ohio, said it "would be irresponsible to close this terrorist detainee facility" before "important questions" are resolved. Boehner said these include where will the detainees go when Guantanamo is closed and how will they be secured?

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said such issues



Associated Press

President Barack Obama signs an executive order closing the prison at Guantanamo Bay Thursday in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.

would be determined in the coming days.

"Obviously, what started today was a process," Gibbs said.

The president set up a task force that would have 30 days to recommend policies on handling terror suspects who are detained in the future and where Guantanamo detainees should be housed once it has closed.

Obama also signed an order requiring all U.S. personnel to follow the U.S. Army Field Manual while interrogating detain-

ees and told the Justice Department to review the case of Qatar native Ali al-Marri, who is the only enemy combatant currently being held in the U.S.

Separately, retired Adm. Dennis Blair, Obama's pick to oversee the nation's intelligence agencies, told a Senate confirmation hearing that the manual would no longer be called the Army Field Manual but would be renamed "the manual for government interrogations."

Blair told the Senate Intelligence Committee the manual

also will be reviewed for possible changes. It now outlines 19 legal techniques and forbids nine.

Blair said he hoped to rebuild trust in the nation's intelligence agencies.

These agencies "must respect the privacy and civil liberties of the American people, and they must adhere to the rule of law," he said. As director of national intelligence, Blair will oversee the CIA, National Security Agency and other assorted intelligence units.

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material is taught in classrooms, written in textbooks, and presented on standardized tests.

According to the Texas Education Agency Web site, students in high school-level biology are expected to gain an understanding of "the relationship between

ecology, evolution and genetic principles."

Even so, teachers in Texas don't always present biological evolution as fact.

Rebecca Martinez, Schulerburg junior, said, "I went to a high school in a small town, where everyone in my class was pretty much Christian." When she was taught evolution, "we

were always told that this is just a theory," Martinez feels that by presenting evolution this way, "it doesn't infringe on anyone's rights (or) offend anyone."

Aimee Ferguson, junior biology major from Camden, Ark., agrees. "(Evolution) was presented as a theory," she said.

Having been homeschooled, Ferguson said that evolution has never been presented as fact in her biology classes at Baylor.

"If you're teaching as a theory, I think it should be presented as a theory alongside intelligent design ... I don't see a problem with that," she said.



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A young girl cautiously makes her way out toward the center of the Reflecting Pool Thursday in front of the Capitol Building. The cold January temperatures froze the pool so that visitors could walk across.

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Oscar nominations include fan favorites, a few surprises

By David Germain
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The romantic fantasy “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button” led Academy Awards contenders Thursday with 13 nominations, among them best picture and acting honors for Brad Pitt and Taraji P. Henson, and a directing slot for David Fincher.

Other best-picture nominees are “Frost/Nixon,” “Milk,” “The Reader” and “Slumdog Millionaire.”

As expected, Heath Ledger had a supporting-actor nomination for “The Dark Knight” on the one-year anniversary of his death from an accidental overdose of prescription drugs. But the Batman blockbuster was shut out from other top categories such as best picture and director.

“Slumdog Millionaire” lived up to its rags-to-riches theme, coming in second with 10 nominations, including a directing spot for Danny Boyle and two of the three song slots.

Pitt and real-life partner Angelina Jolie both will be going to the Oscars as nominees. Jolie had a best-actress nomination for the missing-child drama “Changeling,” while Pitt is up for his role as a man born old who ages backward toward childhood, an epic tale based on an F. Scott Fitzgerald story.

“This is a great honor for the movie, and I’m especially happy for David Fincher, for without him there would be no Ben Button,” Pitt said in a statement.

Jolie also had gushing words for her director, “Changeling” filmmaker Clint Eastwood.

“Working with Clint Eastwood was a reward in itself that will last me a lifetime,” Jolie, a supporting-actress Oscar winner for “Girl, Interrupted,” said in a statement. “To receive a nomination from the academy on top of that is a privilege beyond any expectation.”

The acting categories were loaded with surprises. Kate Winslet won two Golden Globes, best dramatic actress for “Revolutionary Road” and supporting actress for “The Reader.” But she



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Dev Patel, left, and Anil Kapoor are shown in a scene from “Slumdog Millionaire.” The film was nominated for an Academy Award for best picture, Thursday. The 81st Oscars will be presented Feb. 22 in a ceremony airing on ABC from Hollywood’s Kodak Theatre.

was nominated for lead actress at the Oscars for “The Reader” — and shut out for “Revolutionary Road,” as was Leonardo DiCaprio, who reunited with his “Titanic” co-star for the film.

Actors considered longshots also sneaked in, among them lead-actor nominee Richard Jenkins for “The Visitor,” best-actress contender Melissa Leo for “Frozen River” and supporting-actor pick Michael Shannon for “Revolutionary Road.”

Other best-actress nominees were Anne Hathaway for “Rachel Getting Married” and Meryl Streep for “Doubt.” It was a record 15th nomination for Streep, who already had more Oscar nominations than any other actor.

A drama set at a Roman Catholic school, “Doubt” had four of the 20 acting nominations. Besides Streep, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Amy Adams and Viola Davis were nominated in supporting categories.

“It’s divine,” said Davis, who plays the mother of an altar boy who may have been abused by a priest. “It feels like the greatest blessing in the world. It’s a fulfillment of a purpose. It’s a fulfillment of a dream. It’s everything that you could possibly imagine it is, and not that I needed the nomination to know I was on the right path, but it

certainly helps.”

Joining Pitt and Jenkins in the best-actor category were Frank Langella, “Frost/Nixon”; Sean Penn, “Milk”; and Mickey Rourke, “The Wrestler.”

Robert Downey Jr. — star of the year’s other big superhero flick, “Iron Man” — is up against Ledger with a supporting-actor nomination for “Tropic Thunder,” a rare broad comedy that crept into the acting categories.

Other supporting-acting picks include Josh Brolin for “Milk,” Penelope Cruz “Vicky Cristina Barcelona” and Marisa Tomei for “The Wrestler.”

“It’s personal,” said Brolin, a co-star in last year’s Oscar champ, “No Country for Old Men,” who plays Dan White, the man who gunned down gay-rights pioneer Harvey Milk in “Milk.”

“The movie got eight nominations, which I’m so happy about,” Brolin said. “With ‘No Country,’ I was just as happy, but in a different way. There was nothing personal about it. I was so happy for Javier (Bardem).”

Notably snubbed in the acting categories were Clint Eastwood for “Gran Torino,” Golden Globe winner Sally Hawkins for “Happy-Go-Lucky” and Kristin Scott Thomas for “I’ve Loved You So Long.”

But the biggest surprise over-

all was the so-so results for “The Dark Knight,” which had been picking up momentum as one Hollywood trade guild after another chose it as one of the



MCT Photo

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie arrive at the Golden Globes, Jan. 11. Both Pitt and Jolie are nominated for Academy Awards.

year’s best films.

The largest blockbuster in years, “The Dark Knight” had eight nominations, but other than Ledger’s honor, it scored only in technical categories such as cinematography, visual effects and editing.

Before his death, Ledger’s

reinvention of the Joker as a mad-dog anarchist already was bringing him Oscar buzz. After Ledger died on Oscar nominations day a year ago, an almost mythical aura grew around the actor, helping fuel a record \$158.4 million opening weekend for “The Dark Knight” last summer.

Long viewed as the favorite, Ledger won the supporting-actor prize at the Golden Globes. If the same happens on Oscar night, Ledger would be only the second performer to receive an Oscar posthumously, following Peter Finch, the best-actor winner for 1976’s “Network.”

Directors of all five best-picture nominees were nominated. Along with Boyle and Fincher, the directing category includes Ron Howard for “Frost/Nixon,” Gus Van Sant for “Milk” and Stephen Daldry for “The Reader.”

Featuring a cast of unknowns, “Slumdog Millionaire” mixes the humorous and the horrific in a love story about an orphan from the streets of Mumbai who becomes a champion on India’s version of “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire.”

Like “Slumdog Millionaire,” “The Wrestler” presents a behind-the-scenes drama that parallels the film itself. Playing a former wrestling star with one last shot at glory, Rourke returns to the promise of his early career, before his bad-boy behavior made him virtually unemployable in Hollywood.

“The Wrestler” earned Rourke the Golden Globe for dramatic actor, as well as the title-song honor for Oscar winner Bruce Springsteen. But Springsteen missed out on a song nomination for “The Wrestler.”

Along with the two tunes from “Slumdog Millionaire,” the third song nominated was one co-written by Peter Gabriel for the animated blockbuster “WALL-E.”

The robot romance, the latest Pixar Animation blockbuster coming in as the favorite for the animated-feature Oscar, is up against the martial-arts comedy “Kung Fu Panda” and the dog tale “Bolt.”

A win for the critically adored

“WALL-E” would be the fourth feature-length animation Oscar for Pixar, giving the outfit behind “Ratatouille,” “Finding Nemo” and “The Incredibles” half of the eight trophies since the category was added in 2001.

The 81st Oscars will be presented Feb. 22 at Hollywood’s Kodak Theatre and broadcast on ABC.

While the ceremony is a month away, this year’s Oscars already present a departure from previous shows: Rather than a comedian the emcee is Hugh Jackman, star of the “X-Men” flicks and a Tony Award winner for best actor in a musical.

Rock, the Oscar host four years ago, has some advice for Jackman about handling the crowd of nominees, most of whom go home empty-handed.

“I’ll tell him what Billy told me. An hour and a half into the show, most of the audience has lost, so you have to take that into account as you go on with the show,” Rock said this week at the Sundance Film Festival. “But I’m sure he’ll be great, singing and dancing and doing his thing.”

Want to see what all the hype is about? Check out these Oscar nominees still playing in Waco theaters.

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Pat Green talks about coming back to Waco, career in country music



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Country artist and Waco-native Pat Green return to Waco with the release of his new album, “What I’m For.” Green has been making country albums since 1995.

By Kelli Boesel
Entertainment Editor

With the release of his new album, “What I’m For,” Pat Green will return to his roots.

Before his newest album releases in stores, Waco-native and country artist Green will be in Waco 8 p.m. Monday at Hastings on Bosque Boulevard for a signing and in-store performance.

In a phone interview with The Baylor Lariat, the artist discussed coming back to Waco, his new album and the keys to his success.

Q: What is your favorite thing about coming back to Waco?

Seeing my family is just wonderful. Seeing the place where I grew up, seeing the streets where I used to ride my bike and just the nostalgia of being around the place that I came from is a wonderful feeling.

All things I have written about in my life started there. Obviously with “George’s Bar,” and in a lot of my earlier works you could really see Washington Avenue, which of course a street there in Waco, that I lived on

when I was living there after college.

Q: How do you distinguish your style or sound from other artists?

I just let that happen. I don’t sit down and try to emulate anything. When I sit down and start writing myself it’s part of me and it sounds like me because I wrote it. I just try to be honest and be as forthright as I can be about what I am writing about and I tell the truth. Once I have put those things together and make it relatable to other peoples lives.

Q: While writing your new album, “What I’m For,” how did you approach it and how does it differ from your previous albums?

I put so much effort into writing a song before I got into the studio. I was really ready for this one. All I had to do was focus on the sound that I wanted to create as opposed to in the past when I was writing the songs at the same time.

Q: What does the title, “What I’m For,” mean to you in your life and in your song writing?

“What I’m For” is a song about so

many different ideals that I think are common to a lot of people’s beliefs. That’s the fabric of how we live. Looking out for the ones coming behind us and having faith in the future. As far as it being the title track, it was obvious. It says so much in three words, not only about myself but also about what the entire record is about.

Q: What your favorite song on the album? Why?

I am very connected to “Footsteps of Our Fathers.” I think it’s one of the best things I’ve ever written. I wrote it with Brett James. It’s very powerful very big song. I put it in the classification of my best songs ever along with “Wave on Wave,” or “Carry On” or any of those songs that were big landmarks in my career.

Q: What’s the most important thing you’ve learned so far in your career?

Just to be yourself. Have confidence and be yourself. There are so many people that get lost in the moment and try to become famous, or try to become rich as a result of all of this and that’s not the name of the game. I don’t feel the feeling that other people

call famous. All I’m trying to do is live my life and raise my children and love my wife. As long as I’m honest to that, and take care of that then everything else has just been easy.

Q: How do you balance family and your career?

That is definitely the toughest part. I have a great wife and she takes a lot of time to come out and bring the kids to see me on the road so I’m not completely distraught missing them so much as I do. Without her this whole thing would be very difficult for me and without her I wouldn’t write the songs that I write and I wouldn’t feel the way I feel.

Q: What advice would you give to young artists?

It’s very difficult and be careful. You have to work really hard. A lot of people that get into the music business think it is such as easy life, but that couldn’t be further from the truth. It’s very difficult to get to a career musician level. It’s very difficult once you get there to stay there. You have to sacrifice your whole life to get anywhere with it.

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No. 6 Oklahoma next test for Bears

By **Brian Bateman**
Sports editor

The men's basketball team will cross the northern Texas border for the second time this week when the Bears face No. 6 University of Oklahoma at 3 p.m. Saturday. It will be Baylor's third game against a ranked opponent this year, going 1-1 against No. 1 Wake Forest University and No. 17 Arizona State University.

Baylor (15-3, 3-1) is fresh off a 83-65 victory over the struggling Kansas State University Wildcats. In that event, sophomore guard LaceDarius Dunn drained a school-record nine 3-pointers. Meanwhile, Oklahoma (18-1, 4-0) struggled with the University of Nebraska, trailing 38-32 at halftime before eventually winning 72-61.

Although the Sooners found themselves trailing at halftime, they relied heavily on sophomore forward Blake Griffin. That

won't change against Baylor.

The Oklahoma City forward had a tremendous freshman year with the Sooners, nearly averaging a double-double every game, but his sophomore career has been even more impressive. Averaging 13.6 rebounds and 22.3 points per game, Griffin leads the Big 12 Conference in both categories.

"I'd like to have somebody like that. He is a load whether you're small like us or big like Texas," Nebraska head coach Doc Sadler said. "He's been a load for a lot of people."

Last season, Griffin scored the Bears for 46 points and 30 rebounds in two meetings between the squads. That includes a late dunk at the Ferrell Center that ended the Bears' slim, one-point lead in a game in which he wasn't supposed to play.

"We were very surprised," head coach Scott Drew said after the Jan. 26, 2008 game. "We had

a guy with the same injury last year and it took five weeks for him to come back. We went over personnel, but we never really focused on him being there."

Griffin wasn't supposed to return for another two weeks.

Baylor's freshman forward Quincy Acy will likely draw the assignment to guard Griffin, which will be a tough draw for the undersized Mesquite

Doc Sadler
Nebraska head coach

native.

"If you're out there and not being aggressive because you're afraid to get fouls, then that takes away from your game,"

Drew said.

Beyond Griffin's 6-foot-10 frame are two threats from the outside: junior guard Tony Crocker and freshman guard Willie Warren.

Crocker, who is from San Antonio, leads the team with 35 made 3-pointers and is shooting 80 percent from the free throw line. Warren is shooting 50 percent from the field.

Finally, Griffin's older brother, senior forward Taylor Griffin, helps to clean the lane of any loose balls. He averages 6.4 rebounds and has 24 blocks on the year.

"For us to be successful this year defending and rebounding are always the two areas we concentrate on," Baylor head coach Scott Drew said.

Oklahoma is known for its tight defense, tied for second the Big 12 in scoring defense. Baylor is ninth, allowing 15.5 more points per game than the Sooners.



Shanna Taylor/ Lariat Staff
Baylor guard Henry Dugat dribbles against Oklahoma State Saturday.

Lady Bears eye TTU

By **Joe Holloway**
Sports writer

The No. 5 Baylor Lady Bears (16-1, 4-0) will hit the road again Saturday to take on the Texas Tech University Lady Raiders (11-6, 2-2) in Lubbock.

The Lady Bears are fresh from an exciting 64-61 victory over the No. 9 Texas A&M University Aggies Wednesday in College Station and Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said she expects the Texas Tech game to be every bit as difficult.

Of the Lady Raiders' two home conference games so far, a win over No. 14 Texas is their lone victory. They are coming off a 60-48 loss to Kansas State at home Wednesday.

"This one won't be any different," she said. "We all know how much West Texas loves their women's basketball at Texas Tech. We understand that Texas Tech beat UCLA. They beat Texas. It will be very difficult but hopefully we will be prepared and go in and try to steal another one on the road. Anytime you can go on the road and win you feel like you have stolen one."

The three-point win over A&M certainly could have gone either way. Junior post Danielle Wilson scored the winning points for the Lady Bears with less than five seconds on the game clock.

"That's a basketball game: if you're a fan, you certainly enjoyed it. You got your money's worth," Mulkey said. "It was a game that meant a lot to both teams and it just came down to

Kim Mulkey
head coach

us making a play at the end.

Junior forward Morghan Medlock was the Lady Bears' leading scorer in the topsy-turvy contest that featured 21 lead changes. She came in after senior forward Rachel Allison got into early foul trouble.

Recordbook

Baylor has won
9 of 10
against Texas Tech

Texas Tech leads
all-time series
46-20

"I know how hard she works every day in practice," Medlock said of Allison. "I just go out there and say 'I've got to do this for the seniors.'"

Razorback Invite next tournament for Bears

By **Julie Sessions**
Reporter

The Baylor men and women's track and field teams travel to Fayetteville, Ark., this weekend for the Razorback Invitational. Building on the success and momentum from last weekend in Lubbock, the Bears hope to bring home even more record-breaking times, and even some new provisionals.

"Personally, I know I'm going to be opening up my first 200-meter of the season," junior sprinter Trey Harts said. "I want to try to post an extremely fast time for this early in the season."

Over 30 schools are set to compete at the Randal Tyson Track Complex this weekend, including TCU, the University of Oklahoma and Southern Methodist University. Last year, the Bears recorded seven provisional qualifying times and tallied six event victories at the meeting, with Baylor alumna Lauren Hagans setting a new school record in the mile at 4:41.67. This year, the remaining Lady Bears will be looking to set even more Baylor records.

"This weekend, I'm looking forward to bettering my time with the 60-(meter)," sophomore sprinter Tiffany Townsend said, who set a record in the 200 relay in Lubbock last weekend. "My main focus this season is to stay healthy, so if I can do that, I'm all good."

Associate Coach Michael Ford also sees a lot of potential for the Bears and what they could accomplish in Fayetteville.

"The competition will be stiffer then last week at (Texas) Tech, so I'm looking forward to seeing them run," Ford said. "We want to perform as well as we can, and we want to run fast."

The bigger picture still in sight for the Bears is the New Balance Invitational coming up Feb. 6 in New York City. The event is one of the biggest indoor-track events for the team this year, and they hope to get

"We want to stay healthy and keep building up our confidence for New York."

Trey Harts
junior sprinter

in more preparation for it in Fayetteville.

"We want to stay healthy and keep on building up our confidence for New York," Harts said, who is from Lake Charles, La. "That's a big meet and we want to be on our A-game when we get there."

The Bears will return again to Fayetteville during the outdoor season for the Arkansas Twilight meet on May 1.

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