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Lady Bears battle it out in Lubbock



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Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey and her son, Kramer, cut down the net Sunday at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City, Okla.



Above: Baylor post Morgan Medlock goes up for a layup as Texas A&M University post Danielle Gant defends in the final game of the Big 12 Tournament on Sunday.
Left: The Lady Bears post for the media following their 72-63 victory against Texas A&M University Sunday at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City, Okla.

By Joe Holloway
Sports writer

The No. 5-ranked Baylor women's basketball team will travel to Lubbock to battle the University of Texas at San Antonio in the first round of the NCAA tournament at 8:30 p.m. Sunday in the United Spirit Arena.

The Lady Bears enter the tournament as a No. 2 seed while the Roadrunners are a No. 15 seed. Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said after the seeds were announced that she wasn't too familiar with UTSA's team, but that was something she intended quickly to remedy.

"I don't know anything other than I know who the coach is. I

know they made a good run in the tournament a couple of years ago," Mulkey said Monday. "This time tomorrow, and by the end of the week, I'll know a heck of a lot more. We start working with film, and get in the film room, and start preparing."

Should the Lady Bears send the Roadrunners packing Sunday night, they will go on to play the winner of the other Sunday game in Lubbock between No. 7 seed South Dakota State University and No. 10 seed TCU. Mulkey said they would prepare for those teams as well as UTSA.

"Not only do you prepare for them, you have to prepare for the other two teams," she said. "TCU we probably know less

about even though they're closer because we played South Dakota State two or three years ago in the Bahamas. That was a heck of a ball club then."

Baylor beat SDSU 71-53 on November 26, 2006, in Freeport, Bahamas. The Lady Jackrabbits were still a developing program at the time, but Mulkey indicated she sees them as a force with which to be reckoned.

"They were working at that time to gain division one status and now they're there," she said. "They're very well coached. They're very disciplined. I just hope it's so hot in Lubbock that they dehydrate a little."

Senior guard Jhasmin Player, whose most recent performance

of 25 points lifted Baylor over Texas A&M University in the championship game of the Big 12 tournament, said she has her own hopes for the start of the dance.

"We have very, very supportive fans and I know we'll see a lot of them up in Lubbock," she said. "Lubbock is very supportive to women's basketball, so I'm sure a lot of fans will come out in Lubbock and support women's basketball. I hope they go for us because we're in the Big 12."

Mulkey echoed that sentiment, indicating she liked the fact her team could play somewhere within such close proxim-

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Professor's paper garners award

By Brittany McNamara
Reporter

Associate professor of ministry guidance, Dr. Dennis Horton, received the 2009 Frank P. Forwood Award March 7 at the annual meeting of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies in Dallas.

The Association for the Scientific Study of Religion-Southwest (ASSR-SW) administered the



Horton

award for Horton's paper titled "Resurgent Calvinism among Young Conservative Christian Leaders and Its Implications for Women in Ministry."

"It's always nice to have papers finished," Horton said. "It's a real honor to have peers recognizing your work."

Horton said subject material came from a 50-question survey ranging from questions on one's view of women in ministry to personal theological belief. Approximately 2,600 ministry students from across the United States completed the survey.

"The survey gives you a window into the way people think and how theology flows into dif-

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Majorly cool

A statue of Major George B. Erath, Father of Waco — Champion of Texas, surveyor, statesman and a Texas Ranger, sits by the entrance of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum Thursday.

Population on the increase in Waco

Shauna Harris
Reporter

Fuller parking lots and crowded highways are a result of the expanding population of McLennan County, which currently exceeds 230,000 inhabitants.

The United States Census Bureau released its estimation of McLennan County and the Waco Metropolitan Statistical Area population Thursday, revealing a slow but continued population growth since 2000.

"Even in these tough economic times, Waco and McLennan County are continuing to grow," said Larry Lyon, vice provost for Institutional Effectiveness and director of the Center for Community Research and Development.

There were approximately 230,500 residents in July 2008. That is an increase of 2,400 more residents, from the 228,123 in July 2007. In 2000, there were approximately 214,000 people residing in McLennan County. Today, the slow but steady population increase has risen 7.7 percent.

According to Lyon, the Baylor demographic researchers at the Center for Community Research and Development were very impressed with the continued trend in the sustainable population growth.

CCRD along with Baylor

University researchers determined that the county and the Waco Metropolitan Statistical Area is population sustainable. The populace can expect to not only remain constant but also expand through natural growth and an increase in domestic migration.

External migration, people moving to other countries, has decreased within the last year, according to Charles Tolbert, professor and chair of Baylor's department of sociology.

"People are wary about coming here from another country because of the economy," Tolbert said. "There is a decline in international migration."

In the first part of the decade McLennan County received approximately 600 new inhabitants from foreign countries every year. However, by 2008, the international migration was down by an estimated 138 persons.

According to Baylor demographers, the decrease in external migration this year was offset by McLennan's domestic migration increase.

"There has been a net gain within the last year which is reversing a trend that saw us losing population to other places in Texas, the U.S. and places like Mexico between 2004 and

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McLennan County Population Growth

214,000 in 2000
228,123 in July 2007
230,530 in July 2008
7.7 percent increase since 2000

Alliance talks local education improvements

By Nick Dean
Staff writer

A name change and a recently published report have pushed the Greater Waco Education Alliance into the next phase of work within the community.

The alliance, once under the name of Greater Waco Community Summit Group, held an education summit Nov. 19-21 to discuss the educational problems in Waco and the solutions that may solve those problems. A community update covering the summit was held at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Bosque Room at the Waco Convention Center.

A report compiling many of the events at the summit was made available at the community update Thursday.

"The report includes comments, speakers and almost everything that is possible to report from the summit," Waco Virginia DuPuy said.

DuPuy is one member of

the 2008 Summit Planning Team. Other members include Ashley Allison of the Waco Foundation, Ken Hampton of the Greater Waco Chamber, Dick Hinkley of the Center for Occupational Research and Development, Tyler Horner and Leah Jackson of Baylor University and Brandon Moseley of the Mayor's Office.

Because of research into early childhood development and the critical points of a child's life in terms of education, the group created an alliance to benefit Waco's youth in their quest for knowledge. One key player in the learning process the committee emphasize is the role of the parent.

"If you look at the research it is evident," Ashley Allison said. "When parents are involved, the children do better in school."

Also according to the alliance's research, a sign of healthy education for a child is reading on grade level by third

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Graduate school gets stipend increase

By Shauna Harris
Reporter

The life of Baylor graduate students in science, technology, engineering and math fields just got a little easier.

Beginning next fall, more money will be available to them.

The graduate school was

granted an 11 percent increase in stipend funding for the science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines for the 2009-2010 academic year in order to strengthen Baylor's competitiveness against other graduate schools.

"In both relative and absolute terms, this is the largest increase we have ever had," said Larry

Lyon, vice provost for institutional effectiveness and dean of the graduate school. "This will help our current graduate students remain in graduate school and help Baylor become more competitive in recruiting the best applicants."

The stipend benchmarks for this coming fall for each of these doctoral programs is set at a

minimum of \$19,000. This figure however has the potential to go up to \$25,000 based on individual stipend enhancements, awards and scholarships.

Assistant Dean of the graduate school Denny Kramer said the Graduate School is looking at the fees students are paying

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Concealed weapons could prove effective deterrents

While many developed Western countries have instated restrictive gun control laws, a majority of U.S. states allow its citizens to legally carry firearms in public arenas. As a result, American legislatures appear to be less progressive than that of peer countries.

Recently, there has been hot debate on whether these laws should be able to restrict legal weapons concealment on school campuses.

The premise of laws restricting the possession of firearms in these areas is to ensure that there will be "safe zones" for those who may be vulnerable.

Students were murdered in situations such as the Virginia Tech massacre and Columbine.

It would be common sense to pull all guns away from areas prone to such threats. However, it would be naive for one to assume that everyone, especially a suicidal shooter, to follow the laws if they were going to commit multiple first-degree homicides anyways.

Carrying concealed weapons is not about every person being armed. Instead, it acts more as a passive deterring effect than an active crime stopping effect.

With concealed weapons permits, it gives the impression that



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BY HENRY CHAN

each person may or may not be carrying weapons. If one were to try to wreak havoc upon a school campus, they must realize that before the police show up, they may be a target of elimination for: students, professors, janitors, secretaries, maintenance crews and gardeners.

It is not the amount of people

that possess a defensive weapon on that matters; it is the fact that there may be an immediate response aimed right back at you that will potentially stop many crimes before it even happens.

One may argue that firearms ought to be put in the hands of capable personnel. The police force is just as good of a crime prevention as it is an immediate crime stopper, but it only works if police officers are on site.

Local TV station KWTX reported in a February story that Waco police's average response time for priority calls is just under eight minutes.

Furthermore, according to the Texas DPS, conceal carry licensees in Texas are all required to pass a day long course which clarifies the legal consequences and a field qualification to ensure that the licensee is capable to hit a man-sized target at 3, 7 and 15 yards with at least 35 out of 50 rounds of a proficient caliber in a limited amount of time. The person applying for the license then will wait for up to 60 days for a series of background checks and paperwork to clear with Texas DPS and the FBI.

Criminals choose to defy laws. Another law banning

guns on campus will not make a difference to someone who is already illegally carrying a gun. I would not argue that everyone having a gun on an open holster would deter crime; but the lucid concept that anyone around you may have the power to stop a criminal will most definitely lower public gun violence.

A legislation that bans licensed concealed weapons carriers on campuses will only attract crime to campus instead of deterring it.

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Editorial

Tenure essential to higher learning

Tenure has been the backbone of the university system for years, but this might be starting to change. A secure job for life is slowly being replaced by short-term contracts.

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) is trying to end tenure completely. On March 13, The KCTCS Board of Regents voted 10-4 to eliminate tenure for new university professors.

KCTCS will not cancel tenure agreements for those professors who already have that designation, or those already on the "tenure track."

The organization passed the decision along with eliminating health insurance for future retirees. With a sagging economy, the board believed these to be the best choices for the financial future of the institution.

KCTCS will compensate with continually lengthening contracts—a first-year contract for one year, then a renewal contract for two years, etc. However, any push away from tenure is an unwelcome one.

The biggest danger in abolishing tenure would be a strain on academic freedom and the college's ability to attract qual-



ity professors.

Tenure is the cornerstone of any institute of higher learning. With a secure job, professors are free to explore controversial topics and do research in a variety of fields.

Students are more stimulated from open discussion than a formula of dogmatic doctrine. Colleges are designed to be well-rounded places of learning, and tenure is conducive to the free exchange of ideas intrinsic to higher education.

Non-tenured teachers can lead engaging classroom conversation, but tenure is the only

guarantee professors won't lose their jobs for guiding a class conversation on a taboo topic or for expressing unconventional opinions.

Without tenure, job security is another major issue. The teaching field is not the highest-paying destination for intellectuals.

In fact, many experienced professors work in their field for many years and return to teach later in life.

Without tenure, or at least the promise of a chance at tenure, what is to keep the universities from cutting ties with

professors after just two years? One salient perk of becoming a professor is a chance at tenure. Certain federal judges and priests are among the few other vocations that offer similar job security.

Professors shouldn't have complete immunity, though. Unmotivated tenured professors were part of the impetus of the removal of tenure at KCTCS. Future applicants should be required to produce research.

They should be expected to give quality lectures and keep office hours. Repercussions for

not doing so should be put in place.

This shouldn't be an issue for most tenured professors, as they already follow these guidelines. It will, however, motivate those few who don't contribute to the welfare of the university.

Without tenure, the university system will lose its most basic aspect.

It might appear as simply a financial move to save the university money, but it would cost a college what makes it a college. It will cease being a place of diverse learning.

GOP needs to divert focus from Limbaugh to party's future

He once described feminism as something invented to allow ugly women access to the mainstream.

According to the media watchdog group Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, he once advised a black caller to his radio show: "Take that bone out of your nose and call me back."

He once made fun of the body tremors of a man struggling with a degenerative and incurable disease of the nervous system.

Yet, when Republican Party Chairman Michael Steele described Rush Limbaugh's radio program during a recent CNN interview as "ugly" and "incendiary," it was Steele who was required to tender a prompt apology.

People keep asking, in the wake of two consecutive shell-lackings at the voting booth, what is wrong with the GOP.

They have wrung their hands and hung their heads over Steele's goofy attempts ("off the hook") to bring street cred to the party of big business and social conservatism.

But if you want to know what ails the elephant, you need look no further than the sight of its putative leader groveling before the throne of a radio talk-show host and declaring his "enormous respect" for this "ugly" and "incendiary" fellow.

It must be crowded at the base of the throne.

Steele is only the latest GOP official (Georgia Rep. Phil Gingrey and South Carolina Gov.



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BY LEONARD PITTS JR.

Mark Sanford preceded him) to find himself offering clarifications and apologies for making the mistake of speaking honestly about the party's bloviator in chief.

It's a sign that, for all the talk about rebranding and reinventing, the party remains too reluctant and regressive to match its words with actions. And that bodes ill for both it and the nation.

You will not believe it, but I have been rooting for the GOP. As well deserved as its recent drubbings have been, the fact is, single party governance is invariably a recipe for over-reaching; the Bush years proved that inarguably.

So for the sake of the checks and balances that make our system work, I would like to see the party get off the mat.

But it is hard to imagine this is how they will do it.

As many pundits and even party officials have noted, given the dramatic cultural and demographic changes under way in this country, the GOP faces a real possibility of being reduced to a regional party of limited national relevance unless it broadens its appeal beyond angry white men

living primarily in the states of the old Confederacy.

That being the case, why are they kissing the ring of the angry white man who broadcasts from West Palm Beach?

Why are they not in South L.A. talking about entrepreneurship? Or in the Ninth Ward bearing proposals to encourage marriage and strengthen families? Or in Liberty City offering ideas to stem the violence? Why are they not competing for the votes they say they want?

To judge from the eagerness with which they prostrate themselves before Limbaugh, the answer is troublingly simple: They fear losing the votes they have.

They are unable to disentrail themselves from that culturally

intolerant, intellectually incoherent, perpetually outraged and willfully ignorant cohort of the American demographic they call their base, i.e., extreme social conservatives.

Over the years, the GOP has reliably been able to woo them by demonizing gays, people of color, Muslims, feminists and anyone else who did not fit their white picket fence fantasies.

But the changes afoot in our country suggest that won't work quite as well in the future as it has up till now. So it's all well and good if the party feels a need to apologize.

But they're facing the wrong way.

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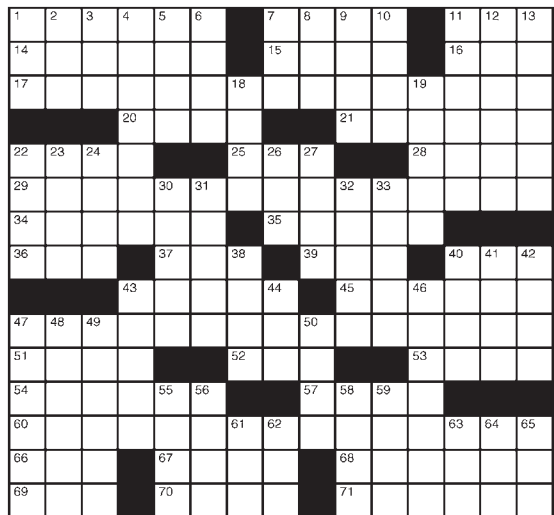
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5K run benefits 5-year-old cancer patient's family

By Ashley Corinne Killough
Staff Writer

When families go through tough times, communities are known to rally together in support.

This has been the case for the Cassidys of Meridian, whose 5-year-old daughter, Darcy, was recently diagnosed with a rare, aggressive brain tumor and is undergoing treatment at the renowned St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Since Darcy's diagnosis in January, the small town has held a number of benefits, including a spaghetti supper, a fish fry and a barrel racing rodeo event. And to cap it all off, this Saturday, Meridian will hold the Darcy's Angels 5K Run and one mile family fun run/walk.

Baylor's chapter of Delta Delta Delta is volunteering at the race. Waco freshman Stacy Wren, a member of Tri-Delt, said she was touched when she heard about Darcy a month ago and wanted to help.

"When I read that she's going to St. Jude, which is Tri-Delt's philanthropy, I figured we had the tools to make a difference. We've been raising money for St. Jude, and now here's a chance to get to see those efforts through more local action," Wren said.

Doctors removed most of Darcy's tumor during surgery at Scott and White Hospital in Temple. They then discovered that the tumor was not Medulloblastoma or Ependymoblastoma like they suspected, but an Atypical Teratoid Rhabdoid Tumor (ATRT).

The survival rate for this type of tumor for children younger than 3 years is less than 10 percent, even after surgery and chemotherapy treatment. According to resources provided by St. Jude, "it appears that older children, when treated with chemotherapy and radiation therapy after surgery, do somewhat better long-term, nearing 70 percent."



Courtesy Photo

Meridian 5-year-old Darcy Cassidy was diagnosed with a rare, aggressive brain tumor and is currently at St. Jude's hospital in Memphis, where she has been receiving treatment and chemotherapy since Feb. 15. The community has supported Cassidy's family and will continue Saturday by holding a Darcy's Angels 5K Run and one-mile family fun run/walk.

On Feb. 15, Darcy departed with her mom, Cathy, and little sister, DayLyn, to Memphis for several weeks of treatment and chemotherapy at St. Jude. Darcy's older brother and sister, Danny and Dakota, stayed behind in Meridian with their father, Michael.

"They're the sweetest family," said Cindy Johnson, neighbor and one of the organizers of the race. "They have their faith and a lot of friends, but I don't know, it's just hard to see your child go through that. It touches everybody's hearts, and people want to help."

Johnson described Darcy as

a little "girly girl," who loves hot pink and nail polish.

"They're all well-behaved children, and Cathy, herself is just so full of energy, and it makes you want to be a better person when you read about her and hear about her," Johnson said.

Cathy keeps a blog about their time at St. Jude through Caring Bridge, a free Web site service that allows people with critical illnesses to journal and connect with others going through similar situations.

Darcy's site has had more than 14,400 visits since it was set up, and Cathy receives thousands of messages from all over the country.

The blog can be found by going to caringbridge.org and typing in "darcycassidy."

"Michael and I have been so fortunate to meet and become amazing friends with people from within the USA and other countries, other religions, etc. There are people praying for us from Bosque County to New England, California, Florida to Oregon, Canada, Pakistan and every place in between. How special that is!" Cathy wrote Feb. 23 on the blog.

Registration for Saturday's race begins at 7:30 a.m. by the Meridian Civic Center, one block from the Courthouse Square in Meridian. The 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. and the fun run/walk starts at 8:45 a.m.

The entry cost is \$20 per runner and includes a T-shirt, or \$10 without a shirt. There will be no charge for small children in strollers or pets. All proceeds will go to benefit the Cassidy family.

"It's very heartwarming and uplifting. It feels good to be a part of these communities, not just Meridian but Morgan, Clifton and Waco. Everyone I talk to wants to pitch in some way," Johnson said.

More information on the race can be found at <http://arrow-headsr.com/darceypg.html>.



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Riding for recognition

Texarkana sophomore Alicia Brown and Athens, Texas, Senior Michael Holdridge ride their bikes Thursday at Fountain Mall during a 24-hour ride to raise funds and awareness for the Baylor Cycling Club.

Rising application, enrollment numbers pose housing issues

Jenna Williamson
Reporter

In light of the current economic situation, Interim University President David Garland said addressed how Baylor is farring at Thursday's Student Senate meeting.

Fall enrollment numbers are not a concern, as the application pool is up 29.2 percent from last year. Garland mentioned that senators in Austin are "amazed we have 30,000 interested in Baylor."

"That doesn't always mean anything," Garland said, noting how easy it has become to apply to college online. Perhaps more telling, 19,500 applications have been completed – up 22 percent from last year. Garland said the number of deposits is up slightly as well.

The applicant pool is just a half percent behind last year's academic performance rankings, and ACT scores are higher than last year.

"We can't predict right now what is going to happen, but all the indicators right now are fairly positive," Garland said.

For Baylor as a whole, the economic situation is positive. "So far, things seem to look good compared to other universities," Garland said.

He mentioned that Arizona State has recently cut 500 jobs and begun requiring professors to take yearly furloughs lasting one to two weeks.

"We have not reached that point," he said. "We are giving our faculty and staff raises this year. To me, that's very important."

Garland said he thinks Baylor's current number of undergraduate students is ideal.

"I've seen selectivity increase every year," he said. "I don't want to see a larger level of students." The university's goal is 3,050 students in next year's freshman class.

When asked what to do about the shortage of freshman housing, Garland jokingly responded, "Let's send them to ETBU (East Texas Baptist University)," he said. "I'm concerned about it and I don't know exactly how to fix it."

The administration wants to build another living and learning center, although there are no plans to expand housing by next semester. The logistics of on-campus housing are being worked out, and there are no plans to use study rooms as living quarters, he said.

"To me, students are a priority," Garland said. "We cannot bring students here and promise them an outstanding educa-

tion ... and not follow through on that."

In light of stock market downturn, he said Baylor's endowment isn't a major concern.

"The reality is, we are not going to know the full picture for a couple more months," Garland said.

He noted that the university has an impressive track record in handling endowment funds. Baylor doesn't spend the endowment itself, but the money earned from the endowment.

"I am assured that we will have taken a hit, but not as bad as some schools."

In other news, Billie Peterson-Lugo, assistant director for the electronic library, discussed Baylor's new copyright policy.

"The policy is basically saying we will adhere by copyright law, but because we are in an academic environment, there are exceptions and other things that come into play," she said.

The university now has a Web site to aid students and faculty in better understanding copyright laws. The site includes scenarios people may encounter she said.

"Most of the time, you guys have no idea – you're not going out there and intentionally violating copyright," Christopher (Kit) Riehl, assistant general counsel said.

BEAR BRIEFS

The George W. Truett Theological Seminary's Spring Preview will an all day event held today at Truett Seminary. Students must sign up online and parents are welcome to attend. For more information, or a schedule of events visit <http://www.baylor.edu/truett/preview> or e-mail Truett_Information@baylor.edu or call 710-3755, and choose option five.

The Concert Choir with Campus Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. today at the Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. The 81-voice mixed chorus will perform under the direction of David Guess, adjunct lecturer in ensembles and with accompanist Stephen Variames. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

The Women's basketball team is holding a send-off rally at 6 p.m. at the Waco Regional Airport at 7909 Karl May Dr. The bears will be leaving for the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament. All fans are welcome to send-off the Lady Bears.

To submit a bear brief, e-mail Lariat@baylor.edu.

Young graduates disappointed by unexpected layoffs, unemployment

By Megan K. Scott
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Molly Stach thought she was doing everything right until she got laid off from her public relations job in December. Since then, the 26-year-old has been struggling with self-doubt.

"Why don't they want to hire me?" she asked of the companies not responding to the resumes she sends out each week. "I went through four years of college, graduated. You get praised while you are working and then all the sudden you are not employable."

For 20-somethings who are losing their first or second jobs because of the recession, the economic downturn has been an especially bitter pill. Many of them have been raised to believe they can do anything and be anything, and are finding their

high expectations dashed.

"Many were raised to believe that the world was their oyster," said Alexandra Robbins, author of "Conquering Your Quarter-life Crisis." "And in this kind of economy, that's just not the case."

The national unemployment rate for people ages 20 to 24 was 12.9 percent in February, up from 9 percent a year ago and higher than the overall unemployment rate of 8.1 percent, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics. For those ages 25 to 29, the rate – 3not seasonally adjusted – was 10.6 percent.

Getting laid-off is a humbling experience for Gen Yers, many of whom have never experienced real financial hardship or big disappointment, said Nancy Molitor, a clinical psychologist in Wilmette, Ill. She said many of her young adult patients feel depressed, devastated and

uneasy about their future.

"A lot of these kids grew up thinking they were going to be able to have it all," she said. "They feel frozen just when they should feel excited and hopeful about the future."

While 20-somethings don't generally have the responsibilities of older workers, getting laid off is in other ways a harder blow because they are still trying to figure out what to do with their lives and are "ardent about doing something meaningful for a living," Robbins said.

Craig Hengel, 27, of St. Cloud, Minn., was surprised to be let go from his job at a printing company.

"Losing my job is something I never thought about because I am educated, very hard working ... and have never had to deal with something like this," he said.

"I don't really know what

to do next and I'm not finding much answers."

In previous recessions, companies tended to let go of more senior workers because of their high salaries, said Andrew Sum, director of the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University.

But he said younger workers are faring worse this time around as employers hold on to the workers who have knowledge, experience and better work habits.

A growing number of workers over age 60 have also been returning to the work force and capturing jobs that would have gone to young adults, he added.

Brianna D'Amico, 23, was the first to go at the high-end retail group where she landed a job in Washington, D.C. She had been there six months when the company restructured; everyone else had five or more years of

experience.

"It really hurts to lose a job that you really like, that you were good at, that you were praised for being good at," said D'Amico, who is collecting unemployment. "For a while I felt so embarrassed I was laid off."

In some ways, growing up in a time of plenty has made it harder for 20-somethings to adjust because they have to learn new skills, such as budgeting, living frugally and staying out of debt, said Dr. Judith Orloff, author of "Emotional Freedom: Liberate Yourself From Negative Emotions and Transform Your Life."

Still, she added, many have a youthful outlook that there's plenty of time to fix things and get back on track.

Some are hitting up the bank of mom and dad, though mom and dad are experiencing their own financial struggles. Others

are looking at the situation as an opportunity.

Hengel has taken an unpaid internship in music PR while he searches for another job. He is also moving closer to the Twin Cities, where there are more career opportunities.

Darnell Holloway, 24, who was let go from an investment bank in San Francisco, is considering graduate school. He's already started studying for the GMAT.

Stach, of Wakefield, R.I., is using her free time to blog. And D'Amico, who has cut out shopping sprees, has rented four seasons of her favorite melodrama "The O.C." She also spends hours looking for jobs and hits the gym five times a week.

"I know something will come for me, something good is around the corner," she said. "Until then, I'm taking suggestions."

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Lyrical story triumphs in ‘Hazards’

By Kelli Boesel
Entertainment editor

The Decemberists offer listeners a complete thematic journey through "The Hazards of Love" in a fantastical love story.

ALBUMREVIEW

When committing to the album, you have to listen to it all the way through, without skipping songs, repeating songs or doing anything that can distract you from the storytelling brought through the speakers by the seasoned indie band. Only when this is achieved can you appreciate its complexities. The lyrics to every song paint a vivid picture of Margaret and her journey for love. The characters Margaret

meets on her journey are a shape-shifting faun, who is Margaret's true love, The Queen and the Rake.

Each song is a different chapter in the tragic love story, and has different characters, themes and events.

The lyrics are the true masterpiece in the album. Without the story, the melody would be repetitive and simple, filled with acoustic instruments like the guitar and violin, with a few organ sounds tucked in here and there.

Most of the really touching, interesting tracks on the album pair complex lyrical stories with memorable melodies.

"The Wanting Comes in Waves" relates a conversation between the over-controlling queen and her son. In the song

the son pleads for the chance to follow his heart, and his mother begrudgingly lets him have one free night to follow his heart to Margaret. The melody uses the organ to create a haunting tone, which emphasizes the power struggle between mother and son.

Another standout track is "The Rake's Song." The chilling melody is paired with a horrific and cruel description of how the Rake killed each of his three children. The song is unique because during a casual listen you have one aesthetic experience, but a deeper listen provides a different experience altogether.

The final song on the album, "The Hazards of Love 4 (The Drowned)," brings the tragic story to a close.

Its heartbreaking lyrics, – "with this long last rush of air we speak our vows" – are enveloped in a casing that pulls together the melodic theme of the album.

The danger with this type of album is the casual listener will not understand or appreciate the complexities of the lyrics. Without the necessary attention the album calls for, the lyrics are lost and the album is reduced to 17 simple, repetitive songs.

"The Hazards of Love" requires time and dedication to fully appreciate its brilliance. Once that time is given, listeners are transported into a complete one-hour story that is not only masterfully told, but is also complete and touching.

Grade: A-

‘Duplicity’ thrills with twists every minute

By Christy Lemire
The Associated Press

Tony Gilroy penetrated the world of corporate corruption with smarts, suspense and searing insight in his 2007 directing debut, "Michael Clayton."

He revisits that territory with "Duplicity," only he does it with plenty of sexual tension to go along with his usual crackling dialogue and complex plotting. The storytelling here is more dense, but the tone has a sly, sexy playfulness about it that



Courtesy of MCT
Julia Roberts and Clive Owen star in "Duplicity," a romantic comedy about two spies who plan to rob a pharmaceutical company, that is if sexual tension and paranoia don't get in the way.

constantly evolving relationship between Roberts' ex-CIA officer Claire Stenwick and Owen's former MI6 agent Ray Koval.

They've figured out a way to rob the rival pharmaceutical companies for whom they serve as undercover operatives in Manhattan; apparently, paranoia is rampant among the people who are supposed to make you feel better about yourself through conditioner and toothpaste.

Tom Wilkinson and Paul Giamatti, as the egomaniac titans of industry on either side of this Park Avenue war, bring substance to what could have been a couple of cartoony roles, and the healthy balance of A-list stars and veteran character actors is part of what makes "Duplicity" so appealing.

But because Claire and Ray are so paranoid themselves, as their careers have required them

to be, they never know whether they can trust each other, something Gilroy shows us in flashbacks over the past five years in locales including Dubai, Rome and Miami.

When they first meet at a U.S. Embassy party, he seduces her, she slips something in his drink, then ransacks his hotel room and takes off with secret information.

Ray has been figuring out ever since then how to confront Claire should their paths cross again – which they do, repeatedly – and the way his tone changes each time he delivers his schpiel is one of many clever running gags.

The threat of a double-cross keeps them both on their toes and infuses their affair with a buzzing and frequently hilarious tension.

That's precisely why it seems so needless when Gilroy eventually gives in and spells things out for us. The guessing game was too addictive and it didn't have to end.

Until then, though, the myriad twists and turns will probably make your head spin – if you can follow them all, that is – and you won't see the last one coming. But if you do, hey, bravo to you for being so crafty yourself.



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Men’s basketball heads to Virginia

By **Brian Bateman**
Sports editor

The Baylor men's basketball team will face Virginia Tech at 10 a.m. Saturday in the second round of the National Invitation Tournament.

The Hokies finished eighth in the Atlantic Coast Conference behind such teams as the University of North Carolina, Wake Forest University, Duke University and Florida State University.

"It'll be our quickness versus their size," Baylor head coach Scott Drew said.

Virginia Tech has 12 players over 6-foot-5-inches tall.

"They're a very athletic team. They get up and down the court and crash the boards. In the post we'll have an advantage at the center position," Drew said.

Guard A.D. Vassallo leads the Hokies with 19.3 points per game. However, guard Malcolm Delaney isn't far behind with 18.2 points per game. The duo of guards are joined by forward Jeff Allen, who averages 13.8 points per game.

"They're definitely a team that can compete with any team in the nation," Drew said. "They're in every game. I think that speaks to the parity of college basketball, too."

Defensively, the Hokies are allowing just over 70 points per game, but aren't scoring much more.

The Hokies are 5-9 over their last 16 games.

However, a double-overtime victory over Duquesne University has advanced them into the second round.

Baylor will likely employ the same zone defense, but won't count on past success to win future games.

"It's allowed us to stay fresher and allows us to play a bigger lineup," Drew said. When people get comfortable with one look we hit them with a different one."

Sophomore guard Lace-Darius Dunn was shooting at a fast clip Wednesday, scoring 20 points from all over the floor. The Bears will look for a repeat performance Saturday.

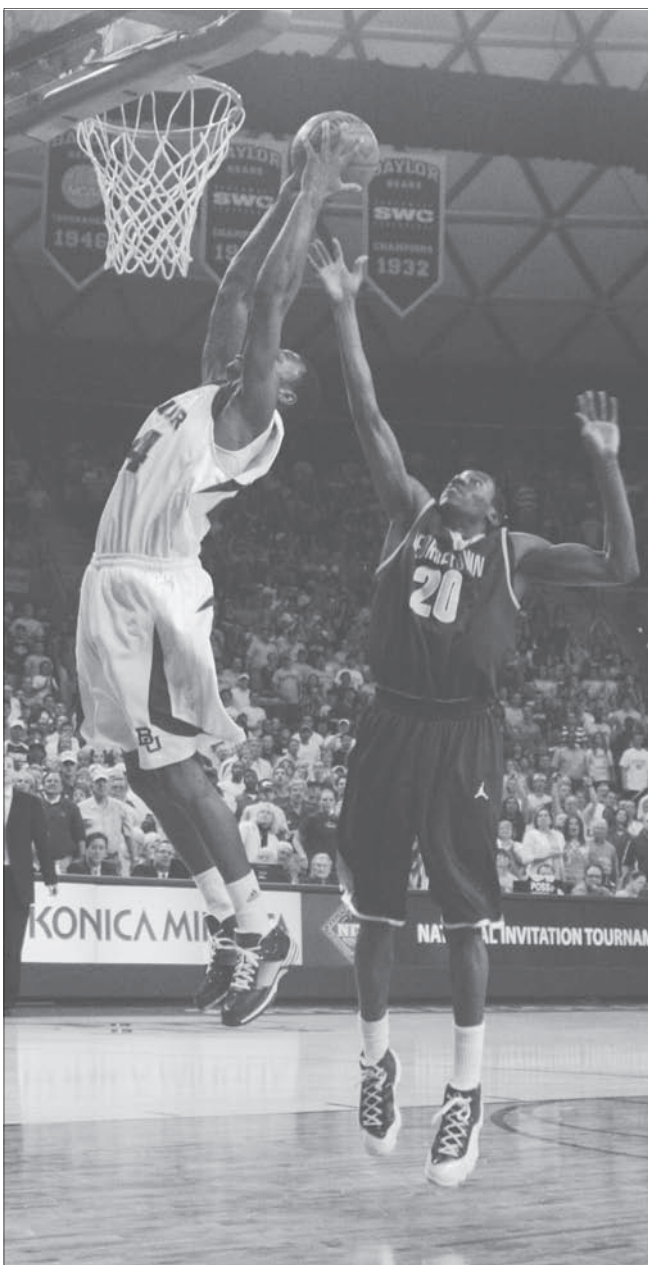
"Lace has definitely played his best basketball toward the end of the season. He's definitely not one of those players that's afraid of the big shot. He doesn't let his last shot," Drew said.

However, the biggest key to the game has to be Baylor's defense.

"(Georgetown) is over with. We've got to move on and get prepared. If we don't contest shots and be aggressive, it's going to be a long night," junior guard Tweety Carter said.

Should the Bears defeat Virginia Tech, the next game will return to the Ferrell Center with a Tulsa win over Auburn University. If Auburn wins, the game will be played in Auburn, Ala.

Game times are not set yet.



Shanna Taylor/Lariat staff

Baylor guard LaceDarius Dunn dunks the ball against Georgetown Wednesday in the Ferrell Center. The Bears' advanced to the second round of the National Invitational Tournament after winning 74-72.

Baseball, softball start conference

By **Justin Baer**
Sports writer

Baseball ready for Tech

Coming off of a victorious 22-17 offensive shootout, Baylor's No.9-ranked baseball team resumes Big 12 Conference action this weekend when it plays host to Texas Tech University.

The Red Raiders (8-12, 2-1) are winless away from Lubbock, but still present a challenge to the Bears.

"They're struggling on the road," head coach Steve Smith said. "They are a better team than that. I am just glad we are playing them here."

Possibly the biggest news of the weekend is Smith inserting freshman pitcher Logan Verrett into the weekend rotation.

Verrett, (5-0, 2.37 ERA) has notched victories against No. 3 Texas A&M University and then-No. 5 University of California-Irvine.

"The ability to start Logan Verrett is completely dependent on the confidence you have in Brooks Pinckard and Aaron (Miller) to relieve," Smith said.

First pitch is slated for 6:30 p.m. both Friday and Saturday with the rubber match scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Softball opens Big 12 play

While the Big 12 has established itself as one of the premiere softball conferences,

the Lady Bears (22-10) should expect no surprises heading into its conference opener this weekend in Lubbock against

Fast facts...

- 16** number of runs the Bears had over the Bobcats
- 39** total number of runs in Tuesday's game.
- 42-14** Baylor's record against Texas Tech.
- 1-2** Baylor's conference record.

Texas Tech University.

Baylor has already played six games against No. 1-ranked teams, and voyaged on a 10-game, seven-day road trip earlier this season.

"I think we have what many believe is the toughest schedule in the country," head coach Glenn Moore said. "Having done that though, I think we feel that we are fire tested. We are not going to see anything greater than what we have seen."

Baylor is led on the mound by freshman left-handed pitcher Whitney Canion, who is 12-8 with a 1.74 ERA and 198 strikeouts in 123 innings this year.

Men’s tennis gears up to play another top 10 opponent

By **Ben Powell**
Reporter

The No. 7 Baylor men's tennis team will play its sixth top 10 opponent of the season at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Baylor Tennis Center.

No. 10 University of Southern California will put the Bears' perfect home record to the test by fielding the No. 6 doubles pair and four ranked singles players.

"They are a good team," senior David Galic said. "They are going to do well at the end

of the year so it is good to play them early."

The USC match will be Galic's fourth singles appearance since returning from a shoulder injury.

Freshman Julian Bley is out of the Baylor line-up with a broken finger, but head coach Matt Knoll feels he could return in time.

"He is practicing but he is not exactly where we'd like him to be," Knoll said.

Baylor is 4-3 all-time against USC but lost last season on the road 4-1.

"It's really special to get these

traditional powers like USC and Stanford here in Waco, and we need to welcome them with as many fans as possible and give a beating," Knoll said.

In addition to Saturday's match, Baylor will hold a double-header versus the University of Texas-Dallas at 3 p.m. and the University of Texas-Arlington at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The Bears improved to 11-4 for the season last Sunday when they defeated No. 25 Virginia Tech 6-1 in Waco.

"The guys did a great job and fought and got past a pretty

tough team," Knoll said. "You know, that's a team that's going to be tough in the ACC and certainly win a match or two in the NCAA tournament."

Baylor lost the doubles point to give the Hokies the early lead but came back to earn every singles point, dropping only two sets collectively.

On court one, No. 8 Denes Lukacs, a junior, defeated previously unbeaten No. 59 YoAnn Re in straight sets 6-1, 6-0.

Lukacs is now 6-2 in completed matches against ranked opponents this season.

"Denes clearly had a great match and he beat a very good player very badly," Knoll said.

No. 90 Attila Bucko and Dominik Mueller, both juniors, defeated their opponents 6-4, 6-2 and 6-2, 6-4 respectively.

No. 30 Jordon Rux, a sophomore, clinched the match for the Bears with a win on court two versus N. Delgado de Robles 7-6 (7-1), 6-3.

Galic and freshman Maros Horny completed the singles sweep, defeating their competition 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 and 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 respectively.

"(Galic's) play was certainly one of the big bright spots from Virginia Tech," Knoll said. "He lost his first set in singles and then just kind of played better and better as the match wore on and won the third very comfortably."

Galic picked up his first singles win over a Division I to improve his season record to 3-0.

The Bears were scheduled to play No. 1 University of Virginia last Friday in Waco but the match was canceled due to inclement weather.

UConn coach injured

By **Dan Gelston**
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA— Jim Calhoun kept track of his top-seeded Connecticut Huskies from a hospital instead of a sideline bench.

All he missed on his sick day was one of the biggest routs in NCAA tournament history, a 103-47 win against Chattanooga in Thursday's opening round.

Calhoun was admitted to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania on Thursday afternoon for tests and will be kept overnight for observation.

An unnamed source told ESPN.com that the 66-year-old Calhoun was treated for dehydration and received IV fluids at the hospital. The school did not say what was wrong with the coach.

In a statement released by UConn, Calhoun said he will be re-evaluated Friday morning and hopes to be released then.

The Huskies hope the Hall of Famer will be back healthy and revitalized for the second round, and possibly beyond.

Associate head coach George Blaney said Calhoun called him at 11:45 a.m. and told him he felt "under the weather."

UConn sports medicine director Dr. Jeff Anderson "recommended I not coach the game today and stay back at the hotel. As the day went on, he suggested that we go over to the hospital to have some testing done," Calhoun said in the statement.

On Wednesday, Calhoun ran UConn's practice in Philadelphia and attended the team's news conference.

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ity.

“We’re going to a place where our fans can attend,” she said. “Lubbock’s within driving distance. You will have three Texas schools in Lubbock. I know West Texas loves its women’s basketball and we need to encourage everybody in West Texas to come.”

The Lady Bears enter the tournament still without their leading scorer and rebounder from the regular season, Danielle Wilson, who went down in Baylor’s Feb. 28 win over Texas. Mulkey has consistently contended that, while the loss hurts, her team isn’t going away.

“My status is we’ve won five basketball games since Danielle’s been gone,” she said. “We can win without her. There’s no mistake that it will be difficult. Danielle’s a (6-foot-4-inch) presence, was having a great year, but people forget that Danielle was in and out of the lineup last year a lot. She just developed this year, so these players, they’re ready to play.”

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ferent areas, such as women’s roles in ministry,” Horton said.

Among other things, results from the survey showed that students who were strong Calvinists also held strongly patriarchal views and believed women could not hold positions of authority over men in ministry, Horton said.

The results revealed that the more egalitarian a student was, the less Calvinistic they were. Horton noted there are several theories that might explain these results.

“Calvinism is a very systematic theology, whereas egalitarianism upholds a lot of freedom,” Horton said. “The need for structure and order may prompt this patriarchal attitude.”

Horton’s paper was chosen from eight other entries written by professionals within the association. According to a press release, Horton’s research presenta-

tion received the highest score by the initial committee and was a unanimous choice to receive the 2009 Forwood Award.

“Dennis has been a consistent presenter for a number of years and has done equally good work in the past,” President of ASSR-SW Jon Leossin said. “This paper was timely, useful and very professional.”

Horton said he has been at Baylor for four years and said he began compiling this survey in his first couple years. Two or three different editions were made. Once he said he received a research grant, the survey was put in motion. Horton said the research aids his discussion within the classroom.

“In class, it helps to discuss when you have insight into theological beliefs and how they relate to each other,” Horton said.

Horton plans to continue his research in a new area of thought. In the future he hopes to take a look at short-term mission trips and the cross-cultural ministry.

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at other universities for comparison purposes. They are currently focusing on private schools such as Southern Methodist University, Texas Christian University, Rice, Vanderbilt and Tulane to gauge Baylor’s competitiveness.

“From what we’ve been able to ascertain so far, Baylor is definitely becoming more competitive with top graduate programs,” Kramer said.

When the Graduate School gathers what they believe to be an adequate amount of information regarding private colleges, they are going to go back to looking at the rest of the Big 12 conference schools.

“The Baylor Graduate Council and the Baylor Graduate School deans agreed that in order for Baylor to compete with top public and private research universities, we needed to work hard to increase stipends for our graduate students,” Kramer said.

Faculty and staff consider competitive graduate funding to be critical to Baylor’s overall success and its ability to acquire the best students with the strongest credentials in order to support

and strengthen Baylor’s reputation.

“The entire university benefits from more competitive graduate stipends because stronger graduate students do a better job teaching in our undergraduate labs and classrooms, work in our research teams, generate external research funding, help us recruit nationally recognized faculty, and raise our overall academic reputation,” Lyon said.

Some of the graduate programs that have received the stipend increase such as the mathematics and biology departments have begun advertising and recruiting students based on these new stipend figures.

“We anticipate that as we further publicize that these larger stipends are available, it will enhance the size of our applicant pool,” said Kenneth Wilkins, associate dean for graduate studies and research and professor of biology.

Lyon said even though Baylor has taken great strides in significantly increasing its graduate stipends, some of Baylor’s top opponents have larger stipend figures.

“Even after these increases, Baylor will still lag behind many

of our highly-ranked competitors in graduate stipends,” Lyon said. “But this will help us appreciably close the gap.”

Individuals in the graduate school have already begun researching for the other graduate disciplines in hopes of increasing those stipends for the 2010 to 2011 academic year.

“Our hope is to improve the stipends for our graduate students in the humanities and social sciences the following year, and then focus on our professional programs the year after that,” Lyon said.

According to Kramer, all of the top schools such as Harvard and Yale have very strong graduate programs.

By looking at the recent strides and future advancements that Baylor is taking and hopes to make in the graduate school, faculty and staff believe that Baylor is making its way toward tier-one status.

“Academics in many ways is quite similar to athletics,” Wilkins said. “It’s a competition. The athletic programs compete to get the best players and we’re competing academically to get the best graduate students we can find.”

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2007,” said Carson Mencken, research professor at the CCRD and professor of sociology.

McLennan County experienced a net increase between 2001 and 2004 of 1,600 people moving from other places within the United States.

The loss occurred during the 2004 to 2007 period when 1,600 individuals left McLennan County and moved out of the country.

The trend breaker took place within the last year when 200 new residents came from across the United States and settled in McLennan County.

“While this number is modest, it must be interpreted in the context of a national economic downturn,” Mencken said.

Though migration has impacted the population number, the largest contributor is natural increases.

“The largest increase – two-thirds of the Waco MSA and

McLennan County population growth, in fact – is due to natural increase,” said Robyn Driskell, research director of the CCRD and a Baylor sociologist who specializes in demography, in a recent press release. “Births are exceeding deaths by a significant margin.”

According to Mencken, while numerous other countries in the United States were experiencing losses, McLennan County was experiencing growth despite the present economic slump.

“This indicates that the economic issues that are gripping many other communities across the nation are not having a negative impact in McLennan County, to the same degree that they are elsewhere,” Mencken said. “This is a positive sign for McLennan County, the population has remained stable and even grown during the economic turmoil in the U.S.”

The CCRD will continue studying the population data, focusing on other detailed estimates for the next few months.

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grade.

Literacy at this level is one aspect Waco has a definite issue with and it is a problem the group is strongly advocating.

“The education committee is helping to put together community groups to help in the elementary schools,” Allison said. “Churches and other organizations are going to help the kids learn to read at this level.”

The education committee is one of 11 ‘stakeholder groups’ setup at the 2008 summit. These groups are set to have multiple focuses within the educational realm. Other committees include: business, extracurricular, faith-based, government, health care, media, non-profit, parents, scholarship and students.

This separation of focus is not meant to separate the Waco-wide effort, but rather the alliance is seeking to unite all volunteers with every group.

“We want to get people to come into a room and talk over the issues and work together,” DuPuy said. “You get tremendous leverage with that. And that is our main goal.”

The change of name from ‘summit group’ to ‘alliance’ was put in place to signal the true meaning behind the plan of the summit.

“We changed the name from summit to alliance because it is going to take all of us and the new name better incorporates that,” Allison said. “It is going to take everyone’s effort. That is why it is an alliance.”

Numerous plans are in full

swing within the stakeholder groups of the alliance. The committee focused on health care plans on perhaps sending a pamphlet home with mothers of newborns stressing the importance of education in an infant’s life as soon as possible.

The student stakeholder group is meant as a pathway to engage students at higher education locations, such as McLennan Community College, Texas State Technical College and Baylor in mentorship and tutoring programs within area schools.

“The school of education (at Baylor) is a key partner with us,” Leah Jackson said. “We are very fortunate to have the students and the professors at Baylor, they will be hand in hand with us.”

The 2009 summit does not have a set date, but the theme has been announced.

The event will focus on sustainability with emphasis on early childhood, parents and reading. The topic is reflective of the major problems within Waco’s educational world and how the improvement of such conditions will inevitably enhance the community.

“If we really pay attention to the young’s kids in the community, in 15 to 20 years the community itself changes,” Billy Hanckley said.

The focus of education by the alliance is one that they hope to become a community-wide coalition that bridges gaps and allows opportunities for all to invest in the Waco community.

“This alliance is needed not to create a bunch of good things,” Allison said.

“But to have us all together communicating and sharing resources is the meaning.”

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