

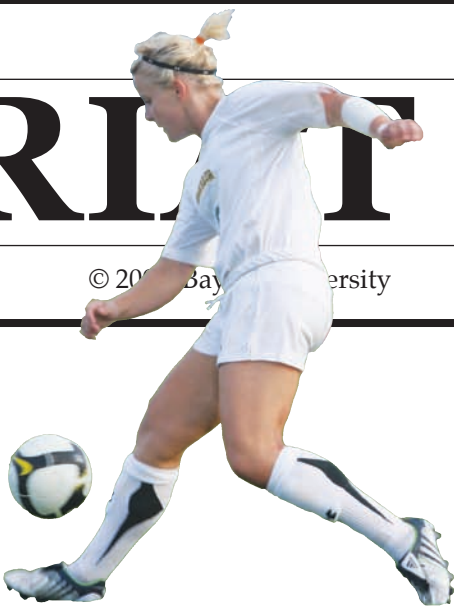


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Engineers With a Mission aid Honduras, Rwanda



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(Top) Members from Engineers With A Mission and other workers haul a pipe that will aid the group in their water purification efforts in Honduras. (Middle) Engineers work here in Waco at the World Hunger Relief Farm to utilize their skills and talents in effective ways. (Above) A piece of pipe is laid in the ground by workers this summer in Honduras. Building pipelines to help with purification was an integral part of the Engineers With A Mission group's plan in Honduras.

BY JENNA THOMPSON
REPORTER

This summer, Baylor students involved in Engineers With a Mission traveled the globe, using their skills to help those in need. From installing generators that provide electricity to remote villages in Honduras, to developing water purification systems for schools in Rwanda, these students applied their engineering knowledge and hard work to help meet basic needs in undeveloped nations.

Engineers with a Mission is a nonprofit student organization that was founded at Baylor in 2004 by Leah Richter, a Baylor alumna. There are currently 75 members in the organization.

According to their mission statement, Engineers With a Mission is "committed to training, mobilizing, and sending engineers and engineering students of all disciplines, for the purpose of providing appropriate technical solutions and support to the missions community serving in the underdeveloped regions of the world."

The organization has been making trips to Honduras for four years, said Greenville senior Greg Bond, president of Engineers With a Mission.

In May, some members of the group traveled to two Honduran villages. In Danta Uno, the first village, students devoted their energy to installing piping that completed a gen-

erator, providing the villagers with continuous electricity for the first time. In Pueblo Nuevo, the students began to develop a hydro-electric generator, which is predicted to provide electricity for more than 60 homes.

"I enjoyed the children. They were so excited and wanted to do anything they could to bring [the village] electricity," said Spring senior Diana Joseph, a member of the group. "It was cool to see different kinds of engineers unite together for a common goal. It brought to life the Bible verse that talks about being the 'light of the world.'" In addition to the trip to Honduras this summer, the group sent another group of students to Rwanda on a second mission.

The students who traveled to Rwanda worked closely with an elementary and high school in a village called Musanze. Their activities included calculating details needed to lay pipelines for a well on the school grounds, and water purification efforts.

Water purification was an important task, said Brian Fischer, a senior from Phoenix, AZ, because the people in Musanze were often not boiling water for the amount of time necessary for purification.

Thanks to the new system, Fischer said, the water used for cooking and drinking in the school is now safe to consume, and the boiling process is no

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Police release footage of theft suspect

BY MEGAN KEYSER
STAFF WRITER

Baylor University Police released surveillance footage of a possible suspect in the August 19 burglary of Clifton Robinson Tower and are offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information, a Baylor press release said Tuesday, August 25.

According to Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak, surveillance videos showed images of a male suspect entering Clifton Robinson Tower, as well as footage of the suspect in the act of committing the crime.

"The video showed very clear pictures of him in the position of committing the crime," Doak said. "There's no question it's the same guy."

Since the video release and reward offer, Baylor University Police have received a number of calls, Doak said, which is exactly what they hoped for. "We're looking for any tips," he said.

The case is being taken very seriously and is being "vigorously investigated," Doak said. "Three investigators are working full time on the matter. We take this personally, and we're pretty angry about it."

A mass e-mail, sent shortly after the burglary, stated that some of the items taken in the robbery included "cash and checks associated with business transactions occurring earlier in the day at Tower offices."

Due to the various administrative offices housed in Clifton Robinson Tower, there were "an undisclosed number of offices violated throughout Robinson

Tower," Doak said.

There were also some individuals who were personally affected by the robbery. According to Doak, since only a small number of people were personally impacted, personal losses are being addressed individually.

In response to the burglary, additional measures have been taken to secure the various offices housed in Robinson Tower, as well as any personal information handled in those offices.

"People think Baylor is immune."

Chief Jim Doak
Baylor Police Chief

Several cameras have been added within the tower, and other measures are also being implemented but have not yet been completed, Doak said.

Although many people were shocked by the news of the burglary, Doak said it didn't surprise him. "People think Baylor is immune," he said, "but when there's opportunity, people take it."

The surveillance footage of the suspect is available for viewing on baylorldariat.com. Anyone with information pertaining to the burglary or the individual in the video is encouraged to contact the Baylor University Police Department at (254) 710-2222. Callers may remain anonymous.



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A currently unknown man that was caught on surveillance tape at Clifton Robinson Tower is the main suspect of Baylor University Police in the theft of money and cashier's checks from the tower.

Economists demystify link between health care, national debt

BY OLGA GLADTSKOV BALL
REPORTER

In the midst of the current economic situation, Baylor economists discuss the misperceptions that people form of the health care policies that the government implements.

Dr. Steve Green, professor and director of graduate programs in economics, stressed the importance of understanding economic policy.

"People seem to not understand just how large the deficits are facing Social Security and Medicare. The adjustments that will need to be made, whether in terms of increased taxes or reduced benefits, will be huge," Green said.

Green also stressed the im-

portance of thinking long-term in economic policy.

"You enjoy that jelly doughnut in the short-run, but the long-run consequences if you keep eating them are bad: weight gain, health problem, and a need to buy new clothes," Green said. "In the same way, the actions taken to improve the economy in the short-run in recent months may well have had long-run consequences. We've jeopardized our economy's ability to allocate savings to their most productive uses, and that can lead to considerable reductions in our standard of living in the future relative to what it could have been."

Although the policies that media discuss focus on short-term need, Green deems the long-term consequences as more

important.

"Business cycle fluctuations get all the press, but long-run growth is a much more important determinant of our well-being collectively and as individuals," Green said.

Dr. Charles North, associate professor of economics, stressed the importance of understanding economic terms and the definition of economics.

"The biggest thing that happens is that people think it's about certain subjects like the stock market or the Federal Reserve System, while most economists feel that economics is about studying human choice," North said.

North explained that while economics is customarily applied to studying monetary or

financial decisions, the study of economics is much broader.

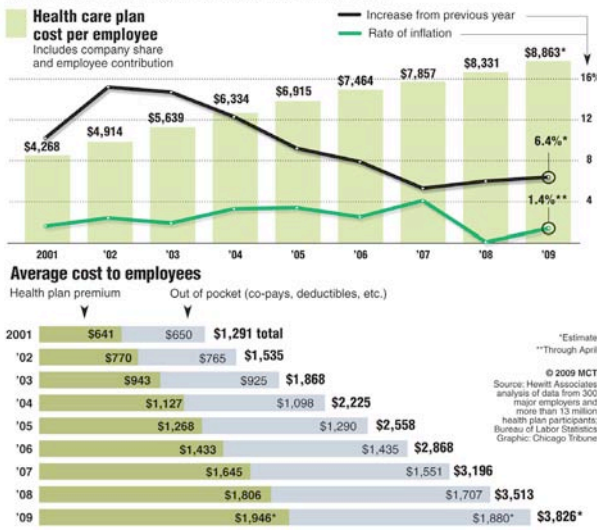
Dr. James Henderson, Ben Williams Professor of Economics, stated that economists treat the crisis like doctors treat a disease and look at the symptoms. Henderson said the three major symptoms of the crisis are eare spending too much money, not getting enough quality health-care and have problems with insurance coverage.

While most people agree that there are problems with the system, Henderson pointed to several beliefs as misconceptions. He said that you cannot cover uninsured people and lower costs simultaneously.

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Health care's growing price tag

Although there is fierce debate about how to fix the country's health care system, few dispute that costs are a significant burden to employers and workers.



Steroids in MLB tarnish image

Point of View



BY MEGAN DURON

We live in a society that is obsessed with instant performance enhancement. Hankering everything from caffeine to Rogaine our society screams, “fix me now.” So what do baseball players do when they want to instantly improve their game? Many turn to steroids.

Naturally this brings up the ongoing debate: Should we accept steroid use in sports, specifically Major League Baseball? I believe that steroid use should be banned from the Major Leagues and players who test positive for illegal drug use should be suspended or sent to serve time in the Minors. The use of performance-enhancing drugs has tainted the sanctity of the game.

First off, let’s look at this from a moral aspect. If someone gets an A on a test, but they are caught cheating on it, they will not typically be allowed to keep the A, nor are they going to receive recognition for their unfair grade. The illegal use of steroids is not much different. It gives players an unfair advantage above the honest, hard-working players.

Baseball is about as American as apple pie. Fans not only respect the game, but the players too. Players should be held to a certain standard. It is what they’re getting paid an average of \$3 million a year to do.

Second, fans cannot look back at the epic home run battle between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa the way they would have if both players hadn’t tested positive for steroid use. Baseball is no longer seen as a raw, pure sport, but as a game in which players are falsely setting records and competing at a whole new level.

Third, liver damage is one of the most common side effects of steroid use, and last time I checked the liver was a pretty vital organ. According to research done by Medical News Today, serious liver toxicity can begin after only 12 weeks of steroid use.

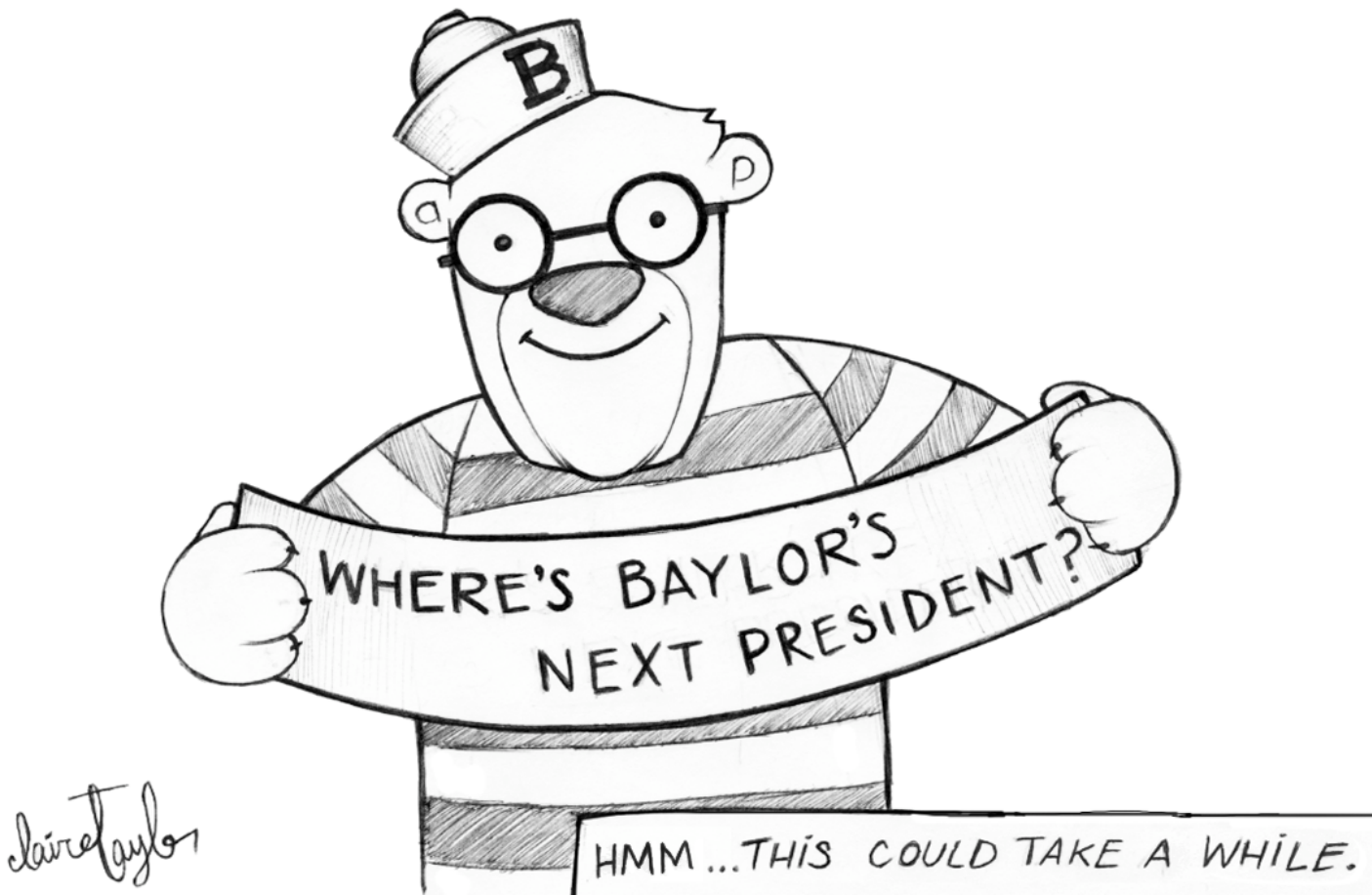
Besides liver damage, research shows that intense cholesterol increase can occur as a result of steroid use, putting players at a higher risk for a heart attack or heart disease. Aside from the ethical reasons that prove the ignorance of those using this drug, the medical reason should challenge players to abstain.

Last but certainly not least is the Cooperstown controversy. Since the discovery of steroid use in the Majors, the Hall of Fame debate has put a weight on the game. Players who originally were shoo-in for the Hall of Fame are now under major scrutiny for the recognition they believe they deserve.

So, I bring up all of this to bring us back to the topic at hand: should players be allowed to take performance-enhancing drugs to improve their game? I say no.

It’s one thing for players to do stupid things on their own time, but when they taint the purity of the game, that’s another ballpark, so to speak. These players lose the respect of fans as one-by-one they either confess or are found out. I believe we need to keep the game the way it was intended: pure and simple.

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Patience for presidential search

Editorial

It seems that Baylor has finally gotten the message—slow and steady wins the race.

That is, at least, as far as presidential searches go.

Since the firing of President John Lilley in the summer of 2008, the university has been through many ups and downs, won awards and competitions and garnered a spot in national news on more than one occasion and all without a permanent president in place.

Last year at this time, the university was welcoming Dr. David Garland as interim president. Though this may make it seem as though we have been virtually immobile as a university for more than a year, the university is using a thorough and sensible method to ensure that we find the best president possible.

Taking time to plan, assess, and then execute will undoubtedly lead to a wiser decision than in previous years. With a past tarnished by years of internal strife and squabbling, this university could certainly use a little peace.

The ability and willingness to be transparent and open to input is a non-negotiable characteristic of the future president

in terms of unifying the Baylor community—a characteristic that previous Baylor presidents Robert Sloan and Lilley did not have.

The controversies that characterized the Sloan administration over his leadership efforts and vision for the university that led to his eventual resignation still cause unspoken feuds among different factions today.

Sloan announced his resignation in January 2005, though it didn’t go into effect until the end of that spring semester. Dr. William Underwood began his term as interim president in June 2005, and the Board of Regents voted unanimously to instate Lilley as president in November of that same year. This was, to many, a rash and insensible decision. What the university needed was a peacemaker to come in and get the university back on its feet. What it got was a president incapable of reunification who ended up further alienating members of the Baylor community.

The board chose a president already in a compromising situation in his current college, University of Nevada, Reno. Faculty members there complained of low morale and division within the university at the time of Lilley’s departure.

Why the board would choose to bestow that kind of ill-fated leadership on our university can be seen as a result of its rather hasty decision-making.

While Lilley boosted the university’s image in some respects, there was also the branding debate and the tenure denials, both of which culminated into the board’s ultimate loss of confidence in Lilley’s ability to bring together university constituencies.

After barely two years of actively serving as president, the regents ousted him. Though they offered to let Lilley complete most of the two and a half years remaining on his contract so the university could gradually transition to a new president, Lilley refused, immediately leaving us at a sudden loss.

Had the search committee, in the beginning, taken more time to investigate the possible ramifications of hiring a president with a rocky track record of leadership, we might have ended up with the right person for the job long ago.

Although we still haven’t named a president, we are not in the same spot we were a year ago. Great lengths have been taken to define the kind of leader that will be the best fit for Baylor. It is in the university’s

best interest that the search committee not rush the process. By taking the time to hold listening sessions last semester with faculty, staff, students, community leaders and Baylor alumni across the state, the committee will be better equipped to find president who fits not only the needs of a select few, but the entire university.

With the development of the presidential prospectus over the summer, which outlines a specific prototype for the next president, the committee has identified not only crucial qualities for the next president to possess, but also key elements that better help us understand our identity as a university.

The committee has the specific task of putting into place the best possible candidate for the job. This is a responsibility made easier by qualitative, deliberative efforts at scouring the nation for the person who will serve us best. And if that takes a little time, we should be willing to wait.

While we don’t advocate keeping the university in an uncertain balance, it is time for the university to heal from some of the wounds inflicted by years of division and bickering. Patience will undoubtedly pay off in the end.

Meaning of Ramadan lies in sacrifice

Ramadan: You either know what it is, have heard about it in passing or are not quite culturally fit to graduate and be out in the real world.

For those who have never heard of it, or even those who want to know more, here’s a quick “Ramadan for Dummies guide,” which, contrary to its title, does not make you a dummy for reading it.

Ramadan occurs during the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar, when the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, received revelation of the Qur’an from God through the Angel Gabriel.

It is one of the five pillars of Islam, when Muslims are required to fast from sunrise to sunset, not only abstaining from food, but also drink — and I’m talking no water to satisfy that parched mouth of yours until the sun goes down. And, if you’re a gum chewer like me, it’s time to kick the habit.

There are, of course, exceptions. It would be unwise for a pregnant woman to deny her child the nourishment it needs for survival. Likewise, milk does the body good if you’re a growing child. And, the point of

Point of View

BY SARAH RAFIQUE

Ramadan isn’t to kill you, so if you’re sick or on medication, go ahead and pop those pills. God will forgive you.

But, in all seriousness, Ramadan is more than just denying your body the food and water it needs to survive. Muslims who don’t normally pray five times a day, which is another pillar of Islam, try to step away from Facebook for 10 minutes, or awkwardly whip out their prayer rug while at school or work in hopes of building a closer relationship with God.

The busy lifestyles of Americans make it difficult for people to constantly focus on their faith, regardless of what they believe. “I have to finish that paper,” or “I can’t miss tonight’s episode of The Office,” become more impor-

tant than “I have to thank God for the life he has given me,” or “I have to pray that God will protect those who are suffering so they are at peace.”

During this time, Muslims try to do as much good as possible, not only denying the body nourishment, but other selfish needs. They will do more to stop their incessant backbiting, donate to charity and greet every person they encounter with a pleasant smile. Islam is a lifestyle, and Ramadan is meant to reflect that.

As with most beliefs, each Muslim’s experience with Ramadan is different. For me, it is a time to reflect on the religion that I practice, question my faith and, of course, starve to death.

Well, I’m kidding about that last part. Actually, many Mus-

lims will tell you that, despite their lack of nourishment, they feel more alive during Ramadan.

Former NBA player Hakeem Abdul Olajuwon, who fasted during his intense basketball practices, once said, “I find myself full of energy, explosive, and when I break the fast at sunset, the taste of water is so precious.”

Whenever I feel hunger during Ramadan, I remember that at least I know I will have a delicious meal waiting for me once the sun goes down. It is then that I believe Muslims truly appreciate the gift of life, the mercy of God and desire to be selfless.

I spent last Ramadan in Egypt, a third-world country. As the call to prayer echoed throughout Cairo at dusk, I would see children digging through trash, desperate for scraps of food. But, even their treasure of trash isn’t enough to satisfy their empty bellies.

I would encourage everyone, believer or non-believer, to fast for a day. It’s truly the best way to exhibit self-control, experience the suffering that others face and be humbled by what you have.

Sarah Rafique is a senior journalism major from Georgetown and Lariat copy desk chief.

Lariat Letters

Mother of two praises Baylor’s BearBucks policy

The Waco community welcomes back our BU students with all their youthful enthusiasm and investment in our economy!

Bearbucks has always been a great and convenient way to help students with their food, grooming and other necessities.

I applaud Baylor for including the policy that the card be used only for alcohol-free establishments. According to the ‘Restriction on Bearbucks leaves few dining options’ editorial in the Lariat on Aug. 24, the statement that the current rule does not allow for responsible decision-making is questionable. Students can still pay for their own drink if they choose to.

An option could be to allow Bearbucks in these restaurants also, but disable the purchase of alcohol with the card. As a parent of two seniors, and one future Bear, I would like to know that my money is being used responsibly.

The editor also compares Bearbucks to Aggiebucks and Frogbucks, but are not these differences some of the reasons we choose to send our child to a university that upholds her Christian mission?

It’s true that Waco restaurants will have decisions to make about accepting Bearbucks; they are also currently deciding on another upcoming ordinance - the smoke-free policy.

Hence, considering all the repercussions that drinking has on our students, I strongly support the administration in its decision to control the places where Bearbucks may be redeemed.

Venitha Rajaratnam
Dietetics/ Dec. ‘98

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BEAR BRIEFS

The International Justice Mission will be showing the Movie 'Taken' from 6 to 9 p.m. tonight to raise awareness about human trafficking in Baylor Sciences Building rom D 109.

The Baylor Transfer Council will be hosting a bowling kick-off at 7 p.m. tonight in the Bear Cave or the basement of the Bill Daniel Student Center. This event will provide free bowling for new students that transferred to Baylor.

The Baylor Riding Association is holding an interest meeting at 6 p.m. tonight in the Cowden Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Applications for Student Government office will be available beginning Thursday, September 3, on the 1st floor of the Bill Daniel Student Center, or online at www.baylor.edu/sg/elections. Applctaions are due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept 8, in the Student Government office.

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

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Kinky returns to Texas governor race

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Humorist and author Kinky Friedman says he’s running for governor again, this time as a Democrat.

Friedman, in an interview with The Associated Press on the eve of his formal announcement, described himself as a “true populist.” He said he’s offering Democrats a new, winning model, noting that the last Democrat to hold the Texas governorship was Ann Richards in the early 1990s.

Friedman planned to make his announcement official in a series of interviews Tuesday, but described his plans to the AP on Monday.

He said he wants to give



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Humorist and author Kinky Friedman is shown in Austin. Friedman said he's running for governor, this time as a Democrat.

teachers a \$3,000 across-the-board pay raise and get rid of the

Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills standardized testing for public school students. He said there are too many toll roads in Texas and that he would prefer to pay for roads with tax revenue from legalized casinos in certain parts of the state, such as Galveston.

Friedman said he’s planning a fundraiser with Willie Nelson later this month and that he hopes to raise money from thousands of supporters online, like he did when he ran as an independent in 2006. That year Republican Rick Perry won, and Friedman was fourth.

“It’s really time for Texas to secede from Rick Perry,” Friedman said.

Others in the Democratic primary field are former ambassador Tom Schieffer, former agriculture commissioner candidate Hank Gilbert and therapist Mark Thompson.

On the Republican side, heavyweights Perry and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison are squaring off. Party activist Debra Medina also is in the race.

“I look around and I think, I’m the only true man of the people in the race,” Friedman said. “I’m offering the Democrats a new model and it’s to run on ideas, not on demographics.”

Friedman said the last time he ran for governor he got more than 70,000 individual contributions on his Web site.

Patagonia allows experience for students

TRENT GOLDSTON
STAFF WRITER

This semester, students in the Baylor Masters of Business Administration program have the opportunity to work with outdoor clothing giant, Patagonia, in conjunction with the MBA Focus Firm Project.

During the next 15 weeks, students tackle real-world business situations, work on company-mandated projects and develop project perspectives. Patagonia, which has been in business for 30 years, is headquartered in Ventura, Calif.

According to Cynthia J. Jackson, director of communications & marketing for the Hankamer School of Business, this program is a unique opportunity for students to really get involved and gain tangible experience, said Jackson.

First launched in the fall of 1997, the Focus Firm Project has allowed students to work with companies such as Continental Airlines, Hewlett Packard, 3M and Dell. Laurie Wilson, director of graduate business programs, said this semester will provide students with the prospect of being a part of an actively functioning company.

“Students will be working on an issue that the company has identified,” Wilson said. “This semester we will be looking into organizational behavior and interior functions rather than exterior ones.”

This is a required course within the MBA program, and there are currently 13 students involved in the Focus Firm.

Ryan Schroeder, a Plano graduate student in the program, worked with AT&T in the Focus Firm program last semester.

“We took two trips to Dallas to see AT&T headquarters. We got to meet the CEO of the ninth most powerful company in the United States,” Schroeder said. “I gained insight into how the corporate world operates. It was an experience to get to meet all the higher-ups and executives in the company.”

AT&T had them tackle the company’s loss of business in the youth market to other companies like Verizon. Schroeder said he was part of a team of Baylor students that worked toward exploring the youth market by doing a lot of research.

“We had six different groups, and they all had a different focus. [My group] conducted surveys across Baylor and Waco and received over 200 responses,” Schroeder said. “We had assumptions and many of them changed. We did grow a lot through the life cycle of the experience.”

Schroeder said that they had constant updates from the senior marketing director at AT&T and that it made the students feel more in touch with the company.

According to the Baylor MBA program Web site, this program defeats the concept of going over past cases and running through simulations. The end result of the project will be the students presenting their analysis and solutions to the executives of Patagonia. In the past, students have provided insight into everything from potential mergers and acquisitions to strategies for implementing new technology.

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Freshmen Retreat helps integrate college, faith

ALYSSA MENDEZ
REPORTER

Just three weeks into the semester, freshmen will have an opportunity to attend Freshman Retreat, which helps students integrate faith and college, become connected with one another and build their relationship with God.

The Freshman Retreat, promoted by the Bobo Baptist Student Center, takes place Sept. 11 and 12 at "The Shores" at Pine Cove Christian Camps in Tyler.

"It's the perfect time to kind of get away, maybe refocus, take a deep breath and hopefully they

can relax and get to know other freshmen, but I really hope they can get energized about their faith," said Kristen Richardson, associate chaplain and director for formation and Baptist Student Ministries at the Spiritual Life Center.

Richardson has contributed to planning Freshman Retreat, which has a theme of connecting with God in a student's new community.

The two days will be filled with time to learn, worship, connect and play.

Upward, inward and outward categorize three parts of the Christian faith and the three

sessions that will take place at Freshman Retreat.

Within these sessions students will learn about things such as journaling, physical wellness, identity, the church, serving in Waco and missions opportunities.

Christopher Mack, coordinator for off-campus ministries in the Spiritual Life Center, has been involved in planning the retreat and promoting it on campus.

He said that college is usually a time when students take a break from their faith or take a step back.

"We were trying to structure

this retreat in such a way that it would help students to see what would it look like for me to take my faith and develop my faith while I'm in my college years," Mack said.

Mack has also been involved in planning the retreat and promoting it on campus.

Staff at the Spiritual Life Center desire to see students take the next step on their spiritual journey.

They understand that everyone is in a different stage of their Christian walk and everyone's next step will be different.

"We want to create an environment where they would feel

comfortable in, you know, being authentic about who they are, and hopefully figuring out a little bit better, discerning whether that's the next step for me," Mack said.

Freshmen that come through Baylor have had the opportunity to participate in the retreat for years.

Mack explained that decades ago Freshman Retreat was tied in to Welcome Week and was held a few miles from Waco in Latham Springs.

Going to Latham Springs had been a tradition, but after feedback from students two years ago, the Spiritual Life Center

staff decided to move to Pine Cove Christian Camps.

"Pine Cove Christian Camps is a ministry that, for over 40 years, has sought to glorify God through Christian camping," said the Pine Cove's Web site.

"It's a beautiful environment," Mack said. "It's a lot easier to connect and relax."

Around 30 Spiritual Life Center staff members will be attending Freshman Retreat and available to students throughout the year for guidance.

For more information about opportunities to get involved at the Spiritual Life Center, visit www.baylor.edu/spirituallife.

Japanese opponent clambers to assemble transition team

ERIC TALMADGE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO — Japan's newly empowered leader, Yukio Hatoyama, rushed Monday to select Cabinet ministers and start making good on promises to revive the world's second-largest economy after his party's historic trouncing of the ruling conservatives.

Hatoyama, who also has signaled he wants to redefine Tokyo's diplomacy to make it less reliant on Washington, said in a victory speech late Sunday he would focus on a quick and smooth transition and make a priority of choosing the nation's next finance minister.

Prime Minister Taro Aso, conceding defeat, said he would step down as president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

"I have no plan to run for re-

election," said Aso, whose successor is expected to be named in late September. "The most important thing is rejuvenating our party."

Although the nation gave the Democrats a landslide win, most voters were seen as venting dissatisfaction with the Liberal Democratic Party and the status quo more than they were endorsing the policies of the opposition.

The Liberal Democrats have governed Japan for virtually all of the past 54 years.

The Democrats will also face an election next year for the less powerful upper house of parliament.

They have controlled that chamber with two smaller allies since 2007, but if they fail to deliver quickly on their promises the Liberal Democrats could resurge.

Official results were still being



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Yukio Hatoyama, leader of Japan's main opposition Democratic Party of Japan, smiles while he is surrounded by red rosettes attached on victorious candidates' names.

counted, but exit polls by all major media said Hatoyama's Democratic Party of Japan had won more than 300 of the 480 seats in

the lower house of parliament. That would easily be enough to ensure that he is installed as prime minister in a special ses-

sion of parliament that is expected to be held in mid-September.

The task ahead for the Democrats is daunting.

Japan managed to climb out of a yearlong recession in the second quarter, but its economy remains weak. Unemployment and anxiety over falling wages threatens to undermine any recovery. The jobless rate has risen to a record 5.7 percent. After a rapid succession of three administrations in three years, Japan is facing its worst crisis of confidence in decades.

In the long-term it faces a bleak outlook if it isn't able to figure out how to cope with a rapidly aging and shrinking population. Government estimates predict the figure will drop to 115 million in 2030 and fall below 100 million by the middle of the century.

The Democrats' solution is to move Japan away from a cor-

porate-centric economic model to one that focuses on helping people.

They have proposed an expensive array of initiatives: cash handouts to families and farmers, toll-free highways, a higher minimum wage and tax cuts. The estimated bill comes to 16.8 trillion yen (\$179 billion) when fully implemented starting in the 2013 fiscal year.

"The Democrats have a year to show results," he added, noting next year's elections are looming.

"The challenges we face are many, but through our partnership our two great democracies will meet them in a spirit of cooperation and friendship," Ambassador John V. Roos said in a statement Monday.

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‘Taking Woodstock’ tries far too hard to be cool

By **STEPHEN JABLONSKI**
MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Atitlelike “Taking Woodstock” seems too assertive for a movie that ambles around a concert relocated to the Catskills. Why do we have to label anything, man? Why can’t we just let this movie be here and just live through its life? Man?

To get it out of the way, Ang Lee’s “Taking Woodstock” is

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misleadingly billed as a comedy. Despite comedian Demetri Martin’s role as Elliott Teichberg and Eugene Levy’s minor role as farmer Max Yasgur, this is not a comedy. It might not even be right to call it a drama.

The major conflict of the movie isn’t consuming or suspenseful, it doesn’t have the audience on edge

and no one ever wonders how Elliott’s going to get out of this caper or quell that inner conflict. The main divergence, a difficult relationship with his parents, just isn’t significant enough.

Elliott looks at his parents as particularly devoid of emotion, yet as a good son he struggles to keep their business afloat. To attract commerce to his little town in the Catskills, Elliott welcomes Woodstock and the wave of hippies the infamous festival of love attracts.

But there’s little worry that Elliott will be okay or that his relationship with his parents will change him or them irreparably because there is so little focus on any sort of discord.

A great deal of “Taking Woodstock” floats along in montages of immense crowds flocking toward a (rarely seen) stage in the middle of Yasgur’s farmland, people dancing or prancing around naked and just



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Mamie Gummer, Jonathan Groff and Demetri Martin star in “Taking Woodstock,” a film centering on how the famous 1969 concert came about.

plain enjoying life. It’s almost like the movie slothfully says, “Just stop worrying about the plot and be cool.”

The problem is that one

can only “be cool” for so long. Why care about what has yet to happen when throwing bags of money around solves problems or when dad seems

happy beating local ruffians alongside Liev Schrieber as a former-marine-now-transvestite (a hackneyed archetype)? And Woodstock’s free-love theme isn’t bolstered by passing attempts at history with a Vietnam vet here and a quick reference to Nixon there. Similarly, mentioning the names Bob Dylan, Janis Joplin, The Grateful Dead and The Who doesn’t make anyone forget that they didn’t see any footage of the concert or any attempt to materialize the music legends into Teichberg’s Woodstock.

Admittedly, it is difficult not to just go with it (man). There is a point where you can’t help but enjoy mother Teichberg (Imelda Staunton) running around shaking a broom handle at naked hippies or hoarding her earnings like a squirrel stumbling on a mother lode of nuts, but soon you come down from that sort of performance and wonder why a deadpan comedian like Demetri

Martin was cast to play a role that requires a lot of emotional conflict.

It could be argued that Martin’s calm demeanor compliments a tranquil, feel-good movie, but the dreary-eyed, soft-spoken performances invite one’s interest to drift away. That feeling is sustained with a split-screen technique that provides an interesting and complex perspective in movies like “Conversations with Other Women,” but in “Taking Woodstock” spreads interest thin.

Taking Woodstock meanders through its 84-minute runtime. And though it provides moments of interest invested in a few psychedelic special effects and good old-fashioned fun, Ang Lee’s latest feature is too far out from structure to keep his audience copasetic.

Grade: C

Zombie’s ‘Halloween’ sequel offers few scares

By **ANDREW MUNOZ**
CONTRIBUTOR

Two years ago Rob Zombie attempted to dive into the world of Halloween with the aim of “reinventing” famed psychopath Michael Myers.

Where Zombie’s first film delved deep into Michael Myers’ childhood and family life, Halloween II brings us back to

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the sleepy town of Haddonfield for a journey with the goal of discovering why Michael acts the way he does and murders everyone who comes within 10 feet of him. The trip is chock full of angsty and rebellious

teenagers, backwoods farm-folk with questionable morals and violence so gruesome that Alex DeLarge himself would cringe in his seat.

Unfortunately, Zombie interrupts these necessary horror moments with abstract visions that often involve a trotting white horse and a ghostly Deborah Myers (Sheri Moon Zombie) enticing Michael to continue his extremely bloody work.

Zombie’s movie centers on the life of Laurie Strode (Scout Taylor-Compton), Michael Myers’ sole relative, who survived after fleeing from her older brother’s clutches when he escaped from a mental institution and embarked on a killing spree in the town of Haddonfield, Ill. on Halloween night. In the second film, we find a scarred

Laurie attempting to re-establish her day-to-day life while at the same time dealing with the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Miss Strode is hounded by flashbacks, nightmares and odd visions of the mother she never knew as the movie progresses.

Sadly, Zombie overuses these “mental breakdowns” so much – one “nightmare” lasted nearly 20 minutes – that they lose their effectiveness and often end up leaving the audience too confused to discern when the visions and reality differentiate.

Halloween II also stumbles when it comes to the story department. In Zombie’s first remake, the filmmaker decided to thoroughly cover Michael’s childhood in detail, giving audiences a reason for how the

young child grew up to become a mask-wearing psychopath incapable of any human emotion.

In the sequel, Zombie attempts to explain the why, to very limited success. When Michael’s methodology is finally showcased, it is done in such an anticlimactic fashion that it completely fails to garner a second thought and is instead just brushed off as another of the film’s many quirks.

And again, the film finds itself in a snag; the sheer outlandishness of the movie detracts far too much from the mood, often resulting in an audience-wide round of laughter as yet another unsuspecting, sex-crazed teenager is brutalized to death for no apparent reason.

I will admit that, as a fan

of Zombie’s previous films (including his first Halloween remake), I had high hopes for this sequel. And, in some aspects, those hopes were met.

Zombie’s dark humor, for example, is spot on as always and the combined acting of Malcolm McDowell as an attention seeking Dr. Loomis and Scout Taylor-Compton as a mentally and physically scarred Laurie Strode serve to give the characters added depth that is beneficial to the movie.

It is also important to note that Halloween II is very much a Rob Zombie film, humor of the darkest sort, gratuitous teenage sexuality and brutal, over-the-top violence.

As such, the film is marketed to very specific audience, and a large number of patrons will find

themselves wishing they had spent their money on something else when the familiar piano theme finally plays and the credits roll onto the screen.

After all, it is never a good thing when the scariest part of the movie is the possibility of a sequel.

In the end, Halloween II leaves the majority of its viewers wanting something more, while the remainder simply wishes for less.

The film is most definitely not Zombie’s best work, a fact that shows itself many times throughout the picture, but fans should find the piece an acceptable conclusion to Rob Zombie’s foray into John Carpenter’s sandbox.

Grade: C+

Disney Co. to buy Marvel Entertainment for \$4 billion

By **RYAN NAKASHIMA**
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LOS ANGELES — The Walt Disney Co. is buying Marvel Entertainment Inc. for \$4 billion in cash and stock, bringing such characters as Iron Man and Spider-Man into the family of Mickey Mouse and WALL-E.

Under the deal, which was announced Monday and is expected to close by the end of the year, Disney will acquire the rights to 5,000 Marvel characters. Many of them, including the Fantastic

Four and the X-Men, were co-created by the comic book legend Stan Lee.

Disney CEO Robert Iger said Marvel’s comic books, TV shows, movies and video games amounted to “a treasure trove of content.” Iger said the deal would bring benefits like the ones Disney got from buying “Toy Story” creator Pixar Animation Studios Inc. for \$7.4 billion in stock in 2006.

“The acquisition of Marvel offers us a similar opportunity to advance our strategy,” Iger said, and “to build a business that

is stronger than the sum of its parts.”

For Marvel, Iger said being in the Disney camp would mean better global distribution and better relationships with retailers to sell its products.

Marvel Chairman Mort Handel called Disney “a perfect home for our great collection of characters.”

One point of the deal is to help Disney appeal to young men who have flocked to theaters to see Marvel superheroes such as Iron Man in recent years. That

contrasts with Disney’s recent successes among young women with such fare as “Hannah Montana” and the Jonas Brothers.

Marvel TV shows also already account for 20 hours per week of programming on Disney’s recently rebranded, boy-focused cable network, Disney XD, and that looks likely to increase, Iger said. The shows are “right in the wheelhouse for boys,” he said.

Analyst David Joyce of Miller Tabak & Co. noted that the \$4 billion offer was at “full price.”

Marvel is releasing two costly

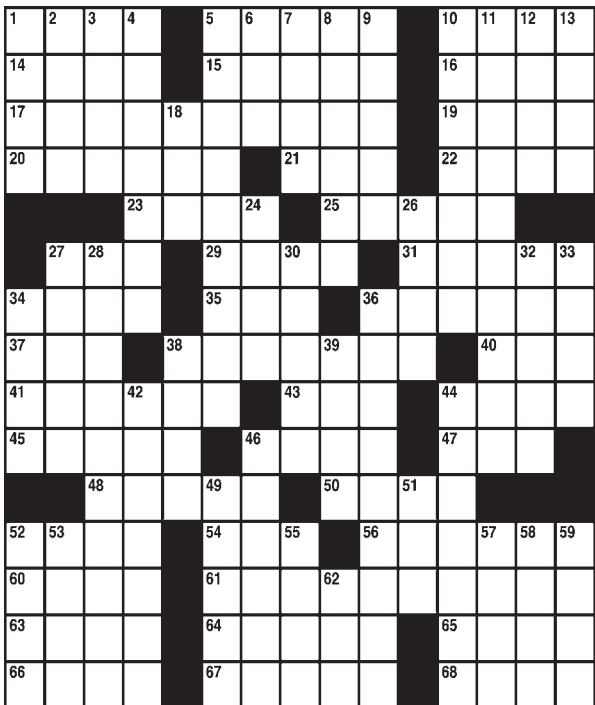
blockbusters, “Thor” and “The First Avenger: Captain America” in 2011, and income from DVD sales of those films likely wouldn’t roll in until fiscal 2012. Disney said the boards of both companies have approved the transaction, but it will require an antitrust review and the approval of Marvel shareholders. Although it began producing its own movies, starting with “Iron Man” last year, Marvel has several deals with other movie studios that Disney said it will honor and re-examine upon expiration.

For example, “Spider-Man 4,” set for release in 2011, is being made with Sony Corp.’s Columbia Pictures; “Iron Man 2” will be distributed by Viacom Inc.’s Paramount Pictures next year; and the upcoming “X-Men Origins: Magneto” and “X-Men Origins: Wolverine 2,” both due in 2011, are to be distributed by News Corp.’s 20th Century Fox. Iger said Pixar also had third-party licensing agreements that eventually expired, allowing the companies to move forward together.

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- 27 Butler’s love
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pooch

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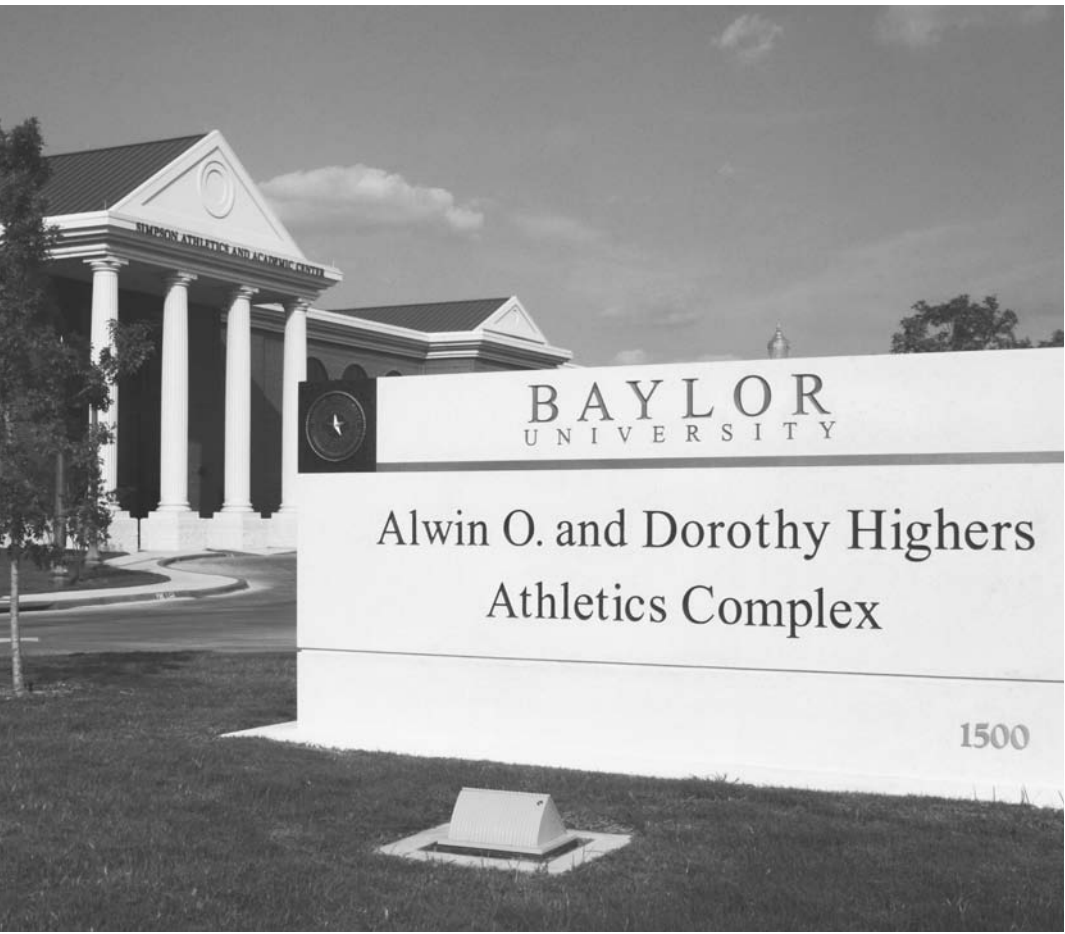
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Fundraising deadline approaching for Victory with Integrity Campaign



The Alwin O. and Dorothy Highers Athletic Complex, which opened in the spring, is one of the new facilities that has sprouted around campus as result of the Victory with Integrity campaign.

By JESSICA GOODLETT
SPORTS REPORTER

On Feb. 4, 2005, the Baylor Board of Regents approved a campaign presented to them by athletic director Ian McCaw. The plan was straightforward: raise \$90 million for the athletics program in five years.

With six months remaining in the Victory with Integrity Campaign, donors have given \$89.1 million. McCaw is confident that the money raised will surpass the original goal, and he hopes to motivate those donors who are still holding onto their check-books.

"Victory with Integrity has been a great, great success for the athletic program," McCaw said. "It has positioned Baylor athletics for great success for the future."

With its success, the fundraisers are hoping to exceed their original goal.

"We still want to raise another \$10 million," said Rick Darnell, Executive Director of Athletic Fundraising at Baylor.

Darnell also hopes to support endowment, annual giving

toward scholarships and capital projects.

Since the initiation of Victory with Integrity, there have been many additions to the athletic program. A practice facility for the men's and women's basketball teams, an equestrian facility, an on-campus football practice facility and Grant Teaff Plaza, which is an extension onto Floyd Casey stadium have all been added.

"We've had overwhelming success with the capital projects," McCaw said. "Our donors have been really enthusiastic about supporting them."

After securing funds, the next step is to build an indoor facility for the tennis teams and an on-campus track and field facility. The completion of these two capital projects will be the finishing touches to the campaign.

"It's been inspiring what the donors have done," Darnell said.

According to McCaw, these projects have given Baylor a competitive edge among other schools.

He believes they promote pride among Baylor students, alumni and fans, and proudly

states that Baylor has the some of the finest, if not the finest, facilities in the Big 12.

The success of the Victory with Integrity campaign has made its way off the playing field and into the classroom. After opening the Simpson Athletics and Academic Center last November, McCaw says that it's no coincidence that the athletic program averaged over a 3.0 GPA last year, which was the best academic year on record.

Outside of Baylor, the campaign has made a positive impact on the Waco community, McCaw said. The construction projects presented job opportunities for members of McLennan County. According to the Baylor 2012 vision, Baylor has served as a resource for education and job opportunities. The Victory with Integrity campaign has been different.

"We're grateful that when Baylor wins, Waco wins and when Waco wins, Baylor wins," McCaw said of the relationship that Baylor has with Waco.

In McCaw's eyes, the Victory with Integrity program has been "an overwhelming success."

Sports Take: Last season's record not indicative of team's success

It was January 4, 2006, and the University of Texas Longhorns had just beaten the University of Southern California Trojans 41-38 in a Rose Bowl contest that makes a good case to be considered one of the greatest National Championship games of all time.

The game was so close, in fact, that only when the final seconds ticked off the game clock could my Longhorn friends around me breathe a sigh of relief, extend their "hook'em horns" hand signs to the heavens and let the celebration begin.

They were ecstatic, and they had every reason to be. After going to high school together we were now all freshmen in college, and there are few better ways to start off a collegiate career than with a national championship. Life was good for the Texas Longhorns. However, life for the Baylor Bears was a much different story.

As a Baylor student, my football season had been over since November and, while I was happy for my friends from UT, my excitement was decidedly more measured than theirs.

Certainly I am not the first Bear to be in such a situation. Baylor has not been to a bowl game since 1994, before the inception of the Big 12, back in the days of the now defunct Southwest Conference.

It's rough being a Bear. It has been rough to be a Bear for a long time. But, in a way, I'm glad I got that first experience out of the way because it was a scenario to be repeated every Christmas break for the next three years. The Bears would be done in November, and I would again find myself in my high school buddy's living room, mildly pulling for the Longhorns to win another bowl game.

In 2008, Baylor brought a glimpse of light to its followers. The Bears won four games. That's not really much to brag about and it wasn't even as many wins as Baylor got in 2005. But at the same time, those four wins, and even the eight losses, are reasons to believe that things are going to be better for Bears everywhere this year and in years to come.

Baylor didn't just win four games, we blew past teams by margins that would make the Grand Canyon look like a crack in the pavement. Some would say that the teams we beat just weren't that good, and they would be right. Northwestern State, Washington State, Iowa State and Texas A&M aren't exactly powerhouses of college football. Though I did relish entering the fourth quarter leading the Aggies 41-7, it's actually some of the losses that compel me to think 2009 will be Baylor's breakout year.

Baylor lost two games, to nationally ranked Connecticut on the road and Missouri, by three-point margins. Both of those games came down to final Baylor drives that sputtered and could

have gone either way. Perhaps even more compelling are road games against Nebraska and, the team that toppled Texas, Texas Tech. Baylor lost by 12 points to the Huskers in front of a Nebraska crowd that's had every game in Memorial Stadium sold out since 1962 and perhaps represents the entire population of the state of Nebraska. The Bears led Tech 28-21 entering the fourth quarter before the Baylor defense gave up two touchdowns in the final 15 minutes. Both games showed Baylor wasn't quite the pushover it used to be.

Still, I don't have any delusions of grandeur. I'm not of a mind that thinks the Bears are going to upset Texas or Oklahoma, or even Oklahoma State. Any other team in the Big 12 is fair game though and even those three teams should look to get better games than they're accustomed to when they play the Bears.

My Longhorn friends don't believe me. "You know Joe," they say. "You go to UT now. It's ok if you want to switch over and pull for a winning team."

Even as I am now at grad school at UT with burnt orange all around me I remain resolute.

"No thanks," I tell them. "I'm already going to be pulling for one this year, and I'll be wearing green and gold."

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Soccer team battling for Big 12 respect

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

When women's soccer head coach Marci Jobson looks at her team's 2008 season record, 5-10-3 overall and 1-6-2 conference, she remains far from panicked. The record actually looks familiar to Jobson, but if her past is any indication of the future, the Bears can expect a successful 2009.

Jobson's first season at Northern Illinois University in 2005 ended 5-11-2 overall. A year later the Huskies reached the MAC Tournament Championship game, and in 2007 they finished 10-5-5 reaching the conference semifinals.

The second-year Baylor coach looks to bring the same kind of turnaround to Waco, leading a team whose 19 returners welcome 15 newcomers.



SARAH GROMAN | LARIAT STAFF
Frisco freshman Chelsea Geller dribbles the ball against North Dakota State University.

"I'm really excited about the depth these kids are providing, and I'm excited about the future of this program as these kids continue to get better," Jobson said.

Last year Baylor struggled on the offensive side where opponents outshot it 278-174 and the team's two goals in Big 12 games ranked last. Junior Lotto Smith and freshmen Hanna Gilmore and Dana Larsen will work to improve goal production from the forward position.

"This is what you dream of, making an impact," Gilmore said of her contributions as a freshman. "Coach told me all you can control is how hard you work, and that's what puts you a step above."

The forwards' scoring opportunities rely heavily on the midfielders' ability to create chances. More aggressive play from midfielder Lindsey Johnson and the rest of the midfielders is something Jobson stresses to boost this year's offense.

"This year we're more aggressive and attacking minded," Johnson said, "We're trying to connect more with the forwards."

The fact that two of the Bears' three starting forwards are freshmen bodes well for the team's future. Together Gilmore and Larsen already combine for 15 shots and six points, and Jobson expects the rest of the 13 incoming freshmen to provide solid minutes as either starters or off the bench.

"[Gilmore and Larsen] add a tremendous amount to our attack. As a coach you love the core you started with, but you also love to start recruiting your own class," Jobson said.

Defensively the Bears' strong

play held opponents to 22 goals in 18 games, shutting out the No. 8-ranked University of Texas to finish the 2008 season. Austin sophomore sweeper Staz Salinas anchored the unit that also shut-out six other opponents on the year.

"I think this year we have a lot of youth in our defensive line," Jobson said, "I think they're talented, though, and they will continue to get better."

The more experienced senior Nicky Smith joins Salinas on the back line as they battle a Big 12 schedule with four, preseason top-25 ranked foes.

Between the pipes senior Gianna Quintana returns after recording a 1.07 GAA in the 18 games she started in 2008. Her 79 career saves rank third all-time at Baylor behind former All-American Dawn Greenhouse and former All-Big 12 selection Ashley Noah.

In the season's first three games Quintana split time with redshirt sophomore Courtney Seelhorst, shutting out Lamar University and North Dakota State University and holding Rice to one goal.

While Jobson looks forward to the program's future, this season also depends on senior leadership, which Jobson says each senior provides in a different way.

"The great thing about our senior class is that they lead by committee," Jobson said, "Megan Humke is a very vocal leader, and Lara Doherty leads by her crushing tackles."

She also cited defender Nicky Smith's personality and on-field leadership from midfielder Betsy Kyle and keeper Gianna Quintana.

Before taking the field Jobson sends her own message to the Baylor women. Everyone on the field, from Smith on one end to Quintana on the other, knows the team has the power to change the program.

"Last year we needed to first teach the team a competitive, hard-nosed mentality," Jobson said, "I think we've gotten the right mentality now and now we're starting to build on possessing, keeping the ball more, and working on team attack."

As a member of the U.S.A. national team (2005-07) and a contributor to three NCAA tournament teams, Jobson knows how to win. Her players know how to do the same, and in 2009 they can prove it.

Bears still without loss

Baylor's steadily improving offensive effort and unwavering defense gives it a solid 1-0-2 start to the 2009 season. After tying Rice 1-1 in Houston the Bears came home to defeat Lamar 3-0 and tie North Dakota State 0-0.

Jobson made offensive aggression a key point in practice, and the team responded with 65 shots through the first three games. The numbers speak volumes for a team that totaled 174 shots in 2008.

Of the three forwards projected to start for the remainder of the season, leads in points with two goals and two assists. Larsen and Smith, who accompany Gilmore on the front line, each have a team leading 13 shots.

The Bears spend the next two weeks on the road before taking on Louisville at Betty Lou Mays Field on Sept. 13.



SARAH GROMAN | LARIAT STAFF
Albuquerque, N.M., junior Lucy Quintana battles for position against North Dakota State. The Bears tied the Bison 0-0.

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Second-year coach places odds on playing Lotto

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

More than a decade has passed since Lotto Smith's worst soccer memory, but her father still gives her a hard time about it. He can do that now; it is just another page out of the Baylor forward's storied career.

The 10-year-old Smith, then playing in a recreation league, gave up a goal in the second half. It brought the score to 10-1, in her team's favor, and ruined her day.

"I was crying and upset for the rest of the day," Smith said. "People on the other team were trying to cheer me up."

Since the debacle, Smith ascended through the ranks of club soccer, Olympic Development Program play and her McNeil (Austin) High School team before joining Baylor. Even



SARAH GROMAN | LARIAT STAFF
Lotto Smith evades a defender against North Dakota State University Friday night. Smith is a three-year starter and garnered second-team All-Big 12 honors in 2008.

years before surrendering her infuriating goal, Smith was no stranger to a soccer ball.

"I started at four. I didn't enjoy being in the heat outside," Smith said, "But my dad encouraged me to keep playing."

By the time Smith finished high school she had several offers, as far as the University of Tennessee and as close to home as the University of Texas.

She picked Baylor, not only to keep proximity while being away from home, but also to springboard her ambitious career aspirations.

Smith majors in fashion designing, and last summer her up close and personal visit with industry veterans cemented her desire for such a career.

"This past summer I went to New York and Montreal and got to meet designers," Smith said, "It gave me a wake up call. They

told us about their jobs, and that encouraged me more."

When she is not working on her degree or firing shots at Betty Lou Mays Field, Smith's routine resembles that of many Baylor students- spontaneous and relaxing.

On any given day students may find Smith at the SLC, Baylor Marina, and anywhere else people go to unwind.

"I don't get to do much outside of soccer," Smith said, "I like to make road trips and do things to calm myself down."

Smith never hesitates to have a good time, even at the expense of friends and roommates.

Just ask her roommate, who found her retainer soaked with pickle juice after Smith discovered how much her roommate hates it.

Entering her junior year and second year with head coach

Marci Jobson, Smith feels pressure to lead the 13 incoming freshman but knows Coach Jobson is fully committed to being there for them. "I think I have more pressure to take the freshman under our wings. If they ever don't work hard, we get blamed," Smith said.

Jobson expects Smith to anchor the forward core that consists of two freshmen, Hanna Gilmore and Dana Larsen, and play a more active role in the team's strategy this year.

Last season Smith had three goals, an assist and 30 shots. Through three games in 2009, she has recorded a goal, and assist and 13 shots and remains on pace to shatter her 2008 numbers.

Coach Jobson agrees. "I think our ability to possess and keep the ball more is a lot better than last year," she said.

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“One serious misconception is that you can cover 46 million people and lower health care costs at the same time – the administration just has not figured out a way to pay for it,” he said.

Another common misconception in dealing with the economics of health care is that care should be “free.” When asked about health care and insurance problems, many people question why the French and Canadian governments give their citizens health care at no cost.

“Nothing is free—it is just a matter of how it is paid for,” Henderson said. “The French and Canadians are paying for their health care in the form of higher taxes.”

The last major misconception in dealing with the reform that Henderson mentioned concerns HR 3200, the reform bill that is before the House of Representatives. Some believe that if the bill is passed and one has satisfactory insurance, one will be able to keep it.

“Sixty percent of Americans get healthcare insurance through their employer. The new government plan premiums are estimated to be 25 percent lower than private insurance plans,” Henderson said.

Since the government plan will have cheaper premiums, Henderson suggested that most

businesses will opt to drop their employees’ private insurance coverage and force them to use the government plan.

This shift to the public option will also affect hospital billing because of the plan’s lower reimbursement rate. Hospitals already compensate for the lower Medicare rates by cost shifting and billing private plans at a higher rate. As more people are forced to use the government plan, the hospitals will be forced to bill those left with a private plan even more.

Henderson said that his research shows that cost shifting would go up another 10 percent, which would increase the premiums of the private plan and cause more people to shift to the public plan. As more people continued to switch, the private companies would enter what economists call a “death-spiral” and would most likely be slowly eliminated.

Henderson suggested that we cannot afford HR 3200. Obama’s plan, if implemented, has a federal cost, state cost and employee cost, on top of Medicare’s projected unfunded debt of 50 trillion dollars over a Baylor student’s lifetime.

“You think student loans are bad, this is one million dollars (per working person),” Henderson said.

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longer necessary. The group also set out to design solar panels to provide alternative energy to a computer lab, but they were unable to complete it due to complications with shipping materials.

Along with mission trips abroad, Engineers With a Mission exercises their efforts locally through volunteer work with the World Hunger Relief, Inc., located in Elm Mott. Saturday, the PIT, Project Implementation and Testing crew, went to the World Hunger Farm to evaluate two projects they have been developing.

“Today we’re trying to get a status update on where we are on the projects,” Bond said.

The group is working on building a model wind turbine that can be used in Third World countries, as well as solar pan-

els to be placed atop the farm’s chicken coops. Aside from being the site for the Engineers With a Mission projects, the World Hunger Farm produces organic vegetables, milk, eggs, meat and pecans to sell locally, and practices composting and drip irrigation techniques.

“The farm is about sustainable agriculture,” faculty adviser Brian Thomas said. “The goal is to get interns who later go into the world and demonstrate what they have learned.” that talks about being the ‘light of the world.’”



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Beach Bash Splash

Garland senior Kyle Johnston scores a hit on his professor, Dr. Byron Newberry, at a dunking booth during the 8th annual Engineering and Computer Science Department’s Beach Bash, Monday, Aug. 31, 2009.

Students research together, look deeper into Waco water

By ADDIE ARO
STAFF WRITER

A group of former biology students presented their preliminary research results on water quality, Friday Aug 29 at Waco City Hall.

In the spring semester, Dr. Marty Harvill, senior lecturer of biology, decided to give more undergraduate research experience for his BIO 1106 lab course. He took his class of 48 students and placed them into groups of three. From there, 16 experiments were generated, with each group responsible for coming up with their own questions, abstracts and data.

Harvill got the idea to start up the research program after 2008 Robert Foster Cherry Award winner, Dr. Stephen Davis, did similar research with his students.

“Last fall, Dr. Davis came to campus and taught a couple of classes, and I sat in on his class.

[His] model was the type of model that I wanted to try to adapt for my class,” Harvill said.

The students spent the spring working together, gathering research and recording their results.

Their topics ranged from bacteria growth to methane production and how different variables affected water quality at the Lake Waco wetlands.

Harvill then selected the five experiments he felt were most relevant to the City of Waco and the Lake Waco Wetlands.

Houston sophomore Alexeis Baqui and San Antonio senior Braden Wersonske were members of one of the groups selected to present to the mayor.

Their project focused on the how different variables affected the growth rate of algae in water.

The group took common decaying matter found in the Lake Waco wetlands that included

crayfish, manure, plant matter and fertilizer.

They hypothesized that manure would provide optimal growth of algae in the water.

They found, however, after four weeks that crayfish gave off the most nutrients, which increased algae growth.

“Our results surprised us, but if we had more time maybe it would’ve been different,” Baqui said.

Mayor Virginia DuPuy said the students’ research and results far exceeded her expectations.

“One of the most encouraging, meaningful things was to see the work and high level of interest of the students. How they went about it was so intriguing,” she said. “Also, the fact that they went home for the summer and came back to present speaks volumes of personal discipline and integrity.”

DuPuy also said that the

results from each experiment would be shared with the right people.

“Because a lake is biological complex body of water, experiments like this help to contribute to the community body of knowledge. I assume this work will be shared with Tom Conry, Water Quality Administrator,” DuPuy said.

Students also gained experience working on problem solving skills, grant writing and designing a project on a set budget.

Aside from the classroom, Harvill hopes that through the experiments the students also learned invaluable lessons in citizenship.

“I want them to be good citizens. They could be sitting in the city council board one day, and [they] won’t be afraid to address the problems they see,” he said.

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