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Saturday:
Calvin Milburn, 5 p.m.

Jake Owen, 8:30 p.m.

Tracy Lawrence, 10:30 p.m.

Livestock shows are held all three days.

Weather permitting, carnival rides and games are open all weekend long

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Dow ends day above 10,000

TIM PARADIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — When the Dow Jones industrial average first passed 10,000, traders tossed commemorative caps and uncorked champagne. This time around, the feeling was more like relief.

The best-known barometer of the stock market entered five-figure territory again Wednesday,

day, the most visible sign yet that investors believe the economy is clawing its way back from the worst downturn since the Depression.

The milestone caps a stunning 53 percent comeback for the Dow since early March, when stocks were at their lowest levels in more than a decade.

"It's almost like an announcement that the bear market is over," said Arthur Hogan,

chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. in Boston. "That is an eye-opener — 'Hey, you know what, things must be getting better because the Dow is over 10,000.'"

Cheers went up briefly when the Dow eclipsed the milestone in the early afternoon, during a day-long rally driven by encouraging earnings reports from Intel Corp. and JPMorgan Chase & Co. The average closed at 10,015.86, up 144.80 points.

It was the first time the Dow had touched 10,000 since October 2008, that time on the way down.

"I think there were times when we were in the deep part of the trough there back in the springtime when it felt like we'd never get back to this level," said Bernie McSherry, senior vice president of strategic initiatives at Cuttone & Co.

Ethan Harris, head of North

America economics at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, described it as a "relief rally that the world is not coming to an end." The mood was far from the euphoria of March 1999, when the Dow surpassed 10,000 for the first time. The Internet then was driving extraordinary gains in productivity, and serious people debated whether

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Award brings teacher to BU

BY LAURA PATTON
REPORTER

The second of three finalists for the Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching gave a presentation Wednesday to fulfill the requirements for being a Cherry finalist.

Dr. Elliott West is an alumni distinguished professor of history at the University of Arkansas. West and the other two finalists are required to give a presentation at Baylor and at their home university in order to possibly become the next Cherry Award recipient.

West, who has been teaching at Arkansas for 30 years, is a "pre-eminent historian of the American West," said Dr. Michael Parrish, Linden G. Bowers professor of American history, in an introduction to West's lecture. West is currently on leave from the University of Arkansas on a research fellow at Huntington Library in California.

Like the presentation from the first finalist, Dr. Roger Rosenblatt, West focused most of his lecture on stories and their place in schools. His approach focused more on how he uses stories in his teaching methods to engage his students and help them see more sides to history.

"I firmly believe stories are very important and very powerful," West said in his lecture. "One thing I know best about stories is we are compelled to tell them. It is part of being human. What I do as a teacher is first try to convince students that history is the biggest story of all."

West defines history as having "the power to tell us who we are."

Wednesday's presentation was held in a style of how West would oversee one of his classes.

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SARAH GROMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Heart of Texas Fair is lined with a multitude of midway games, all of which offer a prize to winning contestants, such as this particular one in which the contestant must pop balloons to receive a stuffed animal.

A fine-tuned fair, rodeo

Heart of Texas fair staff looks to enhance festival's atmosphere

BY ASH ANDERSON
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Every fall, the streets of Waco are filled with the euphoric laughter of children and adults as people of all ages flock to the Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo. What began as a small series of facilities in the spring of 1952 is now a massive sprawl covering more than 50 acres of land. With enough parking to accommodate more than 3800 cars, 250 RV hook-ups, and 700 animal stalls, the fair is now one of the leading attractions in the Waco community.

The event gets bigger every year. A record attendance of 220,000 last year set the bar for this year's fair.

Wes Allison, president and chief executive officer of the Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo, said he is working with the staff on improving upon last year's fair.

"As we do every year, we're making adjustments to entertainment, as well as attractions," Allison said. "For example, we



SARAH GROMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rather than be twirled around on one of the fair's many rides, taking a picture with a monkey is all this young Wacoan boy needs to make him smile.

have a new bear show that's very family oriented. It's an education story about bears from the Welde family."

Not only is the staff working toward the attractions getting better each year, but the overall ambience of the fair is also getting a boost. Jarrod Metzgar, vice president of promotions, presentation, and competitive events, said a large amount of work is going into every aspect of the fair. Extra emphasis is on how the vendors set up their booths.

"When a vendor signs on,

we don't just accept anybody and everybody," Metzgar said. They fill out an application that requires them to provide a picture of their booth. We want to better the appearance of the fair. We're trying to address the senses. We have the smell of the food from the fair and the noise from the rodeo and the crowd and the band, so what's left to address is the sight aspect."

But the fair has not always been the spectacle it is now; 50 years of rodeos and carnival rides have brought many changes.

Unheard student voices

Groups seek to create unique sanctuary

BY ALYSSA MENDEZ
REPORTER

The Atheist and Agnostic Association, along with a recently founded club, Open Dialogue, have come together to create a safe haven where students can explore and question their beliefs.

The Atheist and Agnostic Association is not chartered by Baylor's student organizations. Open Dialogue, a comparable organization is in the process of becoming chartered by Baylor.

Students who are a part of

Open Dialogue's weekly discussions say Baylor has limited the freedom to express their own beliefs.

Sugar Land junior Stan Staton, who helped re-establish the association this semester, believes Baylor is not accepting of alternative beliefs or ideas that are not in agreement with Baylor.

Staton said the association was active during his freshman year, but then died out his sophomore year.

"Basically it's wrong to discriminate against people," Staton said. "If you believe in one thing that's fine, but just don't shove it in another person's throat."

The group believes that col-

laborations, such as the one between these two groups, are essential to furthering good communication and open-mindedness.

"We're very young, and it would behoove us as university students to explore our beliefs entirely," Tucson, Ariz., senior Erik Bamberg said. "The best way to do that constructively is through dialogue."

Bamberg founded Open Dialogue his freshman year after realizing AA was more of a social group. He wanted more of a discussion atmosphere instead of just a place to watch movies and documentaries.

Bamberg said that, more than anything, what drove him away from Christianity was studying



SHANNA TAYLOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Galveston senior Oscar Boleman, left, discusses the basis of morality during Sunday's meeting of the Atheist and Agnostic Association and a group called Open Dialogue in the den of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

the history of the Bible.

He said that his Christian Heritage class helped in his de-

cision that the Bible was com-

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New option should replace extinguished flame's historic violence

The eternal flame has been extinguished for the class of 2013. A tradition that began along with the Freshmen Mass Meeting in 1928, the protection of the flame has caused serious bouts of violence in the past three years, leading to its cancellation in this year's homecoming celebrations.

The legacy of protecting the flame was born when the announced opponent of Baylor's homecoming game would attempt to sneak on campus and douse a small flame that was used to light the bonfire.

This would hopefully whet Baylor's competitive spirit during the game and give its opponent a competitive edge. Instead, a campus tradition was born. Unfortunately that tradition has come to an end.

While the traditions of Freshmen Mass Meeting and the lighting of the bonfire will remain intact, the removal of the protection of the flame comes as no surprise. In 2007, one student was hospitalized with a traumatic head injury, and in 2008, several freshmen were harmed in a confusing melee involving students of all classifications.

Last year, while attempting to subdue those responsible for the harm to students, Baylor police were on high alert. By the time the morning came, the struggle had left its mark on the student body, as well as those in charge of putting together the various homecoming activities. Two people ended up in the hospital, one being a police officer who had been attempting to quell the outbreak of violence.

It was clear that such a mishap could not happen again.

The question of who to blame for the removal of this time-honored tradition is not an easy one to answer.

On one hand, the violence surrounding

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the protection of the flame increased exponentially during 2006, when serious harm

first came to a student.

But the subsequent years compounded the violence.

When attempting to put a finger on who is directly responsible for the revocation of the festivity, it is impossible to place the blame on any one person or class.

It is the combined responsibility of those involved in making a fiasco out of what was intended to be a game of friendly competition to increase campus-wide unity and school spirit.

Instead of a morale-boosting activity, this tradition quickly became a dangerous game involving fights and name-calling.

The most unfortunate part of the removal is that the class of 2013 has to pay the price for previous students' wrongdoings.

Although the reasoning behind the revoking of the flame is understandable, the freshmen are going to feel like a piece of their homecoming is missing after hearing the stories about the previous years.

Instead of completely removing the protection of the flame, giving them another option would be beneficial to both their class and the classes that come after them.

Because the mission of the eternal flame is to promote campus unity and a healthy competitive spirit, especially among freshmen, maybe a new option would be to have a homecoming version of freshman follies, where the freshman class could gather to participate in before-game activities.

Suddenly getting rid of an activity that has been part of homecoming for 81 years is an extreme solution, but is one that is understandable when taking into consideration what could happen if it is continued.

Peace Prize awarded to president prematurely

Just eight months in office and President Barack Obama is a Nobel laureate.

The president's Nobel Prize, according to the Norwegian Nobel Committee's press release, was awarded "for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples."

We get it, Europe. You like President Obama.

If by strengthening diplomacy and cooperation, the committee means not proving to be a divisive force within his first eight months, they are justified.

However, other than this, Obama has not had the time to make sound progress on his more ambitious goals including securing nuclear materials from terrorists and responsibly ending the war in Iraq, which are goals listed on the White House Web site.

It is too soon to say whether this is because he is simply an image, as many feared, or because it has been only eight months, which is not realistically enough time for such initiatives to succeed.

Even if the argument is made that Obama has now, eight months into his presidency, made advances, the nominations for this award were due a mere 12 days after Obama took office, as reported by the New York Post. What aspirations had been actualized within these first 12 days?

According to the Nobel committee's press release, "Only very rarely has a person to the same extent as Obama captured the world's attention and given its people hope for a better future."

Obama has captured the world's attention and given the world hope of further justice concerning human rights, peace among nations and the end to a tragic war in the Middle East. In fact, if Obama's hope could win the war on nuclear weapons, nuclear disarmament might prove an easier task.

By no means do I assert that Obama's diplomatic achievements are trivial. On the contrary, winning favor with the international community — especially considering our former leadership — is an unprecedented victory for an American

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BY LIZ FOREMAN



president.

Either way, by awarding Obama this prize so prematurely, the Norwegian committee has come short of making a mockery of the award, with former winners like Desmond Tutu referring to Obama's nomination as a "surprising but imaginative choice." The committee could have at least waited to award the president, giving Obama time — at least a year — to do what he has promised.

In addition, this award could become a handicap for the president. The prestigious honor has the opportunity to create unrealistic expectations and an even more crucial role for Obama to fill.

But, who knows, maybe this will help to hold Obama accountable for all of his lofty campaign promises.

To have a president who is respected by international leaders is a feat in itself, especially after George W. Bush succeeded in polarizing said entities. But to award Obama a Nobel Peace Prize for other nations' acceptance of his vision, does not do the prestigious award justice.

While I have no doubt that Obama is capable of achieving — or at least making a significant effort to achieve his goals, it is too soon to tell whether this can happen, and as the odds stack up against him, too soon to hand out an award.

Though aspiring for change is enough for the Norwegian Nobel Committee, is it enough for the American people?

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Prize given because of unique effect on nation

I woke up Friday morning to a text message alert from CNN that read, "President Obama has won the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize."

I instantly sprang to my computer to read the developing story.

"Only very rarely has a person to the same extent as Obama captured the world's attention and given its people hope for a better future," the Nobel Prize committee said in its statement announcing the winner.

In a press conference later that day, Obama remarked, "I am both surprised and deeply humbled. I do not view it as a recognition of my own accomplishments. But rather as an affirmation of American leadership. ... I will accept this award as a call to action."

And yet to my dismay, many people had already expressed their disapproval for his win by the time I checked online again.

One writer wrote, "The value of the award has diminished."

Another commented in his lack of accomplishments.

What do you mean he hasn't done anything?

I mean besides being the first African-American president of a country that has a long history of racial turmoil and prejudice.

And not to mention the diplomatic relations he has tried to foster in the Middle East.

Earlier this year, Obama paid a visit to Egypt where he addressed the Muslim world, which opened up doors of opportunity to more peaceful relations between the West and the East.

His tireless efforts to disarm global nuclear weapons should also not go unnoticed.

According to the will of Alfred Nobel, the man who created the prize, the Peace Prize should be awarded to the person who:

"During the preceding year...shall have

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BY ADEOLA ARO



done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congress."

Many people are complaining that he hasn't accomplished anything on the home front.

However, the award is not necessarily given out for domestic policies like health care or education reform. It is an award given for a worldwide effort to make an everlasting effect and change on the world.

Obama has done something; he has given me and members of my generation a lot more than his predecessors. No one else in our lifetime has captured our attention, and the attention of the world at large.

"We need to give each other hope. We need to give ourselves hope," Obama said in his speech.

In these trying times, Obama provides us with hope, and even if you don't agree with the committee's decision, we need to stick by him as a nation.

Although his award may have been given to him prematurely, I believe it will serve as a reminder of what is left to accomplish.

It's not every day that we get to witness history, and we should be more appreciative.

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Please Recycle This Issue

Mayor salutes stimulus spending in Waco

By ADEOLA ARO
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According to Waco City Mayor Virginia DuPuy, the city is spending stimulus money wisely.

DuPuy addressed a room full of students to inform them how the stimulus was received and spent Wednesday. It was sponsored by the Baylor College Republicans.

DuPuy broke down how the stimulus funds were determined and given to the city.

"The stimulus dollars were a surprise to all of us," DuPuy said. "There are three ways the dollars come down. It comes one time, which puts special responsibility on community where those dollars flow — make sure you're not paying for something you are going to have to turn around and repeat."

The second thing is that it has



JED DEAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Mayor Virginia DuPuy speaks to the Baylor College Republicans on Wednesday at a lecture about how the government bailout affects Waco.

to be shovel-ready, DuPuy said. "We are always planning ahead and keeping projects ready to go."

The final aspect about the stimulus dollar was that there were deadlines of when the money had to be spent.

"The money has to be spent within a year and a half and for that reason you have to have projects ready to go, and be able to account for it very quickly," DuPuy said.

A portion of the funding went to increase public safety and reduce crime, and the city purchased crime-fighting material.

Funds were also allocated to the airport restoration project, the Salvation Army and upgrading local recreation centers.

In a question-and-answer session with DuPuy, one student asked how the money would affect the immediate Baylor area.

She responded that students would benefit from the crime-prevention equipment.

However, she urged students to be mindful of their surroundings.

"Be very careful with your cars ... pay attention when you are walking around after dark," DuPuy said. "We want you to be so safe, you never have to worry about it."

DuPuy encouraged students to get involved in the planning process of the projects.

"We want it to be a great place to come and visit. We want you to come and make this a cool place," Boleman said.

Elm Mott sophomore Ryan Meredith is the activities chair for the Baylor College Republicans and planned the event with the assistance of Pasedena junior Matt Hrna, president of the organization.

Meredith said the talk was very informative and provided students with knowledge to better serve the community and an awareness of what Waco has to offer.

"She had great things to say about the community and the future goals," Meredith said.

Oscar Boleman, president of the Baylor Democrats, said that it was a good talk on how the stimulus is affecting Waco.

"It was very detailed and I like that. One of the questions that the students asked (was) about how she could consider herself a Republican and spend stimulus money," Boleman said.

"The answer she gave was a good reflection of how adhering to partisan ideology doesn't go that far in real world examples. Eventually you have to pull in ideas from both sides."

Chi Omega holds 'green' Greek social event

By CATY HIRST
COPY EDITOR

The Chi Omega sorority is hoping to promote recycling in student organizations.

The sorority held Baylor's first "green" Greek social event in coordination with the Baylor Sustainability Committee on Oct. 8.

Smith Getterman, sustainability coordinator, was excited about Chi Omega's involvement in sustainability.

Glastonbury, Conn. senior Katie Potter, the social chair of Chi Omega, said that Greek organizations have an obligation to recycle at events to set an example for other students.

"I think as a big organization it is important for us to set that example," Potter said. "We have a lot of people come to our events, so why not set that example by

recycling?"

The Chi Omega Crush recycled about 25 pounds of plastic bottles and more than 100 pizza boxes.

Instead of simply having trash bins, the sorority provided students with recycling stations for their plastic bottles, paper and cardboard. Members of the sorority encouraged students to recycle and posted signs marked the recycle stations.

"The event proved successful in many ways, especially in the sense that it showed the members of the sorority and their guests just how simple going green can be," Getterman said in an e-mail to the Lariat.

Potter said they did not have any trouble getting people to recycle at the crush.

"People were great with it," Potter said. "It was a great success."

Carol Nowlin, the coordinator of events and volunteers at the Mayborn Museum and adviser to the sorority, said Chi Omega did everything it could to recycle. The organizers purposefully did not use paper plates and did not buy any unrecyclable decorations. They even used recyclable tablecloths.

Getterman said that any group can recycle at its events: large or small.

Menlo Park, Calif., senior Beth Roller, and president of Chi Omega, is planning to keep recycling at events.

"We are trying to work with (Getterman) to work at more football games and we have brought recycle bins into the chapter room so girls can recycle there," Roller said.

Edmond, Okla., junior Jessica Wedel, the service chair of Chi

Omega, recommended that students who are interested in recycling at events contact Getterman to help them coordinate the event.

Baylor also has recycle dumpsters located throughout campus to throw the recyclables away at the end of the event, which makes disposing of the trash pain-free, as organizations do not have to drop off their own recyclables.

"I want people, groups, clubs, staff and faculty to know it is really easy to do this," Getterman stressed.

Getterman is excited to get other student organizations involved in the sustainability effort. The fraternity Alpha Tau Omega will be at the Nebraska football game to encourage fans to recycle. The Tri Delt sorority will also be volunteering at one of the football games.

Roller said volunteering at the

football is what originally got Chi Omega interested in recycling.

"We were able to volunteer at the football game, which gave us more awareness about (recycling) and we were excited to incorporate it into our crush," Roller said.

Wedel said it is important to remember that everyone can make a difference, not just student organizations.

"It is the little things that count," Wedel said.

Roller believes Baylor students have a Christian obligation to go green.

"I am thrilled with and thankful for the ladies of Chi Omega and their efforts to go green," Getterman said. "This (is) an important moment for our program and for the university because it demonstrates a commitment by our students to take on the role of Christian leaders by doing what

they can to take care of this gift God has given us."

This is not the only green effort Chi Omega has undertaken. On Oct. 3, women from the sorority volunteered during tailgate and halftime at the Kent State game to encourage fans to recycle.

"I was really excited," Wedel said. "Smith is so great. He got everything ready for us, and it was great."

Wedel said that, despite the heavy rain at the game, she had fun and felt like she made a difference.

Wedel said Chi Omega also recycled at the "Make a Wish" service event they held Oct. 4. This event was not a social event and was not held in conjunction with the sustainability committee, but it did provide recycling bins as well as trash bins for those in attendance.



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Flower shop adds artistic quality to arrangements

By Laura Remson
Staff Writer

Rosetree Floral Boutique, a flower shop in downtown Waco, is anything but simple. Though the business has been in Waco for more than 20 years, it just joined the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce following a change in ownership.

Amber Hammer, Waco resident and new owner of Rosetree, is no stranger to the business. She began working for the shop when she was 17 years old.

The business has grown from its humble roots.

"It started in just a little bitty shed, pretty much out in China Spring, and it grew from there," Hammer said. "Then at one time, they decided to have a store here in town and out in China Spring, but they found they had more business out here in Waco and it was easier to make runs out to China Spring. That's basically how it started."

Now, as the owner of Rosetree, her obligations have changed. Hammer spends more of her time working the administrative side of the business. Still, she has the opportunity to work with the flowers on a regular basis.

"Karen is our head designer and she does the majority of the arranging, but there are definitely times where we're really busy and I have to step in," Hammer said. "Of course when we have weddings, I've met with the brides all along. I still oversee everything."

Karen Dotson, as head designer for Rosetree, spends most of her time working with the flowers and greens used in their pieces.

"When the phone rings and there's an arrangement to be done, I'm responsible to make sure it gets done and out the door," Dotson said.

Dotson has more than 20 years of experience working with and arranging flowers.

"You want to create balance and harmony in your arrangements," Dotson said. "Say (a customer) wants something that's all purples, I go for all shades and textures of purples. You've got the composite flowers and you've got a flower that's going to have a lot of petals and you've got your star-shaped flowers like your lilies."

"So you want to mix all different shapes and textures to make a nice arrangement. You don't want an arrangement of all different flowers that are the same shape."

Hammer, on the other hand, pulls her first piece of the arrangement and builds around it.

"If a customer says well I want a pink rose, I would pick that pink rose up and start putting things together that I thought looked good with it. I don't really have a planned thought for anything. I just kind of let my creativity take over from there and work with

whatever I have on hand," Hammer said.

Hammer and Dotson try to keep their designs as unique as possible.

"We do wild, crazy stuff here all the time," Hammer said. "Wild and crazy is our normal."

Hammer explained that much of the work Rosetree does is for Baylor, both students and the university itself.

"There's a lot of Waco residents, (but) we do have a good Baylor crowd of students," Hammer said. "Baylor faculty is (also) a big part of our business. We do a lot for Baylor philanthropy, regents, dinners — all the different departments at Baylor."

Hammer's favorite flowers in the store are not flowers at all.

"My favorite thing in the shop right now (is) a lotus pod and it's called a monkey tail, but it is a fern frond," Hammer said. "They just have great texture to them. I love roses. I even like carnations. They have to be used in the right way. I don't like just any old carnations. These are not just your everyday things. I don't like things you can find at the grocery store."

The flowers for Rosetree come from all over the world.

"We order from wholesalers out of Austin and Dallas," Hammer said. "What they do is bring in flowers from all over the world. I get peonies out of Israel and Chile. I get roses out of Ecuador. We're getting a lot of stuff out of Holland right now — just all over the world."

Rosetree's relationships with its wholesalers are vital to the business.

"We have built up a really good relationship with them," Hammer said. "And even if they don't have (something) in-store, that's where the advanced ordering comes in. They'll bring it in for me."

The raw materials brought in are surprisingly resilient, when cared for properly.

"We spend a lot of time processing and hydrating to be sure the flowers get the care they need because sometimes they've been out of water for five days in boxes," Hammer said.

"That's why you shouldn't buy your flowers at the grocery store, because they don't know how to take care of their flowers."

"Yes I have purchased flowers from Rosetree and received a bouquet from there before and both were outstandingly beautiful," said Oklahoma City senior Ashlee Owens.

Because Rosetree's specializations, they offer floral arrangements different from the typical one's you would find in a grocery store.

"Everything that we do is unique, you'll never get the same thing twice out of here — even if you ask us to, it may not look exactly the same. Things just don't grow that way," Hammer said.



MATTHEW HELLMAN | PHOTOGRAPHER

Yakety yak, don't talk back

Baylor senior admissions counselor Jonathan Evan gives a presentation to Waco High School freshmen Wednesday afternoon in Waco Hall Auditorium. University admissions programs are always on the lookout for future Baylor Bears.

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Reel World Sense: Indie artists need your help

When I was fifteen, I heard a young man from Flower Mound singing at a venue in Dallas. Brad Skistimas of Five Times August awakened my love for independent music.

Skistimas, a 26-year-old singer and songwriter, has had the chance to sign with major record labels, but decided to be in charge of his own career. His only aide and manager is his wife, Kelly Skistimas.

Skistimas demonstrates what music should really be about — expressing oneself through music.

Skistimas could have had the opportunity to make large sums of money through a major recording contract, but he prefers keeping to himself and being the only person he answers to.

Rather than letting other people do his work for him, Skistimas and his wife produce his albums and plan his tours. Independent artists have a real passion for music because they do all of the work involved in distributing it to others by themselves. They heavily rely on the support of their fans to promote their music.

For example, in July, Skistimas partnered with Kickstarter.

com, a fund-
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form for up-
coming artists,
to help pro-
duce his new
album, “Life
as a Song,”
which came out Wedne-sday.

With just the support of his fans, Skistimas reached his goals of raising \$20,000 for his album in a month.

By donating to the funding of the album, fans received various rewards, ranging from the fans’ names placed in the CD liner notes to a weekend camping trip with Skistimas.

It is evident that Skistimas is not in the music business solely for the obtainment of profit since he has decided to donate half of all of his album sales for the rest of the year to various charities.

Artists who are not signed have a harder time reaching out to a mass audience, but for most,

the number of fans is not as important as the quality of their music.

Although some singers, songwriters and bands begin as independents and later sign a major recording contract, those who have the opportunity to sign and do not should be noted.

Skistimas gives reasons for not signing with a recording contract on his Kickstarter Web site.

“I get to spend more time connecting with the fans, I get to write the music I want to write and I get to be who I want to be without some corporate fat cat telling me how I need to change. All in all there is simply a lot more artistic freedom”

Although his music is not widespread, it can be found on Web sites such as YouTube or Facebook.

Independent artists need your help more than those who have signed record contracts. If you are passionate about music, as Skistimas and many other independent artists, I urge you to find artists you enjoy and spread their music to others.

After all, word of mouth is the only way to keep independent music alive.



Olga Gladsktov Ball
Reporter



Brad Skistimas of Five Times August is one of many independent artists that rely on word of mouth to get their music to a variety of listeners.

Art center offers mixture of affordable classes

By SABRINA LANDWER
REPORTER

For only \$20, students can become a member at The Art Center of Waco and receive invitations to all the openings and discounted rates to the classes and at the gift shop.

“We are an accredited museum that belongs to the American Association of Museums. We hold the seal of approval from it,” said Mark Arnold, executive director of the Art Center. “There are thou-

sands of museums and only 700 are accredited.”

The Center hosts “Artists’ Open Studio” from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Monday, where anyone from beginners to those at an advanced level are welcome.

Art classes of different types are available weekly starting sporadically throughout the months and around holidays.

Some of the classes being offered include beginner’s calligraphy, creative fabric dye techniques, the potter’s wheel, photography

and handmade soaps.

“I’ve gone to a few of the Open Studio’s at The Art Center just to

“It is very much an
interaction class.”

Mark Arnold
Executive Director of The Art
Center of Waco

see what they were like,” said The Woodlands art major and junior

Jenna Kulpinski.

“I was really impressed with how helpful they are there. There is always someone there to help instruct you when you need it.”

The center has been offering classes for more than three decades.

“Our center has been doing classes for adults and children since 1972,” Arnold said. “It’s a part of our mission to provide a visual and educational facility for the arts to the Waco Community.”

Out of all the classes, Arnold highly recommends the pottery class.

“We teach you to build pottery on the wheel. People love those classes,” Arnold said. “It is very much an interaction class, not just a demonstration.”

If a student is interested in taking a class that The Art Center does not offer, it can design a class specifically for that craft.

“The Art Center of Waco’s curriculum offers a positive opportunity to the Waco area,” said

Houston senior and art major Seth Daulton. “Their program allows Waco artists, young and old, to experience art in a new way, outside of the university setting.”

For more information on classes, dates, times and prices, visit The Art Center of Waco’s Web site at www.artcenterwaco.org.

“By offering discounts to students, The Art Center of Waco provides another resource for young emerging Texas artists to grow and develop in their skills in art-making,” Daulton said.

FUN TIMES

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Bears travel north, challenge improved Iowa State squad



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Kendall Wright (No. 1) evades defensive tackle Gerald McCoy (No. 93) in Saturday's 33-7 loss against the University of Oklahoma. Wright had seven catches for 132 yards and two touchdowns last season against Iowa State University.

By CHRIS DERRETT
SPORTS WRITER

Last year against Iowa State, Baylor came out of the tunnel on Parents Weekend and dominated the Cyclones, 38-10. On Saturday the Bears take on a new Iowa State team, one that has raised eyebrows and enters this weekend's game determined to give the Ames, Iowa, homecoming crowd a victory.

While the Bears received a sound defeat from national powerhouse Oklahoma last weekend, the Cyclones nearly upset the then No. 16-ranked Kansas Jayhawks in Lawrence, losing 41-36. Art Briles took the task of preparing his defense this week knowing Iowa State's offensive potency.

"They are fast-paced, very similar to a lot of teams in the Big 12 on how they do it," Briles said. "They keep you off balance from a defensive standpoint and they are doing it with experienced people."

To counter, Baylor will need solid play from every defensive player. Iowa State's balanced offensive production (1,257 rush yards and 1,151 passing yards) means no position can afford to miss assignments, senior linebacker Joe Pawelek says.

"More than any week this season so far, I think it is going to be on every man on defense playing his responsibility," Pawelek said.

Offensively Baylor looks to improve the rushing production with backs Jay Finley, Jarred Salubi and Terrance Ganaway. The Bears' rushing effort totaled just six yards against Oklahoma, a far cry from the 196 yards per game they averaged through their first four games.

Jay Finley had his lowest rushing total in a Baylor uniform, gaining zero net yards on two carries against the Sooners. He knows resurrecting the ground game is crucial to earning the three additional wins the Bears need for bowl eligibility.

"Against Iowa State we want to get it right and get it going. It would be good momentum. We want to get on track, and we start this week," Finley said.

Finley expects his ankle, which he sprained against Connecticut, to be completely healed when he takes on the Cyclones.

At quarterback, grayshirt freshman Nick Florence was able to block out the 80,000 fans in Norman to complete 16 of 23 first half passes. His

pace slowed in the final two quarters to 6-18 passing, but Art Briles still liked what he saw from Florence.

"(Florence) has done a really good job the last two-plus weeks. I think he has been very protective with the football, very poised, very intelligent," Briles said.

Fifth-year senior Blake Szymanski's shoulder has kept him sidelined since the September matchup with Northwestern State.

Briles told his Tuesday afternoon press conference audience that he hopes this is the week Szymanski can finally get back on the field.

If Baylor can spread the ball across the field as it did against Oklahoma, dispensing 262 yards among nine different targets, it may be able to exploit one of Iowa State's struggles. Opponents have averaged 241 yards per game through the air against the Cyclones and passed for 14 touchdowns.

However they move the ball down the field, the Bears want to give the 55,000 fans no reason to make noise.

"As far as trying to take the Iowa State crowd out, we have to do it," Briles said. "It will be a good chance for us to grow as a team."

Sports take: Victory essential for Baylor to remain in bowl hunt

It's that time again — it's five games into the 2009 season and Baylor football is 3-2 overall.

It's one game into the conference season and the Bears are 0-1 in Big 12 play.

Sound familiar? Let's go back to this same point last season:

After five games, Baylor was 2-3 overall and 0-1 in the conference after a Big 12 opener loss to Oklahoma.

However, if Robert Griffin takes a little juice off of what would have been a touchdown pass to Kendall Wright with under a minute to go in the Connecticut game, the Bears would have won, putting them at 3-2 after five games, two years in a row.

Unfortunately for the Bears, there is one key difference between the 2008 and the 2009 season and it doesn't show up in any box scores or even injury reports (we will talk about Robert Griffin later).

The difference between this year and last year is expectations: expectations of the players, expectations of the coaches, expectations of the fans and expectations of the nation.

Though the coaching staff seeks to push the nation's expectations for the season out the Bears' locker room door in order to keep players focused on each and every game, the nation cannot help but expect.

Art Briles and Robert Griffin have brought the Baylor football program into the fringes of the national spotlight with a rushing

offense that finished last season ranked 21st nationally and third in the Big 12.

But closer to Baylor football players' hearts is the expectation of the fans and the players themselves.

Last year with Texas A&M, Iowa State and Nebraska in rebuilding seasons and the element of surprise on their side against teams like Missouri and Texas Tech, whispers began to be heard around campus that if everything (and I mean everything) went the Bears' way, Baylor could be starting at its first bowl game appearance since the 1994 Alamo Bowl.

Though many of these whispers were the result of a Baylor fan base all too eager to see signs of hope, the word "bowl" was at least resurrected at a private Christian school where it had lay buried long past three days.

Returning to the here and now a year later, the word "bowl" has not left the lips of Bears' fans. In fact, their voices have grown from a whisper to an open chat as the Baylor community recognizes its team's potential.

And it is that open dialogue within the Baylor community about its expectations for its foot-

ball team that make this year different from the last.

True, Baylor has lost its chief source of offense from last season in Robert Griffin, and a key defensive back and kick returner in senior Mikhail Baker. But the fact is that Robert Griffin has now been out for as many quarters as he has played this season and the word "bowl" has not yet left the campus or the locker room.

Rather the Bears tightly grip the steering wheel of a winning record as they travel up to Ames to take on Iowa State this weekend. They will have their hands full with a Cyclone rush attack that leads the Big 12 in average yards per game this season.

Both teams have high expectations surrounding this game. Iowa State seeks to rebound from last week's five-point loss to Kansas and garner a homecoming victory.

Meanwhile the Bears look at a schedule that boasts four more top 25 teams and no pushovers and the matchup this weekend becomes a must-win for a Baylor team still dreaming of a bowl game.

It's a Baylor team that knows what is expected of them. It's a Baylor team led by a quick-to-mature quarterback in Nick Florence. It's a Baylor team trying to prove that regardless of Robert Griffin's injury, the season's last game can still be of the bowl variety.

Matt Larsen is a sophomore journalism major from Katy.



Matt Larsen
Reporter



Weekend Matchup



Nick Florence proved himself in a tumultuous atmosphere in Norman. Briles hasn't announced who will be his starting quarterback, but Florence has blossomed in his appearances so far. It's a possibility that both Florence and Blake Szymanski will play.	Quarterback	Austin Arnaud possesses NFL size and a good arm that is reaping the benefits of a spread offense. But the junior quarterback also is a threat to run, as he has rushed for 389 yards and six touchdowns through six games.
Baylor's running backs were humbled against an imperious Oklahoma defense. The trio of Jay Finley, Jarred Salubi and Terrance Ganaway is determined to revert back to its successful tactics after being stifled for six yards on 17 carries last weekend.	Running back	Third-year starter and junior Alexander Robinson is quietly producing a successful season. Robinson ranks 15th in the nation with 109 rushing yards per game. He will be challenged against a Baylor defensive front still trying to establish itself.
Ernest Smith played well in last week's match against Oklahoma. The sure-handed receiver will have a chance to be a contingent option this weekend, as all eyes will be focused on Kendall Wright, who made seven receptions for 132 yards and two touchdowns last season against the Cyclones.	Wide Receiver	The wide receiving corps for head coach Paul Rhoads is evolving into a solid group. Marquis Hamilton is a physical senior that leads the team with 22 catches and 382 yards. But it's sophomore Darius Darks who is dangerous. Think of him as physically comparable to Kendall Wright.
The offensive line protected Nick Florence fairly well last week in Oklahoma. The line's task will be easier this week as Iowa State's defensive front is inferior to Oklahoma's. But the group still needs to create bigger running holes.	Offensive Line	Led by center Reggie Stephens, Iowa State's offensive line is a key reason the Cyclones' running game has been so successful. But its pass protection has pushed it into the top tier, allowing a nation-leading two quarterback sacks this season.
Phil Taylor has yet to live up to lofty expectations, and the defensive line is still an issue of concern, especially after not getting much penetration through OU's inexperienced offensive line.	Defensive Line	The Iowa State defensive line is not nearly as imposing as the University of Oklahoma's. The group is inexperienced and has only picked up five sacks against opponents this season.
The experienced unit of linebackers have proven its ability to be effective tacklers. The trio of Antonio Johnson, Antonio Jones and Joe Pawelek rank in the top six of tackles per game. Pawelek has only one interception this year, but that could change this weekend.	Linebackers	Senior Jesse Smith is a season veteran in the midst of the Cyclones' linebacking corps. Smith leads the Big 12 with 10.7 tackles per games. Flanking him are Fred Garrin, who finished last season with 63 tackles, and Josh Raven.
Clifton Odom has continued to impress head coach Art Briles. Odom leads the team with four pass break-ups. Meanwhile, Jordan Lake is coming off his first double-digit tackling performance of the season.	Secondary	Leonard Johnson is an extraordinary cover cornerback. The sophomore is returning from a Freshman All-American season. At safety, David Sims is second in the Big 12 with three interceptions.

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Rangers, legendary hitting coach sever ties



McCLATCHY NEWS

Former Rangers' hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo observes batting practice during spring training at the Rangers' facilities in Surprise, Ariz.

By JAIME ARON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Texas Rangers will emphasize situational hitting over slugging next season. That new approach will come from a new hitting coach, too.

Rudy Jaramillo turned down a one-year deal Wednesday, ending a 15-year run during which the Rangers were among the most feared lineups in baseball and players routinely credited him for their success.

Jaramillo said his departure has nothing to do with the team's shift in philosophy. It's about the uncertainty that comes with the club being for sale and, at 59, wondering what it's like to be a free agent.

"It's just time for me to do right now," Jaramillo said. "I just felt I needed to try to get some security."

Juan Gonzalez, Ivan Rodriguez

and Alex Rodriguez won MVP awards under Jaramillo's tutelage.

Texas hitters won three home run titles, two RBI crowns and a batting championship, and the team consistently ranked near the top in power numbers and runs.

However, the Rangers made the playoffs only three times during his tenure, most recently in 1999, and have never won a postseason series. They mounted a surprising challenge this season, lasting until the final month.

The bigger surprise was that pitching and defense led the way — and that the offense lagged, slowed by Josh Hamilton being hurt most of the season and Michael Young being hurt down the stretch.

Texas hit .260 last season, 11th in the AL, but was second in homers. The Rangers were middle of the

pack in runs and RBIs.

Jaramillo is a Dallas native. He previously worked for the Astros, helping Jeff Bagwell blossom into a dominant hitter.

Jaramillo said he's leaving the organization on good terms, feeling "blessed to be here all this time" and that he hasn't heard from any teams yet.

"Nobody thought I'd leave here," he said. "I'm ready, I feel good about the decision. I'm going to miss all those kids. They're great, all the Ranger people."

Team president Nolan Ryan and general manager Jon Daniels met with Jaramillo last week and offered him a contract for 2010. They were surprised to be turned down, but understood his reasons.

"He's put himself in a position that everyone in the game hopes they

are able to achieve," Daniels said. "If he's not the best, he's certainly one of the best in the field. He's got a choice to make and I respect that."

With or without Jaramillo, the Rangers were planning to try being more disciplined at the plate next season.

The buzzword is "situational hitting," such as stressing contact with two strikes, moving runners over and taking more pitches.

"We felt, and Rudy certainly was in agreement, our walk-to-strikeout ratio has to improve," Ryan said. "We were all disappointed in the number of strikeouts and lack of walks we had this year. For us to move forward, that's an area we have to stress."

Manager Ron Washington said there's no list of candidates yet. "You don't just replace a guy like that."

Weekly NCAA picks

Every week, sports editor Justin Baer and sports writers Chris Derrett and Kevin Tamer will predict outcomes of the weekend's upcoming games. Follow during the season as the three vie for bragging rights.

Week 7 Picks



Game	Baer	Derrett	Tamer
Baylor vs. Iowa State University	21-17 Baylor	28-24 Baylor	24-17 Baylor
No. 20 Oklahoma vs. No. 3 Texas	24-21 Oklahoma	35-31 Texas	31-28 Texas
No. 6 USC vs. No. 25 Notre Dame	38-7 USC	24-14 USC	24-16 USC
No. 15 Nebraska vs. Texas Tech	28-27 Nebraska	30-21 Nebraska	35-31 Nebraska
Missouri vs. No. 16 Oklahoma St.	38-35 Ok. State	28-17 Ok. State	21-20 Ok. State
Last week's record	5-0	5-0	4-1
Overall record	20-10	19-11	21-9

Volleyball suffers second-straight loss

By JESSICA GOODLETT
REPORTER

The No. 19-ranked volleyball team (17-3, 6-3 in Big 12) came out firing in the first set, but it wasn't enough to hold off the No. 7-ranked University of Nebraska from sweeping the Bears 3-0 (28-26, 25-17, 25-17) Wednesday at the Ferrell Center.

Outside hitter Katie Sanders recorded yet another double-double with 12 kills and 10 digs. Caitlyn Trice also had 10 digs, but it was Allison King who led the Bears with 15 digs. Meanwhile, setter Taylor Barnes recorded 30 assists and three kills of her own.

The first set looked promising for Baylor as it jumped out to a 4-0 lead with a kill from Anna Breyfogle. The teams then traded a couple serves before Baylor went on a 3-0 run making the score 12-8, forcing the Cornhuskers to call a timeout. A few key kills from Sanders put the Bears up at 17-13 and the Huskers found

themselves calling another timeout. The score bounced back-and-forth until Nebraska took the 28-26 win.

Head coach Jim Barnes said the Bears needed a win in that first set. "When you have a chance to beat a good team like that and you're up as much as we were at 17-13, you want to finish it out," Jim Barnes said.

After a long first set, the Bears stayed tight with the Huskers, tying the score eight times in the second set.

A few miscommunication errors by Baylor forced it to call a timeout as the Bears trailed Nebraska 11-8. The Huskers then went on a 4-1 run, which caused Baylor to call a timeout at 15-9. A missed hit by Nebraska gave the Bears the ball at 15-10, but miscommunications on the court plagued the Bears again. They rallied back to make it 23-17, but the Huskers would seal the set at 25-17.

The Bears struggled to find their niche in the third set as they fell behind 12-6.

A few kills by Ashlie Christenson and Sanders put some life back into the Bears, but the Huskers kept firing. Baylor was forced to call a timeout down 17-8. It was Torri Campbell that heated up, as she put away three kills to bring the Bears to 19-11. Baylor then fell to 22-13, but a handful of kills by Qian Zhang put the Bears at 23-15. In the end, the Huskers took the set at 25-17 and ultimately the match at 3-0.

The Bears will travel to play the University of Oklahoma next. The Sooners are the only team the Bears have yet to play in the Big 12 and a win is crucial for Baylor, Jim Barnes said.

"We're ahead of OU right now, but we need to beat them at their place to stay ahead of them," Jim Barnes said. "And every year it has been a battle there."

He said that a few of his players are a little "dinged up," so getting them healthy is the key to the next couple of days before their next match.



SARAH GROMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

No. 6 middle blocker Ashley Byrd challenges a Nebraska outside hitter's attempt at a kill in the Bears' three-game loss to the Cornhuskers Wednesday at the Ferrell Center.

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there was such a thing as a boom without end.

"If this is a bubble," The Wall Street Journal marveled on its front page, "it sure is hard to pop."

The Dow peaked at 14,164.53 in October 2007, then lost more than half its value after the financial meltdown last fall. At its low point, the average stood at 6,547.05. The breather taking rally since then brings stocks to roughly break-even for the past 10 years.

On Wednesday, the Dow rose 144.80, or 1.5 percent, to 10,015.86, its biggest gain since Oct. 21 and highest close since Oct. 3 last year.

Broader indexes also climbed to 2009 highs. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 18.83, or 1.8 percent, to 1,092.02.

The index, the basis of many mutual funds, is up 61.4 percent from a 12-year low in March.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 32.34, or 1.5 percent, to 2,172.23. It's up 71.2 percent since March.

Some market watchers see 10,000 as an illusion because there are still lingering threats to an economic recovery — rising unemployment, weak consumer spending and a battered housing market.

The investors who have driven stocks higher since March are the pros: hedge funds and institutions whose furious selling hastened the collapse of the market in the first place.

And red flags are showing up in the technical charts that professional investors use as they make their trading decisions.

The Dow sits about 18 percent above its average of the past 200 days.

"The market by all technical indicators is completely overbought, just like back in March it was completely oversold," said Rich Hughes, copresident of Portfolio Management Consultants in Los Angeles.

On the other hand, Wall Street analysts say 10,000 is more than just a number — it can have legitimate psychological implications.

A recovering stock market soothes the psyche as people watch their portfolios and 401(k) retirement accounts being replenished. And if people start spending again, that may persuade

more investors, including some reluctant pros, to go back into the market.

"Psychology plays a huge role in investing, so when you're trying to overcome the huge levels of panic and fear that we've seen over the last year, psychology shouldn't be discounted," said Carl Beck, a partner at Harris Financial Group.

Many investors, especially individuals, are afraid they'll put money into the market only to watch it disappear if stocks plunge again.

It's happened before: In 1975, stocks rose 53 percent in less than four months after a recession. Then they lost 11 percent before climbing again in early 1976.

Assuming the recession technically ended this summer, as many economists believe, the Dow's surge since March puts it near where past rebounds have started to fade.

On top of that, there are still plenty of problems that could trip up the market.

Companies posted better-than-expected earnings in the second quarter, but mostly because of cost-cutting, not the sales increases needed to keep growing.

JPMorgan, the first major bank to report third-quarter earnings, stoked the market's optimism as it easily beat Wall Street's expectations, reporting a profit of \$3.59 billion for the July-September period. The stock, a Dow component, rose \$1.50, or 3.3 percent, to \$47.16.

But they appear to slowly be coming back to stocks. Retail brokerage TD Ameritrade reported an average of 431,000 trades a day in August, up from barely more than 300,000 when the market was sliding in January and February.

If the market can hold Wednesday's milestone, investors should grow even more confident.

"It wouldn't surprise me if it made Joe Main Street more comfortable," David Kelson, portfolio manager of Talon Asset Management in Chicago.

Bond prices fell as stocks soared. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.42 percent from 3.35 percent late Tuesday.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 12.24, or 2 percent, to 623.94.

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pletely invented and had no basis or any kind of truth.

"The more I learn, the less I can defend," Bamberg said. "I'm still searching right now."

Bamberg said he wishes that all students, especially Christians, would be open to discussing their beliefs and being challenged.

"A lot of Christians become very uncomfortable," Bamberg said. "This is the first time they've left their parents. This is the first time they've left anything and they come to Baylor and they have a very safe environment that protects their beliefs."

Despite their differences in beliefs, some Christians are not hostile to the association.

"Students should always respond in love and with understanding to anybody in any situation," said Christopher Mack, coordinator for off-campus ministries.

"We're always trying to point other people with our words and with our life and with our love to Christ, but I don't think that (it) has to be an awkward, oppressive or judgmental way," Mack said.

Burleson sophomore Shawn Johnson attends the weekly discussions. "I think if you have a belief system you should be eager to test it and eager to discuss (it) because you can only perfect (it)," Johnson said.

Bamberg expressed frustration toward times when Student Activities did not allow the Atheist and Agnostic Association to meet in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

"It's important that Baylor stays true to its distinctive mission as a Christian university and we're trying to integrate the Christian faith with the academic and intellectual pursuits," Mack said. "There may be an understanding that needs to be there — a bridge between those group of students to understand you are on a Christian university. The distinctive purpose of this university, mission of every faculty and staff member, is to raise men and women to be Christian leaders."

Matt Burchett, director of student activities, said in an e-mail to the Lariat that only chartered student organizations and cam-

pus departments can officially reserve a room in the Bill Daniel Student Center, but that the SUB den is a common room and is open to all students who respect and consider others while studying, watching TV, enjoying live music or meeting with a small group. This is where the Atheist and Agnostic Association currently meets.

"The Department of Student Activities considers the charter of a student organization based on campus need, student interest, strength of the proposal and the organization's consistency with the mission and vision of Baylor University," Burchett said.

Omsk, Russia, freshman Nikolai Litvanyenkov, who is part of the Atheist and Agnostic Association, grew up in a Russian Orthodox home in a Muslim community.

Litvanyenkov said he couldn't disregard the major disagreements between the two beliefs and soon began to doubt his own. Around the age of 10, Litvanyenkov became an atheist.

"Once there's some doubt it's really easy for more to come along," Litvanyenkov said.

Although he is an atheist, Litvanyenkov said he feels like his beliefs have been respected at Baylor.

"People don't generally follow me around trying to convert me or spray me with holy water," Litvanyenkov said.

Although the two groups feel they have faced discrimination from Baylor, they hope to reach out to those who need them.

Staton said there's a certain Baylor mold that everyone must fit in order to be respected. He wants to create an environment where those who don't fit the mold can be comfortable and feel like they belong.

"Really, it's just a safe place for them to be here," Staton said. "We're allowing people who are probably ostracized and don't feel comfortable talking with most of the people in their dorms about what they think (a chance to discuss their beliefs). This is basically somewhere where everybody knows what they think and they can move past that and have fun and just talk around."

The group meets in the den of

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ing here for about 10 or 15 years," Waco native Dennis Rajkowski said. "It's changed with different kinds of food, but from what we've seen it's still the same old fair." His wife, Suzie Rajkowski, said her favorite aspect of the fair is being able to see all of the different animal and plant exhibits. "They have something new every year, so we like to through all of the exhibits and just look around," Suzie Rajowski said.

As the rodeo ends every night, doors fly open and fans find themselves directly in the middle of all kinds of food. Jim Kolacek of Kake's Kitchen in West said that this year has been a little different, but people are still hungry when dinner time rolls around.

"The big favorite of a lot of people are the giant chicken wings. It's a 5-ounce chicken breast with a jalapeno and mozzarella wrapped up in a ball, and then wrapped in bacon. That's definitely our best-seller."

Unfortunately, the recent spell of rain has thrown off attendance to the event. "The weather has affected our attendance — it's off right now. It's estimated that its

down 20 percent. It's hard to tell, but we're about two days behind counting tickets," said Allison. The attendance to the rodeo has kept strong, Allison said.

"(The rodeo) was standing room only last Saturday. It's the third largest championship in the PRCA, so we've enjoyed great cowboys and great rodeo action. I don't know that we've had hurt attendance in the rodeo itself since it is indoors." The main priority of the fair is centered on quality service. "What we've done is we've reassembled our staff so that we can better accommodate visitors to the fair," Metzgar said. "The key thing that I focus on as an employee here is to be hospitable to everyone."

The fair, located at the intersection of Bosque Avenue and Lake Air Drive, is open from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. today, 4:00 p.m. to midnight tomorrow, and noon to midnight on Saturday. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3-12, and free for those 2 and under. Parking is \$5 per vehicle.

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The lecture was titled "The West Before Lewis and Clark: Three Lives," and included the stories of three people, ordinary in the context of their times, whose lives took extraordinary turns.

Their stories contradict the common assumption that before Lewis and Clark the American West had been uninhabited by civilized man. There are no surviving images of these people, and one man doesn't even have a name to accompany his story, but they show that there is more than what we have been led to believe: Lives and societies flourished before Lewis and Clark "tamed the West."

This is not an isolated example of history being multi-sided. West said he "took one American story and complicated it, to encourage [others] to complicate the rest of it." West's goal is for his students to think of more than the big names of American history — that they explore as many sides of the story so that they can fully understand the complexity of the story.

The recipient of the Cherry

Award will teach in residence at Baylor during either the fall of 2010 or the spring of 2011. In an e-mail to the Lariat, Dr. Heidi Hornik, Chair of the Robert Foster Cherry Award Committee, said any professor in the English-speaking world may be nominated.

"The intention is to bring the finest teachers to the Baylor campus to teach undergraduate classes for a semester," Hornik said. "Their method is usually enjoyed by students, and is an inspiration to faculty."

The last Cherry recipient in the history department was Dr. John Boles, from Rice university. Dr. Jeffery Hamilton, chairman of the history department, is hoping for the appointment of the Cherry Award to go to West.

"We would be absolutely delighted to have West in the department," Hamilton said. "We don't have a specialist in the American West, and we think students would be very interested in what he has to offer. We would be thrilled to have him."



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