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Out of the darkness, into the light



New York City towers will stand again

By Kris Firth
Reporter

Two of the largest towers in the world once dominated the skyline.

Now 16 acres in Manhattan lay void. These empty acres remind Americans of a horrendous morning five years ago. The morning terrorists destroyed the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center and the morning when America united to fight back.

To commemorate that day, a memorial is being built. The design was chosen out of 5,201 design propositions from 63 nations and 49 states.

The memorial, called “Reflecting Absence,” will consist of two empty spaces will remain in the original footprints of the Twin Towers, surrounded by a forest of oak trees, said Corrie Ann Taylor, Lower Manhattan Development Corp. (LMDC) director of communications.

The LMDC is responsible for the memorial’s funding. The corporation has donated \$250 million dollars for the site and museum to be built next to the open areas, Taylor said.

According to the LMDC Web site, “The size of the voids physically conveys the magnitude of the twin towers that were lost.”

Along with the voids, the oak tree forest surrounding the memorial will provide a “unique and unexpected enclosure,” it said.

In the voids are waterfalls, where walls sur-

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The south tower of the World Trade Center, left, begins to collapse on Sept. 11, 2001. An artist’s rendering of the memorial and towers to be constructed is shown on the right.

AP photos/Illustration by Kelly Moore



Tragedy survivor follows path to God

By Allie Cook
Reporter

An instrumental version of the hymn song played in the background of a video in Thursday night in Bennett Auditorium. Words weren’t needed to identify the tune.

At the same time, images needing no explanation were displayed on the screen.

A commercial plane flying over the New York skyline. The north tower of the World Trade Center exploding in flames as the plane crashes into it. Debris falling as pedestrians begin running for their lives. Firefighters and policemen rushing to Ground Zero.

These images, shown in a video memorial served as an introduction for speaker Sujo John. Both he and his wife are survivors of the Sept. 11 tragedy.

“Watching people die changed my life forever,” John said. “I’m now in proclamation evangelism, and God has opened doors for me in crusades all over the world.”

John came to Baylor as a speaker for Asians for Christ, a Christian fellowship on campus that is affiliated with a national campus ministry called InterVarsity.

Baylor was the last stop on John’s evangelistic outreach through InterVarsity, said Jon Parker, the ministry’s regional director

for North Texas.

John has told his story at four campuses in the last three days.

His is a story of survival, hope and, indeed, amazing grace.

“I remember very clearly the morning of Sept. 11,” he said.

At the time, John worked for Network Plus on the 81st floor of the north tower of the World Trade Center.

He and his wife moved to New York from Calcutta, India, in February 2001 and both took jobs in the towers.

John recalled several details of that morning that he now sees as more than coincidental – in his words, “miraculous.”

For instance, his wife decided to leave for work early that morning but was waylaid by traffic. She was four and a half months pregnant.

“Thank God for New York City traffic,” he said.

The morning of the tragedy, John looked out his office window and thought to himself, “‘God, it’s amazing. As I look out these windows, I see my life has changed so much (since I left India). What else could I be asking for in life?’”

He then sent an e-mail to an individual at his church expressing hope to get more involved.



Henry Chan/Lariat staff

Sept. 11 survivor, Sujo John, shares his experience of escaping death at the World Trade Center on Thursday night in Bennet Auditorium.

“Ever since I moved to America, all I (found) myself doing (was) going to church on Sundays and warming the pews,” John said.

He knew he had a call on his life to be used by God, but said he did not feel he was

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ABC miniseries comes under fire

By Laura Frase
Staff Writer

Despite controversial debates from the Clinton administration and liberals alike, ABC is scheduled to air a six-hour miniseries Sunday and Monday based on the events leading to the Sept. 11 attacks.

Several scenes in the television-movie are allegedly false and blame the Clinton administration for not acting appropriately to prevent the attack.

According to ABC.com, in response to the movie, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, former National Security Adviser Samuel “Sandy” Berger, Clinton Foundation head Bruce Lindsey and Clinton adviser Douglas Band flooded Robert Iger, president and CEO of the Walt Disney Company, with letters this week requesting revisions in the movie before it’s aired.

Despite not witnessing the film firsthand, they were informed by those who had seen the film that some of the infor-

mation was inaccurate.

Berger described a scene where Americans allegedly missed an opportunity to capture Osama bin Laden.

“No such episode ever occurred, nor did anything like it,” he wrote in letters obtained from CNN.com. “There is nothing in the 9/11 Commission Report (the purported basis of your film) to support this portrayal and the fabrication of this scene (of such apparent magnitude) cannot be justified under any reasonable definition of dramatic license.”

Albright also noted a scene where she is “apparently portrayed] as refusing to support a missile strike against bin Laden without first alerting the Pakistanis; it further asserts that I notified the Pakistanis of the strike over the objections of our military.”

“Neither of these assertions are true,” she added. “At no time did I inform the Pakistanis independently that a strike was to

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Acceptance rate low as Baylor receives record applications

By Christine Tamer
Staff writer

Baylor’s acceptance rate is at a record-breaking low in 2006.

Only 42.4 percent of applicants were accepted, a significant decrease from last year’s 65.6 percent acceptance rate, said James Steen, assistant vice president of admissions and enrollment services.

Steen said the low acceptance rate is “very statistically significant” and is the lowest in

Baylor’s history.

According to Collegeboard.com, schools similar to Baylor, such as Tulane University, Southern Methodist University and Texas Christian University ,all had higher acceptance rates.

“If you look back, historically Baylor has had an acceptance rate of around 80 percent,” Steen said. “We have seen that come down in the past two or three years.”

In 1999, for instance, Baylor accepted 86.6 percent of fresh-

man and transfer applicants. The enrollment for first-time freshmen this year fell to 2,783, a decrease of 385 from last year’s 3,168, Steen said.

“We definitely overenrolled last year,” Steen said.

The decrease in enrollment has significantly improved freshman on-campus housing, said Ronald English Campus Living and Learning assistant director for administrative services.

“When you have less fresh-

men coming in, you have less people filling up space,” English said.

While last year some freshmen were living with community leaders, this year there are room vacancies on campus, English said.

Total enrollment increased from 13,975 to 14,040 this year. This year, 42.7 percent of the population is male, up 1.7 percentage points from last year. Steen said Baylor had a record number of applicants last year,

an increase of 38.5 percent.

“We received almost 6,000 more applicants than last year, which is a good problem to have,” Steen said.

Of the freshmen applications Baylor received last year, only 9,100 were accepted.

Steen said nearly 1,000 fewer were accepted to avoid overenrollment.

“We were tasked this year to enroll a class of higher quality and to really make sure that we did not overenroll,” Steen said.

The average SAT score of this year’s accepted students is 1213. Last year’s SAT average was 1196, Steen said.

“To improve the mean SAT by 17 points is a significant jump in one year,” Steen said.

The SAT average of this year’s applicants is 1150, a drop from last year’s 1156.

“We were off by six points, but because we were more selective we were able to bring in a

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Any football game during college season worth a watch

Oh yes, it's that time again. "What time?" you ask. College football season: a time for bone-crunching hits, jaw-dropping catches and game-winning touchdown passes. Yes, it's college football season, all right: when Saturdays involve nothing but me, a couch and my remote, when my homework takes a back seat to the gridiron action, when my girlfriend gets a little less attention. And the best news of all: It's just the beginning. We're just one week into this glorious four-month journey, and I'm already like a kid in a candy store. For me, every Saturday is Christmas, and every weekday I'm

hoping that maybe, just maybe, I can catch some small conference matchup on ESPN8, the Ocho. It doesn't matter who's playing. If it's on the television, I'm watching it. Middle Tennessee State vs. Florida International? Yep. Bowling Green vs. Ohio? You bet. Grambling State vs. Southern? Of course. I have no vested interest in any of these schools. I don't even particularly care who wins, but every time you turn on a college football game, there's the potential for fireworks. This is something that can't be said for the NFL or professional sports

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BY DANIEL YOUNGBLOOD

in general. College football has a spirit all its own. It has a passion that can't be recreated. The vast majority of the players give their all for the school on the front of their jersey and not for themselves. There are no contract hold-outs, no elaborate dances for every pedestrian accomplish-

ment, no Terrell Owens. There's just pure, unadulterated excitement. This is something that can't be matched. Students and alumni are connected to their teams like no fan of any city can ever be. And it shows. You'll never see anything like the fan participation you see in college football. You'll also never see players energized by their fans like they are in this sport. Go to any Texas A&M game, and you'll see it. Sure, they're crazy, but they're crazy about their team. Go to the Cotton Bowl to see the Red River Shoot-out. There's crimson and burnt orange as far as the eye can see.

Go to any Southeastern Conference game. You'll see thousands of rowdy (possibly inebriated) fanatics, and more importantly, you'll see a team that eats this up and plays better because of it. The atmosphere is unparalleled. Already, in just one week of mostly nonconference games, we've seen, several of the things that make college football so much fun. We've seen nail biters. It took Iowa State three overtimes and a huge fourth-down conversion to beat Toledo. We've seen rivalries. Florida State needed all four quarters

and some great defense to hold off Miami. We've seen upsets. Colorado, which won a national championship in 1990, lost to Division I-AA Montana State. But more than anything, we've seen enthusiasm and effort, something we should be able to take for granted in sports. Win or lose, these athletes are trying their hardest to improve their teams and programs, something that unfortunately can't always be said for those in the professional ranks. Sports Editor Daniel Youngblood in a senior journalism major from Fort Worth.

Editorial Facebook 'feeds' an unwelcome change

It's been called Generation Y's first united revolution. Social scientists say they haven't seen 20-somethings react so passionately since the 1960s. Memo to Facebook.com: We want our old Facebook back. Since Tuesday's introduction of the "News Feed" and "Mini-Feed" on the Facebook homepage, more than 500 groups have been created to show dissatisfaction with the change. The group "Students Against News Feed (Official Petition to Facebook)" boasted 650,000 members on Thursday, and more than 90,000 members (and counting) have also signed an online petition asking administrators to revert to the classic Facebook to no avail. As of Thursday, Facebook head honchos have yet to comply with the requests. Instead, it's sending out standard replies to members who send an e-mail asking to have control over their personal feeds. These requests from members are answered with the equivalent of a parental "You'll get used to it." But we don't want to get used to it. Facebook has morphed into Stalkerbook, tracking even the most minute changes our friends make on their profiles. We can browse pages ourselves to find out Kate and Tom broke up and Joe's favorite music now includes the Dave Matthews Band. Parading this information on the general Facebook homepage is a complete invasion of privacy. It's true that when we're browsing pages we're looking for exactly



this kind of information, but having it announced when we log in is too much. It's a great idea in theory: take all the stuff we're trying to find and just hand it to us when we sign on. But it's creepy and makes us feel violated to know every single little thing that's been changed is now broadcast to our friends. When Sachse senior Zach Nader sent an e-mail to administrators Tuesday asking if he could "opt out of the amazingly creepy service that updates everyone on every single posting and movement I make," Facebook's reply

was an around-the-bush "No." "Although there is no option to completely turn off Mini-Feed, all users have the option to hide individual stories," came the reply to Nader. But only one sentence later in the reply came the contradiction: "Facebook prides itself in giving users complete control over the information that they share with others." If this is the case, then we want complete control over whether we use the "Feed" features. We're choosing not to have every comma or period we insert into our profile show up on every single one

of our friends' homepages. We choose not to have the messages we write on our friends' walls appear on our Mini-Feed for everyone to see. There's too much exposure. Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg posted a blog Wednesday stating "We agree, stalking isn't cool; but being able to know what's going on in your friends' lives is." Zuckerberg doesn't have plans to pull the plug on the feeds, so until he gets a clue, adjust your privacy settings and be aware that your friends are able to see your every move.

Letters to the editor

TCU coverage above average

Dear Lariat sports staff: I am writing to express my gratitude for your excellent news coverage of the TCU season opener. While I share in the disappointment of the Bear faithful over our defeat at the hands of the Frogs, it was great to see that Daniel Youngblood and Will Parchman paid specific attention to the historic rivalry between our two schools. Sunday's game was the third century in which we have squared off against Texas Christian, and the Lariat met the challenge of paying tribute to the rivalry. As a Baylor alumni and amateur sports blogger, it did my

heart good to see the current crop of sports journalists carrying on the storied tradition of Baylor journalism. Reddin "Red" Andrews Alumnus 1971 'The Case' filled with spirit I just wanted to take a moment to tip my hat to the student body and especially this year's freshman class for creating one of the best fan environments seen at Floyd Casey Stadium (The Case) in many years. From the alumni and staff of this university, I want to commend your spirit and excitement, and I guarantee you it was not lost on our players, coaches, recruits or this administration. That was an impressive Baylor

Line showing, and I encourage you all to continue to show up and be loud. We may have lost the game, but this season has a lot of excitement left to come and a bowl game is on the minds of everyone at Baylor. Don't be discouraged. Show up every week, and drown out the opposing fans like you did Sunday and drive the opposing team crazy. It's students and their support that makes a college football game a special event and makes life for a visiting team unbearable. If we want The Case to be a true home field advantage for our guys, then it's in large part due to your presence and vocal support.

The alumni base is excited about Baylor athletics, and even more so after what we saw at the game on Sunday. Those guys fighting on the field for good ol' BU are your fellow students; be sure to continue to let them know you've got their back. Brad Holbrook Alumnus 2003 Facebook not newsworthy It is a sad day for us all when the top news story is focused around Facebook. We should all be ashamed and embarrassed that our priorities lie there. As creepy as we all may find the news feed, we all need to realize how small an issue this actually is. Shame on The Baylor Lariat

for putting more emphasis on Facebook rather than national affairs. Ashley Sullivan Telecommunications 2007 Decals not worth money I find it quite ironic how parking services decided to tell the public that it'll be eliminating 285 parking spaces after one week and one day of classes. Why is it ironic, you ask? Maybe because after one week and one day of classes, the majority of students in need of a decal have purchased one, yet they still have nowhere to park on campus, therefore nullifying the need for a decal. I personally want a refund on my \$175 decal because I can't

use it. Parking Services isn't denying the fact that parking woes are going to increase, but I bet if they had expressed to students the 285 parking space decrease, the number of decals sold to students who live off campus wouldn't have been nearly as high. I know I wouldn't have bought one. And as far as using the Internet to see how many spots are available in the various parking garages, by the time I look it up on the Internet, get in my car, drive to campus and actually get to said available parking spot, it'll be taken. Tramese Andrews Journalism 2008

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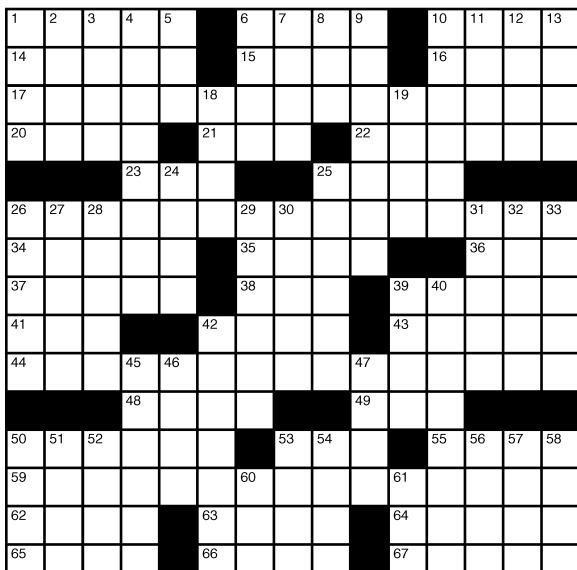
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By Doug Peterson
Pasadena, CA

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For today's crossword and sudoku answers, visit www.baylor.edu/Lariat

Lilley fields diversity questions from student senate

By Van Darden
Staff Writer

President John Lilley addressed the Student Senate at last night's meeting, remarking on how different the members looked.

"It's nice to see you without cell phones glued to your ears," he said, smiling.

Lilley was present to welcome the full Senate to its legislative session and to welcome

the newly installed freshman class senators and officers.

"Baylor is a remarkable place to live life and to prepare for life," he said. "It's a place for you to figure out what you believe in and what you want to fight for."

Lilley doled out life lessons and ruminations on students' time at Baylor.

"This time is a great opportunity for first-year students to enjoy themselves, a time to work hard and to play hard," he said.

Lilley said if members of the

Student Senate graduate from Baylor and are no better off spiritually than they were when they first arrived, Baylor has failed them.

"Baylor is a place to consider your faith and grow in your relationship with God," he said.

Student Body President Mark Laymon then opened the floor for Lilley to answer questions from the members of student government.

Lilley answered questions and deflected pointed queries

on topics ranging from Baylor 2012 and admissions to service worker wages and diversity on campus.

Plano sophomore Stephanie Formis asked Lilley specifically about the ethnic profile of Baylor's student body.

"Some rough figures I saw put the freshman class at something like 75 percent white and 25 percent everything else," Formis said. "Is your administration working towards making this campus more ethnically

and religiously diverse?"

Lilley smiled grimly.

"The news isn't as good as you make it sound," he said. "We're not as diverse as we want to be."

Lilley acknowledged that another major problem is the imbalance on campus between men and women.

"We're short on men around here," he said. "But we can't choose men over women just like we can't choose blacks over whites. It can't be based solely

on race or gender."

Korin Torrence, a senior from the Woodlands, asked what Lilley and his administration planned on doing to bring about more diversity among Baylor's faculty.

"The biggest challenge we face is getting persons of color to stay at Baylor for graduate school so we can hire them straight out (of our program)," Lilley said. "We want them to turn down their big salary offers and stay with us."

Barbie goes silver at 25th annual fair

By Greer Kinsey
Reporter

If you're interested in buying antique dolls or browsing for other classic toys, the Central Texas Doll Fair might have just what you're looking for.

This Saturday at the Heart O' Texas Complex, a Waco tradition will continue with its 25th year of selling "such a variety of everything you could think of pertaining to dolls," said Annette Hartpence, show chairwoman. This is Hartpence's third year as chairwoman and her sixth year to be involved with the show.

The fair's purpose is "to buy and sell to the public all kinds of dolls and toys," Hartpence said.

The doll show will showcase 40-50 dealers. Several thousand people will come from around the country, Hartpence said.

A variety of antique and modern dolls and doll accessories, books, teddy bears, TY Beanie Babies and other collectibles will be sold at the show. The most popular dolls have always been Barbies, Madame Alexander dolls and antique dolls from the 1800s, Hartpence said.

The show is hosted by the

Central Texas Doll Club, which has 53 members and meets at Baylor's Wiethorn Visitors Center.

Door proceeds will be donated to Toys for Tots in Waco, which collects and distributes toys at Christmas to needy children. The show usually raises several thousand dollars - over \$2,000 last year, Hartpence said.

"The highest we've raised is \$4,800 in the 90s. Those were great years," said Gwindolyn Boory, president of the Central Texas Doll Club.

"We try to help (Toys for Tots) out because it's important for every child to have some kind of toy at Christmas," Hartpence said.

Although the Central Texas Doll Show has been traditionally well attended, the past few years weren't as successful. Because of eBay and gas prices, doll sales have decreased dramatically, Boory said.

The doll display will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the General Exhibits Building at the Heart O' Texas Complex. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$1 for children.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Founders Mall blossoms

Two gardeners spruce up Founders Mall on Thursday. While there's an abundance of green on campus already, many Baylor students hope for a little more by Monday, in the form of the victory lights on top of Pat Neff Hall.

Alga infection wreaks havoc on fish, town economy

By Mallory Briggs
Reporter

A killer is on the loose. Prymnesium parvum is laying waste to the Texas fish population and threatening economic stability.

Dr. Bryan Brooks, assistant professor of environmental studies and director of the Ecotoxicology and Aquatic Research Library, said he's out to stop it.

Around the world, golden alga (prymnesium parvum), a yellow-green, single-celled organism, is killing gill-breathing organisms. The alga is an aquatic plant without roots and is found in marine and high-salinity freshwater. Brooks said

it photosynthesizes, but it also eats bacteria.

"It's one of the most interesting organisms I've ever met," said Brooks, who works on a research team with colleagues from A&M University and the University of Texas at Arlington. The group is funded mainly by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They are working to "understand the biology of the organism and what makes it tick," Brooks said.

Many other teams are working on the problem, too. Tiffany Morgan, environmental planner for the Brazos River Authority, said they are researching how to

contain the algae by using wheat grass as a reproductive inhibitor.

Texas Parks and Wildlife documented the first alga invasion in Texas in 1985 on the Pecos River. It killed an estimated 110,000 fish. Since then, Texas Parks and Wildlife has documented the alga infection of the Brazos River Basin, Colorado River Basin, Rio Grande Basin, Red River Basin and Canadian River Basin. From the first occurrence to spring 2004, a total of 17,802,293 fish have died from the infection, Brooks said.

These massive killings have the potential to ruin a town's

economy, Brooks said. Possum Lake is one example of a rural town that took much of its revenue from the fishing industry and tourism, Morgan said. Because of the algae, most large fishing tournaments aren't held there anymore. Serious fishermen have stopped coming. If it continues, Morgan said, it could "quite dramatically affect the economy."

Another lake might be affected as well: Lake Texoma, a "89,000-acre lake on the Red River ... widely recognized as a top fishing lake ... one of the most popular recreation destinations in the Southwest," according to its Web site.

On April 7, small traces of golden alga were found in the lake, Brooks said. While no fish have died yet, he's worried about the possibility of a continued growth of algae. If alga blooms begin to release toxins, it could cause fishing problems.

While the algae wreak havoc on fish, they don't affect mammals or plants, but Brooks said there has been little research on the subject.

Research to stop the alga continues. If the algae aren't contained, the consequences might be "even greater decrease(s) in fish population and diversity, and further reduction in local economies," Morgan said.

BEAR BRIEFS

Lariat openings

The Baylor Lariat has openings for copy editor, assistant city editor and staff writer for the fall semester. Scholarships are available with some positions. Applications are available online at www.baylor.edu/roundup.

Round Up openings

The Round Up Yearbook has openings for staff writer and sports editor. Applications are available online at www.baylor.edu/lariat.

Circle K ice cream social

Circle K International is hosting an ice cream social at 9 p.m. Monday in the Cowden room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. CKI is an international service organization associated with Kiwanis and Key Club.

CHI'S orientation rush

CHI'S Service Sorority is holding orientation rush at 6:30 p.m. Monday and 8 p.m. Tuesday at the North Village Residential Community Center.

Peace Corps meeting

Baylor public service interns will meet with a panel of former Peace Corps volunteers from noon to 12:50 p.m. Monday in Draper Academic Building 329. All students are welcome.

Car wash

Hermanidad de Sigma Iota Alpha is holding a car wash fundraiser from noon to 4 p.m. today at the Exxon located at Fifth Street and Dutton Avenue.

Women's League rush

The Baylor Women's League is hosting its service rush from 3:30 to 5 p.m. today at the Doris Miller YMCA.

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The new Lt. Jack Whetsel Jr. Basketball Practice Facility will open its doors to players and the public today in a dedication ceremony at 2 p.m. today.

Posh practice facility opens doors to athletes

Will Parchman
Sports writer

The Baylor men's and women's basketball programs will take a propitious step today. The Lt. Jack Whetsel Jr. Basketball Practice Facility, a state-of-the-art basketball training complex nestled next to the Ferrell Special Events Center, has been completed and will be dedicated at 2 p.m. today. The new building, which will house a 5,000-square-foot weight room, two adjacent, full-size courts and office suites for both men's and women's basketball, will be officially christened with speeches from head Coaches Kim Mulkey and Scott Drew as well as Athletic Director Ian McCaw. President John Lilley will also accompany the proceedings, as

well as players and coaches. Each court is equipped with wall-mounted TV monitors to assist the coaches, as well as an ample reception area open to fans on game days. McCaw said he echoed the sentiments of the entire athletic program when he relayed his feelings of vibrancy to the Lariat in August. "A high-quality training facility will be a vital component in the development of nationally competitive programs at Baylor for years to come," McCaw said. "This state-of-the-art training facility will make a dramatic impact in the recruiting process and enable our teams to reach peak competitive performance." Areception in the Gray Weight Room will follow the ceremony. The building will then be open for self-guided tours.

Bears ready to exorcise Demons

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

Less than a week after a disappointing loss at the hands of No. 23 Texas Christian University, the Baylor football team is looking to bounce back with a victory this Saturday against division I-AA Northwestern State. The Bears won't face the caliber of competition they faced last week with TCU, but they won't be overlooking the Nothwestern State Demons. After the University of Colorado lost 19-10 to Division I-AA opponent Montana State University and Kansas State University squeaked out a 24-23 victory over Illinois State University, the Demons have the Bears' undivided attention. "We talked about this right after Sunday's game," head Coach Guy Morriss said. "Take Colorado as a good example. It's fresh in their mind and they'll hear it all week." In the Demons' opener last week against the University of Kansas, they lost 49-18, but both teams' statistics were relatively similar. Kansas only out-gained them 47 yards, but the Jayhawks scored two special team touchdowns and had two more set up by turnovers. Morriss said he was impressed by what he saw of their defense. "I think that once our guys look at the tape, they're going to see that this is a pretty good football team," Morriss said. "I was certainly impressed with their front seven. They got my attention, and I'll make sure our kids are ready to play this weekend."

Weekly Big 12 picks

| Game | Youngblood | Parchman | McGuire | Daniel |
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| Baylor v. NSU | BU 45-7 | BU 41-10 | BU 28-7 | BU 35-7 |
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| U-LALA v. A&M | A&M 31-14 | A&M 30-3 | A&M 38-10 | A&M 28-17 |
| OSU v. Ark. St. | OSU 21-10 | OSU 27-7 | OSU 34-14 | OU 20-19 |
| Last week's record | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Overall record | 5-1 | 5-1 | 5-1 | 5-1 |

If they're not prepared, this could mean trouble for a Baylor offense that struggled to finish drives last week, scoring just seven points on four trips inside the 25-yard line. Baylor quarterback Shawn Bell said he's confident that his unit will rebound. "The offense is there, and the plays are there; it's just little mistakes," Bell said. "Maybe (red-zone struggles) are just something that hurt us in the first game more," he said. "We saw what we did, we know what we have to do, so we'll make those corrections and move on." One player that proved to be a valuable weapon for Bell in the TCU game was junior quarterback-turned-receiver Terrance Parks, who caught seven passes for 65 yards. Parks said he feels good catching balls instead throwing them this season.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cross-Country races

The Baylor cross-country team will compete this weekend at the University of North Texas Invitational in Denton. Both mens and womens teams won their last relay last weekend in Waco. North Texas, Oklahoma State, Texas Christian, University of Texas-Arlington, Central Arkansas, Northwood University and Dallas Baptist will also participate this weekend.

Women's soccer

Women's soccer will play in Portland, Ore. this weekend at the Portland Nike Invitational. The Lady Bears will face defending champion and No. 6 ranked Portland University today and will play the University of Washington on Sunday. Baylor will enter the competition after going 0-1-1 in the Big 12-Big 10 challenge last weekend, tying Indiana and losing to No. 21 Purdue.

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Bush says America's safer

By Nedra Pickler
The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Terrorists today would have a tougher time plotting and carrying out attacks like the ones of Sept. 11 because of security improvements in the past five years, President Bush said Thursday.

There's no way to know if the attacks would have been prevented by all the changes, Bush said, but he contended the nation is safer than in September 2001.

Keeping his focus on national security leading up to Monday's anniversary of the attacks and November's congressional elections, Bush said more still needs to be done to stop the terrorist threat.

He pressed Congress to take quick action on two new laws, legislation proposed Wednesday by the White House that would allow terror suspects to be tried by a military commission and a bill that would give

specific authority for his anti-terror eavesdropping program.

Bush initially resisted eavesdropping legislation on the grounds that the once top-secret program was already legal and that legislation could expose sensitive details.

But some leading members of Congress disagreed, and a federal judge in Detroit ruled last month that the program violated rights to free speech and privacy.

"A series of protracted legal challenges would put a heavy burden on this critical and vital program," Bush said in a speech to the conservative Georgia Public Policy Foundation.

He said the United States has been making progress against terrorists in the past five years, beginning with the unsuccessful mission of the terrorists on United Flight 93, which crashed into a field in Pennsylvania when passengers fought back. "They delivered America its first victory in the war on terror,"

the president said to sustained applause.

"Many Americans look at these events and ask the same question: Five years after 9/11, are we safer?" Bush said. "The answer is: Yes, America is safer."

Bush said that's because his administration has filled gaps in the country's defenses that the terrorists exploited.

He used the example of two hijackers, Khalid al-Mihdhar and Nawaf al-Hazmi, who had come to the attention of the CIA before they helped crash American Flight 77 into the Pentagon but still were able to enter the United States.

Al-Mihdhar and al-Hazmi were preparing for the attack while living in California, making phone calls to planners overseas. Bush said today, the National Security Agency monitors international calls "such as those between the al-Qaida operatives secretly in the United States and planners of attacks."

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rounding the water contain the names of the victims. There will also be a Visitor Orientation Education Center to include information on the victims and heroes of Sept. 11, she said.

The focal point of the memorial is a 1,776-foot skyscraper known as the "Freedom Tower," Taylor said.

It will be the same size as the original tower at the base and will emit a light at the top similar to the liberty torch, she said.

While funding is provided by LMDC, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey are in charge of construction.

Construction of the memorial began on Aug. 17, Steve Coleman, spokesman for Port Authority, said.

The Port Authority has given \$100 million toward the project already and will give an additional \$95 million, he said.

Besides building "Reflecting Absence," the Port Authority has also begun construction on a railway system to bring

visitors directly to the site, Coleman said.

"We expect thousands and thousands of people to visit (the site) every day," he said. "We have to be prepared for the mass transit to get those people here."

Along with "Freedom Tower," three other buildings will be constructed overlooking the memorial, including a diamond-shaped skyscraper.

In addition to an increase in transportation, the memorial is expected to generate "\$15 billion in total economic output and an average of 8,000 jobs each year for 13 years," according to a report by the LMDC.

In commemoration of the fifth anniversary of Sept. 11, a memorial service will occur at the site where construction has begun, Coleman said.

Freedom Tower and "Reflecting Absence" are scheduled to be completed in August 2009.

"Until then, we're doing the best we can to honor those that died that terrible day," Coleman said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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fulfilling that call.

John and the others soon began to make their way to the stairwell nearby.

After making it out of the building, John said he witnessed hundreds of the bodies of those who jumped from the north tower windows.

An hour later, John found himself lying face-down on the ground of his office as debris and fireballs began falling down all around him.

Breanna Bunnell, a freshman from Highland, Calif., attended John's speech.

"I had never heard any kind of firsthand accounts of someone who was at the World Trade Center and survived," Bunnell said.

Hanna Lee, a senior from Izmir, Turkey, said hearing John's story changed her perspective on the tragic events.

"After I came here and heard him speak, I saw that people actually inside the whole incident were reaching out to God and peoples lives were being changed because of 9/11," Lee said.

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take place. The scene as explained to me is false and defamatory."

In a press release from ABC concerning the debut of the television movie, ABC Entertainment President Steve McPherson said, "When you take on a responsibility of telling the story behind such an important event, it is absolutely critically that you get it right."

Berger and Albright agree with McPherson, thus urging ABC to make revisions before its release.

In his urging, Berger writes, "it flagrantly misrepresents my personal actions, and most significantly, will serve only to grossly misinform the American people."

While Berger and Albright said the movie is in need of revisions, Director David Cunningham stresses that the mini-

series is not a documentary, but in fact a docudrama, "meaning, it is a narrative movie based on facts and dramatized by actors," according to an ABC.com blog.

"This is not a right wing agenda movie. There was no emphasis given to one party over another," he said.

While the miniseries is categorized as a "docudrama" by ABC, the company is "planning a massive free distribution of its planned docudrama *The Path to*

9/11, including sending letters to 100,000 high school teachers encouraging them to have their students watch the series," according to ABC's Web site.

Dr. James SoRelle, a Baylor history professor, said he has mixed feelings about the miniseries being encouraged among teachers.

"It's current events," he said. "We're not in a position to give any significant analysis to 9/11 because we don't have the

facts."

SoRelle said it could be a valuable teaching tool if historically accurate, but it depends on how teachers use it.

"I think film has value," he said. "But you have to be careful how you use it. I think that if it's used to take up a whole class period without any discussion of anything, (that) is not good methodology."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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much more qualified class," Steen said.


Retention rates will be available in the next few days, said Diana Ramey, assistant vice president for enrollment management.

To reach the goal Baylor 2012 has set forth, Baylor needs to improve the retention rate to 93 percent, Ramey said.

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Ring that Bell

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

Quarterback sounds off on final year

While Baylor quarterback Shawn Bell may not have the physical tools you look for in the prototypical quarterback, you wouldn't know that by looking at his accomplishments. While he's not 6-foot-5 and he doesn't have a cannon for an arm, he's managed to be more than serviceable.

With 28 Baylor games played and 15 career starts, Bell, a fifth-year senior, is the most experienced quarterback in the Big 12. And with a career completion percentage of 60 percent and a career touchdown-to-interception ratio of 2.5, Bell is Baylor's all-time leader in these categories.

He also has a chance to leave Baylor as its all-time leader in completions, passing yards, touchdowns and 200-yard performances. But if you asked him, he'd say a Baylor bowl game is far more important than any statistical accomplishment.

"My main goal since I've been here is to turn this program around, and if we get to a bowl game, that will definitely rank a lot higher than breaking any passing records," Bell said.

Despite his achievements, Bell hasn't always had security as the Bears' starting quarterback. Until this season, he's split time between being under center and standing on the sideline. In 2003, he was backup to senior Aaron Karas; in '04, he was behind junior college transfer Dane King; and in '05, he split time with now-receiver

Terrance Parks.

Coming into the 2006 season knowing he was the starter, Bell said, has helped him and the team.

"I think it's helped a lot because in the past I couldn't really say certain things because people might not respect me because they didn't know if I was the guy," Bell said.

"But now, knowing that I'm the starter, with the confidence my coaches have in me and the confidence my teammates have shown in me, it not only brings a sense of confidence to our team, but it brings a lot of confidence to myself.

"I feel that I'm the leader for this team, and I need to step my game up and carry the team this fall," Bell said.

Bell's favorite target, senior receiver Dominique Zeigler also has noticed the new found confidence.

"Shawn's been out here four years now. The last couple of years he's had to look over his shoulder, but this year he's going in knowing he's the starter," Zeigler said. "He's more confident this year and he's throwing the deep ball more, so this year there's going to be a lot of exciting things out of him."

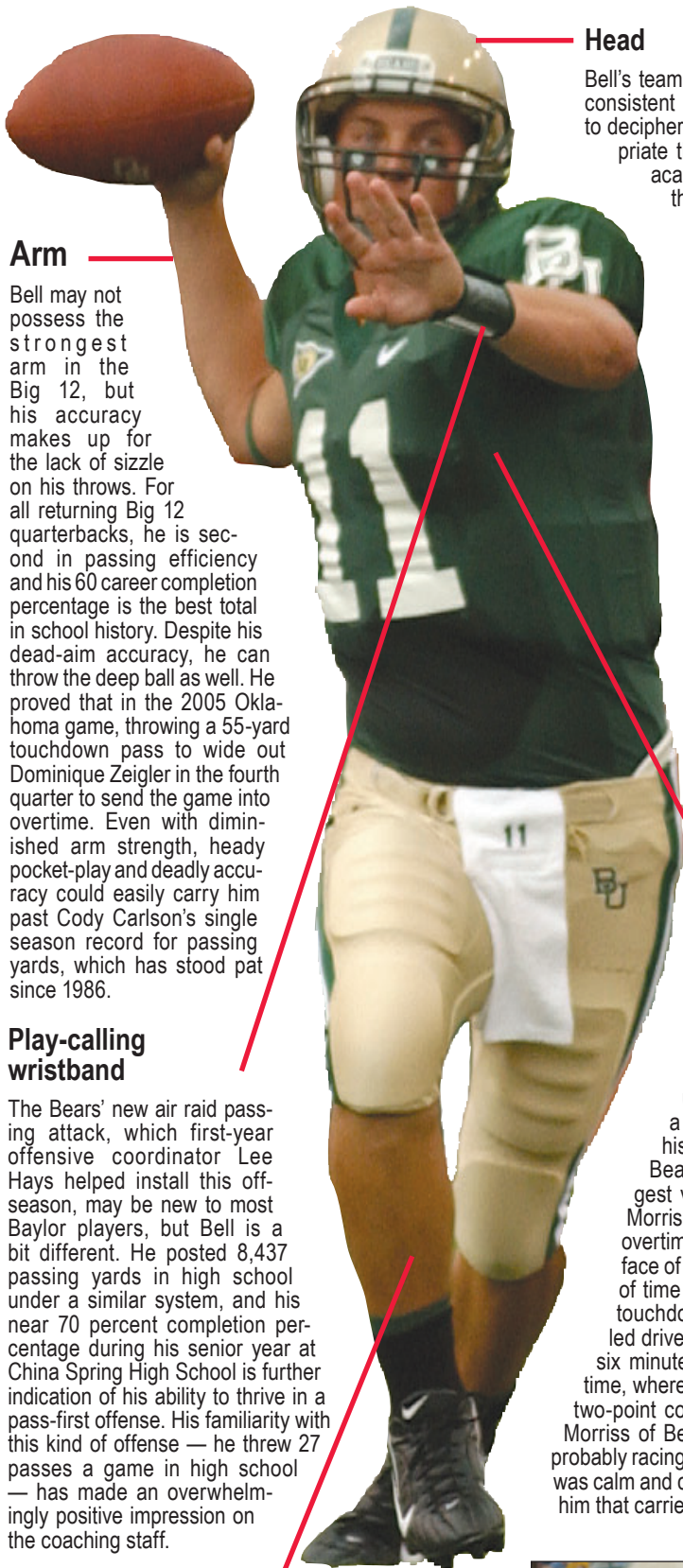
Putting up big numbers is nothing new for Bell, a China Spring native. In high school, where he played under his father, Mark Bell, Shawn put up 8,437 yards and 525 completions, good enough for third in Texas high school football history.

Offensive coordinator Lee Hays said having a quarterback with so much experience has really helped the team's transition to his new spread offense.

"It's been big, especially with Shawn at quarterback," Hays said. "His dad was a coach, and he wants to be a coach, so it's basically like having a little coach at quarterback, which has been huge."

The soul, strength and stats behind Shawn Bell's success

Compiled by Will Parchman



Head

Bell's teammates and coaches have been consistent in their praises of Bell's ability to decipher defenses and make the appropriate throws. And with the numerous academic awards he has received throughout his Baylor career, it can certainly be argued that Bell is the smartest starting Baylor quarterback ever. He rarely puts up gaudy numbers in the passing yardage department, but of his scant six interceptions thrown last season, just two came in the second half, a testament to his ability to keep the Bears close in tight situations. And time and time again this year, the coaches have praised Bell for picking up on the new offense quickly and efficiently. "Shawn is like another coach out there right now," head Coach Guy Morriss said in March. "He understands what we are trying to get done. He knows when to take the deep throw and when to throw it down, and he knows where the outlets are. He's really operating the offense like we thought he would."

Heart

Few doubted Bell's cool under pressure, but his heart and toughness in nerve-rattling situations allowed the fifth-year senior to be front and center during a unique experience for the Bears: a win over Texas A&M. During his sophomore year in 2004, the Bears notched arguably their biggest victory under head Coach Guy Morriss by beating the Aggies 35-34 in overtime, and Bell's performance in the face of a titanic upset will stand the test of time as a great one. Bell threw two touchdowns in the fourth quarter and led drives of 41 and 51 yards in the final six minutes to send the game into overtime, where the Bears eventually won on a two-point conversion from Bell's arm. Said Morriss of Bell afterward, "His insides were probably racing like crazy, but on the outside he was calm and collected. There is an aura about him that carries over to the other players."

Arm

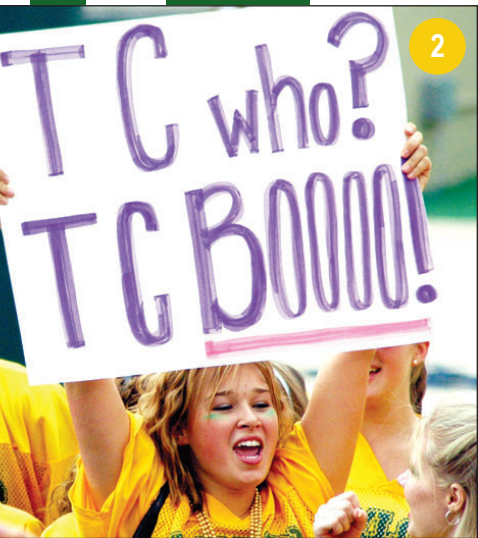
Bell may not possess the strongest arm in the Big 12, but his accuracy makes up for the lack of sizzle on his throws. For all returning Big 12 quarterbacks, he is second in passing efficiency and his 60 career completion percentage is the best total in school history. Despite his dead-aim accuracy, he can throw the deep ball as well. He proved that in the 2005 Oklahoma game, throwing a 55-yard touchdown pass to wide out Dominique Zeigler in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime. Even with diminished arm strength, heady pocket-play and deadly accuracy could easily carry him past Cody Carlson's single season record for passing yards, which has stood pat since 1986.

Play-calling wristband

The Bears' new air raid passing attack, which first-year offensive coordinator Lee Hays helped install this off-season, may be new to most Baylor players, but Bell is a bit different. He posted 8,437 passing yards in high school under a similar system, and his near 70 percent completion percentage during his senior year at China Spring High School is further indication of his ability to thrive in a pass-first offense. His familiarity with this kind of offense — he threw 27 passes a game in high school — has made an overwhelmingly positive impression on the coaching staff.

Legs

Bell may not be a Michael Vick or Vince Young clone, but he is a far cry from a statue when it comes to in- and out-of-pocket mobility. Former offensive coordinator Brent Pease rarely called running plays designed especially for Bell, and current offensive coordinator Lee Hays likely won't either with the new spread offense. As a result his rushing yardage totals look somewhat skewed. But both recognize Bell's ability to scramble and make throws on the run, so expect to see Bell scamper to his right a good deal this year if the patchwork offensive line breaks down.



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What not to miss at the next home game (from top left):

1. Bruiser the Bear entertaining crowds at Floyd Casey Stadium. 2. Members of the Baylor Line cheering on the Bears. 3. The Golden Wave Band playing for fans. 4. The ringing of the bell following a touchdown. 5. Painted fans enlivening the student section. 6. Cheerleaders keep spirits high.

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Mosley muscles past defense

By Will Parchman
Sports writer

It's no secret that behind every good passing game is an effective rushing attack. Running back Paul Mosley has provided the Bears with some legitimate muscle at the position.

Mosley, a 235-pound senior from Austin, will share the starting running back position with junior speedster Brandon Whitaker, and Mosley is the hammer of the duo. The two split time at running back last season, and the move paid dividends in the form of more rushing lanes for both backs and more room to pass for Bell.

The offensive line is a variable in the equation, but even if the big guys up front aren't at their best, Mosley will still grind out positive yardage and inevitably fall forward. His seven touchdowns in 2005 attest to his ability to bulldoze defenders in the end zone, which was a quality the Baylor offense lacked for many years.

Mosley has never missed a game due to injury in his Baylor career, playing in 34 games over



Henry Chan/Lariat staff

Paul Mosley barrels through TCU players Sunday while collecting yards.

his first three seasons. Reliability is a chief concern among coaches when running backs are the topic, and Mosley has this quality in spades.

Even in an offense that stresses the pass, Mosley is a constant threat to pound out those few necessary yards.

Zeigler surpasses predecessors

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Dominique Zeigler is without question one of the top 10 wide receivers the Bears have had since their last bowl run in 1994.

Zeigler's lanky 6-foot-3-inch frame and soft hands allow him certain advantages over defensive backs, most important of which is the large target he creates for Bell.

Bell's accuracy — he completed 66 percent of his passes against TCU Sunday — is due in large part to his wide out's great pass catching ability, and Zeigler is perhaps the best right now.

The offense's new passing scheme struggled in its first outing, but Zeigler is already proving why the coaches have vested their trust in these receivers to carry out the task.



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Dominique Zeigler reaches for a catch during Sunday's game against TCU.

His six catches for 56 yards in the season opener, one of which was a stellar diving catch along the right sideline that kept a crucial drive alive, made the emphatic point that Zeigler's hands and ability to bring in the tough catches allow Shawn Bell to succeed.

Zeigler isn't the fastest wide out in the conference — or even on his own team — but offensive coordinator Lee Hays doesn't need him to be.

Instead, the receiving corps relies on Zeigler to make the tough catches in traffic and occasionally surprise defenders by turning on his oft-overlooked jets and burning for the deep ball.

Good money says that if Bell was to pick his favorite target on offense, Zeigler would be his choice.