



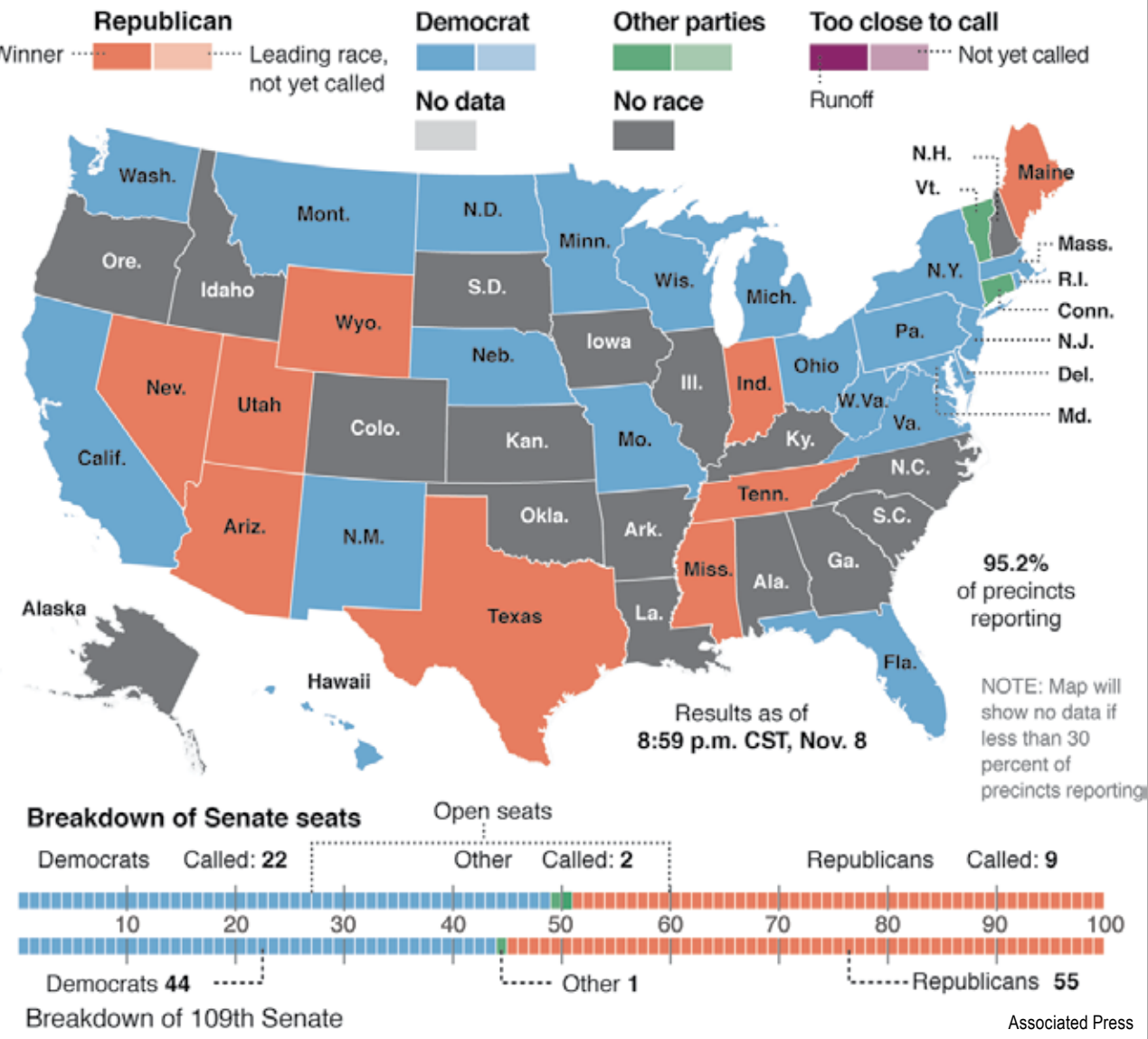
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Democrats take both houses

Senate races



GOP surrenders Senate to Dems

Party takes control for first time since 1994 election

By Liz Sidoti
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats completed an improbable double-barreled election sweep of Congress on Wednesday, taking control of the Senate with a victory in Virginia as they padded their day-old majority in the House.

“The days of the do-nothing Congress are over,” declared Democratic Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, in line to become majority leader, adding that Americans spoke “clearly and decisively in favor of Democrats leading this country in a new direction.”

Jim Webb’s victory over Sen. George Allen in Virginia assured Democrats of 51 seats when the Senate convenes in January, handing his party control of both houses for the first time since 1994. That marked a gain of six in midterm elections in which the war in Iraq and President Bush were major issues.

Earlier, State Sen. Jon Tester triumphed over Republican Sen. Conrad Burns in a long, late count in Montana.

With a handful of House races too close to call, Democrats had gained 28 seats, enough to regain the majority after 12 years of Republican rule and place Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California in line to become the first female speaker in history.

“It was a thumping,” Bush conceded at the White House. “It’s clear the Democrat Party had a good night.”

Allen’s campaign issued a statement noting that state officials are conducting a canvass of the votes cast in Tuesday’s

balloting.

“At the conclusion of those efforts, Senator George Allen plans to make a statement regarding the outcome,” it said.

The Senate had teetered at 50 Democrats, 49 Republicans for most of Wednesday, with Virginia hanging in the balance. Webb’s victory ended Republican hopes of eking out a 50-50 split, with Vice President Dick Cheney wielding tie-breaking authority.

The Associated Press contacted election officials in all 134 localities in Virginia where voting occurred, obtaining updated numbers Wednesday. About half the localities said they had completed their postelection canvassing and nearly all had counted outstanding absenteees. Most were expected to be finished by Friday.

The new AP count showed Webb with 1,172,538 votes and Allen with 1,165,302, a difference of 7,236. Virginia has had two statewide vote recounts in modern history, but both resulted in vote changes of no more than a few hundred votes.

It had been clear for weeks leading up to the election that Democrats were strongly positioned to challenge Republicans for House control.

But Democrats began the year with fewer seats than at any time since Herbert Hoover occupied the White House. Even Reid, the party leader, mused aloud at one point that it might take a miracle to capture Senate control.

“From changing course in Iraq to raising the minimum wage to fixing the health care crisis to making this country energy independent, we’re ready to get to work,” he said in a statement late

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Battle for Virginia



Webb

50%
1,172,541 votes

Allen

49%
1,165,324 votes

Opponents make amends

Republican extends Olive Branch of peace

By Christine M. Tamer
Staff writer

Chet Edwards didn’t celebrate his victory with supporters the afternoon after winning the 17th congressional district, but rather sat across a lunch table from Republican candidate Van Taylor.

“Van asked Chet to lunch last night when he called him to concede,” said Casey Phillips, Taylor’s campaign manager. “It was to bury the hatchet. Campaigns get tough and gloves come off, but in the end we are all fighting for a better cause.”

Edwards and Taylor ate lunch at the Olive Branch on Wednesday.

“It was a private lunch between the two of them,” Phillips said. “They discussed the campaign and results of the elections last night.”

Political science professor Dr. Gale Avant didn’t see the lunch as anything out of the ordinary.

“Generally speaking candidates agree at a 90 percent level, but the campaign focuses on issues which they disagree,” Avant said. “It’s common from candidates to express good wishes to each other.”

Edwards defeated Taylor by 30.24 percent with a margin of 16,010 votes

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Pre-med student pursues dreams despite injuries

By Laura Frase
Staff writer

As Arlington senior Brinkley Sandvall scaled the side of a mountain in Austria while studying abroad in the Netherlands this semester, she never guessed her dream of becoming a surgeon could come crashing down.

As she was climbing the mountain, a wave of rocks tumbled upon her, cutting her head and crushing her hand, but not her dreams.

Sandvall, a premedical student and aspiring surgeon, was airlifted to a hospital in Austria where her left pinky was amputated. Her crushed thumb was pinned and skin grafts replaced

the missing skin on her hand – a crucial tools for an aspiring surgeon.

“She wants to be a surgeon, so that’s kind of a devastating blow,” Karen Allen, a Baytown senior and Alpha Epsilon Delta president, said. “The great thing about Brinkley is she is an incredibly determined person, and I don’t think this will stop

her one bit.”

Lauren Stewart, a Houston senior and friend of Sandvall’s, agreed and said she feels confident in Sandvall’s recovery.

“Brinkley is not the type of person to give up,” Stewart said. “I don’t think she’ll let this stop her. It’s her passion.”

Sandvall returned home a few weeks ago to continue re-

habilitation efforts. Dr. James Tandy, a biology professor who taught Sandvall, stays in touch with her and her progress, along with other faculty and students.

“She’s in the midst of rehabilitation in hopes of regaining as much function as possible with what remains of her left hand,” Tandy said. “It’s a long process.”

Now that she is back at home

and on the mend, students and faculty want to show their support.

Alpha Epsilon Delta, Tri-Beta, Minority Association of Premedical Students, Baylor University Medical Ethics Discussion Society and the Honors College are working together

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Conference marks Arendt centennial

By Claire St. Amant
Reporter

Nestled among European and Asian scholars, students and faculty at Baylor will be in good company this weekend.

The Center for Jewish Studies is one of many academic institutions worldwide hosting a conference celebrating the 100th birthday of Hannah Arendt, a philosopher and a “great person of ideas,” said center director and university professor of American and Jewish studies Marc Ellis.

Berlin, Paris and Waco will all be sites of “global discourse” on the momentous occasion of Arendt’s centennial celebration, he said.

Arendt, a native of Germany, died at age 75. She was known for her “open spirit” and ideas about fascism, totalitarianism and the Holocaust. Ellis said he selected her works as the focus for the conference last spring when he realized her 100th birthday was coming up. He said he hopes this conference will be the first in a Baylor series of great Jewish thinkers



Dr. Marc Ellis, director for the center for Jewish studies was key to organizing a conference in honor of European and Jewish philosopher Hannah Arendt.

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Lariat staff

and theologians.

“Arendt was such a creative theorist,” Ellis said. “But she was also a great religious thinker from the Jewish tradition.”

Ellis believes Baylor offers “a unique discourse” on Arendt because the conference will emphasize her Jewish background.

The other universities honoring Arendt, Ellis said, are “focusing on her identity as a European philosopher.”

Activities including nine topical sessions, a panel discussion on the role of faith-based

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A&M president tapped as secretary of defense

By Robert Burns
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After years of defending his secretary of defense, President Bush on Wednesday announced Donald H. Rumsfeld’s resignation within hours of the Democrats’ triumph in congressional elections. Bush reached back to his father’s administration to tap a former CIA director to run the Pentagon.

The Iraq war was the central issue of Rumsfeld’s nearly six-year tenure, and unhappiness with the war was a major

element of voter dissatisfaction Tuesday, and the main impetus for his departure. Even some GOP lawmakers became critical of the war’s management, and growing numbers of politicians were urging Bush to replace Rumsfeld.

Bush said Robert Gates, 63, who has served in a variety of national security jobs under six previous presidents, would be nominated to replace Rumsfeld. Gates, currently the president of Texas A&M University, is a Bush family friend and a member of

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Re-elected Perry pledges bipartisan efforts

Governor has not yet agreed to full term

By Kelley Shannon
The Associated Press

AUSTIN— Savoring his re-election victory, Republican Gov. Rick Perry pledged Wednesday to work with lawmakers from both political parties as he pushes to secure the border, create jobs and improve schools.

And although he said he's proud to be governor and that it's "the best job in the world," he wouldn't commit to completing the four-year term he just won.

"That's kind of up to the good Lord. He may decide he wants me doing something different and I'm out of here tomorrow. Who knows?" Perry said. "I plan on being here working, making a difference."

Perry said he was asked during his campaign about serving his entire term, but he said, "I'm not naive enough to take the bait on that."

Perry has been mentioned by some supporters as a possible vice presidential nominee in 2008, but Perry himself never waded into the subject.

He overcame three major challengers Tuesday to win with 39 percent of the vote on a night in which a number of governorships nationwide turned over to Democrats.

Perry defeated Democrat Chris Bell and independents Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman.

If Perry completes his second term he will be the state's lon-



The Associated Press

With members of his staff in the background, Texas Gov. Rick Perry speaks during a news conference Wednesday in Austin, Texas. The day after his re-election, Perry told reporters that he would reach out to legislators of both parties, as he said he did in a special session earlier this year that produced a new school funding plan.

gest-serving governor.

He became governor in December 2000, when George W. Bush resigned to become president.

In 2002, Perry won the office outright.

Perry struck a conciliatory tone Wednesday and said he wants to put forth an inclusive agenda heading into the 2007 legislative session.

He said he wants to build on the bipartisan efforts of last spring when Texas lawmakers approved and Perry signed a new school funding plan.

"We have a very diverse state,

very diverse people," he said. "We need less partisanship. We need less cynicism. We need more bridge building."

A strong economy and an expected record budget surplus make him optimistic about what will be accomplished in the legislative session that begins in January, he said.

One of his leading issues will be allotting state money to battle crime along the Texas-Mexico border, Perry said.

He has said he will ask lawmakers for an additional \$100 million for the state effort, though he contends the federal

government should foot the bill.

"I hope in two years we're not expending state dollars to defend our border, to secure our border," he said.

"For God sakes, Washington needs to understand it's their responsibility."

Perry's campaign aides said Wednesday that border security was the top issue they identified that resonated with conservative base voters Perry worked to win over in the election.

Perry also said he wants to make the state budgeting system more open and transparent.

He said his office will soon start posting information online to help Texans see where their tax money is going.

He said he will work for "truth in budgeting," in which money that is said to be allocated for a particular project actually goes to that fund.

Other legislative agenda items include battling increasing property tax appraisals and working to reduce the number of Texans without health insurance, he said.

"I've never been one of those anti-government conservatives," he said.

"I'm a limited government conservative."

Bell, as he consoled supporters after his second-place finish, said he urges those who will be serving the state to ask themselves: "What will we be leaving behind? What will we be leaving for my children and your children?" The best schools? An affordable health-care system? A transparent government? A better place? If you cannot honestly answer those questions in the affirmative, what have you won?"

Even though he didn't win with a majority of the vote, Perry and his aides pointed out that he was the winner in 209 counties, down slightly from 218 when he won decisively over Democrat Tony Sanchez in 2002.

Perry, responding to a question from a news reporter, indicated he's not worried about whether he has a mandate from voters.

"Texans want to see a governor who's moving this state forward," he said.

Asian Fest to connect students, Eastern culture

By Grace Maalouf
Reporter

Baylor students will have the chance to get a taste of Asian culture this weekend when the Asian Students Association hosts the sixth-annual Asian-Fest.

The festival begins with a banquet at 6:30 p.m. today in the exhibit hall of Mayborn Museum Complex.

Helen Zia, an award-winning journalist and author of *Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People*, will speak about Asian-American identity and culture, said Houston sophomore Albert Ho, president of the Asian Students Association.

After her speech, Zia will answer questions about the importance of Asian-American

identity and the difference between being Asian and being Asian-American, Houston senior and association member Elaine Yeung said.

Yeung said the banquet will be a good chance for students to expose themselves to new ideas and hear an Asian-American activist speak.

"It's important to have a broad perspective," Yeung said.

The banquet will also feature Chinese food prepared by Aramark chefs who went to local Chinese restaurants to learn to perfect their own techniques, Ho said.

Although the dinner costs \$12, Ho said open seating will be available for students who wish to attend solely to listen to the speaker.

Those students will be al-

lowed in about half an hour after the event begins, Ho said.

Asian Fest will continue Friday with Pandamonium, a culture show featuring performances by 13 different groups, including cultural groups, such as the Vietnamese Student Association, the Filipino Student Association and the Latin Dance Society.

Others performers will be student groups unaffiliated with an organization who wanted to perform their own material, Ho said.

Another feature of Pandamonium will be a fashion show presenting the progression of attire in five different cultures, Ho said.

It will show the changes from the old style to modern style of dress in China, Vietnam, Japan,

Korea and the Philippines.

"There's a huge change between traditional and modern (attire)," Ho said.

He added that a master of ceremonies will explain these changes during the show.

Ho said planning and preparation for the festival began last spring and really took off in the last two months.

He said the association is expecting more than 400 people to attend the culture show.

This is the second year the show has been a part of the festival.

Ho said about 150 people were expected to attend last year, but because that number doubled, the group decided to move the event outside for this year.

The show will now take place

at the Vara Martin Daniel Plaza, outside the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Plano senior Stacy Chen, the association's external vice president, said there were initial concerns about rain affecting the show.

"But now that the weather has cleared up, we're hoping for a big turnout," Chen said.

"It can rain a lot once we're done."

Ho said he hopes the event will promote awareness of cultural identity and foster unity between organizations.

"We're bringing in lots of organizations to do this, and I'm hoping for more camaraderie, fellowship and collaboration between them," Ho said.

"Also, I just want people to have fun."

Incoming mathematics department chairman adds to Baylor equation

By Erin Pedigo
Reporter

Dr. Lance Littlejohn, the math department's incoming chairman, is visiting Baylor this week before returning to his work as a professor at Utah State University.

Littlejohn will replace Dr. Robert Piziak as department chairman of mathematics on January 1.

Littlejohn will remain a professor at Utah State until then,

and after Littlejohn takes his new position, Piziak will return to teaching.

Littlejohn said he is originally from St. Thomas, Canada, which is 120 miles west of Toronto.

He said he holds citizenship in three countries: the United States, Britain and Canada.

Littlejohn has taught at Utah State for 23 and a half years and been a full professor for four.

It was while Littlejohn was teaching at Utah State Univer-

sity that he became one of the two candidates chosen to come to Baylor for interviews, Piziak said.

The search for a department chair began about two years ago, Littlejohn said.

The type of candidate the department sought was someone who would be able to further the math department toward its goal of becoming "recognized and respected" in the Big 12, and Littlejohn fit the bill, Piziak said.

Littlejohn said he accepted the position of department chair about a year ago.

While faculty members in the department were involved in the search for a new chairman, they didn't make the final pick, Piziak said.

The provost, Dr. Randall O'Brien, who holds office directly underneath the President John Lilley, interviewed the candidates, he said.

Piziak said the process was conducted by the dean, who

hires department chairs.

A 2/3 vote was required by the department to bring candidates in for interviews, he said.

Johnny Henderson, a distinguished professor of mathematics at Baylor and friend of Littlejohn, who said he was suited for the job.

Henderson said that Littlejohn was well-qualified and had a "certain humility" that was likeable.

Littlejohn said the first few months in his new position will

be spent learning from the other members of the department.

He said he will oversee day-to-day department operations, be in charge of hiring and make sure things are running smoothly.

He described these things as "very typical duties for a department chair."

Littlejohn said he was excited to work in the new space in the Baylor Sciences Building and was confident it would be ready for the faculty in January.

BEAR BRIEFS

Teacher evaluations

Surveys are available until Nov. 21 on BIN for students to voice their opinions of whether teacher evaluations should be officially posted on Bearweb. The service would be similar to BUbooks.com. Students are encouraged to fill out the surveys so Student Senate will know whether to pursue the issue.

Honduras mission trip

Baptist Student Ministries, in cooperation with the School of Education and Nursing, are planning a mission trip to Honduras during Spring 2007. More information is available at Baylorbsm.org. Applications are due Dec. 10.

CKI fundraiser

Circle K International will be selling lollipops throughout November. The candy is 50 cents, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit Mission Waco's Christmas Tree Store. Look for CKI members with plastic bags or e-mail Stephanie_Kramer@baylor.edu.

Habitat for Humanity

Keep an eye out for the Baylor Habitat for Humanity Christmas Building Trees on campus. Help build the 20th anniversary house by sponsoring an ornament for \$5.

Spotlight talent show

The Impact Movement will hold a talent show at 7 p.m. Friday in Kayser Auditorium in Hankamer School of Business. The event will offer food, fun and fellowship. Admission is free.

Imagination conference

The Institute for Faith and Learning will host a conference titled "The World and the Christian Imagination" Thursday through Saturday in the Armstrong Browning Library. The event, except for meals, is free to faculty and students.

Run for Hope 5k race

The Baylor Air Force ROTC will host the Run for Hope race Saturday from 8-11 a.m. There will be a 5K and a one mile fun run. Proceeds from the races will benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Registration forms are available in the AFROTC building.

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Jerrells



Bruce



Diene

No. 0 Curtis Jerrells
Height: 6-1
Weight: 195
Position: Guard
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Austin

Jerrells is a strong guard with a quick first step. Last season, as a freshman, he emerged as one of the Bears' biggest threats on offense and defense. In a sanctioned-shortened season last year, he averaged 13.5 points and 3.3 assists per game.

No. 14 Aaron Bruce
Height: 6-3
Weight: 190
Class: Junior
Position: Guard
Hometown: Victoria, Australia

Bruce has been the face of the Bears since arriving in 2004, when he averaged 18.2 points per game as a freshman. While injuries slowed him last season, he's still one of the most explosive scorers in the Big 12.

No. 15 Mamadou Diene
Height: 7-0
Weight: 255
Class: Sophomore
Position: Center
Hometown: Yeumbeul, Senegal

As a freshman last season, Diene gave the Bears a much-needed defensive presence at the post position. He finished second in the Big 12 last season with 2.24 blocks per game and led the Bears with 5.9 rebounds per contest.

No. 1 Djibril Thiam
Height: 6-9
Weight: 195
Class: Freshman
Position: Forward
Hometown: Dakar, Senegal

Class: Senior
Position: Forward
Hometown: New Orleans

No. 2 Carl Sims
Height: 5-10
Weight: 170
Class: Sophomore
Position: Guard
Hometown: Waco

No. 22 Richard Hurd
Height: 6-5
Weight: 205
Class: Junior
Position: Forward
Hometown: Houston

No. 5 Henry Dugat
Height: 6-0
Weight: 170
Class: Sophomore
Position: Guard
Hometown: Dayton

No. 23 Kevin Rogers
Height: 6-9
Weight: 235
Class: Sophomore
Position: Forward
Hometown: Dallas

No. 10 Patrick Fields
Height: 6-6
Weight: 210
Class: Senior
Position: Guard/Forward
Hometown: San Antonio

No. 40 Mark Shepherd
Height: 6-9
Weight: 225
Class: Junior
Position: Forward
Hometown: Austin

No. 13 Jari Vanttaja
Height: 6-10
Weight: 235
Class: Redshirt Freshman
Position: Forward
Hometown: Oulu, Finland

No. 45 Tweety Carter
Height: 5-10
Weight: 185
Class: Freshman
Position: Guard
Hometown: Reserve, La.

No. 20 Tim Bush
Height: 6-6
Weight: 245

No. 50 Josh Lomers
Height: 7-0
Weight: 265
Class: Freshman
Position: Center
Hometown: Boerne

Added talent, depth offer Bears hope

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

While no one at this point would mistake Baylor for a basketball school, there's little doubt the Bears are headed in the right direction.

You wouldn't notice by looking at his 21-53 record as Baylor's head coach, but Scott Drew has built a foundation for a program that seems poised to begin its ascension of the college basketball ranks.

Coming into his fourth season as the Bears' coach, Drew has had unprecedented success on the recruiting trail, bringing in nationally rated recruiting classes each of the past three seasons. Due to a lack of depth, the season records haven't mirrored the team's recruiting success, but it appears that may be ready to change.

After having seven scholarship players during the 2003-04 season, six two years ago and 10 last season, the Bears will have 11 scholarship players to work with this season.

After adding three highly rated freshmen to the team, including a 6-foot-8 swingman in Djibril Thiam, a 7-foot post-player in Josh Lomers and a McDonald's All-American guard in Tweety Carter, the Bears have high hopes for this season.

Senior forward Tim Bush said the Bears' talent level and added depth should make them a player in the Big 12 race. He said the advantage of depth can best be seen in the team's practices.

"In practice, now we have all scholarship players against scholarship players, so practices are much more intense and much more competitive," Bush said. "The younger guys push the older guys to reach our full potential, and we're also helping the younger guys reach theirs."

One advantage this freshman class will have is a nonconference schedule. After receiving an unprecedented penalty by the NCAA last season which allowed the Bears just 16 regular season games, the Bears will play at least 29 regular season games this year. Rather than having to wait until January to begin its season, the Bears will get things started in mid-November this year.

Drew said having a nonconference slate of games is a huge advantage.

"It allows you to keep improving your team, and you find out what areas you need to improve on and get better," Drew said. "Last year at this time, you're just doing guess work and going through a grind without really knowing what areas need to be improved in."

"From our first scrimmage to our first exhibition to hopefully our first game on Saturday, there have been major strides of improvement taken."

Bush said after having to wait until the spring semester to play games last season, the team is excited to get this season started.

"It's exciting to know that you're practicing to prepare for games instead of practicing to prepare for the next practice," Bush said.

This year's Baylor team has generated plenty excitement of its own.

Drew has received praise from numerous national publications, and the Big 12 coaches picked Baylor to finish seventh in the conference this season, which marked the Bears' highest preseason projection in the 11 years that they've been in the Big 12.

Part of reason for that projection is the talent the Bears have returning.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Junior guard Aaron Bruce drive past a Texas A&M-Commerce defender Saturday at the Ferrell Special Events Center.. Bruce should be back to his freshman form after battling a variety of injuries last season.

With Carter joining junior standout Aaron Bruce and sophomores Curtis Jerrells and Henry Dugat in the backcourt, the Bears' guards will be among the best in the conference. With such a talent surplus at guard, the Bears are expected to play a lot of three-guard lineups in order to utilize this strength.

The guard play, which was pretty good last season, should be even better this season because Bruce will no longer be battling the nagging foot injury that caused his production to dip last season after a stellar freshman year. After a summer of healing, he's healthy and big things are expected out of him.

"We enjoy watching him when he's healthy," Drew said. "It's amazing to see a healthy Aaron Bruce compared to an injured Aaron Bruce. It's not just from the standpoint that he's making shots, but he's moving much quicker now compared to what he had to labor through last year."

Along with improved guard play, the Bears should also be deeper in the front quart.

With much-improved sophomores Mamadou Diene and Kevin Rogers being joined by redshirt freshman Jari Vanttaja, Thiam and Lomers, the Bears will have five scholarship players over 6-foot-8.

Dugat said improved play in the post will take some pressure off the guards.

"It will open up a lot of opportunities for us," he said. "We need to get them the ball and help them get us more involved."

The Bears will get their first chance to show what they can do at 7 p.m. Saturday at home against Angelo State University.

"Everybody's excited," Jerrells said. "We have a lot of energy going all throughout here, and we're just ready to get things started."

Predictions: The Lariat sports desk predicted the finish of each Big 12 team for the 2006-2007 season.

1.

Kansas

Kansas enters the 2006-07 season the most talented team in the conference, and it's not even close. If the Jayhawks don't win the Big 12, it will have been a disappointing season.
2.

Texas A&M

Head Coach Billy Gillispie gets more out of his team than maybe any other coach in the conference. The Aggies aren't the most talented squad, but they make up for their talent deficiencies with great coaching and excellent defense.
3.

Texas

Texas lost every starter from last year's team, but head Coach Rick Barnes' 2006 recruiting class is as talented as any in the country. Depth and experience will be down this season, but that's the case for most Big 12 teams in what appears to be a rebuilding year for much of the conference.
4.

Oklahoma State

The Cowboys are another team with talent to burn. If first-year head Coach Sean Sutton can pull the right strings, Oklahoma State could give the other Big 12 powers a run for their money.
5.

Kansas State

With Bob Huggins taking over and an infusion of new talent, the Wildcats should be much improved this season. With the Big 12 struggling, they'll finish in the top half.
6.

Baylor

For all practical purposes, the Bears are finally through with the NCAA sanctions. This may be the most talented Baylor team since the Big 12 began, and now that the Bears have some depth and a full season to work with, they may be ready to emerge as a quality Big 12 program.

7.

Texas Tech

Tech came into this season hoping to rebound from a disappointing 15-17 finish last year. This could be another long season for head Coach Bob Knight, as his team still seems to have many of the same talent and depth issues that plagued it last year. Now that Jarius Jackson, the Red Raiders' best player last season, has been removed from the team, look for a bottom-half finish in 2006-07.
8.

Oklahoma

The Sooners lost their three best players from last season and their all-time winningest coach. That's not exactly the recipe for success in the Big 12. They'll have some talented players, but not enough of them.
9.

Missouri

Adding head Coach Mike Anderson should prove to be a stroke of genius, but it will be a rebuilding year for a young Tiger team that's thin on talent.
10.

Nebraska

The Cornhuskers are one of six teams in the Big 12 with a new head coach. Doc Sadler isn't exactly inheriting a gold mine either. Nebraska, like so many other teams in the Big 12, will be rebuilding, but playing in a much weaker north division should help.
11.

Colorado

The Buffaloes lost 10 seniors from last year's squad. Junior guard Richard Roby is the only thing keeping them out of the Big 12 cellar.
12.

Iowa State

Iowa State's two best players from last season, guards Will Blalock and Curtis Stinson left after their junior seasons last year for the NBA draft. First-year head Coach Greg McDermott will have his work cut out for him with this bunch.

Men's Basketball Season Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
11/11	Angelo State	7 p.m.	Waco
11/14	Colorado State	8 p.m.	Spokane, Wash.
11/15	Gonzaga/Rice	TBA	Spokane, Wash.
11/20	Texas Southern	7 p.m.	Waco
11/22	NIT Season Tip-Off	TBA	New York City
11/24	NIT Season Tip-Off	TBA	New York City
11/27	Alcorn State	7 p.m.	Waco
11/29	Grambling State	7 p.m.	Waco
12/02	Texas State	3 p.m.	Waco
12/09	South Carolina	5 p.m.	Waco
12/16	Syracuse	6 p.m.	Syracuse, N.Y.
12/22	Prairie View A&M	7 p.m.	Waco
12/28	North Carolina A&T	8 p.m.	Waco
12/30	Delaware State	7 p.m.	Waco
1/02	Centenary	7 p.m.	Waco
1/06	Oklahoma State	TBA	Stillwater, Okla.
1/09	Texas A&M	7 p.m.	Waco
1/13	Texas Tech	3 p.m.	Waco
1/17	Kansas State	7 p.m.	Manhattan, Kan.
1/20	Oklahoma	3 p.m.	Norman, Okla.
1/24	Kansas	7 p.m.	Waco
1/27	Texas	5 p.m.	Austin
1/30	Colorado	7:30 p.m.	Waco
2/03	Iowa State	5 p.m.	Ames, Iowa
2/10	Oklahoma	3 p.m.	Waco
2/14	Missouri	6 p.m.	Columbia, Mo.
2/17	Texas	7 p.m.	Waco
2/21	Nebraska	6:30 p.m.	Waco
2/24	Texas A&M	12:30 p.m.	College Station
2/28	Texas Tech	7 p.m.	Lubbock
3/03	Oklahoma State	12:30 p.m.	Waco
3/08	Big 12 Championship	TBA	Oklahoma City, Okla.
3/09	Big 12 Championship	TBA	Oklahoma City, Okla.
3/10	Big 12 Championship	TBA	Oklahoma City, Okla.

Lady Bears follow in big footsteps

By Will Parchman
Sports writer

With a talented roster and a string of overwhelmingly successful seasons, it's been quite awhile since the Baylor women's basketball team surprised anybody.

After losing such an impressive group of talent, including first team All-American Sophia Young, the Lady Bears appear to be restocking for a future that seems further away than ever.

But with seven newcomers this season, including six freshmen, the hopes of such a successful program are as high as ever.

Forward Bernice Mosby, who will be playing her first season in the green and gold after transferring from Florida in 2005, said she thinks that people mistakenly underestimate the young players.

"They're so athletic and our post players are so dominant. I even have trouble scoring against them sometimes," Mosby said. "Our freshmen like Whitney (Jones) and Haley (Abbe) — they're getting a lot of practice. We've established a lot of chemistry together on and off the court."

The losses on both offense and defense are immense. Sophia Young, arguably the best athlete in Baylor athletic history let alone women's basketball, was drafted fourth overall in the 2006 WNBA Draft. Her team-high totals in points, rebounds, steals, free throws and minutes are all up for dispersal. Senior team leaders Chameka Scott, Abiola Wabara and Jordan Scott were also lost to graduation, opening up three spots in the starting lineup.

In losing four seniors, the Lady Bears lost 62 percent of their scoring offense and 56 percent of their rebounding production. This on a team of 12 players.

This season should be more spread out in terms of production as the Lady Bears appear to have their deepest bench in years.

"I think we have a lot of talent this year," senior forward Bernice Mosby said. "Eveybody on our team can contribute, from our point guard to our two and three guards to our post play. It's not just a one-person or two-person team. I think right now we've just got to get down to the basics, but it's coming along well and I think we'll be fine."

Replacing a class that helped lead the Lady Bears to a national title and three consecutive Sweet Sixteen appearances could be a rocky undertaking at first. But if any freshman class can restore the lofty aspirations of Baylor women's basketball back to its original heights, this one can.

Head Coach Kim Mulkey's incoming freshman haul was ranked No. 1 in the nation by All-Star Girls Basketball Report, a ranking that must be substantiated if the Lady Bears are to wrest the Big 12 title away from current favorite Oklahoma.

"We're always looking ahead towards them," freshman guard Latara Darrett said of Oklahoma. "But we've got a tough schedule until then, and we're focusing on one game at a time."

The offense may struggle to find itself in the wake of such huge losses, but inside presence on the offensive and defensive glass is often trumpeted as hardest facet to replace in the women's game. Baylor's post play last year was one of the keys to its success, and replacing two heavily experienced senior forwards will be Mosby and 6-foot-3 freshmen Danielle Wilson and Jessica Bradley.

Mosby will anchor a frontcourt that looks to be Baylor's most inexperienced in years. She averaged 15.5 points and 8.6 rebounds per game in her junior year at Florida before leaving the team that March for personal



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Sophomore guard Jhasmin Player scored 17 points in Tuesday's exhibition game against the Houston Jaguars.

reasons.

Her greatest piece of experience, however, could prove to be the season in which she never stepped foot on a court against an opposing team. In keeping with NCAA regulations, Mosby sat out the 2005-2006 season due to a transfer rule, practicing with the team during the week and sitting out of each game.

Mosby said the missed time has given her a new appreciation for the game and the many aspects of the team she missed. "Sitting out for a year has a lot to do with (my attitude this year), too," Mosby said. "Also, this being my last year, I want to do my best."

Practicing on a daily basis with battle-tested seniors like Young and Scott shouldn't hurt either.

Behind Mosby at the post, inexperience reigns. Bradley and Wilson will fight for the roster spot next to Mosby along with freshman Kaitlin Oberg and sophomore Rachel Allison. Mulkey said Wilson and Bradley's upside will be felt immediately, a by product of such a stellar recruiting class.

"They give you big bodies, they give you a presence of being able to block shots and being able to go to the glass and score for you," Mulkey said of her two freshman forwards. "Defensively, they're giving you the effort and they bring another body at the post for us. They're going to get better and better."

Much like at forward, the guard position

is stocked with one key veteran and a gaggle of novice. Junior point guard Angela Tisdale, one of two remaining players from the 2005 NCAA champion squad, is Baylor's lead returning scorer with 11.7 points per game last season. She will run Mulkey's fast-paced offense for the second consecutive season, which Darrett said is no easy task.

"Since she was a point guard in college, she sets (the guards') standards up higher than everyone else," she said. "It's definitely tougher, but if she keeps on me I'm sure I'll rise to the top."

Darrett will be competing for time with lone returning senior Latoya Wyatt and freshman guards Haylee Abbe and Whitney Jones for time behind and alongside Tisdale.

"Our practices are pretty competitive," Darrett said. "Veterans or not, you have to go out there and surprise Coach (Mulkey), and she'll put the people out there who come to work every day."

If hope does indeed spring eternal with the advent of youth, Baylor could happen upon a surprisingly successful season.

"With youth comes hunger," said sophomore guard Jhasmin Player, who scored 17 points against the Houston Jaguars Tuesday night. "So with all this youth, each and every person on this team is hungry. And as long as we keep this hunger I am satisfied with this team, and I've never been so confident."

Women's roster

No. 3 Jessica Morrow
Height: 6-2
Position: Guard/Forward
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Humble

When asked who her best outside shooters were, the first name out of Mulkey's mouth was Jessica Morrow. Morrow earned her roster spot last season mostly because of her pinpoint accuracy from range, starting 18 of the team's last 19 games.



Morrow

No. 20 Angela Tisdale
Height: 5-5
Position: Guard
Class: Junior
Hometown: Austin

If Mosby's the new team leader, Tisdale is the cagey veteran with green and gold in her veins. She spent the 2005 season learning to play the point how Mulkey likes: hard and fast. Tisdale's in a position to flourish with that experience in her back pocket.



Tisdale

No. 32 Bernice Mosby
Height: 6-1
Position: Forward
Class: Senior

Mosby, the most athletic and experienced member on the Lady Bears' roster, will play a vital role in controlling the post this season. She will have to step into the leadership vacuum left by the graduating seniors if the Lady Bears hope to lift off this season.



Mosby

No. 14 Rachel Allison
Height: 6-1
Position: Forward
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Jonesboro, Ark.

Rachel Allison figured in as a role player off the bench last season, but she played in every game while starting three. With two freshman forwards pressing her for time, Allison will be relied heavily upon in the post, even as a sophomore.



Allison

No. 1 Jessica Bradley
Height: 6-3
Position: Forward
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Sacramento, Calif.

No. 13 Latara Darrett
Height: 5-10
Position: Guard
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Chino, Calif.

No. 5 Whitney Jones
Height: 5-5
Position: Guard
Class: Freshman
Hometown: West Monroe, La.

No. 15 Jhasmin Player
Height: 5-10
Position: Guard
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Bay City

No. 11 Danielle Wilson
Height: 6-3
Position: Forward
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Bay Shore, N.Y.

No. 22 Haylee Abbe
Height: 5-10
Position: Guard
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Waco

No. 12 Latoya Wyatt
Height: 5-7
Position: Guard
Class: Senior
Hometown: Fort Worth

No. 44 Kaitlin Oberg
Height: 6-2
Position: Forward
Class: Freshman
Hometown: West Islip, N.Y.

Women's Basketball Season Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
11/10	North Texas	7 p.m.	Waco
11/12	Preseason WNIT	TBA	Waco
11/16	Preseason WNIT	TBA	TBA
11/19	Preseason WNIT	TBA	TBA
11/21	LSU	7 p.m.	Waco
11/24	UCF	2:30 p.m.	Bahamas
11/25	Virginia/South Dakota St.	2:30 p.m.	Bahamas
11/30	Texas A&M-CC	7 p.m.	Waco
12/02	Southeast Missouri	7 p.m.	Waco
12/04	Sam Houston State	7 p.m.	Waco
12/13	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	7 p.m.	Waco
12/17	UCLA	2:30 p.m.	Los Angeles
12/28	North Carolina A&T	4 p.m.	Waco
12/30	Prairie View A&M	2 p.m.	Waco
1/03	Texas Tech	7 p.m.	Waco
1/06	Kansas	3 p.m.	Lawrence, Kan.
1/10	Oklahoma	7 p.m.	Waco
1/13	Texas A&M	3:30 p.m.	College Station
1/20	Kansas State	1 p.m.	Waco
1/24	Texas	7 p.m.	Austin
1/27	Oklahoma State	1:30 p.m.	Stillwater, Okla.
1/31	Missouri	7 p.m.	Waco
2/03	Nebraska	2:30 p.m.	Lincoln, Neb.
2/07	Texas Tech	7 p.m.	Lubbock
2/10	Iowa State	7 p.m.	Waco
2/14	Oklahoma State	7 p.m.	Waco
2/18	Texas	2 p.m.	Waco
2/21	Colorado	8 p.m.	Boulder, Colo.
2/25	Texas A&M	2 p.m.	Waco
2/28	Oklahoma	8 p.m.	Norman, Okla.
3/06	Big 12 Championships	TBA	Oklahoma City
3/7	Big 12 Championships	TBA	Oklahoma City
3/8	Big 12 Championships	TBA	Oklahoma City
3/10	Big 12 Championships	TBA	Oklahoma City

Predictions: The Lariat sports desk predicted the finish of each Big 12 team for the 2006-2007 season.

- Oklahoma**
Oklahoma is not only a favorite to run away with the Big 12, but its extremely talented roster puts it as a frontrunner in the hunt for a national title. First-team All-American Courtney Paris will anchor a team that is returning six seniors and a superstar at almost every position.
- Texas A&M**
The Aggies were a surprise last season, posting a 23-9 record and dropping only five games in conference after losing 12 Big 12 games the previous year. Junior guard Morenike Atunrase garnered a Preseason All-Big 12 selection and will lead a group of talented returning players, including fellow guards A'Quonesia Franklin and Takia Starks.
- Baylor**
The Lady Bears could struggle with such a young roster, but they could just as easily thrive with their deep bench and so much raw talent. The real challenge for Baylor will be standing up to the rigors of the tough Big 12 conference schedule, which over half the team has never experienced before.
- Texas**
Texas suffered through an extremely disappointing season last year. It's record was just 13-15 and amounted to the Longhorns' first losing season since 1998. Despite going through some growing pains, Texas is poised to rebound in a big way this year. Senior forward Tiffany Jackson is probably the conference's second-best player behind Paris, and Jody Conradt is the conference's most decorated coach.
- Iowa State**
Cyclones head Coach Bill Fennely has done a good job in his 10 years at Iowa State, and his roster this year echoes his successful recruiting. After advancing to the second round of the WNIT last year, the Cyclones return their leading scorer from last year in Lyndsey Medders.
- Nebraska**
The Huskers finished their 2005 campaign with their third

consecutive WNIT appearance, and don't be surprised if Nebraska finally breaks through to the Big Dance for the first time since 2000. The Huskers return All-Big 12 first teamer Kiera Hardy and 2005 Big 12 Newcomer of the Year Jelena Spiric.

- Texas Tech**
Following legendary coach Marsha Sharp at Tech won't be easy for new head Coach Kristy Curry, but she has two savvy veteran players to rely on in senior forwards Alesha Robertson and Chesley Dabbs.
- Kansas**
The Jayhawks finished 5-11 in conference in 2005, but managed a berth in the WNIT under head Coach Bonnie Hendrickson. Departed senior Crystal Kemp's 18.6 points and 8.4 rebounds per game will be sorely missed.
- Kansas State**
Senior guard Claire Coggins returns to the starting lineup this season after leading a well-balanced Wildcat offensive attack in scoring last year. Junior guard Kimberly Dietz also returns average averaging double-figure points as a sophomore.
- Missouri**
Texas native Carlynn Savant will have to carry the offensive load for the Tigers. Top scorers C'stelle N'Garsanet and Latoya Bond are huge losses for a Missouri team that beat Baylor in Columbia last season 64-61.
- Colorado**
The Buffaloes return their two leading scorers from a year ago in junior forward Jackie McFarland and senior forward Jasmina Ilic. Colorado finished a disappointing 9-21 last year with a 3-13 record in conference.
- Oklahoma State**
Cowgirls head Coach Kurt Budke will struggle to return to the championship form familiar from his days at perennial powerhouse Louisiana Tech. The Cowgirls finished winless in conference last season.

New QB a snap choice

Syzmanski to start Saturday as Bears take on Oklahoma St.

By David Kaye Reporter

A backup quarterback is like a vice president. Each gets little attention unless something happens to the first-in-command. Blake Syzmanski was Baylor's Dick Cheney.

Shawn Bell's season ended early when he went down with a torn anterior cruciate ligament on Oct. 27. With the Bears at 4-5 and needing just two wins to get to a bowl, Syzmanski suddenly became commander-in-chief.

With no starts and just five passes thrown in his collegiate career, the freshman signal caller said he was anxious heading into his first start against Texas Tech University. While fans might have cringed, Syzmanski appreciated the hit he took after gaining six yards on his first play.

"I was more excited than nervous. On that first play, I went around the edge and got a good hit in me, and after that I think I settled down," Syzmanski said. "I just went out there and tried to make as many plays as possible to help this team win."

That's exactly what he did. While he threw for 191 yards and one touchdown, completing 16 of 30 passes, Syzmanski also scored twice on 3-yard runs.

No Baylor quarterback has scored two rushing touchdowns in a single game since J.J. Joe ran for two in a 21-20 victory over the University of Texas in 1992.

"It was good to see him run the football. We had some designed runs for him," head Coach Guy Morriss said. "I've said all week, 'The guy's got courage.' And boy, that's one thing I like in my quarterback."

Courage is a necessity when being thrown into the leadership role on a team needing to win its next two games to become bowl-eligible.

The Bears have spent the season focused on winning six games and qualifying for their first bowl game since 1994. Bell, a senior and team captain, was supposed to be the quarterback leading them there.

Syzmanski was left to learn



Associated Press

Syzmanski, who has only started one game as a Bear, will likely take all the snaps on Saturday as Baylor faces off in a must-win against Oklahoma State.

from the sidelines while Bell took all but nine offensive snaps in the Bears' first eight games. That inexperience forced offensive coordinator Lee Hays to change his game plan with Syzmanski now running the offense.

"Blake does some things better than Shawn, but as a whole Shawn won (the starting position) out because he ran the whole offense," Hays said prior to Syzmanski's first start.

"With Blake not getting all the reps that Shawn's taken, it just limits some of the things. So we tried to add some of the things that Blake does a good job at."

Hays said Syzmanski's nearly mistake-free performance against the Red Raiders gives him confidence heading into Saturday's game against Oklahoma State University. Syzmanski's only turnover came on a long pass that was intercepted with nine seconds remaining in the first half.

"I can't even really think of a mistake that jumps out for me, as far as reads and things like that go," Hays said. "As a play caller, you feel a little bit more comfortable putting him in some situations where he has to do something smart as far as getting rid of the ball."

Syzmanski's performance

was undermined when two of his receivers fumbled completed passes and the defense allowed 55 points. Senior cornerback C.J. Wilson said the defense needs to do a better job giving Syzmanski and the offense a chance to win.

"I really think he's going to flourish in this offense because he's a dual threat," Wilson said. "We didn't give him a chance to do what he can do, so that's going to be on us."

Wilson wasn't the only Bear impressed by the young quarterback's performance. Senior receiver Trent Shelton said Syzmanski is capable of finishing the job Bell started.

"To me, Blake is the quarterback of the future here at Baylor," Shelton said. "We need to get out there and work on our timing together this week at practice. I believe he can get the job done for us the rest of the season."

The Bears play their final road game of the year Saturday when they head to Stillwater, Okla., to take on Oklahoma State.

Last season Baylor snapped a nine-game losing streak to the Cowboys with a 44-34 victory in Waco. However, the Bears haven't won on Oklahoma State's home field since 1939. Kickoff is set for 11:37 a.m.

Men's volleyball no laughing matter

By Sarah Viesca Reporter

After suffering a season-ending ankle injury while playing basketball his senior year of high school, Blair Greenwood found another way to get involved with college sports.

Greenwood, a Houston graduate student, has been a member of the men's club volleyball team for five years.

Greenwood said he started playing because he knew some of the guys on the team, and since he wasn't playing basketball, he needed something to keep busy.

"I never played organized volleyball till I got to Baylor," he said.

"You get better and better as you play more."

Joe Luan, a Gilbert, Ariz., junior who has been playing with Greenwood for three years, said Greenwood picked up on the game quickly.

Luan said he was impressed when he first saw Greenwood play.

"For how long he's been playing, the ability he has is really good," Luan said. "He's a big presence in the middle."

While the team's season doesn't kick off until the spring, Greenwood said the team has

already begun to practice twice a week.

"It's tough to get the whole team together because everyone has other commitments," Greenwood said.

Brett Stuart, a Chicago junior, said Greenwood has been in charge of running the drills for the team since practices started.

"Being Blair's fifth year on the team, everyone looks up to him because of his experience and knowledge of the game," Stuart said.

Even though volleyball may not be a popular men's sport, Greenwood said it's nothing to joke about.

"If anyone watches college men play volleyball, there's not much to tease," he said.

Since Greenwood is working on his master's degree in education and sports pedagogy, this semester he was given the opportunity to teach four volleyball human performance classes.

"It's a lot of work grading and planning. You don't find out what classes you get till a week before school, so you plan really fast," he said.

While he said there are some challenges to the job, like making sure one class doesn't get ahead of the others, Greenwood

said he enjoys teaching.

Aside from his responsibilities at school and with the team, Greenwood also officiates high school volleyball games and is a line judge at Baylor matches.

Greenwood said many universities use local people with volleyball knowledge as line judges because it's difficult to fly out four officials to every volleyball game.

"As long as you talk with the officials before every match on how they want things done and use your knowledge of the game to call a ball in, it's easy to understand," Greenwood said.

While he occasionally gets nervous on a difficult call, Greenwood said, he doesn't worry because he knows coaches are going to fuss since they have their own agenda. He said he's learned to blow off insults.

"I was nervous at the Nebraska game because I was standing a few inches away from the number one team in the nation," Greenwood said.

Although the Lady Bears' season is winding to a close, the men's club season is just beginning.

With Greenwood at the helm, the team will travel Saturday to Texas Christian University to play other men's club volleyball teams from around Texas.

Bidding starts on Cubs, Tribune Co.

By Gary Gentle The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Billionaire businessman Eli Broad and supermarket magnate Ron Burkle have teamed up to submit a bid for the Tribune Co., which owns the Chicago Cubs. Details of the offer by the companies controlled by the two businessmen were not disclosed.

A person familiar with the offer, who was not authorized to publicly discuss it, confirmed Wednesday the bid had been submitted.

Broad and Burkle had been expected to bid for the Los Angeles Times, the Tribune's largest property. The joint bid for the entire company came as a surprise.

Broad declined to comment on the report. A call to Burkle's office was not immediately



Burkle



Broad

returned. The bid came a day after Chicago-based Tribune Co. replaced Dean Baquet as editor of the Los Angeles Times because he refused to make mandated cost cuts at the paper.

Broad and Burkle have long said they would be interested in returning the Times to local ownership.

A third billionaire, entertainment mogul David Geffen, is known to be interested in buying the Times. A call to his office was not immediately returned.

Tribune Co. spokesman Gary Weitman declined to comment on the bid.

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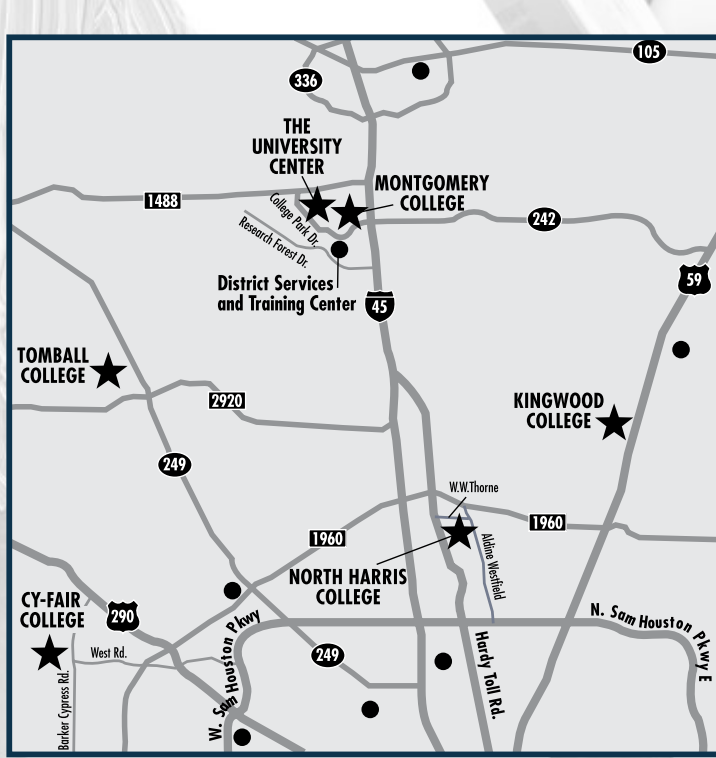
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Friendliness, satisfaction guaranteed at Uncle Dan's

By **Jordan Daniel**
News editor

Sometimes brown-bagging your lunch or racing over to Wendy's just isn't going to get it done. It's never that hot, never that fresh and in the case of fast food, you feel like you've done something wrong when you're done eating.

RESTAURANTREVIEW

But the only feeling visitors come away with after eating Uncle Dan's Bar-B-Que is one of satisfaction.

Don't expect a five-star service experience at Uncle Dan's, but the food will leave you wondering how early you'll have to get in line for all-you-can-eat Wednesday night.

The exterior of the Waco-based restaurant is simple enough — a brown and beige exterior with a few windows and a drive-thru — and the entrance seems hidden if you've never been there. But once you're inside, you're hit with an aroma of slow-smoked meats and two of the most original barbecue sauces you'll taste anywhere.

Coming out of the harsh Texas sun, the dim lighting inside will be a welcome sight.

One of the most interesting aspects of the interior is the gold-colored ceiling, which is a reminder that the build-

ing was at one time a nightclub.

Whether you go in for lunch or dinner, you'll have to grab your own tray and silverware and get in line at the cafeteria-style restaurant. Don't expect a wait of more than a few minutes before you get to the butcher's board, where they'll cut your selection of meat right in front of you after pulling it out of the smoker.

Available entrees include sliced or chopped brisket, smoked turkey and sausage, pork ribs, a whole rotisserie chicken or even catfish if you want to take a number and wait a few minutes for the cooks to prepare it.

Slide down a couple of feet, and you'll get to what can be considered the most important part of good barbecue — the fixins.

Uncle Dan's offers more sides than most any restaurant of its kind with dishes ranging from macaroni and cheese to a choice of white or yellow potato salad.

And count on striking up a conversation with the ladies helping prepare your plate. If you do, they'll remember you, and that kind of friendliness alone makes Uncle Dan's worth coming back to a second time.

Once you've paid and poured your choice of drink, you can pick one of many large, comfortable tables. In the dining area, tables can seat anywhere from one to 10 people.

The tables come with salt and pepper holders, napkins, toothpicks and peppers, but the thing that will really grab your attention is the tiny barbecue pit on each table that holds these items.

Dan Henderson opened Uncle Dan's in 1978 with two partners he eventually bought out.

The original restaurant was located not far from its current spot at 1001 Lake Air Drive. Just a couple miles away on Wooded Acres Drive, Henderson and company opened the barbecue joint that quickly became a beloved Waco establishment.

Twenty years later, in 1998, Henderson moved Uncle Dan's to its current location to make more space available to accommodate more customers and to host private functions. There is another Uncle Dan's on Hewitt Drive on the outskirts of Waco to make the famous barbecue more accessible for some customers.

In the early 1980s, Henderson introduced catering services, and ever since then, Uncle Dan's has been one of the most popular caterers in the area. Not every entree and side dish is available with the catering service, but the favorites such as chopped brisket and sausage are.

Recently, Uncle Dan's introduced "Cross Country 'Que," which makes it possible to send the restaurant's unique



Kelly Moore/Lariat staff

Waco residents Clint Sherman, left, and David Doyter enjoy a hearty lunch on Oct. 31 at Uncle Dan's Bar-B-Que.

barbecue all over the United States. According to the official Web site, "We want everyone to enjoy our favorites wherever they may be."

And Uncle Dan's customers will enjoy the food wherever they are because Henderson's food is always cooked to perfection and served hot

with your choice of bread and a smile.

But if you have a problem, you can usually find Henderson sitting in the booth right by the serving line, enjoying his own barbecue.

Uncle Dan's Bar-B-Que is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Shopping for shoes online more trendy

By **Doris Hajewski**
McClatchy Newspapers

MILWAUKEE — A Chipewa Falls, Wis., company once known for men's work boots is tying its fortune to shoe fashionistas who buy the latest styles on the Internet.

Mason Shoe Co., which celebrated its 100th anniversary two years ago, has relaunched its fast-growing Shoemall.com site with a new look and new shopping tools.

"We realize women really love shoes," said Adrienne Hartman, Internet director of Shoemall. The site targets women ages 25 to 54 who buy four pairs of shoes each year.

Mason has always sold shoes directly to consumers. In the early days, the sales were made by door-to-door salesmen.

Later, the company switched to catalog sales, and it put its catalogs on the Internet in 1999. By then, women's shoes had emerged as the faster-growing part of the business.

"We've basically reinvented ourselves," said Dan Hunt, chief executive officer of Mason.

Shoemall, now Mason's fastest-growing division, racked up \$45 million in sales in 2005. The company doesn't reveal total sales.

The product offering through Shoemall is a big expansion for Mason. The site has 10,000 styles under 400 brand names. Brands include Crocs, Steve Madden, Merrell, Franco Sarto, Clarks, Camper, Rocket Dog,

Naturalizer, Donald Pliner and Aquatalia. The site also has men's brands, including Stacy Adams and Bostonian.

As part of the fall marketing push for Shoemall, Mason has just mailed its first Shoemall catalog and has hired Laughlin/Constable of Milwaukee to create the company's biggest ad campaign.

But the new ad campaign is aimed squarely at women, with the tag line, "We know how much you love shoes."

One of the ads says: "We recently heard of a woman who has 29 pairs of black shoes. That's right. Only 29."

Thus giving permission to the woman who has fewer than that to buy more.

The ads are running in the November issue of magazines such as *Marie Claire*, *Lucky* and *The New York Times* magazine.

The new relationship with Laughlin/Constable is the first time Mason has hired an advertising agency.

The company also markets its shoes on shopping comparison Web sites and through e-mail, search engines and affiliate marketing.

Shoemall's heightened profile comes at a time when the competition in online shoe retailing is increasing.

This month, Gap Inc. launched Piperlime.com, a shoe site for men, women and children.

At the same time, Zappos.com, a San Francisco company that is probably the nation's



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With a handful of online orders, Mason Shoe employee Kathy Emerson retrieves shoes for packaging and shipping on Oct. 25 at the distribution center.

largest online shoe seller, continues to grow.

Zappos launched in 1999, around the time Shoemall started, and has grown to \$600 million in sales, according to the Zappos Web site.

The Shoemall.com technical upgrades put it in a better competitive position, with a new search tool that allows shoppers to find shoes by size, color and style.

Even without the upgrades to the site, Shoemall's sales have grown fivefold in the past two years. The increase comes as total shoe sales in the United States also have increased.

According to the NPD Group

Inc. in Port Washington, N.Y., footwear sales totaled \$42 billion in 2005, up 9 percent over the previous year.

Footwear sales online for the 12 months ended September 2006 were \$955 million, up 41.8 percent, according to NPD.

Online, shoes, lumped together with apparel and accessories, are the fourth-biggest category, accounting for \$11.3 billion in sales last year, out of a total of \$176.4 billion spent online, according to Forrester Research Inc.'s survey for Shop.org.

In the second week of October, shoes ranked as the fourth most popular search item on Yahoo shopping.

Eyeglasses becoming new fashion statement

Different colors, shapes, jewels can give eyes special touch

By **Diane McCartney**
McClatchy Newspapers

They're part of your face — maybe the first thing people see when they look at you. They're more important to your appearance than makeup or jewelry, maybe even the clothes you wear. And it's time they got the attention they deserve. We're talking about your glasses.

"Eyeglasses are becoming the new fashion accessory," said Carol Staats at MyOptix Fashion Eyewear in Wichita, Kan. "A lot of people are liking wearing glasses because they're fun."

If you've always thought glasses were boring and unattractive, a visit to eyewear boutiques may change your point of view.

Glasses are available now in so many styles, colors, shapes and materials — with embellishments like jewels and cutouts — that some people are finding it hard to limit themselves to just one pair.

"It's not unusual for people to have five or six pairs," Staats said, "for fall, summer, dressy, fun or funky."

Even people who don't need prescription lenses to see are

accessorizing with eyewear, opticians say.

"It's like shoes," said Carla Brown at Howard's Optique in Wichita, Kan. "None of us want to wear the same pair of shoes every day, in the same color."

Consumers have more choices in eyewear than ever before, said Roxie Miller, co-owner of Kent & Roxie's Spectacle Shoppe in Wichita, Kan.

Trends in frames are "all over the place," Roxie said, from small to large but with "bold looks and lots of color."

And while bling is still important, it's more refined than in past years, Kent Miller said.

Brown agrees that subtle bling is the in thing. Her shop sells glasses with diamonds, semi-precious stones or Austrian crystals gracing the temples.

Lenses come in all sizes and shapes, she said, while frames range from "delicate to something that's real bold and out there."

"Frames can either whisper or shout," Brown said. "It really is all about personality."

Colors include reds, blues, greens and purples, but the color frame you choose need not dictate your wardrobe, opticians say.

If a frame "works with your facial tone," Brown said, "it's going to work with anything in your closet."

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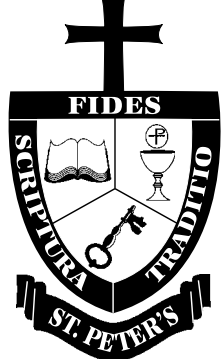
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to host “Green and Gold for Brinkley,” which will involve students painting their left hand fingernails – except the pinky – green and gold.

“It’s just to show support for Brinkley,” Allen said. “It’s not only to let Baylor students know what happened to her, but to let her know the Baylor community is standing behind her.”

The idea behind the event came from an inside joke between Sandvall and Tandy.

“The idea came when she sent me a picture of her hand,” Tandy said. “I light-heartedly told her

that her hand would look better if she painted her fingernails. She replied back that she would if I would.”

Booths will be set up in the Baylor Sciences Building and Bill Daniel Student Center today and Friday and in Memorial Residence Hall tonight. Booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the BSB, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the SUB, and from 7 to 9 p.m. at Memorial.

After pictures are taken of students with green and gold splattered nails Monday, students will join together to surprise Sandvall with all the photos to show her Baylor’s support

and the vast number of students standing behind her.

“The thing she needs the most right is to feel loved and encouraged. She will be grateful and appreciative,” Stewart said.

Allen estimated that hundreds of students will show up at the event this week to show their support for Sandvall and to encourage her to continue her dream of becoming a surgeon.

“In spite of the turn of events that have occurred, Brinkley has clearly made known her intentions to work hard to continue to keep the idea of becoming a surgeon a viable option,” Tandy said.”

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Tuesday.

Dr. David Nichols, professor of political science, was “happy to see Edwards stay and perform an important bridge role between the parties.”

“If he (Edwards) was less conservative, he probably wouldn’t get elected in this district,” Nichols said. “It’s good to have more conservative Democrats and more liberal Republicans.”

At 8:01 a.m. Wednesday morning, Edwards called the Veteran’s Affairs Administration in Washington and told them it was time to make the final decision to keep the Waco VA Hospital open, said Jessica Shafer, Edwards spokeswoman.

“Chet Edwards is a very competent congressman and politician,” Avant said. “He is also very sensitive to the special needs of this congressional district.”

As of now, Taylor plans to

stay in West where he owns a real estate firm, but future political decisions are between Taylor and his wife, Phillips said.

“(Edwards) respected (Taylor’s) run, his servings in Iraq and all the sacrifices he made,” Schafer said.

“We have not been focusing on anything except November 7th, and it didn’t turn out how we liked,” Phillips said. “But this is not the last time we will hear from Van Taylor.”

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Wednesday.

Earlier, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., in line to become the next minority leader, said: “In the Senate, the minority is never irrelevant unless it falls down into the very small numbers. I don’t think, as a practical matter, it’s going to make a whole lot of difference in the Senate, being at 49.”

Webb’s win capped a banner election year for Democrats, who benefited from the voters’ desire to issue a searing rebuke of the status quo.

The president, who spoke of spending his political capital after his successful re-election two years ago, acknowledged, “As the head of the Republican Party, I share a large part of the responsibility.”

With power on Capitol Hill tilting, Bush faced the reality of at least half of Congress in the opposition’s hands for the final two years of his presidency. He announced that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld would step down as Democrats have demanded.

The war in Iraq, scandals in Congress and declining support for Bush and Republicans on Capitol Hill defined the battle for House and Senate control, with the public embracing the Democrats’ call for change to end a decade of one-party rule in Washington.

“This new Democratic majority has heard the voices of the American people,” said Pelosi, the California Democrat all but certain to become the nation’s first female House speaker, adding that Americans placed their trust in Democrats. “We will honor that trust. We will not disappoint.”

With the GOP booted from power, lame-duck Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., announced he will not run for leader of House Republicans when Democrats take control in January.

“Obviously I wish my party had won,” Hastert said in a statement that added he intends to return to the “full-time task” of representing his Illinois constituents.

In the Senate, Democrats soundly defeated Republicans in Ohio, Missouri, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania. The battle for Senate power came down to Virginia and Montana, and vote counts for those stretched into Wednesday.

By midday, Tester rode to victory over Burns, a three-term senator whose campaign was shadowed by a series of missteps and his ties to Jack Abramoff, the disgraced lobbyist at the center of an influence-peddling investigation.

“One hundred thousand miles and 15 hours later, here we did it,” said Tester, an organic farmer with a flattop haircut who lost three fingers in a meat grinder.

In Virginia, Webb, a former Navy secretary under Ronald Reagan, had declared victory, and began to set a transition team in motion and calling himself senator-elect. Allen, a swaggering cowboy boot-wearing former Virginia governor who favors football metaphors, refused to concede and waited to make a move until after the completion of the county-by-county canvassing.

Overall, Republicans lost ground with swing voters such as Catholics, independents, Hispanics and suburbanites, according to exit polls conducted for the AP and the major televi-

sion networks.

The GOP held its conservative base, but Democrats made inroads with moderates.

“We came to Washington to change government and government changed us,” lamented Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., his eye on the next election in 2008.

“We departed rather tragically from our conservative principles.”

In the House, Democrats won 230 seats and led in two races, while Republicans won 196 seats and led in seven races.

If current trends hold, Democrats would have a 232-203 majority.

Without losing any seats of their own, Democrats captured 28 GOP-held seats.

The party won in every region of the country and hoped to strengthen their majority by besting Republican incumbents in races that were too close to call.

In Ohio, Rep. Deborah Pryce, the No. 4-ranking Republican in the House, struggled to fend off a fierce challenge from Democrat Mary Jo Kilroy in Columbus, and GOP Rep. Jean Schmidt, who famously suggested that a decorated Marine veteran of Vietnam named John Murtha was a coward, faced the possibility of defeat in her southern Ohio district.

Both were leading but the final tallies were complicated by provisional and absentee ballots.

Republican incumbents also were slightly ahead in four other states but those margins were too tight to declare a winner. They were GOP Reps. Heather Wilson in New Mexico, Robin Hayes in North Carolina, Dave Reichart in Washington and Barbara Cubin in Wyoming.

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universities, luncheons and a musical performance will begin today and continue through Sunday at the Center for Jewish Studies, located in Marrs McLean Science Building.

The first session will discuss Arendt’s political philosophy in the 21st century, said Dr. Anne-Marie Bowery, associate professor of philosophy and the chair of the session.

“Arendt is a very important figure in the political philosophy spectrum,” she said.

Bowery will serve as a moderator while scholars from Japan and New Zealand read papers analyzing Arendt’s political ideas.

“I’m excited to hear what people all over the world have to say about her philosophy,” she said.

Ellis said this conference will be “the most international, cosmopolitan gathering” since he came to Baylor eight years ago. Seventeen countries will participate in what Ellis called “a multifaith dialogue.”

“I wanted to expand the conversation currently going on at Baylor to include multiple faiths and secularism,” he said. “Too much of our thinking is narrow-minded.”

Carey Newman, director of Baylor University Press, will help those in the secular academic world understand the broader mission of a religious

institution by participating on the panel titled “In the Bible Belt: A Christian University?”

Newman described his role on the panel as “explaining how religious academic books can foster a conversation about the role of religion in public life.”

Newman said the panel will introduce the idea of a relationship between faith and university life is non-existent

Even though Arendt’s theories are nearly 100 years old, Ellis said they are a valuable tool to understand the present.

“Her ideas are as or more relevant to life today than they ever were,” he said. “Jewish thinkers have a tendency to do that.”



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Spinning their wheels

Alvin Senior David Mayfield, Colorado Springs Junior Abigail Woolridge, Marlin Junior Kristin Rose and Houston Sophomore Amy Goetz learn to throw on the wheel Wednesday by making mugs in a ceramics class.

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ber of an independent group studying the way to proceed with the war in Iraq.

The White House hopes that replacing Rumsfeld with Gates can help refresh U.S. policy on the deeply unpopular war and perhaps establish a stronger rapport with the new Congress. Rumsfeld had a rocky relationship with many lawmakers.

“Secretary Rumsfeld and I agreed that sometimes it’s necessary to have a fresh perspective,” Bush said in the abrupt announcement during a post-election news conference.

In a later appearance at the White House with Rumsfeld and Gates at his side, Bush praised both men, thanked Rumsfeld for his service and predicted that Gates would bring fresh ideas.

“The secretary of defense must be a man of vision who can see threats still over the horizon and prepare our nation to meet them. Bob Gates is the right man to meet both of these critical challenges,” Bush said.

But underscoring that he would not bow to those pushing for a quick U.S. withdrawal, Bush also said, “I’d like our troops to come home, too, but I want them to come home with victory.”

In brief remarks, Rumsfeld described the Iraq conflict as a “little understood, unfamiliar war” that is “complex for people to comprehend.” Upon his return to the Pentagon after appearing with Bush and Gates, Rumsfeld said it was a good time for him to leave.

“It will be a different Congress, a different environment, moving toward a presidential election and a lot of partisanship, and it struck me that this would be a good thing for everybody,” Rumsfeld told reporters.

There was little outward reaction among officials at the Pentagon, beyond surprise at the abrupt announcement.

Asked whether Rumsfeld’s departure signaled a new direction in a war that has claimed the lives of more than 2,800 U.S. troops and cost more than \$300 billion, Bush said, “Well,

there’s certainly going to be new leadership at the Pentagon.”

Voters appeared to be telling politicians that the sooner the war ends the better. Surveys at polling places showed that about six in 10 voters disapproved of the war and only a third believed it had improved long-term security in the United States.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Rumsfeld was not leaving immediately. Rumsfeld planned to deliver a speech on the global war on terrorism at Kansas State University on Thursday.

Just last week Bush told reporters that he expected Rumsfeld, 74, to remain until the end of the administration’s term. And although Bush said Wednesday that his decision to replace Rumsfeld was not based on politics, the announcement of a Pentagon shake-up came on the heels of Tuesday’s voting.

With his often-combative defense of the war in Iraq, Rumsfeld had been the administration’s face of the conflict.

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