President to emphasize domestic issues tonight

By Ben Felder

WASHINGTON — President Bush will talk tonight about his economic and education policies — and Web site features that have little to do with the state of the union, according to one of his aides.

For the first time, Bush will give his address to the nation while sitting alongside Democrat Jon Corzine in New York, where the state of the union is strong, so the nation’s skepticism will not cost him, the aide said.

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Letters to the editor Who was first doesn't matter
Rafael Benavides’s editorial about illegal immigration was interesting because it brought up the fundamental question of authority. The U.S. has the right to deny Mexican Americans the freedom to cross their own border, he says — reminding me of my sister when I first flew for the continent and crossed the border into the United States.

He assumes that most Mexicans have a right to the border because, he says, “remembering my sister when I first flew for the continent and crossed the border into the United States.”

Unfortunately, the nation’s ancestors did not belong to the Americas or the Americas before the nation. They had the same right of freedom and autonomy that most nations have today. And they came for the same reasons as the European ancestors who became the Americans.

But how much of this really is truthful to the debate about illegal immigration? For me, it’s about the same as my great-grandfather the cousin of thee, the dude that means I should get the better seat at church. Of course not!

People have to be judged not on their ancestor’s history, but on their own merits. The United States of America, which has successfully expanded our authority over the border for over two centuries, bears much blame.

However, that authority seems to be crum-}
Local leader offers advice to students

By Rafael Benavides

Leadership is a desirable quality in the workplace and in many aspects of life. As part of the Leadership Lecturer Series, the Waco Independent School District and our school hosted a talk last week with Dr. Robert Hernandez, superintendent of the Waco Independent School District, discussing leadership in the Alexander Reading Room as part of the Leadership Lecture Series.

Dr. Robert Hernandez

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EMBA program kicks off recruiting

By Matt Kennedy

Prospective Baylor executive master's program students from all around the country flocked to Baylor West Campus in Dallas and the adjacent TCU campus in Fort Worth on Monday for a crucial look at the EMBA program. The program is identical in its core curriculum with the programs from TCU and SMU and UT Austin because I had the opportunity to make it easier for prospective students to compare between the programs. The focus of the program is the same, and Baylor professors serve as the main instructors in both campuses.

Two Baylor students who have several years of experience in the business world and are seeking a promotion or trying to refresh their skills. The average age of the student in the program is 37.

According to Dean Lynae Singletary, director of the Dallas EMBA program, many students have work and family commitments, and they are looking to attend classes in a more convenient schedule. “We should have the chance to attend a full-time program, but that is not available in the Dallas area,” said Singletary. She believes the information presented in the Dallas EMBA program is similar to the one offered in Waco.

“We don’t have to compete with the Waco EMBA program. The problem is that some students might find the information already here,” she said.

Parcells punches his card with the Cowboys

By James Aven

It was the end of the road for Bill Parcells as Cowboys coach Tuesday, January 23, 2007. After two very successful playoff runs, Parcells led the Cowboys to a 13-3 record and Super Bowl XIX victories in 1996 and 1997. But in 1998, after losing three straight games, Parcells was fired by Dallas owner Jerry Jones.

Parcells is a true American football legend who has spent most of his career as an executive in the NFL. His most notable success came in 1990 when he became the first coach to win three Super Bowls in four years.

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Back-to-back losses leave Bears hungry

By Daniel Youngblood

After playing close with two top-10 teams and beating Texas Tech University at home to start its Big 12 season, it appeared the Baylor basketball club might be ready to take a step toward fulfilling the lofty goals that were set before it in the season.

But after losing 13 of 15 points at Kansas State University and getting beat by 10 by the University of Oklahoma on the road, it apparent they’re still a ways away.

This game was scary,” said forward Tim Bush. “If we’re not prepared for each game (which happened in Norman, Okla.), it could happen every game in the Big 12.”

The Bears’ sudden lack of composure has jolted head coach Scott Drew considerably.

“This is one we need to change something,” he said.

“We can’t stand silly by and let another season slip away. I think it’s just a mindset that needs to change.”

Head Coach Scott Drew did his part to change his team’s mindset when he scheduled a midnight practice on Saturday.

He said the “midnight prac- tice” was intended to give the Bears (11-7, 1-4) a chance to work on fundamentals and forget about the Oklahoma loss.

Bush said it was the best practice the team has had all season. But he said the經驗 towards turning things around, at 40.

"Something’s got to click," he said. "We have to have that burning desire within us to improve." After losing two straight games, there was some doubt that Baylor had the capacity to recover. But the team proved itself Saturday with a rally against Kansas State.

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Lady Bears right ship with home win

By Will Parchman

By hearing the No. 25 Kansas State University basketball club come to Waco on Saturday, the Lady Bears propelled themselves back into competition for the Big 12 crown.

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The Wildcats lost a high-12 points game Saturday afternoon. But Baylor hit the game’s most important one.

Junior forward LaShyra Pigg and senior guard Dena Tate dropped double-figure scoring totals into the Sixth Man Center.

From with the great night of scoring from Kansas State, bloody with Baylor inside the team they wanted them.

“We had defensive stops from every player at crucial mo- ments,” Mosby said. “I wouldn’t say it’s all on me. It was definitely a team effort.”

After blowing two first-half leads in their last two conference games, both in loss efforts, it appeared the Lady Bears might be headed that direction again Saturday afternoon. The Wild- cats chopped a 12-point Baylor lead down to two in a matter of minutes, exactly as they wanted.

“At about the four minute mark in the second half, the only thing I told them was, ‘Don’t stand around and get in our way,’” Mulkey said. “I didn’t want us to turn it into an all-out brawl in the paint.”

Baylor has now played six Top 25 teams this season, splitting the games.

"It was a great game," said head coach Deb Patterson called a timeout there.

"That’s not too bad," Mulkey said. "We’ve got a lot of growing up to do, but at the same time we’re competing out there." On campus at 5th and Bagby 755-7500 Brothers Management

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By Hana Manal

Contributor

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New date added for SING show

By Ashley Young

Reporter

Every ticket for all-University long quickly became a commodity. This year the tickets have sold out at a record pace.

Because of the quick sell-out, an additional show has been added to the ticket schedule. The added performance will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22 in Waco Hall.

Tickets went on sale for students Thursday and for the general public at 9 a.m. Friday. The tickets were sold out by 2:15 p.m. Friday.

Tickets for the additional show go on sale Sunday at 9 a.m. There will be 1,400 available floor seats for the show.

The balcony is reserved for participants.

Michael Riemer, coordinator of special performances, said the fast time tickets have sold out this quickly was in 2003 for the 50th anniversary of Sing.

One contributing factor to the tickets selling so rapidly this year could be the use of some of the two incoming freshman classes.

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“I agree. New has become a big event and I can’t imagine trying to do it alone,” Riemer said.

Since the announcement of the additional performance, Freyer said she has been tabling almost nonstop trying to get people wanting information or trying to get tickets.

Ticket for students cost $14, $16 and $18. For the general public, the tickets are priced at $18, $20 and $22.

Tickets can be purchased at the Baylor ticket office by calling (254) 710-3120.

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 skateboard. "We're gonna stop that, too," Davis said. "We're gonna make sure that that's not we're gonna have to eliminate. We know that the committee members have talked with SMU, but Baylor University stands ready to assist the problem, but we're gonna be helpful.

"It was a unanimous decision to pursue the library. By the board of regents and all involved - to pursue this effort. And that's what we're doing right now. We're gonna keep on getting and hoping, and we are pleased that we have not been eliminated. We are still very much interested. Davis said.

SMU, which Nelda is handling, also has been asked to stop discussing library sites until the selection committee finishes its work.

SMU President Robert Synthetic's office said the library site committee has "not made a final decision on the library. After a recent commitment to that end, the library site committee is expected to have a final decision on the site by the end of the month.

The University of Dallas, which has no site to the Bush family, entered the competition process in 2003, several years after the other schools.

University officials said they believe they came to a decision because of their partnership with Irving and their proposal, which was unimpressed.

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ual library has planned to put Bishop's bush, museum, library and public policy center on 380 acres adjacent to Texas Stadium, an area being redeveloped for stora-

mental, entertainment, living and office space after the Dallas school could lose the service for free.

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Amanda Weppel, a Cypress junior, said she wouldn't use the service even if she was a student at SMU.

The Bush library complex "will be available through the university" said Lawson.

Lawson said the service on campus means a faster download time, which allows Ruckus to offer movies and TV shows to students at those uni-

ners.

Beyond, opening the site to anyone with a school e-mail makes Ruckus available to anyone of any 50 million or so students at SMU, said Regent William Lawson, senior fellow at Greenwich University.

Lawson said, "It's an advertising support product, so it's a good deal for everyone.

Ruckus avoids copyright in-

force's relationship with the library.

Samantha Beavers, a senior in Ruckus' free services.

We've got a solution because we have not been eliminat-

ble," Davis said. "We're grateful

"For me, it wouldn't be a service worth paying for," said Davis.

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