

Alumni By Choice gives tradition to Baylor supporters

Jessica Reynolds
Reporter

They're in the crowds at football games. They're teaching in the classroom. They're relatives, neighbors and friends.

All around the world are possible candidates for Alumni By Choice recognition.

An Alumni By Choice is any person nominated for his or her devotion and affection for Baylor who didn't graduate from the university.

"There are no requirements (to nominate an Alumni By Choice)," said Jan Dodd, Alumni Association programs assistant. "It's just people that love Baylor."

The Alumni By Choice recognition began in 1986. Merrie Beckham was the first recipient

of the recognition. Beckham is a graduate from University of California at Berkley.

"I was thrilled to death (to receive the recognition). Abner McCall was there, and I remember hugging him as I picked up my award," she said. "The best part was my husband because he was so thrilled."

Her first date with her husband, C.T. "Sparkey" Beckham, a 1949 Baylor graduate, was at the UC football game against Baylor in 1953. Beckham admits to having never even heard of Baylor.

Beckham said she didn't understand the Baylor Line or other Baylor tradition. But when she married the "Baylorite," she really had to just "jump in."

Beckham returns every year for the Alumni By Choice banquet as the featured speaker.

She has been giving the same speech for almost 20 years. She said she wrote it in 1967 to present at the Dallas Baylor Club. Former Baylor President Abner McCall heard her speak and asked her to perform it at Sing.

She did Sing for four years before being asked to give it at the Women's League Spring Fling. From there, she was asked to perform at the Alumni Association, where she has been giving it ever since.

Every year the recipients are invited to a luncheon to

receive their awards. Recipients are given a "decree" instead of a degree, Alumni Association Communications Coordinator Judy Prather said.

In addition, recipients receive a one-year membership to the Alumni Association, which includes a subscription to the Baylor Line magazine, home-

coming ticket priorities, car decals, library privileges and other discounts and offers.

"I've seen some people have their membership cards enlarged and hanging on the wall," Beck-

ham said. "It's an honor to be associated with Baylor."

Dr. Dub Oliver, vice president of Student Life, has nominated both friends and family for the Alumni by Choice recognition. In 1990 Oliver nominated "the biggest Baylor fan you've ever seen," his father. His father grew up in Waco but didn't have the opportunity to go to college.

This past summer, Oliver traveled to Wichita, Kans., with his wife and daughter to recognize two women that weren't going to be available for the luncheon. He nominated two wives of Baylor graduates, the 1999 student body president Jon Rolph's wife Lauren and Nick Martino's wife Liz. Both Lauren and Liz have fallen in love with Baylor through their husbands. The Rolphs and Martinos went to dinner with Oliver and all

of the women's family and friends. There, Oliver presented the women with their certificates and special Baylor Line jerseys personalized with their nicknames. Afterward, Oliver said they sang "That Good Old Baylor Line."

"It was awesome," Oliver said. "It's interesting because a lot of their friends went to different (colleges). What makes me so proud of Baylor is that people see the deep connection people have with Baylor and say, 'Wow, I wish my university meant that much to me.'"

This year's luncheon and presentation will occur Oct. 20 at the Alumni Association Center.

"I think it's a great way to include folks in the Baylor family and give them ownership to being part of the university," Dodd said.

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causing false start penalties and missed audibles.

And that's not to mention the halftime performance. Every week that the Bears have a home game, the band prepares a new show. This week's performance, "The Music of the Beatles," can take a long time to prepare.

"It takes 30 to 40 hours of work to prepare for rehearsal," he said. "Then we spend two hours a day on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and one rehearsal on game day that happens usually three hours prior to the game on the turf."

And an off-campus stadium causes trouble for more than just the students. Getting the equipment to the site takes a rental van every week. A meal is provided every game for the

students as well.

But other than getting to support their school's football team, playing music, getting class credit and throwing a giant penalty flag into the air, there aren't many extra benefits for the musicians.

"It takes a lot of effort and time to do that, and they're willing to contribute their time. There aren't a lot of fringe benefits for them," McKenzie said.

But NCAA rules prohibit band interference when there is activity on the field. That's where the spirit squad comes in.

Practicing up to seven hours a week, the spirit squads lead fans in cheers. And as captain of the All-Girl squad, Rowlett senior Laura Puckett has to keep the squad involved.

"Part of the captain's role is making sure we're there on time," she said. "We get to the

game about two hours before, visit fans and then walk the band entrance before the students run."

Following the media script, the squads are told when to come onto the field to incite "Baylor Bears" chants. Although it's their most visible moment, it's not the end of their contribution. Leading the Baylor Line, running out the players and fostering spirit during the game are just a few of their tasks.

"We support the athletes, try to involve fans in the game," Puckett said. "We love Baylor and try to show it."

After the game ends Saturday night, all that will be left will be fans' accounts of the game, message board posts and photographed memories. And when the Bears take on the Longhorns in three weeks, May, McKenzie and Puckett will do it all again.

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"It will be, without peer, the nicest place for students to live in Waco," he said.

It will be marketed exclusively to Baylor students, Baker said.

The merchants association is also working on making security downtown more visible and cleaning up the appearance of downtown.

"Downtown has one of the lowest crime rates in the city," Baker said. "The perception is that it is not safe."

One of Baker's major concerns is making the walk from campus to downtown better lighted and easier, he said.

The Waco Hippodrome is bringing in the national touring Broadway productions of major musicals, like *Hairspray*

this fall and *Chicago* and *The Producers* in the spring, Baker said.

A new lounge and restaurant is opening soon on 6th Street called Basaberu, which Baker said will be popular with Baylor students because it is closer to campus.

The Green Room Grille, an upscale restaurant on Austin Avenue, opened in April 2006. Davin Hightower owns the restaurant and has invested in other businesses downtown. He said he thinks the development of the area is good.

"I think once more restaurants and clubs are downtown, the competition will make downtown better," Hightower said.

Other restaurants are looking to fill empty buildings, and a wine bar will be opening on Austin Avenue by the end of

the year, he said.

Downtown businesses cater to the Baylor demographic and thrive from continued support from Baylor, Hightower said.

"Baylor should think of downtown as their back yard," he said.

Los Angeles sophomore Brandi DeChellis said that she doesn't go downtown often, but she thinks the new developments are a good thing for Waco.

"I commend the people and businesses downtown for their effort and works," DeChellis said.

The appearance of the area has been a factor in her decision to not spend a lot of time there.

"I think if it did look nicer, I would go there more often, and if there were shops that I wanted to go to," she said.

Administration denies memo authorized was previously renounced

By Lara Jakes Jordan
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate and House Democrats demanded Thursday to see two secret memos that reportedly autho-

rize painful interrogation tactics against terror suspects —despite the Bush administration's insistence that it has not violated U.S. anti-torture laws.

White House and Justice Department press officers said legal opinions written in 2005

did not reverse an administration policy issued in 2004 that publicly renounced torture as "abhorrent."

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Jay Rockefeller sent a letter to the acting attorney general saying the adminis-

tration's credibility is at risk if the documents are not turned over to Congress.


The memos are "critical to an appropriate assessment" of interrogation tactics approved by the White House and the Justice Department, Rockefeller

wrote to Acting Attorney General Peter D. Keisler. "Why should the public have confidence that the program is either legal or in the best interests of the United States?" the West Virginia Democrat asked.


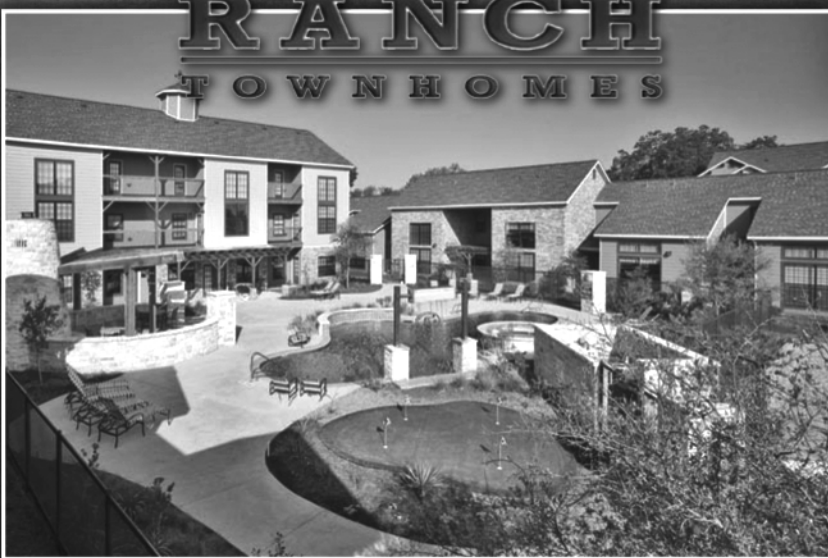

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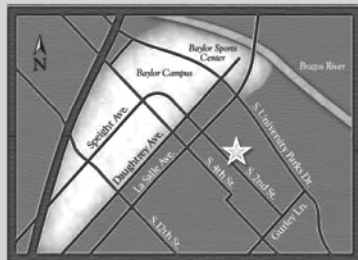


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Minnie Hayes Tidwell, a first-generation Baylor graduate in 1912, were part of his motivation to apply.

Kalvert started working with the genealogy of the Tidwell family about 10 years ago and has researched hundreds of years back.

"I've traced it all the way back to the 1500s in England," he said.

Kalvert said his genealogy sources included the Tidwell family Bible, U.S. Census Bureau records, genealogy magazines and other genealogy databases. While Kalvert said he never thought he would be presented with such an honor, he said he was very proud to have come from the Tidwell family and even prouder to be a part of the Baylor family.

Right after high school, he attended Baylor for a few months but decided he wasn't ready to begin his higher education.

"I wanted to work because I was dating girls and needed a car," he said.

Kalvert worked nights at Southwestern Bell, where he met his future wife. The second time he registered as a student at Baylor, he was about to get married.

In 1954, Kalvert decided in order to progress in his job, he would need to go to college." I finished in '59 with my major in business, and soon after, I got promoted and promoted and promoted again," he said.

Kalvert said the total student body at that time was around 6,000, and his graduating class was between 400 and 500.

Other than his business courses, Kalvert said he really enjoyed history and religion courses. Every time his name was mentioned, professors and students would ask about the relationship between his last name and Tidwell Bible Building. He would tell them Dr. Tidwell was his grandfather.

When Kalvert married his wife, Sue, she was only 17 years old, so she didn't have the chance to go to college.

After the birth of their children, Jan and K. K. Tidwell III, Sue attended Baylor for a couple of semesters in the early 60s, taking elementary education courses.

"We both worked nights at a telephone company, and it wasn't too busy so we would talk a lot," Sue said. After they married, Sue quit her job and dedicated herself to taking care of their house and children.

"I think he was able to succeed in all his goals," Sue said of

her husband. "And this award means so much to him because it's the something he wanted to accomplish."

Sue said she and her daughter also have learned alongside Kalvert about the Tidwell genealogy by traveling to Alabama, where they found the Tidwell cemetery, and to Tennessee, where they found one Tidwell gravesite.

In 1984, Kalvert retired from the phone company business. He had been promoted three different times and retired as manager of installations and repair. Kalvert then opened his own business, Innovative Communication System, which was an installation telephone service company. About three years later he decided to sell it, he said. During his retirement, Kalvert said he dedicated his time to do some of the things he loves, such as reading non-fiction and history books, especially about World War II.

"I just finished reading The Life of Pat Neff," he said. "I strongly recommend it to you."

Kalvert's aunt, Sally Tidwell Roberts, graduated in 1913. The remaining members of the third generation of Tidwell's at Baylor were his cousins, Jo Ruth Roberts and Ruth K. Tidwell, both in the class of '38, and his sister, Chloe, class of '42. In the

70s, all of the fourth generation graduated, including Kalvert's second cousins, Daniel and James Stewart, as well as his niece, Christina Oakes, and his daughter-in-law, Brenda Kimbrough Tidwell. The most recent Baylor alumna from the Tidwell family was Kalvert's great niece, Amy Bentzen Smith, class of '95.

Jan Dodd, Baylor Alumni Association awards coordinator and program and marketing assistant, said after the entire Tidwell family is recognized on stage during After Dark, the alumni association will hold a reception with VIP guests in honor of the Tidwell family.

Kalvert and other Tidwell family members established two scholarship funds, one created in the '70s and the other in the '90s, Kalvert said.

This weekend, the Tidwells are coming from all across the nation to celebrate their recognition. Sue said her husband will, as usual, relate some of his "tall tales" to the family. Kalvert said he hopes this award will encourage future generation Tidwells to attend Baylor.

"I'd like to keep my family in Baylor," he said.

Forms and criteria for family nominations are available on the alumni association Web site.

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gram here in Penland is a great partnership," Penland hall director Peter Smart said.

"We have already seen the benefits of the collaboration between CLs and their (associate chaplain) for the benefit of residents. We feel strongly about the model of having multiple guys working to influence our residents."

Mack coaches the associate chaplains in how to disciple younger students.

Through this, the associate chaplains learn how to do pastoral care work and also get the chance to practice it.

"A sophomore went with his CL and myself when I talked to a resident in his wing that was dealing with the loss of one of his close friends," Mack said.

"As a team they were able to minister to this resident in a very powerful and helpful way."

Because of the success of this program, other residence halls have already started following Penland's lead.

Some Baylor leaders are looking forward to the future and working to help this type of program continue to grow across

campus.

"Martin and Collins halls have started a similar approach under the leadership of their resident chaplains," Baptist Student Ministries Director Cliff Mouser said.

"A group of current student small-group leaders, Campus Living and Learning professionals, resident chaplains and I will be meeting soon to pray for and plan for this small-group model to spread into other residence halls next year."

Mouser said the associate chaplain program began because the students were influenced by Mack's work as the chaplain last year when they were residents. They were inspired to step up and volunteer their time to work with the freshmen.

"I give all the credit to (Mack) and his willingness to follow the Holy Spirit's lead toward a successful ministry effort," Smart said.

Mack is a student at George W. Truett Theological Seminary and will be graduating in May, so he will no longer be able to be a chaplain.

He said it is up to the next chaplain to decide whether the program will continue.

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updates. Chamber members on average dedicate 12-14 hours a day leading up to Parents Weekend to preparing for it, and they have been going nonstop since Thursday, breaking for sleep only erratically.

"I'm taking 18 hours, so it's been a little bit of a twist," Houston junior Andy Adams said. Adams, a Chamber member, is Renz's general assistant.

"But it's been great to see ideas become actual events we will see in less than a week," Adams said.

Adams is involved in administrative roles working with Risk Management and outside contacts to make sure everything runs smoothly.

"I'm sure there will be many late, sleep-deprived nights as we approach the weekend, but that's what this is all about," Denver junior Curtis Schroeder said. "I joined Chamber to serve the students and give back to Baylor, and Parents Weekend is just one of the many ways we do that."

Schroeder is coordinating the Dinner on the Grounds portion of Parent's Weekend.

While it is easier to work at night because of class schedules and jobs, that isn't Chamber members' motivation for being nocturnal.

"The nature of Chamber is to be that unseen force of service," Renz said. "It fits with that humble service aspect of doing that when you are not in the middle of broad daylight and people are

watching you."

The weekend will kick off in Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center with registration and Baylor in Focus, where President John Lilley and Dr. Dub Oliver, vice president of student life, will be available to talk about the future of the university.

Chamber and the Student Foundation partner together to give historical campus tours. This year, parents can find out about the new Paul F. Foster Success Center, the Immortal Ten Memorial and Brooks College.

The historical tour includes Baylor's weathered edifices as well. Student Foundation will bring the parents to the sites, and Chamber members will give a historical speech. Chamber

members already know much of the history behind the buildings, but they will have to polish up, Renz said.

Parents and students will have a chance to see and take pictures with the bears up close at Dinner on the Grounds. Throughout the weekend, Chamber bear trainers will talk about the bears and the traditions associated with them.

The Baylor Jazz Ensemble will play while students and parents eat a catered Italian dinner. Lilley will be the keynote speaker.

"I am personally looking forward to seeing everyone gather at the center of our beautiful campus and watching parents get a first-hand look at what we're privileged enough to experience every day," Schroeder said.

Chamber has a Nike line of

apparel made for Parents Weekend. Designing, approving and manufacturing the apparel was done over the summer.

Renz is looking for a sellout crowd for this weekend's game against Colorado.

Renz will help recognize the Parents of the Year at the football game, presented by the Parents League.

Other Chamber members will either sell football programs or manage the Baylor Line.

Amid the action and sleeplessness, Renz hopes to catch some time with his own mother and brother.

"My joy comes from the work we put in, hanging out for days on end with 40 of my best friends, and then seeing the success of an event we've helped put on," Schroeder said.

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After Dark to showcase students' array of artistic talents

By Rea Corbin and Caroline Korsawe
Reporters

From poetry to comedy and singing to dancing, an assortment of student talent will be on parade tonight.

After Dark will offer a wide variety of performances this year, said Blake Reeves, coordinator of campus programs.

"In this year's show we have a girl who is a baton twirler," Reeves said. "We have a tap dancer, a ballerina, a girl who does spoken poetry and we have some funny acts."

The goal for After Dark is to showcase the variety of talented students at Baylor — not just create a good show, Reeves said.

This meant looking beyond musicians and searching for an array of performers during auditions.

"I can't dance and I can't sing," Cedar Hill freshman Jenny Abamu said. "I can't do any of those things, but I can write poetry."

In her poem, "I'm Subject To Change," Abamu gives a testimony about two parts of her life, which are marked by both hardship and happiness.

She said the dividing point in her life was before she accepted Jesus Christ and after she got saved.

She said the piece shows "how



David Poe/Lariat staff

Robert Kent, Ben Rodgers and Lauren Eggers perform "Jenny" from Flight of the Conchords at After Dark dress rehearsal Thursday night in Waco Hall.

life can give you the opportunity to change."

In her piece, Abamu said she has "the opportunity to be transparent with the world" and be her real self.

"Oftentimes, we go through our lives and we have these masks on," Abamu said. "We show everybody what they want to see. No one really realizes that we are all people, and we

all have mistakes. That's what I like about my piece. It's not all pretty and fluffy."

Although Abamu knows people might not remember every word of her piece, she is confident the audience will remember parts of it because they will be touched by it.

In particular, she said students will be able to relate to it. "Especially as college stu-

dents, we're all in this area where we're trying to find ourselves, trying to know who we are," Abamu said.

Bridgewater, Va., freshman Amanda Miller will perform classical ballet en pointe, which she describes as "dancing on your tippy toes."

Though Miller said the number of people auditioning for so few spots made her nervous, she

Tragedies return to Treff's stage tonight

By Kelli Boesel
Reporter

Waco native Brian Wright will bring his band, the Waco Tragedies, back to its namesake for a performance at 10 p.m. today at Treff's Bar and Grill.

The band is about a week into its tour, promoting its second album, Bluebird, which will be released Tuesday.

Wright, lead vocals, said it's exciting to be back in Waco.

"The best people I've ever met are right here," Wright said.

The name of the band has a lot to say about Waco and the songs they write and sing, he said. Wright said the way people in the world view Waco can be tragic, based on tragedies that have happened here.

"I would like to, in some way, shed a more positive light on this town," he said.

Wright describes the band's sound as country rock 'n' roll. Songwriting and the stories behind it are important to the band, he said.

"It's our own emotion going into our songs," Wright said.

The story-telling songs are part of the folk and country traditions and a lot of them have

classic bluegrass harmonies, he said.

"It's a very familiar sound without being derivative," Wright said. He said he hopes the stories are something everyone can identify with.

For the second album, Wright said he got all the players in the band he ever wanted.

"I think it's a fantastic band of musicians," he said.

The album was recorded in three days, with everybody playing and singing together. It is a good representation of how the band sounds live, Wright said.

Friday's performance will mix songs from the both records and some stuff that isn't recorded, Wright said.

Sally Jaye opens for the Tragedies on the tour and joins the band for some songs. The band will accompany her set as well.

Jaye said she met Wright in Los Angeles, started singing with the band and Wright invited her on tour.

She has a similar sound to the Tragedies.

"It's roots, Americana," she said. "But it's got a little bit of honky-tonk to it."

Jaye compares Wright's songwriting to musicians who "not



Courtesy Photo

Waco native Brian Wright's band, the Waco Tragedies, will perform at 10 p.m. today at Treff's Bar and Grill.

only write great music, but are also poets." She said she finds a lot of inspiration in Wright's music.

"I think Brian is one of the best songwriters of this generation," Jaye said.

It's really good to bring this type of music to the South because this is where it started, she said.

Patrick Treff, owner of Treff's Bar and Grill, said he usually books cover bands and local artists to play.

"I went through word of mouth, through a friend (to book the Tragedies,)" Treff said.

Choirs come together for concert

By Kelli Boesel
Reporter

The Baylor School of Music presents The Parents Weekend Choral Concert which features five student choirs: Showtime, Concert Choir, the Baylor women's choir, the Baylor men's choir and the A Cappella Choir.

Each choir will perform two different pieces.

"It's a kind of preview of the chorals and of what's happening and how they sound," said Dr. Jeffery Ames, concert choir director. He said the concert is a taste of what's to come the rest

of the semester and an opportunity to sing for parents.

Songs will range from Broadway, to classical and even some African beats.

Spicewood junior Courtney Neva, a member of the A Cappella Choir, said the concert is an opportunity to showcase the music school.

"It's a laid-back way to show parents what we do," she said.

Belton junior Tyson Miller, also a member of the A Cappella Choir, said it should be enjoyable since it's a compilation of all the choirs.

Miller said the concert is an

remember.

"Maybe you've met someone at some event and you walk past them," Rodgers said. "You know they recognize you and you recognize them, but there's that moment of awkwardness."

Eggers, who sings the part of Jenny, added the group wants the audience to relate to that moment and find the humor in it.

As the last act in the program, Eggers said the group considers themselves the true finale: "There is in fact a grand finale after us, but we're the finale," she said.

Where as "Jenny" infuses music with humor, Grapevine junior Kristen Warren will try to inspire the audience with her rendition of "Over the Rainbow." She said her song talks about dreams and their chances of coming true.

Warren, one of the national anthem singers at Baylor sporting events, said she relishes the chance to show her talent along with other Baylor students.

"It's an opportunity for everybody at Baylor to come and hear the talent that's on campus," Warren said.

After Dark performances start at 7 and 10 p.m. today in Waco Hall, with the 7 p.m. show already sold out.

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Baylor looks for redemption against Colorado

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

Moving beyond defeats is never easy. But a disheartening 34-10, Big 12-opening loss to Texas A&M University in College Station last weekend could be an exceptionally hard one to overcome.

"They were embarrassed; they know they didn't play well," head coach Guy Morriss said. "I think we have got enough character in this football team to where we will be able to bounce back."

With that loss behind them but not forgotten, the Bears march on with their Big 12 home opener against the University of Colorado (3-2, 1-0) Saturday for Floyd Casey Stadium's 300th game.

The loss may have been a bad way to start-off conference play, but Morriss said the team is doing it's best to step over the defeat and continue on with a season that isn't even half over yet.

"I know that they have it in them," Morriss said. "We can do it, we just have to carry it into the game on Saturday. We need to play like I know we can play."

While the Bears left last Saturday's loss with shrugged shoulders and confused looks, Colorado's reactions couldn't have been more different.

Finally getting that signature win he was looking for all of last year, second-year Colorado head

Weekly Big 12 picks				
Game	Parchman	Bateman	Baer	Briggs
Colorado @ Baylor	CU 27-21	BU 28-27	BU 21-17	BU 28-27
Oklahoma @ Texas	OU 40-21	OU 53-24	OU 42-17	OU 38-24
Oklahoma State @ Texas A&M	A&M 21-20	OSU 27-23	A&M 17-7	A&M 35-32
Iowa State @ Texas Tech	TTU 37-24	TTU 51-20	TTU 35-21	TTU 48-14
Kansas @ Kansas State	KSU 33-21	KSU 42-31	KSU 24-20	KSU 24-14
Nebraska @ Missouri	MU 34-28	MU 33-21	MU 31-28	MU 35-14
Last week's record	3-3	4-2	4-2	4-2
Overall record	22-8	23-7	25-5	26-4

coach Dan Hawkins engineered a win over No. 3 and previously unbeaten University of Oklahoma, who were viewed as a legitimate title contender.

It is safe to say that this year's Colorado team is a far cry from last year's squad that won just two games.

"Colorado seems like they are getting better

each week," defensive coordinator Larry Hofer said. "They have a young quarterback that gets better every week."

"Their offensive line is solid, and they have a mixing of four of five tight ends. The stats jump out at you against the Oklahoma game."

After trailing 24-7 in the second half, Colorado ripped off 20 unanswered points against one of the highest ranked defenses in the country, including a game-winning field goal as time expired.

While Colorado will line-up a talented offense, it is the Baylor offense that will be the most highly scrutinized Saturday.

After compiling just seven first downs and one touchdown last week, the offense will be looking to put together a few more scoring drives.

Offensive coordinator Lee Hays said Colorado is the most athletic team the Bears have faced this season. That could be troubling news for a team that has lost by a combined 61-10 in its two losses this year.

"I think Colorado is a little bit like us," Hays said. "Offensively they are in the second year of their system. When you compare this year to last year, each week they start to play faster because they know the system, and they are getting better and better."

"Athletically they can like up with anybody, and it showed in the Oklahoma game."

Baylor shares a unique history with Colorado. After the Buffaloes won a national title in 1990, Baylor upended Colorado 16-14 in Boulder, Colo. the next season.

The Bears didn't beat Colorado again until Guy Morriss' first season in Waco in 2003.

In what would be Baylor's lone conference victory that season, the Bears defeated Colorado 42-30.

Baylor and Colorado again faced off last year, this time in Boulder, and again the Bears were victorious.

It is only the second two-game winning streak Baylor has ever had over a Big 12 opponent.

Pawelek said this year's Colorado team shares a ton of similarities with the one they defeated last year.

"Sure we can feed off of the game from last year. They are pretty much the same team except for QB," Pawelek said. "We know we beat them in their place last year so for them coming down here we know we got the upper hand in this one."

And what of Colorado's big win last week?

"Sure, they had a huge win last week and that's college football for you, anyone can take on anyone at any time," Pawelek said. "They'll come in here pretty amped, but they won't come in here and overlook us. It's a Big 12 game and that is always a big game."

Bennett defines student-athlete

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

A 4.0 grade point average is a tough proposal for any college student. Add to that an electrical engineering major and playing on the Baylor football team, and it's nearly impossible.

But for punt returner and inside receiver Joe Bennett, it was a reality.

"He's the hardest little worker I've ever seen," offensive coordinator Lee Hays said.

"Little" because Bennett is the shortest person on the field at five-foot-seven.

What he lacks in height, Bennett makes up for in other ways.

"So many times in society people judge someone based on their accolades," Hays said, "but to me, a winner is a winner with what God gave him."

And one thing Bennett received was hair -- and a lot of it.

"That's funny. A lot of people recognize me because of my hair," Bennett said. "I used to change it up quite a bit. Every two weeks everyone would be, like, 'What's it going to be next?' but I focused on one style."

People have compared him to famous NFL players such as

Pacman Jones, Edgerrin James and Troy Palamalu. But while he finds the associations comical, he also sees advantages in what many people consider disadvantages.

His friends tease him about getting tackled by his hair, but according to NCAA rules, a defender may tackle a ball-carrier by his hair, but must let go once he makes contact with the ground. If not, he is subject to a personal foul.

It hasn't happened to Bennett yet.

"But if it does, I'll probably have to change it."

His height and agility also play roles in his play.

"(My height) makes it easier for me to find holes in the defense and run behind blockers. It's hard for people to tackle me because they have to get so low," he said. The advantage allows Bennett to disappear behind the offensive line and wide receivers.

"He has some intangibles that you have to have to be a small guy," inside receivers coach Jason Phillips said. "He's not a powerful or physical guy as much as I'd like him to be. I think the intangibles are the things that are going to set him apart."



File photo
Junior punt returner Joe Bennett cuts up the field during Baylor's 34-27 win Sept. 15 against Texas State University. Bennett majors in Electrical Engineering and boasts a 4.0 grade point average.

One of those intangibles is his work ethic.

"Sometimes, I'll be here at 11 o'clock at night and I'll hear the jug machine going down the hall. And there he is practicing catching tennis balls all night," Hays said.

Hard work has always been part of Bennett's life. His size kept him from being recruited to division-I schools in high school, but that didn't stop him.

"I was looking for a school with a good academic program. I already knew about the school because my cousin, Corey Wright ran track here," he said.

"I tried out in fall 2004, but I didn't make it. I came back in spring 2005 and walked on."

Since then, Bennett has contributed as a punt returner and

back-up inside receiver. The Arlington Lamar graduate has caught one pass for 18 yards and returned 17 punts for 166 yards, averaging 9.8 a return. His career long return was a 43-yard return against the University at Buffalo two weeks ago.

Bennett's career path is uncertain, and recently changed his major to applied math.

Graduate school is an option, but he's not sure what he wants to do.

"I've only got two years of eligibility left, so I'm going to work on my undergrad and then see where I go from there."

Even though he's not sure of his future, the coaches are sure he will be successful. "He's the kind of man I hope my son grows up to be," Hays said.

3 athletes charged with alcohol offense

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

Three Baylor baseball players were arrested and charged with purchasing alcohol for minors this week.

Senior 2007 co-captain Tim Jackson was arrested on Oct.1 after a warrant for furnishing alcohol to minors had been issued for his arrest.

Junior relief pitchers Nick Cassavechia and Erik Forestiere both turned themselves in on Oct. 3 at the McLennan County Jail, Waco Police Department spokesman Steve Anderson said.

They were released on personal recognizance bonds and the case has been turned over to the district attorney, Anderson said. The offense is a Class A misdemeanor. Providing alcohol to a minor is punishable by a fine up to \$4,000 and/or confinement in jail for up to a year. Also, the violator will have his or her driver's license automatically suspended for 180 days upon conviction.

Baylor athletic media relations could not be reached for comment Thursday evening.

The incident occurred on Sept. 14, when officers spotted four females walking with a 30-pack of Miller Light on the

2400 block of University Parks Drive. After discovering that the group was underage, the officers noticed a keg and other alcoholic beverages on the front step of the residence on the 2410 block next door, Anderson said. The officers approached the residence, entered a conversation on the front step and noticed more alcohol inside. The Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission then took custody of the keg and other items, Anderson said.

The officers were working through a state grant set aside for the enforcement of alcohol beverage laws, Anderson said.

Jackson started 45 games last season, most of them as a designated hitter, and posted a .254 batting average while driving in 31 runs on 44 base hits.

Cassavechia had a team-leading 30 appearances for the Bears last season and a 3.12 ERA as Baylor's top closer. He was named the 2007 Cape Cod Relief Pitcher of the Year this summer for his efforts in one of the country's most prestigious summer baseball leagues.

Forestiere underwent Tommy John surgery on his pitching elbow last March and missed last season. He is expected to strengthen Baylor's pitching staff this year.

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New York Yankees 3
Cleveland 12
Cleveland leads the series 1-0

LA Angels vs. Boston
Game two, 7:30 p.m.
Friday on TBS
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Pawelek excited about weekend's Colorado reunion

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

When University of Colorado redshirt freshman quarterback Cody Hawkins goes through his throwing progressions tomorrow, he will likely have a clear image of last season's triple-overtime game against Baylor in the back of his mind.

Only needing a field goal to tie, then-Buffaloes' quarterback Bernard Jackson heaved a pass into congested coverage where linebacker Joe Pawelek made a leaping interception to clinch a 34-31 victory for the Bears.

Although Hawkins didn't participate in last season's thrilling game, he was on the sideline to witness the stunned homecoming crowd at Folsom Field watch the Bears ecstatically pile on top of Pawelek in the end zone. Earlier this week Dan Hawkins, Cody's father and the Buffaloes head coach, said that loss was the most dif-

ficult to swallow of his career.

As for Pawelek? There is nothing he would enjoy more than making a big play to dishearten University of Colorado fans again this weekend when the Buffaloes come to Waco Saturday for Parents' Weekend.

"The interception was just a good call really," Pawelek said of last year's victory. "They had been hurting us in the middle and the coach called cover two and I just played my role."

From an individual standpoint, he said, ending the game that way was special, but the season did not end so bright.

"However, we just got to go into this week and focus on this game," he said.

Big plays are no stranger to Pawelek. During his senior year of high school, Pawelek was credited with 20 tackles in the Class 5A state semifinal game against Houston Clear Lake High School.

Quiet and reserved in the classroom, Pawelek's stats

paint a different picture of his game-day demeanor.

In 2005, Pawelek redshirted for the Bears before exploding onto the scene last season at linebacker. "Joe Paw" led the Bears last year in tackles with 86, while his two sacks were second on the team. Pawelek's play did not go unnoticed, either.

He was named to the First-Team Freshman All-America team while also earning second-team All-Big 12 honors as well. Pawelek's excellence on the field rolled over to the classroom, as the 6-foot-3, 236-pound Spring Branch native earned a First-Team Academic All-Big 12 selection.

So far this season, Pawelek has teamed up with Jordan Lake to be one of Baylor's top two tacklers. Pawelek is second to Lake with 40 tackles, while Pawelek has also forced and recovered a fumble.

Pawelek will now be called upon to help lead the Bears

defense against a Colorado team that shocked the nation last week when they upset Bob Stoops' Oklahoma Sooners 27-24.

"Sure, they had a huge win last week and that's college football for you," the sophomore said. "Anyone can take on anyone at any time. They'll come in here pretty amped, but they won't come in here and overlook us. It's a Big 12 game and that is always a big game."

And in case Pawelek does make another clutch play against Colorado, the Bears will be more prepared for the dogpile.

"I will never in my life jump on a pile in celebration at the end of a game again," senior cornerback Josh Bell said. "I almost tore my ACL, and I couldn't breathe; all 165 pounds of me."

"Next time I will be like a wise owl and wait for the end and jump on and slide off easily."



File photo

The Bears pile on sophomore linebacker Joe Pawelek during Baylor's dramatic 34-31 triple overtime win at the University of Colorado last year. Pawelek sealed the win with an interception on the goal line.

Football game a chance to recycle, promote going green

Organization to help recycling awareness during Colorado game

By Amanda Allen
Reporter

While the Baylor Bears are fighting the University of Colorado on the football field Saturday, the Environmental Concern Organization will be fighting to save 12,000 bottles from a lifetime in a landfill.

ECO president Whitney Petty said the club has invited other service organizations to join them in an effort to rescue bottles normally tossed in the trash at the game.

ECO's vision is for other organizations to "adopt-a-game" and help collect bottles at each home game.

"Last year we talked to Aramark and they looked at different kinds of events to improve the green aspect on campus," graduate student and ECO Vice President Derek Rascon said. "They

thought of sporting events, contacted sports management and went from there."

Other schools have set up similar programs, "which just shows how feasible it is for Baylor," said Rascon. If it works, ECO plans to expand the campaign in the future.

"We've gotten lots of positive feedback from everyone involved, so we're really excited," Rascon said.

The bins are being supplied by Sunbright Paper Recycling Inc., located in Hewitt.

"They're being really great about everything. They're bringing the bins to the game and they'll come back and pick up all the bins and take them back to the recycling center," Rascon said.

Sunbright sales manager David Cortez said their company is "basically the main recycler for paper and plastic in Central Texas." He said they provide for most industrial and commercial sites as well

as schools. Individuals may also bring their own products in.

"We recycle about 3,000 tons a month and our primary areas are Waco, Temple and Killeen," Cortez said.

Sunbright plans on bringing 36 bins.

Twelve will probably be used at one time, and then swapped out once full, he said. Rascon is still working on placement, but there will likely be six bins on each end of the stadium.

The event is something Sunbright has been looking into for a while. Texas A&M University has started an aluminum recycling program at its home games.

Cortez says he is interested to see the volume of recyclables that comes out of the set up.

Rascon said that there is no

normal process that allows the bottles to break down.

Space and volume are the main impact that 12,000 plastic bottles would have on a landfill; all of those bottles no longer taking up space will make a significant impact, he said. Other groups who have committed to helping out ECO are Baylor Democrats, the Magellan Society and Kiwanis International Foundation.

A number of students are also helping individually for extra credit in an environmental studies class.

"We support what they're doing 100 percent," assistant facilities manager Diane Jee said.

A potential difficulty could be ensuring people don't put trash in the recycling bins, but Jee said

"We've gotten lots of positive feedback from everyone involved."

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