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Basketball teams look to hook horns

Women boast best-ever conference start

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

Some say that the Big 12 Conference is the elite of all conferences for women's basketball. With a 76-56 victory over the University of Nebraska Saturday night at the Ferrell Center, the No. 6 Lady Bears margin of victory in conference play jumped to an astounding 13 points per game. Apparently Kim Mulkey's team has not gotten the memo.

"They are not ranked top 10 for nothing," preseason All-Big-12 selection and Cornhusker forward Kelsey Griffin said after Saturday night's game. "To be able to have those types of weapons that spread the ball around is what makes them so tough."

Baylor (16-1, 6-0), already has two Big 12 victories against top-25 teams on its resume (No. 11 University of Oklahoma and then No. 13 Texas A&M University). But with the magnitude of talent and depth in the Big 12, the Lady Bears' schedule does not have a respite from here on out.

Starting with Wednesday night's

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Thornton, Colo., freshman guard Melissa Jones takes a jump shot Saturday in the contest against University of Nebraska. Lady Bears won 76-56. Austin senior forward Mark Shepard tries to shoot over an A&M player. The Bears lost 77-71. Both teams will face the University of Texas Longhorns this week.



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Men aim to hold on to ranking

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

At one time in Scott Drew's tenure at Baylor, a six-point loss to a tough squad like the University of Oklahoma would have sufficed as a necessary step toward rebuilding the program.

But this is a new year, with a new team with much higher aims.

"I think it takes a long time to earn respect," head coach Scott Drew said. "It starts with maturity and leadership, something I think a lot of guys on this team got last year."

But despite the 77-71 loss Saturday at home to the University of Oklahoma, Baylor men's basketball kept its No. 25 spot in the most recent Associated Press Top 25 poll released Monday.

Baylor lost seven points from last week but hung on to the last slot in the poll thanks to a memorable five-overtime win on Wednesday over Texas A&M University.

The Big 12 has five teams in the AP Top 25 poll this week, including the Aggies, who are two spots ahead of Baylor at No. 23.

The crowd of 10,393 Saturday represented the third-largest show-

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Museum major turns minor

By Ashley Killough
Reporter

Starting this semester, the College of Arts and Sciences will no longer offer the museum studies major.

The museum studies department has replaced the major with an undergraduate track that will lead students directly into Baylor's graduate program.

Traditionally, students have been required to declare a double major in museum studies and another concentration of their choice, such as art, history or anthropology, to complement the type of museum work they plan to do in the future.

"A lot of students were getting nervous about the possibility of finishing a double major on time, and I think that was

pushing them away," said Dr. Kenneth Hafertepe, associate professor and interim chairman of the museum studies department.

From now on, transfer students and incoming freshmen will choose a different major and have the option of starting their graduate work in museum studies their senior year. The new track provides an advantage for students by allowing them to finish Baylor's graduate program in less than two years.

Hafertepe said the department will still offer undergraduate courses and a minor in museum studies, but "if students get to their senior year and they decide that a master's degree in museum studies is right for them, then this just moves them down the pike a little faster."



Luis Noble/Lariat staff

Houston senior Sonya Maness holds a tarantula Thursday at the Mayborn Museum Complex.

Students already enrolled in the undergraduate program will not be affected by the changes and will still graduate with the double major format.

"There are a few people who will have to sit down and calculate and figure out their hours," Hafertepe said. "But they're going to come by, and we're

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Coal plants emit conflict

Sierra Club to campaign against Dynegy energy provider

By Shannon Daily
Staff Writer

Today marks the beginning of the No New Coal campaign sponsored by the Sierra Club. The campaign is designed to get anyone who wishes to call in to Dynegy, a wholesale electricity, natural gas and natural gas liquids provider, to protest the construction of new coal plants.

Right now Dynegy has six new coal plant proposals out, giving it the greatest number of proposals in the nation.

One of these proposals is for a plant in Riesel. Getting all of the required permits for a coal plant is a three-year process. The plant in Riesel has its water and air permits, but has been taken to court for both of

those by an organization called Texans Protecting Our Water Environment and Resources, or T.P.O.W.E.R.

Ricky Bates, chairman of the organization, has been fighting Dynegy on the construction of the plant for four or five years, he said.

"I live 400 yards from the edge of the plant site. They're doing the basic ground site work right now. I hear the back-up beepers and the construction every day," Bates said.

The case recently passed out of the first district courts and is now going to the second district courts on appeal. Bates said he's willing to take the case all the way to the Supreme Court if he has to.

"If they get their permits, my family's going to have a real tough decision to make. We're going to have to decide where to move. We can't stay 400 yards from a plant that's going

to put out the kind of pollutants it is," he said.

Chemicals such as mercury and arsenic can get from the plant into the groundwater and rivers and start corrupting the drinking water, Bates said.

The air and water permits are the two most important permits because of the massive amounts of pollutants that affect these two things, said Susannah Hook-Rodgers, coordinator for the Sierra Club campaign.

Coal plants are the second largest emitter for carbon dioxide, only 2 percent behind cars, Hook-Rodgers said.

"They're just trying to make money while people are becoming very, very ill," she said.

While the Sierra Club is starting the event, anyone is allowed to call in to voice his or her opinion on the new pro-

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Flood in Collins caused by water line break

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

A fire alarm woke the first and second floor residents of Collins Hall at approximately 2:15 a.m. Saturday, but this wasn't a mere fire drill. The floors were flooded with 1-2 inches of water after a water line broke, resulting from a damaged fitting, according to Don Bagby, director of facilities management.

Baylor Police chief Jim Doak said for the girls on the first floor, "it was like a rainforest" as water leaked down from the

ceiling. Police found out about the debacle after receiving two emergency elevator calls from Collins, Doak said.

Once outside, stories started to boil as the women waited for the "all-clear" that never came. Instead, they were directed to wait inside the Harrington House Faculty Center until further notice. Shortly before 3 a.m., all residents were evacuated, Doak said, as firefighters worried that the water could cause an electrical fire.

Around 3 a.m., officials told residents they would have to find another place to stay the

night. Sgt. Greg Perkins opened the Stacy Riddle Forum for the women.

But Houston freshman Mel Musgrove, whose room did not flood, didn't wait for the announcement. After spending 10 minutes in the Harrington House, she went to her brother's house, frustrated by the inconvenience.

"I was pretty upset," Musgrove said.

Austin freshman Regan Swope, who lives on the second floor, stayed in a hotel room for the remainder of the night.

"I had just enough time to

pick up all my stuff off my floor and throw it on the bed before the water came in," Swope said. When she returned at 1 p.m. Sunday, she found portions of her carpet, which she had added to the room, were ruined.

Although Musgrove and Swope did not know about the option of staying in the forum, Joe Bruner, assistant director of resident learning for south communities, said, "We tried as best we could to accommodate in a crazy situation."

Darrell Edwards, coordinator

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David Poe/Lariat staff

Baton Rouge, La., freshman Ashley McClellan moves her belongings out of Collins Residential Hall and into South Russell Residential Hall Monday.

For basketball team, real victory lies in fans' faith

January 26, 2008.
Mark that date on your calendar. Remember it for posterity and store it in your mind for when Baylor encounters lean years in the future.

For that was the day that Baylor men's basketball owned up to a new, modern-day legacy.

Most outside observers will remember it as the day the Baylor men's basketball team lost 77-71 to the University of Oklahoma at home to end a four-game Big 12 winning streak.

The statisticians will merely state that on a Saturday afternoon in Waco, Texas, Baylor lost a basketball game.

What those same people may not have seen was the nearly unprecedented outpouring of

support from Baylor fans for this suddenly competitive men's basketball team, this lovable band of winners that has caught fire in the national media.

Students arrived in droves, some camping out in front of the Ferrell Center ticket office Saturday morning to assure themselves a ticket for the game.

Ticket lines stretched to University Parks Drive on Friday afternoon, students desperately wanting to catch a 16-2 team in action.

In the end, a crowd of 10,393 filled the Ferrell Center, the third-largest turnout in school history for a men's basketball game. The crowd was anxious at times, yet raucous and extremely loud. Thunderous waves of noise

point of view



BY WILL PARCHMAN

washed over the court as the student section pounded on the chair-backs with their fists.

On my way out of the stadium, I overheard fans understandably disappointed at the loss but grateful for a game that provided an electric atmosphere in the final few minutes as Baylor flirted with a lead in the waning moments.

The men's team has been

able to raise this kind of fan support in the past. The two crowds ahead of Saturday's were in 2002 and 1997, and neither of those teams had any real post-season aspirations.

The issue has been matching those attendance spikes with comparable numbers down the line. The largest crowd in Ferrell Center history, more than 10,400 strong, saw Baylor lose to No. 24 Texas in 2002.

A week later, when Baylor faced off against Texas A&M in a game that would prove to be the Aggies' second-worst loss in program history, little more than 6,000 were at the Ferrell Center to see it happen.

This most recent loss has me wondering if Baylor men's bas-

ketball fans will fail at the same clip. For some reason, with all that has happened over the past five years, I don't think they will.

Everything we have heard and seen over the past several weeks has been tempered with talk of the scandal that rocked the campus in 2003.

Stories told of the team's exploits this season only after setting an eerie backdrop laden with scandal-heavy prose.

Everybody knows the story now, but the national media has understandably latched onto a selling point and infused their stories with the harrowing tale of the death of a team member and the ensuing attempt at a cover-up from the head coach.

The great part about Saturday

was that this men's squad seems to be finally be standing on its own legs again, and the fan base is coming around to the idea.

The Bears are stepping out from under those echoes and making a completely new name for themselves. The excuses that were so prevalent before are now melting in the heat of what has become a scorchingly popular story.

This is still a school that is figuring out how to properly support this men's basketball team, but there is no doubt that Saturday was the beginning of something beautiful.

Will Parchman is a senior journalism major from Austin and the sports editor of The Baylor Lariat.

Editorial

Students should show support in stands

At the beginning of the fall semester, conversations about Baylor athletic coaching inevitably focused on our struggling football team and its lackluster leadership.

But now that basketball season has begun and what was athletic struggle has blossomed into athletic strength, pride abounds for two head coaches who took a chance with Baylor. That gamble is now paying off with winning teams.

Coaches Kim Mulkey and Scott Drew have revamped and revitalized Baylor's basketball program and proved to be strong and determined leaders who've recruited players to form two formidable teams.

After coming to Baylor in 2000, Mulkey has taken the Lady Bears places previously unimaginable, including a 2005 NCAA national championship, six NCAA tournament appearances and seven 20-win seasons.

Mulkey was even inducted into the Baylor Athletic Hall of Fame this past fall.

Drew stepped up to the plate in 2003 when no one else would, after tragedy and scandal shook the men's basketball program to its core. His leadership seems to have single-handedly led the program from no man's land to legitimacy in just a matter of years.

Speaking generally, students tend to be engaged and spirited only when a winning team is involved. Thankfully, Mulkey and Drew have handed students an entire plateful of reasons to be spirited. Our school may have



struggled in other areas, but these coaches have remained focused and committed, and their determination and dedication (along with that of the players) have not gone unnoticed.

Mulkey put the Lady Bears on the map and they haven't left since. This season the women sit atop the Big 12 standings, undefeated in conference play and looking as good as ever.

Drew brought a ball team whose heart seemed to be fading last year to the top of its game now. The team is ranked in the Top 25 for the first time in nearly 40 years. The men's five-overtime win last week went down in

the history books and will not soon be forgotten.

These coaches have brought such inspiration and success not only to our basketball programs, but our school as a whole. The least we could do now to show our support and thanks for them and our teams is simply to show up.

Fans showed up in record numbers Saturday to watch the women beat Nebraska and the men fall just short to Oklahoma. Our teams will need student spirit next week as well, and the week after that.

Our teams and coaches have put in

hundreds of hours of undying effort and enthusiasm for our school; it is only right that we show them the same respect. That means support on the road as well.

This weekend the men will play the University of Texas in Austin, which is only an hour and a half drive away. So carpool, caravan, do what you must — just get there, ready to cheer our team on.

We are lucky to have such leaders as coaches and players, and our thanks can best be shown in the stands. We at *The Baylor Lariat* support our Bears and we hope you will too.

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Billary needs to back off, let only one Clinton campaign

Watch out, Bennifer and Brangelina. Get ready, Tom-Kat. There's a new dynamic, name-blended duo in town, and they're blazing the trail straight to the White House.

Meet Billary — the experienced twosome campaigning for the 2008 elections.

This couple seems to defy all sorts of rules. Capable of being in more than one place at a time, Hillary has the mitotic ability to split one campaign into two.

It's like magic. Maybe Billary should be in the White House; just one wave of their magical wand and Iraq could turn into a playground of friendly fun rather than friendly fire.

I don't know what kind of energy drink former President Clinton took a few weeks ago, but he is full throttle for Hillary. Every day, he uses his presidential perfume to allure undecided voters to Hillary's side. He's been courting voters in New Hampshire and South Carolina on his wife's behalf by spreading his supportive statements and coddling her campaign followers.

Barack Obama is probably thinking human cloning would really come in handy at this point. Now that his big bully adversary has doubled in size, he has to battle two rounds of accusations from his Democratic opponent. (Sorry, John Edwards

point of view



BY ASHLEY KILLOUGH

— you're not included in this debate). Bill called Obama's win in the Iowa Caucus "the biggest fairy tale" he's ever seen, saying that the Iowa voters apparently want something that looks and sounds good.

"They don't care about achievement," he said. Well, now there's a dose of irony. I guess being the first serious potential

black presidential candidate isn't much of an achievement.

While Hillary is climbing presidential hills, Bill is collecting fundraising bills. Rarely do we see them together; it's just not as efficient.

Hillary said she found her voice in New Hampshire, but if that's true, why do we keep hearing her husband's? There's just something weird about seeing Bill on stage, while a collection of "Hillary" signs dance among the crowds in front of him. Usually, the name that appears on campaign posters is accompanied by the actual candidate at campaign rallies, not a spousal substitute.

Hillary should stop using

her husband for boosts in the polls. Even though Bill says his wife will be the one in charge if they make it back in the White House, it still means she would have gotten there on his record rather than her own.

Presidential candidates need to run on their own merit, not by their associations. The Republicans have done it, too, with many of them aligning themselves with Ronald Reagan's legacy.

We all know Hillary's qualified enough to compete with the other candidates. We don't need a second opinion, or rather, a surplus of second opinions, from Bill. Endorsements are

important, but they become a little excessive once emotions get involved. This race starts to resemble a soap opera rather than a professional campaign when Bill steps in after Obama shoots a sharp one to Hillary.

With 24 states scheduled to hold primaries or caucuses on Feb. 5, known as Super Tuesday, Billary has an advantage of splitting the campaigning. No one knows what will happen in the next couple weeks, but Hillary will most likely feel super supported, while Obama may be feeling super tired.

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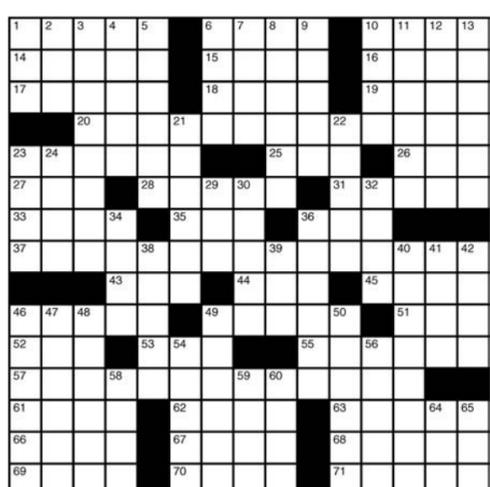
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BEAR BRIEFS

The Bear Pit is chartering four buses Saturday to the men's basketball game in Austin. Fare is \$15 and includes the ticket. There are 65-75 tickets left. For more information contact Chase McVicker at bearpit@baylor.edu.

The Pulse and Phi Beta Kappa are looking for student essays running between 14 and 20 pages to be considered for publication and a \$200 reward. The submission deadline is February 5. For more information visit www.baylor.edu/pulse.

Camp John Marc, a camp for children with chronic illnesses and disabilities, is recruiting for its summer staff. An information session will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Bill Daniel Student Center. For information contact Baylor Career Services at 254-710-3771.

Baylor Career Services is holding a job fair for student in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math from noon to 4 p.m. February 5th on the fifth floor of the Cashion Academic Center. For more information call Baylor Career Services at 254-710-3771.

Baylor Alumni Association is sponsoring a package trip to destinations in seven European countries from May 25 to June 12. For information contact Bobanne_Senter@baylor.edu.

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Forgiveness theme of speech on Amish

Culture of forgiveness unifies Amish, explains professor

By Elizabeth Herring Reporter

In following the teachings of Jesus, the Amish are quick to forgive "those that have trespassed against them," said Dr. Steven M. Nolt, associate professor of history at Goshen College, in Goshen, Ind.

Nolt, the first speaker in the Campus Programs Lecture Series, spoke Monday afternoon on the Amish response to the school shooting in October 2006.

Nolt has studied the Amish for many years and, along with many Americans, wanted to know about their quick forgiveness of Charles Roberts, a local

man without religious ties to the Amish, who shot 10 Amish girls in a schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pa., killing five, and finally killing himself.

Many outsiders thought that "the last safe place you could imagine, an Amish schoolhouse, was not safe," said Nolt.

That evening, a delegation from the Amish community went to the home of Roberts' widow and said that they forgave him and did not hold what happened against her or her family.

The Amish, who choose simple methods of living, were "appropriately pictured at a distance," Nolt said. To their critics, however, this made the Amish seem emotionally distant from the situation, Nolt said.

Some praised the Amish for their quick forgiveness. They viewed them as "the best of us, of American society or of Chris-

tian tradition," Nolt said.

Others, however, were more critical. They viewed the forgiveness as unhealthy. Following the majority view in our society, they viewed forgiveness as "the end of the road, not the beginning," Nolt said.

The Amish see forgiveness as a form of self-denial, Nolt said. They give up the right for revenge and self-justice because they believe "ultimate justice lies in the hands of God," Nolt said.

The Amish community as a whole extended forgiveness to the Roberts family, Nolt said.

This aspect of community forgiveness is one way their culture resists deterioration, Nolt said. When a society routinely extends forgiveness to those who have offended them, even within their community, there is peace. They can continue to

survive without splitting. It is practical to practice forgiveness, Nolt said.

This is in contrast with American views of forgiveness, where forgiveness is between the offended person and the offender, Nolt said.

It may seem difficult to apply Amish principles to our lives in a world that is not Amish, but Nolt said he hopes his book *Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy*, which he co-authored with Donald B. Kraybill and David L. Weaver-Zercher, will help start a dialogue to reconcile these worlds.



Nolt



Luis Noble/Lariat staff

A nook for a book

Edmund, Okla., freshman Madeline McClure reads on the front porch of Alexander Residence Hall.

Bush asks for action on economy

By Terence Hunt Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, standing before Congress one last time, urged the nation Monday night to persevere against gnawing fears of recession and stay patient with the long, grinding war in Iraq. He pressed Congress to quickly pass a plan to rescue the economy.

"We can all see that growth is slowing," Bush said in a blunt acknowledgment of rising food and gas prices, increasing unemployment and turmoil in housing and financial markets.

He cautioned against accelerating U.S. troop withdrawals from Iraq, saying that would jeopardize progress achieved over the past year. He said plans already are set for 20,000 troops to come home.

It was his final State of the Union address and he faced a hostile, Democratic-led Con-

gress eager for the end of his term next January. He scolded lawmakers for slipping costly, special-interest projects into bills and promised to use his veto pen to cut them.

With his approval rating near its all-time low, Bush lacked the political clout to push bold ideas and didn't try. He called on lawmakers to approve a \$150 billion plan to avoid or soften any recession through tax rebates for families and incentives for businesses.

"The actions of the 110th Congress will affect the security and prosperity of our nation long after this session has ended," the president said.

Senate Democrats want to expand the economic stimulus plan with rebates for senior citizens living off Social Security and extensions of unemployment benefits for the jobless. Bush said those changes "would delay it or derail it and neither option is acceptable."

He also pushed Congress to extend his tax cuts, which are to expire in 2010, and said allowing them to lapse would mean higher tax bills for 116 million American taxpayers. For those who say they're willing to pay more, Bush said, "I welcome their enthusiasm — pleased to report that the IRS accepts both checks and money orders."

He renewed a proposal to spend \$300 million for a "grants for kids" program to help poor children in struggling public schools pay for the cost of attending a private school or a better public school outside their district.

His speech lasted 53 minutes, interrupted frequently by applause, most often by Republican lawmakers.

Delivering the televised Democratic response, Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius urged Bush to work with Congress and help the U.S. regain global standing lost because of the war.



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William Bolcom reads a piece of music. Bolcom, who has been playing the piano since he was 4 years old, is performing tonight with his wife, a mezzo-soprano, in Roxy Grove Hall.

Pulitzer-winning pianist to perform

By Emily Monti
Reporter

For William Bolcom and Joan Morris, mixing business with pleasure has become a necessity.

Bolcom, a pianist, and his wife, Morris, a mezzo-soprano, will perform together at 7:30 p.m. today in Roxy Grove Hall.

They're one of four performing acts this year in Baylor's Distinguished Artist Series, put on by the School of Music.

The series was started by Daniel Sternberg, dean of the School of Music from 1942 to 1982. Performers are chosen

based on their rapport, entertainment value and how accessible they are to an audience.

This year Kathy Johnson, assistant to the dean of the School of Music, is in charge of the series.

"This all started as an opportunity for the Waco and Baylor community to hear good music live," Johnson said.

Bolcom won the Pulitzer Prize for music in 1988 and was named Composer of the Year by *Musical America* in 2007.

"It was a nice surprise and was an honor to receive, but doesn't have to do with why I continue writing and playing music," Bolcom said.

Morris, a Grammy-nominated mezzo-soprano, has been a singer since childhood, but said she really got involved in chorus when she entered high school.

"I remember trying to audition for one of the nuns, and I was so scared I couldn't make a sound come out," Morris said.

Bolcom and Morris met in 1972 and began touring together in '73.

The couple teaches at the University of Michigan but still travels the world performing.

"The best part about touring is that I get to be with my wife," Bolcom said.

Their performance list includes songs from the late

19th century through the 1930s and also some of Bolcom's cabaret songs, which were written for Morris.

Morris said she doesn't necessarily seek her inspiration, but rather it just comes to her.

"I'm always looking at new pieces of music; I always have a feeling that the songs pick me," she said.

In addition to performing, Bolcom will offer a master's class for students who want feedback and critique on their performances.

Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for the public. For more information, call (254) 710-3571.

City officials tackle renovations, work to preserve park history

By Victoria Mgbemena
Staff writer

In 1910, a landscaping architect named George Kessler requested \$2,000 to design what would become William Cameron Park. The City of Waco declined Kessler's offer. The Park Commission Board and Park Superintendent Dr. Thomas Charlton would eventually be at the forefront for designing the park, which was finished in late May that year.

"Most parks had designers come in and do the work on contract," said Eären Russell, landscape architect associate for EDAW Inc. "The park officials and the city did not want to put in that much money at the time, so it was eventually designed by the people."

EDAW is a worldwide landscaping design firm that specializes in engineering and construction management. EDAW is working with the Parks and Recreation department on the restoration project for most of the park, which is to include safety features and trail improvements. Russell's specialty is historic preservation and landscaping.

"I am working with the city to restore the historical aspects of the park," Russell said. "The

main thing we are trying to do is avoid destroying historical resources and concentrate on preserving historical appeal."

Sections at the park receiving special attention are Jacob's Ladder and Proctor Springs, which has origins dating back to the times of Native American settlement in the area. With the opening of the park several hundred years later, Proctor Springs became a popular attraction for Waco families to picnic and congregate.

"The Seven Springs were of interest in Waco long before the park was dedicated in 1910," Russell said. "Over the last 25 years the springs have somewhat deteriorated due to the elements and lack of maintenance. The springs have accumulated an increased mineral content over the years, which have diverted the water flow in some places. The focus will be on improving erosion and soil compaction."

Russell has drawn from historical archives and people to derive portraits for the maintenance of the historical quality of the park.

"I talked to former Superintendent Charlton last week about the City Beautiful Movement that took place at the beginnings of the park," Russell

said. "It is interesting to see old pictures and hear perspectives from people that were with the park from the very beginning."

Graduate students have teamed up with Russell to compile historical information and perspectives from sources in Waco. History professor Michael Parrish enlisted the graduate students in his public history seminar.

"My graduate students are working with Eären to organize historical information on how the park has changed and evolved over the years," Parrish said. "It will be ideal for students to see how history relates to the public and how bureaucracy deals with the public."

City officials plan to have renovations completed for its centennial anniversary. Russell hopes the park can be restored to meet federal safety standards without compromising its historical appeal.

"The goal is to rehabilitate and stabilize parts of the park to meet contemporary safety standards without challenging its historic integrity," Russell said. "It will not only depend on funding and infrastructure, but on the passion and willingness of the community to get involved."



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match-up against the No. 25 University of Texas Longhorns, five of Baylor's next six games come against ranked opponents, including road games against No. 18 Kansas State University and No. 21 Oklahoma State University.

Baylor and Kansas State, which are each off to their best conference starts in school history, are perched atop the Big 12 standings two games ahead of Oklahoma State and Nebraska.

As hot as Mulkey's team is right now, the eighth-year head coach wants fans to know that the wins now won't mean anything if the Bears cannot succeed in March.

"I know we're coming together at the right time to pile enough wins to try to win this thing and compete for a Big 12 Championship," said Mulkey, who was honored for her 200th victory before Saturday's game. "The right time is the playoffs. You win six games and win a national championship, that's the right time."

Wednesday's match should prove to be a formidable test for Baylor's frontline. Texas, led by

6-foot-4 junior Ashley Lindsey, has eight players on its roster that are six feet or taller. But after giving up 28 points and 13 rebounds to Oklahoma post and 2007 AP All-American Courtney Paris on Jan. 20, Danielle Wilson and Rachel Allison have toughened up in the paint.

Saturday against the Cornhuskers, the highly touted Griffin was held to 12 points. Meanwhile Cornhusker forward Danielle Page, who scored 25 points in her previous game against Texas A&M, only managed to score two points against Baylor.

"I think what is encouraging for me as a coach is that we have been able to make adjustments defensively each game," Mulkey said.

The Longhorns entered a skid this month, losing three of their first four conference games. But after a key win against Oklahoma State and a convincing 67-37 win against the University of Missouri, Texas is back on track and back in the polls.

"We're glad that we get to start off against them at home," Jonesboro, Ark., native Allison said. "They're a good team getting back in the chase."

Wednesday's tip-off against the Longhorns is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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going to brainstorm what's right for each individual."

A master's degree is the highest level of education specifically targeted toward museum studies, and most graduate students receive their bachelor's degree in a concentration other than museum studies.

"Museum studies curriculum makes more sense as graduate level work than it does as undergraduate curriculum," said Dr. Sinda Vanderpool, CASA director of advisers. "You have to get a master's degree in museum studies in order to become a practitioner, so it's better to focus on another specialization like anthropology, art or history and take some core classes in museum studies as an undergrad. That way you'll be more competitive in the museum studies field when you graduate."

Vanderpool said there was

also a practical concern involving the decision to remove the major. Many of the undergraduate and graduate courses were overlapping, and students in two different degree programs were learning the same material.

El Paso sophomore Danielle Brissette said she was sad to see the major go but is willing to remain flexible.

"It's kind of disappointing, because it will be harder for people in the future who are interested in getting a major in museum studies," Brissette said. "I love the Baylor program because it has a nice range of classes and has really opened up to me what I can do in a museum."

Many of the museum studies students say they are understanding of the new changes and appreciate the opportunity to start their graduate work sooner.

"I love the museum studies program, and I'm really excited

to go to class everyday," Aledo freshman Jennifer Atwood said. "It's not like a chore to do the reading, because I really enjoy it."

Atwood said she doesn't think she will go to Baylor's graduate school, but she knows many of her classmates will pursue the new track.

"Because you have the new option, I'm sure a lot of people will definitely take them up on that offer," Atwood said.

Baylor's museum studies graduate program is one of around 50 graduate programs in the nation and currently has an enrollment of 18 students. Hafertepe said the department has grown significantly since its start-up in 1993 when it was located in the basement of the Sid Richardson Science Building.

"It was scary, and nobody knew we were even there," Hafertepe said. "It was one of those well-kept secrets on the Baylor campus, and I think

some people even thought it was an urban legend."

With the opening of the Mayborn Museum Complex in 2004, the department has had more room to grow. Hafertepe said the museum provides hands-on learning for the students and opportunities to observe and interact with visitors.

"Having the Mayborn here is such a wonderful advantage," Hafertepe said. "All the sudden we went from the basement to the penthouse."

With the new changes, the faculty expects the graduate program and students to benefit even more.

"We have 11 students who are taking our 1300 intro museums class right now, so they're in the best position to take advantage of this new track into the master's program," Hafertepe said. "They'll really be able to hit the ground running as far as graduate work."

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of insurance and risk services, met with residents Monday in the Collins lobby to make a record of damaged belongings. He could not comment on reimbursement for property.

"Risk Management is handling all claims and will make fair restitution for all flood

damaged items (which are not restorable). Any schedules for reimbursements will be developed by the insurance department of Risk Management," Bagby said.

Target Restoration, a general contractor, assisted in the clean-up, and washing wet clothes and linens. The company was called to help so students could get back to normal

as soon as possible, Edwards said. He also said the materials should be returned today.

Bagby said a final price estimate on the damages has yet to be figured. A plan will take shape this week to schedule repairs, most of which are needed in the finishes such as carpet, paint and ceilings.

Bagby complimented the reaction time of employees

involved in the emergency.

"Thanks should go to the many maintenance, cleaning and risk management workers," he said.

Bruner said residents seemed cooperative through the difficulty.

"The young ladies from Collins have been very respectful, very understanding," he said.

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ing for a Baylor men's basketball game in school history. Scores of students lined up on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning to ensure their place in the arena on Saturday.

Conditioning came into play Saturday as it took some time for Baylor to find a groove against a Sooner team that led by as many as 16 points in the second half.

"I was pretty tired about halfway through," said junior guard Curtis Jerrells, who was named the Big 12 co-player of the week Monday, sharing the award with Oklahoma's Blake Griffin. "My legs were burning."

Team members admitted there was some holdover from the trying 65-minute win over Texas A&M in terms of fatigue levels but refused to lean on that as a crutch.

"I think people might have made that excuse, but we don't make that excuse for ourselves," said senior guard Aaron Bruce, who chipped in 10 points on 4-9 shooting in Saturday's loss.

The Bears will get a much-needed break this week and won't play again until they

travel to Austin Saturday to face the University of Texas at 12:45 p.m.

Drew said he thought the team "couldn't have a better time for a break," which they will use to rest up, study film on the Longhorns' tendencies and draw up a gameplan for what is sure to be a hostile Frank Erwin Center.

As for similarities, there are quite a few between the two teams. While Texas doesn't boast the guard depth that Baylor does, its starters are averaging bigger numbers. Starting guards A.J. Abrams and D.J. Augustin, who was added to the Wooden Award midseason list Monday for best player in the country, are averaging 17 and 20 points respectively. While Abrams is considered one of the country's best 3-point shooters, Augustin is one of its best floor generals.

"You can't say that since (Kevin) Durant is gone that we're going to beat them," Bruce said. "Everybody else picks up their level. Other guards have been creating their roles."

With a week off and a top 25 ranking at stake, Texas will remain in the crosshairs all week.

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posals.

"It's not to shut down existing coal plants. It's just putting a moratorium on any new coal plants being built and to clean

up the old ones," Hook-Rodgers said.

The call-in day is just the beginning of the campaign, Hook-Rodgers said.

"It's going to go on until Dynege stops their coal plant

permits."

Scottsdale, Ariz., sophomore Paige Panter is working to bring the event to Baylor's campus.

"I'm just trying to get the awareness brought to Baylor," she said. "It's hard to get people

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