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Jigsaw, ceramic art on display at Martin Museum

Courtney Webb
Reporter

Baylor University's Martin Museum of Art is bringing students the vibrant works of artists Al Souza, Blair Meerfeld and John Tilton.

The first gallery displayed Al Souza's "simply stacked, two-dimensional jigsaw puzzles," said Elnora Allen, a museum attendant. "I go before work to see the fascinating and colorful pieces on display."

Souza is a Houston artist. His pieces "(enlighten) viewers with transformations of ordinary material into extraordinary visual exhibits," according to the museum's artist biography on Souza.

Souza trained as a civil engineer and then transferred to New York to study fine arts for four years.

His work has been showcased in The Whitney Museum of American Art, as well as in museums overseas.

"His piece called 'Mixed Nuts' reminds me of grocery store shelves with tea and strawberries, when all it really is, is different puzzles stacked together with glue," Allen said.

Souza has four jigsaw pieces and over 10 smaller pieces along the wall.

Martin Museum attendant Jack Cobb said Souza's work inspires him.

"Souza's work is just great," Cobb said. "It's so bright and it just grabs my attention."

Allen said she can appreciate the work put into Souza pieces.

She could better relate to his pieces because she and her daughter put together a jigsaw pictorial, she said. "It has been sitting on our coffee table for 15 to 20 years."

Another kind of Souza's work displayed at the museum is about the Book of Job. There are different verses of the Bible portrayed in elaborately cut-out sketches. He took words from the verses and chiseled shapes to illustrate the stories in layers staked upon each other.

The two other artists displayed in the gallery are John Tilton and Blair Meerfeld. They both design and create ceramics.

Meerfeld has an exhibit with multiple pieces made out of salt-glazed stoneware.

"The glazes are extraordinary," said Nacogdoches junior Hunter Chambers. "Anyone who comes to see these intricate pieces should not just look, but ask more about how they were made, because machines are touching very little of these ... they are almost completely hand-made."

Meerfeld is from Colorado and holds a bachelor's degree in art education from Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo. He owns Meerfeld Salt Glazed Stoneware, a studio and gallery, which he opened in 1988. He has also worked as a ceramic engineer for 10 years.

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Christina Kruse/Lariat staff
Austin senior Lexi Musta and Nacogdoches junior Hunter Chambers look at Blair Meerfeld's artwork, Thursday. The artwork of John Tilton and Al Souza will also be on display in the Martin Museum of Art until Oct. 11.

City of Waco 'digs' fossils

By Jade Ortego
Staff Writer

Mayor Virginia DuPuy spoke Thursday to a group of one hundred donors and members of the National Park Service who gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Waco Mammoth Site. Congressman Chet Edwards, who has raised money for the preservation of the site, was also present.

"I asked everybody to imagine what it was like 68 thousand years ago, the sights, sounds, smells and humidity ... and to fast forward to 30 years ago when two men discovered the bones and could have easily walked away from it. But they didn't ... Oh, the remarkable things that have followed!"

The site is home to the remains of at least 25 Colombian mammoths killed by a mudslide, and the largest known concentration of mammoth deaths from the same event. The bones were discovered by Paul Barron and Eddie Bufkin in 1978.

"Right now the groundbreaking is for the advancement of the site's protective structure. Our main goal is the preservation of the site," said Dr. Ellie Caston, executive director of the May-

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Baylor loses Curves research program, relocates to A&M

By Ashley Corinne Killough
Staff Writer

Curves, Inc. terminated funding for its high-profile research program at Baylor on Sept. 1, while transitioning to Texas A&M University in August under the leadership of Dr. Richard Kreider, the program's principle investigator.

Kreider served two consecutive three-year terms as chair of the department of health, human performance and recre-

ation in the School of Education, where he led the Baylor Exercise and Sport Nutrition Laboratory.

He announced late last spring that he had accepted the position as the chair of the department of health and kinesiology at Texas A&M University, where he would be continuing research funded by Curves.

Kreider cited administrative changes within the School of Education as one of his reasons for moving.

"I wanted to continue devel-

oping top-level programs and we didn't think Baylor was going to get there with that leadership," Kreider said in a phone interview.

Kreider said he was also attracted to the opportunities that Texas A&M University offered.

"There's more resources, potential and better collaboration here at A&M," Kreider said. "I came to Baylor to help develop a world-class research program, which we did. We made many

accomplishments, and we were able to get a lot of funding. We did everything we were asked to do and are proud of that."

Dr. Jon Engelhardt, dean of the School of Education, said he understood that Kreider's disagreement was within the HHPR department and not with the school's administration.

"There's a lot of side issues, but the bottom line is that Dr. Kreider decided to leave Baylor and went to another university," Engelhardt said. "We certainly

wanted for him to stay here."

Engelhardt said that from his understanding, Kreider left on good terms with the administration.

"We were not happy to see it end, but we understood that it was his choice to leave," Engelhardt said.

In 2004, Curves awarded Kreider and his staff in the ESNL a \$6 million grant to conduct diet and exercise research related to Curves fitness programs.

The funding provided for a number of health studies, including tests on the impact of high-protein and high-carbohydrate diets, calcium supplementation in post-menopausal women and the effects of crash dieting on metabolism for women.

Curves also worked with the engineering and computer science departments on the design and mechanics of its hydraulic fitness machines.

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Student recounts Iraq tour of duty

By Jillian Henderson
Reporter

Army Strong: a slogan that can be seen on TV, in buildings on campus and on the backs of countless vehicles driving around Waco. For one Baylor law student, this slogan has an entirely different meaning.

Army reservist and Frisco law student Sgt. Pete Kerr spoke to students and faculty yesterday at the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center about his experiences in Iraq.

In July, shortly after Kerr began law school in spring 2007, Kerr was called to begin a tour of duty in Iraq.

He had decided to join the reserves because he loves the United States and he loves the core meaning behind the flag and everything it stands for, Kerr said.

"Once you're in the army you

are broken down," Kerr said. "You're told to speak a different way and act a different way."

Leah Jackson, associate dean for the Baylor law school, was excited to have Kerr speak about his deployment in Iraq.

"I wanted everyone to hear and share in his experiences," Jackson said.

Kerr explained the heat he felt in Iraq.

"When I stepped off the plane it felt like a blow dryer hitting you in the face," Kerr said. "The second day in Iraq, it was 130 degrees with dust storms all over the place."

The soldiers at the Spiker Army base in Iraq were very close and shared a strong brotherhood, Kerr said.

Coalinga, Calif., junior and Army Sgt. Glen Newell was deployed to Iraq in March 2004 and also was close to his fellow soldiers.



Christina Kruse/Lariat staff
Law student Pete Kerr talks about his experience in the Middle East as a reservist on Thursday.

"Being in the military and being so close to someone for so long, the only thing you can do is be close to those soldiers around you," Newell said. "You consider them your family."

After Kerr showed a picture of one of his friends, who was killed in Iraq, Kerr had to pause

his presentation to fight back tears.

"The cost of war is definitely real and it affects so many people," Kerr said.

Even after leaving Iraq, there

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'Change is coming' vows Sen. McCain

By DAVID ESPO and ROBERT FURLOW
Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - John McCain, a POW turned political rebel, vowed Thursday night to vanquish the "constant partisan rancor" plaguing the nation as he launched his fall campaign for the White House. "Change is coming" to Washington, he promised the Republican National Convention.

"I will reach out my hand to anyone to help me get this country moving again," McCain said in a prime-time address. "I have that record and the scars to prove it. Senator Obama does not," he said of his rival for the White House, Sen. Barack Obama.

"USA, USA, USA," chanted the crowd in the hall.

McCain's speech was the highlight of the final night of the party convention, but before he took the podium, delegates unanimously awarded the vice presidential nomination to Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin. She is the first female ticketmate in Republican history.

McCain, 72 and campaigning to become the oldest first-term president in history, faced a delicate assignment as he formally accepted his party's presidential nomination: presenting his credentials as a reformer willing to take on his own party and stressing his independence from an unpopular President Bush, all without breaking faith with his Republican base.

Other Republicans were

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Election drama starting to look like reality TV

Forget "Grey's Anatomy." Might as well trash "Law & Order." "Lost" — who needs it? Not when the election is providing its own primetime drama.

After Obama's convention speech received higher ratings than this year's season finale of "American Idol," the big networks might want to showcase more political theatre than predictable programs this fall. The two candidates have already been typecast by the news media, ready to appear in a number of America's favorite TV shows.

McCain's camp promotes him as a greyer, less rugged Jack Bauer of "24," putting his "country first" and chasing Osama Bin Laden to the "gates of Hell." On the other hand, the Left paints

him as someone ancient enough to star in a "Golden Girls" reunion movie.

Obama is framed by the Right as living it up Hannah Montana-style, enjoying a double life as both politician and pop star. Or if you favor MSNBC, you might view him not only qualified for the next president but the next character on "Heroes," as well. But instead of rapid cellular regeneration or mental manipulation, Obama's superpowers will include shooting rays of hope from his eyeballs and savings lives with his rapturous rhetoric.

Not only do we have character development for this must-see season, but the dramatic plot is there, too: John Edwards cheating on his wife, Obama

point of view

BY ASHLEY KILLOUGH



being involved in a shady housing deal with Tony Resco, Hillary lying about undergoing Bosnian sniper fire — all leading up to a surprise ending with the pick of Gov. Sarah Palin as McCain's vice president.

The reality TV buffs can get their fix from the pundit shows. Sometimes the tension between Fox's Hannity and Colmes is about as thick as the animosity between MTV's Heidi and Lau-

ren. And did anyone happen to catch the latest veep version of "The Bachelor: Maverick Style?" With only one rose left and a small pool of politicians to choose from, it was the most dramatic rose ceremony yet!

"My friends," McCain said, as the music intensified. "It was a tough one. But Gov. Sarah Palin — yes, you, the one hiding over there behind the stuffed moose head on the wall — will you accept this sign with our names on it?"

The rejected contestants were outraged!

"What? I didn't know there was another Conservative out there better looking than me!" Romney declared.

All joking aside, the election

can be entertaining, but the news media shouldn't forget their number one purpose: to tell the truth.

This weekend, with the perpetuation of a nasty rumor dominating news coverage, we saw an ugly scar on the face of journalism. There's no doubt you're aware by now of the Palin cover-up lie started by liberal bloggers (which I won't repeat here).

Sadly, after the McCain camp factually dismissed the gossip, the 24-hour news networks still fixated on the rumor, trying to dig up evidence. Barack Obama even barked at the press for intervening in the Palin family's personal business.

We're a country that prides itself in our journalism princi-

ples: balance, fairness and accuracy.

With the line growing thin between blog reporting and traditional reporting, perhaps the news industry should re-evaluate some of its standards, defining what is reliable when it comes to citizen journalism. Perhaps it should focus on real news, rather than inappropriately subjecting a family to the obnoxious depravity of tabloidism.

And speaking of petty spins, perhaps the Fourth Estate should start criticizing itself rather than the number of estates owned by John McCain.

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Editorial

Texas teachers pack heat

It's the policy heard 'round the world.

Last year, a school district in Harrold, a small, rural town about 150 miles north of Fort Worth, approved a policy change that would allow teachers to carry concealed firearms into the classroom. The policy, the first of its kind in America, took effect last month with the start of the new school year.

The news stemming from this tiny town, with a 110-student district, has caused a nationwide and international stir. Media outlets from Italy to Saudi Arabia have covered this story.

The district's superintendent, David Thweatt, said the purpose of this policy is to increase security in the school district. Harrold's proximity to U.S. 287 could make it vulnerable, Thweatt said. The highway is located less than 1,000 feet from the school, and the sheriff's office is 18 miles away.

Schools have been gun-free since Congress passed the Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1990, which prohibited the possession of firearms in a school zone. According to Texas Law, firearms are outlawed at schools unless specific institutions allow them.

Governor Rick Perry said he supports the policy. "There's a lot of incidents where that would have saved a number of lives," he told the Associated Press.

The Brady Center, the nation's largest, non-partisan

organization fighting to prevent gun violence, cites Texas Penal Code 46.03 and Texas Education Code 37.081 in making the argument against Harrold's policy, stating that it may not comply with Texas law. School employees who are authorized to carry guns must be peace officers who have received written authorization from the institution. The law did not intend for teachers or faculty to carry the same responsibility of protecting students, according to the Brady Center Web site.

Baylor's policy on concealed weapons does not mirror Harrold ISD. "Weapons are explicitly prohibited," Baylor police chief Jim Doak said. "We think the downside is greater than the upside."

Baylor police train for crisis situations by doing special drills on different campus buildings at various times each year, he said.

While Baylor's policy bans weapons, there are students who are in support of legalizing concealed weapons on campus. Students for Concealed Carry on Campus — Baylor Chapter is a Facebook group with 33 members. The national Facebook group has 32,864 members.

"After such tragedies as Columbine and Virginia Tech, it is abundantly clear that the only way to stop mass murderers is to have responsible citizens in the classroom and on campus able to carry their licensed



handguns," according to the Facebook Baylor chapter group Web site.

By allowing employees to carry concealed weapons, the Harrold school district is trying to protect students during school shootings, but the policy itself is insufficient and flawed in more ways than one.

The policy requires employees to go through training in crisis management, in addition to having a concealed weapon license, before being approved to carry a loaded pistol. But that's not enough.

A school board does not have the experience and professional skill to handle the responsibility that comes with arming school employees. This policy has liability written all over it.

What are the criteria that a situation must meet before teachers are able to use their weapons? Is it the visibility of another weapon, a verbal threat or a flinch, that gives teachers permission to use their guns? The line has to be drawn somewhere.

Consider what would happen if teachers misplace or have their weapons stolen.

What happens if a student is able to wrestle a gun out of an employee's possession? What happens if the gun discharges in the midst of a teacher breaking up a fight?

Any school district that even considers the same policy as Harrold's needs to be able to answer these questions to the utmost satisfaction. And even then, the risk involved with

arming teachers may still be too great.

Maybe before initiating this policy, Harrold, a school district without a security guard, should have considered employing a school resource officer. Surely an SRO would have more experience and training than teachers to manage school emergencies.

Harrold's policy seems to act only as a small bandage on a large, gushing wound. There's a bigger problem here that should be addressed at large. Find out why students are motivated to shoot up schools, and tackle the issue at its core. It may not be a quick fix, and yes, it may take some time. But isn't it worth it?

Cure the problem. Don't simply treat its side effects.

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Improvements to NFC East division worth watching

With four receptions for 82 yards and a touchdown former University of Oklahoma wide-receiver Malcolm Kelly torched the Baylor Bears defense last year and looks to do the same this year against NFC East defenses as a Washington Redskin. Talent such as Kelly's has made the NFC East division the best in the National Football League.

An influx of talent has rushed into the NFC East division. AFC Pro Bowlers Asante Samuel, ranked among the top cornerbacks in the NFL in interceptions with 6; Jason Taylor, who led the NFL with 11 sacks; and Adam Jones, a proven play maker

for both the defense and special teams, have brought credibility to the NFC East defenses.

With the Cowboys weak secondary being filled by Jones, calling the Cowboys the most talented team in football is not only appropriate, it's flat-out intelligent.

A team that had a Pro Bowler for each position in football, except defensive line, is poised to earn their first playoff win in 12 years. All talk is on the Cowboys for the 2009 season, but the talent creeping up on them is undeniable.

The Eagles have a healthy McNabb and the most danger-

sports take

BY GARRETT TURNER



ous running back in the game in Brian Westbrook on their offensive side.

With a plethora of talent on the defensive side, mixed with the ingenious, blitz-happy mind of Defensive Coordinator Jim Johnson, the Eagles will state their case this year as being one of the NFC elite.

The Cowboys will have their hands full with new head coach Jim Zorn's squad in Washington, D.C.

A year removed from an emotional, inspirational playoff appearance, the Redskins have skipped the rebuilding stage by drafting well and being an actual player in the free agency market.

A draft that consisted of players like Michigan State wide-receiver Devin Thomas, University of Southern California tight end Fred Davis and University of Oklahoma wide-receiver Malcolm Kelly, the Redskins look to use these NFL ready wide-outs

in a passing attack that will put NFL defenses on their heels. A new coach, a more mature quarterback, and a stingy defense will give the Redskins a head start in the rebuilding stage and a potential breakout year.

The New York Giants are the defending Super Bowl champions. An "unstoppable" Eli Manning, according to Citizen Eco Drive's watch commercial, comes back from a Superbowl MVP award that has his confidence soaring.

Getting rid of distractions such as Jeremy Shockey and Michael Strahan, the Giants can focus on improving a squad one

year removed from winning the Super Bowl. Even though injuries such as Osi Umenyiora take away some talent from the Giants' most dangerous weapon, the defensive line, their depth looks to jump back and prove once again why they are the best. This squad might be the one left out of the playoffs this year but who can argue against a team that won the Super Bowl?

The power resides in the NFC East, the best division in the National Football League.

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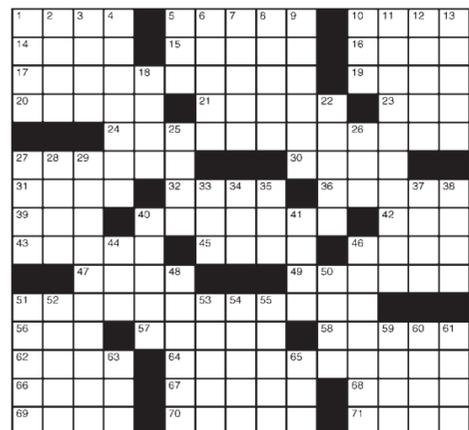
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Art imitates life

Students study the human form during their afternoon class held in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center Thursday.

Crime Stoppers in Waco lead nation

Ashley Erikson
Reporter

In response to an anti-snitching DVD and T-shirt campaign launched in Baltimore, Waco Crime Stoppers will lead Crime Stoppers programs across the nation in their development of the "Tippin' Ain't Snitchin" campaign.

Officer Steven Dieterich, coordinator of Waco Crime Stoppers, said the idea came to him when he witnessed a 4-year-old run by him with a T-shirt with the logo 'Stop Snitching.'

The campaign started in April.

"It's criminals who are asking the public to stop snitching," Dieterich said. "If your grandmother was mugged, wouldn't you want someone to report the mugger?"

The crime rate at Baylor is significantly lower than anywhere else in McLennan County, Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said.

Last year at Baylor, the most common violations involved alcohol, drugs and theft, with assault and vandalism not far behind, Doak said.

"I was driving down Speight last year and parked my truck in front of a friend's house," Granbury junior Josh Aten said. "When I came back outside, I noticed that someone had broken the windows."

Nothing was taken from Aten's truck, but he wished someone had given the police a tip, Aten said.

"I think if anyone sees a crime, it's their obligation to report it, regardless of the seriousness," Houston senior Zoe Martinez said. "Whether it's a break-in, harassment or the destruction of property, it's important. It

could happen to you next time."

Students often call or visit the police department to talk about a situation, Doak said.

"We are available around the clock and if a person is the victim of a crime or sees something suspicious, they can come talk to us," Doak said.

"If your grandmother was mugged, wouldn't you want someone to report the mugger?"

Steve Dieterich
Waco Crime Stoppers

The Baylor Police Department and Waco Crime Stoppers ensure confidentiality in keeping tipsters' information anonymous so people will not feel intimidated when reporting a crime.

In addition to anonymity, those who give Waco Crime Stoppers a tip will be compensated.

Waco Crime Stoppers is currently looking for songs, student artwork and videos to launch the marketing campaign.

The top entries will be used for promotional purposes such as TV public service announcements.

"To me, a snitch is a guy who's ready to turn in anyone, including his mom, just to take a month off his sentence," Dieterich said. "But a tipster is someone who's trying to keep the community safe."

For more information about Waco Crime Stoppers, contact Officer Steven Dieterich at 750-1761.

FLDS children allowed to live with parents

By Michelle Roberts
The Associated Press

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Child by child, Texas authorities are acknowledging that many of the children seized during a raid on a polygamist sect's ranch can safely live with their parents or guardians.

Since the April 3 raid on the Yearning for Zion Ranch in Eldorado, 235 children's custody cases have been dropped, meaning fewer than half of the 440 children seized remain bound by a court order to stay in Texas, attend parenting classes or be available for unannounced visits by Child Protective Services.

CPS spokesman Patrick Crimmins said more cases are likely to be dropped but he was unsure how many.

"They're being dropped "as fast as we can because it's a burden on everyone," he said.

He said the dismissals do not mean that abuse never occurred, only that many of the children can safely live with a parent or other relative, something that sect members and lawyers argued early on in the chaotic custody case.

"It most certainly goes back to the idea that the proper way to have conducted this process was to get evidence as to what children, if any, were at risk," said Cynthia Martinez, a spokeswoman for Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, which represented dozens of mothers in the case.

"They went through this ordeal, and in the end, CPS found they were a good parent."

The children of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints were the subject of one of the largest custody cases in U.S. history, taken into state custody from their ranch in a tiny west Texas town because child welfare authorities said girls were being forced into underage marriages and boys were being raised to be perpetrators.

Authorities went to the ranch after several calls to a domestic abuse hotline, in which the caller claimed to be an underage wife and mother who was being beaten and raped by her much-older husband.

Texas state police are now investigating whether the calls were a hoax.

Once authorities had the children at a San Angelo shelter, they said the sect members refused to cooperate with the investigation, refusing to give last names or identify parents or siblings.

CPS officials said they had no choice but to treat all the children as potentially members of the same family.

They were scattered to foster care facilities across the state in April and remained there for about two months until the Texas Supreme Court ruled that authorities were wrong to take all the children. Half the children sent to foster care were younger than 6.

When state District Judge

Barbara Walther ordered them returned to their parents in June, she also ordered them to stay in Texas, take parenting classes, allow psychological assessments and be available to investigators from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day.



AP Photo

In this May 19 file photo, members of the FLDS follow a group of attorneys into the Tom Green County Courthouse, in San Angelo.

Only one child, a girl allegedly married to jailed sect leader Warren Jeffs when she was 12, has been returned to foster care.

Five sect members, including Jeffs, have been indicted in Schleicher County for sexual assault of a child; several have also been charged with bigamy. A sixth FLDS member is charged with failing to report

child abuse, a misdemeanor. Jeffs, convicted as an accomplice to rape in Utah, remains jailed in Arizona where he awaits trial on charges stemming from the alleged underage marriage of sect girls.

Crimmins said the agency never intended to take the FLDS children from their parents permanently.

"We never brought the kids into care to keep them in care. We brought them into care to do an efficient and effective investigation," he said.

Jessica Dixon, a law professor who oversees the child advocacy clinic at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, said CPS cases do sometimes result in children quickly being dropped from court supervision, even after initial foster placement. But it doesn't happen often.

To remove a child, "legally, you've got to be able to show risk," she said.

CPS now usually looks for a way children can remain with their parents safely, Dixon said, though she noted that cases of alleged sexual abuse will usually trigger swifter action.

"In most child welfare courts, they're going to be safe rather than sorry, and in some cases, that will result in removals that shouldn't have happened," she said.

Since the April raid and rancorous custody case, the FLDS, which believe polygamy brings glorification in heaven, has said it will not sanction marriages of underage girls.

BEAR BRIEFS

Circle K International will hold an information meeting and ice cream social at 8:30 p.m. Monday on the third floor of the Bill Daniel Student Center. For more information, visit www.baylor.edu/circlekint.

Bruce Berg, professor of violin will present the Solo Sonatas of Johann Sebastian Bach at 3 p.m. Sunday in Roxy Grove Hall. For more information, visit www.baylor.edu/music.

Student Activities will be holding Rock The Vote Monday through Friday in the Bill Daniel Student Center. Students can register to vote or learn more about the importance of voting. Visit www.baylor.edu/student_activities/campus_programs for more information.

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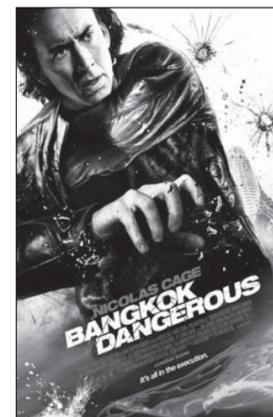
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Waco Events

- * **Children of Eden** opens at the Waco Civic Theater tonight at 7:30. The theater is located at 1517 Lake Air Drive. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.
- * **Fall Kick-Off Party** featuring DJ Shay Scantron, playing electro-dance and indie-electronic music Friday at 9:30 p.m. at Common Grounds located on 1123 S. 8th street.
- * **Gridiron Grill** football after-party featuring the Kappa Sig Smoker Band in Heritage Square. \$5 cover charge. Event begins 10:30 p.m. Saturday.

Dallas Events

- * **Counting Crows w/ Maroon 5** playing at the Superpages.com Center, Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$22-\$106.
- * **Beach Boys** playing at Morton Meyerson Symphony Center, Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$91.



Courtesy of Lionsgate Films

"Bangkok Dangerous," starring Nicolas Cage, opens today in Waco theaters. The story follows Joe, a hitman hired to pull off several jobs in Bangkok. Look for the review in Tuesday's Lariat.

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AP Photo

Peanuts animator Bill Melendez, seen here in his Sherman Oaks studio in Los Angeles, died Tuesday in Santa Monica, Calif. Melendez was the animator who gave life to the "Peanuts" characters in scores of TV specials and movies, including holiday classics such as "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

'Peanuts' animator dies at 91

The Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Bill Melendez, the animator who gave life to Snoopy, Charlie Brown and other "Peanuts" characters in scores of movies and TV specials, has died. He was 91.

Melendez died of natural causes Tuesday at St. John's Health Center, according to publicist Amy Goldsmith.

Melendez's nearly seven decades as a professional animator began in 1938 when he was hired by Walt Disney Studios and worked on Mickey Mouse cartoons and classic animated features such as "Pinocchio" and "Fantasia."

He went on to animate TV specials such as "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and was the voice of Snoopy, who never spoke intelligible words but issued expressive howls, sighs and sobs.

Melendez was born in 1916 in

Hermosillo in the Mexican state of Sonora. He moved with his family to Arizona in 1928 and then to Los Angeles in the 1930s, attending the Chouinard Art Institute.

Melendez moved from Disney to Warner Bros. in 1941, where he worked on Bugs Bunny, Porky Pig and Daffy Duck shorts.

Melendez met "Peanuts" creator Charles M. Schulz in 1959 while creating Ford Motor Co. TV commercials featuring Peanuts characters.

The two became friends and Melendez became the only person Schulz authorized to animate his characters.

Melendez founded his own production company in 1964 and with his partner Lee Mendelson went on to produce, direct or animate some 70 "Peanuts" TV specials, four movies and hundreds of commercials.

The first special was 1965's

"A Charlie Brown Christmas." It lacked a laugh track, used real children as voice actors, had a jazz score and included a scene in which Linus recited lines from the New Testament.

The show was a ratings success and has gone on to become a Christmastime perennial.

Melendez created Emmy-winning specials based on the cartoon characters Cathy and Garfield, and was involved in animated versions of the Babar the elephant books and the C.S. Lewis book, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."

He also was co-nominee for an Academy Award in 1971 for the music for "A Boy Named Charlie Brown."

In all, his productions earned some 19 Emmy nominations, including six awards.

Melendez is survived by his wife Helen, two sons, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

British star, Brand, to host MTV's Video Music Awards Sunday

By Sandy Cohen
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — America, meet Russell Brand.

In his native England, he's a comedy giant — instantly identifiable by his Einstein-like touse of black hair and formfitting, chest-baring, glam-rock clothes — a television host and standup comic with his own radio show and weekly column in The Guardian. In the U.S., he's that British guy who was in the movie "Forgetting Sarah Marshall."

But that all could change Sunday, when Brand hosts the MTV Video Music Awards — the TV institution that lured millions of viewers with Britney Spears' fumbled comeback last year and her fabled kiss with Madonna before that.

Brand said he has no intentions to hijack the awards for his own promotional purposes, but he knows the show will serve as his introduction to a broad American audience.

"It's amazing, because obviously I'm not known in this country, so it's a really unusual situation to be in," said the 33-year-old, noting that past hosts have been "really, really famous."

"I think I'd be insane if I wasn't

anxious, although I've clinically been declared insane on several occasions. Perhaps my slight apprehension is a mark of my return to sanity," he said.

Brand might not be exaggerating about his diagnosis. At home he's known for his hedonistic tendencies and drug-addled past, and he sought treatment for drug addiction and sex addiction.

He detailed his storied history in "My Booky Wook," a memoir that was a best-seller in Britain and is due to be published in the U.S. in February.

A movie version of his story has already been greenlit, but the film has been put on hold while Brand juggles other projects, including shaping his American image.

"I was just advised that this is not the right time to do that due to the content," he said. "Also, because really I'm getting a lot of offers to play a lot of other people and I play myself" in the movie. "Maybe that isn't the best way for the people in America to get to know me because that book is kind of candid in some places."

Besides, Brand's schedule is packed.

He'll appear with Adam Sandler and Keri Russell in the Christmas family film "Bedtime Stories." He's also co-writing and starring in a film Sandler will produce next



AP Photo

Britney Spears does a promo with Russell Brand for the Video Music Awards. Russell Brand plays host to the show, which airs Sunday on MuchMusic.

year, Brand said. He's reprising his "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" role in "Get Him to the Greek," a film based on his rock-star character, Aldous Snow. He's got another book in the works, and he's keeping up with his weekly newspaper column, radio show and standup gigs back home.

"My entire life is utterly defined by work and activity," he said. "Luckily I work with really talented and well-organized people, otherwise I think I would become

ill.

This week, though, his focus is on the MTV Video Music Awards, where he hopes to create a "celebratory" vibe that keeps the spotlight on the performers and winners.

"The focus will only come on to me if spontaneity ensues," he said. "It would be shortsighted and narcissistic for me to make it about me, although inevitably I will a bit."

It's Brand's undeniable charm and knack for spontaneous com-

Post-game food, music downtown

By Christina Kruse
Lariat Staff

For those looking for a place to go after the Bears play against Northwestern Saturday, look no further than downtown Waco.

Football fans can attend the Gridiron Grill, a weekly football watch party held in downtown Waco in Heritage Square on 4th Street and Austin Ave.

"The Gridiron Grill is basically the official post-game destination after the Bears play," said Dean Riley, the chief marketing officer of Innovation. "and official watch party location for Bear fans."

The Olive Branch will be catering the event, this Saturday.

The Kappa Sig Smoker Band will provide live music from 10:30 p.m. to midnight.

There is a \$5 cover charge, and VIP passes are also available for \$20, and VIPs can attend every event for the single charge.

You must be 18 years old or older to attend the watch party.

Every watch party will start after the third quarter is over.

Also, there will also be a big-screen television for the game if it is broadcasted live.

During away games, other Big 12 games will show on the big screen, such as a Texas A&M University or the University of Texas games.

"I'm not saying that you have to root for them," Riley said.

The outdoor watch party also provides a different atmosphere for those looking to go somewhere after the game.

It is a smokeless environment and freshman can attend, an atmosphere most bars do not provide, Riley said.

The Gridiron Grill brings together several elements that are present on a weekend night in Waco, such as food or live

music.

"We combine the draws that other places have," said Jonathan Garza, heritage events planner.

Frisco junior Brady Johnson, the lead singer of the Kappa Sig Smoker Band, said they play '90s rock and Texas country.

They will cover bands like Third Eye Blind, Eagle Eye Cherry and Pat Green.

"It's cool to play for something for Baylor," Johnson said.

The Kappa Sig Smoker Band has also played during the Late Night at the SLC and it's annually plays at the fraternity's smoker event, the band's namesake.

Next week, the KOT band will play at the event, and on Sept. 19, Piano Man will provide the musical talent.

The Piano Man normally plays at Treffs Bar and Grill.

This time, however, students don't have to be 21 or older to hear him play.

Garza said he hopes to see more bands out of Austin play for the watch party.

The Gridiron Grill was created in order to shift the negative perception of downtown Waco, Riley said.

"Downtown is a great place to be," he said.

Garza, a recent Baylor graduate, said students often think that there is nothing to do in Waco.

Students, however, may visit HeritageEventsWaco.com to see what is happening every weekend at Heritage Square.

There is also a Facebook group, Heritage Square Events, that students can join to see what's happening downtown.

The first watch party took place last week, and the turnout was relatively small.

"We are hoping people will talk to their friends," through word of mouth, Riley said.

edy that inspired MTV to tap the relative unknown as host of its banner awards show, said MTV Networks Music Group President Van Hoffer.

"He is both cerebral and straight-ahead lowbrow in the same sense, and he's really got a great take on American culture," Toffler said. "For us it's similar to the first year we had Chris Rock and Arsenio Hall. They were kind of about to bust wide open. (They) weren't huge household names, but they definitely brought the edge and the unpredictability."

Rihanna, the Jonas Brothers, T.I. and Pink are among the performers set to appear on the live show, which begins at 9 p.m. EDT.

Miley Cyrus, Lindsay Lohan, Scarlett Johansson and Michael Phelps are set to present awards.

Spears will make an appearance, and other surprises are planned, though Brand won't offer any hints.

"I'm hoping that spontaneity will play a part," he said. "When you hear some of the performances that they've got planned, there's so much technical precision required. How on Earth are they going to do that? Surely something is going to catch fire."

It might just be Brand's American image.

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Lady Bears face Prairie View A&M

By Joe Holloway
Sports Writer

The Baylor soccer team takes the field against Prairie View A&M University at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Betty Lou Mays Soccer Complex.

The Lady Bears enter the match 1-2 on the season. Fresh from their first win of the season and the first win of new head coach Marci Jobson's Baylor career over Presbyterian College.

"I was happy to get that win," the Southern Methodist University alumna and former U.S. National Team player said. "It's just great to get that monkey off your back."

But the first win wasn't the only monkey the Lady Bears got off their backs. Baylor's three goals were also the first three scores of the season.

"I think for the girls to get some goals was really nice," Jobson said.

After dropping consecutive losses to the University of Texas at El Paso and the University of New Mexico, the first goal of the game and the season came from sophomore midfielder Lindsey

Johnson.

"It kind of happened really quick," Johnson said. "It came to me and I just hit it in the net."

At 5-foot-11-inches, the midfielder has a definite advantage when the ball is in the air.

"We've been working on her air game and trying to get her to be more dominant in the air," Jobson said. "She's been doing really great with that so I was happy to see her get a goal. She's just a great, solid player for us and very young."

The other two goals came courtesy of senior midfielder and forward Andi Fagan, the first and second of her collegiate career.

"I was really excited cause I'd never felt that feeling before," Fagan said. "This was awesome because it's during the fall and we just really needed goals."

Jobson said that she was unaware that those were the first goals of Fagan's career.

"I feel great for her and I think it gives her some confidence," she said.

After getting shut out in the first two games of the season, the Lady Bears could use some confidence and are hoping that

the outburst of goals against Presbyterian will translate to more scoring against Prairie View.

"I think it opens the floodgates," Fagan said. "I think it will start us up and get us going."

Johnson agreed, saying that the goals would open the offense for much more scoring. She also said she hopes a win over Prairie View will strengthen the team before facing the treacherous Big 12 opponents.

"I think our team has been making progress every week," Johnson said. "I think we need to use this game to just go in and play really hard, keep our momentum going, and get another win so we can build off that getting closer to conference."

But Jobson says that her team will prepare for Prairie View just like any other team.

"I don't care if it's Texas or Prairie View, I have to get my team ready to play as I can," she said. "When we go out against Prairie View we're going out to win the game."

For Jobson, that means more than just playing confidently.

"You have to rely on the things you do right and that's your mentality," she said. "There's plenty of times as a player that I didn't feel confident but I was determined and I always tell the girls 'you don't always have to be confident but you better be determined.'"

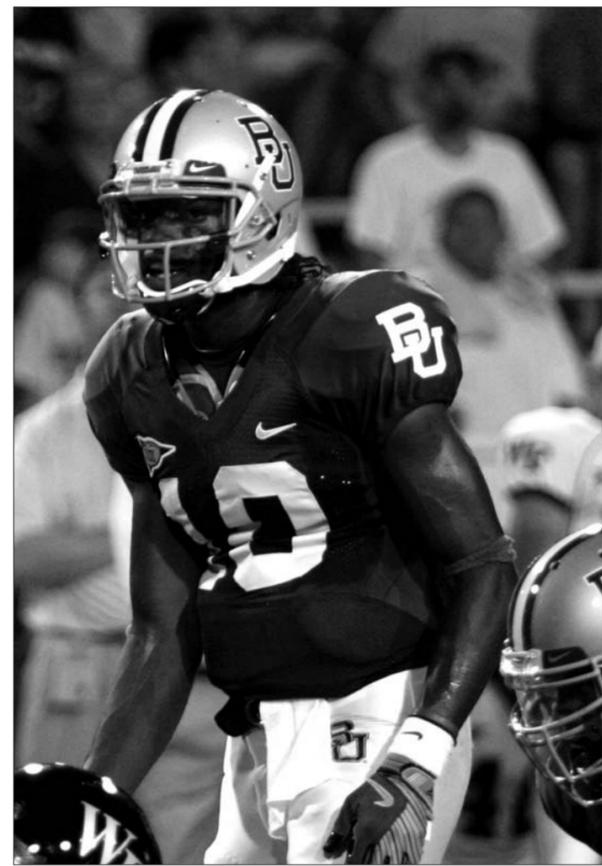
"If you're determined, you can do anything."

The team also hopes to bring in more fans. Baylor's home-opener only brought in 205 spectators. Compared with the season opener at the University of Texas at El Paso, which boasted a crowd of 1,289 people, and the second game of the season at the University of New Mexico that reeled in 904, the Lady Bears aren't getting the crowds expected at a division I school.

"I would really like for the crowds to get a lot bigger," Fagan said.

But no matter the size of the crowd Sunday, the home field will give the Lady Bears an edge.

"It's always better to play in front of a home crowd," Johnson said. "Hopefully as the season progresses we'll have more fans show up."



Alex Song/Lariat Staff

Quarterback Robert Griffin prepares to take a snap during Baylor's 41-13 loss to Wake Forest University Aug. 28. Griffin will get his first start Saturday against Northwestern State University.

Bears looking to exorcise Demons

By Garrett Turner
Sports writer

The Baylor Bears battle the Northwestern State University Demons at 6 p.m. Saturday, at Floyd Casey Stadium. Coming off a loss to Wake Forest University, head coach Art Briles doesn't care how the team wins, as long as it happens.

"If we can win by scoring defensive touchdowns or with great special teams play, that is what we will do," Briles said. "If we can win by rushing the football, that is what we will do."

Facing a much-improved Northwestern State opponent, the Bears' defense will focus on stopping the strong skilled positions of Northwestern State's offense. The Louisiana school's signal-caller, John Hundley, is a dual-threat for the Demons. In the squad's opener Saturday against Texas A&M University at Commerce, he had 14 carries for 84 yards and was 9-of-17 for 83 yards and a touchdown in a 30-14 victory. The Demons have a rushing attack that doesn't solely rely at the quarterback, but the running back as well.

Byron Lawrence, the nation's No. 4 leading rusher by average in 2008, is back for his senior year. Lawrence will look to redeem himself from a disappointing game last Saturday where he had just 14 carries for 49 yards. A proven, productive back, Lawrence averaged 125.2 yards per game last year.

Some statistics that may discourage the Bears after a disappointing loss, but according to junior defensive end Jason Lamb, a loss that has long been forgotten.

"Our coaches always say the most important game is

the next game we play," Lamb said. "It doesn't matter who it's against or what the conditions are because that's the only game you're guaranteed. So we put all our focus and work into that one game."

The defensive side for the Northwestern State Demons consists of a talented and deep linebacker corps that will look to challenge freshmen quarterback Robert Griffin. This week the Demon defense looks to use the same defensive momentum that pressured Texas A&M Commerce's quarterback seven times.

"They are known as being very aggressive defensively," Briles said. "We certainly don't feel like we are in any condition from a mental standpoint to not give a maximum effort when we step on the practice field. Right now, this is the only game that matters to us."

Even though it's difficult to get the sour taste from the Bears season opener out of senior offensive tackle Jason Smith's mouth, he is ready to focus on this week's game.

"We're very hungry, even hungrier now," Smith said. "That's just how our program is, we're a hungry football team and we want a win."

On Aug. 29, Briles named Griffin the starter. He will look to bounce back from his first start—and loss. For Briles, this week has been about making Griffin comfortable so he may have success at the quarterback position.

"What we have to do is give him situations where he feels comfortable and can have success," Briles said. "What we're working through at this time is getting our schemes to match his ability. Robert is ahead of the game from that stand-

Weekly NCAA picks

Every week, the sports desk, along with photographer Alex Song, will select six important games and predict the outcomes. Follow all season as all four vie for bragging rights, and see how you fare against the Baylor Lariat online at www.baylor.edu/lariat.

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Week 2 Picks



Game	Bateman	Turner	Holloway	Song
Georgia Tech @ Boston College	28-17 BC	24-21 GT	24-14 BC	28-24 GT
Miami (Fl.) @ No. 5 Florida	55-17 Florida	42-20 Florida	41-7 Florida	24-17 Florida
No. 15 BYU @ Washington	56-19 BYU	38-17 BYU	28-3 BYU	38-31 Wash.
Ole Miss @ No. 20 Wake Forest	27-10 Wake	35-10 WF	31-10 WF	41-19 WF
TAMU @ U of N.M.	37-17 TAMU	28-14 TAMU	14-13 TAMU	35-10 TAMU
Last week's record	4-2	4-2	5-1	2-4
Overall record	4-2	4-2	5-1	2-4

Soccer siblings bring talents to BU

By Brian Bateman
Sports Editor

For most siblings, high school graduation represents more than a new chapter in life. Like a flashing neon sign, it signals the end of a tenuous, exhausting relationship.

But not for Baylor soccer's Quintana sisters.

"They're inseparable — I don't think they could go to the bathroom without each other," head soccer coach Marci Jobson said, jokingly.

Both Gianna, a junior goalkeeper, and Lucy, a sophomore midfielder, began their soccer careers in Albuquerque, N.M., playing for St. Pius X high school. Outside of school, Gianna played club soccer for Rio Vista, while Lucy played for Albuquerque United. Both were interested in health studies and chose the Lady Bears soccer team based on that decision.

"I think the scholarship helped a little bit," Lucy said. "But everything just seemed to come together at the right time."

With All-Big 12 goalkeeper Ashley Noah still on the roster, Gianna didn't receive much playing time during her freshman year.



Gianna Quintana

"Gianna gets the job done at goalie," Jobson said. "I think she came in this preseason and was a little nervous, then one day she just decided that she was going to be more authoritative."

Her sister didn't receive much time on the field either, as the sisters combined for just five game appearances in their freshman years. However, in 2008, both sisters have competed in every game this season.

"Lucy's kind of a tough and rumble type of player," Jobson

said. "We know we can put her in there and she'll be aggressive and she's going to do great things on defense. I remember in the spring just thinking, 'We can find a use for this kid.' She's got some things she needs to work on, but I knew that we could find a use for that type of work rate, because that's the thing I'm trying to build this program on."

But one advantage for the women is having an instant connection on the squad.

"I think sometimes people wonder if it's a good decision for sisters to play together, you know, follow in each others footsteps. Coming into college, you're already struggling with being a freshmen and going through the transitions. And then especially with soccer, you know you don't always get playing time and you're in a new group of people that have already been together for several years," Gianna said.

Without that familiarity, a player might not get necessary feedback on techniques, skills or pep-talks. The sisters don't have that issue.

"It's nice to be able to go home and then ask her, 'Hey, Lucy, how did I play?' and then she just straight tells me," Gianna said.



Lucy Quintana

"It's hard to find people to tell you straight up."

Anyone with a sibling will know that to be true.

As teammates, sisters, classmates and even roommates, the duo will eventually have to split.

"I think it's important that we each have our own goals," Lucy said. "We are together a lot, but we each have our own goals."

The Quintana sisters will take the field again at 1 p.m. Sunday, against Prairie View A&M University.



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far more pointed in criticizing Obama from the convention podium.

McCain invoked the five years he spent in a North Vietnamese prison. "I fell in love with my country when I was a prisoner in someone else's," he said. "I was never the same again. I wasn't my own man anymore. I was my country's."

The last night of the McCain-Palin convention also marked the end of an intensive stretch of politics with the potential to reshape the race.

The Arizona senator paid a brief visit to the Xcel center at mid-afternoon to check out a speaking podium remade overnight to capture the intimacy of a town-hall meeting that has

become his trademark.

He was accompanied by his wife, Cindy, as well as two close allies, Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Sen. Joseph Lieberman, a Connecticut Democrat-turned-independent.

Ridge's turn at the podium came after he had been mentioned prominently in speculation about a running mate.

That was an honor that went unexpectedly to Palin, the first female vice presidential candidate in party history, a 44-year-old Alaska governor virtually unknown nationally a week ago.

In the days since, she has faced a storm of scrutiny, some of it relating to her tenure as mayor of Wasilla, Alaska, and her time as governor, but most involving her 17-year-old

unmarried daughter who is pregnant.

For the most part, McCain's aides have kept Palin out of public sight while vociferously defending her readiness to become president. She emerged Wednesday night during prime time to deliver a smiling, sarcastic attack on Obama that generated roars of approval and acceptance, from the delegates.

McCain won the presidential nomination late Wednesday night in an anticlimactic vote that followed a campaign lasting most of a decade.

In one of the most remarkable comebacks in recent times, he recovered to win the New Hampshire primary in early January, then wrapped up the nomination on Feb. 5 with big-state primary victories on Super Tuesday.

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born Museum Complex.

The bones were in danger of water damage, so the first structure to be built is a metal cover to protect them from rain.

The new protection is part of the first phase of development, which also includes walkways for access, restrooms, drainage improvements, parking areas, an entry road and utility improvements, according to wacomammoth.org.

A visitor's center, a catwalk with an unobstructed view of the bones, "interpretive plaza" and an outdoor area for children, are also being built. Construction will be complete in about a year, said Jonathan Cook, marketing coordinator of the City of Waco

Parks and Recreation.

The \$3.4 million project was funded through donations and fundraising efforts. Further plans for the site, possibly including future excavation research, will come with more funding, according to the Web site.

"Three and a half million dollars is remarkable. There are many more opportunities ahead of us due to the contributions that have been made," DuPuy said.

The National Park Service has published a study with the intent of getting the site designated as a national park. It is under public review to determine what designation to give the site. The study will be sent to Congress by the end of the year for approval, Cook said.

Members of the community predict renewed local interest and economic growth to come from the development.

"I think it's a great thing for Baylor and Waco to continue to strengthen their relationship. Opening up something like this would be great for our economy and our community," said Allan Marshall, director of community development for the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor DuPuy predicted similar development in Waco from the site's progress.

"I told them that I can't imagine 68 thousand years ahead but I can imagine 68 years. This will have such a major impact on Waco. It will bring entrepreneurs to the area. We have a lot more envisioning and a lot more work to do," she said.

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While Baylor will maintain the ESNL, the Curves research and funding will follow Kreider to Texas A&M University, where he will recreate his own lab.

The first phase of the move was completed in August when Kreider and his team restarted some of the clinical trials. The second phase will finish in

December, after ongoing clinical trials at Baylor's ESNL are completed.

"We're still finishing up a little bit of Curves research at Baylor," Kreider said. "But we've done studies before that have multi-sites, and we'll keep in touch with personnel through videoconferencing."

Kreider said the remaining research at Baylor also includes the completion of a \$420,000

grant by General Mills to test the impact of Curves brand cereals on weight loss.

Dr. Rafer Lutz, assistant professor of health, human performance and recreation, will fill Kreider's position as interim chair of the department.

"Dr. Kreider is a very prolific researcher," Lutz said. "We will miss him and his research very much. He was a strong advocate for his department."



Shanna Taylor/Lariat staff

Caution: Slippery when wet

Allen, Tex. junior Lance Case hits the slip n' slide at the Engineering and Computer Science Department's 'Beach Bash' Thursday evening.

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are still a few things Kerr misses.

"The weirdest thing I miss is the sound of helicopters arriving and taking off from base," Kerr said.

When it was time to return

home from Iraq, it was "a sour-sweet feeling," Kerr said.

"I was excited to go home and see my family, but I was sad because of what I was having to leave behind," Kerr said.

Kerr encourages any help that can be given to the soldiers who are affected by the Iraq war.

"I just want people to know that there is a real cost to what we're doing in Iraq on our side and on the other side," Kerr said. "I think that all of us can learn from their sacrifices to make our world a little bit better through community service, donations or whatever it may be."

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The final exhibit in the gallery is John Tilton's ceramics.

"I like his the best because of the different techniques he uses for the globe, round, ball resemblance, along with the

candle design," Allen said.

Tilton received his doctorate in mathematics at the University of Florida.

He was first acquainted with clay as an artistic medium 40 years ago. He earned a master's degree in fine arts from the University of South Florida in 1972, according to the muse-

um's artist description.

"Tilton's work is seamless," Chambers said. "It fascinates me to think I am going to be learning how to do art like it this semester."

The Martin Museum of Art is located in Hooper Schaefer Fine Arts Center. Admission to the exhibit is free.

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