

In-fighting, economy may hurt endowment

By Ashley Corinne Killough
Staff Writer

According to a report by Bentz, Whaley & Flessner, a consulting firm hired to measure potential giving to the university, Baylor's goal of reaching a \$2 billion endowment by 2012 could be hindered by internal disagreements between groups at Baylor.

At the end of the 2007-08 fiscal year, Baylor's endowment was at \$1.1 billion. It was the fourth consecutive year marked with an increase in gifts designated for the endowment, with \$21.9 million added to the fund.

Dr. Dennis Prescott, vice president for university development, presented the report at the Faculty Senate meeting in September. Prescott declined to comment on the details but said the report was well received by the administration.

"We're still analyzing it, and we're beginning to implement some of its recommendations," Prescott said.

While optimistic about Baylor's efforts in establishing major gifts, Prescott said the main obstacle for the endowment's growth is the economy.

"The \$2 billion goal was viewed as having an extremely aggressive timeline when it was set out," Prescott said. "We

"We would be a lot closer (to the endowment goal) if we didn't have challenges in financial markets."

Dr. Dennis Prescott
Vice President for university development

would be a lot closer if we didn't have challenges in the financial markets. That affects giving, as well."

Prescott suggested the endowment could have experienced a financial setback during Monday's record-breaking drop on Wall Street. Baylor's Office of

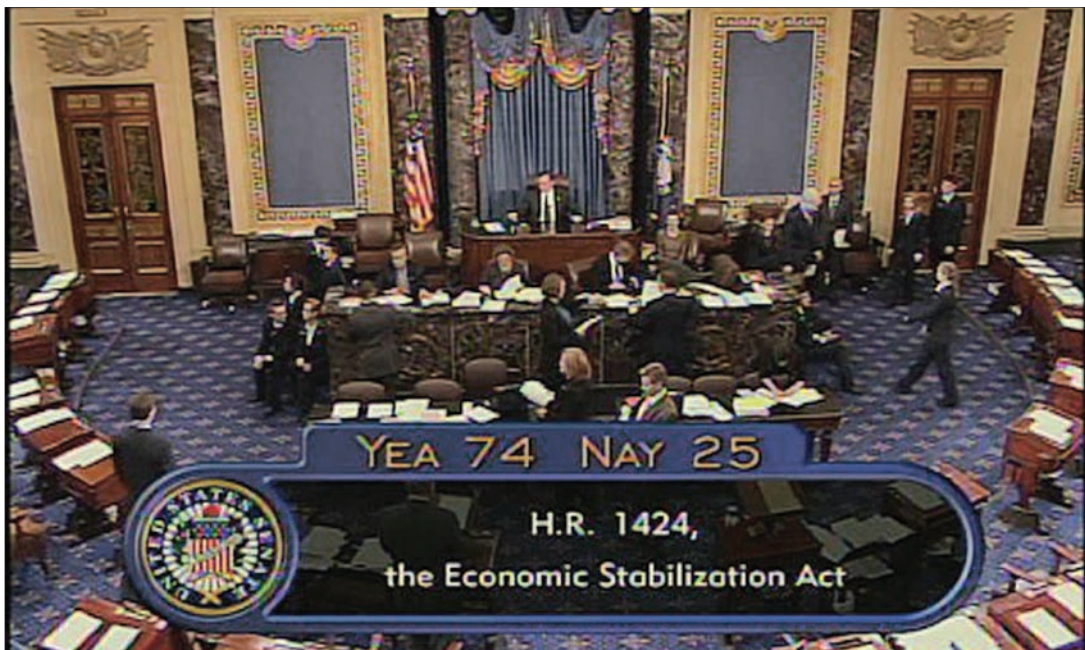
Investments did not respond to requests for information on the endowment's status.

In its resolution concerning the presidential search, Faculty Senate addressed the relationship between internal division and university giving. The resolution said Baylor's "ability to raise institutional funds has been significantly hampered by transient leadership, perceptions of disunity and perceptions of non-standard procedures and searches."

Tension surfaced when the Board of Regents voted in May 2007 to end the fee-for-service relationship between the university and the Baylor Alumni Association. Adding to the disunity was the decline in faculty morale after an unusually high number of candidates were denied tenure in March, a decision ultimately made by former President John Lilley.

Lynn Tatum, immediate past president of the Texas American Association of University Professors, said division in the

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Associated Press

In this video image from Associated Press Television Network, the final vote tally is displayed after the Senate passed the Economic Stabilization Act by a vote of 74-25 Wednesday, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Bailout passes in Senate

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis
and Charles Babington
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - After one spectacular failure, the \$700 billion financial industry bailout found a second life Wednesday, winning lopsided passage in the Senate and gaining ground in the House, where Republicans opposition softened.

Senators loaded the economic rescue bill with tax breaks and other sweeteners before passing it by a wide margin, 74-25, a month before the presidential and congressional elections.

In the House, leaders were working feverishly to convert enough opponents of the bill to push it through by Friday, just days after lawmakers there

stunningly rejected an earlier version and sent markets plunging around the globe.

The measure didn't cause the same uproar in the Senate, where both parties' presidential candidates, Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama, made rare appearances to cast "aye" votes.

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Shaky economy challenges presidential candidates

By Rebecca LaFlure
Reporter

A week of economic lows has left much speculation as to how the biggest financial crisis in a generation will affect the upcoming presidential election.

"The economy is the number-one most important issue in the nation right now, more than universal health care and the war in Iraq," said Joe Seaman, public

relations officer of the Baylor Democrats. "Whoever sells the economic message more effectively will gain a huge chunk of the election."

The economic downturn has presented advantages and disadvantages for both candidates. Dr. Jerold Waltman, R.W. Morrison professor of political science, said historically, bad economic news will damage the party in control.

"People have a tendency to vote against the party in power. This time it's a Republican in power, giving the advantage to Obama," Waltman said.

He said Sen. Barack Obama represents a contrast from the current president's policies, whose approval rating dropped to a record 26 percent Monday according to a Washington Post-ABC News poll.

The same poll showed that

DID YOU KNOW...
26% drop in President Bush's approval rating Monday.

53% think Sen. John McCain would lead the country in the same direction as President Bush.

Source: Washington Post- ABC News poll

53 percent of participants think Sen. John McCain would lead the country in a similar direction as President Bush. Dr. Waltman said McCain would have to make a dramatic change in his policies in order to distance himself from the current administration.

"If McCain said we needed to raise taxes, he would be dramatically different from Bush, but he's already declared his policy," Waltman said.

McCain has endorsed tax cuts and has generally supported reductions in government regulation.

Tyler Landers, chairman of the Young Conservatives of Texas, said McCain can overcome Obama's initial advantage by blaming the Democratic Party for the state of the economy.

"The Clinton administration,

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Faculty and staff may have to pay for parking decal

By Kate Williams
Reporter

A special committee is considering numerous changes to the campus parking policy, including charging faculty and staff for parking, as well as adding variable parking rates for students.

The changes are a result of the recommendation set forth by last year's parking report by The Consulting Engineer's Group Inc., the third-party firm hired to study Baylor's parking system.

If the recommendations, which are now under consideration by the parking committee, are made permanent, faculty and staff will be required to buy a parking sticker to park on campus next year.

The price of the sticker will be compensated with an increase in salary for faculty and staff members, said Dr. Regan Ramsower, director of the committee.

"Some employees, faculty and staff might say, you know if I carpooled to work instead of buying a parking spot, this, in essence, would be a raise," Ramsower said.

Charging the faculty and staff for parking would potentially lower the demand for

on-campus parking, Ramsower said.

Ramsower acknowledged that he did not know whether the reduction and the demand for faculty and staff will be minuscule or whether it could be rather substantial.

While the consultant's report suggested charging \$225 for faculty and staff parking, larger schools like The University of Texas and Texas A&M University charge \$410 and \$444 per year, respectively.

According to the Fall 2007 data 2,142 faculty and staff members would be required to

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Nicole Yeakley
Parking committee member

purchase the sticker. The sticker revenue would be approximately \$481,950.

The university would use the revenue from the stickers to replace the money used to fund the faculty and staff raises. "This would essentially be a wash," Ramsower said.



Shanna Taylor/Lariat Staff

Faculty and staff vehicles sit in the designated parking areas in the Dutton Avenue Parking Facility Wednesday afternoon. Currently, faculty and staff do not pay for parking.

Ramsower said he did not know of another campus where parking is free for faculty and staff. But, he said, the new faculty and staff rates are not about creating new money. "It really was about looking at behavioral economic implication for that change," he said.

Chris Krause, Assistant Vice President of student affairs, emphasized the parking committee is in the very early stages of planning. "The faculty and staff decal prices are just recommendations made by the consultant, that's all it is at this point," he said. "Suggestions on how Baylor may want to possibly charge faculty and staff will be reviewed by the parking committee."

The parking committee is made up of nine members representing faculty, staff, graduate student and undergraduate student interests.

Parking committee member

Rita Purity said faculty senate members were furious when the consultant recommended charging for parking at their spring 2008 meeting.

"Well, we do not think we should have to pay for parking when there have been years when we have not had raises," she said.

Parking committee member Nicole Yeakley, who is a Lindale junior, agrees. "I think definitely that staff should not have to pay to park," she said.

Parker Short, resident of Student Senate, shared a similar opinion. "When faculty are willing to come to Baylor to teach for less money ... it seems unfair to charge them for something necessary like parking."

Along with charging faculty and staff to park, the consultant's report also suggested implementing a variable park-

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Student arrested, charged with theft

By Jade Ortego
Staff Writer

The Baylor Police Department arrested senior Gregory Mazen at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday on charges of theft, theft of license plates and of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Mazen was jailed at 4 p.m. Tuesday after speaking with police. He is being charged with two state felonies, each of which is punishable with up to 6 months in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

One of the theft charges is being processed through the Baylor police while the other two charges are through Waco police. Mazen's bail was posted. Bail was set at \$6,000, according to an official at the McLennan County Jail.

After locating Mazen's vehicle, the Baylor criminal investigations unit began a stakeout at 1 a.m. Tuesday morning at 2014 S. 2nd St. They arrested Mazen when he returned to his vehicle at 11:30 a.m. that day.

At 2:30 a.m. Sunday morning in the Bookstore Parking Garage, someone allegedly stole wheels off of a student's white Acura 3.2CL and reportedly left the car on cinder blocks.

At Mazen's address, police discovered what they said were the stolen wheels, which had been put on his vehicle. Stolen license plates and a truck that was stolen several months ago

were also found at the address.

"We connected the dots and identified a suspect, and we didn't really know until we arrested him," said Baylor Chief of Police Jim Doak. Mazen's vehicle and the truck were seized for further investigation.

"The officers really came together. Officer Brent Howell and Officer Javy Ybarra really put a lot of effort and a lot of time into the investigation," Doak said.

The student whose wheels were stolen asked not to be identified for fear of retaliation. She emphasized how grateful she was of Baylor Police Department's work in finding the wheels of her car.

"I'm really impressed and appreciative of the quick job they did of finding a lead. My wheels were stolen Sunday, they had a lead Monday and an arrest Tuesday," she said.

The car was still in the parking garage Wednesday night because it was unable to be towed.

According to its owner, the molding on the bottom of the car and fender were damaged when the wheels were stolen. The student was still waiting to find out the cost of the damages.

She said she was told that the theft was a random act. "The police told me that he saw my car and wanted the wheels for

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China's tainted-milk crisis needs continual coverage

The world is changing rapidly. Headline news on the front page today is obsolete overnight.

I have kept up with updates of China's tainted milk powder scandal for a few days. Last Thursday when I clicked into mainstream news Web sites in China to look for updates or follow-ups, I found that they were all dominated by news coverage of China's successful launch of a third manned spacecraft, Shenzhou-7.

After the successful conclusion of the Summer Olympics, the latest space mission stokes Chinese pride again. With the approaching 59th anniversary of the Chinese Communist government, the deaths of four infants

and nearly 53,000 sickened children caused by tainted milk has been forgotten.

The Chinese media shifted their focus quickly, but I can't. Several reasons compel me to comment on the scandal rather than cheer the returning space heroes.

As an international journalism major, I am interested in the role of the media in this scandal. On Sept. 11, Oriental Morning Post, a newspaper from Shanghai, first identified milk formula by Sanlu, China's biggest powdered milk producers, as causing kidney stones in babies. Before the newspaper was even printed, the article had already been posted on the paper's Web site.

point of view



BY LIAN QIU

Xinhua News Agency, the official press agency of the Chinese government, also posted the article on its Web site.

Today when I searched the online news archive of the Oriental Morning Post, I couldn't find the article. I guess the newspaper company yielded to pressure and erased it after getting numerous telephone calls from Sanlu. What was left in the archives are arti-

cles implying the possible link between tainted milk powder and sick babies, without any reference of the producer's name. It is too risky for small, local media to confront a dairy giant.

Things are different on Xinhua's Web site. The article is still there. After the scandal broke, Xinhua began to closely follow the development of the situation. Xinhua did a great job on reporting the news to Chinese citizens. They wrote article pertaining to how the health ministry of China dealt with Sanlu. Xinhua also covered the recall that was issued by the milk company, the resignation of China's top quality regulator and the firing of the Communist Party chief in Shiji-

azhuang, where Sanlu is based.

Xinhua became the leading power in reporting this story. People's view of Xinhua is that it is a news agency that only produces propaganda for the Chinese Communist Party.

But when it comes to China's most sensitive topics, sometime Xinhua does practice high-quality investigative journalism. Xinhua News Agency is one of the few in Chinese media that has the money to employ 10,000 people to cover national stories.

Because Xinhua has the means, it should continue to cover the tainted milk power scandal, instead of focusing mainly on other news that doesn't directly affect the people. New news isn't

always the most important news.

There are still questions that need to be answered. Why did it take so long for the local government, Shijiazhuang, to contact the national government when they knew there was tainted milk as early as Aug. 2? And why was Sanlu granted national inspection exemption?

Although I am studying overseas, I'm still concerned about the scandal. I need more information. After all, I am surrounded by products made in China. Product safety is an issue not only for China, but also for the United States.

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Editorial

Technology takes over work, life

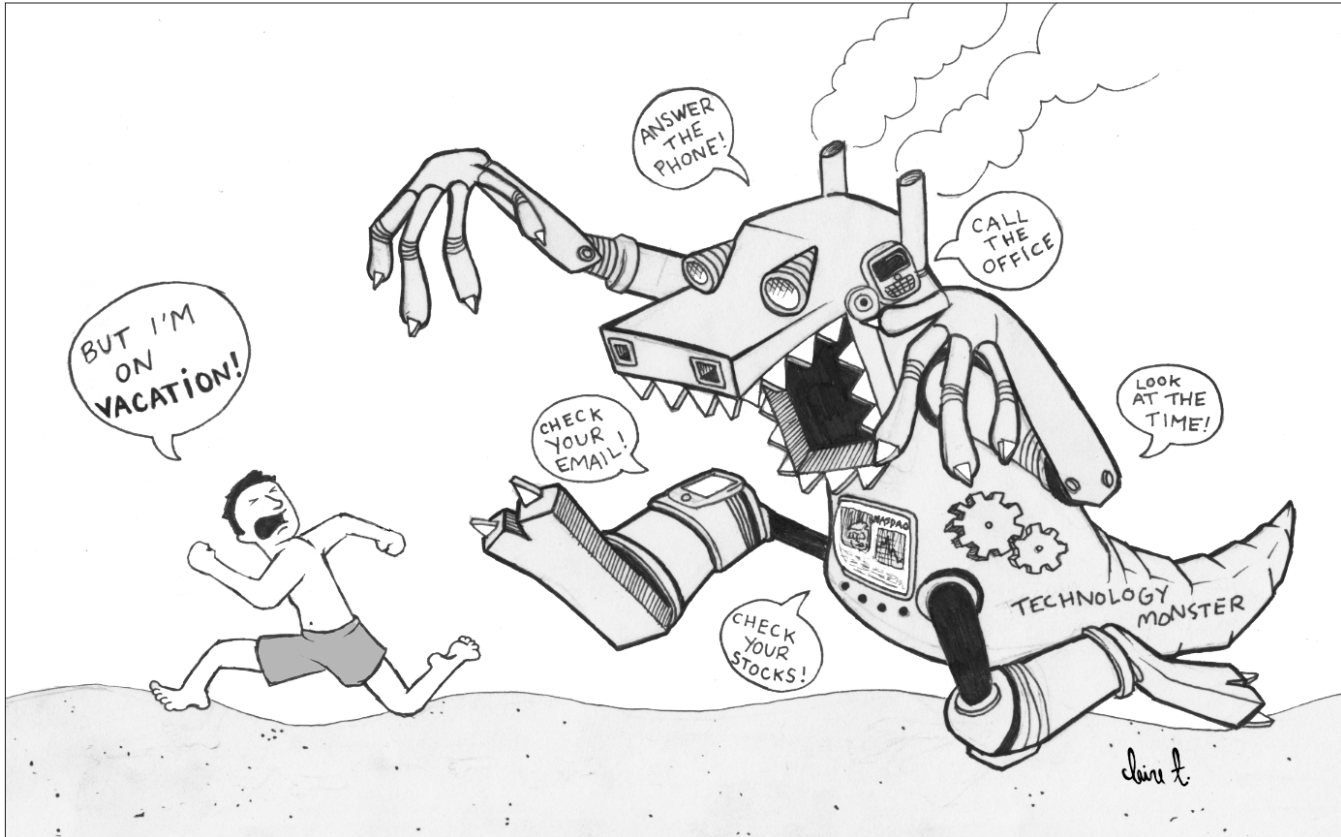
Most people feel like they can't live without it. They can't have dinner, watch a movie, go to work, drive a car or even walk without having it on them. Cell phones and BlackBerries seem to be glued to fingers, palms and ears of most people nowadays, and as much as they are a convenience to have, they also come with a cost.

It's undeniable that technological advances, such as cell phones, BlackBerries, e-mail and text messaging, have made communication faster and easier. These are the technological devices accredited with broadening communication around the world. With a touch, push or click, people are now able to get in touch with each other at unbelievable speeds. Never has the world been so connected, and that's exactly the problem. Technology has taken over much of our lives.

Technology has made people extremely accessible, no matter the time, date or place. It seems like there's just no escape from technology, no sanctuary where wireless dare not go or place where phone signals don't exist.

You can't even escape the phone on flights nowadays with seatback phone services offered by many big airlines. Now, there's even a possibility that cell phones will be allowed on planes.

European based airline company Ryanair will soon allow passengers to use cell phones on 14 of its aircrafts, for a yet-to-be determined fee. Depending on how successful their trial run is, the airline may extend cell phone usage to all



its aircrafts.

It's annoying enough hearing loud phone conversations in grocery stores, restaurant and in passing on the streets, but to have to sit through hours of phone conversation from thousand of miles in the air with no easy escape is just going too far.

This just goes to show that we are becoming more and more engrossed in our technological ability to constantly be connected.

Think about it. When was the last time you left the house without your cell phone? It probably doesn't happen very often because, for most people, leaving the house without a cell phone is like leaving without a wallet or the keys. In rare instances when you did forget, the fear of, "What if something happens?" probably crossed your mind. A fear of a catastrophe of epic proportion occurring on the day that you left your cell phone at home probably isn't a stretch either.

What we probably should be worried

about is the distraction that has become of our constant use of technology. Sure, text messages are great when you want to send a quick question without having to go through the formalities of a conversation, but what about texting while driving or walking? The distraction that cell phones and text messaging creates has been of news lately.

Last month's commuter train crash in Chatsworth, Calif., left 25 dead and 135 injured. Although the cause of accident is still under investigation, there have been speculations that the engineer operating the train was distracted because he was texting.

After the accident, msnbc.com conducted an online, unscientific "live vote" poll asking, "What risky behavior do you most engage in while texting?" Nearly 50,000 people voted, and 32 percent admitted to texting while driving.

We have become so hooked on technology that we can't even drive or walk without talking, texting or checking

e-mails.

We've even allowed technology to take over our downtime, weekends, holidays and vacations, adding additional stress to our lives.

According to a recent study conducted by the Pew Internet and American Life Project, most workers have mixed feelings about technology. Almost half the workers surveyed attributed technology with increasing demands for workers to work more hours. Forty-nine percent said technology had made it harder to disconnect from work on weekends and at home.

Technology has blurred the divide between professional and private life, and this is unacceptable.

There needs to be a clear distinction of when work ends and play begins.

There needs to be a time for logging out of inboxes, silencing phones and disconnecting BlackBerries. There needs to be a time for silence, for thoughts and for reflection without any technological nuisance.

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Letters to the editor

Residential communities needed

As a sophomore student living on campus, what motivated me to reenter the residence hall was primarily the community afforded in a residential community and nowhere else.

For me, the draw was the best friend who lived across the hall, who considered my room his; the professor whose office was literally a few floors beneath my own room, which made visiting her to discuss my essay a little less daunting; the graduate student who often frequented the hall but always made time to answer my many questions about grad

school; the resident chaplain whose advice and guidance last year was invaluable for a struggling Christian; and the housekeeper, who, with a combination of an unsteady vacuum-hand and a passion for singing southern gospel hymns woke me just in time for my eight o'clock class.

With each, a relationship that was inspired by mere proximity and constant interaction was continued out of a mutual desire to learn and grow together in mission, vision and faith.

So with that being said, I wholeheartedly agree with Dr. Douglas Henry, who in a recent issue of the Lariat, advocated for the construction of a new resi-

dential community. I know that my academic and social success last year can mostly be attributed to the environment that Campus Living & Learning worked so hard to create.

A vital part to the "Baylor experience" and campus life was being engrossed in an environment that, from its inception, was designed for the success of its residents.

As Baylor moves forward with campaigns like Vision 2012, which prompted the introduction of Living Learning Centers and Engaged Learning Groups, Baylor is starting to look less and less like our parents' Baylor, which isn't a bad thing. To Bay-

lor's credit, the Honors Residential College, which began only five short years ago, today boasts the highest retention rate in students who return to Baylor the following year and also in students who choose to return to the residence hall after freshman year.

Baylor has recognized the potential in a more residential community, and for every reason that Dr. Henry mentioned and more, Baylor's transition into a more residential campus could not be more necessary.

With the immediate success of the Honors Residential College, Brooks Residential College and North Village, Baylor faculty,

staff, and students are altogether destroying the notion of dorm life, where living on campus begins and ends freshman year.

But take heed Baylor CL&L. For all of the success of your new programs, opposition to the creation of another residential community still lingers.

Students who would genuinely love to stay on campus are disappointed by the high costs for a room and a meal plan and the limited visitation hours imposed on students.

What whets the appetites of a majority of students who opt to live off campus is the promise of a larger, yet less expensive room with fewer or no restrictions

whatsoever on who can and cannot visit and when. Solve those problems, and I can't see why anyone wouldn't want to live on campus.

Jeremy Goss
Political Science, 2011

Economic crisis teaches lessons

The current economic upheaval teaches many lessons. One lesson is the following: In the 21st century, the accepted cure for a misguided government venture in social engineering is a much larger misguided government venture in social engineering.

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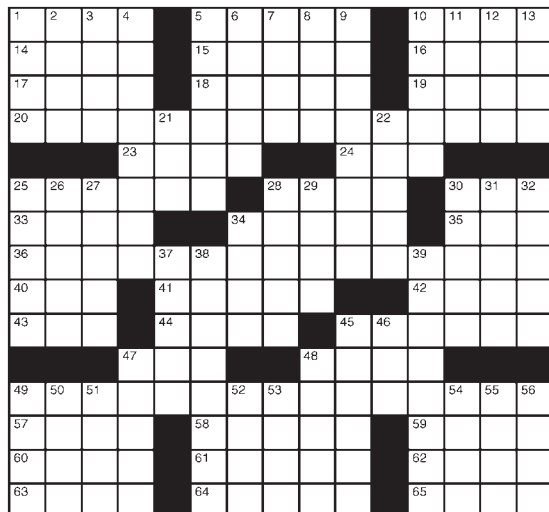
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Huntington Beach, CA

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For today's crossword and sudoku answers, visit www.baylor.edu/Lariat

Obama leads poll after market drop

By Liz Sidoti
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama has surged to a seven-point lead over John McCain one month before the presidential election, lifted by voters who think the Democrat is better suited to lead the nation through its sudden financial crisis, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll that underscores the mounting concerns of some McCain backers.

Likely voters now back Obama 48-41 percent over McCain, a dramatic shift from an AP-GfK survey that gave the Republican a slight edge nearly three weeks ago, before Wall Street collapsed and sent ripples across worldwide markets.

On top of that, unrelated surveys show Obama beating McCain in several battlegrounds, including Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania — three states critical in the state-by-state fight for the presidency.

Several GOP strategists close to McCain's campaign privately fret that his chances for victory are starting to slip away.

These Republicans, speaking on condition of anonymity to avoid angering the campaign, point to several factors: Obama's gains nationally and in traditionally GOP states, no McCain gain from the first debate, McCain's struggles with economic issues as the financial crisis has unfolded and deepening public skepticism about his running mate, Sarah Palin.

They said McCain's options for shaking up the race are essentially limited to game-changing performances in the final presidential debates or in Palin's vice presidential debate with Joe Biden Thursday night. Short of that, they said, McCain can do little but hope Obama stumbles or an outside event breaks the GOP nominee's way.

Democrats hope Obama is starting to build a lasting lead.

"We have a light optimism," said David Redlawsk, a delegate to the Democratic National Convention who teaches political science at the University of Iowa. "We've already learned in the last several weeks that we can be whipsawed back very, very quickly."

Not all Republican insiders are pessimistic.

Obama's failure to achieve a double-digit lead and maintain it "has given a lot of hope to Republicans," GOP pollster Whit Ayres said. Yet he also allowed, "You can't have a playing field that leans this heavily toward the Democrats and not be nervous."

Added Neil Newhouse, also a Republican pollster: "If anybody thinks we're in for a straightforward next month of this campaign all they have to do is look back at the last 30 days" of topsy turvy developments.

To be sure, the election is still a month away, plenty of time for anything to happen in politics.

Yet the AP-GfK poll shows McCain faces substantial hurdles.

With the perilous financial situation at the forefront of voters' minds, 60 percent in the survey say it's more important to them to choose a president who would make the right economic decisions than a commander in chief who would make the right decisions on national security. Obama leads among economic voters, with 63 percent support, while McCain is ahead among security voters, with 73 percent.

As the two senators prepared to vote late Wednesday on the administration's \$700 billion bailout plan, 16 percent of likely voters said they thought McCain hurt negotiations over the proposal when he bolted back to Washington last week to get involved.

Just 5 percent thought Obama did damage when he returned after a summons by President Bush to attend a White House meeting on the crisis.

McCain also lost ground among likely voters on experience, though he still leads on the issue, while Obama's marks ticked up slightly. And McCain slid a bit as voters measured which candidate "cares about people like me," while Obama gained.

Adding to McCain's woes, just 25 percent of likely voters say Palin has the right experience to be president if needed, a huge drop from 41 percent in the previous poll last month. She posted an enormous loss in confidence among Republicans; three in four had called her experienced enough before, but not even half say that now.

"If she was running the helm, she wouldn't know what she's doing," said Caitlyn Pardue, a Republican from Rohnert Park, Calif., who decided last week that she probably would vote for Obama after determining that Palin "doesn't have the breadth of knowledge." Pardue, 60, called McCain's selection of Palin "pretty ill-advised" and added: "It shows irresponsibility to me."

Vote McCain or Obama?

48% Obama & Biden
41% McCain & Palin

AP-GfK Poll

For more information, visit <http://www.ap-gfkpoll.com/>

In Port Orange, Fla., Jaimye Strickland just decided this week that she'll probably support McCain — even though she's "hoping and praying" he doesn't end up following Bush's path. "I'm afraid of Obama," the Republican, age 56, said. "He doesn't have the experience that McCain does."

The committee is also searching for alternatives for faculty and staff to have access to free parking.

"Nothing catches fire like talking about parking."

Regan Ramsower
director of parking committee

One idea is to have a park and ride system from the Ferrell Center to campus for those faculty and staff who do not wish to buy a sticker he said.



Cristina Kruse/Lariat Staff

Rockin' to the rhythm

ITS security specialist Adam Sealey plays Rock Band 2 in the Bill Daniel Student Center. This marks the kick-off of BEarAWARE week, held by the university ITS department. October is computer security month.

Ike victims complain of violence at shelter

By Danny Robbins and Angela K. Brown
Associated Press

Tyler — As Hurricane Ike blew through Texas, a different kind of storm was brewing inside an old Wal-Mart hastily converted into a shelter for evacuees.

The building, vacant for two years, quickly became a cauldron of tension, with 1,600 people crammed into a structure with a leaky roof, few indoor bathrooms and almost no privacy. Fights soon broke out, and one ended after police allegedly used pepper spray on dozens of evacuees and a Taser on a 15-year-old boy.

Accounts of what happened in the Wal-Mart, drawn from interviews and public records obtained by The Associated Press, raise questions about the soundness of the state's evacuation plan.

Days before Ike hit the Gulf Coast on Sept. 13, more than 3,000 Beaumont residents were taken by bus to Tyler even though the city had told the state it could accommodate only about half that number. The result was a chaotic experience that many won't soon forget.

The committee meetings have been kept closed due to concerns that other persons might mistake the recommendations for permanent changes.

Yeakley said that faculty and staff feel more comfortable about sharing their opinions when the meetings are closed.

Ramsower said that he ultimately wants every representative to speak with their constituents about the consultant's recommendations and added that he welcomes any invitation to address student or faculty senate about the parking changes.

"Nothing catches fire like talking about parking," Ramsower said.

Research suggests hypnotic therapy reduces hot flashes

By Alex Maxwell
Reporter

A two year Baylor study ended Sept. 22, showing that hypnotic therapy can help reduce hot flashes.

Hot flashes occur as a result of estrogen depletion in women. These episodes can significantly alter daily activities, and can affect perceptions of mood and sleep, according to the Journal of Clinical Oncology.

The feeling of security that results from a mind-body intervention, such as hypnosis, may reinforce this theory, according to the Journal of Clinical Oncology.

The idea behind hypnotic relaxation and mental imagery techniques is to create a state of relaxation that calms the body, which helps the body return to homeostasis.

The study, performed by the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, compared 26 breast cancer survivors who received hypnotic therapy with 25 breast cancer survivors who did not.

There was a 68 percent decrease in hot flashes for the women who received hypnosis therapy, according to the study.

Breast cancer survivors were used in the research because they often experience more severe hot flashes, due to the medication they are prescribed for treatment.

Women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer are placed on medicines that essentially shut down estrogen production, said Dr. Gary Elkins, professor of psychology and neuroscience. The menopause process is usually a gradual transition, and the new medication can essentially speed up that transition overnight.

"The basis of this research dates back several years when the standard treatment for hot flashes that menopausal women experienced was hormonal replacement," Elkins said.

Women in the study group received five sessions, where they learned hypnotic relax-

ation and mental imagery techniques.

The factors considered were the number of hot flashes, the severity of hot flashes, depression, anxiety and overall quality of life.

"Hot flashes are part of the menopausal stage," said Kristie Isham, a nurse at the Scott and White clinic in Waco. "They are different for every woman. Some are mild and some so severe, women can't sleep. It's just fluctuations of hormones."

In 2002, the National Institutes of Health, conducted a large trial to evaluate the effect of hormonal replacement therapy, and found that it increased risk in breast cancer, cardiovas-

"(Hot flashes) are different for every woman."

Kristie Isham
Nurse at Scott and White

cular disease and stroke

"Non-hormonal therapy for hot flashes, such as mind body intervention, would be of great value to women, allowing them to avoid negative risk factors and side effects associated with hormonal replacement," Elkins said. "I think we demonstrated convincingly that the therapy is effective, but we don't know why."

The next study will be a much larger trial that will include 180 women not affected by breast cancer, and will be entered into the long-term study. Half of the women will receive hypnotic treatment while the other half will receive some other sort of mind body intervention.

The National Institutes of Health appropriated a \$2.6 million grant for continued research by Elkins.

"Many women are interested in alternative treatments," Elkins said. "Reducing suffering caused by hot flashes is to empower women in their medical care."

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The Center for International Education is holding the Global Issues Lecture Series from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. today in room 116 of the Draper Academic Building. Dr. Nirund Jivasantikarn, a civic leader who is actively engaged in Thailand's political and socioeconomic development, will speak at the lecture. Contact Beth_Walker@baylor.edu for more information.

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Staff workers assemble a carnival ride to prepare for the Heart of Texas Fair, beginning today at 5 p.m. at the HOT Coliseum. The fair will feature the third-largest rodeo in the world, music, a carnival and food.

Third-largest rodeo combines with fair, starts in Waco today

By Courtney Webb
Reporter

The third largest rodeo in the world is coming to Waco. This year's Heart of Texas Fair will include a carnival, The Heartland ProRodeo Championship and live entertainment, among other attractions. "The fair is for all ages," said director of local marketing for the HOT Fair Ashley Strong. "There are concerts for the college students, The Heartland ProRodeo Championships for the agricultural group and the carnival for the younger crowd." The HOT Fair was constructed in the spring of 1953 "by businessmen, because they wanted to form an event that would bring the community together," said Rob Carr, chief financial officer and controller for the fair.

The county authorized a bond issue of \$1,200,000 to create the 50-acre complex, Carr said. The land contains The Heart of Texas Coliseum and Back Porch Club, Dodge Show Pavilion, General Exhibits Building, Fine Arts Building and Stall Barn. "The HOT Fair is a long-standing community event," said Devin Mejia, the HOT Fair senior division manager and presentation department chair. The fair will also have special events dedicated to the needs of the hearing impaired and physically handicapped. "The hearing impaired night will have a designated section for those who are hearing impaired to sit, while a signer interprets the entire rodeo on Thursday," said fair president and chief executive officer Wes Allison. Special Ranch Rodeo is a

night focused on physically handicapped children ages 3 to 18. The children will get to sit on the arena floor, rope dummies, ride horses and see the clowns and bull fights, Allison said. The Special Ranch Rodeo is Wednesday. The HOT Fair's live, nightly entertainment on the Bud Light True Music Stage will feature various entertainers from country to Spanish music. Some of the artists include Clay Walker, Cory Morrow, Kevin Fowler, The Bellamy Brothers and the Randy Rogers Band. "My favorite part of the fair is the entertainment," Strong said. "I really enjoy the concerts. I'm looking forward to Aaron Watson the most." The biggest change to the HOT Fair this year is the Heartland ProRodeo Championships.

"The fair usually just has a few cowboys come out, but this championship is bringing 30 cowboys to the Fair this year," Strong said. "They will be competing for a \$500,000 prize." The Heartland ProRodeo Championships will take place Oct. 3 to 11. The championships is the fourth leg of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association championship season. "Two hundred and seventy-one rodeos have pledged to take part in this series," Allison said. The HOT Fair's mission is to provide education through entertainment and agricultural experiences, according to the HOT Fair mission statement. HOT Fair will start today and last until Oct. 11th. Ticket prices, times and dates vary per event. For information on these please visit the HOT Fair Web site at www.hotfair.com.

Thrift shopping offers inexpensive style

Editor's Note: This is the second installment of a column series where the Lariat explores living inexpensively.

By Christina Kruse and
Melanie Crowson
Reporters

One of the major disadvantages for the average college student is a lack of money to invest in the latest styles of clothing. Some flock to Target, where fashion is reasonable, but still a little too much for a smaller budget. Others simply wear what they've worn since their high school days. But there is an alternative solution to clearance sales at Gap and Target — thrift stores and consignment shops. When investigating local consignment shops and thrift stores in the Waco area, we found that they are to the advantage of students who like a good bargain and still maintain a good style sense to shop at these various places.

At these stores \$25 can go a long way. Plus, if you're looking for extra cash, you can turn in or exchange gently-worn clothes at consignment shops. "Most students are looking for brands they are familiar with," family and consumer science professor Rita Purdy said. Purdy also shops at consignment stores such as Ditto and Amelia's Fashion Exchange. Brands such as Banana Republic, Seven, Abercrombie and Fitch, Bebe and Express can be found at consignment or thrift stores, especially ones near college campuses, she said. "I have seen Ralph Lauren jeans for \$14 (at Amelia's) that are usually \$75," Purdy said. If style is a concern, do research in magazines that cater to revealing the latest fashion trends, prior to shopping. While shopping, browse

through the various pieces and try to put an outfit together in your head. Don't be afraid to be creative. Also, students who are looking for clothing appropriate for an interview can check out thrift stores as well. "Students can find good buys for a professional suit," Purdy said. "I had found an Austin Reed suit that had never been worn — I had to buy it." Austin Reed suits sell from \$300 to \$400, but the suit she bought was priced around \$30. Thrift stores are the place to look for costumes as well. If students call ahead of time several Goodwill stores will set aside costumes. "I shop at thrift stores when I'm looking to get a deal on clothes for costume parties and things like that," said Ennis sophomore Robert Scott. Here are some general guidelines for selling clothes at a con-

signment shop. Amelia's Fashion Exchange requires clothes to be clean, pressed, on hangers and within the last years of current style. Designer labels are preferred. Accepted items at Amelia's will be priced and put on the floor for two months. If sold off the rack, the original price is 50 percent of the original price.



Photo Illustration by Christina Kruse/Lariat staff

owner, receives 45 percent of the profit. Amelia's Fashion Exchange is accepting full winter wear with heavier sweaters, coats, furs, and cords, according to their Web site. They are also accept-

ing formals that can be worn for Christmas and New Year parties. For those who like to change up their wardrobe frequently, check out thrift stores that offer membership to "swap and shop" as often as you like. Every Girl's Closet is a shop that offers a membership system. To become a member, one must buy \$30 worth of clothing, which covers all membership fees. Also, members are asked to make a one-time donation of ten items of gently-used clothing. From there, members may "swap and shop" as often as they choose. "With the downturn in the economy, more people are going into those places," Purdy said. Most importantly, thrift shops provide relief for the bank account as well as a fun variety of clothing. "I shop at Goodwill for the cheap T-shirt and Baylor T-shirts," said Spring sophomore Paige Carpenter. "You can normally find them for 50 cents if you go on half-price T-shirt day."

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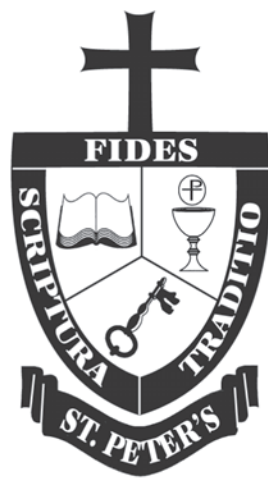
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Transfer students bring talent, experience to the field

By Andrew Martinez
Reporter

College athletes list many reasons for switching schools, for Baylor junior offensive lineman J.D. Walton and several others, it was all about coming back to Texas.

"I started off at Arizona State, but I just didn't fit in out there," Walton said, "there's a different kind of people out there and I just wanted to go back home."

Student-athletes like Walton, who transfer to finish their degree at colleges other than those to which they originally committed, are found throughout college sports. What makes football transfer players different is that they, along with players in several other Division I sports, have to sit out for a year when transferring from one four-year university

to another.

Walton, now a starting offensive lineman for the Bears, had to pay his dues when sitting out for the obligatory year the NCAA has sanctioned. Walton said he tried to make the most of his 2006 off-year by re-committing to football and becoming a better football player.

"I came in here a little heavy, so I was playing for the scout team," Walton said. "I made myself better, hit the weights hard and shed a lot of unneeded weight," he said, "so it was a really beneficial year for me because I got a lot bigger and stronger and faster."

Walton said that while he used that year to improve, he was frustrated at not being able to contribute on Saturdays for the Bears.

Transfers face a multitude of challenges not experienced by

players who complete their eligibility at one university. Transfers have to forge new relationships with coaches, friendships with fellow players and adjust to living in a new place.

Leon Freeman, a senior defensive end, took a different route by transferring from a community college. Freeman played for two years at Mesa Community College in Arizona before transferring to Baylor to play his remaining two years of eligibility. Athletes transferring from two-year colleges are not made to sit out for changing colleges. Freeman said the biggest difference between Mesa and Baylor is the caliber of competition.

"It's more in-depth as for as the plays and playbook — that was the biggest thing I was really worried about. It's always hard to start over," he said.

Freeman went on to say his

transition to playing Big 12 football and living in Waco has been smooth.

Kirby Freeman, Baylor's backup quarterback and transfer from the University of Miami, was able to enroll at Baylor to play his final year of college football through a little known provision in NCAA rules.

"Even if you graduate, you won't be able to transfer," Kirby Freeman said. "The only reason you can transfer is if the university you're transferring to doesn't have a master's program offered at your other university," he said. "That's why I'm here."

Kirby Freeman, like Walton, is a Texas native finding refuge in his home state. Walton lists outdoor activities like hunting and fishing, popular Texas pastimes, as a reason why his life is better for him at Baylor.

"The hunting and fishing and everything like that is better down here," Walton said. "I have a group of guys (on the team) that I go hunting and fishing with," he said.

One of the reasons student-athletes transfer is coaching changes. For example, Kirby Freeman was recruited by Miami head coach Larry Coker, a national championship winner, who left the university while Freeman was a sophomore. While Kirby Freeman did not say a coaching change was the only reason he left Miami, he did say the arrival of coach Briles was an impetus for transferring.

"The reason I came here was because of coach Briles," Kirby Freeman said. "I knew he was a great head coach and he wanted to use me to (help) start a foundation in this new program," he said.

Fast Facts

Football student athletes transferring from one, four-year university to another have to sit out for a full year, unless given an exception

Athletes transferring from a two-year university are not required to sit-out a year

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Golf wins 2nd title

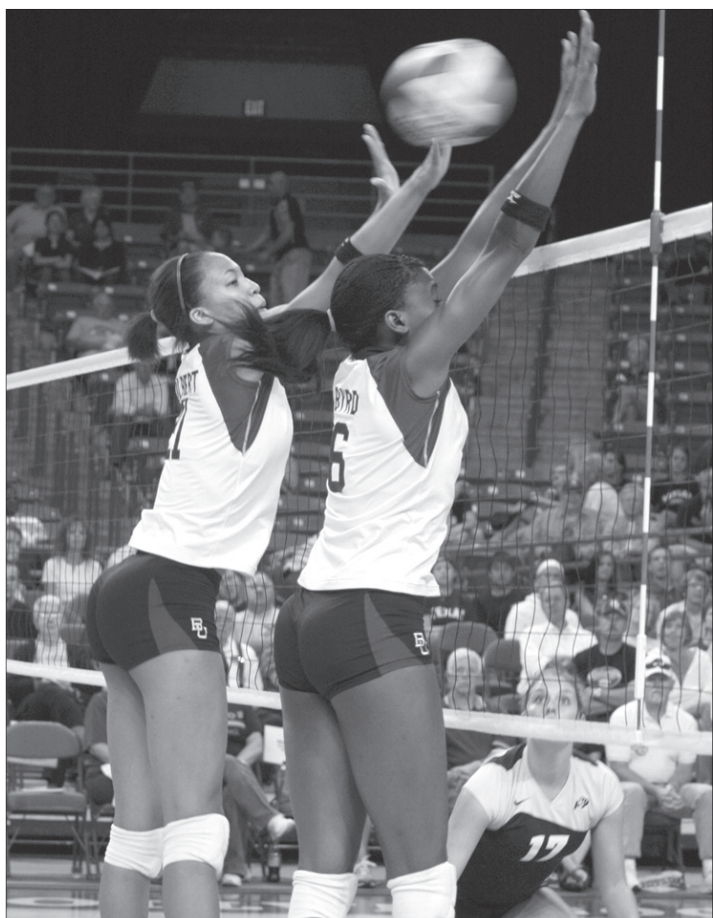
By Garrett Turner
Sports Writer

The No. 10 Baylor men's golf team traveled to Hartford, Conn., this past weekend and captured its second straight tournament win to start off their season. The Bears finished with three players who shot 2-under 70 in the final round, helping the team grab the Hartford Hawks Invitational title.

"Golf tournaments are hard to win," head coach Greg Priest said. "There are teams that go years without ever winning one and we're fortunate to have won two."

Individually, the men's golf team did well. Junior Colton Williams finished second, shooting 2-under 70 while senior Bill Allcorn stepped up and finished third with a 3-under 141.

The team hopes to bring this confidence into their next tournament on Oct. 13 in Birmingham, Ala.



Shanna Taylor/ Lariat Staff

Briana Tolbert, left, and Ashley Byrd go for a block against Colorado Wednesday.

3-0 victory pushes BU to 4-1

By Justin Baer
Reporter

Baylor's volleyball team operated effectively and efficiently Wednesday night in a commanding 25-10, 25-14, 25-13 victory over the University of Colorado at the Ferrell Center.

The match lasted less than an hour and a half, and the Bears (12-3, 4-1) hit .385 on the night, compared to Colorado's .083.

"It was one of those games where things go our way," head coach Jim Barnes said. "But we made things go our way."

The Bears rebounded from a disappointing loss during the weekend against No. 18 ranked Kansas State University.

And with smiles plastered across their, it appears the Bears didn't take the loss to close to heart.

"We came back from that trip knowing we can play with those top teams in the league," Barnes said of the weekend road trip. "You play this game your best when you really enjoy what you're doing. The girls showed

that tonight by playing hard and enjoying playing hard."

Buda junior Anna Breyfogle was, as Barnes said, "a ball magnet," throughout the night.

Breyfogle completed the three-set match with 10 kills and 10 blocks.

Breyfogle couldn't help but chuckle after the game from some of the peculiar but spectacular plays she made, notably a play in the second set where she blocked a Colorado hit, set herself, then finished the point off by slamming a kill.

"Everything happened so fast, and then it was so funny," Breyfogle said. "I was just trying not to laugh. It was a lot of fun, and hopefully we can bring that energy to our next game."

Although most of the offense rotated around Breyfogle Wednesday night, she wasn't alone in the onslaught.

Freshman sensation Briana Tolbert finished the night with seven kills and three blocks, but gave the upperclassmen credit for her outstanding performance.

"It's really good as freshmen to watch the upperclassmen and their game," Tolbert said. "This win was really a great boost

"We made things go our way."

Jim Barnes
Volleyball head coach

of confidence for us; we had already been playing great this whole year. I think this bye week will help us get ready for Texas, and hopefully we will be ready to play."

The rest they get will be much needed heading into next Wednesday's game in Austin against the No. 3 ranked University of Texas Longhorns.

"We only talked about the match against Colorado for a minute (after the game)," Barnes said. "We started talking Texas right away in the locker room. It's at their place, so the pressure is on them."

Weekend pair of Big 12 soccer squads to test Baylor team

By Joe Holloway
Sports Writer

The Baylor soccer team (4-5-1, 0-1-0) will continue conference action at 7 p.m. Friday against Iowa State University (4-6-0, 0-2-0) and 1 p.m. Sunday against the University of Nebraska (6-4-1, 2-0-0).

After battling a tough No. 7 Texas A&M University team (8-1-1, 1-0-1) to a 1-0 defeat, head coach Marci Jobson said that much of the week preparing for Iowa State and Nebraska has been spent on recuperating from

Sunday's match.

"Some girls that played tons of minutes are just trying to get their legs back, other girls who didn't play as much are playing a little bit more," she said of this week's practices.

The Bears managed to hold off a stout Aggie offense for 80 minutes, but Jobson hesitates to say that that means the team will play better against Iowa State and Nebraska.

"To be honest, I don't draw conclusions like that," she said. "I think that's the biggest trip you can have as a coach and as

a team."

However, freshman defender Staz Salinas did say that the tight game was something of a confidence-builder heading into the weekend's games.

"It helps a lot," she said. "Now that we played A&M and knowing how we did against them, we can go out there and prove that we're a team and we're better than what they think."

Senior defender Elena Sutherland said that the A&M match was a good starting point for Big 12 play.

"As long as we can keep up

what we did against them and bring it to another level we're sure the rest of the conference games will be great," she said.

The Bears will need all the confidence they can get heading into the weekend against the Cyclones and the Huskers. Iowa State dropped its first two conference games to the University of Missouri and the University of Kansas, but Jobson remains complimentary of the team.

"I've watched a lot of video on them," she said. "They definitely have a lot of dynamic personalities on their team."

She said the thing she noticed most about the Cyclones was their fierceness at the beginning of games.

"Against most of the opponents they come out really pumped up," Jobson said. "We're going to have to come out and match that intensity."

Nebraska, who had a tough non-conference schedule, is on a two-game conference winning streak, posting one-point wins over Kansas and Missouri.

"They play a little more direct, blue-collar, feisty type of style," Jobson said. "It's a tough style to

play."

But Jobson also said that the team's focus remains on Iowa State first, and Nebraska second.

"I always tell my girls I really want their focus on their Friday games," she said. "We have one game and that's Friday."

When asked if that put the team at a disadvantage on Sundays, Jobson didn't appear worried.

"For your Sunday games you just don't have as much time to prepare," she said. "But I think it's just as hard for those teams to prepare as much for you."

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along with the Democratic Congress, set a goal to have more low-income mortgage loans,” he said. “If McCain can show the Democrats are to blame for the current financial state, he can come out on top.”

Stephen Cook, a Plano junior and McCain supporter, said he worries about Obama’s lack of experience and questions his ability to lead in a critical time. He said McCain has the advantage because he offers the experience and maturity the public wants for stability.

“I really don’t know much about Obama, I don’t know about his past. All I know about him is his very brief voting record in the Senate,” Cook said. “I think what people do know about him, shouldn’t persuade them to vote for him for president.”

The initial failed bailout plan left many wondering what the appropriate course of action should be for the presidential hopefuls.

Dr. Dwight Allman, associate professor of political science, said the candidates have to play more of a “back seat role” and let the current administration lead the way.

“I agree with those who thought that John McCain last week, who was up and down and all over the place in the various pronouncements he made, seemed to make the matter worse than to contribute in a constructive way. A certain amount of caution and careful deliberation is called for,” he said.

Cook, however, believes the candidates should play a more active role in mending the injured economy.

“I definitely appreciated John McCain’s presence in Washington during the drafting of the financial proposal. I think that helped out a lot, and I don’t like Obama’s response,” he said. “I think the debates should not have been the priority last week, it should’ve been the proposal in Congress. Both candidates should both have an active role in the proposal.”

Just how much fiscal issues will tilt the electoral map is undetermined. The vice presidential debate tonight gives Sen. Joe Biden and Gov. Sarah Palin the opportunity to present themselves to citizens.

Seaman said his main concern is Biden’s 30-year Senate record could be picked apart for inconsistencies in contrast, to Palin’s two-year term as governor of Alaska.

He said Biden could be at a disadvantage because expectations are much higher for him than they are Palin.

“Biden shouldn’t go too much on the attack because the way McCain has set it up, any criticism is a liberal attack,” he said. “Palin just needs to not drool on herself because her performance with Katie Couric was so bad. No one’s expecting anything.”

Cook said Palin “has nothing to worry about” in tonight’s debate.

“She’s an incredibly intelligent woman,” he said. “If you look at the recordings of her debates running for Alaskan governor, she’s a really great debater. She’s passionate and she’s witty.”

The first and only vice presidential debate is scheduled for 8 p.m. tonight at Washington University in St. Louis.

Janna Quinn contributed to this story.



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Living life leftie style

Chattanooga, Tenn., sophomore Cami Steger uses a casual moment to get some serious studying done in the Armstrong Browning Library Wednesday afternoon.

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Baylor family has been a “massive drag” on the university’s ability to raise funds.

“Most of this turmoil arose out of controversies associated with previous administrations, controversies that we can, and should be able to, move past,” Tatum said. “The faculty, donors, regents and alumni that I talk to want to reunify. And if we are careful and thoughtful, we will be able to do so.”

Tatum said an important step for moving forward would be the enactment of Faculty Senate’s recommendations that the next presidential search committee be inclusive and representative of various groups at Baylor.

“Imagine the good will that could be generated with a search committee that includes representatives of the faculty, students, alumni, staff and regents. A president supported by all of Baylor’s constituents can

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Immediate past president of the Texas American Association of University Professors

raise significant funds.”

Jeff Kilgore, vice president of the Baylor Alumni Association, said the consultant’s report validated a need for Baylor’s various constituents to unite. He said the BAA supports Faculty Senate’s proposal of inclusion in the presidential search.

“The idea of inclusion doesn’t assume authority, it only begs for a platform by which opinions can be shared, so that those making decisions can make as informed decisions as possible,” Kilgore said.

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his car,” she said.

She said she hadn’t gotten her wheels back, but she’d been told she’d get them today.

“He put wheel locks on them, so he’ll have to pay more to get them taken off,” she said.

She said she hopes that this incident can raise awareness of the amount of crime on campus.

“We should feel safe here. This happened on campus in a

campus parking garage. When you park your car at school, you shouldn’t have to worry,” she said. “I don’t think he should be able to graduate. I don’t think that I should have to walk around with him at school,” she said.

Doak said that Mazen is working with police.

“He has been very cooperative,” Doak said. Police are still investigating the case. “We’re looking at other things. Some information can’t be shared right now,” Doak said.

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The rescue package lets the government spend billions of dollars to buy bad mortgage-related securities and other devalued assets held by troubled financial institutions. If successful, advocates say, that would allow frozen credit to

begin flowing again and prevent a deep recession.

Even as the Senate voted, House leaders were hunting for the 12 votes they would need to turn around Monday’s 228-205 defeat.

They were especially targeting the 133 Republicans who voted “no.”

Their opposition appeared

to be easing after the Senate added \$110 billion in tax breaks for businesses and the middle class, plus a provision to raise, from \$100,000 to \$250,000, the cap on federal deposit insurance.

They were also cheering a decision Tuesday by the Securities and Exchange Commission to ease rules that force

companies to devalue assets on their balance sheets to reflect the price they can get on the market.

There were worries, though, that the tax breaks would cause some conservative-leaning Democrats who voted for the rescue Monday to abandon it because it would swell the federal deficit.

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