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Economy, Iraq issues dominate debate

Points of View



Oscar Boleman

"I think it's pretty obvious that Palin has some serious deficiencies in her ability to debate. ... It kind of comes off strong that she doesn't know much else other than energy policy."



Phillip Chaney

"Palin has been able to hold her own ... I think both candidates are dodging questions intentionally, and that's very frustrating."

By Jim Kuhnhehn
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin accused Barack Obama of voting against funding for U.S. troops in combat Thursday night in her much-anticipated debate with Obama's running mate, Joe Biden, whom she chastised for defending the move, "especially with your son in the National Guard" and headed for Iraq.

"John McCain voted against funding for the troops," as well, Biden countered, adding that the Republican presidential candidate had been "dead wrong on the fundamental issues relating to the conduct of the war."

Biden did not immediately reply to Palin's mention of his son, Beau, the Delaware attorney general, who is scheduled to fly to Iraq with his National Guard soon.

Palin has a young son who is in Iraq with the Alaska National Guard, although she did not refer to it.

The exchange over Iraq was easily the most personal, and among the most pointed, as the two running mates debated across 90 minutes on a stage at Washington University.

They also clashed over energy, the economy, global warming and more in their only debate, with little more than one month remaining in the campaign and McCain struggling to regain his

footing.

Republican officials disclosed earlier in the day that he was conceding the battleground state of Michigan to Obama. The state voted Democratic four years ago, but McCain had spent millions trying to place it in his column.

Biden was scathing in his criticism of McCain's position on the Iraq war, calling him the "odd man out" for his refusal to accept a timeline for the withdrawal of U.S. troops.

But Palin countered that a timetable was tantamount to "a white flag of surrender in Iraq," and at a moment when victory was "within sight."

She also said Biden had once supported McCain's view of the war, and noted that he had once said of Obama that he wasn't ready to be commander in chief ... "and I know again that you opposed the move that he made to try to cut off funding for the troops and I respect you for that."

"I don't know how you can defend that position now but, I know that you know, especially with your son in the National Guard."

As for Obama, she said, "Another story there. Anyone I think who can cut off funding for the troops after promising not to, that's another story."

Biden's reply was in clipped tones. "John McCain voted to cut off funding for the troops.



Monday is the last day for voter registration



Associated Press

Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del. (left) and Republican vice presidential candidate Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin shake hands before the start of a vice presidential debate at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., Thursday.

Let me say that again. John McCain voted against an amendment containing \$1 billion, 600 million dollars" for protective equipment that is "protecting the governor's son and, pray God, my son and a lot of other sons and daughters. He voted against it."

Palin, who has been governor

of her state less than two years, was under intense pressure to demonstrate a strong grasp of the issues as she stepped onto the stage. Polls show the public has become increasingly skeptical of her readiness for high public office.

As is her custom on the campaign, she spoke in familiar

terms, saying "betcha" rather than "bet you" and "gonna" rather than "going to."

She also spoke to the home folks. "Here's a shout-out" to third graders at Gladys Wood Elementary School in Alaska. She said they would all receive

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Professor retirement money declines with economic woes

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

It was an explosive month on Wall Street.

America saw the breakdown of major investment banks and high-dollar handouts to financial institutions left and right. It also saw the most massive bailout of the financial sector in history proposed, rejected, and then proposed again.

From the other side of Wall Street Americans nearing retirement are among some of the

hardest hit by the recent economic rollercoaster ride. Many Americans are looking at the balance of their 401(k) accounts and not liking what they see.

"Generally, professors or other employees who are planning to retire soon may need to consider various options," said Curtis Sharp, executive officer for denominational and public relations at Guidestone Financial Resources, in an e-mail to the Lariat. "Because of the decline in the financial markets, some individuals will need to reconsider their planned retirement date or determine to withdraw less from their retirement accounts in order to not outlive their money."

Guidestone is one of the

financial companies Baylor contributes funds towards for employee retirement plans. Baylor employees may choose from Guidestone, Vanguard and TIAA-CREF.

Retirees with contribution plans such as 401(k) accounts are at risk of losing significant chunks of their savings and income in a single day's market mishaps.

"I've been losing money since last summer a couple thousand here, a couple more there," said Dr. Linda Adams, professor of

political science. "Most of my huge losses have been recently, though. I've discovered that whatever percentage the Dow goes down, that's pretty much how much I lose."

The severity of losses incurred depends largely on the plan an employee chooses to allocate their retirement funds.

"At the most basic level, if people have a traditional pension, they aren't affected by what's going on because that is purely based on a formula as a function of salary and years of service," said Paul Yakoboski, principal research fellow for TIAA-CREF. "If instead, someone has a defined contribution plan then there may be some

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Wall Street affects endowment funds

By Ashley Corinne Killough
Staff Writer

Following weeks of unstable events on Wall Street, Baylor released a statement Wednesday announcing a 1.9 percent decrease in the university's endowment at the close of business Monday. Baylor's

endowment equaled \$1.1 billion as of May 31.

After the proposed \$700 billion rescue plan failed to pass on Capitol Hill Monday, major indexes suffered their worst declines since 1987. The Dow Jones Industrials dropped 7 percent, the S&P 500 fell 8.8 percent and the NASDAQ lost 9.1 percent.

After figuring in gains made in Tuesday's market jump, the endowment's percentage decrease improved to a 1.6 percent decline.

Dr. Reagan Ramsower, vice president for finance and administration, said the endowment is focused on

long-term investments and diversification across a wide variety of assets.

"The Baylor endowment is much less exposed to the equity market than, for example, many people's retirement investments, and therefore the impact of the current market declines, would not move the

endowment near as much as a typical investment portfolio," Ramsower said.

This strategy, according to the release, has "allowed Baylor's endowment to perform well and produce consistent returns over the long term."

The National Association of College and University Business Officials reported an estimated 2.2 percent decline in the median return for the top 25 percent of university endowments for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Conversely, Baylor witnessed a 5.1 percent increase in its endowment during the same fiscal year, outperforming the S&P 500 by 18 percent.

DID YOU KNOW

1.9% decrease in the university endowment at the close of Wall Street Monday, the Dow's worst one day percent decline in 21 years.

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Photo Illustration by Christina Kruse/Lariat Staff

Fifty-seven McLennan County residents have been indicted by a grand jury for cocaine use since the beginning of August. "It's definitely upward-trending," said a receptionist at the DePaul Center, a psychiatric and substance abuse treatment division of Providence Health Center.

Waco sees rise in cocaine abuse

Jade Ortego
Staff Writer

There have been 57 cocaine related grand jury indictments in McLennan County since the beginning of August. According to the Gulf Coast Addiction Technology Transfer Center, the region of Texas that includes Waco has the highest rate of cocaine use in the past year, 3.26 percent.

Representatives of Waco rehabilitation and detoxification facilities say that the rate of admissions due to cocaine addictions has gone up in the last year.

According to the Gulf Coast Addiction Technology Transfer Center, calls to The Texas Poison Center Network involving the use of cocaine increased

from 497 in 1998 to 1,363 in 2007.

"We're seeing an epidemic. We get about 12 new people each week, so about 48 a month. The sad thing is, I'll probably always have a job," said Darlene Childs, a licensed chemical dependency counselor at the Freeman Center, a non-profit recovery program in Waco.

"It's definitely upward-trending," agreed a receptionist at the DePaul Center, a psychiatric and substance abuse treatment division of Providence Health Center, who asked to go unnamed.

Cocaine is a powerfully addictive stimulant, but it is not physically addictive, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement

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SAT elimination does no justice for minority students

I'm tired of hearing the word diversity on college campuses. More often than not, this term that once stood for a beautiful blend of ethnicities, backgrounds and ideas, now means giving hand-outs to minority groups. As I read through various scholarly articles, it ocured to me that much of America has lost the meaning of what it truly means to try to add diversity to a campus. Last week, I saw an article about universities choosing to eliminate the SAT as a requirement for admission. I thought, "Hey, that might not be a bad idea." That's until I read what one man said about this trend. He said the ACT and SAT are discriminatory tests meant to exclude African-Americans from

pursuing higher education. He then compared the tests to walking into a baseball park and seeing white teams with brand new equipment, while African American teams struggle to get by with outdated, dilapidated equipment. Now I don't know about you, but I haven't driven past any black baseball teams still using sticks as baseball bats and a big rock as a ball. It would be foolish to pretend as though widespread poverty is uncorrelated to college preparedness. But it is the pitying outlook stated above of minorities' abilities to withstand the pressure of higher education that holds minorities back more than poverty ever could. Colleges who opt to go sans-SAT scores are boast-

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BY SOMMER INGRAM

ing about minimal increases in minority enrollment. But obviously, by rejoicing the fact that more minorities apply to a college when the criteria is altered and expectations are lower, these universities are promoting the one thing affirmative action is soundly in opposition to: lowering standards for minority students. Affirmative action policies are intended to level the playing field for traditionally underrep-

resented groups through intentional outreach efforts. The very heart of affirmative action is built on opportunity, not hand-outs. We are talking about throwing a national standard of measurement out the window, and what is the main reason? Minorities supposedly aren't smart enough to make the cut. As a minority, I find the fact that there are people out there who think I can't get into college, get a job or do anything else in life without the standard of measurement being catered to my own "oppressed" needs to be offensive. My parents didn't raise me with a chip on my shoulder, nor with the ability to accept excuses made for me by those who don't believe I can succeed anyway.

The SAT and ACT are unquestionably objective standardized tests. For those who claim that standardized testing isn't a fair indication of a student's knowledge, then by all means, find another mode of indication. But don't for one second buy into the advertisement that portrays African-Americans as weaklings whom society has beat up at every turn in life, and that only money can buy your ticket into college. This faulty argument doesn't encourage any minority to fight to overcome his own struggle. For colleges seeking to enhance their status of diversity on campus, the key is to make the campus culturally attractive through purposeful outreach

efforts in minority areas, by putting on events that highlight multicultural traditions and appeal to more than the majority race on campus. And even more important than that, to provide a support system that will do more to assure success in a system that inherently thinks minorities can't make the cut. It's not about making drastic changes and then slapping the name "diversification" on them — it's about growth and opportunity and refusing to allow anyone, regardless of their race, to settle for anything less than excellence. Sommer Ingram is a sophomore political science major from Texarkana and a staff writer for The Baylor Lariat

Editorial

Businesses need final say in ban

Nationwide, there has been a movement toward banning smoking. Of the nation's 50 states, 24 have statewide bans on indoor smoking at public locations. Texas has a statewide ban, but loopholes abound, leaving plenty of wiggle room for bars to fall through. Although the Texas state law ranges from border to border, it doesn't preclude smaller local governments from making their own ordinances. The Waco-McLennan County Health District has recently drafted an ordinance banning smoking in bars, which it intends on sending out to 20 cities in the area. Each city has the option of rejecting or adopting the ordinance. The proposal was drafted in September. If a city decided to pass the ordinance, all establishments that receive 70 percent of gross sales from alcohol would be added to the ban. Woodway, a suburb of Waco and part of McLennan County, already has a ban on smoking in bars. The county bill's intent is to protect people's rights to clean air at their jobs. At most offices and businesses, personal rights to clean air are a reasonable demand, as employees spend such a large portion of their time on the job. In a centrally ventilated office building, one person's smoke could easily disturb every worker on the floor within a matter of minutes. If this smoking ban proposal does



pass, it can have an economical impact on bar owners. Not allowing customers to smoke in bars would mean that the business could lose customers who are smokers. Customers looking for a communal place to sit, smoke and reminisce would be forced to locate elsewhere. If the law affects businesses, then it will in turn also affect the employees working in those businesses. If businesses lose customers due to the smoking ban, then this will put employees' jobs at risk. They may be laid off because of the loss of sales incurred by the smoking ban. This ban would in turn negatively affect the employees that it intends to protect. Although it would make sense that banning smoking in bars would have a negative impact on sales, a 2004 study

conducted by the Chronic Disease Prevention at the Texas Department of State Health Services had interesting findings. The study found that El Paso, a city that had a bar and restaurant smoking ban, did not economically suffer. The study compared receipts from before and after the ban was passed in 2002 and concluded that there was not really a monetary effect from the ban. Beyond the possibility of an immediate loss of profits is a larger issue. How far will the movement to ban smoking go? Already, states such as Pennsylvania and Michigan have passed laws prohibiting smoking indoors in all public places statewide. California has already added an outdoor ban within 20 feet of an entrance of any public building. Almost half of the states in the Union have simi-

lar bans, and Baylor already has a ban on smoking within 30 feet of a building. Will there be a total blanket ban on smoking? Some regulation is necessary and reasonable. In hospitals, malls, classrooms and other public places, smoking should be regulated. But in bars, smoking should not be prohibited. People who chose to go into bars do so fully aware that they will be exposed to smoke. Bars aren't your typical place for good, clean family fun. If you don't want to be in such an atmosphere, then you can choose not to go. For private businesses, it should be the right of each individual owner, and not of the government, to decide what is best for his or her workplace.

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Let creation take care of itself, focus on human kindness

In a moment, I will say something you've probably never read in an opinion column. Last week, you see, I wrote about Sarah Palin's attempt to ban books when she was a small-town mayor. In the process, I noted that "we all have questions" for Palin. Among them: "Does she really take the parable of Adam and Eve as literal truth?" Which unleashed a flood of e-mails from people angry that I had demoted the Christian creation story to the status of parable and suggested by implication that anyone who believes it is, as one reader put it, a "fool." Which brings us to those seldom-used words: You're right. I apologize. Let me be clear: I don't believe the Bible's account of creation.

Never have. Leaving aside Darwin and taking the story on its own merits, there are still holes in it big enough to walk a dinosaur through. Not least of which is the conundrum of how, short of incest, humanity reproduced itself if there was only one family on earth. And had I framed my question more narrowly — Does Sarah Palin really want the Bible story of creation taught in schools? — you'd be reading no mea culpa here. Science classes are for science and faith is not science. Nor, in a pluralistic society, does anyone have the right to impose faith on someone else. But I didn't pose a narrow question. Instead, I airily dismissed a belief I don't share, yet a belief which, in and of itself,

point of view



BY LEONARD PITTS JR.

hurts no one, marginalizes no one, and is a fundament of faith for millions. That was needlessly (as opposed to necessarily) disrespectful. It also was arrogant. Which is, oddly enough, the one trait of the lately resurgent Atheist movement that vexes me. I'm not affronted by their unbelief, per se. But among some Atheists there is often a stick-in-the-eye condescension to their expression thereof — let Bill Maher

stand as its avatar — that really gets tiresome. In fairness to Atheists, though, I've always suspected that was a reaction to the equally irksome arrogance some religious conservatives — let the Rev. Jerry Falwell stand as avatar — have exuded upon the rest of us for 30 years. If you sense angels moonwalking on the head of a pin here, you're right. My problem is that within the confines of this debate as it is usually construed, I am neither fish nor fowl. I can no more buy unbelief than I can Adam and Eve and for the same reason: holes big enough to float an ark through. Not least of which is this: OK, there was a Big Bang. Who lit the fuse? I've said before that some of us will never believe; some of us will

always believe without question. And some of us will always believe "with" questions. I am in the last camp. In the stillness of their own souls, I suspect most people are. Indeed, I suspect that's the largest camp on the planet. And yes, a reasonable person of whatever theological bent might wonder how and where you draw the line. If you question Adam and Eve, why not question all of it? Isn't life after death just as unlikely as a world created in seven days? I can give no answer that satisfies intellect. Which is, I suppose, the very nature of faith. It is, however, too often the case in these contentious days that faith devolves into loud, insoluble arguments like this one over how human life came to be.

Meanwhile, there's a comparative silence about how we treat each other while we are here. Maybe we should let creation take care of itself. Heck, it already has. But see, the Bible also says do for one another, serve and sacrifice for the least of these among us. So when I hear the debate about creation, I wonder: where is the debate about ministering to the broken, lifting the fallen, tending the sick? Why isn't it at least as loud as this one is? Where is the urgent exhortation to step out from the confines of your own life and help someone else? That, too, is faith. Leonard Pitts Jr. is a columnist for the Miami Herald and the winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for commentary.

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Hitler painting resides in Red Men museum

By Chad Shanks
Staff Writer

In the back of a vast display hall, surrounded by books and an elaborate selection of guns and armor, sits an inconspicuous diploma-sized watercolor, propped on a three-foot tall wooden table. Amidst this backdrop of apparent banality emerges a striking signature in the lower right-hand corner: A. Hitler.

The painting, titled “Vas Mit Blumen,” or “Vase of Flowers,” which is attributed to infamous Nazi leader Adolf Hitler, is on display at Waco’s Red Men Museum and Library.

The painting is owned by Mary Ann Davis, whose late husband, Robert Davis, loaned it in 2000 to the museum from his private collection.

According to museum director David Lintz, Robert Davis loved going to auctions and buying historical artifacts. Davis purchased this particular painting at an auction some years ago. With his passing, exact details of the painting’s origin are unknown.

“The problem with auctions is the information and the piece get separated,” Lintz said.

While its authenticity cannot be guaranteed, the piece has the stamp “S. Morgenstern: Liechtenstein” on the back. According to John K. Roth’s “Holocaust Politics,” Samuel Morgenstern was a Jewish jeweler who was

“the most loyal buyer of Hitler’s work.”

Hitler is thought to have painted hundreds of pieces before becoming the Nazi leader.

In “Mein Kampf,” translated in English as “My struggle,” Hitler details his early desire to be a professional artist and his two rejections from the prestigious Vienna Academy of Fine Arts. Several of his paintings have survived and, according to MSNBC, have sold for \$5,000 to \$50,000 at auctions.

The relatively small watercolor presently in Waco features an arrangement of what appears to be zinnias in a blue ceramic vase. The delicate arrangement of orange, red and pink flowers is interspersed with green foliage on an off-white surface, dated circa 1912.

If the ascription is accurate, the hands that eventually led the Holocaust also depicted an innocent bouquet of flowers.

“I just can’t imagine that man painting flowers,” Red Men Museum and Library administrative assistant Anne Dorbritz said.

Although the artwork has been on display in Waco for eight years, it remains relatively unknown in the community.

Lintz said he attributes the lack of fanfare to the museum’s “off the beaten path” location, away from the other Waco museums, and its lack of interactive exhibits.

The display of Hitler’s painting has led to its share of controversy. A few members of the Red Men Society did not like including the painting, because of their status as an American patriotic fraternal organization and the addition of an artist of Hitler’s stature is contradictory to their stance.

Lintz said he does not believe the museum should just show “cleaned-up history.”

“We’ve had negative reactions from time to time, but I’ve tried to get visitors to see that the most influential figure of the 20th century on America, in my opinion, was Adolf Hitler. He caused us to invent things and more things to happen in this country than ever before,” Lintz said. “I’m not making a values judgment, but he exerted a lot of influence on America because of who he was and what he did. He got the world moving, and it’s a shame that’s what it took to do it.”

The museum staff prides itself on collecting historical books and artifacts for the Waco community to enjoy free of charge.

The museum also boasts a wooden painting of Hitler stolen from Germany in 1945 by U.S. soldiers and a complete set of the Nuremberg trials documentation.

Robert Davis’ estate also previously loaned the museum guns used by notorious criminals Bonnie and Clyde.

Lintz notes that Baylor Eng-



Christina Kruse/Lariat staff

A painting supposedly created by Adolf Hitler resides in the Red Men Museum and Library. “Every now and then we’ll get someone who thinks his stuff doesn’t belong,” said David Lintz, director of the museum. “We have little snippets of history.”

lish and business students have used the museum’s resources for assignments in the past and he encourages current students to take advantages of their unique sources.

“Even though the Hitler

painting is our largest draw, the museum is a quiet place to sit and read,” Lintz said. “We focus on rare historical books and collect important artifacts in Waco’s history and want students to use our resources.”

House ‘nay’ votes swaying other way

Representatives once opposed to bailout now voting for bill

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A wave of House converts jumped aboard the \$700 billion financial industry bailout Thursday on the eve of a make-or-break second vote, as lawmakers responded to an awakening among voters to the pain ahead of them if stability isn’t restored to the tottering economy.

Black lawmakers said personal calls from Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama helped switch them from “no” to “yes.”

Republicans and Democrats alike said appeals from credit-starved small businessmen and the Senate’s addition of \$110 billion in tax breaks had persuaded them to drop their opposition.

“I hate it,” but “inaction to me is a greater danger to our country than this bill,” said GOP Rep. Zach Wamp of Tennessee, one of the 133 House Republicans who joined 95 Democrats in rejecting the measure Monday, sending the stock market plummeting.

Still, the outcome was far from assured.

Vote-counters in both parties planned to huddle first thing Friday morning to compare notes on coming up with the dozen or so supporters needed to reverse the stunning defeat.

Lawmakers were agonizing as they decided whether to change course and back the largest government intervention in markets since the Great Depression.

“I’m trying desperately to get to ‘yes,’” said Rep. Carol Shea-

Porter, D-N.H.

Fears about an economic downturn sent the Dow Jones industrials down nearly 350 points Thursday, three days after Monday’s historic 778-point drop. The Federal Reserve reported record emergency lending to banks and investment firms, fresh evidence of the credit troubles squeezing the country.

Obama and his Republican rival, John McCain, phoned reluctant lawmakers for their help. McCain, in Denver, predicted the bill would pass the House.

Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., told a closed-door meeting of House Democrats that he will support the bill after speaking with Obama about it. Other wavering lawmakers said Obama’s entreaties had swayed them as well.

Congressional leaders worked wayward colleagues

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wherever they could find them.

Rep. Steny Hoyer, the second-ranking House Democrat, said there was a “good prospect” of approving the measure but stopped short of predicting passage, or even promising a vote. Nonetheless, a vote was expected on Friday.

“I’m going to be pretty confident that we have sufficient votes to pass this before we put it on the floor,” Hoyer said.

The top Republican vote-counter, Rep. Roy Blunt of Mis-



Associated Press

House Financial Services Committee member Rep. Spencer Bachus, R-Ala., right, speaks during a news conference on the financial market turmoil on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday.

souri, did predict the measure would be approved.

“A lot of people are watching,” Bush pointed out, as if lawmakers needed reminding, and he argued from the White House that the huge rescue measure was the best chance to calm unnerved financial markets and ease the credit crunch. He was calling dozens of lawmakers, a spokesman said.

Minds were changing in both parties in favor of the much-maligned measure, which would let the government spend billions of dollars to buy bad mortgage-related securities and other devalued assets from troubled financial institutions. If the plan works, advocates say, that would allow frozen credit to begin flowing again and prevent a serious recession.

GOP Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida, said she was switching her “no” vote to a “yes” after the Senate added some \$110 million in tax breaks and other sweeteners before approving the measure Wednesday night.

“Monday what we had was a bailout for Wall Street firms and not much relief for taxpayers and hard-hit families. Now we have an economic rescue package,” Ros-Lehtinen told The

Associated Press.

Republican Rep. Jim Ramstad of Minnesota also switched to “yes,” partly because the Senate attached the bailout to legislation he spearheaded to give people with mental illnesses better health insurance coverage.

Democratic Rep. Emanuel Cleaver of Missouri was switching, too, said spokesman Danny Rotert, declaring, “America feels differently today than it did on Monday about this bill.”

And Democratic Rep. Shelley Berkley of Nevada said she would back the bill after business leaders in her Las Vegas-area district made it clear how much it was needed.

She said, “There isn’t a segment of the population that hasn’t been slammed and is not asking for some relief.”

Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., said he was on the verge of voting “yes,” based on conversations with Obama. “I’ve got a man who I’m hoping will be president who’s saying that’s he’s going to do the very things that I want done,” he said. “It makes me feel a lot better.”

Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., also said Obama was asking him to reconsider his vote. “I’m seriously listening,” Rush said.

Student Senate gives funds for conference

By Kate Williams
Reporter

Conflict ensued Thursday at the Student Senate meeting, over the funding for Gamma Alpha Omega’s Latina Awareness Conference.

Gamma Alpha Omega presented a request for \$3,544 in order to fund the remaining amount of the conference’s costs.

The conference, which is scheduled for Oct. 25, has an expected attendance of 200 students.

Due to the low expectancy rate, many senators expressed concerns regarding the attendance-to-amount-funded ratio, said Houston junior Chris Paxton, who said he felt the bill was unevenly proportioned.

“I have never, in 5 semesters of being a senator, seen as much money for this few people,” he said.

Paxton said he also felt uneasy about the event because it caters to a selective community at Baylor, he said.

“I do not see that this serves a greater interest on campus,” he said.

Houston sophomore Michael Horton, also did not support the bill.

“It is a great thing to increase diversity, but we have to look at this from an unbiased perspective,” he said.

The conference, which was previously held in 2003 and 2004, was ended in 2005 because of a lack of funding.

A proponent of the bill, Beaumont sophomore Will Fuller, encouraged other senators to understand the effectiveness of funding the event.

“It’s coming back after four years and it will only get bigger and more people will come throughout the years,” Fuller said.

BEAR BRIEFS

The Waco Friends of Peace are holding a lecture with Col. Ann Wright, Ret., at 6 p.m. Sunday in the Outback Meeting Room at Poppa Rollo’s Pizza. Wright was one of three U.S. State Department officials to publicly resign in direct protest of the invasion of Iraq in 2003. She will speak on her book “Dissent: Voices of Conscience.” Free pizza will be available. For more information, contact Alan Northcutt at anorthc@aol.com.

As part of the Leadership Lecture Series, Sen. Royce West, a state senator for Dallas County, will be speaking at 6 p.m. Tuesday on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center. For more information, visit www.baylor.edu/leadership.

Phi Theta will hold the Bow-Wow-Meow River Run Saturday at the Bledsoe-Miller Recreation Center. Late or event-day registration is \$18. All proceeds will benefit the Animal Birth Control Clinic and the Waco Striders Running Club. For more information, visit www.abcrace.spruz.com or contact Kristen_Beavers@baylor.edu.

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Student Senate Activity Report Oct. 2

Bill Approved Last Week:

Delta Sigma Theta Stepshow
Amount Given: \$ 3,700.00

Bill Approved This Week:

Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority Inc. Latina Awareness Conference
Amount Given: \$ 3,544.00

Bills Seeking Approval Next Week:

American Student Dental Association Tooth Waxing Seminar
Amount Requested: \$ 1,496.00

Student Government Allocation Fund as of October 2:
\$ 53,770.25

The conference, which is being sponsored by Gamma Alpha Omega, Kappa Delta Chi, Sigma Iota Alpha and the department of multicultural activities, is not charging for the event.

The conference is free so that students from all over the Waco area will attend, said Mayra Varela, who is a senior from Crowley.

“For this event, we are trying to target Latinas, because they are the most at risk for (a lower retention rate) at Baylor,” said Varela.

After hearing Varela explain the mission of the program, many senators agreed to vote in favor of the bill.

“The Student Allocation Fund is not just about funding the bigger, traditional Greek organizations, it is also about smaller organizations,” Fuller said.

The funds eventually passed, with 28 senators in favor, 19 against.

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Library rearranges space to allocate for technology

By David Poe
Reporter

With everything and everyone switching from analog to digital, the Electronic Library at Baylor University is keeping up with the best of them.

With planning going back to fall of 2007, Baylor University's Electronic Library began renovation of the Garden Level of Moody Memorial Library last May, shortly after final exams, and finished the changes in late September.

In order to make room for three new spaces on the Garden Level of Moody Memorial Library, books shelves on that floor were rearranged to fit more than two and a half miles of books measured side by side and standing up.

The rearrangement made room for the new home of the Ray I. Riley Digitization Center.

The digitization center was formerly housed on the third floor of the library.

"We got more projects going and more equipment and so we outgrew the old digitization center," said Timothy Logan, director of the Electronic Library. "We got gifts from generous donors,

and we were able to expand our area of operations in order to do more."

The former digitization center room, located on the third floor of the library, will be named the Ray I. Riley Reading and Digital Presentation Room, and will be available for use, primarily by researchers needing to use rare or fragile printed materials, Logan said. The digitization center will preserve and make materials available that are not easily accessible.

"We have a lot of unique collections at Baylor in music, books, handwritten materials and maps," Logan said. "This digitization center helps preserve those materials, and build up their online presence so they are more available for research."

These collections are considered assets of Baylor University, and the digitization center preserves those materials by digitizing them, so the originals are no longer necessary for handling.

The digitization center features two scanners that will make electronic copies of materials.

One scanner, resembling a large metallic butterfly, is the

Kirtas book scanner.

The Kirtas scanner captures images of pages in a book by using two cameras, each connected to their own computer. The images are transferred directly from the cameras to the computers.

"The Kirtas scanner can scan as many as 2,400 pages per hour," Logan said.

The other scanner is a flat-bed scanner that will be used for creating electronic copies of maps and artwork.

Because the scanner was donated, it cost nothing to the student population, but the approximate value of the Kirtas scanner is \$160,000, Logan said.

In addition to the scanners, the digitization center also will feature the Wenger sound room.

"The Wenger room will preserve historical recordings, and it also will make it accessible to students as well," said Tony Tadey, audio specialist for the Electronic Library.

The sound room looks like a box in the middle of the digitization center.

"When trying to capture a record's best possible fidelity,



Shanna Taylor/Lariat Staff

Darryl Stuhr (left), manager of digitization projects, works with Eric Ames, a library information specialist, on an auto book scanner in the new Riley Digitization Center in Moody Library. The auto book scanner is a machine that scans up to 2400 pages per hour and one of only five in the state.

every vibration and every external noise interferes," Logan said.

Since so many factors play into the quality of the recordings, the sound room is located on the bottom floor and situated on high-density padding to physically isolate it from the ground.

Also, the walls of the sound room do not touch the walls of the building to further isolate the room.

Along with the new and improved digitization center, the Garden Level of the library will feature the Dottie S. Riley Conference Room.

It is a "model home" of sorts for study areas that will be constructed in the future for student use, said Pattie Orr, vice president for Information Technology and dean of Libraries.

This room serves as a conference room and meeting place for faculty and staff. The room also

will be available for student use after work hours.

The conference room will feature video conferencing, moveable furniture, computer connections and a flat-panel display for presentations.

Right outside the digitization center and the conference room will be a study space for students.

Approximately 5,000 square feet of space has been cleared in which students can study.

Student attends coveted leadership conference in Los Angeles

By Molly MacEwan
Reporter

A Baylor student was chosen last May to participate in a summer leadership conference for KPMG, a national accounting firm.

Corpus Christi sophomore Victoria Sanchez was one of 51 students selected from across the nation for KPMG's 2008 Future Diversity Leaders class.

Sanchez was among chosen peers from 33 different schools nationwide, such as Wake Forest University, Rutgers, University of California-Berkeley, Pennsylvania State University, University of Notre Dame and

Baruch College.

"The Future Diversity Leaders class was launched last year as part of (KPMG's) continuing effort to increase and support minority representation in the accounting profession," said Manny Fernandez, KPMG's National Managing Partner-Campus Recruiting and University Relations.

Sanchez is a Community Leader at Collins Residence Hall, a member of Baylor Business Women and of the Student Life Advisory Board, and she is a pre-business accounting major.

"I am an accounting major because accounting is the language of business," Victoria said. "Ultimately, I want to be

a CEO of a Fortune 500 company."

Becky Jones, senior lecturer in accounting and business law, nominated Sanchez.

"Early in Spring 2008, I was asked to submit names of students who might be interested in accounting as a profession and who also possessed leadership qualities," Jones said. "I immediately thought of Victoria, who is personable, works hard



Victoria Sanchez

and is a self-starter; all of which are qualities of good leaders."

Sanchez received an application in late spring, and she was notified in May of her selection.

The KPMG conference was held July 14 through July 16, and the students stayed in an upscale hotel on Hollywood Boulevard.

"We were given a personal tour of Universal Studios and went to a lot of upscale restaurants," Sanchez said. "We were able to meet the partners and really start networking."

Participants are chosen based on their commitment to community and campus involvement, high academic achievement, and active participation in diversity

organizations, Fernandez said.

The program was created in part to help KPMG become an Employer of Choice, one of KPMG's strategic priorities, Fernandez said. For KPMG and businesses in general, it is very important to diversify and be able to effectively serve increasingly diverse clients in a rapidly globalizing world.

"Initiatives like Future Diversity Leaders are designed to increase and support minority representation in the accounting profession."

The leadership conference in Hollywood gave students the opportunity to attend leadership-style courses that were co-instructed by KPMG partners,

to interact and network with leaders in the profession, professors and KPMG professionals, Fernandez said.

After students complete the conference, they are invited back to participate in an eight-week internship summer program that KPMG hosts across the country every year.

The internship provides the opportunity for students to receive extensive training and real world experience in audit, tax and advisory client service.

Other benefits include the opportunity to experience business travel and participate in mentoring, networking and community service activities, Fernandez said.

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Administration. Withdrawal symptoms usually include paranoia, lack of sleep and mood swings. Waco detoxification centers don't give medication to treat cocaine addiction, in the way that they give methadone to heroin addicts.

"There is no physical withdrawal for cocaine. It's treating the craving. We treat it with psychotherapy. We try not to trade one bad habit for another," said the DePaul Center receptionist.

Rehabilitation for cocaine addicts involves a three-to-six day stay in a safe environment, isolated from stimuli that might influence addicts to use cocaine.

"Mostly people sleep, watch television and make phone calls to people apologizing if they've really messed up. We get in contact with probation officers, and get them started on the way to recovery," Childs said.

Patients at rehab centers tend to return several times.

"There is some statistic that someone had to hit rock bottom seven times before they turn their life around and that's sad to say that I've seen it hold true. There are people who call the next day or even that evening that they leave and try to come back (to the Freeman Center)," Childs said.

The center usually sets a 30-day time limit between visits, "so it doesn't set a bad example for other patients," Childs said.

That time limit is lessened for more severe cases, she said.

Crack cocaine is a crystallized form of cocaine that is smoked.

"The powdered, hydrochloride salt form of cocaine can be snorted or dissolved in water and injected. Crack is cocaine

that has not been neutralized by an acid to make the hydrochloride salt. This form of cocaine comes in a rock crystal that can be heated and its vapors smoked," according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Dr. Gaynor Yancey, associate dean of the school of social work, studied female crack users who had turned to prostitution.

"Crack is seductive. Its users think that they can take a little of it and they won't get hooked on it. In reality, it has them hooked and they spend

"Crack is seductive. Its users think that they can take a little of it and they won't get hooked on it. In reality, it has them hooked and they spend the rest of their lives trying to overcome its seductive power."

Dr. Gaynor Yancey
Associate Dean
school of social work

the rest of their lives trying to overcome its seductive powers," Yancey said. "Even with (being united with their children) as the driving force for recovery for the majority of them, crack's seduction was stronger than the need of the children for their mothers to be clean and sober," she said.

Yancey said she had a student who was addicted to crack for many years and tried to fight the habit in rehab centers.

When he returned to college to try and finish his degree, "he found the pressure of school too much and returned to the seduction of the drug. Sadly, he

overdosed and he was found dead by his wife," she said.

Cocaine can be inhaled, smoked or injected.

In Texas, among those admitted to treatment, Hispanics are more likely to inhale cocaine, blacks are more likely to smoke crack cocaine, and whites are more likely to inject cocaine.

Cocaine users are 50 percent male or female, and their average age is 35.

Users waited an average of 11 years from their first regular use until they sought treatment.

Twenty-three percent were employed and 14 percent were homeless, according to the Gulf Coast Addiction Technology Transfer Center.

The Center, located in Austin, is one of 14 regional university centers that works to promote the incorporation of research into addictions curricula and provides technical assistance and consultation for state agencies and community organizations in Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

Cocaine isn't a big problem on campus, said Chief of Police Jim Doak.

Most of the cases involving cocaine in Waco are probably for usage, and probably of crack, he said.

The Baylor police will occasionally find crack rocks on bike thieves, which is increasingly a problem at Baylor.

A rock of crack cocaine costs between \$10 and \$50 in Texas.

In the state of Texas, 2.5 percent had used cocaine in the past year, which is same level as the national rate, according to the National Surveys on Drug Use and Health.

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Alex Song/Lariat staff

Touche

Fencing coach Emilio Ybarra looks on as two foil fencers fight Oct. 25. The fencer on the right scores a point on the left fencer by touching the point of the foil to the lame.

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extra credit for watching the debate.

"Can I call you Joe?" she asked Biden as they shook hands before taking their places behind identical lecterns.

He readily agreed she could, and she used it to effect more than an hour later. "Say it ain't so, Joe," she said as she smilingly criticized him at one point for focusing his comments on the Bush administration rather than the future.

She made only one obvious stumble, when she twice referred to the top U.S. general in Afghanistan as "Gen. McClellan." In fact, his name is David McKiernan.

Biden's burden was not nearly as fundamental. Although he has long had a reputation for long-windedness, he is a vet-

eran of more than 35 years in the Senate, with a strong knowledge of foreign policy as well as domestic issues.

For much of the evening, the debate unfolded in traditional vice presidential fashion, the running mates praising their own presidential candidate and denigrating the other.

Palin said Obama had voted to raise taxes 94 times, an allegation that Biden disputed and then countered. By the same reckoning, he said, McCain voted "477 times to raise taxes."

They clashed over energy policy, as well, when Palin said Obama's vote for a Bush administration-backed bill granted breaks to the oil industry.

By contrast, she said that as governor, she had stood up to the same industry, and noted that McCain had voted against the bill Obama supported.

Biden said that in the past decade, McCain had voted "20 times against funding alternative energy sources and thinks, I guess, the only answer is drill, drill, drill."

"The chant is, 'drill, baby drill,'" Palin countered quickly, unwilling to yield to Biden on that issue, or any other.

On the environment, Palin declined to attribute the cause of climate change to man-made activities alone.

There is something to be said also for man's activities, but also for the cyclical temperature changes on our planet," she said, adding that she didn't want to argue about the causes.

Biden said the cause was clearly man-made, and added, "If you don't understand what the cause is, it's virtually impossible to come up with a solution."

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concerns they should legitimately have. Those balances by and large are going to be impacted by the direction of the financial markets and by the equity markets."

Equities are down a considerable amount, and the more a retiree has invested in stocks, the more substantially their retirement savings will be shrinking.

However, individuals who have chosen to allocate funds on the more conservative side shouldn't be hurt as much by the economic situation.

TIAA-CREF put together three hypothetical investment portfolios, one conservative, one moderate, and one aggressive, and came up with data for what the losses would be for each from the months of January through August 2008.

Individuals with an aggressive portfolio would have taken an 8.1 percent loss, moderates would see a 5 percent loss, while conservatives would only experience a 0.9 percent drop.

"In some sense, if people have done advance planning and thought this through, this shouldn't be a horrific event from a financial perspective," Yakoboski said. "No one likes going online and seeing their account balance go down, but if you stick with a long-term plan

there shouldn't be any trouble. Of course, there are a lot of moving parts to this, and at the end of the day, it's going to be tied to the type of plan an individual has."

The instability of the market has caused some professors to consider delaying their retirements.

"I wanted to retire early, say in five years," said Adams. "But this crisis has certainly changed my mind. I'm not an economist; I had no idea this mortgage fiasco would amount to this. I'm essentially trying to not worry, because I feel comfortable with the way my money is allocated, but I have definitely pushed back my retirement two or so years."

Yakoboski said that while there are individuals who have been overly exposed to equities and are probably feeling more than a little pain from their losses, there hasn't been a huge sense of panic.

And for most, there is no reason to panic.

"I haven't seen anything that shows there's going to be a huge problem with a bunch of people who have planned on retirement in the near future not being able to," he said. "There is not a lot of hard evidence to show this."

But some employees are feeling the sting of regret.

"I have committed to retirement and if I hadn't made that decision already, I certainly

would reconsider," said Dr. Hull, professor of history. "I've seen a considerable reduction in the amount accumulated in my pension fund that is going to curb my spending, obviously. If I could change my decision then I would."

With a constantly shifting market, basing decisions on sudden market fluctuations may not be the best plan.

"Markets don't have a smooth upward or downward climb; there is a lot of volatility around it," said Yakoboski. "To base investment behavior on swings in the market is generally not a sound decision. I kind of ignore the balance in my account around the day to day fluctuations and stick to the allocation plan I'd thought through long before. Someone on the cusp of retirement should take a calm, objective look at the entire range of options."

Aside from retiree-hopefuls possibly pushing back retirement a year or two, Yakoboski said there haven't been huge shifts in retirement allocations at TIAA-CREF.

"We've gotten a lot of phone calls, but there's not a sense of panic," he said.

"They want clarification and are trying to understand what's going on and how it's affecting their accounts. As long as no one starts making any rash decisions in the heat of the moment, things should be fine."



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The Eli Young Band will be performing tonight at Wild West. The country rock band recently signed with Universal Republic/Universal South and on Sept. 16 released their album “Jet Black & Jealous.”

Eli Young Band to play both new, old songs at Wild West

By Ashley Erikson
Reporter

After eight years as independent artists, the Eli Young Band released its label debut, “Jet Black & Jealous.”

The band will make its 10th stop on its tour 10 p.m. tonight at Wild West.

Eight years ago vocalist Mike Eli, guitarist James Young, drummer Chris Thompson and bass guitarist Jon Jones played their first live show at the University of North Texas in Denton. They balanced band responsibilities with school and one or two jobs each.

The band released its first album “Level” in 2004. Since then, the Eli Young Band developed a desire to make an album as exciting as their live show, Jones said.

“We had time to play around with what we wanted on this CD,” he said. “It was a chance to put our stamp on it.”

The lyrics behind each song touch close to home.

“There’s usually a specific person (in the band) we can link a song to,” Jones said. “Even when it comes down to relationship problems.”

Last year the band spent an extensive amount of time on the road. They performed over 200 shows, Jones said.

“We just love being on the road,” he said. “None of us are married or have kids, so it’s a little easier (to be away).”

They also have understand-

ing friends and families, Jones said.

“It’s hard to maintain relationships, but our families are all really supportive,” he said. “Plus you find out who your true friends are.”

After the release of “Jet Black & Jealous” the Eli Young Band has kept itself busy with promotions.

“We’ve been playing every day since the CD came out,” Jones said.

Performing is still the same for the band, even though the workload has changed, he said.

“There’s lots of business during the day like photo shoots and interviews, but we have the most fun on stage—it’s where we thrive,” Jones said.

Fans of the band seem to believe that the stage is a good match for the group as well.

“I’ve seen them in concert and they have a good mix of country and rock,” said Austin sophomore Erin Casey. “They’re really entertaining to watch.”

The band connects with audiences through their relatable lyrics and two-stepping melodies.

“I just like there style of music,” said Lorena junior Brent Battis. “It’s easy on the ears.”

Their single “When it Rains” has been on the charts longer than any indie single ever.

In signing with Universal Republic, the band hopes to reach an even larger fan-base, Jones said.

“We were talking to a num-

ber of labels and it was a tough choice because we didn’t want the tragic story of a band who signs and the label takes over,” he said.

With a record deal, the band has more access to resources that didn’t exist for the group beforehand, he said.

“We can make bigger music videos and make a stronger push with our songs on the radio,” Jones said. “I still get excited when our songs come on the radio.”

Overall, the band wants to continue making its own music, Jones said.

“We don’t want our fans to think we’re compromising by signing with a label,” he said. “We want to do what we do, but bigger and (Universal Republic) really understands and supports our vision.”

The Eli Young Band will have extended shows on tour so they can play older songs as well as newer ones, Jones said.

The band is working on more material in store for the future as well.

“Hopefully you won’t have to wait another four years for another record,” Jones said. “There will be larger tours and more CDs.”

Tickets for tonight’s show can be purchased at the door or at wildwestwaco.com, \$12 for 21 and older and \$15 for 18 to 20.

“Come out to the show,” Jones said. “Bring your friends, do some dancing and have a good time.”

Various styles of musicians to jam at Common Grounds

By Ashley Erikson
Reporter

Robert Kelly, the Ransoms and local artist Stephanie Ard will play 8 p.m. Sunday in The Backyard at Common Grounds in a night of music and fellowship.

Kelly is no stranger to Waco. Within the past two years Kelly played at Waco Hall, with artists like Jon McLaughlin and Dave Barnes.

“We’re coming to play at my hometown, Allen, and we’re stopping by Dallas, College Station and Waco,” Kelly said.

He said his extended single (EP) is coming along great.

“It’s been a bit crazy lately, going to school at the same time, but I kind of put music a little ahead of my studies,” Kelly said.

Kelly is an active missionary as well.

In his trip to Kenya last summer, Kelly saw issues with poverty, clean water and hygiene first-hand.

“We have such a huge opportunity all over the world to help make people economically stable,” he said.

Churches donate clothes, food or supplies on a frequent basis, and missionaries have to teach people to make their own living rather than get handouts, Kelly said.

“They shouldn’t just pray for the church in the West to give them support all the time,” he said. “Rather, we should look at the (Chinese proverb): ‘Give a man a fish; you have fed him for today. Teach a man to fish; and you have fed him for a lifetime.’”

Mission work and music have always intertwined in Kelly’s life, he said.

“I started singing in church when I was 14, then picked up a guitar at the age of 16,” Kelly said. “I wrote songs about girls

for a long time, but have recently been inspired by little things.”

His favorite song, “SING!” was created when Kelly traveled in Kenya doing mission work.

“I was watching these little, blue shiny birds, like sparrows, and got inspired to write,” Kelly said.

Kelly said he hopes to find inspiration for a song on the trip.

“You should seize the simple things in life and illuminate those so people can see them,” he said. “There’s so much beauty all around us, if people would only stop and see it.”

Local artist Stephanie Ard will add acoustic folk sound to Kelly’s indie-pop genre.

“My dad was a musician who taught me to play the guitar when I was little,” Ard said.

Ard, like Kelly, sang at her church growing up.

“It was an outlet for my expression,” she said. “I guess

it’s in my blood. My brother and sister both play too.”

Sunday will be Ard’s second live performance. She said she plans to play a few covers songs as well

as her own music.

“Mostly I write about relationships, God and my family,” she said. “But my theory is if it doesn’t come naturally, it’s probably not going to be very good.”

As for a CD, Ard said she’s not quite there yet.

Kelly will perform Sunday with help from The Ransoms, an Americana band with an indie twist.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased at Common Grounds for \$6.

“Obviously, relationships are still a big part of humanity, especially for 20-somethings in our culture,” Kelly said. “But I hope people can see that there’s multiple levels to the songs. It’s an unexpected blend of music that you can sing along to.”

Weekend Events

The Campaign, Joe Moraley, Tommy Read

8 p.m. tonight @ Common Grounds. Admission is \$5 at the door.

Kappa Delta’s Battle of the Bands

tonight @ 6:30 p.m. at the Union Bowl. Admission is free.

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10:05 p.m. - 10:35 p.m.
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7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10 for student, faculty and staff, \$15 for general public.



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Kat Dennings and Michael Cera are in the new comedy, “Nick & Nora’s Infinite Playlist,” about two strangers and a night neither can forget. Look for the review in Tuesday’s Lariat.

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Football searching for upset against No. 1 OU

SPORTSCOLUMN
by Justin Baer

After a bizarre weekend in college football, the University of Oklahoma is on top of the world, or at least the polls.

Barring an unforeseen and what would be a miraculous upset, the Sooners should breeze by Baylor without too much difficulty.

But even though Sooner fans have already started preparing for what is gearing up to be a fantastic Red River Shootout, overlooking the Bears should be done cautiously.

Baylor head coach Art Briles has instilled a swagger into the Bears program that has been absent for years, and just the thought of knocking off the No. 1 Sooners has the Bears cringing in excitement.

Even though Oklahoma features Heisman candidate Sam Bradford, a stout defense, and virtually no weaknesses, Baylor isn't intimidated- or at least isn't showing any signs of fear.

"Their rankings and all of that is going to be hyped up without us getting involved in all of that," Briles said. "What we are going to try to do is be a better football team than we were against Connecticut. We are going to get on our home turf and represent Baylor University. We've got our guys, our people, our university, so that is the way we are approaching the football game."

As cliché as that saying is, it really is going to take the Soon-



Jordan Wilson/ Round Up Staff

Baylor's Robert Griffin sets up for a pass against Wake Forest University on Aug. 28 at Floyd Casey Stadium. The freshman quarterback will face a stingy defense tomorrow when the No. 1 Oklahoma Sooners visit Waco. Baylor is 0-17 against the Sooners all-time.

ers to have their worst game and the Bears their best, for Baylor to stand a chance Saturday.

Bradford is coming off a career-day last weekend against TCU in which he threw for 411 yards and four touchdowns.

With a Baylor defense that features a vulnerable secondary, Bradford is apt to produce big numbers against the Bears.

"He is calm, he is poised

and he protects the football and plays very intelligently," Briles said. "He has been very productive on the field. I think that goes without saying over the last two seasons. He does a great job for what they're asking him to do for their offense."

One optimistic point for Baylor is the resurgence of a running game. Freshman quarterback Robert Griffin has

sprinted all over teams, running for 334 yards and five touchdowns with a 6.1 yards per carry average.

As heavy favorites, Oklahoma would shock no one to come out with a win Saturday. But that's how the University of Southern California was last week and the University of Michigan was last year against Appalachian State University.

Conference Comparison

Side by side stats from inside the Big 12



Pass Offense
Big 12 Rank:
Yards/Game:

No. 9
205.8

No. 3
357

Rush Offense
Big 12 Rank:
Yards/Game:

No. 2
221

No. 5
169.5

Total Defense
Big 12 Rank:
Yards/Game:

No. 4
314

No. 1
253

Joe Holloway/ Lariat Staff

OU focused on Bears

SPORTSCOLUMN
by the OU Daily's Corey DeMoss

Oklahoma is the No. 1 team in the nation for a reason. The offense is lethal, the defense has been a pleasant surprise and Bob Stoops is one of the best coaches in the nation.

It's hard to imagine any team on the Sooners' schedule being able to legitimately outplay them. They simply have too many weapons.

Just look at what happened against TCU last week. The Horned Frogs' No. 1 defense stuffed running backs Chris Brown and DeMarco Murray, holding them to a total of 50 yards. Jermaine Gresham sustained an injury early in the game and never returned.

But the Sooners managed to put up 35 points behind Sam Bradford's career day of 411 yards passing and four touchdowns. TCU essentially made OU one-dimensional, and the Sooners still won handily over their first ranked opponent of the year.

Baylor will have its hands full just trying to equal that effort.

No offense to the Bears, but it would take a miracle for them to pull off this upset.

The advent of the no-huddle

offense for OU has made the offense possibly the most lethal it's ever been, and one of the most dangerous in the nation.

Every team the Sooners have played have been caught off guard at the beginning of the game and never recovered. Players were regularly caught out of position, leading to blown coverage and huge gains through the air.

Expect the same to happen this week. Baylor has yet to face an offense this electric. Art Briles has been training his team on how to handle the fast-paced offense, but preparation simply can't compare.

When game time arrives, I expect the entire Bear defense to look like a collective deer in the headlights. The sheer athleticism on OU's offense is too much to handle. Expect the Sooners' first drive to end with a touchdown in less than three minutes, and they won't look back from there.

Some people may worry this could be a trap game. OU fell victim to this same kind of situation last year — a loss on the road to Colorado the week before the Red River Shootout.

But let's face it; Colorado is better than Baylor. And Stoops would never let his team make the same mistake twice.



Associated Press

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Women’s golf team goal: improvement

By Garrett Turner
Sports Writer

The women’s golf team travels Monday to Lubbock to play in the Jeannie McHaney/Aubrey Morehead Invitational for its first test of the season against the Big 12 Conference.

With expectations high, head coach Sylvia Ferdon looks to get a feel of where her team is compared to rest of the Big 12.

“There is no reason why we can’t be in the last group with a chance to win,” Ferdon said. “That’s how I feel going out there.”

The Bears look to improve this year from the last place team finish in the Big 12. With returning players such as junior Hannah Burke and newcomers such as freshman Jaclyn Jansen, the team’s top five is solid from top to bottom.

“Our top five line-up this week can play some of the best golf Baylor has ever had,” Ferdon said. “They hit the ball far, they have very good golf swings and very good work ethics. I’m excited to see what they can do.”

Monday, the Bears will be tested in Lubbock, where eight out of the 13 schools invited to the tournament reside in the Big 12. Teams such as the universities of Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and Kansas State will also look to see where their talent compares to the rest

of the Big 12. Even though powerhouses such as Oklahoma State University and Texas A&M University won’t be present, the field of play will still be very strong according to Ferdon.

“Right now we are 3-0 against Big 12 schools,” Ferdon said. “We’re really trying to figure out how we stack up against the Big 12 and this tournament will give us just that.”

This weekend has junior Hannah Burke excited about the opportunity to finally get a preview of the Big 12. After going to Dallas to meet her swing coach, Burke said she is ready for this tournament and has high expectations for her team.

“I am definitely ready to compete and I think the team is, (too),” Burke said. “We just need to take everything we can from this tournament to be ready to play the Big 12 in the spring. I think the team should be looking for a top five finish. I’m hoping I can get another top 10 finish under my belt to help give me a boost.”

Ferdon said she believes Burke is going to have her best golf this year. In addition to Burke, senior Natalie Hocott has been playing really well. The line-up also consists of two sophomores, whose experience from last year will give them a spark for this year. Ferdon has recruited “distance and athleticism,” which has been matched by new freshman Jaclyn Jansen.



File Photo
San Antonio player Natalie Hocott swings her club in spring 2008 action. The golf team will begin play Monday at the McHaney/Morehead Invitational in Lubbock.

A new year brings a whole new team and another chance for the team to be a force to be reckoned with in the Big 12. Ending the 07-08 season with a disappointing finish, this team will have to regroup and refocus. For Ferdon, this team has

done just that.

“This year’s team has a different chemistry,” Ferdon said. “Everybody is working hard together as a team. Our practices have been very focused. It’s been fun to see them work that hard and want to win together.”

BU football looks to recent competitions for hopes of upset

By Garrett Turner
Sports Writer

Since the beginning of this decade, the Bears have been 0-9 when facing teams in the AP Top 5. Last week, however, the college football nation saw two teams, the University of Southern California and the University of Florida, receive their first losses of the season against unranked Oregon State University and Mississippi State University.

On the eve of hosting No. 1 University of Oklahoma, the Bears look to become the third unranked team to shock an AP Top 5 team.

“This is what all D-1 athletes want to do,” says freshman quarterback Robert Griffin. “You want to come to college, you want to play the best of the best, or otherwise, you wouldn’t be here. We come out here to compete, and we get to compete against the No. 1 team in the nation. So that’s definitely a plus.”

When USC visited Oregon State last Thursday, the stadium was ready for an upset. The last two times USC played at Oregon State, the Beavers defeated them.

The Bears don’t have history on their side, however. Since 2000, the Bears have played Oklahoma six times, two of which the Sooners were ranked No. 1.

Each time Oklahoma has come away with wins, leading to a 17-0 all-time record against Baylor.

What the Bears do have on their side is their rushing attack. Currently ranked No. 2 in the Big 12 in rushing yardage per game, the Bears will likely use their rushing attack, just like Oregon State did, to control the clock and keep the tempo at a pace where the Bears can stay in the game.

“If you’re going to outrun someone, outrun someone that can run,” Briles said. “You don’t want to be turned around looking at the finish line, you want to fight through it and win. When you want to play, you

want to play with the best and we are getting that opportunity, and hopefully so are our opponents.”

This year the Big 12 Conference has proved to be feared. Three out of the top five teams are Big 12 teams; No. 1 Oklahoma, No. 3 Missouri, and No. 5 Texas. On October 21, 2008, which was week 7 of the college football season, the Bears played No. 1 University of Nebraska in Lincoln’s Memorial Stadium.

The Huskers shut out the Bears 59-0 and kept their No. 1 ranking, momentarily.

In the following week, Nebraska traveled to Norman to play No. 3 Oklahoma in a game that ended 31-14 with the Sooners coming out on top.

The AP Poll quickly gave the No. 1 ranking to the Sooners, which played the Bears in the following week.

The Sooners won that game 56-7 and went on to win the national championship.

This scenario may repeat itself in 2008, when the Bears host No. 1 Oklahoma this weekend and then go to Austin Nov. 8 where, depending on how things shake up in the Top 5, it’s possible Texas could hold that No. 1 ranking.

The tough competition is one definite consequence of residing in the Big 12.

“For the next eight weeks it’s nothing but hard work and determination,” senior defensive tackle Vincent Rhodes said. “You want to play the best teams every weekend and we start our first week after the bye with the number one team in the country.”

In the last decade the Bears have averaged just over one measly touchdown in their games against the AP Top 5, whereas their opponents average 48 points. In that time the Bears have had trouble moving the ball, averaging 219 yards per game.

“Obviously everybody either wants to be No. 1, or they want to play No. 1,” Griffin said. “We have the opportunity to play No. 1 this week, and we’re going to go out there and take advantage of it.”

Cycling club gears up for state competition

Five area universities to attend event, held in Cameron Park

By Kyle McKanna and Alex Maxwell
Reporters

The Baylor cycling club will play host for the South-Central Collegiate Cycling Conference competition this weekend.

Five other schools, including the University of Texas and Texas A&M University, will make the trek to Waco’s Cameron Park to compete in the event.

President of Baylor Cycling Brandon Thomas said that he anticipates around 70 people attending the Baylor Mountain Bike Bash.

In order for the club to put on this event, several tasks had to be accomplished. Thomas was responsible for completing most of these tasks.

“I had to go through USA Cycling to get a race permit,” Thomas said. “I also had to find the appropriate facilities to host the race. This means I had to meet with the city to get approval to use Cameron Park.”

The two-day event consists of a short-track time sprint and a cross country race.

Each event is broken down into different levels of competition.

For men, there are three categories, of which category one is the most competitive.

For women, the rankings are

the same but there are only two categories.

The short track race is a course in which riders race to complete as many laps as they can endure in the allotted time of their race category.

The cross-country race consists of an 8-mile hilly loop with roughly 700-800 feet of undulation.

The more difficult the race category, the more laps they are required to complete.

Competitors from all around the region are anticipating the event.

“Cameron Park has one of the more technical trails in Texas,” Texas A&M cycling president Ian Margrave said. “It’ll get us ready for any other trail.”

Though the Baylor Cycling Club has over 40 members, the majority of the club will be volunteering during the weekend rather than competing in the mountain bike races.





The team has five stations set up approximately every mile and a half along the cross country course, staff adviser Joseph Rafferty said.

“The course is pretty long so we need people to point the riders in the right direction. A lot of our club members are going to be volunteering at these stations.”

Teams from all across the state will compete in this weekend’s anticipated battle through the trails of Cameron Park.

The short-track races begin at 3 p.m. Saturday, and the cross-country events kick off at the 1 p.m. Sunday.

Weekly NCAA picks

Week 5 Picks				
				
Game	Bateman	Turner	Holloway	Song
No. 4 Missouri @ Nebraska	47-24 Missouri	31-10 Missouri	45-21 Missouri	24-21 Nebraska
No. 14 Ohio State @ No. 18 Wisconsin	21-14 Wisconsin	34-21 OSU	28-24 OSU	35-26 OSU
No. 23 Oregon @ No. 9 USC	31-28 USC	28-21 USC	56-21 USC	38-23 USC
No. 5 Texas @ Colorado	29-27 Texas	35-7 Texas	24-21 Colorado	34-17 Texas
No. 13 Auburn @ No.19 Vanderbilt	17-14 Auburn	21-17 Vanderbilt	21-17 Auburn	31-24 Auburn
Last week’s record	2-3	4-1	4-1	2-3
Overall record	16-10	20-6	22-4	14-12

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