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Baylor gears up for March Madness

Lady Bears awarded No. 3 NCAA seed

Baylor will tackle No. 14 Fresno State University in the first round of women's tournament play Saturday

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

Pack your bags Baylor fans, the Lady Bears are heading to Albuquerque, N.M., once again for the women's NCAA Tournament.

Several hundred fans were on hand Monday night in the Stone Room at the Ferrell Center to witness the Lady Bears (24-6, 12-4) fifth straight selection to the tournament.

Baylor earned the No. 3 seed in the Spokane Regional, and will head to the Enchanted State for the second time in three years for the NCAA Tournament, this time to play Fresno State University.

"I feel like Albuquerque has become our second home in the NCAA Playoffs," head coach Kim Mulkey said. "Maryland beat us there, but we also made it to our first Sweet 16 there too. I know that Fresno State is in the WAC and I don't know anymore about them. It would be premature for me to tell you what their strengths and weaknesses are."

Unlike the men's team the day before, the Lady Bears success during the season allowed them to relax through the duration of the show knowing not if the Lady Bears would advance to the postseason but when.

Still, Rachel Allison said it was still a relief to see Baylor's name appear on the screen in the final quarter of the show.

"It was definitely cool," the Jonesboro, Ark., junior said. "We weren't really sure if we were going to be a three or four (seed)."

Baylor's last three games have been testing of the Lady Bears' depth, or lack there of. Baylor had two opportunities to close out the Big 12 regular season title, including a home contest against Oklahoma State University. But Mulkey's squad was unable to prevail in either contest.

Last week in the Big 12 Tournament, the Lady Bears lost their opening game against the University of Texas, who earned the No. 8 seed in the Greensboro, N.C., bracket.

But that is not a point of major concern for Mulkey, as she said all three teams they lost to were all extremely talented squads.

"The Big 12 is the number one RPI conference in the country and

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David Poe/Lariat staff

Lady Bears' Angela Tisdale points at the screen as Baylor is named the number three seed in the women's NCAA tournament during the watch party Monday night at the Ferrell Center.

Bears battle Boilermakers Thursday

Men's basketball take on No. 6 Purdue in first NCAA tournament appearance in 20 years

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

It all finally sunk in for head coach Scott Drew early Monday morning.

As Drew painstakingly digested the first few spoils of Purdue University game tape at 1:30 a.m. in preparation for Thursday's first-round match-up, the situation hit him like a runaway locomotive.

Baylor is headed to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 20 years, and Drew's massive rebuilding project has finally come full circle.

Just five years ago, Drew was turning over every rock he could find — including Baylor's own McLane Student Life Center — for walk-ons to fill a completely decimated roster. Drew used to attend Baylor intramural games and warm-ups to look for the talent everybody else missed. At present, Drew is deep in preparation for Baylor's fifth Men's NCAA Tournament in program history.

Baylor, a No. 11 seed, faces No. 6 Purdue at 1:50 p.m. Thursday in Washington D.C. It will be Baylor's first game since suffering a disappointing 91-84 double-overtime defeat in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament against bottom-seeded University of Colorado.

"The best thing for us was that Colorado game because nobody liked the taste of that," Drew said. "I think we were anxious to play again and we've had a couple good days of practice. I think we're definitely going to have a better performance."

An incredible five-year turnaround? Perhaps. But Drew said he isn't immersing himself in the hoopla just yet. There's still a game to be played, and there

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Armstrong-Browning director's contract not renewed

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

The Armstrong-Browning Library will lose director Dr. Stephen Prickett in May because of university officials' decision to not renew his contract. This news comes amid contention regarding tabling the proposal for the comparative studies in religion and literature doctoral degree, which Prickett co-wrote with Dr. David Jeffrey, distinguished professor in the Honors

Program. Although Prickett said he is unsure of the university's reasons for contract nonrenewal, he acknowledged the university's legal right to take the action.

Prickett, also a professor of 19th-century British literature, said he does not know if this decision stems from the English department or University Libraries.

Director of Media Relations Lori Fogleman, said university policy does not allow for offi-

cials to comment on personnel issues, but noted, "The director of Armstrong Browning Library is under University Libraries and reports to the dean and associate dean



Prickett

of libraries." Rita Patteson, librarian and curator of manuscripts in the Armstrong-Browning Library, will serve as the interim director of the library.

In addition to overseeing the Armstrong-Browning Library and teaching, Prickett advises 11 English doctoral students.

One of his students, who preferred not to be named, called Prickett's release a "tragedy."

"He's a fine scholar and has many ideas on how to improve

the academic life at Baylor, and particularly the Armstrong-Browning Library," the student said.

Another English doctoral student, who preferred not to be named, said the university might lose potential English graduate students without Prickett.

"People come specifically to work with him," the student said.

The student also said he knows of English doctoral students hoping to work with

Prickett who feel they now must "alter (their) plans significantly."

Prickett said he may continue to advise the students as a consultant to the university.

Jeffrey also expressed regret for the university's decision to not renew Prickett's contract.

"Dr. Stephen Prickett is a very great scholar, one of the top four or five in the world in religion and literature, and an eminent

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Baylor law student charged with unlawful carry of a weapon

By Christina Kruse
Staff writer

A Baylor University law student was arrested March 7 after Waco police say he revealed a handgun in the parking lot of a local bar to one of its employees.

Matt Blomstedt, 22, is

charged with unlawful carry of a weapon.

Blomstedt was released on a \$5,000 bond from the McLennan County Jail on March 8.

According to the Waco police report, Blomstedt had been kicked out of Scruffy Murphy's, a bar located on Speight Avenue, at approxi-

mately 11 p.m. After Scruffy Murphy's closed, Blomstedt came back to the bar around 2:30 a.m., according to the report.

Blomstedt said he was returning to talk to a man he had a quarrel with in the parking lot of the bar, according to the report.

Also, the police report indicated that Blomstedt revealed a handgun tucked in his waistband to an employee as he walked away from the bar. Blomstedt was arrested a short time later, police said.

Baylor Law School associate dean Leah Jackson refused to comment about the case.

The office of judicial affairs is currently handling Blomstedt's case.

According to the Texas Penal Code, unlawfully carry of a handgun becomes a third-degree felony if the offense is committed on any premises licensed or issued a state permit for the sale of alcoholic

beverages.

If convicted, Blomstedt could face from two to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

A trial date has not been set because Blomstedt has not been indicted, a McLennan county jail spokeswoman said.

Director of Human Genome Project to discuss God versus science

By Lee Ann Marcel
Reporter

The issue of God versus science has been a battle fought for centuries.

Dr. Francis S. Collins, director of the Human Genome Project, will discuss this topic, along with his book, *The Language of God*, at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in Jones Concert Hall in the Glenis McCrary Music Building.

"God is most certainly not threatened by science; He made

it all possible," said Collins, who is also the recipient of the nation's highest civilian honor, the 2007 Presidential Medal of Freedom.



Collins

The Human Genome Project

is known for its achievements in mapping out DNA. Scientists are able to detect problematic genes that cause disease and attempt to isolate them.

Collins also helped discover the misspellings in DNA that cause cystic fibrosis and Huntington's disease.

"Collins has become one of the most important spokespersons on the way that our scientific discoveries support, rather than confound, belief in a creator," said Dr. Walter S. Bradley,

distinguished professor of engineering.

In his book, which was on The New York Times best-seller list for seven weeks, Collins helps answer deep questions such as "Why are we here?" and "How did we get here?" He also describes his journey from atheism to faith.

Collins is also hoping to further his genome research to help the health of people living in developing nations. He helps out as a physician volunteer in

a rural missionary hospital in Nigeria.

"Dr. Collins can only accept a very small percentage of the invitations he receives to speak, so we are extremely fortunate to have this very special opportunity at Baylor," Bradley said.

Bradley said he thinks it's a great chance for Baylor students to learn from a national figure who is not only brilliant in science but is also passionate about his faith.

Bradley met Collins 15 years

ago. The two developed their friendship as they both lectured at the University of Michigan.

Collins also took part in debating against renowned atheist Richard Dawkins in a story in TIME Magazine.

"I'm really excited that we get to hear a man at the top of his field. He blends both theology and science together, while others take an either-or side." Garland sophomore Matt Lar-

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Foot-washing ritual misses point of Christ's message

You'll have to bear with me. I'm new at this whole Baptist thing. I was raised Episcopalian, and after a few theologically liberalizing years at Baylor, I dove into Baptist life — literally.

I really identify with my new denominational affiliation. I love the democracy of it. The priesthood of the believer, autonomous congregations and all that jazz strikes a chord with me. And then there's the balance of tradition: partaking in communion and believer's baptism, celebrating Advent and Lent and a host of other Biblically-based rites.

While I'm content with my Christian stripe, I must, in the Baptist spirit of open discussion and reflection, muse for a moment on what people here call foot-washing.

tory lesson on what washing someone's feet meant in Biblical times. Those who knelt on the ground and scrubbed the toe-jam of weary travelers were the lowest of the low. They were servants. It was a demeaning job that no one wanted to do. So when Jesus, the son of man, lowered himself to wash the feet of sinners, it was a powerful image.

I get that. What I don't get is how a bunch of middle-class, 21st century, shoe-wearing Christians serve each other by washing their well-manicured tootsies. We don't walk around very much these days. And when we do, we wear the proper footwear. We bathe every day, and perhaps most significantly, members of our society, no matter how low, don't wash the feet of guests. Unless you count

point of view



BY CLAIRE ST. AMANT

pedicures, feet really aren't at the forefront of our culture.

And yet churches and youth groups cling to foot-washing as if it still holds the same significance today. While there is certainly value in remembering the ministry of Jesus and exactly how he served others, it's just as important to learn how to apply his teachings in our own society.

In 2 Corinthians 9:22 when Paul said, "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save

some," he meant it. He goes on to say that to the Jews, he acted like a Jew, and to the gentiles, like a gentile. I dare say if he had come to America today, he would greet people with a high-five and not a holy kiss. Paul didn't fear culture; he used it to reach as many people as possible.

Growing up in the Episcopal Church, we did a lot of things I didn't understand. For example, we all said the same prayers every week that we read out of a book. I didn't know who wrote them, or what most of the words meant or why we couldn't just say our own words every once in a while. But I said them, and memorized quite a few of them to boot.

When I came to Baylor, I started hearing people say things I hadn't seen in a book

before. They prayed out loud about actual problems in their lives that didn't exist hundreds of years ago. It made cultural and contextual sense to pray about issues we faced every-day instead of only grand and abstract prayers for peace and prosperity.

At Baylor, I was also introduced to the sacrament of foot-washing. After dipping my clean toes into several soapy bins over the years, I've started to think that if we really want to be servant leaders, we shouldn't stop at a symbolic gesture. We should serve people in a way that they understand and actually honors them. Cooking a meal, mowing the grass, cleaning a bathroom — now that is what the least of these do in our society.

What would mean more to you — if a guest came into your

house and sprinkled potpourri on your feet or if he or she took out the trash? I understand the whole idea of preserving rituals from the Bible, but I also think there's a flip side.

As a symbolic act to remember the revolutionary love and servanthood of Jesus, foot-washing can be a meaningful activity. But if we stop there and the message never translates to what it means to serve each other today, we will have missed the point. Clinging to something that was only done because it was culturally relevant doesn't make sense. The idea was to be a humble servant, not a precursor to pedicures.

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Editorial

Primary re-vote unfair

The phrase "rules were made to be broken," seems to be the motto of Democrats in Michigan and Florida. A heated debate has surfaced over whether voters in Michigan and Florida will be allowed to hold a technical do-over of the primaries, which both states held early (against party rules) and were subsequently deemed invalid. The debate has threatened to divide the Democratic party and there have been an outcry of objections.

One reason the primaries are so contested is that Clinton won both — and was the only major candidate on Michigan's ballot, after Obama removed his name due to the state's party violations. Also, none of the major candidates campaigned in either state prior to the voting.

Michigan and Florida are attempting to have their cake and eat it too, when frankly it would be neither fair nor practical to do so. The parties in both states knew what they were getting into when they decided to hold the primaries early, and now that the consequences have been laid out, they are unwilling to accept them. Unfortunately, instead of discouraging this sort of behavior, delegates in Michigan and Florida are perpetuating it by now lobbying for a re-vote.

Though many alternative options have been put on the table to ensure the states' votes will count, decisions must be made by June 10 and the options have been narrowed down.

The Democrats in Michigan agreed last week to hold a do-over on June 3, with the pending plans requiring approval from both campaigns, the Democratic National Committee, state



party leaders and Gov. Jennifer Gramholm. In Florida, the Democrats have been exploring the option of only losing half of their delegates, as opposed to the stripping of all of the state's delegates.

The fact that the national party may even consider the allowance of a re-vote or exceptions for these two states, which blatantly broke party rules, is absurd. Not only is it unfair to expect the rules to be bent after they were knowingly broken, it is completely impractical — especially considering the cost and complication involved in holding a re-vote.

Costs associated with mail-in balloting and do-over primaries have been estimated to be as much as \$30 million, which would have to be privately raised within the states' parties. The entire ordeal has become more costly, more controversial and more confusing than just leaving the states out, as was the original plan.

Even the candidates seem to be confused. Clinton, who in October stated that the Michigan primary "wouldn't count for anything," has recently said she thinks the votes in Michigan and Florida now "deserve to be counted."

Obama's campaign has expressed

a desire to have the situation worked out in a "fair and practical manner," but hasn't endorsed or condemned the potential do-overs.

This entire situation breaks all the rules, literally, and the parties need to own up to their actions and deal with the consequences. They should take responsibility instead of doing a disservice to their own voters, since this whole process could have been easily avoided. As for the Democratic National Committee and other leaders, they should not allow a re-vote. Michigan and Florida broke the rules, and they must pay the consequences.

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Letters to the editor

Harvard wrong about gym

Re: March 7 editorial, "Gym idea right on target"

I take issue with Harvard University's accommodating female Muslim students with women-only hours at the Ivy League college's least-used gym. The problem is the university copped out. If they really wanted to do right for the female Muslim students, they wouldn't have given them six hours a week at the most out-of-the-way gym on campus.

If they really cared about the rights of Muslim female students, they would have denied

their request. Let me explain why. When the Muslim females graduate, they will enter the real world, which is not as accommodating as "progressive" Ivy League universities. If this request were made at a Gold's Gym, they would be refused. If the Muslim girls insisted, Gold's Gym would suggest they buy a membership at Curves for Women.

That is the way the real world would treat such a request. Everyone should not expect to be accommodated wherever they go. To cheat these young Muslim women, to deny them the les-

sons of reality, is not right.

I wonder: would Harvard have made the same accommodations for a gay man? Or made similar accommodations for young Muslim men who want men-only hours at the gym?

You know what American society would say. What's Harvard's verdict?

Joseph Dooley
Alum, 2007

Prison reform still needed

I disagree with The Baylor Lariat's view (March 6, "Prison reform needed") that Texas is on

the right track and only needs more political goading toward reform. I think there are unfortunate reasons to be more pessimistic.

Although jail alternatives make sense for non-violent offenders, the real reform needs to start in the criminal code and not with the judges. We should be lessening non-violent sentences and making the punishment for some very low level crimes, such as possession of marijuana, citations rather than jail terms. I don't see that happening any time soon. Show me a Texas politician that wants to

be labeled "soft on crime."

The other reason for pessimism is Texas', as well as the rest of the U.S.'s, incarceration of illegal immigrants in privately owned jails. Companies such as the Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) are building and maintaining Texas jails. Privatization of state functions is often defended by invoking the market or incentive, but CCA's performance record is far from stellar. If not for the increasing practice of detaining entire immigrant families in jail facilities, the jails might have been inefficiently underpopulated for

much longer.

So long as we have bad immigrant detention policies, we will continue to expand the private prison system with the taxpayer footing the bill. The duty to incarcerate is that of the state. If they abrogate that duty by handing it off to private companies, the state must be responsible for their failures.

I doubt the state will take meaningful steps in the next decade toward lowering the incarceration rate and reforming other aspects of the prison system.

Ryan Latham
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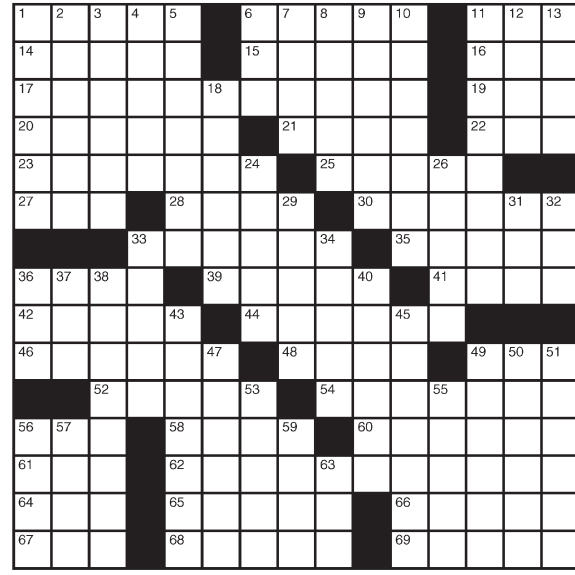
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By Robert H. Wolfe
North Woodmere, NY

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One man one wheel

Arlington sophomore Theo Burton rides a unicycle on the Vara Daniel Fountain Plaza Monday.

Friends most important to young adults, study finds

By Sarah Rafique
Reporter

A recent study by The Barna Group, a Christian research organization, stated American's most important relationships are dependent upon different factors including age, religious affiliation and ethnicity.

According to the study, friends are the most critical network for people age 25 or younger while people age 40 or older were most likely to name God first.

"I don't think it's very surprising," said Dr. Beth Allison Barr, a post-doctoral fellow in the religion department. "I do not think this necessarily means that youth are less spiritual than adults; it simply means that friends have a greater spiritual impact on youth than the institutionalized church."

Aledo freshman Jennifer Atwood, an Episcopalian, said, "I think it's interesting that these statistics have come out, but I also think that friends can be a means of growing in your relationship with God, so those two don't have to conflict."

Dr. Roger Olson, professor of theology, downplayed the significance of the results.

"I think that most of the 40-year-old people would have listed friends when they were 25, and most of the 25 year olds will probably list God as they get closer to death," Olson said. "I don't think that (the younger people) are excluding God, but

they probably say friends thinking God is not an option."

The study suggested that race played a factor. According to the study, blacks were twice as likely as other races to place their relationship with God as most important. Barr said the statistic is indicative of a cultural trend.

"Clearly that indicates a cultural difference and highlights the importance of faith in the African-American community," she said.

The study noted that affiliation with different sects of Christianity impacted what relationships people found most important.

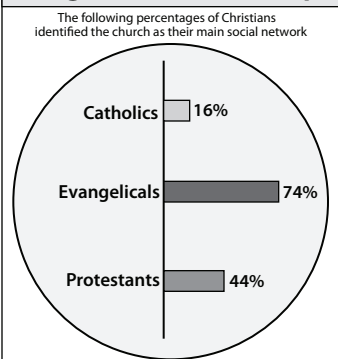
The study stated that one-third of evangelicals said their most important relationship was with God, but 75 percent identified the church as their "main social network." Olson said the fact that most evangelicals consider their relationship with God as the most important is understandable.

"Evangelicals are almost by definition the group that would say God, because that is one of their most defining characteristics," he said.

Atwood agreed. "I don't think I'm very surprised because from what I understand, (evangelicals) have more emphasis on their personal relationship as opposed to an intellectual understanding of God," she said.

"Other people are often nominal Christians, so God is not on their minds as much," he said.

Religious Relationships



Barr reiterated Olson's point, stating that evangelicals consider their personal and individual relationship with God as an important factor in their religion.

The study noted that, "while 44 percent of Protestants said their church was the prime social network group in their life, only 16 percent of Catholics concurred."

Olson offered a possible reason for the 28 percent difference between Protestants and Catholics.

"Most of the evangelicals are in the Protestant group and that would bump up the number," Olson said.

"I'm always a little bit leery about these polls," Olson said.

He said the answers could vary based on the wording of the question and where it was asked.

"I think if you ask people church or God, they will say God," he said.

BEAR BRIEFS

A lecture titled "The Historical Jesus and the Theological Jesus," will be given by Dr. Dale C. Allison, Jr., Errett M. Grable Chair of New Testament and Early Christianity at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. today in Paul and Katy Piper Great Hall in George W. Truett Theological Seminary. Contact Louine_Adams@baylor.edu for more information.

The Baylor School of Music will present a guest recital by Jessica Wiklund Buzbee and Tim Buzbee at 6:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. The recital is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the School of Music at 710-3991.

The Global Issues Lecture Series will feature Dr. Andrew Scherer, assistant professor of physical anthropology at 4 p.m. Thursday in 116 Draper Academic Building. The lecture is titled "Guerillas, Looters, Narcotraffickers, and United Fruit Archaeology: Modern Politics in the Study of the Ancient Maya." For more information, contact Lilly_Fuertes@baylor.edu or Michael_Long@baylor.edu.

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Bible course may be elective in Texas schools

By Victoria Mgbemena
Staff writer

High school students statewide may have the option of taking Bible study courses for elective credit in the academic year starting the fall of 2009.

Last May the state passed a bill which would allow school districts to decide whether to implement Bible studies elective courses.

The bill specifically proposed elective courses on the Bible's Hebrew scriptures (Old Testament), and the New Testament in their impact on history and literature of Western civilization.

The school districts are not required to implement the studies; rather, it would be their choice to offer the courses.

Robert Scott, commissioner of education for the Texas Education Agency, sent a request to Texas Attn. Gen. Greg Abbott to review parts of the bill for clarity.

The bill currently holds that there must be at least 15 students who request each of the courses in order for the district to consider opening them.

There is also a question of interpretation, as the phrases "shall" and "may" were used interchangeably in one part of the bill.

State Board Committee member David Bradley said there are schools in the state that already offer Bible studies in a historical perspective.

Bradley also said that a district has the ability to propose and implement any course they choose.

"The state does not provide specific funding for coursework that individual districts decide to bring in," Bradley said. "It is up to the district to make a decision for their budget and generate specific funding for specific courses."

Bradley said the decision to bring the option to the school districts stems in part from public support.

"In recent years we have been petitioned to create a state curriculum for Bible studies, just as there are curriculums for science, math and other subjects," Bradley said. "We do not develop and approve curriculums, but are giving districts the option of implementation."

Bradley said potential opponents to the decision are currently few, as local districts have been notified of the law.

The bill brings up the question of the separation of church and state, as well as selective implementation with regard to religion.

"I will give someone \$1,000 to find the where separation of church and state is stated in the U.S. Constitution," Bradley said. "The Bible is the largest-selling publication; it's an important book. What is being implemented is a literature course."

Zach Dawes, a third-year student at George W. Truett Theological Seminary, said he could

see how the issue could be hotly debated among those who would desire other religions to receive implementation in a school curriculum as well.

"I do think that an initial reaction will reveal controversy," Dawes said. "Any time you approach faith in schools there will always be discussion. It's a question of how many different religious ideas or philosophies will desire representation in the curriculum once the issue gets to the forefront."

Dawes said he would support the law if the classes were taught by qualified teachers.

"I would be ... supportive of the law; this nation was founded upon Judeo-Christian principle," Dawes said. "I do believe that people have the freedom to express what they believe as they see fit. This will provide an opportunity for people to dialogue and seek understanding."

The attorney general may take up to six months to disclose an official opinion.

Global warming gets Baptist attention

Convention draws up declaration calling for attention to issue

By Charly Edsitty
Reporter

The Southern Baptist Convention has decided to support a new declaration calling for more action with climate change issues.

This marks a significant change in the convention's usually conservative political and theological views.

Forty-four Southern Baptist leaders are backing the statement, calling their previous stance "too timid."

The current convention president, the Rev. Frank Page, as well as past presidents Jack Graham and James Merritt signed the declaration.

"We believe our current denominational engagement with these issues has often been too timid, failing to produce a unified moral voice," the church leaders wrote in their new declaration.

The declaration presents a contrasting view to a more skeptical stance on global warming that was issued in 2007 that questioned whether human activity significantly contributed to global warming.

"Our cautious response to these issues in the face of mounting evidence may be seen by the world as uncaring, reckless and ill-informed," states the new declaration.

The declaration also encourages ministers to preach about environmental issues and for all Baptists to be accepting toward environmental policy.

Despite the support, the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission chose not to sign the declaration.

In a response, the president of the commission, Dr. Richard Land, issued a statement last Monday stating that the commission does not agree that Southern Baptists have been too

"Younger evangelicals were coming forth saying we should do something about the environment."

Dennis Horton
Religion professor

timid in addressing the issues of creation care and environmental stewardship and that the commission has declined to endorse the declaration in its present form.

"I think that it's good for people of faith to be applying their faith and religious beliefs to all ethical issues that face us, especially those of the environment," said department of religion chairman William H. Belling, Jr.

Associate professor of religion Dennis Horton, explained that the Southern Baptist Convention might be following the example of the evangelical denomination in their recent recognition and support of environmental issues.

"I think they're following suit of what the evangelicals are doing as a whole. It seems like about six months or a year ago that a lot of the younger evangelicals were coming forth saying we should do something about [the environment]," Horton said. "It seems to me that the younger segment of the Southern Baptists are pushing these issues."

Horton explained that Southern Baptists are often viewed as closely tied to the Republican Party and that the new declaration could help to loosen the ties.

"Within the Southern Baptist Convention I don't think they are, as a whole, becoming more moderate. I think we see a lot of other factors where they are still very conservative," Horton said. "I think with this particular issue, the younger group of Southern Baptists are beginning to realize that this is a problem."

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Baylor to hold first summit on women's leadership

By Shannon Daily
Staff writer

On March 29, Multicultural Activities and Student Activities will both play host to Baylor's first women's leadership summit as a part of women's history month.

The summit, titled "Looking Back and Moving Forward," will play host to leaders from across campus to speak to students, faculty and staff on issues pertinent to women in leadership roles.

Associate director of Student Activities Mike Riemer is one of

the minds behind the event. "Clearly I'm not a woman; I don't understand a lot of the concerns. But the reality is our campus is close to 60 percent women. There are concerns that are unique to 60 percent of our campus population that I think we have a responsibility to address directly," Riemer said.

The summit will offer 14 sessions, outlined on the campus programs' Web site, covering areas including women in law, fitness and how to balance a career and a family.

Participants are encouraged to come and stay for the whole day, but also will be able to

attend only specific sessions if they choose so.

"It's a day-long program, it would take someone who's really uniquely interested in leadership issues to come and stay for the whole time," Riemer said. "But there are people who may be interested in law, or they may be interested in a career, but they also know they want to be a mother and have a family, so we have a session for that, and they can attend those specific ones."

The presenters for the sessions will be from different departments at Baylor.

"One of the unique things about the summit is that we're

bringing Baylor women to present, so there's kind of that role-modeling and institutional tie – it's not just anybody, you know?" said Taryn Ozuna, coordinator for Multicultural Activities.

Ozuna, also one of the creative minds behind the event, said the planning group tried to focus on departments most in line with both women's history month and women's leadership.

"Family and consumer sciences do a lot with women in the family, and they're going to do something on emotional intelligence and balance," Ozuna said. "Basically things that would fall in line with the issues profes-

sional women will face."

Another benefit of the event is providing leadership by example, Riemer said.

"There's a lot of direct talking about and training in leadership, but then some of it is more subtle, showing leadership," he said.

Ashley Thornton, director of professional and organizational development, is one of the women Ozuna and Riemer have brought in to co-lead a session titled "Developing yourself as a professional, making the most of your opportunities and options."

The session will focus on tak-

ing activities and experiences women have had and putting them into a resume or another marketable format.

"I think it'd be useful for anyone, but I think it'd be particularly useful for underclassmen," Thornton said.

Thornton also said she'd be willing to continue to help students after the summit is over.

There will also be a luncheon featuring a keynote speaker who has not been announced yet. Both the event and the luncheon are free of charge to those who register on campus programs' Web site. Registration is open now.

Obama urges tax cut

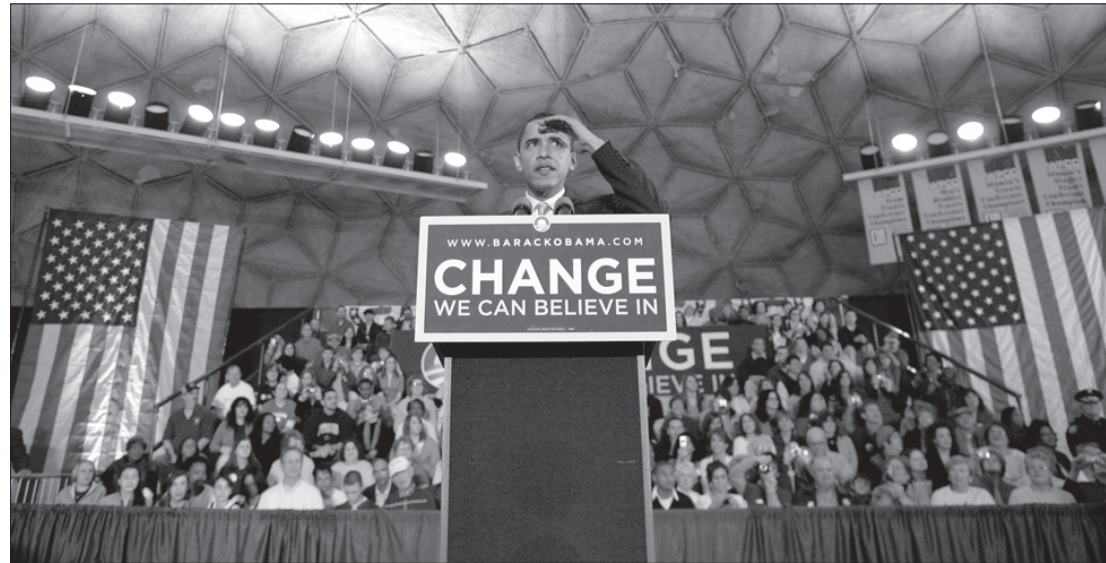
By Tom Raum
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Democratic congressional leaders urged President Bush on Monday to do more to address the housing woes at the root of the spreading economic crisis, and criticized him for opposing measures to help struggling homeowners.

With the Federal Reserve rushing to prevent an economic meltdown, Democrats were pushing a laundry-list of proposals – all rejected by Bush – to help homeowners avoid foreclosure and bolster financial markets.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said the central bank's actions in the last few days "appear to shift large risks to taxpayers, who may find themselves on the hook for billions in worthless securities."

"Now that the president has shown his willingness to bail out Wall Street at tax-



Associated Press

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama D-Ill., speaks Monday at a town hall meeting at the Community College of Beaver County in Monaca, Pa.

payer expense, I hope he will drop his opposition to proposals designed to help ordinary homeowners by giving them the same bankruptcy protections available to other Americans," Reid, D-Nev., said in a statement.

Democratic Sen. Barack Obama urged the government to cut middle-class taxes to ease the growing economic instability, as he and presidential rival Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton criticized Bush for failing to take the lead in addressing the

nation's economic woes.

Their criticisms were a fresh sign that the economy, which now tops voters' list of concerns, has become a central election-year issue for Democrats, who are offering populist plans that address the public's anxiety.

"While there is no quick fix to repair our struggling economy, more must be done to begin to reverse the economic mismanagement of the past seven years," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "In contrast to the president,

we believe that further decisive action is needed now."

Pelosi said Congress should consider extending unemployment and food stamp benefits and sending aid to strapped states – all measures dropped from the stimulus bill Bush signed last month that will send \$600-\$1,200 rebates to most taxpayers.

"Our economy is in a shambles," Obama said at a town hall meeting at a community college near Pittsburgh. "This economy is contracting, it is heading

toward recession. We probably already are in one."

Besides calling for middle-class tax cuts this year, he hinted that he might reconsider his call to roll back Bush tax cuts on capital gains and dividends if market conditions continue to deteriorate.

Clinton, meanwhile, told reporters in Washington it was a time of economic "stress and uncertainty" and said there was "urgency to continue the action that was started yesterday."

The comments came after the Federal Reserve approved a \$30 billion loan for a \$2-a-share takeover by JPMorgan Chase & Co. of Bear Stearns & Co. to help keep the stricken investment bank – one of the nation's largest – from collapse.

The Fed also lowered the rates it charges to lend directly to banks by a quarter-point, following moves last week to lend \$100 billion in cash to banks and \$200 billion in government bonds to cash-strapped Wall Street investment banks.

"I'm not going to second guess the Fed," Clinton said. She complained about Bush's handling of the problems.

"Now we are in the soup and we better get ourselves out of it before the consequences get drastic," Clinton said.

Obama derided Bush for suggesting that the stimu-

lus package should be given a chance to work and that policymakers shouldn't overreach. He said the Fed might have limited ammunition left and urged steps to deal with the human consequences.

"Real people are losing their homes or at risk of losing their homes. Businesses can't get the credit they need to keep their doors open. My approach would be to be pragmatic," Obama said.

Democratic lawmakers said they wanted to make sure ordinary people benefit from any financial rescue.

"We must make certain that the Main Street economy, not just the Wall Street economy, remains robust, for the sake of America's working families," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the Finance Committee chairman.

Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., chairman of the Banking Committee, said the Bear Stearns collapse had boosted the chances that he and Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., the House Banking chairman, will be able to push through legislation that would allow the Federal Housing Administration to insure certain refinanced mortgages.

"I think there's a greater receptivity to this idea than there was 48 hours ago," Dodd told reporters.

Kentucky State hires Morriss

Former Baylor football head coach to become offensive line coach

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Former Kentucky and Baylor head coach Guy Morriss has taken a job as offensive line coach at Kentucky State.

The school in Frankfort announced the hiring Monday in a statement by head football coach Fred T. Farrier.

"To have the ability to bring Guy Morriss back to the Bluegrass and to Kentucky State

University, with his knowledge and expertise, is a once in a career opportunity for me," Farrier said.

Morriss had a 9-14 record at Kentucky during the 2001 and '02 seasons.

He was fired in November from Baylor with an 18-40 record over five seasons.

Morriss played on the offen-



Morriss

sive line for Texas Christian University and a combined 15 years professionally for the National Football League's Philadelphia Eagles and New England Patriots.

Kentucky State also announced the hiring of Gary Fisher as linebackers coach, and Kenyatta McCoy as defensive backs coach.

McCoy coached cornerbacks at Murray State University in 2007. Kentucky State plays football in NCAA Division II.

The university did not release a statement from Morriss, and a call to a Waco, Texas, listing for Guy Morriss was unanswered.

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Suicide bomber kills 43 in Karbala

By Kim Gamel
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A female suicide bomber struck Shiite worshippers in the holy city of Karbala on Monday, an official and a witness said, killing at least 43 people and leaving pools of blood on the street leading to one of Iraq's most revered mosques.

The blast was the deadliest in a series of attacks that left at least 72 Iraqis dead, including six youths killed when mortar rounds slammed into a soccer field in eastern Baghdad.

Two U.S. soldiers also were killed Monday in a roadside bombing north of Baghdad, bringing the American death toll closer to 4,000 as the U.S.-led war enters its sixth year. At least 3,990 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The violence marred overlapping trips by Vice President Dick Cheney and Sen. John McCain to Baghdad. Their visits were aimed at touting recent security gains and stressing Washington's long-term commitment to fighting insurgents in Iraq.

The U.S. Embassy and military issued a joint statement blaming al-Qaida in Iraq for the Karbala attack.

The bomber struck after the worshippers had gathered at a sacred historical site about half a mile from the golden domed shrine of Imam Hussein, a grandson of the Prophet Muhammad who was killed in a seventh-century battle.

A police officer, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information, said the attacker was a woman — as did a witness.

The U.S. military described the attack as a suicide operation but

put the casualty toll at 40 Iraqis killed and 65 wounded. The U.S. statement said the identity of the bomber remained unknown.

Brig. Gen. Raed Shakir Jawdat, Karbala's police chief, said 43 people were killed and 73 wounded. He denied it was a suicide attack, saying a bomb had been planted in the area. The discrepancies could not immediately be resolved.

Karim Khazim, the city's chief health official, said seven of those killed were Iranian pilgrims who had traveled to the holy site.

AP Television News footage showed a man carefully picking up pieces of flesh and wires apparently from a fuse as evening prayer services were broadcast from loudspeakers nearby.

The witness, who did not identify himself, told AP Television News that a woman in the crowd had blown herself up.

If true, it would be among the deadliest attacks carried out by

women during the Iraq conflict.

Female suicide bombers have been involved in at least 20 attacks or attempted attacks since the war began, including the grisly bombings of two pet markets in Baghdad that killed nearly 100 people last month.

The U.S. military has warned that insurgents are using female attackers because they can more easily avoid checkpoint searches and can hide the explosives under traditional all-encompassing black Islamic robes.

Police closed the area around the twin golden dome mosques and blocked all roads leading to the sites, which include tombs of Imam Hussein and his half brother, also a Shiite saint.

Ali Hassan, 30, a clothing merchant who was wounded in the blast, said he was standing near his stall "when I heard a big explosion and I felt strong fire throwing me in the air."



Associated Press

Iraqis remove the dead from the scene of suicide bombing Monday in Karbala, 80 kilometers (50 miles) south of Baghdad, Iraq. A female suicide bomber attacked a group of Shiite worshippers near a mosque in Karbala on Monday, killing at least 32 people and wounding 51, officials said.

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son said. The lecture is sponsored by the Baylor student chapter of the American Scientific Affiliation, Baylor Society for Conversations in Religion, Ethics and Science and the Office of the Vice Provost for Research.

After the lecture Collins will do a book signing.

The lecture is free of charge and open to the public.

Florida democrats abandon mail-in primary redo plan

By Brendan Farrington
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Facing strong opposition, Florida Democrats on Monday abandoned plans to hold a do-over presidential primary with a mail-in vote and threw the delegate dispute into the lap of the national party.

While the decision by Florida Democrats left the state's 210 delegates in limbo, Democrats in

Michigan moved closer to holding another contest on June 3. Legislative leaders reviewed a measure Monday that would set up a privately funded, state-administered do-over primary, The Associated Press learned.

In Florida, a frustrated Democratic Party chairwoman Karen L. Thurman sent a letter announcing the decision.

"A party-run primary or caucus has been ruled out, and it's

simply not possible for the state to hold another election, even if the party were to pay for it," Thurman said. "... This doesn't mean that Democrats are giving up on Florida voters. It means that a solution will have to come from the DNC Rules & Bylaws Committee, which is scheduled to meet again in April."

Members of Florida's congressional delegation unanimously opposed the plan, and Barack

Obama expressed concern about the security of a mail-in vote organized so quickly. Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign expressed disappointment with Florida's decision.

"Today's announcement brings us no closer to counting the votes of the nearly 1.7 million people who voted in January," Clinton spokesman Phil Singer said.

Obama's campaign said it looked forward to an agreement

on what to do about Florida.

"We hope that all parties can agree on a fair seating of the Florida delegates so that Florida can participate in the Democratic Convention, and we look forward to working with the Florida Democratic Party and competing vigorously in the state so that Barack Obama can put Florida back into the Democratic column in November," said Obama spokesman Tommy Vietor.

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Victorian scholar as well. As a colleague as well as a friend I shall be very sorry to lose him from Baylor," he said.

Jeffrey and Prickett, along with the help of several other faculty members, collaborated on composing the proposal for the comparative studies in religion and literature doctoral degree. The University Strategic Planning Committee presented the degree plan to the university's Executive Council in the

form of a strategic proposal. Major Strategic Proposals are accepted for review once a year, usually around Dec. 15, according to the Baylor Web site. President John Lilley unveiled the degree proposal, along with eight other approved propositions, at last semester's faculty meeting in September.

But the proposed degree has been tabled since then, with differing accounts as to why.

"Both the authors of the proposal for the new degree and the Graduate Curriculum Committee voted to table the proposal,"

said Dr. Larry Lyon, vice provost of institutional effectiveness.

But Prickett said he never took part in such a vote. Jeffrey said he participated in reaching a consensus, agreeing that without Prickett at the university, the degree proposal should be tabled.

Jeffrey attributed other reasons for the tabling.

"The proposal to inaugurate a doctoral degree in comparative studies in religion and literature had its beginnings in the mind of Dr. Prickett. Unfortunately, it met with strenuous opposi-

tion from several quarters, not directed at Dr. Prickett personally, but on account of a perceived conflict with the interests of existing academic programs in other departments," Jeffrey said. "Work was going forward to try to resolve such difficulties, but it had become apparent that resolution would be very difficult at best, and with the news that Dr. Prickett would no longer be available, it seemed, to the faculty committee backing the proposal, in the best interests of all concerned not to go forward at this time."

Prickett's credentials include teaching literature at the Australian National University, the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom and the distinguished title of Regius Professor at the University of Glasgow in the Scotland. He is a fellow of the English Association, a British, royally chartered governing body aimed to uphold English literature. He also instructed at Smith College in Massachusetts and was a Fulbright Professor at the University of Minnesota.

Prickett signed on as director of the Armstrong-Browning

Library in 2003 because, "it sounded like an interesting job."

He has written several books and scholarly articles. He is now working on two books, *The Reinvention of Tradition: Backing into the Future* and *An Anthology of European Romanticism*. The latter, which will be published by the Baylor University Press, draws on the efforts of 17 editors and will be published in 15 languages.

Prickett called the anthology "a huge international project for the university."

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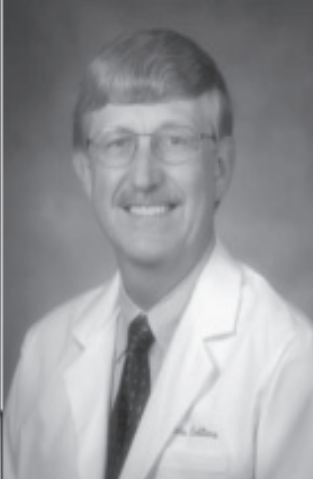
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No break for baseball this spring

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

While Baylor students spanned the continent for spring break, the Baylor baseball team played eight games in eight days.

Baseball America's No. 14 Baylor (14-3, 2-1) swept Mississippi State University before losing both games against Oral Roberts University in Tulsa.

"They swung the bat," head coach Steve Smith said. "We played very good defensively, but we just didn't get effective pitching."

Then the Bears started Big 12 play against the Oklahoma State University Cowboys, dropping the Friday game 6-5, and winning the latter two 3-0 and 8-5.

Friday, Baylor held a one-run lead going into the final inning before Matt Hague and Rebel

Ridling sent the ball over the outfield wall for a 6-5 Cowboys victory.

Baylor did get a good bit of news before Friday, however, as injured sophomore Raynor Campbell returned to pinch hit in two games over the weekend series.

"The doctor cleared me on Thursday. I really wasn't expecting it," Campbell said. "On the other hand, the only way I'm going to get better is to get some batting practice."

Campbell injured his thumb in preseason, which required surgery.

"(The brace is) coming off in another three weeks," he said, but added that it isn't affecting his swing.

Campbell played in both the Saturday and Sunday games, but failed to earn a single hit on six attempts. However, he replaced

center fielder Paul Miles instead of true freshman and second baseman Landis Ware.

Smith noted that Ware's performance combined with Campbell's versatility would probably keep Ware at second and Campbell in the outfield.

"There's not an easy way to do what we're going to do with Raynor (Campbell)," Smith said. "He's going to have to get going a little bit. Landis Ware has done such a good job at second base that I tried to find a place on the field for Raynor and center field seemed to be the place."

Miles currently sports a .220 average and has no home runs on six RBIs.

Saturday ended the three-game skid for the Bears, as red-shirt freshman Shawn Tolleson threw a complete-game, two-hit shutout.

"I've known Shawn for a long

time. That's the Shawn I remember," Aaron Miller said of Tolleson, who he faced throughout his high school career.

The right-handed pitcher allowed just two walks and struck out six in his performance.

"I think for the first time this year I was able to throw my fastball where I wanted to," Tolleson, who earned Big 12 player of the week, said.

Dustin Dickerson rattled off a three-run homer in the fifth to separate the tied participants. Jordy Mercer would cut the Baylor lead to two with his long ball, but Beamer Weems answered for his second home run of the season.

Weather permitting, the Bears will face Sam Houston State University (12-6) at 6:30 p.m. today at the Baylor Ballpark.



David Poe/Lariat staff

Dallas senior Nick Cassavechia winds up for a pitch in the game against Louisiana Tech University on March 5 at the Baylor Ballpark. Baylor won, 7-6.

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hasn't been a more important one for Baylor men's basketball since Ronald Reagan occupied the White House.

"We never used to talk about postseason before, then we talked about it and now we're in it," said Drew, who's Big 12 wins improved from four in his first two years to nine this year.

"Teams used to come here and it was no big deal and now when they come to Waco they know it's going to be a hostile environment. Recruits want to go to schools that win and this definitely helps with recruiting."

Baylor will leave Waco mid-afternoon today and walk through some practices Wednesday before taking on the Boiler-makers the following afternoon

at the Verizon Center.

In a dramatic twist and perhaps emphasizing Baylor's flair for the dramatic this year, the last name announced on Selection Sunday was Baylor. CBS's cameras quickly cut to an emotional Ferrell Center celebration, one which Bruce said he watched with senior forward Mark Shepherd after the fact "at least 20 times."

"I can't parallel it with anything I've experienced here because it just hasn't happened," Bruce said. "It was exciting, it was a good thing to experience, and I'm glad so many people showed up to support us."

Bruce was perhaps most elated at the news. After dealing with an incredible array of emotions in his four years — a run that's included a winless conference season and now an

NCAA Tournament bid — he said things haven't quite soaked in yet.

"Most of us just wanted to go to sleep (after the watch party) but we had to worry about all the things we had to get done," Bruce said. "I actually did some reading and tried to do a paper. (It didn't go) very good at all. Just ask my teachers this morning."

For a normally reserved Henry Dugat, the waiting game was equally as tough. He said, above all, the team is just trying to temper its excitement and play loose and free on Thursday.

"Once it got to the last bracket (I wasn't so nervous), but once it got to the last team I was just looking around at everybody," Dugat said. "It was just an unbelievable feeling."

Fresno State Univeristy Bulldogs

For the first time in the school's 43-year history the Fresno State women's basketball team has made the NCAA tournament after winning the WAC tournament Saturday against New Mexico State 72-56.

Players to look out for:

- Pinole, Calif., freshman guard Jaleesa Ross — named WAC tournament MVP
- Lawton, Okla., senior guard Rierre Wilson — named to WAC All-Tournament Team
- Victoria, Australia, freshman guard Emma Andrews — named to WAC All-Tournament Team

Momentum: Bulldogs are 22-10 and have won 20 of their last 22 games after a slow 2-8 season start.

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we were playing three teams that were pretty darn good," the eighth-year head coach said. "As far as our seeding goes, I thought that we were rewarded for what we have done all year. I thought some teams were rewarded for what they did late in the year and not all year. But we were certainly not penalized in any way because of the three losses."

For Austin senior guard Angela Tisdale, it's all or nothing. The All-Big 12 selection is the lone member remaining from the 2005 National Championship team, and although she knows a loss will end her career as a Baylor Bear, she said she can't add any pressure on to herself.

"You just got to take it one game at a time," Tisdale said. "Each game you have to know what you have to do. You still have to play each game like it's your last, because it may as well be your last."

The Lady Bears first tournament game is set for 1 p.m. Saturday at The Pit and will be televised nationally on ESPN2.

Breaking down the bracket

Xavier

(1st — Atlantic-10 Conference)

Season record: 27-6, 14-2

High scorer: F Josh Duncan (11.7 ppg)

Interesting fact: Xavier posted its highest win total in school history this season en route to its second straight regular season A-10 title. The Musketeers got it done with a focus on defense and an equitable spread of scoring, with six players finishing the year with at least 10 points per game.

Notable stat: Xavier is making its third straight NCAA tourney appearance and was 20-0 this year when at least four players scored in double digits.

Georgia

(11th — Southeastern Conference)

Season record: 17-16, 4-12

High scorer: G Sundiata Gaines (14.8 ppg)

Interesting fact: The Bulldogs won four games in four days in the SEC tournament last weekend — including two in one day after an Atlanta tornado forced a venue change — to lock up an automatic berth in this month's festivities. The team members would have otherwise been watching March Madness from their couches.

Notable stat: Georgia won just four SEC regular season games and became the first seed below No. 6 to win the conference tourney.

West Virginia

(5th — Big East Conference)

Season record: 24-10, 11-7

High scorer: F Joe Alexander (16.8 ppg)

Interesting fact: West Virginia are entering this year's tournament with a gaggle of post-season experience — just not of the NCAA Tournament variety. The Mountaineers won the NIT last season and most of that cast, save the head coach, are back for another successful run.

Notable stat: The Mountaineers finished strong, winning five out of their final six games before losing in the Big East tournament semifinal to Georgetown.

Arizona

(7th — Pac-10 Conference)

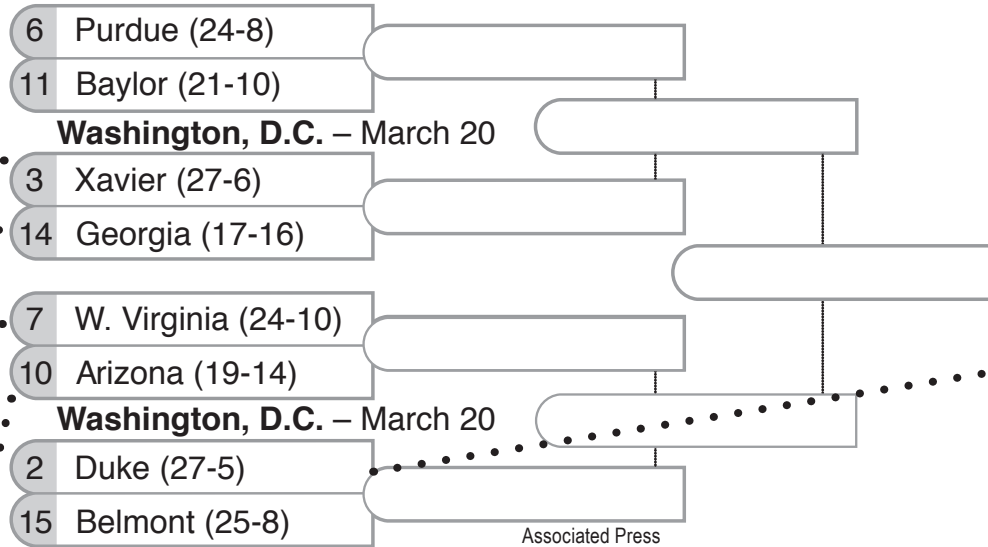
Season record: 19-14, 8-10

High scorer: G Jarryd Bayless (20 ppg)

Interesting fact: 24-year head coach Lute Olson took an indefinite leave of absence before this season and the Wildcats have been furiously working to adjust all year. It's been extra difficult with three key players struggling through injury issues for most of the season.

Notable stat: Rebounding was the bane of Arizona's attack all season, with forward Jordan Hill being the only major contributor down low. The team finished in the bottom half of every major rebounding statistic in the Pac-10.

For the Baylor men's basketball team, the road to the West Regional in Phoenix has to start in Washington, D.C. The *Lariat* sports desk takes a look at how the Bears' corner of the bracket stacks up.



PURDUE

(2nd — Big 10)

Season record: 24-8

High scorer: G E'Twaun Moore (12.7 ppg)

Interesting fact: Baylor and Purdue both played the University of Missouri and Iowa State University. Baylor went 2-0 and averaged 87 points against the Big 12 foes while giving up 78 points per game. Purdue scored 71.5 and gave up 78 on average, losing both games.

Notable stats: In Purdue's eight losses this season, the Boiler-makers lost by three or fewer five times and averaged just 5 points per loss. Purdue averages 11.3 points per win and holds two victories over Big 10 champion and No. 3 seeded University of Wisconsin.

Duke

(2nd — Atlantic Coast Conference)

Season record: 27-5, 13-3

High scorer: DeMarcus Nelson (15.2 ppg)

Interesting fact: This is the seventh time Duke has earned a No. 2 seed in the tournament and first since the 1997 season. Duke won the 1991 National Championship as a No. 2 seed and advanced to the 1988, 1989 and 1994 Final Four's as No. 2 seeds.

Notable stat: The Blue Devils are making their 13th consecutive NCAA Tournament run under head coach Mike Krzyzewski. Duke lost in the opening round of the 2007 NCAA Tournament 79-77 to Virginia Commonwealth snapping a streak of nine-straight Sweet 16 appearances.

Belmont

(1st — Atlantic Sun Conference)

Season record: 25-8, 14-2

High scorer: Justin Hare (14.9 ppg)

Interesting fact: The Bruins make their third consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament, a first for an Atlantic Sun Conference team. In 2007, Belmont lost to Georgetown University in the opening round, an eventual Final Four contender. Meanwhile in 2006, the Bruins lost in the first round to the UCLA, who made it to the National Championship game.

Notable stat: Belmont ranks fourth in the NCAA in three-point field goals per game (10.6) while Hare is fifth in the nation in free-throw shooting at 91.5 percent. Five Bruins shot above 40 percent from beyond the arc during conference play.

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SXSW

SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST

Student volunteers share perspectives on the massive music festival

TOP TEN BUZZ BANDS

1. Vampire Weekend - NYC
2. The Cribs - Wakefield, UK
3. Ra Ra Riot - Syracuse, NY
4. The Black Keys - Akron, OH
5. MGMT - Brooklyn, NY
6. Von Blondies - Detroit
7. Why? - Oakland, CA
8. My Morning Jacket - Louisville, KY
9. The English Beat - Birmingham, UK
10. Anathallo - Chicago

South by Southwest is one of the biggest music festivals in the nation and attracts people from all over the globe, and for the second year, we returned to Austin to take our place among the many SXSW volunteers.

On our first day of volunteering, we picked up our badges and went to hand out wristbands while preparing ourselves for the events of the upcoming week.

Volunteering for eight hours a day wasn't so bad once the bands started to check in.

Meeting bands such as The Hush Sound, Augustana and Sara Bareilles made our volunteering time worth-

while. Getting to rub elbows with international artists with cute accents wasn't so bad either.

We thought not being 21 years old would keep us away from certain shows, but by using our charm and superior wit, we were able to infiltrate many a restricted venue. And working for 60 hours during the week didn't stop us from seeing all of the shows we'd

planned to attend. Even during the slow times, we were kept on our toes in hopes of seeing celebrities such as Luke Wilson or Kirsten Dunst.

The music festival trade show was also a big hit.

We could walk in with a bag and leave with a new wardrobe, plus a few random gadgets since there were so many vendors promoting new products.

Despite the main shows being at night, there was plenty of action taking place during the day.

With brands such as Levi's and magazines like *Blender* giving away free food while hosting live music, Sixth Street was filled day and night.

The energy in Austin made us forget how tired we were and kept us going all week, even if there happened to be a nap involved during a day party.

Overall, the week serves to prove that what happens at SXSW stays at SXSW. And you can be sure it will be bigger and better next year.



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TOP TEN MOMENTS

1. Seeing Chris Kirkpatrick from N*Sync
2. Seeing Leslie, the famous half-dressed bum, on Sixth Street
3. Lou Reed being the keynote speaker at the conference
4. Free parties and free day shows
5. Parking garage dance parties from noon to midnight
6. Turning Ryan Cabrera away from our check-in station
7. Walking next to Augustana and not even being phased
8. Getting into 21 and up shows while being underage
9. Walking around in the same building as *Harold and Kumar*
10. Meeting our 6th grade loves, Hanson

*Reviews and lists by Emily Monti and Lori Cotton.

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Gig Reviews

Vampire Weekend @ Antone's

After hearing Vampire Weekend's self-titled debut, many people wouldn't expect that it came from four recent Columbia grads. Although Austin is far from the beach, which is normally where college kids spend their spring break, Vampire Weekend turned a small venue into an island paradise. As a SXSW headliner, Vampire Weekend lived up to high expectations. The upbeat sounds combined with the brevity of the songs kept the crowd amped and ready for more. Vampire Weekend was one of the few groups that got to play their entire album during their set. People with wristbands waited outside up to three hours just to see the 45-minute show. The band had played many free shows during the week, but said their last show at Antone's on Friday was the best show they played in Texas.

REM @ Stubb's

The wait for this show was tremendous. If you didn't have a badge, or weren't there at least two hours in advance, all hope was lost. The best shot you had at seeing them play was to stand on the roof of the parking garage across the street from Stubb's. REM played a set of their older songs mixed with new ones off *Accelerate*, which will be released April 1. The mix of people at the show ranged from teens to older adults. Stubb's outdoor venue gave a relaxed vibe to the entire show. Fans moved about freely and conversed through the set. And of course, it wouldn't be an REM concert without a lighter or two going up in the air. Michael Stipe didn't let his age or the midnight set time affect his energy or his ability to get the crowd going. After playing classics such as "Fall on Me" and "Electrolite," the show got fans excited for the new album. After the finale, with fans wanting more, REM took the stage and played an encore before closing out the night.

The Whip @ Club DeVille

Upon taking the stage, The Whip wasted no time whipping the crowd into a frenzy with an electronic sound from the UK, which resembles The Faint. It was impossible to not move with the beats of the songs. Their music gave new meaning to "throwing inhibitions to the wind" because no one was paying attention to how they were dancing, as long as their bodies were in motion. The Whip used sound effects from a laptop and synthesizer to create a new sound in the dance/electronic genre. The music at the show turned the open patio of Club DeVille into a European discotech. And even though attendees of SXSW have long days, The Whip kept a high energy that gave the audience the second wind they were looking for. Although being one of the lesser-known bands appearing at the festival, The Whip gathered a larger crowd than some of the local bands. Even people from venues next door were peeking over the barriers to catch a glimpse of the party.

Health Camp: A hamburger joint with throw-back flavor

By Melissa Limmer
Contributor

Health Camp is a slice of Americana, a survivor amid the growing number of fast food chains that line Interstate 35. It has been located on what locals call "the circle" since 1949. And it seems as if not much has changed inside or outside of Health Camp since it opened. Everything looks original, a little run down, but clean and well-kept.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Walking from the parking lot through the front door is like stepping back in time. The walls are white and lined with old photographs and newspaper clippings, while plastic booths line the wall-to-wall windows.

The neon green lights that adorn the outside of the small building cast their glow through the windows, making the patrons that frequent these booths look like the famous "Boulevard of Broken Dreams" poster from the outside looking in.

The cornerstone of the

throw-back hamburger joint atmosphere is the jukebox filled with records true to Health Camp's Texas roots, with country staples like Alan Jackson, Clint Black and Merle Haggard. Among these are surprises like Queen and Van Halen.

The no-frills atmosphere seems to say, "Come, sit and stay awhile." Health Camp is a place for all kinds of people - there is no snobbery here. Husbands and wives, families, a grandpa with his two granddaughters, a couple on a date and Baylor students all fill the booths.

What Health Camp lacks in ambiance though, it makes up for in the food. Ordering a burger is a must. It comes "all the way" with lettuce, onion, pickles, tomato, mayonnaise or mustard and cheese if you like. For those with an extra large stomach, or who have starved themselves for about a week, the Double Double and the Superburger provide double the meat and bacon options.

Only a few minutes after ordering, the burger arrives wrapped in yellow paper on a bright red plastic tray. It is like

unwrapping a present.

One bite and a melody of flavors is revealed. The crisp lettuce snaps, as the sour dill pickle and sweet mayo play in perfect tune. All of the veggies taste fresh. This burger has not been sitting under a warmer for hours waiting to be ordered. Health Camp's guarantee of a 100 percent beef patty does not disappoint. A little crisp on the edges with no pink in the middle, it is char-grilled to perfection.

Three different fried sides are available as sidekicks to the burger: french fries, tater tots and onion rings. All share one thing in common: crisp golden outsides with warm, soft insides. The onion ring is the winner among these sides, as the sweet onion on the inside perfectly complements the crunchy outside. Health Camp also solved the age-old mystery of how to create an onion ring where the whole onion does not slide out upon first bite.

To make this meal truly a "Waco" experience, a sweet Dr Pepper from the fountain washes it down with ease.

A combo with a cheese burg-



Jeff Leslie/Lariat staff

Health Camp, located at 2601 Circle Rd. on Waco's legendary circle, is open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

er, side and a drink costs \$6.48 with tax. And if room somehow still exists in your stomach, a Health Camp milkshake is a must. For only \$3.24, the classic chocolate, strawberry and vanilla flavors are all available, and for those who are brave, there are also peach, pineapple and mocha flavors on the menu. The always classic chocolate

milkshake is so thick it makes your lips pucker and your cheeks suck in. The Hershey's syrup is perfectly blended with the soft serve vanilla ice cream which guarantees you'll leave Health Camp on such a sugar high you might just need a designated driver.

As you stagger out the door with hamburger hanger, the

sweet old lady smiles and says, "Thank you, come again."

So the next time you long to venture back to a time when things were slower and you could sit and sip a Dr Pepper over a freshly grilled burger for an hour or so, you most certainly will come to Health Camp again.

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