Palace on the Brazos’ set to open

by Samantha Arruabara
Special Editor

Almost from the moment he arrived on campus in February of 2005, head coach Art Briles told the administration that he wanted a stadium. Baylor had not qualified for a bowl game since 1994 and finished winning in the Big 12 Conference for the last time in 2007. “Palace on the Brazos” was born.

The $266 million McLane Stadi
dum is in its final stages of completion and will host its first event on Aug. 28, the annual Traditions-Ride, featuring American folk singer Phillip Phil-
lips.

“The uniqueness is re-
ally the pedals,” Austin Flintco, senior super
intendent Jeff Horn said. “Most stadiums you develop, especially in college football, are not necessarily accessible by boat. The McLane Stadium will also be one of only three college football stadiums accessible by boat. The university built 118 slips for boats to sailgate on the Brazos.”

The stadium also features large canopies over the terraces that will serve a dual purpose. Not only will they provide shade over the crowd, but the canopies will also contain sound, allowing for an elite football program.

After a Skidmore Trophy and Big 12 Championship, the “Palace on the Bra-
os” was born.

Boats, pedicabs provide rides to new stadium

by Debra L. Flanigan
Staff Writer

Downtown Waco is attracting new methods of transportation to help fans get to McLane Stadium on game day.

Because of limited parking on Baylor’s campus during home games and downtown’s free street park-

ing option, fans may have to walk a moderate distance to McLane Stadium.

However, Outdoor Waco’s general manager, Tim Roth, thought of a way to ease the hectic pon-
to transport fans from downtown Waco to McLane Stadium.

Robb said he began the process of obtaining pon-
to boats for rent “something that’s been on my mind for a long time.”

“The need is so obvious,” Roth said. “It’s no secret that McLane Stadium is one of the best in the United States. We’ve heard from Waco officials last week to provide rides to fans during home games.”

Roth said he began the process of obtaining pon-
to boats after having several conversations with the city and Baylor administration.

“We’re still finalizing between how many and what kind of boats we’ll be able to use,” Roth said.

“Between 44 and 50 million people travel downtown Waco and McLane Stadium on game day,” Roth said.

Outdoor Waco has not set prices or decided what kind of boats will be available in the form of a two-seater cab hooked up to a pedal-powered motor.

“With boats, pedicabs,” Roth said, “you can give someone a unique transportation experience. It’s a different feeling than the typical ride-share service.”

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to boats by contacting the city and Baylor administration.

While details are still in conversation, Roth said, Outdoor Waco’s boat manager said boats will be on the water for the first game on Aug. 31.

“The idea is to be able to rent the boats out to those who want to use them—only on game day and any day of the week,” Roth said. “There’s no one who wants to drive themselves and worry about damage. We will have drivers available to captain the boat if that’s your choice.”

The option to use the boats will give renters the ability to “add-on” music, allowing them to have the means to get to the stadium on water and back downtown after the game.

Outdoor Waco has set out prices or decided what the age restrictions will be to take a ride on the boats.

While the ponies continue to create opportunities for groups of 11 to 15 to travel, a ticket to McLane Stadium will cost $40.

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Click to ticket: New online policies benefit students

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- Online ticketing

Tips and questions can be sent to the Arts section of Baylor.edu, and the Lariat can update their blogs "Give my Regards to Bear Country" and "Food & Feminism" on Twitter accounts for two staff profiles. This semester, we are starting a new blog called "Baylor Line." That idea is rooted not in the quality of education we already possess. The graduates and professors who teach us send all the world that are equipped, we have the opportunity to share with the world the importance of our knowledge and to influence society. We are a part of a great tradition and we have the responsibility to live up to it. We are the ones who will make a difference in the world. We are the ones who will shape the future. We are the ones who will change the world. We are the ones who will make a difference.

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Baylor Line, titled “The Real Story,” which detailed their version of events.

According to the lawsuit, the BAA is urging the university to acknowledge the association as the official alumni organization of the university, as well as to cease operating the Baylor Alumni Network, which the BAA claims was created to replace their organization, according to the countersuit.

According to Hillrichs, the BAA has filed for two years to work with the university in a way that would allow them to support the university, while preserving its independence.

Julie Hillrichs, media representative for the BAA, said other BAA filed the lawsuit against the university to prevent it from passing a required supermajority vote to replace their organization, according to the countersuit.

She said, however, for any action to be taken by the BAA a vote was needed, which would have required more time before the deadline passed to file a countersuit on Aug. 6. Hillrichs said Baylor refused to extend this deadline and as a result, the BAA was forced to file its lawsuit.

Lori Fogleman, assistant vice president for media communications, said the university was deeply disappointed with the BAA’s decision, especially after they were actively engaged with the BAA to extend the deadline and attempt to resolve the issue.

Fogleman also said the BAA seems to have been unsuccessful in the past in mapping out a plan of action that is beneficial to both the university as whole, and students.

BAA President Keith Starr, the university cause to believe the BAA’s lawsuit is “belligerent and unsolicited” by the university as whole, and its students.

Starr said, "Unfortunately, it does not appear that our efforts are going to be successful at this time.”

According to the Baylor lawsuit against the BAA, the BAA has yet to donate any of its millions of dollars approved in February 2013 to support the presidential scholarship initiative. These actions give the university cause to believe the BAA’s lawsuit is “belligerent and unsolicited” by the university as whole, and its students.

Fogleman said, “We will continue to seek relief in the courts, if the BAA continues to ignore the best interest of the university.” Fogleman said.

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The opening of McLane Stadium will bring with it several changes to the game day experience meant to increase fan safety, according to a press release by Baylor Athletics.

Policies once common at Floyd Casey Stadium, such as re-entry into games after leaving, will no longer be allowed in order to create a more secure environment. Nothing can be thrown on the field or worse. "It'll be a real visible thing," Vincent said. "We're just going to have to get habits down."

Despite the 45,000 people set to fill McLane Stadium this weekend, parking changes will no doubt be new for everyone she crossed for a positive outcome. "I hope everyone who comes to game day downtown will need to game days run even better as well."

Shuttle routes and the parking expansion downtown will result in the closure of Austin Avenue from 6th Street to 45th Street. Shuttle services will be provided to take students to and from the game.

Select areas near McLane Stadium will have paid parking options, which include the student lot, select Baylor garages and lots proximate to the stadium. Other banned items are non-IMG portable chair-back seats beyond 12 inches long, 6 inches wide and 12 inches high, and no backpacks will be allowed. According to the release, national security officials identified backpacks as a risk at sporting events in large complexes like McLane Stadium. 

"It gives us the ability to watch tailgating and the parking lot during the program, as well as during the game when fans leave the tailgating staff in the parking lot," Wigtil said. "I’ll be a real visible thing."

A complete list of changes to stadium policies can be found at www.baylorbears.com/gameday.

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You belong at Baylor
Counting calories in a meal soon will happen with a push of a button. Faculty members from Baylor’s Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, along with a team of undergraduates and graduate students, are in the process of developing a micro- wave device that will display the number of calories in a meal on a plate.

Dr. Randall Jean and Robert Marks, Baylor engineer professors who are the lead researchers for the project, are also working alongside a team from research- ers from General Electric’s global research team.

Dr. Jack Webster, a senior scientist and project leader with GE Global Research, said the idea generated back in 2009 at GE. Then, in 2012, he and his team discovered Jean and began the collaboration with Webster.

Webster told the audience that the device, a “calorie-counting microwave” that will use...
Baylor Law School has selected six pre-law students as part of the program in order to maintain their admissions at the Baylor Law School, said Neeley. “Part of the program is to maintain exceptional students and help them make their future careers.”

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Any recently accepted student will be able to apply. “There’s going to be an open waitlist of five per semester,” Neeley said. “We are going to trust the law school to fill the positions as needed.”

Baylor awarded the scholarships in January, and the program began in March with the first of the six students enrolled. According to Neeley, the program will continue in the future, with the goal of increasing the number of students who participate.

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News Chief Select and Air Force Tech Sgt. Jay Boyd circled a wellness with Grapevine Sailing Club volunteer Lee Udelman during the Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla and Wounded Warrior “Introduction to Sailing Seminar” August 16 on Lake Grapevine, in Grapevine, Texas.

Texas vets find therapy on water

Weather said it is the responsibility of the department and other entities such as the Office of Civil Rights to enforce these regulations.

A recent government mandate requires universities provide this type of sexual assault education to prevent sexual assaults along with making students aware of reporting options if a person is worried about their safety.

Callaway spoke with an eagerness that suggests he was surprised at the rush of the wind, the water and sail to create seamless movement.

Taking cover

So Sri Lankan ethnic Tamil laborers shelter themselves Friday from rains at a commonly used shelf in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Sri Lankan President Rajapaksa said Tuesday that he will not allow the three II N. investigators to visit Sri Lanka to investigate alleged human rights abuses.

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Brian Nicholson, assistant vice president for facilities, said he was excited for football fans to see the improvements at McLane Stadium.

"We want to set the bar high," said Nicholson. "We want to celebrate the man himself. We want to be able to view Tuesday. We don't want to just provide

Baylor also announced the Baylor In-Game app. The free app, produced by YinzCam, is built primarily to enhance the game experience. The app connects to Baylor Ve-

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America’s first female tackle Bose Blackshear, a Waco native, said she was excited to cross the line and go to McLane Stadium for the first time.

"Once you hit the top of it and start making that slope down, it all opens up and you know it’s actually real," Blackshear said. "It’s not just pictures and stuff you’re seeing on the Inter- net. It’s actually here, and it’s time to get this thing going.

Baylor’s facilities Brian Nicholson emphasized how significant the stadium will be toward the branching of the university and the athletic program.

"Between 44 and 60 million people drive down I-35 every year," Bo said. "I imagine some 9-year-old girl or boy is go-

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Rick Allen, a former Waco Vacationcal, received approval from Waco officials last week to start a demand-pull service.

Allen said he got the idea after he visited San Antonio, Austin and New York City where he observed bike-drawn cabs serving pedestrians around for a more unique transportation experience.

"I knew how after a while you keep telling everyone that someone should start something, and then you’re the one who has to do it," Allen said. "I kept thinking, ‘I have all these ideas. Why can’t I do this?’ That was me,” Allen said.

"By giving the drivers the ability to self-employ, it gives them a chance to go on their own as much as they can and generate extra income," Allen said. He imagines the busiest times for his pedicabs will be game days and weekends but he is in it for the heavy influx of customers on those days because of the experience.

"We only get one chance to make a first impression," Allen said. "There will be a lot of disgruntled people if we don’t get it right the first time."

Whether or not fans choose to use alternate methods to get to the stadium, trying to get mass amounts of people in a small amount of time from point A to point B is proving to be a creative process.

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