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Memorial Dining Hall gets fresh feel, renovations

EMMA KING
Staff Writer

Wednesday, in the middle of Memorial Dining Hall's after-Chapel lunch rush, Waco sophomore Seth Findley stood up on his chair, tapped his plastic cup with his fork and asked the masses of hungry students how much they loved the new Memorial.

"I just love the new Memo!" Findley said.

The first day of classes doubled as opening day for the 1845 at Memorial dining hall. The three and a half month renovation led to a brighter and more open interior with more of a modern twist than the previous Memorial.

"It looks a lot nicer and there's more

seating than there used to be," Katy sophomore Lorin Mott said.

Instead of a cream color, the walls are now two tones of grey, accented with white trim and a few large screen TVs. The floors are now hardwood and the ceiling now has lights built in to it. There is still booth seating and chairs, but the chairs all match each other and they match the tables. Some of the chairs even have cushioned seats and backs.

Finding a quiet corner or an empty table is still hard during peak meal times though.

"I feel like there are more people who come here now," said Pflugerville sophomore Tori Dinan.

However, despite the new faces or more faces, most of the friendly staff faces have stayed the same.

"Overall, the staff's been really great adapting to all the new equipment and learning everything," said Danielle Coley, Aramark location manager for Memorial. "We really want them to still feel at home here at Memorial."

Memorial kept their famous flying saucers, omelettes and cookies, updated their deli with a carving block, changed their salad bar and added a gelato bar. Coley said she's been getting good reactions from staff and returning students.

Rosie Kennedy, who has been working with Baylor dining services for 15 years, said she loves the updates and the new atmosphere. Usually, she works from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., serving breakfast and lunch in the new Memorial.

"Everybody comes in and they just love it," she said.

Kennedy said she even loves the staff's new 1845 Memorial shirts.

She said Wednesdays are the busiest days for Memorial and sometimes the staff does get stressed out, but she said they always work everything out.

"You're going to always have some kinks, even when we had the old Memorial," Kennedy said.

She said it takes a while for everyone to get back in a working routine when they come back from summer break.

"It took maybe about four or five days for everyone to catch up," Kennedy said.

Now that they have gotten everything off the ground, it seems to be running smoothly. Students are still being fed and Kennedy is still smiling behind her station.

"I have no problems at all," Kennedy said.



Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

GOOD EATS Memorial Dining Hall underwent renovations this summer. Rebranded 1845 at Memorial, the space now contains a new paint job, hardwood floors and televisions around the dining area.

Student political groups to inform voters

HELENA HUNT
Staff Writer

A number of Baylor students seek to create a culture of political engagement on campus, both before and after the upcoming presidential elections.

College Republicans, Baylor Democrats and the discussion group Civitas are among several student-led groups that seek to educate young voters and bring them to the polls on election day. However, according to Dr. Patrick Flavin, assistant professor of political science at Baylor, these groups face an apathetic target audience.

"If you look at who turns out to vote, older people vote at much higher rates than younger

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Regents announce outside counsel

SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
City Editor

The Baylor Board of Regents has retained Philadelphia law firm Pepper Hamilton LLP to initiate a comprehensive independent review of the university's procedures on sexual assault according to a statement from the university.

Partners Gina Maisto Smith and Leslie Gomez will lead the investigation. Smith and Gomez are partners in the Education Counseling, Litigation and Investigation Services and White Collar Litigation and Investigations Groups. Smith's practice is centered on sexual misconduct, while Gomez specializes on institutional response.

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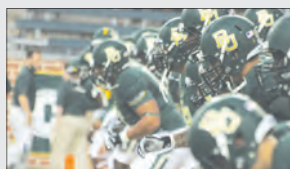
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Three MCC students awarded full-tuition Baylor scholarships

ROLANDO RODRIGUEZ SOTO
Reporter

Three new Baylor students were awarded full tuition transfer scholarships this fall after earning perfect grades at McLennan Community College.

The MAC College Money Program, an organization of the Waco Foundation, awards three full tuition scholarships every year to three high achieving McLennan County students. Baylor University furnishes the scholarship.

The MAC Program's goal is to provide all McLennan County high school graduates with the opportunity to pursue a higher education.

The competitive transfer scholarship allows students the possibility to attend a prestigious, private university despite financial or social backgrounds.

"Many of our MAC students would prefer to complete their education here in Waco so they can live at home because of family situations and finances," said Robbie Stabeno, director of scholarships for the MAC Program. "This gives them the opportunity to attend a school like Baylor and be able to live at home when they would not have normally been able to afford the cost of education."

The three recipients each said while their first week at Baylor has been overwhelming, they are excited for the future of their educational

career.

"I can focus more on academics and being involved on campus," said Waco junior Dylan Kirby. "I enjoy and look forward to all the different things that Baylor has to offer that other colleges don't offer."

"The scholarship has taken a huge load off of my family because they don't have to pay for the tuition," said Waco sophomore Richard Fuentes. "It helps me relax in the classroom knowing that I don't have a big bill at the end of the year."

For Waco sophomore Miguel Diaz-Romo, this scholarship was his goal since graduating from high school.

"Being able to come to Baylor wouldn't be near a possibility with-

out this scholarship, so it's been everything for me," Diaz said.

As MAC scholars, Kirby, Fuentes and Diaz can advance in their careers with a college degree.

"I don't want to be a minimum wage worker," said Fuentes. "A college degree will really help me in the future."

The MAC Program has been awarding the transfer scholarship to high achieving students from McLennan County since 1999, but they also offer the MAC Grant for incoming college freshmen. The grant is awarded to students from low-income families.

Aside from funding students' ed-

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COLUMN

A state of debate

Calif. sovereignty plan poses threat to Union

ERIC VINING
Columnist

If you thought talk of state sovereignty was over, the Golden State may make you want to think again.

Louis Marinelli, a candidate for California's 80th Assembly District, is asking voters to support his unique plan to secure his state's future – one that will make California a sovereign nation within a nation.

Marinelli and his political action group, YesCalifornia, hope to accomplish this through nine initiatives, which they plan to place on the state's ballots in November 2016. Together, these initiatives make up what Marinelli calls the "California Sub-National Sovereignty Agreement." If passed, California would cease to be a U.S. state and would instead be recognized as a sovereign American territory, much like Puerto Rico to the U.S. or Scotland in the United Kingdom.



Such a designation has many perks over statehood. For example, sovereign U.S. territories are not subject to a federal income tax, maintain their own militia and military, and have the power to create trade deals between themselves and foreign nations. Under the terms of the agreement, the California Legislature would become the California Republic's national legislative body, and California's governor would become the nation's first president. The status of California's state flag would be elevated to the same level as the Texas flag, and would be considered the flag of a foreign nation under the U.S. Flag Code. Californians would even be able to retain their United States citizenship, keep their U.S. passports and would continue to receive federal benefits such as Social Security and Medicare.

Of course, territorial status also has its drawbacks. Like Puerto Rico, California's citizens would no longer have the power to participate in U.S. congressional and presidential elections. This could prove especially detrimental to the Golden State, whose 53-member Congressional delegation is by far the largest of any U.S. state. Without Californian representation in Washington, Republicans would see a dramatic shift in power to their favor.

Californians would also see a dramatic increase in their state (now federal) taxes. Without federal payouts, California would be responsible for the upkeep of their territory's roads, highways, bridges and other infrastructure generally covered under federal programs. This could pose an immense problem for the fledging territory's new government, which would also have to deal with rising unemployment rates, illegal immigration, \$428 billion in state-held debt and other issues typically handled by the federal government. It is more likely that California will flounder like the Republic of Texas did in 1845 rather than become economically self-sufficient and prosperous.

Though well-intentioned, Marinelli's plan poses a major threat to the future stability of the Union. The United States is distinct from many other countries in the world because of its strong emphasis on the power of what the Bill of Rights refers to as the "separate states."

If Marinelli and YesCalifornia's initiatives are accepted by Californians, it would set a dangerous precedent of enticing other states. If Texas and California alone gave up their statehood in favor of territorial sovereignty, the U.S. would lose nearly 25 percent of its total GDP, which could negatively affect trade worldwide.

The United States was created as a union of the separate states. America needs a solution that brings her people together, not pull them farther apart from one another.

Eric Vining is a junior political science and journalism dual major from Houston.

EDITORIAL



ASHER @asherfreeman

Serve the time, get out of crime

Prisoners shouldn't pay for misdeeds after release

In many ways, Zach Anderson, 19, is like any other kid. He wants to work in computer science. He enjoys skateboarding. He used a dating app to pick up girls.

In one very specific way, Anderson is not like other teenagers. He is now a registered sex offender.

Anderson downloaded the dating app "Hot or Not" last year and met a girl in the adult section who said she was 17. They met up and had consensual sex. After the incident, it came out that the girl was actually 14 and lied about her age.

Anderson will be a registered sex offender for the next 25

years, until he is 44 years old. Over that time period, he will not be able to live within 1,000 feet of a school.

He is also under felony probation for the next five years. Over that time period, he will not be able to even talk to someone under the age of 17 other than immediate family, own a smart phone or stay out past 8 p.m. Perhaps most difficult, the budding computer scientist will not be allowed to own a laptop.

Is this justice?

It is estimated that 2 million people are currently incarcerated in America. Furthermore, about one in every 31 adults is currently under supervision of the legal system, whether in prison, probation or parole.

If the people currently incarcerated were making the average American salary (\$50,000), they would make a combined \$100 billion. Instead, those same Americans are

costing the government over \$60 billion per year to keep in a cage.

While the prison numbers are staggering, the punishment does not stop there. People who are convicted felons have an incredibly difficult time re-entering society. Many companies will not hire a convicted felon, so most of the jobs available are low-income and put people back in the situations that got them in trouble in the first place.

Socially, these people are never able to become a full member of society again. Many people commit these crimes when they are young, but it follows them for the rest of their lives.

The most jarring detail is the fact that the crime rate

has actually dropped to the lowest levels since the 1970s, while the incarceration rate has quadrupled over the same period.

When a convict goes to prison, they are supposed to be doing their time. But when society shuns these people and makes it impossible for them to reintegrate, we are effectively levying life sentences on every felon, no matter what the crime.

Anderson made a big mistake as a 19-year-old kid. He will be paying for this same mistake for the rest of his life.

America is a land of opportunity and a land of second

chances. For us to truly live up to our ideals, we have to be willing to use our population to its best ability.

Socially, these people are never able to become a full member of society again.

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New drunk driving law takes effect in Texas

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A new law aimed at reducing repeat drunk driving offenses and saving lives went into effect Tuesday, just ahead of one of the busiest traffic weekends of the year.

The law, signed by Gov. Greg Abbott, requires all drunk driving offenders to install an ignition interlock on their vehicles to have their driving privileges restored following an arrest.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving officials praised the new law.

MADD national president Colleen Sheehy-Church called it "a much-needed improvement to Texas' drunk driving law."

"As we remind everyone to drive sober or get pulled over, we are relieved to add Texas to the growing list of states that have taken action to protect residents and visitors from the 100 percent preventable

crime of drunk driving," said Sheehy-Church.

Pushing the legislation were Texas House member Jason Villalba and Sen. Joan Huffman.

"Fatalities caused by drunk driving have claimed the lives of too many Texans, and I am hopeful we will soon see a decrease in incidents and fatalities because of the legislation we passed in the 84th legislative session," said Villalba.

Huffman said the legislation is "a common sense measure designed to increase accountability for those convicted of driving while intoxicated."

"The goal is to make our roads safer for everyone," she said.

Previously, Texas required ignition interlock devices only for repeat offenders and those with a blood alcohol concentration of .15 and above.

The new law follows the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and



Nathan Lambrecht | Associated Press

Dileny Olivares holds a photo of her deceased brother Guillermo during a news conference Tuesday. Guillermo was killed by a drunk driver in 2011.

Prevention, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and other traffic safety organizations.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 40 percent of all traffic deaths in Texas are caused by a drunk driver. Texas

led the nation in drunk driving deaths in 2013, when 1,337 people were killed by a drunk driver.

The new law requires the installation of an interlock for first-time offenders with a BAC of .08 or greater if they want to drive following a DWI

arrest during a license suspension.

The previous law allowed arrested DWI offenders to obtain a non-interlock restricted license following arrest.

The law allows for drivers arrested for DWI to either apply for an interlock 15 days

after arrest or choose not to drive.

The interlock-restricted license period is at least 90 days for first-time offenders and 180 days for repeat offenders.

Courts can also order an interlock upon conviction per current law.

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Trey Honneycutt | Lariat Photographer

The band Young Fellow Music, including lead vocalist Ben Southward, Garrett Ott on violin and Jordan on mandolin, rock it out at open mic night at Common Grounds on Wednesday night.

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"I am pleased with our board's swift and astute decision to retain the services of Gina Smith and Leslie Gomez to examine our processes and policies," said President and Chancellor Ken Starr. "Ms. Smith and Ms. Gomez are skilled and experienced investigators who will help us pinpoint where we are strong and where we need to make improvements to ensure the highest degree of integrity to protect the safety and welfare of all our students."

The decision comes less than two weeks after former Baylor football player Sam Ukwuachu was convicted of sexually assaulting a former Baylor soccer player. Several national media outlets have questioned Baylor's actions in the aftermath of the incident.

Jeremy Counsellor, Professor of Law and Big 12 Faculty Athletics Representative, initially led an internal investigation of Baylor's handling of the case. Following his discoveries, Baylor chose to proceed with an independent investigation by outside counsel.

When their investigation is complete, Smith and Gomez will present their findings at a special committee of the Board of Regents.

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people, so students in the 18 to 25 age group are the least likely to vote," Flavin said.

If students do not vote, Flavin said, their views will not necessarily be represented in the local and federal levels of government.

McKinney junior Nan Tolson said that although she was interested in politics from a young age, at one point she felt that her vote and her viewpoint were inconsequential.

"Growing up, I felt my one vote didn't change anything," Tolson said. "But if everyone gets involved, it can make a difference."

The political environment at Baylor may also contribute to some degree of apathy among students. Medford, Ore., sophomore Micah Furlong, president of the Baylor Democrats, notes that Democrats may not feel they can make an impact on campus due to what they perceive as their minority status.

"Liberals on Baylor campus feel as though they're going to be ignored," Furlong said. "And because they feel they're going to be ignored, they don't speak up."

Although Little Rock, Ark., junior Sara Grove is president of the College Republicans, she has noticed a lack of involvement among student members of her party as well.

"A lot of young people, unless [they] have a passion for politics, don't usually care that much," Grove said. "That

mentality may be even stronger here, in a state like Texas, where people know that many of the elected officials are Republicans."

Flavin said that students need to be reminded of the influence they can wield by voting and engaging in politics.

"The blunt truth is that politicians don't have a reason to pay attention to people who don't vote," Flavin said.

There are some politicians, however, who are paying particular attention to young voters. A feature of Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign is the New College Compact, which directly appeals to young voters by making public college education debt-free and cutting interest rates for student loans. Rand Paul has also spent considerable effort harnessing young votes with his Students for Rand campaign. These campaign messages signal to students their importance in the election cycle. Tolson, for one, has embraced this responsibility by starting a Students for Rand group, which is unaffiliated with Baylor University.

"We want to recruit and mobilize students to vote for Rand Paul in the primary and hopefully the national elections," Tolson said.

But Furlong and Grove agree that students must be educated of political issues before they choose a candidate.

"I think political engagement is important no matter your political convictions," Furlong said. "I'm much

more interested in people participating in the process than in keeping people out. Other people can disenfranchise people. That's not what I'm interested in. I'm interested in a real democracy, and that means listening to each other."

Furlong is working with Grove to organize voter registrations and hold dialogues between the two parties on campus. Like Furlong, Grove said that her organization is primarily meant to educate, not proselytize.

"At our meeting last night we explained to the students that the club isn't just for people who love politics, want to be in politics, or want to be a lawyer, but it's also for people who want to understand politics and where they stand," Grove said.

Other discussion groups like Baylor Civitas also aim to educate students.

"Civitas tries to engage citizens in weekly discussions on current events," said Burleson junior Elayne Allen, a member of Civitas.

These students, whether they are raising awareness of particular candidates, registering student voters, or educating their peers on political issues, are working to challenge assumptions about student political involvement.

"Voting is a privilege," Tolson said. "I think it's so important for students to know having a vote isn't something to take for granted."

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ucation, MAC also helps new and continuing students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at no cost to the student.

Through their continued collaboration with Baylor, the MAC Program has been making an impact on Waco since 1995.

"The MAC Program and the Waco Foundation really appreciate the partnership with Baylor that we've had all these years," Stabeno said. "All of our students that have gone to Baylor have been very successful, so we are happy they are still continuing with the program."

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Hewitt outdoor theater on hold another month



Trey Honeycutt | Lariat Photographer

WORTH THE WAIT? Due to hold-ups with the construction process, the opening of Hewitt's new amphitheater at Warren Park will be pushed to mid-October as opposed to its original opening date. The amphitheater will be a site used for concerts, plays and weddings.

LAUREN FRIEDERMAN
Reporter

Plans to open the Hewitt City Amphitheater this week have been delayed due to issues obtaining concrete for the structure. The ribbon cutting ceremony is now expected to take place Oct. 22 barring any additional construction discrepancies.

"I can't do anything yet," said Hewitt City Manager Adam Miles. "I need concrete, then the electricity is coming right after."

Miles said he has a vibrant future in mind for the amphitheater, which includes outdoor events and renting the space as a wedding venue. Following the opening, the amphitheater will add a dressing room for brides and utility hookups for food trucks.

"The band could do a springtime in the park," Miles said. "Or Shake-

spare in the park or a 'Dancing with the Stars.'"

James Barton, Hewitt's assistant city manager, said there are already events slated for next summer, including a concert series. One concert will take place per month, providing visitors with three to four concerts over the course of the summer.

Waynette Ditto, Hewitt library director, said the library will also be booking events with the amphitheater. "Story Times" have been booked for next year, where volunteers will read and perform for children.

"There's no limit to the things we could do," Miles said. "For Hewitt residents it may be exactly right."

Miles said the amphitheater project is his brainchild. He said his hope for the outdoor theater is that it can breathe life into Hewitt's

pre-existing Warren Park.

"You look at the park and you ask, 'How can you change the way this park is being utilized,'" Miles said.

This is not the first time Warren Park has been renovated. The playground was moved, and now drivers can see it from the road. This change created space for the new amphitheater, which will foster community and allow park-goers to utilize the park in new ways, Miles said.

"It's changed a lot," said Eva Greenup, a City of Hewitt building and inspection staff member. "It used to have the old metal type of playground, a merry-go-round, monkey bars and stuff like that. That's about all there was."

Miles said the recent updates to Warren Park, including the addition of the amphitheater, are expected to

increase the number of visitors to the park and make it more accessible and enjoyable for the community.

"We're not trying to do stuff that no one cares about," Miles said. "We're trying to do something that enhances quality of life here."

The project has been underway since December 2014. Greenup said Hewitt residents have been anxiously awaiting its completion.

"We can't wait," Greenup said. "It's been a lot of planning; it's been the vision of Adam Miles and the council members for a very long time and now it's coming into place."

For the opening ceremonies in October, The Full House band is scheduled to play and Mayor Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf is expected to make a statement to those attending. Keep up with the story at cityofhewitt.com.

This week in Waco:

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8 p.m. — Local rapper Chris Cavalier, Common Grounds

>> Friday

8 p.m. — Brady Toops, Common Grounds

8 p.m. — Dueling Pianos, Waco Hippodrome

>> Saturday

9 a.m. — Farmers Market, Downtown Waco

10 a.m. — Westfest Parade, West

8 p.m. — Dueling Pianos, Waco Hippodrome

8:30 p.m. — Mentalist Blake Adams, Common Grounds

>> Sunday

7 - 11 p.m. — Open Mic Jam Sesh, Waco Hippodrome

>> Monday (Labor Day, no school)

10 a.m. — 19th Annual Homestead Heritage Sorghum Festival, Homestead Heritage



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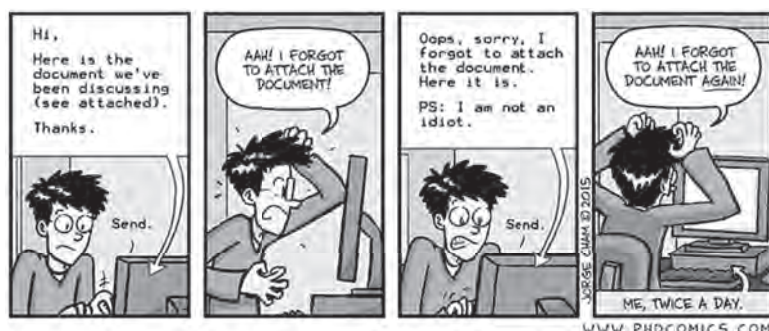
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Cross country places on podium in invitational

TYLER CAGLE
Sports Writer

Baylor cross country dominated the podium of the Bear Invitation Tournament on Tuesday at the H.O.T. Soccer Complex in Waco. Both the men's and women's teams placed on the podium on Tuesday.

WOMEN

The Lady Bears cross country team captured its ninth consecutive Bear Invitational Tournament on Tuesday.

The Lady Bears placed three runners in the top eight in the 4,000-meter race. Junior Maggie Montoya captured the individual title with a time 13:24.4.

Cat Westenhover Barrett, a former Lady Bear runner who won the Invitational twice herself in 2010 and 2011, ran alongside the collegiate athletes. With Barrett setting a competitive pace early, Montoya got out to a blazing start, posting a 5:22 first mile.

"I got out a little too fast. Sometimes, I can be off on pacing, but I was really excited to be out here and running next to Cate. I was like, 'Oh, this is fun,'" Montoya said.

Junior Peyton Thomas (13:59.7) was the only other collegiate athlete to run under 14 minutes, earning her a second-place finish among the collegiate athletes and fourth overall. Returning All-Conference junior runner Alex Davis (14:21.0) also placed eighth overall for the Lady Bears.

Head coach Todd Harbour expressed joy in seeing his team, and individual runners, compete at a very high level to start the season.

"Maggie is in great shape right now," Harbour said. "She is coming off of a great outdoor season. I am very proud of the way she ran. She looked very controlled. Peyton Thomas did a super job as she is in great shape."

MEN

Despite holding out three runners, the men also performed well in their 6,000-meter race, placing second overall out of five teams in the season opening meet.

Sophomore Eric Anderson posted the best time amongst the men with a time of 18:43.2 en route to a seventh-place finish. Junior Matt League, a transfer from Northern Arizona (18:49.5), and sophomore Matt Parham (19:14.7), finished eighth and twelfth respectively.

"Our team ran well, [but] I still need to find a little bit from the guys," assistant coach Jon Capron said. "[I have] got some guys that weren't running today that are going to help out a ton. From the ones that did run, I thought I got a pretty good showing."

Capron chose not to run senior Matt Galvin and JR Hardy as well as junior Jordan West, all three of which were in the top six on the Bears' team last season. All three runners hope to compete in the Bears' next meet as soon as possible.

With three of their top six returning later in the season, the Bears should be very competitive in the conference and the South Central Region this season.

Both the women and the men take a weekend off and will take place on Sept. 12 for the Ken Garland Invitational in Denton.



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FEARLESS Head football coach Art Briles paces the sideline during the Bears' game against Northwestern State on Sept. 7, 2014, at McLane Stadium. Briles looks to make Baylor football the No. 1 college football program in Texas.

Lone Star Leaders

No. 4 football plans to continue in-state prowess

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Over the past four seasons, Baylor has won 21 of its last 22 games played in Texas. During that stretch, the Bears have been tabbed the most successful team in Texas with a win percentage of .769 (40-12 overall).

Baylor head coach Art Briles has made it a priority to be the top football program in the state. Senior wide receiver Jay Lee is one of many players to have bought into the system.

"We want to be known as the top powerhouse in the state of Texas," Lee said. "We take pride in that, and every day we preach about it. That's one of our goals: to win the state of Texas. That's what we're here to do."

The Bears have owned the Lone Star State recently by dominating in-state foes. Baylor has won the previous eight games versus teams located in Texas.

The Bears are confident that this season will be no different from the last four years.

"We're going to win this state," Lee said. "Being that this is the first game, it's always good to go out there and solidify a good win. Most of the guys here on the team come from the state of Texas and from the Dallas area, so just knowing that we get the best recruits each and every year [is exciting] ... and we get to go out and fight with each other and get

Record against in-state schools*

TCU	3-1
UT-Austin	3-1
Texas Tech	4-0
Non-conf.	5-0
Overall	15-2

*since 2011

good wins."

Another Dallas area native, sophomore linebacker Taylor Young, is looking forward to playing close to home and on the national stage.

"Everybody has just been ready to go. Everybody is ready to show up and show out against SMU," Young said. "That's been the vibe around here."

Briles said there will be added emphasis on Friday's game with it being against an in-state opponent.

Though it is common knowledge to Briles, he said he wasn't sure if many

of his current players knew the history of the Southwest Conference rivalry between Baylor and SMU.

Briles expanded on his excitement towards having two former Southwest Conference rivals on the Bears' schedule this season. The Bears play Rice next week, another former member of the SWC.

"[SMU and Rice] used to be Southwest Conference games. I think it's good for the state of Texas," Briles said.

Moving into the Big 12 Conference has given the Bears an edge over the former Southwestern Conference rivals. Baylor is 7-0 in those games since 1996 - 4-0 vs. SMU and 3-0 vs. Rice.

Many college football analysts believe the talent discrepancy to be widespread as Baylor comes in as a 35 point favorite over SMU. Briles disregards that number and knows the atmosphere will be electric Friday night. Briles said he doesn't care about the point spread, as long as they get a win.

"We know it's going to be a lively atmosphere," Briles said. "We're expecting a full house. I know their fans will be excited. It's so hard to get wins in this business. I'll take 3-2 right now and walk out happy."

The Bears kick off their season at 6 p.m. Friday at Gerald J. Ford Stadium in Dallas to take on the SMU Mustangs. The game will be broadcast on ESPN.

Tennis lands three competitors in inaugural tournament

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Baylor tennis will be well represented in this month's 2015 Oracle/ITA Masters tournament, as senior Julian Lenz and junior Max Tchoutakian are in the men's draw.

Baylor women's tennis player Kiah Generette will also be in the singles draw after she made the field as the Oracle wildcard entry.

Lenz began last season ranked No. 1 in men's singles, but eventually ended the season at No. 4 after he went 26-9 overall (17-8 against nationally ranked opponents).

Tchoutakian received Oracle's wildcard berth into the tournament after his performance from last season where he finished 18-12 overall (7-8 against ranked opponents).

Last season marked the Marseille, France native's first year in Waco, where he won the Big 12's Newcomer of the Year award for men's singles.

Lenz and Tchoutakian will also compete together

in the doubles draw of the tournament.

Last year, Lenz ended the season ranked No. 1 in doubles with teammate Diego Galeano. Lenz's overall record was 28-4 in doubles.

Tchoutakian played in limited doubles matches last year, but finished with an unblemished record at 6-0. The two hope to continue success in men's doubles play.

Baylor will be represented in the women's singles draw by senior Kiah Generette. The California native will face some tough competition as the field features four top 10 ranked players and 10 that concluded 2014-15 in the top 20.

Generette went 19-10 in 2014-15 with a 14-6 dual-match record. Generette finished last season ranked No. 74. She hopes to start the season strong with a good showing in her home state.

The event will be played Sept. 18-20 at the Malibu Racquet Club in Malibu, Calif., with Pepperdine University helping to facilitate the championships and serving as an official event partner.

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