**Friday, February 22, 2008**

**The Baylor Lariat**

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Guns can aid campus safety

I was shocked and saddened last week that a shooter at Northern Illinois University had opened fire and killed five innocent students. Both the shooter and those who died were22-year-olds. The natural reaction should be to do what we can to keep campuses safer.

However, there have been many different proposals made about whether to allow license-carrying students on campuses, only one of them will ever work and that is making a huge impact across concealed handgun licenses to carry their weapons on campus premises.

Opponents of such plans say that more guns on campuses inevitably lead to more violence, but they are sadly downplaying the vital statistics that show the opposite.

Nine universities in the state of Utah and two other universities have allowed concealed carry licenses to carry on campus for a combined 60 semesters without incident. Gun theft or any other crime related to concealed hand guns has never been reported. According to the San Antonio Express News, concealed carry licenses holders in the state are 14 times less likely to commit a crime than those who do not have concealed carry licenses.

The most important viewpoint to understand however, is that of the law. Clearly those don’t drive our laws because of their nature they are laws.

The black market for guns is so prevalent in the United States that it is time for us to actually equip our students to carry a weapon if they are threatened.

Increasing law enforcement on school campuses and optimizing campus response systems could conceivably reduce the death toll but lack a moral illusory argument in which a system had been implemented, it will not deter a criminal from opening fire on innocent students.

This is no doubt a controversial issue but when people step away from allowing them to make decisions for themselves and start looking at real statistics then clear and we become clear that we need to give students an equal chance to do their part to make our campuses safer.

By voting by absentee ballot, the county you are registered in must have an office open for a ballot to be mailed by Feb. 10. There’s still time! If you miss the primary time this around, please vote in the election in November. After all, when the day is over, it’s just a T-shirt, no matter who wins.

I would like to see Baylor’s (and God’s) political activism be nothing more than skin deep.

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The Baylor Lariat

By Stephen Jablonski

The separation of church and state clearly concerns members of a secular government. Peter A. Lillback, president and professor of historical theology at Westminster Academy, spoke Thursday about separation of church and state.

“Any argument that a religious government is the best is ridiculous, and that’s why the Constitution says it should be,” Lillback said. “I think it’s important because this sets a boundary between what God and government can do."

Lillback’s lecture touched on the problem that government can have on religion, specifically the Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion and the Mayborn Museum, presented by Professor Byron Johnson, co-director of the Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion and professor of sociology.

It’s important to look at history, said Lillback, because there have been many times when people have overstepped their area of responsibility.

“Historians have spoken that much of conflict in the Middle East, animosity and political, economic, social, and moral problems have stemmed from the fact that the line between church and state was not clearly demarcated," Lillback said. "The problem is that phrase for many years, Johnson said. The separation of church and state has typically taken place at the level of God and Government."

“Can God and Government be friends?" the false connotation behind the phrase. "We have to remember that the phrase doesn’t mean that they will still be good friends," Lillback said. "It’s not a call for them to be involved, but it forces students to walk or drive穿过 campus, which is unpopular, and many people would agree with," said Professor Byron Johnson, co-director of the Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion and professor of sociology.

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By Amanda Robin and Bethany Poller

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The Fiji’s dove into their performance with “A Night on the Wild Side.” They may not have been in Moody, but there sure knew how to ride the “Sin Wagon.” The Fiji’s ever upbeat and positive performance was enjoyed by everyone and left an impression.

Phi Gamma Delta

Phi Gamma Delta’s “In Team Spirit” performance was a fun act set in a hotel. The women of Phi Gamma Delta sang, acted and performed to a fun performance of “Let’s Dance On.” The overall energy was high and the book nerds brought some much-needed humor to the mix.

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Lady Bears four games from clinching Big 12 title

By Justin Boar
Sports writer

With only four games left in the regular season, the Lady Bears are in a regular season game. This has monumental meaning for both teams. The Lady Bears are in the Big 12 Conference for the first time in school history. The Bears are tied with Kansas State, Oklahoma State, and Texas Tech for second place in the Big 12. The Bears can clinch the Big 12 title with a win over Oklahoma. The Bears have lost two previous games on the road. The Lady Bears are very good without the ball, so it’s not just one big ball-up. They are very good at most things.

Iowa State has had a roller-coaster of a season that features two big losses and two big wins. The Bears have also had a very nice showing in the 59-59 victory over the Sooners. The Bears have lost their last two games. The Bears have been penalized on the line of scrimmage, and in the back of the yard. The Bears have three losses in the Big 12.

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The last time Baylor’s football team faced Kansas State, the Lady Bears were in a tough situation. They had only one chance to play a big game. They had to win in order to stay in the hunt for the conference championship.

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Big 12 Predictions

1. Texas — Year in year out, the Longhorns compile a Big 12 Title. This season will be different, one of the first times in many years the defending champs have to battle. With the loss of Luke Wertz and Matt Foust. His 10-3 record will help ease that transition. The Huskers are going to have to find solid pitching if it wants to compete for the title, but competition for second or third is well within reach.

2. Missouri — Missouri’s rise has come suddenly and unexpectedly: 2007 was the first year the Tigers posted less than 20 losses since 1999. But the Tigers aren’t content with just a 19-8 conference record. They are aiming for a College World Series appearance — and rightfully so. The Tigers will be led by a young and talented group of players, including junior infielder Blake Stouffer, who amassed 85 RBIs and a .668 slugging percent en route to the Big 12 Freshman of the Year award. Missouri’s rise has come suddenly and unexpectedly: 2007 was the first year the Tigers posted less than 20 losses since 1999. But the Tigers aren’t content with just a 19-8 conference record. They are aiming for a College World Series appearance — and rightfully so. The Tigers will be led by a young and talented group of players, including junior infielder Blake Stouffer, who amassed 85 RBIs and a .668 slugging percent en route to the Big 12 Freshman of the Year award.

3. Baylor — Eight underachieving seniors return from 2007-2008, and with them they bring another year of experience to the Bears’ lineup. Underclassman Danny Raynor Campbell, who had an outstanding 4.95 ERA last year, is back for his junior year. He will be a key figure in the team’s pitching rotation. The team has a strong core of returning players, including sophomore second baseman Taylor Rhoades, who had a .362 batting average and 28 doubles to lead the team. The Bears will be looking to compete for the Big 12 title, but competition for second or third will be tough.

4. Kansas State — The Wildcats finished No. 7 in the Big 12 and are expected to take a step forward in 2008. The team has a young and talented group of players, including junior infielder Blake Stouffer, who amassed 85 RBIs and a .668 slugging percent en route to the Big 12 Freshman of the Year award. Missouri’s rise has come suddenly and unexpectedly: 2007 was the first year the Tigers posted less than 20 losses since 1999. But the Tigers aren’t content with just a 19-8 conference record. They are aiming for a College World Series appearance — and rightfully so. The Tigers will be led by a young and talented group of players, including junior infielder Blake Stouffer, who amassed 85 RBIs and a .668 slugging percent en route to the Big 12 Freshman of the Year award.

5. Oklahoma — Oklahoma is possibly the youngest team in the Big 12. Four of the top five offensive threats have graduated, as well as two important pitchers. But things might change with the arrival of junior Daniel Edwards, who returns, collecting 11 saves and helping opponents to post a 1.37 ERA average last season. This season, the Sooners are expected to have a solid pitching staff, a deep lineup of hitters, and a strong outfield with left fielder while Channelview sophomore Aaron bordas and right fielder Kyle Russell. Todd Johnson and outfielder Jordan Danks should set the mark to beat for the Oklahoma State. The Sooners have graduated two of their three starting pitchers, Nick Cassavechia and redshirt-freshman Shawn Tolleson, who give the Bears what Smith calls “one of his most senior players” on the team. Cassavechia and Tolleson have been key players in the team’s success in recent years. Cassavechia has posted a 10-3 record and 1.37 ERA, while Tolleson has gone 7-2 with a 1.62 ERA. The team has a strong core of returning players, including sophomore second baseman Taylor Rhoades, who had a .362 batting average and 28 doubles to lead the team. The Bears will be looking to compete for the Big 12 title, but competition for second or third will be tough.

6. Nebraska — Graduation took a bite out of the Huskers, leaving the team young but talented. The Huskers lost Andrew Bowen, who was the offensive leader. They will have to find a way to replace his production during the season. The team has a solid pitching staff, a deep lineup of hitters, and a strong outfield with left fielder while Channelview sophomore Aaron bordas and right fielder Kyle Russell. Todd Johnson and outfielder Jordan Danks should set the mark to beat for the Oklahoma State. The Sooners have graduated two of their three starting pitchers, Nick Cassavechia and redshirt-freshman Shawn Tolleson, who give the Bears what Smith calls “one of his most senior players” on the team. Cassavechia and Tolleson have been key players in the team’s success in recent years. Cassavechia has posted a 10-3 record and 1.37 ERA, while Tolleson has gone 7-2 with a 1.62 ERA. The team has a strong core of returning players, including sophomore second baseman Taylor Rhoades, who had a .362 batting average and 28 doubles to lead the team. The Bears will be looking to compete for the Big 12 title, but competition for second or third will be tough.

7. Kansas State — The Wildcats finished No. 7 in the Big 12 but failed to post a double-digit record; they are back in the win column. But things might change with the arrival of junior Daniel Edwards, who returns, collecting 11 saves and helping opponents to post a 1.37 ERA average last season. This season, the Sooners are expected to have a solid pitching staff, a deep lineup of hitters, and a strong outfield with left fielder while Channelview sophomore Aaron bordas and right fielder Kyle Russell. Todd Johnson and outfielder Jordan Danks should set the mark to beat for the Oklahoma State. The Sooners have graduated two of their three starting pitchers, Nick Cassavechia and redshirt-freshman Shawn Tolleson, who give the Bears what Smith calls “one of his most senior players” on the team. Cassavechia and Tolleson have been key players in the team’s success in recent years. Cassavechia has posted a 10-3 record and 1.37 ERA, while Tolleson has gone 7-2 with a 1.62 ERA. The team has a strong core of returning players, including sophomore second baseman Taylor Rhoades, who had a .362 batting average and 28 doubles to lead the team. The Bears will be looking to compete for the Big 12 title, but competition for second or third will be tough.

8. Oklahoma State — A senior leader 2007 gave way to a more laid-back 2008, but the team has a strong pitching staff. The team has a solid pitching staff, a deep lineup of hitters, and a strong outfield with left fielder while Channelview sophomore Aaron bordas and right fielder Kyle Russell. Todd Johnson and outfielder Jordan Danks should set the mark to beat for the Oklahoma State. The Sooners have graduated two of their three starting pitchers, Nick Cassavechia and redshirt-freshman Shawn Tolleson, who give the Bears what Smith calls “one of his most senior players” on the team. Cassavechia and Tolleson have been key players in the team’s success in recent years. Cassavechia has posted a 10-3 record and 1.37 ERA, while Tolleson has gone 7-2 with a 1.62 ERA. The team has a strong core of returning players, including sophomore second baseman Taylor Rhoades, who had a .362 batting average and 28 doubles to lead the team. The Bears will be looking to compete for the Big 12 title, but competition for second or third will be tough.

9. TCU — The Horned Frogs are one of the most talented teams in the Big 12. They have a strong pitching staff, a deep lineup of hitters, and a strong outfield with left fielder while Channelview sophomore Aaron bordas and right fielder Kyle Russell. Todd Johnson and outfielder Jordan Danks should set the mark to beat for the Oklahoma State. The Sooners have graduated two of their three starting pitchers, Nick Cassavechia and redshirt-freshman Shawn Tolleson, who give the Bears what Smith calls “one of his most senior players” on the team. Cassavechia and Tolleson have been key players in the team’s success in recent years. Cassavechia has posted a 10-3 record and 1.37 ERA, while Tolleson has gone 7-2 with a 1.62 ERA. The team has a strong core of returning players, including sophomore second baseman Taylor Rhoades, who had a .362 batting average and 28 doubles to lead the team. The Bears will be looking to compete for the Big 12 title, but competition for second or third will be tough.

10. Kansas — The Jayhawks come into one game of 100, going 30-20 last year. The team has a solid pitching staff, a deep lineup of hitters, and a strong outfield with left fielder while Channelview sophomore Aaron bordas and right fielder Kyle Russell. Todd Johnson and outfielder Jordan Danks should set the mark to beat for the Oklahoma State. The Sooners have graduated two of their three starting pitchers, Nick Cassavechia and redshirt-freshman Shawn Tolleson, who give the Bears what Smith calls “one of his most senior players” on the team. Cassavechia and Tolleson have been key players in the team’s success in recent years. Cassavechia has posted a 10-3 record and 1.37 ERA, while Tolleson has gone 7-2 with a 1.62 ERA. The team has a strong core of returning players, including sophomore second baseman Taylor Rhoades, who had a .362 batting average and 28 doubles to lead the team. The Bears will be looking to compete for the Big 12 title, but competition for second or third will be tough.

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Last year’s young squad took half of the Big 12, but the Bears are looking for the same again this season. Looking to take the Big 12 crown again this season are the Bears, ranked No. 10 in the nation. The Bears expect much more this season, and with the team’s new players, the bears are ready for anything.

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McGregor sophomore Dustin Dickerson will fight for a starting position. The team’s closer Nick Cassavechia, who had 11 saves and 72 strikeouts in just 52 innings, returns with extra strength. The team looks for a big season from the senior. Their 35-27 record earned an NCAA tournament berth in Houston, where Texas Christian University eliminated the Bears, 10-3. The Bears hope much more this season.