

Baylor marks last Traditions Rally in Floyd Casey with class of 2017

By ADA ZHANG
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The first experiences a student has at Baylor are some of the most memorable. The Traditions Rally and Late Night are annual events that start the semester off strong, but unlike previous years, a sentimental factor accompanies this year's events.

On Thursday, the rally will be held at Floyd Casey Stadium for the last time. Come fall 2014, the Traditions Rally will take place at the new football stadium.

Baylor Student Activities plans the Traditions Rally and Late Night to introduce new students to Baylor's unique culture.

These events provide students with the opportunity to make friends, learn traditions and become a part of the green-and-gold family.

Matt Burchett, director of student activities, explained the Traditions Rally as a new student's first introduction to the Baylor community and football season. The rally is always held on the Thursday before the first home game.

"What makes this one special is that we are not only beginning what is going to be a great football season," Burchett said. "We are also honoring Floyd Casey's 63 years of being a part of Baylor."

The Traditions Rally will kick off at 6 p.m. Thursday with a stu-

dent tailgate, where each of the Interfraternity Council fraternities will have their own tailgating booth set up.

Students must show their Baylor ID to be allowed into the tailgate. Free hotdogs and hamburgers will be available to all attendees. Country musician Kyle Park will be supplying the entertainment for the evening.

After the student tailgate, the rally, which is free, will begin. Although the tailgate is limited to Baylor students, the rally welcomes the entire Waco community. The football coaches and players will first lead a 30-minute pep rally.

"It'll be your typical 'rah rah' pep rally," Burchett said.

Singer and songwriter Ben Rector, who had a sold out show at Common Grounds last semester, will then play a 45-minute set on the field.

There will be a fireworks show to conclude the rally.

"It's an amazing fireworks show," Burchett said. "We put a lot into it."

Following the rally, the festivities continue Friday with Late Night, which is also free of charge.

Craig Willie, associate director of student activities for student organizations, said students will leave Late Night impressed with the variety of involvement opportunities at Baylor.

Late Night gives new students

the chance to meet student leaders from many different clubs on campus. Close to 200 clubs will be represented at Late Night this year, Burchett said.

For the second year in a row, Late Night will be held in not one, but many locations. In the past, Late Night was held exclusively at the McLane Student Life Center.

Burchett said many locations are necessary because of the growing popularity of the event paired with the growing number of student organizations.

One location no longer has the capacity to sponsor the entire event.

Various locations also serve to help students navigate.

"We've categorized different organizations into different facilities," said Burchett. "It's easier for students to find what interests them."

This year, Late Night will be located in the SLC, Russell Gymnasium, the Bobo Spiritual Life Center and the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Student artists from Uproar Records, Baylor's own record company, will be sharing their music at the SLC. Also there will be free pizza and soda at the SLC.

Student organization performances will take place in the SUB den.

"Late Night can help students discover their passions," said Willie. "It's really about having fun and making friends."



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Zippering into Baylor

Klein freshman Haley LaMontagne rides a zipline at the Science & Health Living, Learning Community Welcome Barbecue on Wednesday. The barbecue was at East Village Residential Community and staff and students enjoyed a variety of activities, including a raffle, a cookout and a bounce slide.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday:

-> 6 to 7:15 p.m. - Student Tailgate (Student ID required)

-> 7:30 p.m. - Season Opening Rally

-> 8 to 9 p.m. - Concert featuring Ben Rector

-> 9 p.m. - Fireworks Show

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Minor in Consumption: The cost of underage drinking

By ADA ZHANG
STAFF WRITER

College is a time for new experiences. However, new experiences can also mean new mistakes.

With a never-before-had freedom, fun can quickly turn into foolishness—especially when alcohol is involved.

A Minor in Consumption (MIC) can be issued to anyone caught drinking under the legal age of 21. It is classified by Texas law as a Class C misdemeanor.

Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said MICs are issued constantly throughout the school year. In some cases, students are arrested before school even begins.

"I can't remember a year when we didn't arrest a student during Welcome Week for consuming alcohol," Doak said. "Freshmen experience a freedom they've never had before and they are not self-disciplined."

"If a student has a drinking problem, we want to help them. We want students to make good choices so they can be successful."

Bethany McCraw | Associate Dean for Student Conduct Administration

According to the Baylor Crime Log as of Aug. 23, there have not been any MICs during the month.

Doak said students are oftentimes seen staggering down the street, obviously intoxicated. The student's behavior and appearance, such as slurred speech and bloodshot eyes, are clear indicators of inebriation.

"We try to get them off the street for their own safety," Doak said. "We would rather them spend a night in the county jail than have them wander the streets."

After an MIC is issued, the student is required to go to court.

Judge Walter H. Peterson, McLennan County justice of the peace, said students must pay a fine of up to \$500.

Students can request a deferral if it is their first offense, meaning they can do community service and take an alcohol

awareness class in exchange for the dismissal of a conviction from their record.

"I want to be clear that the arrest for consuming alcohol does not completely disappear from the record with a deferral," Peterson said. "It just won't show up as a conviction."

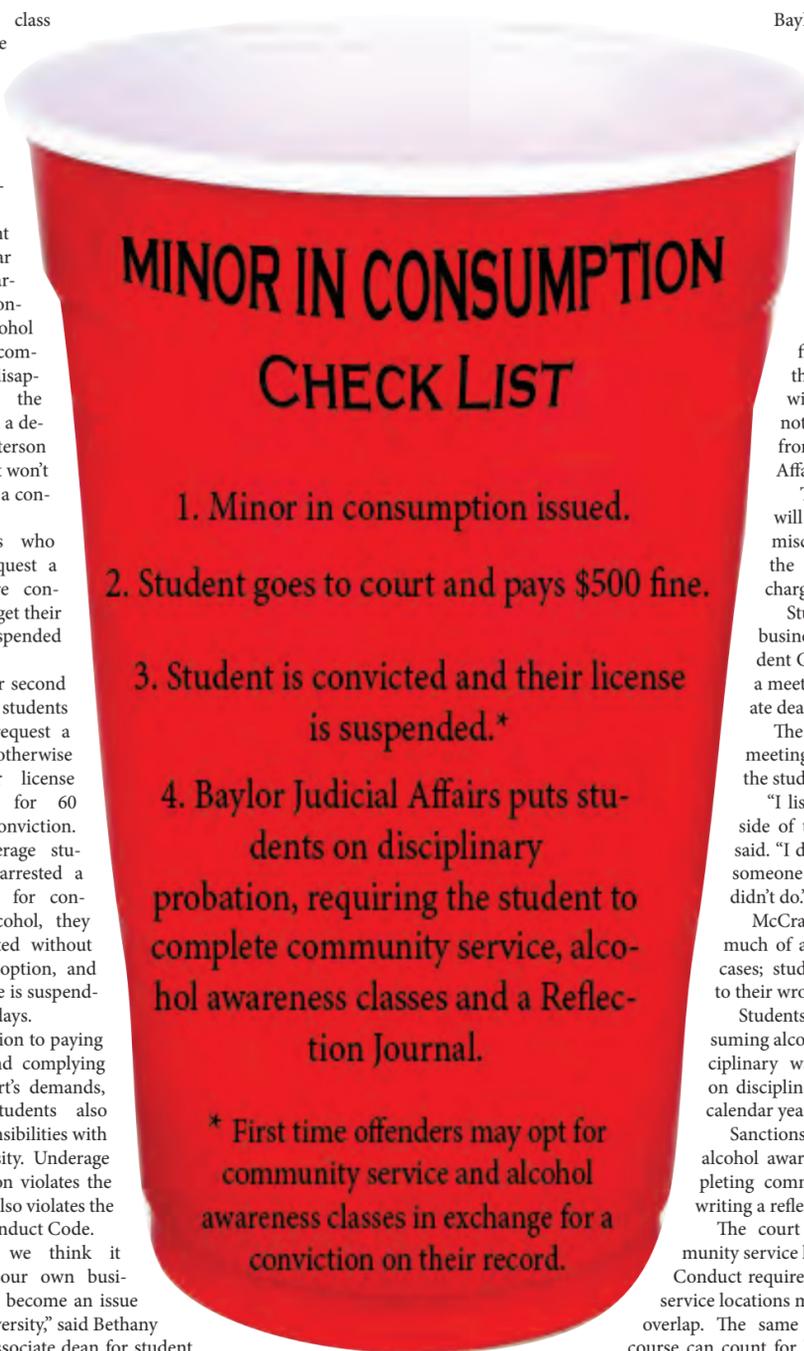
Students who do not request a deferral are convicted and get their license suspended for 30 days.

On their second offense, students may still request a deferral or otherwise have their license suspended for 60 days with conviction.

If underage students are arrested a third time for consuming alcohol, they are convicted without a deferral option, and their license is suspended for 180 days.

In addition to paying the fine and complying to the court's demands, charged students also have responsibilities with the university. Underage consumption violates the law, and it also violates the Student Conduct Code.

"While we think it might be our own business, it can become an issue for the university," said Bethany McCraw, associate dean for student conduct administration. "It reflects on



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Baylor—it reflects on all of us."

The Baylor Police Department emails PDF police reports to Student Conduct whenever underage students are caught consuming alcohol either on or off campus.

Once Baylor officials are notified, the charged student will receive a charge notice through email from Baylor Judicial Affairs.

The charge notice will clearly state the misconduct with which the student is being charged.

Students have three business days to call Student Conduct to schedule a meeting with the associate dean.

The purpose of the meeting is to ensure that the student is indeed guilty.

"I listen to the student's side of the story," McCraw said. "I don't want to punish someone for something they didn't do."

McCraw said there is not much of a dispute with MIC cases; students usually admit to their wrongdoing.

Students who admit to consuming alcohol are issued a disciplinary warning and placed on disciplinary probation for a calendar year.

Sanctions include taking an alcohol awareness course, completing community service and writing a reflection journal.

The court requires 12 community service hours while Student Conduct requires 20. As long as the service locations match, the hours can overlap. The same alcohol awareness course can count for both the court and Student Conduct.

The reflection journal's purpose is to help students think critically about their actions. The journal also notifies Student Conduct of what additional guidance they can offer students.

The consequences for an MIC may seem severe, but they are meant to redirect students on a better path.

"If a student has a drinking problem, we want to help them," McCraw said. "We want students to make good choices so they can be successful."

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An Italian Fairytale

By LINDA WILKINS
CITY EDITOR

It wasn't quite a Cinderella story. Sure, I was running around at midnight. It's true, I'd just seen fireworks at a party. But instead of dropping a glass slipper, I'd left something a little more valuable behind.

The trip up to this point had been like a fairytale. This past summer, I spent a month in Italy studying writing and photography through Baylor's study abroad program. We'd been in Italy for a few weeks, had already seen Rome and were now starting classes in Florence.

Anyway, mid-way through the trip, I, along with a few of my classmates and our professors, decided to watch the fireworks over the Arno River in Florence, Italy one night. Being a photography student, I had my camera ready.

I didn't have a tripod, but we were on a bridge, so I used the ledge as a makeshift tripod. I didn't like the angle of my pictures, so I used my iPhone to prop the camera up a little higher.

Imagine standing on a bridge designed by Michelangelo in Italy, listening to a few very talented violin players and watching fireworks explode over a centuries old bridge in the distance. It's a breathtaking view, so needless to say, I was distracted. After a few moments, it started to rain. We grabbed our cameras and decided to head back to our apartments. It was only a few moments later that I realized my poor iPhone was abandoned on that bridge.

The rest of that night wasn't one I'd like to remember. Hoping for a miracle, I ran back to the bridge in my pajamas, lime green rain jacket and Keds. It'd started raining harder and passing cars splashed waves of water over me along the way. Needless to say, my phone was gone. From the lack of activity on my phone since then, we've decided

it's swimming with the fishes in the river.

It was a small price to pay for the rewards I reaped during my stay in Italy.

Much like Cinderella had a fairy godmother, there were people I met who left an impression on me. It's like they each played a part into giving me a glimpse of another culture, which is something I strongly believe more people need.

On one of my first walks through Florence, I met a woman who was selling scarves. She was very sweet, didn't speak much English and wasn't forceful trying to sell me a scarf like the other vendors. It's easy to become a mega-tourist and turn into a shopaholic while in a foreign city. Determined to avoid becoming like that at all costs, I didn't buy a scarf that day but I knew of one scarf that was meant to be mine.

It was about two weeks later that I happened to be walking in a different part of Florence and saw the same woman. We immediately recognized each other. After purchasing the scarf, I talked to her about her work as a vendor and life in Italy. She proceeded to teach me how pickpockets work and how to avoid being a victim. It was a lesson every tourist needs, considering the number of pickpockets that frequent tourist locations.

In each city I traveled, I came to understand this idea: from sidewalk-chalk artists to silversmiths, there were people on every corner who had a story to tell, a life to live. The more time I spent with each person, the more I came to realize a very obvious and well-worn lesson. They aren't so different from us.

Americans may come to a foreign country and wonder how people live like this or deal with not having this. While some people may believe Italians, or any foreigner for that matter, are deprived, they often have a bet-

ter outlook on life than we do. They tend to be content. Italians tend to be more relaxed than we are. They tend to be willing to sit down, have a cup of coffee and talk to you. It seems that in our daily lives we as Americans stress about the small stuff, complain about the tinier stuff and forget about the quality time spent with friends, family or even someone we don't know.

It may seem like a cliché that I come back from Italy and decide most Americans take life too quickly. But in my mind, instead of having a fairy godmother come down, dress me up in an itchy gown and turns all my pets into people, I had multiple fairy godmothers to come and teach me how to see the beauty in the ugliest of places.

Even though I had an ugly experience in Italy with the loss of my material iPhone, Italy gave me back so much more – so much that I feel like I've taken more than I gave to go on the trip.

Some people say you leave a piece of yourself behind when you depart from Italy. While I certainly did that with a material object, I know Italy will always have a place in my heart.

Check out the multimedia section of our website to see an audio slideshow of my trip to Italy.



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The Tower of Pisa is the bell tower of the cathedral in Pisa. It's been leaning for centuries. The cables that used to hold the tower up were recently removed so the tower is once again free standing.



The carriage drivers in Florence, Italy often wait for customers in the Piazza della Signoria, which was once the center of Florentine politics.



The fishermen in Sorrento take their boats out daily. Many of the men run their own restaurants and use their fresh catches in the food.



The Coliseum is an ancient landmark in Rome. It's a popular tourist attraction in the day, but it is even more impressive at night.



The canals of Venice, although often flooded, are a popular tourist attraction. It's a more fulfilling experience to stray from the beaten path and find the places the local Venetians like to eat. The gondolas still make their way through the canals, and it is a thriving business.

Cameron Park road renovations will be environmentally friendly

Visitors to follow detours during construction

By PAULA ANN SOLIS
STAFF WRITER

Cameron Park will be sectioned off with roadblocks for the next nine months and visitors will have to follow posted detour routes to reach their destinations.

Since the first week of August, Cameron Park Drive has undergone a \$1 million reclamation project to repair the uneven road.

The entire project, which will be broken into three phases, will continue through May 2014.

Beginning at Redwood Shelter, 2300 Cameron Park Drive, and concluding two miles down at Lover's Leap, the city of Waco's engineering department will implement an eco-friendly, three-phase project to repair the road.

All traffic trying to enter the inner parameter of the park is being rerouted.

The different phases are meant to minimize the impact to park users during repairs, said George Hill, city of Waco engineering administrator.

The first phase of the project, from Redwood Shelter to Robin Road, has already been implemented and is projected to end by Oct. 21.

Then the second phase will begin at Robin Road and end at Emmons Cliff by March 2014.

The final phase, which will begin sometime in March, will start at Emmons Cliff and end at Lover's Leap toward the end of May.

Reclamation is the process of repaving Cameron Park Drive by combining existing asphalt and soil with new cement to create new asphalt. This method recycles materials, minimizes waste and saves money for the city. The project is on schedule, Hill said.

"Reclamation of the road surface, an ecologically driven process, is the city's preferred approach," Hill said.

Hill said the city had expected the project to cost more than its \$1 million price tag, which leaves engineers and developers with finances for additional projects near Cameron Park.

"Because of the low bid, we can stretch out our money and put ribbon curbs on the new road to protect from erosion, which it

never had before," said Waco Community Promotions Specialist Jonathan Cook.

Hill said even after the addition of curbs and the reclamation project, funding from the city of Waco's Street Department would still remain for the addition of guardrails in dangerous, curved areas of road.

Storm drains in critical conditions will also be repaired during the construction, Hill said.

Cook said though the construction process will be long, he is sure it will not prevent people from enjoying the park's amenities.

Only the road being paved will temporarily not be accessible to cars and runners. The surrounding park grounds will be open.

"Fortunately we have multiple access points to the park and the multiple trail system will remain open throughout this whole project," Cook said.

Cook also said the park has prepared for all events scheduled to take place at Cameron Park between the start and completion dates.

"We have alternate routes prepared for the upcoming Race for the Cure 10K, the Miracle Match Marathon and the Bearathon in March," Cook said. "We are now working on the route and the Bearathon will definitely run through Cameron Park."

League City senior Marykate Becnel said she regularly visits Cameron Park with San Antonio senior Alix Wilson and both said the park's construction is hardly noticeable.

"The only thing I noticed was the road was blocked," Becnel said. "We had to park farther away, we usually park at Jacob's Ladder because we run the River Trail. So we walked farther, but it wasn't a huge deal."

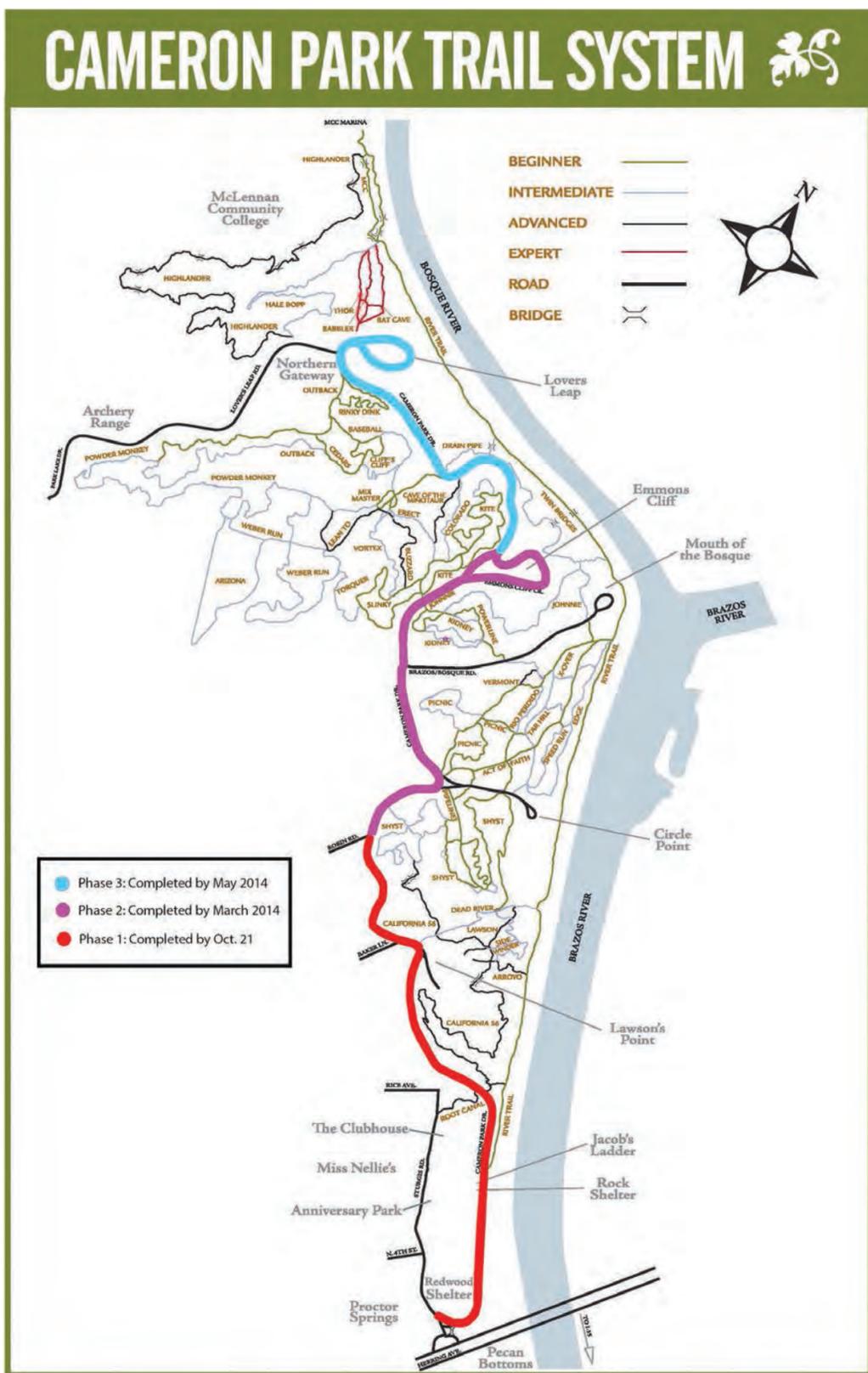
Wilson said the small inconvenience is nothing compared to the improvements that will be added to Cameron Park.

"I took aerobic running last year and a girl who swerved on the curved part of the street hit a tree," Wilson said. "Guard rails will really help especially when traffic is coming too fast."

For updates on the construction progress at Cameron Park, visit cameronpark-waco.com. Or to see the park as it changes, visit Cameron Park's Instagram at instagram.com/wcoparksandrec

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Baylor makes move to all electronic course evaluations

By MALEESA JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in Baylor history, all course evaluations will be online.

The transition from paper to electronic evaluations began in the fall semester of 2011. By the fall of 2012, approximately 40 percent of all courses were using this method.

"Anything you do to improve instruction and to provide feedback helps Baylor and, at the end of the day, makes your degree worth more," Dr. Wesley Null, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, said. "Things like athletics matter, but in the end it's not winning football games that makes a degree worth more; it's the academic reputation of the institution."

There are multiple reasons for the shift to electronic evaluations, one of which is quicker results. In the past, forms had to be scanned and results were compiled via data audits, a task that would take International Research and Testing

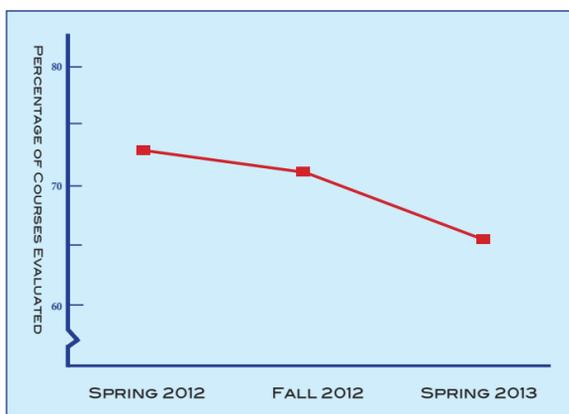
hundreds of hours. Now, electronic evaluation results are released when the grade submissions for the semester are complete.

"We were using sixty thousand pieces of paper per semester and spending about three weeks' worth of labor in our Institutional Research and Testing office," Null said.

In addition to saving the IRT time, electronic evaluations also save class time. Often, professors would pass out evaluation during class. Electronic evaluations can be taken in class if the professor desires, but there is also the option to have students complete them outside of class.

"It's nice because you can take them out of class," Tyler senior Sarah Smith said. "It's just a little annoying because the online evaluations take up cookies and my computer ran really slow after that."

Preserving time is not the only benefit of the transition. Electronic evaluations ensure increased ac-



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curacy. Taking course evaluations online do not leave room for stray markings that could be scanned incorrectly on a paper form.

Research from other universities that have switched to electronic methods of course evaluations has indicated that the number of written comments increased. In addition, the comments are more substantive than what had been re-

ceived via paper evaluations.

"If a person really wants to provide individualized feedback that they know will make an impact on an individual instructor, that's where the written comments really come into play," Null said.

Because electronic evaluations are largely taken on students' own time, the university has expressed concern for lower response rates.

With paper evaluations, the response rate was around 82 percent from the fall semester of 2009 until spring of 2013. Last semester's electronic evaluations alone received a lower response rate of about 65 percent. However, Null said the quality of the responses overrides the somewhat lower rate of responses.

"We want to communicate to students the importance of completing the evaluations. This is their chance to provide feedback," Null said. "They're all part of the Baylor community, so if we don't give instructors feedback on their courses, I don't know how we'll make changes based on student feedback. What we want students to do is make positive suggestions that instructors will then use as they revise their courses."

Regardless of the benefits, some students prefer filling out the evaluation forms in class.

"I think it's more productive to have them in class because it gives you incentive to actually do them,"

Huffman junior James Herd said. "When I'm at home I want to do something else. Whenever it's online I just go to YouTube or Facebook. You know, it's home, I don't want to do them."

Dr. Sara Stone, chairwoman of the journalism, public relations and new media department, has been teaching at Baylor since the fall of 1992. Throughout this time, she has seen many different styles of course evaluations. Stone said she has noticed a lower response rate from electronic course evaluations, but has also noticed a greater amount of thought put into them.

"I know a lot of times it comes down to one of the last days of the semester and you're reviewing for a test and because you are the end, people are distracted, they're doing other things, their brains are different places," Stone said. "A lot of times I think the students race through evaluations so that they can leave and do whatever else it is they're going to do."

Egyptian politics lead to shortened study abroad trip

By MALEESA JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The study abroad trip wasn't going as she'd hoped.

Austin junior Rachel Clark watched as one American student after another left for the Cairo International Airport.

On June 1, a little more than a month before Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi was deposed, Clark arrived in Cairo to take two six-week classes, Egyptian Politics and Government and Arab Society. Originally, she was supposed to stay for eight weeks. Because of the turmoil of Morsi being removed from office, Clark was forced to leave three weeks early.

"I knew there would be some protest and there would be vio-

lence, but I wasn't expecting a full-on revolution," Clark said. "I didn't even find out about the revolution until the day we got there when we saw graffiti about it."

Clark said she enjoyed the time she had in Egypt. She got to go to museums in Cairo and experience the culture in marketplaces and visit various sights such as the Pyramids.

"I really wanted to stay," Clark said. "I was planning trips with my friends like once we're off lockdown we can go to Alexandria or the Red Sea, but that ended shortly."

These plans never came to fruition. Toward the end of June, multiple administrators and professors started contacting Clark. Word of protests against Egyptian president

Mohamed Morsi had made the news and they emailed to check on her status. From then on, Clark was in contact with someone from Baylor every day, sometimes multiple times a day.

"They were very kind, gracious and patient," Clark said. "They could tell there were times when I was freaking out."

These times of unease were not constant for Clark. She was staying on Zamalek, a small island in the middle of Cairo. Though the island is about half a mile away from Tahrir Square, the central point of the riots, the conflict did not reach the bridge to Zamalek until after Clark left.

"The island that I was on, if there was no media, you would have never known the protest was

going on," Clark said. "It's like a little international community so I felt safe there unless I went out."

The tension built as protests turned into a revolution. On the first day of July, eight people had been killed in riots around the headquarters of the Muslim Brotherhood in Cairo.

"I had a lot of comments from my aunts and uncles like 'get the hell out of dodge, leave right now,'" Clark said. "I left in good timing because the day after I came back the protest and fighting had moved onto the bridge that lead to Zamalek, so I would have been trapped there."

The riots were not the only cause for unease. An anti-American sentiment began to grow in the midst of this chaos.



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Austin junior Rachel Clark goes to Egypt for the summer and stands in front of the pyramids.

"People were blaming America for their problems and saying America was working with Morsi," Clark said. "Some of my friends there were posting hateful status-

es so that was making me a little uneasy."

Students were given warnings of what places to avoid. Clark said
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Baylor joins virtual classroom, allows transfer online credit

By PAULA ANN SOLIS
STAFF WRITER

Baylor is set to make advances in online learning beginning the spring semester of 2014 with the piloting of virtual classrooms for students.

The university announced June 19 that Baylor will join Semester Online, a consortium of prestigious universities interested in the online version of higher education.

"We must keep our eyes on the horizon to anticipate genuine challenges—and changes," said Dr. Elizabeth Davis, executive vice president and provost, in her opening letter of the Teaching, Learning & Technology Committee's June report "Engaging the Future of Higher Education."

Davis said she asked the Baylor Teaching, Learning & Technology Committee last year to examine the future of online learning and to propose ways Baylor could join the growing trend. The 19 faculty and staff who are part of the committee decided a three-year contract with Semester Online, a program offered by the company 2U, would be best to introduce online learning to Baylor.

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Orr was part of the committee that debated accepting the invitation from Semester Online to become a charter affiliate school and said the technological advances offered by Semester Online through 2U especially interested her as an official in the technology field.

"2U provides universities with the technology, infrastructural support and capital they need to transform on-campus programs into state-of-the-art Web-based programs," according to the company's website.

2U normally works with universities interested in offering complete degrees online, specifically at the graduate level, but Monday will mark 2U's launch of a program separate from these previous goals – Semester Online.

Baylor will join this program for the spring 2014 semester.

It is the first program of its kind because its focus is solely on undergraduates which, Semester Online Executive Vice President and General Manager Andrew Hermaly said, is what attracted Baylor to this program above all others.

"Selective enrollment, small class sizes and a live class component," Hermaly said as he described why Semester Online and Baylor fit perfectly together.

Like Baylor, Semester Online boasts that its class sizes are smaller than their counterparts known as massive open online courses (MOOCs). Some MOOCs such as edX have thousands of students in a given class while Semester Online caps its enrollment at 20 students per course.

Professors from the seven partner schools will be the only ones to teach courses for Semester Online. Those seven partner schools are Boston College, Brandeis University, Emory University, Northwestern University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Notre Dame and Washington University in St. Louis.

Baylor, Southern Methodist and Temple University are the only charter affiliate partner schools that are not offering courses on

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Semester Online but have access to the courses being taught.

"We only partner with schools that are high quality, entrepreneurial and that are looking for ways to expand their offerings on campus," Hermaly said.

Aside from class size, Semester Online is different from other popular MOOCs in that they are not free and when students complete the course, it will count as transfer credit.

While this may seem no different from a student enrolling on his or her own and transferring credits, the difference lies in what being part of a partner school means.

Rather than applying directly

to any of the seven partner schools, students of the three charter affiliate partners will apply through academic advisers and if they have the required GPA and meet other criteria they will gain admittance for that particular course.

"We have everything from courses in political science and history to business to literature to marketing," Hermaly said.

While some courses offered by Semester Online are similar to those offered at Baylor, such as Notre Dame's The Rise of Christianity, there are courses unique and unfamiliar to Baylor students such as Baseball and American Culture offered by Emory University. This

is another aspect of Semester Online that Hermaly said is unconventional.

"I think what Semester Online is going to offer students is it's going to expand your college experience and it's going to allow you opportunities that didn't exist before," he said.

Currently Semester Online offers 11 courses and 13 more will be added in spring 2014 when Baylor will pilot the program.

Based on input from focus groups during the Teaching, Learning & Technology Committee's research, it was decided that the first session of Semester Online should begin on a small scale and

until further notice only students with 30 or more credit hours who are also not concurrently enrolled at Baylor may take part in Semester Online.

All courses will be subject to Baylor's transfer policies. Students interested in learning about Baylor's relationship with Semester Online can visit baylor.edu/register to connect with the Baylor Semester Online Advisor Natalie Terry.

To read the full report submitted by the Teaching, Learning & Technology Committee visit <http://www.baylor.edu/provost> or to learn about Semester Online visit semesteronline.org.

"We must keep our eyes on the horizon to anticipate genuine challenges—and changes."

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"I felt like the universities that were part of this were the highest quality and that, whether you are taking an in-person course or an online course, it should have both rigor and quality, and I think these courses will be this way," said Pattie Orr, vice president for information technology and dean of university



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mits were purchased. This semester, the university removed it as a parking permit option. The \$200 East Campus Parking Garage permit is also no longer being offered. Like the Ferrell Center parking lot, Fogleman said, it was rarely used. The only choices that remain are the \$300 all-access decal or no decal at all.

Abilene senior Rebekah Lowery said for her the biggest surprise was the loss of parking lots near the Glennis McCrary Music Building that are now exclusively for faculty and staff.

"I think that it's stupid,"

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Lowery said. "I'm really upset because I'm a music major and that's my parking lot. I don't get it at all. If I'm going to pay for a parking pass, I should be able to actually park."

Despite all these changes to parking, Fogleman said she hopes student utilization of the free Baylor University Shuttle around campus continues to

rise. "Last year we recorded record high numbers of ridership on the shuttle, which are convenient and environmentally friendly," Fogleman said. "Hopefully it continues to rise and students take full advantage of the East Campus garage and the free parking spaces at the Ferrell Center."

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she felt safe most of the time, but there were nagging thoughts in the back of her mind.

"They say to avoid small mosques because those are the mosques where they spread really ridiculous statements, so when I would go down a street and see one, I'd think 'I should maybe go down another street,'" Clark said. "That sounds terrible because I know a lot of them would be safe, but you start thinking what if this person does this."

In spite of nearby casualties, study abroad students from varying universities remained in Cairo. However, by July 3, the State Department sent out a warning for all American to evacuate Egypt. Clark received this notice an hour after Baylor contacted her telling her it was no longer safe. Upon her arrival at the airport, she boarded a Lufthansa flight leaving Egypt. Rachel said she thought the pilot must have been nervous, as he left thirty minutes early.

"I left within thirty hours of when I got the notice to leave," Clark said.

The sudden departure left Clark with a lack of closure. She said she enjoyed her time in Egypt and was disappointed when she had to leave three weeks earlier than planned. She said she hopes to return someday.

"I miss my friends," Clark said. "I did not get a proper goodbye to Egypt."

Clark was not the first Baylor student to be evacuated from Cairo while studying abroad. In 2011, two students studying in the same location had to leave. However, Randy Penson, the associate director of the Center for International Education, said it is rare for students to be in that situation. In situations like this, Penson, joined by Naymond Keathley, the Interim Director of Center for International Education, and various other faculty stay in contact with the student and



Rachel Penson's summer study abroad trip to Egypt this summer was cut short because of the turmoil in the middle east.

keep a close eye on the news. Should a student ever convey discomfort, they would take action to place that student in a safe place.

"I think at any point, if she felt uncomfortable we would have probably moved even quicker," Penson said. "She was very calm and didn't seem nervous at all."

Penson said the study abroad trip to Cairo for the fall has been canceled and he is unsure when they will resume allowing students to study in Egypt.

According to the Associated Press, terror leader Moktar Belmoktar announce last Thursday that he is joining forces with a Mali-based jihadist group and has promised support Islamists in Egypt. It is also estimated that 42 churches in Egypt have been attacked by supporters of Morsi. The violence continued when on Aug. 14, the police cleared two protest camps set up by Morsi's supporters. This ignited nationwide violence that reportedly left hundreds dead and thousands injured.

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students living on campus.

Part of the reason for this goal is to encourage academic success.

"National data tells us that students who live on campus make higher grades and move towards graduation more than other students and they develop a stronger affiliation and connection to the university," Jackson said.

As part of the 21st Century Project of the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International, East Village was designed to be prototype residence hall of the 21st century. Baylor is one of three higher education institutions, joined by Colorado College and Indiana University, to participate in the project.

The purpose of the 21st Century Project is to focus on creating a living space for students that is more compatible to the technologies of this decade.

"As we build new residence halls, we install in them the latest technology," Jackson said. "We try and anticipate what the next level of technology will be."

Baylor's adaptation of the 21st Century Project concept was based on expanding social groups that

share a common center. This was taken into consideration during the layout planning. The layout is separated into four categories: Villages, Neighborhoods, Blocks and Homes.

Villages are composed of residential communities and a dining location as well as varying outdoor amenities such as courtyards.

Neighborhoods have residence halls of 300-500 students with hall directors, faculty-in-residence and a resident chaplain. These halls have varying wings or blocks of floors that group 25-35 students with a community leader and social room and study space.

Lastly, the Home portion, more commonly known as rooms, houses one or two students that share a bathroom.

"Everyone is really interested and intrigued and have been exploring the halls and study rooms," Birmingham junior Maggie Overstreet, Earle Hall Community Leader, said. "I have not heard one negative thing."

Tyler sophomore Hunter George moved into the third floor of East Village early to attend training for Welcome Week leaders.

"I love East Village," George said. "It's seriously like living off-campus

with all the accommodations and community of living on campus."

In addition to housing students and two resident faculty members, Earle Hall contains offices for four faculty members.

Seven offices have been set aside in Teal Residential College for faculty and staff as well. The professors in these offices will also have another office closer to their respective departments.

"Many of our faculty will have two offices, an office here and an office in the academic space in which they reside," Jackson said. "We try to be really mindful of that."

The changes on campus don't stop at East Village. South Russell is closed for the semester as it is undergoing renovations. A new business school is also in development on Third Street.

"Our hope is that students, as we open these spaces, students will see other options to live on campus, as compared to maybe a hall that was older and only had a large bathroom and small rooms to live in," Jackson said. "We are also under way in what we call a refurbishing to our existing residence halls."

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along the front of the bakery and 900 square feet of bakery space in the back.

In terms of aesthetics, Perlowski said the bakery will look like a cross between Starbucks and Panera Bread.

The baker is Randy D-Angostino, a third-generation baker from New Jersey who recently moved to Waco.

Along with breakfast food items such as danishes, kolaches and donuts, the East Village Bakery also has Starbucks coffee.

The Starbucks is not licensed, meaning it does not offer a wide array of menu items like the one in Moody Library, but basic coffee drinks are still served.

In addition to the new retail dining, a new two-story dining hall is now open as well.

The East Village Dining Commons, located across from the Baylor Sciences Building, covers 12,500 square feet. The dining hall

is equipped with a state-of-the-art kitchen downstairs, and upstairs is a dining area with a seating capacity of 500.

"The horsepower to cook on the stations is greater than any other dining hall; it's built for fast service," Perlowski said. "Students will see a lot more cooking action, because the space is designed for that."

Perlowski said aside from the more advanced cooking equipment, the East Village Dining Commons is unique because it places more emphasis on freshness. Labels highlight certain dishes prepared with local produce. There is also a gluten-free station.

Not only does Baylor have new retail and residential dining, but Baylor also acquired a sushi vendor this semester.

From now on, the sushi spotted in the Bill Daniel Student Center and in the sciences building will be

prepared by a sushi company called Sushic.

"It is the same company who makes sushi for H-E-Bs across Texas," Perlowski said.

Perlowski explained that campus dining decisions are made collectively. Perlowski and his team take into consideration feedback from students, industry trends and advice from the university. From there, they collaborate and come up with a plan to accommodate students' dining needs.

Their plan seems to be accommodating the needs of The Woodlands resident Juan Vargas, an East Village junior who is a health conscious eater.

"I am so glad that we are getting some new dining options on campus," Vargas said. "Hopefully they will offer more healthy-eating choices for my friends and me."



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