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In Transition

Counselors, other resources offer support for transgender people, their families, friends

Editor's Note: This is the second installment in a four-part series about gender transition and the issues surrounding it. For the personal safety of some of the individuals mentioned below, last names have been omitted.

MOLLY ATCHISON
Opinion Editor

For transgender people beginning their transition, the process may seem daunting. According to Gender Spectrum, not only does one go through extreme physical changes, sometimes accompanied by pain, but a transgender individual also experiences a shift in emotions and emotional responses from those close to them.

According to the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, there are set "Standards of Care" that transgender individuals follow to have a safe, healthy and comfortable transition. These standards of care give transgender individuals guidelines and can also help family members and friends understand the subtleties that surround transgender culture.

One of the first things on the list of standards is that a transitioning individual must go through psychological evaluation and counseling for at least six months before being cleared to continue to the hormone treatment portion of the transition. Judy Shofner, a licensed professional counselor in Waco, has worked with several individuals going through the transition process.

"The most difficult part of the transition process is the amount of fear they may experience as they come out to family and friends," Shofner said. "One of the most common worries my patients have is whether or not they will be accepted by those close to them, the public and even the LGBT community. They struggle to face the world head on when they feel they cannot be themselves."

From the hormone treatments that cause constant fluctuation in mood to the pressure from the outside world, the emotional stress of transitioning is a key part in the development of transgender individuals. According to a study done at the

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Camp Fair

Students explore summer openings, opportunities

CAROLINE BENTLEY
Reporter

Career and Professional Development hosted the first camp fair of the 2016-17 school year on Tuesday.

The camp fair allowed students to speak face-to-face with several summer camps from across the United States.

"We love having the opportunity to

go on college campuses and talk one-on-one with students to share why we love what we do and how special our camp is," said Camp Olympia intern Alan Songer. "Summer camps are an incredible way to spend your summer or multiple summers. Getting paid to hang out with really great kids, teach them about Christ and grow in your relationships with fellow counselors and friends is something a corporate internship doesn't allow you to have."

Over 1,000 students attended the three-hour event held in the McLane Student Life Center according to the Office of Career and Professional Development website.

According to the Career and Professional Development website, this career fair was designed as a chance for students to present themselves professionally to potential

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MAKING SUMMER PLANS Students attended Career and Professional Development's Camp Fair on Tuesday in the McLane Student Life Center to learn about openings at camps across the country for college students next summer.

Texas Two Step to instruct students, Wacoans in CPR

THOMAS MOTT
Reporter

Baylor students and Waco residents are encouraged to stop by and learn how to save lives from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Baylor Sciences Building (BSB) fields.

Volunteers for the Texas Two Step CPR: Save a Life Campaign 2017 will be in Waco to help raise awareness and show people how to save lives using a simple two-step CPR process.

"We are not CPR certifying anyone, but it's more raising awareness for how to deal with an emergency situation," said Bellaire sophomore Lauren Graham.

The program was recently expanded to include more areas of Texas so more people can be trained, Graham said.

"Last year, it was only medical schools in Texas who had an emergency medical program," Graham said. "We thought Waco would be a good location for it since we have Baylor University here and the huge pre-med, pre-health program."

According to the Texas Two Step website, the two step process is first: "Call 911" and second: "Begin hands-only CPR by pushing hard and fast on the center of the chest." However, Mesquite senior Victoria Ette said she

hopes people walk away with more than just CPR training.

"We are hoping that people will learn hands-only CPR and actually implement that in their brain and remember it. I hope people will take an interest in their health. I hope people get some type of further education about health issues," Ette said.

The purpose of this course is simple-saving lives-and according to the Texas Two Step website, doing so is easier than one may think.

"The purpose of the Texas Two Step Hands Only CPR campaign is

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Study examines effects of faith-based organizations on homeless population

RYLEE SEAVERS
Staff Writer

A new Baylor study details the effect that faith-based organizations have on the homeless population in 11 cities across the United States. The study, "Assessing the Faith-Based Response to Homelessness in America: Findings from Eleven Cities," was authored by Bryan Johnson, co-director of the Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion, and non-resident William Wubbenhorst, fellow in the Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion.

For the study, a faith-based organization was defined as "an organization for which a particular

"The premise here is that if you can foster more collaboration, you can increase effectiveness in [aiding] the homeless."

William Wubbenhorst | Non-resident fellow in Baylor Institute of Studies of Religion

faith (e.g., Christian, Jewish, etc.) serves as the primary motivation to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness," according to the report.

The study found that 60 percent of emergency shelter beds are provided

by faith-based organizations.

"The concept of [a] safety net is the service of a last resort. It struck me that emergency shelter beds for homeless people is the 'safety net of all safety nets,'" Wubbenhorst said.

The study also found that the Housing First program, an initiative to provide homeless people with housing as quickly as possible, does not effectively aid congregational-based faith-based organizations. For many organizations, the requirements to receive federal aid are so costly that not accepting public funding outweighs the benefits of accepting it, Wubbenhorst said. He said that many faith-based organizations do not have the infrastructure or systems to keep up with the reporting that is required to be a recipient of federal funding.

"One of the barriers with

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A dream is a wish your heart makes

JORDAN SMITH
Sports Editor

Walt Disney said it best when he proclaimed, “All our dreams come true if we have the courage to pursue them.”

Disney started out doing what he loved as a child when he would draw cartoons on his father’s barn doors. His passion later led him to start his own cartoon studio titled Laugh-O-Gram Studios, located in the heart of Kansas City, Mo.

I had a similar drive in trying to achieve a goal when I was younger, except it was for sports. Starting from the day I could speak, I played and watched sports. My favorite ended up being baseball.

However, it was around the age of 10 when I started to get serious about sports. I watched Sports Center each day from that time on. I lived, breathed and slept all things sports. I would remember statistics and use them in conversations to sound smarter, but they eventually became a part of me.

I started to imagine that I would grow up to be in the sports journalism world. I dreamed of being either a sports writer or a play-by-play commentator.

Growing up, baseball was the first sport I played. I would always go to Astros games at Minute Maid Park, and I would enjoy it every single time, no matter what happened in the game.

That dream, however, was halted for me at that same age when I found out that I was diagnosed with a mild form of Autism among other mental disorders.

My dreams seemed all but gone at this point. It was the most deflating feeling of my life, and I thought all hope was lost.

But one thing remained constant: my love for sports. Even through all of the emotional pain and suffering, sports were there every single day. I looked to sports as an escape. I looked to sports as a way to make the world seem less evil and make everything right in the world once again.

My love for sports grew, and with that, I decided to start sharing my passion with the world.

I created a sports blog in May 2015 called Houston Sports Beat to show the world my love for sports. I was at community college at the time with no idea what I wanted to do with my life.

I got accepted to Baylor and found out about the Baylor Lariat. I saw they had a sports writer position, and I instantly knew that this would be my opportunity to follow my childhood dreams and get into the sports world. I applied for the position in hopes of making my dreams come true.

My dream became reality when I was hired onto the Baylor Lariat as a sports writer. It was one of the happiest days of my life because I was now going to be able to live my dream, and even surpass it, as I took the position of sports editor this semester.

Starting on Feb. 17, I will get the opportunity to live out my other childhood dream of doing baseball play-by-play commentary on Baylor Lariat Radio. I sit here, a sophomore at Baylor University, thankful for the opportunity given to me by the Baylor Lariat to live out my dream.

Walt Disney once said, “All our dreams come true if we have the courage to pursue them.”

I took a chance at fate, and now my dreams have finally come true.

Jordan Smith is a sophomore communications major from Cypress.

EDITORIAL

Students should have a say

Dear Baylor Board of Regents,

We understand you will be gathering soon for your February executive meeting. The Lariat wishes you safe travels and wisdom as you review the recommendations put forth by the Governance Review Task Force on Jan. 16.

We were troubled, however, to find that among the recommendations for changes to the “Special Selection Process,” every non-voting member of the board would be granted voting rights except for the two student regents.

In light of the recently released document regarding alleged texts from former head football coach Art Briles, which detailed instances where students’ concerns were largely ignored, now is the time more than ever for students to get the chance to speak.

Now is the time — especially after months of learning the full extent of the sexual assault scandal from the media rather than from their own governing body. In a letter from Board of Regents Chair Ron Murff, the task force was assigned to “identify further improvements to Baylor University governance.” Because you are seeking improvement, you should allow students to help shape the future of Baylor University – an institution who’s mission statement is to “educate men and women for worldwide leadership and service.”

Now is the time — and it will serve as an opportunity for the board to prove it truly has the university’s best interests at



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heart. As stated in the task force document, “The Board has the ultimate responsibility to promote the University’s mission, protect its values and traditions, and ensure its viability, health, and welfare.” If the viability and welfare of Baylor defines the board, then a disenfranchised student body makes the university unviable and unwell.

Now is the time — considering you are provided the recommendation to allow faculty-elected regents and two athletic interest group regents to have a say in the direction of the

university. If you wish to increase the diversity of those involved in decision making, include the student regents, who have particular interest in the university. We implore you consider the student regents’ ability to vote, as they serve as representatives for all students’ interests. Though such actions may be unprecedented, Interim University President David Garland has stated that the university has “taken unprecedented actions” to resolving the scandal, as stated on the school’s website dedicated to informing the public about the

winter doldrums to get ready for graduation. These students have high aspirations for their futures: to be doctors, social workers, artists and entrepreneurs. Maybe some of you remember that sensation – that excitement of life beyond college, which you can feel in the warmth of spring air. What better way to send off this graduating class than with the certainty that their university cares about them, like many of you hoped someone cared about you. The time is now – imagine what would happen if you took a chance.

COLUMN

We can’t defend Briles anymore

KASSIDY WOYTEK
Reporter

Since the revealing of heartless text messages sent by former Baylor football coach Art Briles on Thursday, I’m glad that I have yet to hear a Baylor student rush to his defense. It’s hard



to defend his insensitive, dismissive attitude towards sexual assault survivors when you can read the evidence in black and white.

From the conversations I’ve had and the social media posts I’ve seen this week, it seems that the Baylor community is finally united behind the Board of Regents’ decision to fire him.

It took us nine months. It bothers me that my friends who publicly decry him now are the same ones who rushed to find a last-minute game day outfit to “Blackout for Briles.” The same ones who sported “CAB” in black sharpie on their hands for weeks to support (former) Coach Art Briles. The same ones who took to social media to write passive-aggressive tweets with the hashtag #TruthDon’tLie.

If you believe that those students were an insignificant minority, remember that one petition to reinstate Briles as Baylor’s head coach garnered over 1,000 signatures.

At first, I was in no way immune to this way of thinking. My first reaction when I heard

the news of Briles’ firing in May was to think, “This isn’t fair.” I was angry with the media for criticizing my university and with the Board of Regents for what I thought was an impulsive decision.

The moment I snapped out of it was when I realized one of the most outspoken survivors of sexual assault at Baylor, Stefanie Mundhenk, had lived a few doors down from me in my residence hall my freshman year. I realized that my feelings about the unfairness of the situation were nothing compared to the unfairness Mundhenk and the other women who came forward faced.

In one of Mundhenk’s recent Facebook posts, she eloquently describes the stigma placed on rape victims in our society.

“Art Briles gets to drop his lawsuit without hate mail,” Mundhenk said. “And I can’t even call myself a survivor without the same.”

Our society has a tendency to fall back on the mentality that we should be skeptical of the accuser, not the accused, when it comes to rape cases in particular.

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center states that the percentage of reported rapes found to be false falls somewhere between 2 and 10 percent. However, because most rapes go unreported and accusers withdrawl their claims for a number of personal reasons, these numbers are still widely debated.

We know there are accusers who lie about rape, but there are also a number of people who lie about being the victims of other violent crimes. Just ask Ryan Lochte, who lied about

being mugged during his time at the Olympics last year in Rio de Janeiro. If our default reaction is to believe the victims of those crimes, why would we not afford the same courtesy to victims of rape?

When collegiate athletes are involved, the tendency to take pity on the accused seems to skyrocket. Former Stanford University swimmer Brock Turner recently served a mere three months in prison because the judge in his case thought a harsher punishment might have a “severe impact” on Turner’s swimming career.

You may also remember the letter in defense of Turner written by his father, in which he argued that jail time would be “a steep price to pay for 20 minutes of action.”

Was Briles’ dismissal a “steep price to pay” for covering up an alleged 52 rapes? I’m pleased that the vast majority of the Baylor community can see now that it wasn’t.

I still worry that the reason students condemn Briles today is the same reason many students defended him during this past football season: It’s trendy. I hope I’m wrong.

I’m not writing this to make you feel guilty if you defended Briles at first or to make myself seem morally superior — because my anger was also misdirected at first.

I’m writing this because next time (and there will be a next time, whether or not it’s at Baylor), I hope it’s the victims of sexual assault who receive an outpouring of love and support, not the ones who allowed it to happen.

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1845 Prayer brings BU community together

FAITH MILETELLO
Reporter

The Baylor Community has been called to pray over the university at the same time everyday. The 1845 Prayer was established Founders Day to commemorate Baylor's founding on Feb. 1, 1845. The initiative will be held from Feb. 1 until Easter, April 16.

1845 is significant because it is the founding year of Baylor and also the international time 18:45, which translates to 6:45 p.m., when the prayer will be practiced.

"We want it to be a moment where people say 'Lord remember Baylor,' 'Lord bless Baylor today,'" University Chaplain Burt Burleson said.

The Spiritual Life Advisory Committee is a group of Baylor faculty who help advise the chaplain. The group wanted to give the university a call to action to initiate prayer for the peace and stability of the school. Associate professor and director of Baptist Collections Kathy Hillman came up with the 1845 Prayer idea and presented it to the committee.

"I began to think about other people being involved in prayer. I believe we need to have a call to prayer for the Baylor family," Hillman said. "So I presented the 1845 prayer idea that God had given me."

Burleson wrote a short "1845 Prayer" for those participating in the initiative. The Baylor community is encouraged to pray the prayer given, or offer a personal prayer.

"The prayer begins with gratitude for our past and our trust in God these days," Burleson said. "And from that place, we pray we might be able to humbly discern God's will. There are so many of us working to make sense of things in these challenging days. That would be true even if we weren't dealing with the crisis we had around sexual assault. These are challenging times for our nation as well and Baylor needs to be responsive as we're called to do so."

Burleson said he wanted this prayer to reach every person within the arms of Baylor, regardless of denomination. The Spiritual Life Advisory Committee's hope was for the idea to be easy to remember so it

1845 Prayer

O God, with gratitude for your guidance in our past and commending ourselves to your sustaining presence in these days, we pray that our Baylor Family will discern with humility what is your good and perfect will. We pray that all who lead and learn, all who teach and serve, all who seek after goodness, truth and beauty, will know great inspiration, caring community, and deep, abiding hope. May we all continue to respond steadfastly each day to the calling that has been upon us for so long. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

- University Chaplain Burt Burleson

would become a part of a daily routine.

"My dream is for people to set their phones to pray for the Baylor community," Hillman said. "And it would be around the clock and around the world."

Hillman said the significance of the international time "18:45" is to encourage those all over the world who have any investment in Baylor's mission to be a part of the intercession for the university.

"There is some spiritual reality when we pray that we are tapping into. We are making something available to God as we offer prayer on anybody's behalf," Burleson said. "Even stopping for a moment at 6:45, maybe living halfway across the world from Baylor, I think connects people to the work of God in this place."

The office of the chaplain and those involved with the 1845 Prayer hope the Baylor community is encouraged by the initiative and will set aside the time at 6:45 p.m. every day.

"When all the things happened in May of 2016, I became convinced we need to do something," Hillman said. "But what could I do? I knew the most important thing I could do is pray."



Associated Press

CONFIRMED Vice President Mike Pence swears in Education Secretary Betsy DeVos in the Eisenhower in Washington on Tuesday as DeVos' husband, Dick DeVos, watches.

DeVos takes confirmation Pence first vice president to cast historic vote that breaks 50-50 nomination tie

MARIA DANILOVA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Charter school advocate Betsy DeVos won confirmation as education secretary Tuesday by the slimmest of margins, pushed to approval only by the historic tie-breaking vote of Vice President Mike Pence.

Two Republicans, Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, joined Democrats in a marathon effort to derail the nomination of the wealthy Republican donor. The Senate historian said Pence's vote was the first by a vice president to break a 50-50 tie on a Cabinet nomination.

Despite the win, DeVos emerged bruised from the highly divisive nomination fight. Opposed by half the Senate, she faced criticism, even ridicule for lack of experience and confusion during her confirmation hearing. At one point, she said some schools should have guns because of the threat of grizzly bears.

And there has been scathing opposition from teachers unions and civil rights activists over her support of charter schools and her conservative religious ideology.

President Donald Trump accused Democrats of seeking to torpedo education progress. In a tweet before the vote, he wrote, "Betsy DeVos is a

reformer, and she is going to be a great Education Sec. for our kids!"

DeVos was sworn in hours after the Senate vote by Pence, who told the new Cabinet member: "I wasn't just voting for you. Having seen your devotion to improving the quality of education for some of our most vulnerable children across the nation for so many years, I was also casting a vote for America's children."

"I can tell you, my vote for Betsy DeVos was the easiest vote I ever cast," Pence said.

DeVos released a statement promising to be "a tireless advocate for all students."

"Partnering with students, parents, educators, state and local leaders, Congress and all stakeholders, we will improve education options and outcomes across America," she said.

She now takes the helm of a department charged with implementing laws affecting the nation's public schools with no direct experience with traditional public schools. Her opponents noted that she has no experience running public schools, nor has she attended one or sent her children to one.

She also will have to address several hot-button issues in higher education, such as rising tuition costs, growing student debt and the troubled for-profit colleges, many of which have closed down, leaving students with

huge loans and without a good education or job prospects.

Close attention also will be paid to how DeVos deals with sexual assault and freedom of speech on campuses.

Ahead of Tuesday's vote, emotions ran high as constituents jammed senators' phone lines. Protesters gathered outside the Capitol, including one person in a grizzly bear costume to ridicule DeVos.

Democrats and labor unions vigorously fought the nomination, suggesting that DeVos would defund traditional public schools by diverting taxpayers' money to charter and private institutions. They cited her financial interest in organizations pushing for charter schools, though she has said she will divest those interests.

Collins and Murkowski said they feared her focus on charter schools will undermine remote public schools in their states.

"President Trump's swamp got a new billionaire today," the Democratic National Committee said in a statement. "Millions of teachers, parents and students could not have made their opposition to Betsy DeVos' confirmation any clearer — they do not want someone whose only education experience is dismantling public schools."

DeVos supporters, however, saw her confirmation

as an occasion to breathe new life into a troubled American school system and a chance to shift power from Washington to the local level.

"She has been a leader in the movement for public charter schools — the most successful reform of public education during the last 30 years," said Sen. Lamar Alexander, the chairman of the Education Committee. "And she has worked tirelessly to help low-income children have more choices of better schools."

DeVos has her work cut out.

"She will have to make it a priority to reach out to educators and education policy makers to reassure them that she is committed to working to improve education for all students including the vast majority who attend and will continue to attend traditional public schools," said Martin West, associate professor of education at Harvard University. "My view is that she is committed to doing that."

In addition to DeVos, Republicans hope to confirm a series of other divisive nominees this week: Alabama Republican Sen. Jeff Sessions as attorney general, GOP Rep. Tom Price of Georgia as health secretary and financier Steven Mnuchin as treasury secretary.



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intended to save lives by teaching this simple but critical life-saving technique. Knowledge of this basic technique has been shown to save lives, but more advanced techniques are possible.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, every year about 735,000 Americans have heart attacks. Of these, 525,000 of the people are first time victims. 210,000 people are second-time victims.

The American Heart Association reports that “46 percent of people who experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest get the immediate help that they need before professional help arrives.”

The Texas Two Step class is free. All one has to do is show up to the BSB fields between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to learn how to save a life.

“There are a lot of statistics that the majority of people in an emergency situation don’t know what to do and either they will assume that someone else will call 911 or they will kind of avoid the situation. This is a great place to gain confidence, and you can save lives by learning these two simple steps,” Graham said.

For more information, visit www.tx2step.com.



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EMERGENCY TRAINING Texas Two Step will be offering free CPR training from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Baylor Sciences Building fields.

How to Save a Life



Dayday Wynn | Lariat Photographer

DONATE The Carter Blood Care bus was located outside of Tidwell Bible Building on Tuesday for students wishing to donate blood and give back to their community.

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Williams Law Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles, transgender individuals have a 41 percent chance of attempting suicide at some point in their lives, which makes up 4.6 percent of the total U.S. suicide attempt rate. The study reported that people who experienced rejection by family and friends, discrimination, victimization or violence are at a higher risk of a suicide attempt.

An article from the Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing reported, “Family acceptance in adolescence for a child showing symptoms of gender dysphoria is associated with young adult positive health outcomes (self-esteem, social support, and general health) and is protective for negative health outcomes (depression, substance abuse, and suicidal ideation and attempts).”

This research shows a correlation between social acceptance and mental health. However, according to the Williams Law institute research, most transgender individuals will experience some sort of discrimination or marginalization despite the results of these studies.

McLennan County junior Jessica, the transgender student mentioned in the first part of this series, shared her experiences on Baylor campus.

“There haven’t been many instances of feeling not accepted. I have been stared at many times ... One time I was walking to East Village and as I was passing the Foster building, a few individuals saw me and yelled out ‘Gay!’ as I walked by,” Jessica said.

While that was one of the only incidents Jessica could recall, she said any incident such as this could cause a transitioning individual emotional harm — just as it could any other cisgendered individual, or one whose sexual identity and gender match their birth sex.

Not only is the process hard on the people transitioning, it can also be difficult for people around them who are trying to understand their loved one’s transition. Shreveport sophomore Sara Beth is a member of the Baylor LGBT community who is currently dating an individual who is transitioning from female to male (FTM).

RESOURCES FOR SUPPORT:

• The Trevor Project 24/7 Lifeline:
**866-4-U-TREVOR
(866-488-7386)**

•Trevor Chat: online instant
messaging at
thetrevorproject.org

•National Suicide
Prevention Lifeline:
800-273-TALK (8255)

•Trans Lifeline:
877-565-8860

•For Families:
genderspectrum.org

“When we first met, I didn’t know he was transitioning. I wasn’t surprised by the news ... I had begun to come out to friends about a year before we met ... since most of the people in my life were assuming I would be dating feminine-identified people, I had to explain to my understandably curious friends when I began talking about my boyfriend,” Sara Beth said. “The most difficult part is definitely having to see the unnecessary hardships he has to go through just because he’s trying to be himself.”

There are many resources for transgender individuals, such as going to a counselor like Shofner or calling one of the listed hotlines. These are just a few ways for those going through a transition safely voice their feelings and get advice. For family members struggling to find out how to address their child’s sexual identity, genderspectrum.org is one of many websites dedicated to explaining the intricacies of gender identity.

Students at Baylor who are struggling to formulate their own gender identity or cope with a loved one’s transition process can find free, easily accessible help at the Baylor Counseling Center. The Baylor Counseling Service has 17 certified counselors, 13 of whom are licensed doctors. They are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and have walk-in appointments available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In their Diversity Vision statement, the counseling center states that “as a center we share core values that promote and celebrate diversity. An expression of these values is evident in our respect, empathy, compassion, and acceptance of all people.”

Whether a person is going through a transition, supporting a loved one or trying to understand something they do not agree with, there are many options for emotional support at Baylor, in the Waco area and beyond.

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government [is] they create reporting requirements that are overly burdensome, and some organizations that may be doing effective work at the ground level, but they simply don’t have the infrastructure to meet the reporting requirements,” Wubbenhorst said.

After speaking with faith-based organization leaders, Wubbenhorst and his team found that these groups as well as Housing and Urban Development have a different understanding of the causes of homelessness. Housing and Urban Development considers homelessness to be a direct problem, according to the report. However, faith-based organizations consider homelessness to be a symptom of a larger issue. Namely, lack of relationships.

“Drug and alcohol addiction and mental health issues are still two of the primary issues. The state of Texas is number 50 out of 50 states, helping the mentally ill... If you get schizophrenia on the streets and you can’t see a doctor, then self-medication becomes a way of dealing,” said executive director of Mission Waco, Jimmy Dorrell.

Dorrell said homelessness is a complex issue that stems from multiple smaller issues such as minimum wage, infrastructure and affordable housing. Lack of relationships may be a factor, but it is only part of the problem, Dorrell said.

The study is meant to highlight the success faith-based organizations have had in assisting the homeless, Wubbenhorst said. He also said the study offers constructive criticism, not from himself and Johnson, but based on the responses gathered in the report and the facts presented. Wubbenhorst also said that faith-based organizations and the government should work to create a data collection system that is practical and can be used to evaluate how effective initiatives by the government and faith-based organizations are in combating homelessness.

“The problem of homelessness in some areas is so big, you need to tap into every resource you can. The premise here is that if you can foster more collaboration, you can increase effectiveness in [aiding] the homeless,” Wubbenhorst said.



Courtesy Photo

MAKING A DIFFERENCE William Wubbenhorst, non-resident fellow in the Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion, participated in a study on the effects of faith-based organizations on the homeless population.

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employers, and demonstrate their communication skills.

Camp fairs can be useful for someone not currently in the market for an internship or full-time job for the summer. Through speaking with potential employers, interacting with fellow colleagues and gaining valuable experience into what the working world will be like, students left the fair learning a skill not taught in classes.

“Whether or not there was one that I was interested in, they all provided information on their camp, what they were looking for in an employee and the next steps to take when they are in contact with me,” said Snyder senior Megan McWilliams. “The camp fair was a great learning experience for someone my age because I now have an idea of how to begin the search for full-time jobs.”

Other than Monday’s event, many employers are available for on-campus interviews following the camp fair.

To help students and alumni prepare for the

camp fair, the career and professional development

and Hire-A-Bear websites offer a variety of tutorials and to-do lists to look over beforehand.

Students and alumni can prepare for future Career and Professional Development events by creating a professional profile on Hire-A-Bear, an online database that connects students to valuable resources and employment opportunities, according to its website.

“I will definitely be contacting at least one camp from the fair today. Camp fairs are under-appreciated by so many students and alumni. The opportunities available in just a few hours are unlike any other,” McWilliams said.

This semester, career and professional development has four career fairs, each one focused on specific areas of study. For more information on the upcoming career fairs or career and professional development events, visit the website at <https://www.baylor.edu/cpd/index.php?id=863791>.

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Megan McWilliams | Snyder senior

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FOOD, ART AND MORE Downtown Waco continues to develop, attracting more people from out of town with McLane Stadium, the Sue and Frank Mayborn Natural Science and Cultural History Museum Complex and, of course, the Magnolia Silos and the food trucks that accompany them. The Magnolia Silos is also a stop on a free trolley that visitors can ride through downtown Waco. It stops at seven different attractions and runs from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Waco offers adventure

Staff Writer

Waco is a city on the rise, going from “just a stop along the way” to a weekend destination, Carla Pendergraft, director of marketing for the City of Waco Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, said.

"Waco is a heavily weekend town for tourism," Pendergraft said. "We have a lot of companies but not a lot of Fortune 500 or 1000 companies, which is how you get weekday business. With Waco, we have a lot of retail and a few headquarters. We're a leisure town and a tourist town."

Pendergraft said that where Waco used to be a side trip as a part of a larger trip, it is now becoming an end destination. She recalled a tour group that came from New York State to visit Waco, and only Waco, for three or four days. The downtown scene has seen a lot of development over the past years, and Waco has quite a few projects in the works for the future, Pendergraft said.

Mayborn Natural Science and Cultural History Museum Complex opened in 2004. McLane Stadium opened in 2014 and showed that Baylor was a major force in attracting tourists to Waco. When the stadium was built, the team was winning quite a bit, but Baylor was always more than football. The Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation completed construction in 2015, and the Clyde Hart Track and Field Stadium completed construction in 2014. The Rosenbaum Fountain on Fountain Mall was completed and dedicated in 2015.

In October 2015, the Magnolia Silos opened its downtown location on Webster Avenue. Pendergraft said “Fixer Upper” saw a lot happening in downtown Waco and wanted to be a part of it. There was definitely a huge resurgence that started downtown before Magnolia Silos opened, but the Silos have certainly helped, Pendergraft said.

"We were really excited to move from our little shop

on Bosque to downtown at the Silos," Brock Murphy, director of public relations for Magnolia, said. "Downtown has seen great growth over the last couple of years. We have been excited to be one of many businesses to make downtown our home. With the number of people coming to Waco and visiting downtown, we'd love for them to experience the Waco we know and love."

Pendergraft said Magnolia Silos reported 1.9 million visitors for 2016, and the next closest attraction in terms of numbers is the Cameron Park Zoo at 270,000 visitors last year. Murphy said there are anywhere from 20,000 to 30,000 visitors a week at the Magnolia Silos, and Fridays and Saturdays are definitely the busiest days.

"I came here because I have been on a 'Fixer Upper' binge lately," said Lauryn McNeil, Pearland resident and visitor to the Magnolia Silos. "So then I was visiting my friend in Belton, and she offered to go, and I said I was definitely coming."

The Magnolia Silos is a part of the trolley route that goes through downtown Waco, and it has had over 80,000 people ride it since July, Pendergraft said. The trolley makes seven stops, two of which are at free parking spots for the public. The trolley starts at the Riversquare Center, then goes to the Farmer's Market, the Magnolia Market, The Findery and the Backyard Bar Stage & Grill, Balcones Distilling, Austin Avenue boutiques and shops, finally arriving at Dichotomy and the nearby shops before circling back to Riversquare Center.

"Some friends invited me to come. I had never been here before," said Pat McCarty, a magnolia visitor and Fort Worth resident. "I enjoyed my experience. It was very pleasant, very organized and very clean. It was a perfect day because of the weather, I had great macaroni and cheese, and I'm enjoying watching people. I'm impressed with this place."

district runs from Interstate 35 to Jefferson Avenue and 11th Street to the Brazos Riverfront, according to the City of Waco website. Over \$750 million of development activity has been announced since 2007, according to the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce website.

The Brazos Commons Riverfront development is another recently announced project focused on drawing people to the riverfront area that is part of downtown. More information about the Riverfront project funding can be found at <http://waco-chamber.com/chamber/campaigns/riverfront/>.

"I couldn't be more excited," Pendergraft said. "I've been here for 27 years, and it's something we always worked for and hoped towards, but you need help. You just have serendipity happen. With a lot of people working towards this, a little bit of luck and a little bit of serendipity, it's wonderful. I feel fortunate to be here around a lot of hard work by people."

This week in Waco:

>> Today

12 p.m. — Comedian and Mental Health Activist Kevin Breel speaks on depression and mental health. Alexander Reading Room in Alexander Hall.

5-6 p.m. — Clasped Hands in Service information meeting. Baines Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

8:30-9:30 p.m. — Medicine
Man concert. Common
Grounds.

>> Thursday

9-11 a.m. — Clasped Hands in Service information meeting. Baines Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

11 a.m.-3 p.m. — Print a Valentine. Martin Museum of Art.

6 p.m. — Pat McKee and Trammell Kelly perform Jazz. DiamondBack's.

7 p.m. — Sigma Iota Alpha informational meeting. Baines Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

7-8 p.m. — Science Thursdays. Mayborn Museum Complex.

7-9 p.m. — Patric Johnston concert. Dichotomy Coffee & Spirits.

>> Friday

7:30-9:30 p.m. — Love Letters: A Dinner Theatre Evening. Brazos Theatre Group, 7524 Bosque Blvd. Suite Q

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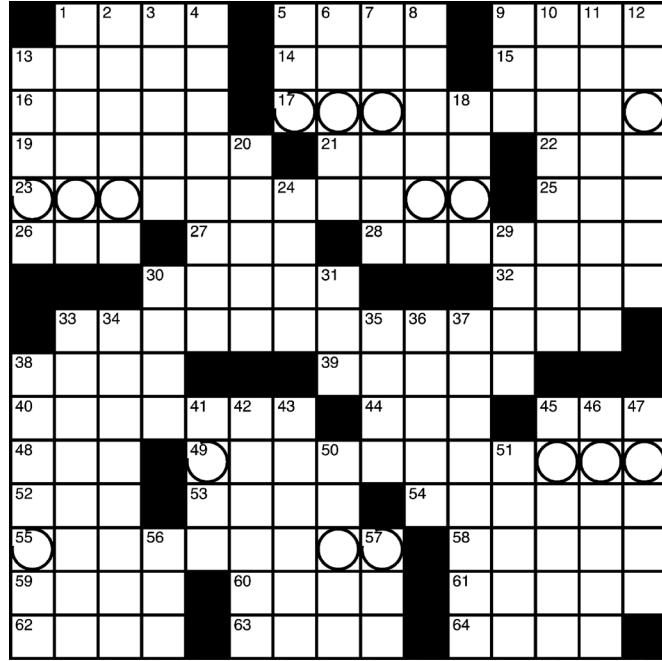
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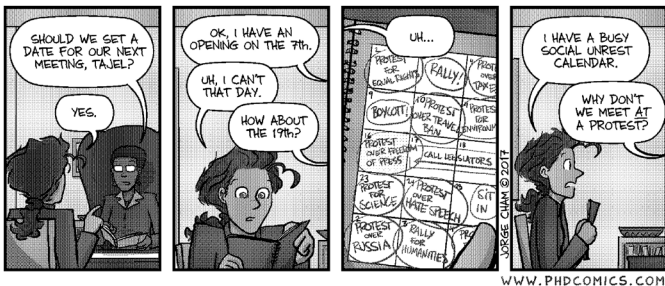
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30 Like logs
31 Bitter ____
33 Snow remover
34 Without a doubt
35 Tasting menu portion

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38 Frozen dessert
41 Play-of-color gem
42 South American capital
43 Australian sextet
45 Lists of nominees
46 Persona non grata
47 “__ Hope”: ’70s-’80s soap
50 Have faith
51 French darling
56 Dawn goddess
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Lady Bears lose game, not hopes

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

The Baylor Lady Bears took a step back in their quest for another Big 12 regular season championship Monday night when they were stunned at home by Texas 85-79 in front of a crowd of 7,054 at the Ferrell Center.

The loss snapped Baylor's 21-game winning streak this season, its 51-game winning streak at the Ferrell Center and a 14-game winning streak over the Longhorns.

All three streaks came crashing down on Monday, as the Longhorns shot 52 percent from the field and four scored in double figures.

However, Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said that records and streaks are only temporary and do not define the Lady Bears.

"I don't know if it stings these kids. I don't know if anything stings kids. I didn't see a tear shed in that locker room," Mulkey said. "We've got to move on. Streaks don't last forever. It's just part of the nature of athletics."

The loss was a hard one to swallow, but the hope for another Big 12 regular season championship did not dwindle away as the clock ran out at the Ferrell Center on Monday. The belief in the team and its capabilities did not diminish as the Lady Bears came out on the wrong side of the scoreboard. Instead, the opportunity to claim another title is in their grasp, and according to Mulkey, it's just a little harder now.

"We can still tie them and win the conference if they win out and go there or something," Mulkey said. "But there are five more big games to play. We are not out of it. It is a little tougher now. We've got three on the road and two at home. It will either be a wakeup call



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

ABOVE THE REST Baylor senior forward Nina Davis goes for a layup against the Oklahoma Sooners on Jan. 29 in Waco. The Lady Bears won the game 92-58.

for some of them or some of them will go in a shell and do like they did tonight."

The Lady Bears have a road contest with TCU and a home game against Oklahoma State before they make the trip to Austin to take on the Longhorns again on Feb. 20. Following the rematch with Texas, the Lady Bears host Texas Tech and take on Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., to end the regular season.

Texas still has road games against Oklahoma and Kansas State on its schedule, as well as

a trip to take on No. 5 Florida State before hosting Baylor and Iowa State.

For Baylor to give itself a chance to claim a share of the Big 12 title, Mulkey will need help from her seniors, guards Alexis Jones and Alexis Prince and forward Nina Davis.

Both Jones and Davis were uncharacteristically quiet in the first half on Monday, as neither of them scored and were zero for six from the floor. In the second 20 minutes, when Baylor got itself back in the game, Jones and

Davis were instrumental in the effort. Jones scored 19 points, 10 in the final quarter and Davis chipped in with eight points. Prince finished with 14 points but scored 12 of them in the first half.

Jones said that moving forward, her and Davis have to play better, starting from the opening tipoff.

"I'm disappointed, upset and mad," Jones said. "But me and Nina just need to figure it out. We're seniors, and we need to figure out these last couple of games."

If both Baylor and Texas win out but the Lady Bears win in Austin, each will claim a share of the Big 12 championship. Baylor can claim an outright championship if it can knock off the Longhorns and hope Texas stumbles somewhere else along the way.

The uphill battle toward the Big 12 title begins Sunday in Fort Worth against TCU.

For Mulkey and the Lady Bears, the effort has to start from the get go, and they have to play with a sense of urgency the entire game.

"You've got to come out of the gates ready to play with focus, with energy, with intensity, and they did," Mulkey said. "Good teams come out of the gates ready to play, and I've been preaching that for weeks now. We scored [on Monday] because we started playing with a sense of urgency."

Baylor beat TCU 77-54 at the Ferrell Center back on Jan. 11. Tipoff is set for 3 p.m. Sunday. The game will air on ESPN2.

Bears look to rebound from current losing streak

BEN EVERETT
Sports Writer

No. 6-ranked Baylor men's basketball looks to bounce back from two straight losses against Oklahoma State at 6 p.m. today in Stillwater, Okla.

The Bears (20-3, 7-3) are in their first losing streak of the season, losing at Kansas and at home against Kansas State last week.

Sophomore guard Jake Lindsey says the losses haven't fazed the team, and they continue to look forward.

"We have an experienced crew," Lindsey said. "We've been through ups and downs. A lot of us have lost big games, so I think we know how to respond."

The Cowboys (15-8, 4-6) are on a five-game winning streak after losing their first six games in conference, including a 61-57 loss in Waco to an undefeated Baylor team.

One of the reasons for Oklahoma State's success is a change in schemes on the defensive end. Baylor head coach Scott Drew is preparing to see a much better defensive team than the last time the two teams played.

"Primarily, we're going to see man-to-man," Drew said. "What they've adjusted is from the denial to a more pressure and gap defense. They've been really sound defensively, and they've done a good job of controlling the glass."

The Cowboys are fifth in the Big 12 Conference in rebounding margin at +4.5

and rank fourth in the league in steals at 8.3 per game.

Despite the improved defense, Drew says, their offense is their best weapon.

"Really, they're scoring offensively," Drew said. "They have the second best [offensive efficiency rating] in the country, and they've got a lot of weapons."

"We've been through ups and downs. A lot of us have lost big games, so I think we know how to respond."

Jake Lindsey |
Men's basketball
sophomore guard

The Cowboys are led by an experienced backcourt of senior Phil Forte III, junior Jeffrey Carroll and sophomore Jawun Evans, all averaging double figures in scoring.

Forte III is a sharpshooter

who is the all-time Oklahoma State leader in three-pointers made, at 304, and leads the entire country in free throw percentage at 94.7 percent.

Carroll, meanwhile, is a big guard that is the only Big 12 player to average 17 points and seven rebounds per game. Moreover, Carroll is shooting an impressive 47.4 percent from distance this season.

Evans, the Cowboys' point guard, is projected as a first-round NBA draft pick. He leads the team in scoring and assists at 18.3 points per game and 5.4 per game, respectively.

Baylor will look toward junior forward Johnathan Motley and junior point guard Menu Lecomte to lead the Bears out of an offensive slump.

Motley, a finalist for the Karl Malone award for best college power forward, leads the team in scoring at 16.2 points per game while pulling down a league-leading 9.8 rebounds per game.

Lecomte, a transfer from Miami, scores 12.3 points per game dishes out 4.3 assists per game, and leads the team in minutes played at 30.1 minutes per game.

Oklahoma State leads the all-time series 54-25, including a 26-6 mark in Stillwater, Okla., but has only a 15-13 advantage overall since Drew took over the Baylor program.


Following the road contest, Baylor returns to play TCU at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Ferrell Center.

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