



# Student Senate passes Title IX bill

**THOMAS MOTT**  
Reporter

The Baylor Student Senate passed a bill that helps create awareness for the new changes to the Title IX office, SR64-13, on Thursday night.

During the senate meeting, San Antonio junior Paige Hardy, member of the student body president’s cabinet and sexual assault victim\* spoke in front of the entire Student Senate about her story and the improvements she hopes to make on campus regarding Title IX.

“I am not up here just to complain about the system. I’m not here to admonish anyone in particular. I’m here to say this campus has problems, and I have solutions, both simple and complex, which I want to be heard,” Hardy said.

Hardy said she supports the extensive changes to the Title IX Office; however, she argued that students have not properly been made aware of the new changes to the program, which include establishing Title IX obligations as in institutional priority, engaging in measures that will instill a consistent institutional understanding of Title IX obligations and committing sufficient infrastructure and resources for effective Title IX implementation.

One issue Hardy brought up is that there are still many fliers throughout campus that have Patty Crawford as the current Title IX coordinator. Crawford

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**CELEBRATE** The Baylor and Waco communities came together to enjoy Latin American culture and heritage on Thursday evening in the Vera Martin Daniel Plaza. The event was hosted by the Hispanic Student Association.

# Join the Fiesta!

Student organization hosts Latin American celebration

**PABLO GONZALES**  
Assistant Web Editor

Vera Martin Daniel Plaza resonated with the sounds and colors of Latin America on Thursday evening during Fiesta!, Baylor’s all-university celebration of Latino culture and heritage.

Fiesta!, hosted by the Hispanic Student Association in conjunction with the Baylor Activities Council, is an annual tradition that brings a Latin flare to the Baylor campus.

Attracting both the Baylor and Waco communities, the goal of this event is to promote a cultural exploration of Latin America in a fun and relaxed setting, said Houston junior Damian Moncada, president of Hispanic Student Association.

“Fiesta! brings the culture of Latin America and South America to Baylor,” said Houston freshman Gabriela Fierro, special events chair for Hispanic Student Association. “This event showcases than the stereotypes that we have

and it allows people to enjoy the music and culture of Latin and South America.”

The Hispanic Student Association partnered with the Baylor Activities Council to present this event. With attendance increasing every year, the BAC looks forward to working with the Hispanic Student Association in making this event happen.

“We have worked with [the Hispanic

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# Fraternity to hold ‘Dodge for a Cause’ fundraiser



**IF YOU CAN DODGE A WRENCH, YOU CAN DODGE A BALL** Beta Kappa Gamma is hosting Dodge for a Cause tonight in Russell Gym.

**RACHEL SMITH**  
Reporter

Students will dodge balls but not the chance to help people in need during Beta Kappa Gamma’s Dodge for a Cause tonight from 6 to 10 p.m. in Russell Gym.

Beta Kappa Gamma will donate all funds raised through the event to the American Cancer Society during Relay for Life. Amman, Jordan, senior Abdullah Ghali said he expects about 20 teams to compete in the tournament.

“There’s not too much Baylor support for [Relay for Life], so it

is a good way to make an impact,” Ghali said.

Tournament participants pay \$10 to play and receive a T-shirt and food. They will compete in teams of six to win trophies, \$200 in gift cards and \$300 in cash prizes.

“It’s a pretty big impact for a lot of our brothers,” said Irving senior Sherwin Thomas. “[American Cancer Society] is definitely something that we want to support.”

Thomas also serves on Baylor’s committee for Relay for Life, which will take place

from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. on March 31 at Fountain Mall. Relay for Life, American Cancer Society’s signature fundraiser, takes place at locations across the nation where team members take turns walking around a track for six to 24 hours to fundraise for the organization.

“You can also fundraise for that, and you can also make a team with your friends for that as well,” Thomas said.

Another member, Los Angeles senior Jon Alexander, said a Beta Kappa Gamma alumnus started

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# BU business school hosts global forum

**MEGAN RULE**  
Staff Writer

This year’s Global Business Forum, a conference held by Baylor University and the McBride Center for International Business, brought the world economy to the Hankamer School of Business by focusing on the future of Europe.

“The overall purpose of this whole series of global business forums is part of the educational mission of the business school,” said Dr. Stephen Gardner, professor of economics and director of the McBride Center for International Business. “Sometimes we organize academic conferences that are just researchers talking to other researchers, but for this, when we contact the speakers, we let them know that a large part of the

audience will be Baylor students.”

Throughout the week, various events and speakers were scheduled to educate students about a major global issue: the future of Europe. Gardner said that in looking at major global issues and what’s big in the world right now, Europe was in the forefront. Since World War II, Europe has been moving in one direction, and that is growth, Gardner said. The European Union (EU) has been growing in size and depth, but in the last few years, two major factors have hindered the growth of the EU. Considering the recent economic recession as well as the immigration crisis, a political reaction has been sparked.

“In other years, this has focused on the Middle East, energy and healthcare and a wide range of

other topics,” Gardner said. “This year, we’re focusing on Europe because this is a really pivotal time in the history of Europe.”

The week kicked off with a film and discussion on Monday afternoon titled “After Brexit: The Struggle for Europe.” Tuesday night, the keynote dinner was held with a presentation by speaker Michael Frenkel, professor of economics and associate dean for international relations and diversity at the WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management in Koblenz, Germany.

Thursday was a full day of action as events took place from 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The day started with Jorge



**IT’S JUST BUSINESS** Dr. Aránzazu Narbona, associate professor at Saint Louis University’s campus in Madrid, Spain, speaks at a roundtable called “The View from Southern Europe.”

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EDITORIAL

# Don't forget about the space jam

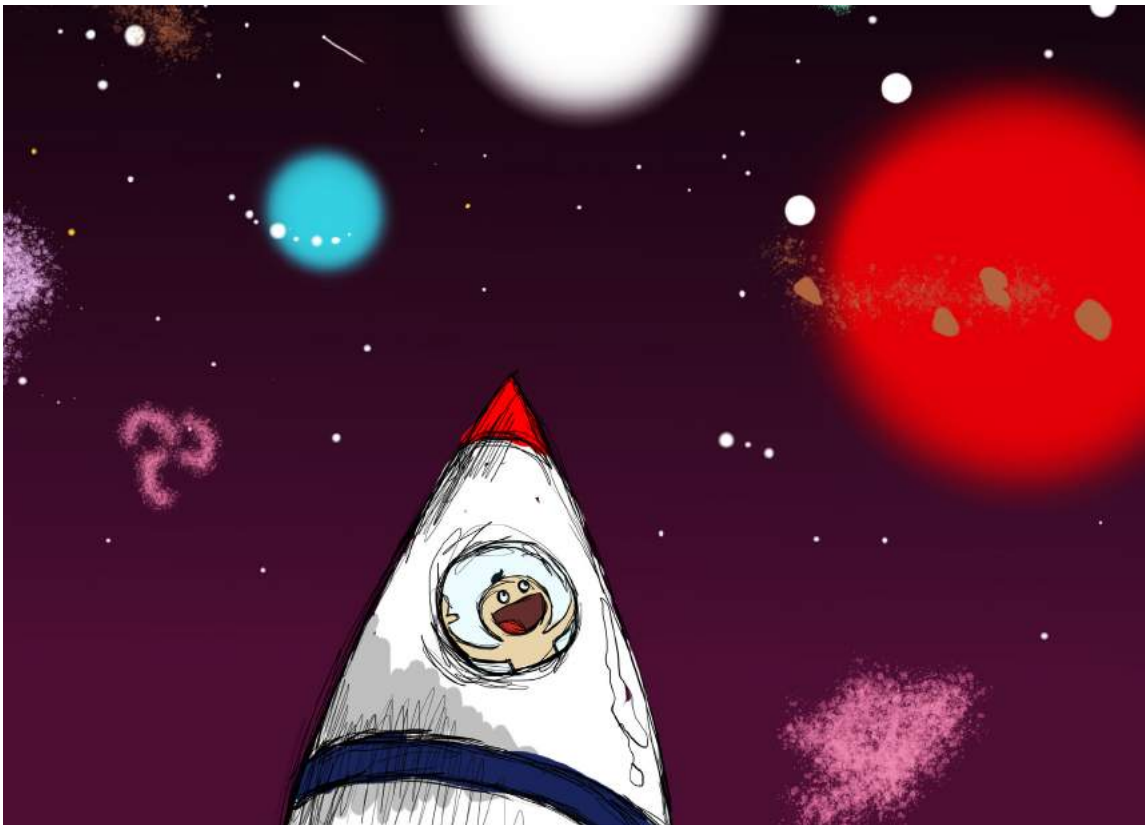
Following World War II, conflicts between the Soviet Union and the United States spurred the Cold War. Tensions between the countries remained strained during this period and the two powers turned their attention to the skies, beginning the race for space and technological superiority.

From 1961 to 1964, NASA's budget increased by nearly 500 percent and the organization employed 34,000 people, as well as used 375,000 industrial and contracting employees, according to the History Channel. The space race concluded with the successful landing of the Apollo 11 spacecraft, and Neil Armstrong's famous first walk on the moon.

During this time, the public was attuned to NASA's work and developments made by both the U.S. and Soviet Union were given priority in the national media. This was stimulated by the new use of television and portrayed astronauts as American heroes — a job to be revered by others.

Post space race triumph, both the public and the government's interest began to dwindle. Funding has been gradually cut from the NASA program since then, and a Plan for Potential Government Shutdown was created and listed as "Due to Lapse of Funding," in September of 2015.

President Donald Trump's campaign has since made threats to NASA and space exploration, which clearly validated private companies to take over space exploration. This would conflict with the work that NASA is currently doing, including work on the international space station, which was founded by the United States and to which they are



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

committed until 2024.

NASA has recently discovered seven habitable planets around a nearby star (40 light-years from Earth). This is the largest-ever number of hospitable-zone planets found around a single star outside of the Milky Way. NASA's continued research has led to a discovery that greatly impacts us here on Earth.

By being able to look at the environments of planets that have yet to be altered by humans, scientists have a chance to better understand the planet we live on. It is also another step toward finding life outside of our planet — or the

"are we alone," question, Thomas Zurbuchen, associate administrator of the agency's Science Mission Directorate in Washington, said.

These planets were discovered by the Spitzer Space Telescope, which has been launched for nearly 5,000 days, according to the satellite's mission site. The technology that made the telescope possible began in 1983 with the first sky survey with thermal infrared wavelengths. The NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory site predicts that this began a new era of astronomical exploration. A number of other space-based experiments made their way

into the sky over the years, but the Spitzer has observed farther and with greater depth than any other scientific item before.

The discovery of these planets was celebrated by the science world, and was given a media presence for a short time in the public's eye.

Discoveries like these are not to be pushed aside. Each time a star is discovered or a new technology is created, scientists work to better understand the world we live in, as well as put our minuscule planet into perspective.

The sheer amount of time and brain power put into the smallest astronomical discovery is overwhelming. The camera equipment that has been developed, the mathematics and astronomical knowledge that had to be applied to engineering and the technicalities involved in space travel all come together into one marvelous creation.

The overwhelming lack of interest and funding for NASA and of similar entities is not acceptable. Both the government and public must begin to realize that without the continued study of space, the understanding of the Earth we live on is placed on hold.

Begin to take part. The simplest actions show a change in the attitude of space exploration. Look at space imaging, whether on an Instagram account or a website dedicated to the art.

Write to your local representatives and let them know that space is something that needs to matter to all.

Change is not made in a day, but neither is the discovery of the planets.

LARIAT LETTER

## African-American incarceration is an epidemic in the US

Mass incarceration is a national epidemic, and we must recognize the necessity of advocating for criminal justice reform – regardless of party identification, religious affiliation, or other differences. According to a Brown University student's research, today, there are more African-American individuals involved in the justice system than there were slaves in 1850, and according to The National Employment Law Project, an estimated 65 million Americans have a criminal record. Too many individuals have been affected by the justice system, and we must do more as a community to ensure that these horrifying statistics become a part of our nation's past.

Instead of continuing the status-quo of criminal justice, why not focus on advocacy for fair sentencing and rehabilitation? Why not work to abolish mandatory minimums, reform drug policy and provide a hand up to those with criminal records? Each and every one of us can make a difference in the fight for reform. Work with lawmakers and local businesses to enact fair chance hiring policies, or donate your time to organizations that work alongside justice involved citizens. Doing your part to simply reduce the stigma of criminal records can help these individuals get the encouragement and resources they need to successfully reintegrate back into society.

The current system has caused more harm than good in our society. Instead of treating drug use as a health concern, our justice system throws non-violent individuals in overcrowded jails and prisons for extensive sentences – instead of helping them obtain the recovery resources they need. The traditional "tough on crime" approach pits low socio-economic communities against law enforcement – causing extreme tension that can stretch for generations. I long for a society that prioritizes rehabilitation over excessive punishment, and one that assists in the reintegration of justice-involved citizens in order to prevent future recidivism. These individuals are faced with a lifetime of stigma due to their record, and are in need of community assistance and support. I hope that reform is near. A shift in our approach to criminal justice would make our streets safer, our communities more harmonious, and our society more just.

Nan Tolson, McKinney Senior

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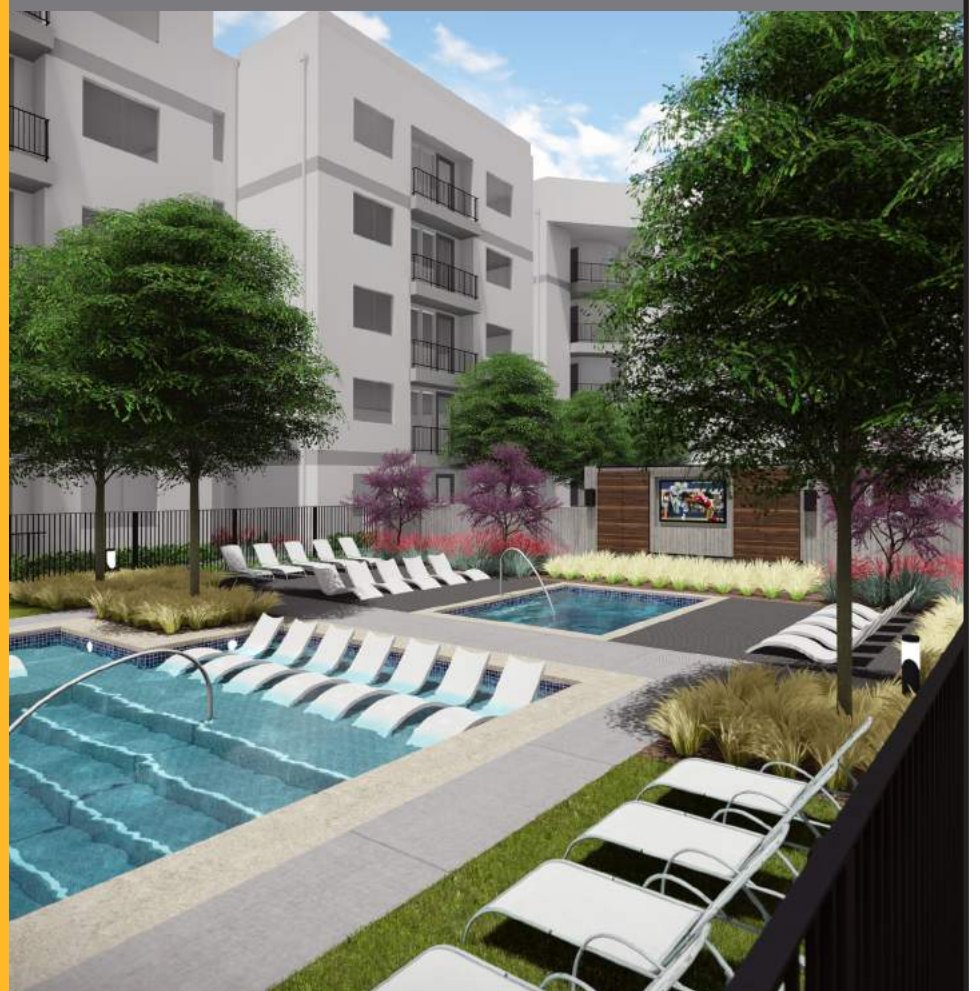
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resigned from her position as Title IX Coordinator in October of 2016 and was replaced by Kristen Tucker.

Hardy said both she and other sexual assaults victims she knows were not informed by Baylor that Patty Crawford had resigned or that a new Title IX coordinator had been hired.

The current Title IX coordinator, Tucker, is responsible to “Oversee the investigation and resolution of matters involving sexual and gender-based harassment and intimate partner violence as well as coordinate the University’s Title IX training, prevention programming, and outreach in this area,” according to the Baylor Title IX website.

During the meeting, Hardy also said she had been wanting to start a support group for sexual assault victims only to find out through a friend that the Title IX Office already offers such a group through the Baylor Counseling Center. She said she was never notified personally, as a victim, that a support group was available to her.

“This is an issue that needs to be changed. The victims need more transparency. They need a place to go. I think [the bill] is a great way for students to say ‘Hey, we have an idea. Let’s try to fix it.’” said Waco junior and Student Senator Elizabeth Larson.

Hardy also said it took the Title IX Office four months to respond to her request for counseling regarding her assault.

The recent changes to the Title IX Office result from the

Pepper Hamilton investigation into Baylor’s handling of sexual assaults at Baylor over the past couple of years. The Pepper Hamilton report called Baylor’s response to acts of sexual assault “wholly inadequate.” There were more than 100 changes made by Baylor regarding its Title IX Office following the recommendations stemming from the Pepper Hamilton report.

The Baylor Title IX website states, “We want to make sure that anyone who reports experiences related to such discrimination feels safe, knows her or his rights and is aware of all available resources and options to continue to have the opportunity to be successful.”

Hardy concluded her senate speech by saying that this will be the first of multiple bills focusing on Title IX, but that this first one is simple and to the point.

“The first bill can be summarized in one sentence: The Title IX department is changing, and students should know about it,” Hardy said.

“But as difficult as this is for me, I know other survivors have it much, much worse. I don’t see my attackers regularly. They aren’t athletes who’s pictures are posted on the walls of our campus, nor are they involved in executive positions of organizations. So here I stand for them,” Hardy said.

\*: Typically, the Lariat does not identify the victims of sexual assault, however, Hardy’s name appeared on bill SR64-13 and Hardy agreed to having her name in print.

# Women’s History Month inspires young women

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Staff Writer

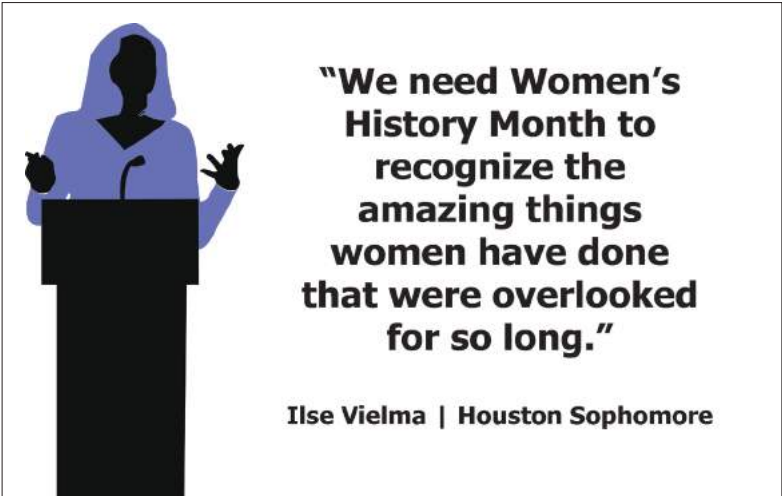
Houston junior Ilse Vielma said it wasn’t until this year when she took a women’s rhetoric in writing class that she began to recognize that there was an intentional effort to hide women’s accomplishments throughout history.

“We need Women’s History Month to recognize the amazing things women have done that were overlooked for so long,” Vielma said.

According to [womenshistorymonth.gov](http://womenshistorymonth.gov), Women’s History Project petitioned Congress asking that March 1987 be named Women’s History Month. Congress agreed, and every year since 1988, U.S. presidents have issued proclamations naming March Women’s History Month.

“Personally, as a young minority woman in college, it is easy for me to get overwhelmed and want to quit, but having these women to look up to, especially in my field of psychology, encourages me,” Vielma said. “Women’s History Month helps me see all the women who have come before me, who have had way more obstacles to overcome than I do. Then I know I can make it through, too.”

Yankton, S.D., sophomore Johanna Lippert said coming to college allowed her to see women in a different light. That is why, as a community leader in Brooks Residential College, Lippert said she wants to teach her residents about women’s history this month.



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“I want my residents to have a space where they can talk about the expectations on women-maybe expectations others have put on them or maybe expectations they’ve put on themselves,” Lippert said. “I hope I’m able to give my residents a chance to process some things they haven’t sorted out since coming to college about what it means to be a woman today.”

Lippert said she always knew she wanted to have a career and never saw herself in more traditional roles as a woman. She said she still sometimes feels bad about not wanting a family, or if she had a family, wanting to put her kids in daycare so she could continue to have a career through motherhood. Lippert said coming to Baylor and seeing female professors who manage a career and family or don’t have a family

was empowering to her.

“In college, one of the biggest things I’ve learned is that I get to choose my own path,” Lippert said. “It is pretty liberating to see all of my own potential for the first time. Especially seeing powerful women in a Christian community-sometimes the way people interpret scripture makes me feel I must be a certain way as a woman, but seeing people all over the spectrum at Baylor has been amazing for my mindset.”

Lippert said she thinks people don’t really think about how recent some of the changes and advances for women are and that there are a lot of issues that haven’t been worked out yet. Lippert said she hopes to use her position as a community leader to empower her residents and draw attention to Women’s History Month.

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Student Association] for seven years now,” said Fort Worth junior Kymille Brown, program coordinator for the Baylor Activities Council. “[The Hispanic Student Association] is a very motivated organization. They are very organized and have all of their ducks in a row.”

This year, Fiesta! featured live performances from Mariachi groups and Folklorico cultural dancers along with free food from Fuego, games and interactive activities such as ring toss, giant connect-four and a photo booth.

“This year, we are being more holistic,” Moncada said. “We are comprising more Latin American cultures other than just Mexico. I think people are used to seeing Tex-Mex culture and not really Latino culture, and so this year we are showcasing all of the Latin American countries by showcasing the food, culture and dance of these places.”

Fiesta!, provided the Baylor community with an opportunity to learn more about other cultures and celebrate the differences among

people.

“It’s fitting that Hispanic Student Association puts on Fiesta!,” said Macarena Hernandez, the faculty adviser of Hispanic Student Association and the Fred Hartman distinguished professor of journalism. “It’s a way to break bread with people we might not with otherwise and make interpersonal connections. It’s a way to cross ethnic lines in a fun way. What better way than through music and food?”



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**NEW BILL** Baylor Student Senate discusses passing a new bill to promote the changes made to the Title IX office on Thursday.

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# Trump’s new budget may affect Waco art

**RYLEE SEAVERS**  
Staff Writer

The White House unveiled President Donald Trump’s budget plan on Thursday, which proposes eliminating the National Endowment for the Arts. The budget, titled “America First - A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again,” must pass through the House and Senate budget committees and a vote on the House and Senate floors in order to be adopted, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. The budget can be amended in the House and Senate.

The National Endowment for the Arts’ purpose is to promote equal access to the arts for all Americans. Its appropriation for 2016 was \$147.9 million, which is .004 percent of the national budget, a majority of which went to benefit people with fewer opportunities to participate in the arts, according to its website.

“An advanced civilization must not limit its efforts to science and technology alone but must give full value and support to the other great branches of scholarly and cultural activity in order to achieve a better understanding of the past, a better analysis of the present, and a better view of the future,” reads a portion of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 which established the National Endowment for the Arts.

Some of the National Endowment for the Arts’ grant-making budget is awarded directly to states to fund local artists and art projects, while the rest is awarded directly to organizations, according to its website.

“The National Endowment for the Arts gives grants to organizations that very often make the difference in whether or not they will stay above water,” said Dr. David A. Smith, Baylor professor in the department of history.

Smith said outreach is the first thing these organizations will cut, meaning that they will no longer be able to have external programs like those in schools that expose children to the arts. Additionally, many small art activities will disappear in communities across the nation because they are no longer receiving National Endowment for the Arts funding, Smith said.

The Waco Art Center is one local organization that has been impacted by the National Endowment for the Arts through grants, said Meg Gilbert director of the Waco Art Center. These grants help the Art Center fund children’s program and various exhibits. The danger is, if congress approves Trump’s budget plan and abolishes the National Endowment for the Arts, the money would not be available for the grants that are vital to the Art Center’s operation, Gilbert said.

“I like to think that the mark of a



Dayday Wynn | Lariat Photographer

**EXPRESS YOURSELF** The Martin Museum showcases art of many forms, including sculptures such as the one above. If President Donald Trump’s budget plan were to pass, art in Waco funded by the NEA could be affected.

successful community is a thriving arts culture,” Gilbert said.

The National Endowment for the Arts does have some support in Congress. On Feb. 15, 24 U.S. senators sent a letter to President Trump expressing their support for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities, which would also be de-funded if the budget is approved. The letter says that the work of these organizations is vital to education and the economy within the United States.

National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu said in a statement on Thursday that they are disappointed in the proposal to eliminate the National Endowment for the Arts because they see its funding has positive impacts in

communities in every congressional district in the United States. Chu also said that the National Endowment for the Arts will continue to operate until a budget is finalized.

Smith said that everyone can benefit from experiencing the arts, and if the National Endowment for the Arts’ budget were to be doubled, there would still be things they could not do.

“Democracy demands wisdom and vision in its citizens,” The National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 states. “It must therefore foster and support a form of education and access to the arts and the humanities, designed to make people of all backgrounds and wherever located masters of their technology and not its unthinking servants.”

## DODGEBALL

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Dodge for a Cause five years ago because he felt a strong urge to assist in cancer research.

“Everybody likes to play dodgeball,” Alexander said. “You don’t have to be athletic to play it. It’s a perfect opportunity to have fun and help the community.”

The tournament is open to Baylor students as well as people from Texas State Technical College, McLennan Community College and the city of Waco.

“I’ve actually made a lot of friends through Dodge for a Cause,” Alexander said. “It’s a great way to meet new people. I really enjoy that aspect.”

Ghali said planning for the event starts in December and includes finding sponsors, assigning roles such as referees and purchasing merchandise. Sponsors donate gift cards for winners, and the fraternity advertises the event with banners around campus.

“My favorite thing is when every single thing we’ve been planning falls together,” Ghali said. “That’s the most satisfactory thing for me.”

Beta Kappa Gamma is a small multicultural service fraternity that was founded in 1999 at the University of Texas in Austin. Baylor’s chapter began in 2010.

“Because we’re so small, we have more opportunities to grow together as actual brothers,” Alexander said.

Thomas said he was not interested in Greek life when he first came to Baylor, but then he saw the connections among the brothers in Beta Kappa Gamma.

“Doing both service and having fun as well really appealed to me,” Thomas said. “My favorite part is definitely the brotherhood-just being able to know that anyone will come to help you at any time. Both good times and bad times, everyone is there for you.”

All members of Beta Kappa Gamma worked together to make Dodge for a Cause happen.

“It’s a great way to have fun while still supporting a great cause,” Thomas said.

## BUSINESS

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Zukoski, former senior business development representative for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Corey D. Munn, global business manager in the Advanced Materials Division of 3M, giving a presentation about the view from Eastern Europe.

Andreas Schultz, regional president and CFO of Ottobock North America and Andrea Glorioso, counselor for the digital economy for the Delegation of the European Union to the USA, gave a presentation about medical and information technology in Europe.

The keynote luncheon was

presented by Nicolas Veron, senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

The afternoon activities started with a presentation about the European political and social environment by James Hollifield, professor of political science and director of the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies at Southern Methodist University, and Mitchell P. Smith, associate dean of academic affairs in the College of International Studies and the Max and Heidi Berry chair and professor in the department of international and area studies at the University of


Oklahoma.

The day ended with a presentation about the view from southern Europe by Aránzazu Narbona, associate professor of economics at the Saint Louis University in Madrid, and Michalis Nikiforos, a research scholar at the Levy Economics Institute of Bard College.

“The Global Business Forum conferences have enabled us to expose our students to the views of experts on important international issues,” Dr. Joseph McKinney, professor of economics and senior research fellow at the McBride Center for International Business,


wrote in an email to the Lariat. “Being able to learn first-hand from and interact with these experts helps to broaden the views of our students (and faculty) to a global perspective on many issues. I have considered the time and effort invested in organizing these meetings well-spent.”

The week closes today with a student competition organized by the Global Business Connect group that is a challenge to discuss the future of the EU after Brexit. The competition will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. in Foster 144 and is open to the public.



The Zeta Chi Alumnae Association of Alpha Delta Pi would like to congratulate our Baylor ADPi sisters for SWEEPING the 2017 SING Students’ Choice Awards: Overall Act, Costumes and Theme! Way to go ladies of ADPi for your awesome “Swan’s Shadow” act! Special “diamond love” for the SING Chairs: Victoria Finley, Morgan Burford, Brooklynn Mann, Kaitlyn Pecue and Meghan Haeker!

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Dublin over with laughter



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

**LUCK O’ THE BRAZOS** On Friday and Saturday, the Brazos Theatre Group will be performing “Murder Most Green,” an improv, interactive murder mystery show. They will be serving an Irish-themed dinner for guests who would like to enjoy a full dinner with their show.

Theater group brings gold to stage

KASSIDY WOYTEK  
Reporter

The Brazos Theatre Group is celebrating St. Patrick’s Day with an Irish-themed mystery, “Murder Most Green,” where audience members can interact with actors to try and pinpoint the killer.

The show begins with the murder of Patrick Flaherty, the owner of a plant nursery. An eclectic group of his relatives and employees gather to discuss the murder, but it’s up to the audience to crack the case.

Melora Roach, who plays Flaherty’s widow, said the show relies heavily on crowd involvement. Audience members will have several opportunities to interrogate each character, and guests can submit their pick for the murderer at the end of the show. Those who guess correctly will win a free T-shirt.

“It’s 100 percent audience participation,” Roach said. “You can interact, so it’s not just sitting and watching. You’re a part of what we’re doing.”

Roach described the show as a cross between an improv show

and a straight play. Cast members prepare by studying their characters’ backgrounds and alibis from a character sheet. Some bits of dialogue are memorized, but they also improvise when responding to questions from the audience.

“It’s something that people think you have to drive to Dallas or Austin to participate in,” Roach said, “but it’s here, right around the corner.”

Cast member Dr. Joel Michaelis, who received his doctorate at Baylor, said actors and audience members alike might be surprised by the murderer’s identity.

“We know the specifics of our character, and that’s it,” Michaelis said. “Not only does my character not know [the killer’s identity], but I, Joel, do not know.”

Michaelis said his favorite part of being in a show like “Murder Most Green” is meeting talented actors from all across the Waco area. When he’s not practicing his Irish accent for his performance as Rory O’Casey, Michaelis serves as the campus dean for Navarro College.

“One of the interesting things about any kind of community theater

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**Where:**  
The Brazos Theatre Group,  
7524 Bosque Blvd. Suite Q.

is that you get people from all walks of life with different levels of educations and different types of jobs,” Michaelis said.

Both Michaelis and Roach have been involved in the Brazos Theatre Group since its inception in 2013.

Founding Director Beth Richards said she had the idea for the group

because dinner theater was a form of entertainment Waco didn’t offer at the time.

Besides mysteries like “Murder Most Green,” the Brazos Theatre Group also offers improv comedy shows on the first Friday of every month.

“At the Brazos Theatre, we’re all about entertainment,” Richards said. “Every time you come to our theater, you’re going to leave with a smile on your face.”

Richards said she encourages Baylor students to come wearing their best St. Patrick’s Day attire. The winner for best costume will receive a prize from the theatre after the show.

An Irish dinner will also be served to those who purchase the dinner theater ticket. The dinner is catered by Patti’s Kitchen and will include salad, rolls, corned beef, beverages, dessert and, of course, roast potatoes.

Those wishing to play detective for a night can purchase a ticket on the Brazos Theatre Group’s website. With a student discount, a general admission ticket costs \$14.50, and a ticket that includes dinner costs \$25.50.

This weekend in Waco:

>> Today

**All day**— Waco Annual Charity Open. Disc Golf. Brazos Park East & Cameron Park.

**8 a.m.-7 p.m.**— Spring at the Silos. Magnolia Market.

**6:30-8:30 p.m.**— “Murder Most Green.” 7524 Bosque Blvd. Suite Q.

**6:30-10 p.m.**— St. Patrick’s Feast of the Isles. Provender Store.

**8-11 p.m.**— Blue Water Highway performs. \$10. Common Grounds.

>> Saturday

**All day**— Waco Annual Charity Open. Disc Golf. Brazos Park East & Cameron Park.

**8 a.m.-7 p.m.**— Spring at the Silos. Magnolia Market.

**9 a.m.-1 p.m.**— Waco Downtown Farmers Market. 500 Washington Ave.

**9 a.m.-6 p.m.**— Heart of Texas Airshow. TSTC Waco Airport.

**1-4 p.m.**— “Saddle Up” Skadoo. East Terrace Historic Home, 100 Mill St.

**2-11:30p.m.**— Illetric River Music Festival. McLane Stadium.

**6:30-8:30 p.m.**— “Murder Most Green.” 7524 Bosque Blvd. Suite Q.

**6:30-8:30 p.m.**— Farm to Table Dinner with Happy Harvest. The Homegrown Farm, 2316 Hamilton Drive.

**7:30-9:30 p.m.**— By George! Waco Hall.

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Today’s Puzzles

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- 1 “Oopsy”
  - 6 Grand Prix component
  - 9 In things
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  - 15 Subject preceder
  - 16 Laboratory scam?
  - 18 Saves, say
  - 19 Challenge
  - 20 Like some flushes
  - 22 Missed the mark
  - 24 Spike TV, once
  - 25 Nile threats
  - 28 Snubbing a testimonial?
  - 33 Take for a while
  - 35 B to C, e.g.
  - 36 Call off
  - 37 Something shared on a plane
  - 40 Pres. when Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka was decided
  - 41 “The Social Contract” author
  - 43 Hindu ascetics
  - 45 John Deere rep?
  - 48 Old Nair rival
  - 49 “You betcha!”
  - 50 Mozart opera ending
  - 52 Spendthrift
  - 56 Hospital test
  - 60 Large deep-water fish
  - 61 Ordinary law office employee?
  - 63 Actor Auberjonois
  - 64 Relaxed
  - 65 Refresh, as a cup of coffee
  - 66 Participants in some awkward meetings
  - 67 Case breaker, perhaps
  - 68 Flower holders

- Down**
- 1 Category for non-recurring pd. bills
  - 2 1979 disco classic
  - 3 Payment that’s posted
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- 10 Not backing
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- 12 First family member
- 14 Poet’s concern
- 17 Short
- 21 Being
- 23 Throw into turmoil
- 25 On the ball
- 26 Monterrey title
- 27 “The Taming of the Shrew” setting
- 29 Obsessive idea metaphor
- 30 Caravan assembler
- 31 Common Sundance entry
- 32 Notice from Shakespeare?
- 34 Time for eggs

- 38 Worked on, as a cold case
- 39 Fold, spindle or mutilate
- 42 Crop cutters
- 44 Buck
- 46 Gin
- 47 Other, in Oaxaca
- 51 Slopes
- 52 Had on
- 53 Top
- 54 Fit to be tried
- 55 Student’s request
- 57 Vacation spot
- 58 Jack-in-the-pulpit family
- 59 Gets caught off guard
- 62 The ANC’s country



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## Men's basketball ready for madness

**NATHAN KEIL**  
Sports Writer

The regular season has come and gone. Conference championships have been won. It has all led to this: the NCAA tournament.

Baylor seeks to win its first tournament game since 2014, when it advanced to the Sweet 16. The Bears have been bounced out of the NCAA tournament the last two seasons in the round of 64, losing 79-75 to No. 12-seed Yale in 2016 and 57-56 to No. 14 Georgia State in 2015.

With that being said, the first challenge for the No. 3-seed Baylor Bears (25-7) in the East Region is the No. 14-seed New Mexico State Aggies (28-5).

Despite being the higher seed in the previous two tournaments, Baylor traveled to Providence, R.I., and Jacksonville, Fla., for its round of 64 games. The Bears have the opportunity to play their first two rounds in Tulsa, Okla., this season. Head coach Scott Drew is hoping that playing closer to home will serve as a benefit to the Bears.

"I'm excited that we're playing closer to home because after playing basically in Yale's backyard and after Jacksonville, that was closer to Georgia State," Drew said. "After the last two years having the other teams having their teams, it's nice to have Baylor Nation at their place."

Even playing closer to home will not guarantee a first-round win for the Bears as they will still have to deal with the doubts of early-tournament exits the last two years.

Sophomore guard Jake Lindsey believes the pressure to win, especially after two consecutive first-round exits, isn't a factor.

"You [the media] create pressure," Lindsey said. "The pressure really isn't real if you think about it. It's just something you create to make a narrative, to make something more interesting. We play basketball. It's an opportunity, not a burden."

Senior Ishmail Wainright, who has made the NCAA tournament in all four of his years at Baylor, said the only thing the team is concerned about is Friday.

"We are just focused on New Mexico State," Wainright said. "Trying to stay positive. That's our mindset. One game at a time. They're a great team, led by a great PG [point guard]."

Baylor and New Mexico State are not completely unfamiliar to each other. The two schools have played each of the past two seasons with the Bears winning 85-70 in 2015 and 66-55 in 2014.

Drew does not believe that these past two games will have any impact come game time.

"There is no perfect



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

**ON THE DRIVE TO PHOENIX** Baylor junior guard Manu Lecomte drives toward the lane in a game against Kansas on Feb. 18 in Waco. The Bears lost the game 65-63. Baylor's road to the Final Four starts at 11:40 a.m. today as the Bears take on New Mexico State in the Round of 64 in Tulsa, Okla.

scenario. We can't say that we are going to beat them because we know them or because we're playing in this facility," Drew said. "That's the beauty of a 40-minute game. It's a small sample size and anything can happen."

New Mexico State boasts the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Player of the Year in senior guard Ian Baker. Baker averages 16.6 points and four assists per contest. Drew and the Bears have seen his play up close

before and know the type of game that he is capable of having against them.

"The good thing is we played against him a couple of years ago at the Ferrell Center, and two years ago, he had 21 points against us, so we know

he's a really good player," Drew said. "He can shoot the three, get fouled, got a good float game, and he's good around the rim. The fact that we've played against him and he's done really well against us—we don't have to work hard to sell him to our guys."

Aggies' junior guard Braxton Huggins and redshirt sophomore forward Eli Chuha also average double figures in the scoring column with a scoring average of 13 points apiece.

The other side of the battle for Baker will be the health of Baylor junior guard Manu Lecomte. Lecomte, the second leading scorer for Drew this season at 12 points a game, played sparingly against Kansas State in the Big 12 tournament quarterfinal and missed both the West Virginia and Texas games.

Drew said Lecomte is healthy and ready to go.

"Manu is doing good. It's been great to have him practice," Drew said. "That's big for not only him to get back in rhythm, but get the other guys back in rhythm of playing with him. It's been good getting him in a stance and playing some defense."

The Bears and Aggies will tip at 11:40 a.m. today and play for a berth in the round of 32 against the winner of the No. 6-seed SMU and No. 11-seed USC. The game will air on truTV.

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**THROWING HIMSELF INTO SUCCESS** Baylor redshirt junior right-handed pitcher Alex Phillips delivers a pitch in a game against Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Feb. 28 in Waco. The Bears won the game 17-3.

# Baseball looks forward to Big 12 play

down with the ball, you know your guys can make a play behind you.”

Hill credits the chemistry of the team and willingness to work every day for the Bears’ rise to national prominence.

“You’ve heard everyone say that we have good chemistry, but it’s really true,” Hill said. “You can see it on and off the field every day we come. Everyone’s ready to show up and just play baseball.”

The Bears and Mountaineers play at 8 p.m. tonight, 3:05 p.m. tomorrow and 11:05 a.m. on Sunday, all at Baylor Ballpark.

# The 23rd Annual BEALL POETRY FESTIVAL

A black and white portrait of Chloe Honum, a woman with long dark hair, looking directly at the camera. The portrait is set against a light background and is framed by a thin black border.

*Today*  
**MARCH 17**

A color portrait of Micheal O'Siadhail, a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a suit and tie. The portrait is set against a dark background and is framed by a thin black border.

**3:30 PM**

Poetry Panel Moderated by  
**Chloe Honum**

in Carroll Science Building, Room 101

**7:00 PM**

**Micheal  
O'Siadhail**

in Kayser Auditorium  
(Hankamer)

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**Virginia Beall Ball Lecture on Contemporary Poetry:**  
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March 15th  
Poetry Reading by  
**Caitriona O'Reilly**

A color portrait of Margaret Mills Harper, a woman with long blonde hair, smiling. The portrait is set against a light background and is framed by a thin black border.

March 16th  
**Margaret Mills Harper**  
The Virginia Beall Ball  
Lecture in Contemporary  
Poetry: "The Allegiance  
of a Pocket Mirror: Vona  
Groarke's Imagination"

A color portrait of Adian Rice, a man with short dark hair and a beard, wearing a dark shirt. The portrait is set against a light background and is framed by a thin black border.

March 16th  
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