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Faculty pledge support to minority groups

KALYN STORY Staff Writer

Professors in the department of religion wrote a statement of support and solidarity at Baylor standing with marginalized groups on campus.

The statement has been made into a Google Doc and put on Facebook so

additional faculty and staff members beyond the department of religion can sign it.

One of the authors, department of religion professor Dr. Beverly Gaventa, said student's reactions to the elections prompted her and her colleagues to write a statement of support to students. "Immediately after the election, we heard from and about students on our campus who feared for their safety, and we wanted to express our support," Gaventa said. "We wanted them to know that they are not alone on this campus."

The statement stresses its alliance with Baylor's Christian mission and

asks all faculty members to add their names in solidarity with students who may feel at risk on and off campus.

"We are aware that there are members of our community-students, staff, and faculty alike-who, in the aftermath of the election, feel anxious and marginalized. Some even feel physically at risk," the statement reads.

Gaventa said she hopes this statement of solidarity will connect the community in faith.

"Hopefully, a statement like this reminds all of us of our commitment to respect and civility," Gaventa said.

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Regents announce release of meeting minutes

GAVIN PUGH Digital Managing Editor

Baylor Board of Regents chairman Ron Murff announced Tuesday that the board will begin releasing the minutes of all their future quarterly meetings as well as meeting agendas.

"We are committed to taking immediate action to increase transparency such as posting agendas and minutes of our quarterly meetings," Murff said. "There will be more announcements in the near future toward achieving this goal."

The statement was posted on "The Facts," Baylor's website in response to the sexual assault scandal.

The announcement comes just days after the Bears for Leadership Reform meeting took place. In the meeting, donors, former regents, alumni, faculty and staff held a discussion regarding necessary steps the board needs to make in regard to transparency. Former Texas Gov. Mark White was in attendance



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

OPEN DISCUSSION Grand Prairie freshman Camry Jones expresses her discomfort with the results of the presidential election at the What Now event held at 7 p.m. Tuesday evening in the Bill Daniel Student Center.



Forum offers platform for diversity conversations post-election

MEGAN RULE

modeled after Maya Angelou's Poem "Still L Pise" and started with Dallas conhamera Trump supporters, elsewhere in the

and spoke of an email interim President David Garland sent to faculty and staff on Wednesday announcing a new Governance Review Task Force.

"I think what we saw happen at Baylor is a result of this meeting," White said. "They said they're going to do something ... It's important we put urgency to this ... We want change, and we want it now."

AND KALYN STORY Staff Writer

The department of multicultural affairs held its first event in the What's Next series addressing diversity and inclusion Tuesday night, but it was not without pushback from protesters.

The event, put on by Baylor NAACP, was

A Kise and started with Dahas sophomore Natasha Nkhama reading the line that says, "You may shoot me with your words." After last week's incident involving Nkhama being shoved off a sidewalk and degraded with a racial slur that was justified with president-elect Donald Trump's campaign slogan, the event aimed to address such issues. yelled, "Build that f----g wall! get the f--out!"

Baylor Police Chief Brad Wigtil and student leaders excused themselves to deal with the incident.

Wigtil reported that he is aware of four

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Local business owner opens recovery house

ISABELLA MASO

Reporter

Summer Shine is just what her name describes: a bright, energetic, bundle of personality.

Shine is the owner and operator of Luna Juice Bar, but she has also recently opened a recovery house in Waco for women battling drug and alcoholic addiction. Shine had a tumultuous past with lesser drugs and alcohol throughout her teenage years, and on the eve of her 26th birthday, she ventured into hard drugs for the first time.

Now 38, Shine has turned her life around and is celebrating over three years of sobriety. When analyzing what she could do for the community, Shine thought that there was a lack of places for women to turn to when

with needing help.

"My husband and I have always had a passion for helping people in recovery," Shine said. "There is a hole in our community in regards to houses for women to live in when they are in the early stages of recovery. In an effort to gap that hole, we talked with our landlord and talked them into buying a home, fixing it up and letting us house five women in it." Shine said there are rules as part of living in the house: the women have to have a job, pay rent, follow nightly curfew and maintain an overall sense of good behavior.

Shine describes it as "independent living with an aspect of accountability."

While there are rules, Shine does not believe in "zero-tolerance" policies.

"I actually hate the term 'zerotolerance.' I don't believe that is Christ-like behavior," Shine said. "If there were zero-tolerance policies implemented in my life, I would not be in the position that I'm in today."

Those that know Shine describe her to be the person who picks

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Turkey Trot to benefit homeless students

MEGAN RULE Staff Writer

The 11th annual Central Texas Turkey Trot this Saturday will be put on by Altrusa of the Brazos in order to benefit The Cove, an organization that has been open for less than a month but has already made a profound impact on the community by taking in homeless students for a few hours a day.

"We would love to see a nice Baylor contingent of runners out there," said Sarah Bird, co-chair of the Central Texas Turkey Trot and an active member of Altrusa International. "As far as Baylor's mission being the Christian mission,

this would be something students would feel good about, coming out and exercising while supporting a worthwhile cause."

Bird said the Central Texas Turkey Trot has always been held the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Since last year was the 10th anniversary, a 10K portion was added to the race in addition to the 5K portion. Both races start at 9 a.m. rain or shine at Brazos Park East on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The Waco Striders will help time the race. The first place winner wins a 12-pound turkey, and the secondplace winner receives a pumpkin

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Dayday Wynn | Lariat Photographer

ON THE MOVE A Baylor student runs the Bear Trail Tuesday afternoon. Students are encouraged to participate in the Central Texas Turkey Trot at 9 a.m. on Saturday at Brazos Park East.

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EDITORIAL Be careful with post-election rhetoric

On Nov. 8, the results of one of the most polarizing elections in recent history were finalized, and approximately half the country was left shell shocked.

For those glued to the polls on election night, the results became apparent state by state, and as the night wore on, it became evident that the United States would not be celebrating the inauguration of its first female president this January.

Disappointed in the democratic process and fearful of the rhetoric that characterized Donald Trump's campaign, people across the nation, and even a few from around the globe, used the internet as a sounding board for their concerns. By 3 a.m., #NotMyPresident was trending on Twitter, followed closely by #ImStillWithHer, as people expressed their sadness over Clinton's loss and their fear of and disdain toward Trump. In the week following the election, protests against a Trump presidency have erupted across the nation and have even manifested on our own campus. Dialogue between the two parties has been sparse, tense and laced with accusations about why one party would vote for a businessman who seems to operate under racist ideologies and the other, a career politician who may have criminal actions in her past. But regardless of who you voted for or how you feel about the president-elect, the election is over, and we need to unify instead of allowing ourselves to be torn apart from the inside.

Movements such as #NotMyPresident are counterproductive. Trump has been named, definitively, the president-elect, and, as Clinton said in her concession speech on Nov. 9, "We owe him an open mind and a chance to lead." #NotMyPresident, while an effective way to



express your discontent, only perpetuates the hurt, anger and fear that has been so prevalent in this campaign cycle. It does nothing to help heal the nation, to bridge the rifts that have formed between voters and parties, to propose ways to move forward together.

Yes, your fears and misgivings about Trump are completely valid. His campaign was laced with racist, sexist and misogynistic remarks, and you might find it hard to respect a man who spent the last year showing us that he has little respect for others. Regardless, now more than ever, we need to band together as a community. This election has been polarizing - more so than previous elections. Our country is well and truly divided, and now we must begin the work of re-unifying. What's done is done. Donald Trump is our president-elect, and our job now is to square our shoulders and figure out how to move forward, one step at a time, in a way that is as beneficial as possible for the most people.

Movement toward unity is going to manifest in various ways for different people. For some, it might be simply refraining from tagging your posts #NotMyPresident. As much as you don't like it, if you are an American citizen, Trump will be your president. You can't change that, so focus on improving what that means for America, for marginalized groups, for people both nationally and worldwide. For others, unifying might mean finding ways to respect those with different beliefs than you or learning how to separate respect and agreement.

It's hard to specify exactly what this

necessary move toward unity will look like, but it certainly doesn't look like fleeing. On election night, Canada's immigration website crashed presumably because of an overload of people researching a way to avoid a Trump presidency. Americans: Looking for a backdoor to escape a Trump presidency is not an effective means of avoiding a candidate of whom you disprove. Running away is never the best answer. Instead, invest in your country and your fellow Americans, and try to find a way to mold this presidency into something beneficial.

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Impulse-based reactions to the elections are not helpful, and they are not effective. You are allowed to be upset, and you are certainly allowed to take to the internet to voice your disapproval, fear and anxiety over what will come with the next four years, but take care with your rhetoric. We've seen how almost a year's worth of careless words has caused nationwide division and strife - don't make the same mistake with your own words. Movements such as #NotMyPresident only serve to deepen the division between parties in a time where we need to be focused on mending the divides currently splitting the nation.

Don't let yourself become overwhelmed by what you cannot change. Instead, concentrate on what we need to accomplish to work together moving forward. Don't become blind by fear. Concentrate only on the small steps we need to take tomorrow, and then the day after. Clinton said it best: "We have seen that our nation is more deeply divided than we thought. But I still believe in America, and I always will. And if you do, then we must accept this result and then look to the future."

COLUMN I recognize my privilege, and I choose to look past it

SETH JONES Reporter

I am a white millennial male who attends a conservative, private Christian university. My hometown of Lumberton, Texas, was over 95 percent white as of April 19, 2015, according to statisticalatlas.com. I have little to no idea what it is like to be the subject of discrimination.

The only instance of discrimination against myself that I can remember is when I was attending daycare as a 4-year-old. One of my best friends Demetri was black, and one day he told me that I was the "wrong color."

My mom picked me up from school that day, and I was distraught. I told her why, and since then, we've discussed that incident several times. She had no idea what to say in response that day. She had always taught me that we are all equal and that we are all God's children, and I guess she never thought she'd be put in a situation where she needed to console her child because he was discriminated against, especially that early in life. After all, I am white. Because discrimination has never been a factor in my everyday life, I have not cared like I should. To the minorities reading this: I have not done all that I can do for you. I feel like if I'm to gain any credibility within my message, I have to address the fact that I did not vote in the 2016 presidential election. In short, I saw no option that I felt was good for our country. I only would have voted for one side to prevent the other from getting elected, and I still accomplished just as much on that front by choosing to remain silent. The bottom line is that I have not cared about people outside of my social circle like I should. I interact with my friends, who are mostly white, my colleagues within the journalism department, who are mostly white, and my church, who (you guessed it) are mostly white. While I have not been actively racist, I have stood by and done nothing of significance to help stunt the progression of racism in our country.

running for re-election in 2012, my family and I got the chance to meet him at one of his rallies in Houston. It was a fantastic opportunity and one that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

While that was a very pivotal experience in my life, I was scared to tell my friends at school or even talk about it with certain family members because I was worried of what they might say. In fact, one of my best friends at school told me the day after I shared that information with him that I "should've killed that n----r when [I] had the chance."

I knew that was wrong. I told myself that I wasn't like that and that I'd never say those types of things. I wish I could say that he won the race fair and square. I personally believe it's time to stop protesting that. If you wanted to protest a Trump presidency, you should have done so a year ago when he was eating up primetime television with his standoffish, bullying demeanor. It's too late to protest him now because America voted him into the White House. If we are going to peacefully protest, let's protest things like the judicial system and how it blatantly favors whites over minorities and the wealthy over the poor. Let's speak out against the insane racism that has spread to the public eye since Election Day. Let's force a conversation.

My point is that we can't change who our next president will be. That was the point of voting. What we do have the ability to change is how we treat one another. We have the ability to stand up against racists and bigots and fight institutional and individual racism. I think for those things to happen, people like me have to actually start caring in a way that lends itself to action, even when it may be inconvenient to and even when it won't directly affect their everyday lives. It took racism coming to my campus for me to care enough to write this column. That should not be the case. A girl was pushed off the sidewalk and called a racial slur less than a mile from my apartment. Unfortunately, that's what it took to get me to speak up. To the LGBTQ person, the Muslim, the African-American, the Mexican-American/ Latino, woman or any other members of a marginalized group, I will never pretend to know what it's like to be in your shoes. I can't possibly know what it feels like to be scared for my life because of the results of an election, because in our society, I'm set up perfectly. It's an unfair reality, but it's true. If you feel scared right now because of this election cycle and the way people are acting, I want to help you. While I feel that impulse, I really have no way of knowing what I can do to help make you feel safer or fight racism because I've never had to consider it. I know there are more people like me than there are people unlike me in this country. I've had many conversations with white, conservative, college-aged people who want to help out in this push against racism. I'm asking for your help, minorities. Tell us how we can assist you in this transition.

I've heard about the safety pin movement in some northern states where white people wore safety pins on their shirts to let minorities know that they are "safe" with them. From gauging the reactions of minorities, that is perceived as another example of the white community attempting to glorify themselves and looking for a pat on the back from marginalized groups. I understand that point of view, even though I think most of that movement was wellintentioned. Since I feel that perception matters far more than intention, I'm just asking you all straight up: What can we do to help?

Because I am white, there will be racists who aren't scared to say racist things about marginalized groups around me. I can speak up in those situations and take action against them. Even if a member of the group being degraded was in that same situation, the dialogue that would follow would be much different. My point is that there are ways we can help, so let's work together to try to find them because I don't want us to be put into a similar situation in 2020. I would like to also caution minorities about making assumptions about how much we can help, or are willing to help, because every demographic that I'm a part of would tell you I'm not willing to serve this cause. If you knew the school I went to or the church I attended, you may think I hate LGBTQ people because there is a perception that aligns with that. If you only knew my hometown, you may think I hate black people because there are people from my area that do. Please don't assume we are all bad. And on top of that, please don't assume that our racism can't be corrected. I'm living proof that it can. No one is out of reach, because I truly believe most of the racism I've seen has come from ignorance. If we let them know that their actions are not ok and specifically outline what racism is, they can no longer blame it on ignorance. If they are still acting the same way after those discussions, it will become blatant stupidity.

Growing up in a primarily white area and attending a primarily white school caused a certain level of blindness in me. I was entirely unaware of how prevalent racism actually was outside of my protective white bubble.

When President Barack Obama was

throughout my life, I have been strong enough to stay true to that promise, but that's simply not the case.

Throughout my high school days, I made racist jokes around friends and

even laughed with family members when they told them. This was the norm I was dealt at the time, and I molded myself to it.

In 2013, I graduated high school and moved on to attend Baylor University. Here, I made friends, took on more adult responsibilities, started classes and, most importantly, realized how racist I was.

A friend of mine that lived only miles away from me in Southeast Texas ended up at Baylor as well, and he phrased it perfectly: "I knew racism was bad, but I didn't fully understand what racism was." He had to hear people outside of his hometown explain to him what racism was to realize it was wrong to say and do these things. I relate entirely to that sentiment. It had never crossed my mind that those jokes I told in high school made me racist, because, after all, I wasn't out committing hate crimes or using those slurs to attack minorities.

In the wake of the presidential election, there has been a tremendous amount of division and turmoil throughout the nation. Due to Donald Trump's rhetoric throughout his campaign, many minorities feel scared, unsafe and, most importantly, unloved by our society.

be the 45th president of the United States of America. Our democratic nation has voted, and

I am a white millennial male who attends a conservative, private, Christian university. Tell me what I can do to help.

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Folks, unfortunately Donald J. Trump will

News

Advertising impacts campaign success

MEGAN RULE

Staff Writer

With the election season behind us, the wave of commercials, yard signs and social media posts are gone until it is time to prepare for the next cycle. Especially in the case of presidential elections, candidates pump millions of dollars into their advertising, but why?

"I think advertising has an effect. Sometimes it doesn't do very good, and sometimes you can't go without it. It's a marginal advantage that pushes you over," said Gary Bezella, president of Cross and Oberlie, a manufacturer of political signs and promotional campaign products. "Social media is big, and yard signs are there 24 hours a day and have an impact."

According to a recent article in The Atlantic, some of the most expensive campaigns, though professional, proved ineffective. Sen. Ted Cruz's campaign spent nearly \$6 million on analyzing personality profiles alone, while Dr. Ben Carson's campaign spent \$78 million and Jeb Bush's campaign spent a whopping \$139 million and then dropped out after the South Carolina primary.

Dr. Marlene Neill, assistant professor in the department of journalism, public relations and new media at Baylor, said in smaller, local elections, simple name recognition plays a huge role. The value in advertising can come from seeing a name over and over so that when a citizen gets to the point of voting, they have that recognition. Seeing a sign in the yard of someone respected, Neill said, can also be a persuasive tool. Neill said studies show the best persuasion comes from family and friends – the people we surround ourselves with.

"Part of that is just building awareness because, particularly with some of the races, you may have some candidates locally that may not be as well known, so of course advertising is great for creating awareness so people can recognize the names," Neill said. "It is said with candidates just even if you recognize a name, sometimes that will encourage you to vote for them as opposed to a name you don't recognize."

Research on social media trends has shown that citizens are influenced by candidates' social media and sponsored posts, and strong opinions can lead to un-following and un-friending. Social media, combined with advertising, helps to reach the apathetic voters that aren't as involved because name recognition and headline sharing make them more aware, Neill said.

An article from the Washington State University Journal of Marketing Communications reported that, "Under normal circumstances high voter involvement and high candidate credibility are likely to engender support for a candidate who uses negative



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IT'S A SIGN A collection of political endorsement signs stands outside Brazos Meadows Baptist Church in Hewitt, an early voting poll for McLennan County registered voters, on Nov. 1.

political advertising." An incredibly effective form of advertising is negative advertising, as it increases the intent to vote and the feelings for candidates.

"While people say they don't like negative

advertising, it does tend to impact the way that people evaluate candidates," Neill said. "As much as we express our dislike for it, that's why it is continually used is because of the fact that it can be effective."

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everyone else up.

"In general, I would definitely describe her as sunshine. I know that sounds funny and it's a play on words, but she is like a ball of sunshine," said Aprille Mclaughlin, operational manager for Luna Juice Bar. "Even when she has those days when it seems like things are failing, she finds that reason to be happy and

find the positives in things."

As far as the opening of the recovery house, Mclaughlin said she believes that if anyone were to do

this, it would be Shine. "Everyone needs a fresh start sometimes and why not have someone like Summer with her story, and to see how far she had fallen to come up to where she is now," McLaughlin said. "It's a great example, and it shows other people that it is possible."

Aside from running Luna Juice and the recovery house, Shine is also involved in the NPR station and Baylor-funded KWBU.

KWBU membership manager Loretta Howard believes that Shine is a valuable asset to the volunteers. "For everything she has gone through personally and what she is able to do with her business now is amazing," Howard said. "As a volunteer, she brings the positivity and helps boosts morale. I also love that she brings the juice."

Howard also commented on the person that Shine has become over the years.

"I've known her for a long time

,and to see the person on the other side of her struggles is remarkable. I am blessed that she is a friend of mine," Howard said.

If Baylor students want to get involved with the recovery house, Shine said they are always accepting donations for things such as toiletries, detergent and everyday household items.

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"At the very least, we wanted our students to hear our declaration that we understand bigotry to be incompatible with the gospel."

A co-author of the statement Mikeal Parsons, professor and holder of the Kidd L. and Bruna Hitchcock Macon Chair in Religion, thinks a statement like this would be beneficial to most college campuses but he and his colleagues saw a particular need at Baylor.

"[This] statement would be appropriate on most campuses just now, but in view of Baylor's Christian identity, it seems especially apt to affirm our understanding that bigotry has no place here," Parsons said.

Similarly, on Monday afternoon the Baylor Faculty Senate sent an

email to Baylor faculty and staff celebrating diversity and speaking out against hatred and racism within the community.

"[Baylor's] mission as a faithbased institution compels us to embrace diversity with love, compassion, charity, respect, and with the humility that comes from being equal participants in the shared human experience," the email said. "We can in good spirit tolerate disagreement; in fact we must. But we cannot abide hatred, intimidation, or marginalization."

The email called on all members of the Baylor community to also condemn racism and to actively create a loving and safe campus for everyone. "We therefore condemn any acts of racism, and call upon all of the Baylor Family to foster an environment of Christian compassion in which the dignity and safety of all people are supported," the email said.

The statement also reiterated the desire for respect and solidarity with all groups, particularly as this aligns with the Christian faith.

"We reaffirm our commitment to these Christian convictions and to the Christian practice of treating everyone with respect and dignity," the statement said. "We also express solidarity and unity with those in our community who, at this moment in our life together, have a heightened sense of vulnerability, and we confess that God welcomes persons of all ethnicities, nationalities, genders, income levels, and religious traditions."

Dr. Blake Burleson, associate dean for undergraduate studies, strategic and enrollment initiatives, said he signed the statement as a way to stand against injustice and prejudice.

"I signed in order to express my concern and solidarity with vulnerable members of our Baylor family in light of the hateful and racist rhetoric on the national and local level during the recent national, state and local elections," Burleson said.

Burleson said he believes the Bible teaches all people to stand with the abused and oppressed, and that all people, regardless of their religion or ethnicity, need to be respected as children of God.

"My hope is that vulnerable members of our Baylor family will not only feel safe on our campus but that they will be safe," Burleson said. "This hope is tempered, however, by what we are seeing across our nation. Something has been unleashed that is ugly, alarming and dangerous. We are, therefore, right to respond immediately whenever an act of violence, in word or deed, is perpetrated against members of our Baylor family. We will not be silent when others are harmed."

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Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

SPEAK OUT Eden Prairie, Minn., freshman Mackenzie Jones speaks at the What's Next forum on Tuesday evening to voice her concerns in the aftermath of the 2016 presidential election.

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reported hate crimes since the election.

"There is a righteous indignation rising in my heart," Wigtil said. "I won't rest in my prayer life until I see God's love take over our campus."

Former Texas State Rep. Chet Edwards also spoke at the event.

"No matter how hard I try, I know because of the color of my skin I will never be able to understand the pain of discrimination Natasha faced," Edwards said.

The meeting started with an open floor for students to stand up and share how the election made them feel, and students

ONLINE EXTRAS

Read the full statement of solidarity:

had some strong feelings. Students said they won't sit and watch the country become what they're scared of, and it's not really Trump they're mad about, but his followers. Students said that as people of God, who are they to demean others, and the election has turned out to be like a bad car crash.

"Not everyone who supported Trump are racist," Edwards said. "But you would be blind to our society to deny the racist tendencies that played into this election."

Toward the end, Nkhama thanked everyone for coming, emphasizing that it is not easy to be a minority as it challenges one to address these issues head on. The event gathered everyone in order to determine where to go from here and asked students to meditate on who they are and how they love people.

"I'm sorry for what happened. It pains me to see what's going on on campus, and it needs to stop," said Flower Mound freshman Connor Price. "We need to come together as one. I'm begging us to stop looking at each other as white or black or Asian; let's just be Americans."

Other events over the course of the next week include the department of multicultural affairs Food for Thought at 4 p.m. today at the Bobo Spiritual Life Center, Campus Convos with International Justice Mission at 8 p.m. Monday and the Baylor Mixed Martial Arts and department of multicultural affairs Self Defense Clinic at 9:30 p.m. Monday. Noche de Fe, A Worship Night Hosted by La Fe Ministries, will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE THIRD ANNUAL WINNER OF THE

Guittard Book Award for Historical Scholarship

Dr. Kenna Lang Archer, Angelo State University Unruly Waters: A Social and Environmental History of the Brazos River University of New Mexico Press, 2015



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pie. Check-in and on-site registration begin at 7:30 a.m. Registration is \$30 until Nov. 17, then the registration fee goes up to \$35.

There will also be a man dressed up as a turkey, fresh pancakes cooked at the finish line from The Egg & I and 30 to 40 door prizes that every registered runner is entered for. These prizes include gift cards, tickets to the Texas Sports Hall of Fame and jewelry. Bird said even if those who don't win a race still have the chance to take something home.

Altrusa International is a women's service organization that focuses on community and worldwide needs. According to the website, "Altrusa, in the very derivation of its name, is committed to the philosophy of unselfishness, the joy of giving rather than getting and to the search for that happiness which is based upon spiritual worthiness."

Bird said Altrusa created the race as a fundraiser for the different community needs it supports. The money made from the race used to be handed out in small grants to different nonprofits, but in 2013, all of the money was donated to West after the West Fertilizer Co. explosion. Bird said it seemed more compelling for people to want to do the race when it was pointed at one specific group, so since 2013, the money has been given to Waco Independent School District (ISD) Outreach. When The Cove was created as a safe space for homeless students, Altrusa quickly took the group under its wing as the permanent recipient.

"Icannotexpress,especially during Thanksgiving, how thankful I am for the gifts of the community to help this population with their circumstance," said Teri Holtkamp, executive director of The Cove. "They just need some time to recoup. The numbers are frustrating, but seeing the respite time is so sweet."

Bird said it was very exciting to see The Cove go from an idea to a reality, as now it is a functioning place for homeless students to get their work done, get a meal,

Baylor reveals summer classes in November

KENDRA PELL Staff Writer

Baylor Summer & Strategic Initiatives office will put on a "Summer in November" event from 8:30 a.m. to noon today on Hankamer Mall on Speight Avenue to encourage students to register for classes provided for summer 2017.

This event is a way for current students to learn more about summer school at Baylor and participate in the release of the variety of classes being offered.

Those who attend can enjoy Steel City Pops, have a photo opportunity in a giant lawn chair and look forward to summer all while celebrating the reveal of over 300 on-campus, online and study abroad courses.

Dallas senior Rachael Larson, public relations intern for Summer & Strategic Initiatives, said this event will entice students to consider enrolling in summer classes at Baylor.

"Many students are unaware we offer summer school on campus, online and abroad now," Larson said. "We offer over 300 courses, and this event will encourage students to look into all that we have to offer. There is something for everyone."

Not only do students benefit from getting class credits out of the way in order to graduate on time, but summer school also helps students save money. "Summer school is incredibly beneficial for students as tuition is 25 percent cheaper, and it helps students to graduate in four years," Larson said.

Dr. Blaine McCormick, associate management and entrepreneurship professor in the Hankamer School of Business, produced a video called "How to Graduate in Four Years" to inform students about the benefits of taking summer courses.

"After your first year at Baylor, summer school creates an incredible opportunity to keep you on pace to graduate in four years," McCormick said.

Katy senior Taylor Ruzicka took classes at Baylor the past two summers and said they have helped lighten her course load each semester. "Since you can only take two classes at a time during the summer, it was nice to put all my focus on those classes as opposed to during the year when we have more responsibilities and demanding organizations that take up our time," Ruzicka said. "It was also nice to be able to stay in Waco with my friends over the majority of the summer."

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Phylicia Hernandez, assistant to the associate vice president of Summer & Strategic Initiatives, encouraged students to come up with a plan for summer ahead of time.

"Plan ahead. Talk to your parents now about what you will be doing during summer 2017," Hernandez said.



see a clinician and take a shower.

"It is just so gratifying to see a really good idea become a reality," Bird said about The Cove. "We're very happy to be able to support this great program for the students who don't have a permanent home to have a place to go. It's wonderful to be part of such a great program."

Holtkamp said 20 percent of students who "couch surf" during their senior year of high school will become chronically homeless in their lifetime. The Cove is a way to close the door to the possibility of that future.

"Once people know what these numbers are, it's like you can't not do anything," Holtkamp said. "Approximately 1,600 students out of the 15,000 in the Waco ISD are homeless, but just one is too many."

The Cove has been open for only 27 days but has already made a difference in the lives of students in Waco ISD who need the help. Holtkamp said it was just through talking that the idea eventually turned into a reality, as well as by putting together data that had never been connected. She also said the community has completely embraced the program so far, and it has made a difference in the lives of kids and the future of the community.

"These kids are labeled as couch surfing, troubled and attitude problems, but that's not who they are; it's their circumstance," Holtkamp said. "If you can give them a window to look at who they are, then they begin to build up whatever that is that makes them resilient which leads them on to be able to move through their circumstance."

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OPPORTUNITIES (Left) Hank Black, guitar player of three years, has attended open mic night for about a month and a half and performs songs written both by himself and others. (Right) Jacob Strock, who goes by the stage name of Cre, performs on Nov. 8 at The Backyard. Open mic nights are platforms for forthcoming artists to practice and grow in front of forgiving crowds.

Open mic nights are starting points for forthcoming musicians

artists at The Backyard

BEN WOOLLEY

Reporter

Waco is filled with aspiring musicians of all ages. Exposure and practice are particularly beneficial to musicians when they are in the beginning stages of their music careers. Waco's open mic nights at The Backyard Bar Stage & Grill and Common Grounds provide musicians with the opportunity make themselves known in the music industry.

Every week, there are two nights that anyone wishing to share their musical talent with others can do so. Starting at 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Backyard Bar Stage & Grill and 8 p.m. Wednesday nights at Common Grounds, all musicians can attend open mic nights to showcase their talents. no better "There's feeling than playing live music for people. Especially when I'm with a band, playing at open mics

are a lot of fun. There's something about seeing people dance and enjoy your own music that makes you feel accomplished," Gypsum, Colo., performer Jonna Mae said.

Grounds Common predominantly hosts Baylor student audiences and performers on Wednesdays while The Backyard hosts more locals and older musicians. The artists who play at Common Grounds vary in sound and genre while

like.

mainly play country music. While the venues differ in audience and performer style, Common Grounds and The Backyard have a shared love for music and talent and the expression of live performance. Singers and songwriters

love the ability to share their music. Open mic nights also allows them to read crowds, so the performer can understand what people in the audience like and don't

"It's our goal as singers and songwriters to make

people feel moved in some type of way, and it is really easy to see the expression of the audience in places like The Backyard around Waco," Mae said.

While open mic nights can be fun and entertaining, they can also serve as a stepping stone for artists. Almost like a playground for musicians, open mic nights allow musicians to try things out and just have fun with no rules or guidelines and no set list.

"Open mic nights are important for musicians to get their chops. There's no money other than tips

audience knows that you're there to get better. That lack of pressure and a place to work on things is great for artists who are trying to get started and get their name out there in their community."

Many of singersongwriters start out small doing open mic nights and then get a broader audience as they land more gigs.

William Clark Green is a prime example of this. "He majored in agriculture economics but spent more time songwriting and playing guitar at every open mic night and hotel bar gig he could find than actually studying," MTV. com said in the William

This week in Waco:

>> Today

11 a.m. — "Footprints of African-Americans in McLennan County" exhibit. Fort House Museum

Noon-2 p.m. — Lunch With Masters- gardening program. The city of Woodway and McLennan Country Masters Gardeners. Free

4:30-8 p.m. — All-University Thanksgiving Dinner and Fall Festival put on by student government, Student Foundation, Baylor Chamber of Commerce and Baylor Dining Services. Fountain Mall. Free food and games.

8 p.m. – Open mic night at Common Grounds. Free

>> Thursday

12:30 p.m. — Chalk Talk. Enjoy free food and hear Baylor football players' breakdown of the upcoming game. Bill Daniel Student Center Den

5:30 p.m. — Baylor School of Music's Early Music Ensembles. Armstrong Browning Library. Free

7:30 p.m. - Baylor School of Music's Jazz Ensemble. Jones Concert Hall. Free

>> Friday

11 a.m. – Baylor Men's Basketball vs. Florida Gulf Coast. Ferrell Canter

8 p.m. — Honest Men perform.

week's open mic night. Five 15-minute slots are available on a first come, first serve basis.

SIGN UP!

Common Grounds posts a sign up sheet

at the venue after Wednesdays for the next

The Backyard Bar & Grill's open mic night is show up, sign up and play — in that order. Depending on the turnout, artists usually play three or four songs.

and no real set. Artists can work on performing with no pressure of a full performance. Open mic allows you to work on craft and get better," Seguin senior and singersongwriter Hunter Hewell said. "Everyone in the

Clark Green biography.

Green will be performing at 8 p.m. on Friday at The Backyard Bar Stage & Grill. Green's success demonstrates the benefits of practice and exposure from starting at small gigs then gaining larger fan bases.

Common Grounds. \$5

8 p.m. — William Clark Green performs. Backyard Bar Stage & Grill. General admission tickets \$15 before event. Purchase at stubwire. com. Tickets are \$20 day of the show



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Baylor upsets No. 4 Oregon

Men's basketball team earns first top-five win at home in 105 years

NATHAN KEIL Sports Writer

The Baylor men's basketball team, as part of ESPN's College Hoops Tip-Off Marathon, welcomed the fourth-ranked Oregon Ducks to the Ferrell Center on Tuesday as the Bears won their first top-five team in the past 105 years. The two schools played in Eugene, Ore., last season, a game Oregon won 74-67. However, the Ducks were without All-American junior forward Dillon Brooks in this matchup due to recent foot surgery. His absence, as well as an inspired Baylor team looking for a marquee win early in the season, helped guide the Bears to a 66-49 victory over Oregon.

"Oregon is going to win a lot of games. This is a win that helps you all year long," head coach Scott Drew said. "This win helps people know Baylor still has a pretty good team, and now we have to deal with handling success, and that's harder than being disrespected, but we'll take the win though."

Baylor controlled the tempo early on, as its 1-2-2 press and zone defense slowed down the Ducks' offense early. The defense led to five early turnovers and forced the Ducks into just two of 13 three-point shooting early on in the first half. The size of junior forwards Jo Lual-Acuil and Johnathan Motley, who sat out Friday's win over Oral Roberts University, made it extremely difficult for Oregon's guards to penetrate and get good looks at the basket. Motley and the Bears held the Ducks to 32.8 shooting percentage.

"This is the highest-ranked team we've had at the Ferrell," Lual-Acuil said. "This is what you really live for. If you're not going to be excited about that, maybe you should be doing different things. They were coming into our house, and you just try to protect our home court, so whoever comes here, we have to give them a fight."

On the offensive end, it was junior guard

Manu Lecomte who carried the scoring load early on, netting 13 early points, including three three-pointers. Lecomte led all scorers with 18 points and seven assists.

After Oregon trimmed Baylor's 11-point advantage down to four, the Bears used a late 6-0 run, including a three-pointer by sophomore guard Jake Lindsay at the buzzer to give Baylor a 33-23 lead at halftime.

The Ducks came out of the intermission more aggressive in attacking the basket and trimmed the Bears' lead to a single point.

"Good teams are always going to make runs," Drew said. "But I thought we moved the ball and rebounded well and got good looks, which is something we didn't do well up at their place."

However, Baylor responded with a run of its own and regain control of the game with its defensive pressure and rebounding advantage in the post.

After a poor-shooting first half, Motley began to find his stroke down the stretch – hitting several short jumpers as well as two emphatic dunks, which kept the Bears in control and the home crowd on its feet. Motley finished with 17 points and six rebounds.

Whenever the Baylor offense looked stagnant and needed a basket, it was Lecomte who answered the call. His quickness and ability to penetrate the lane gave the Duck defenders fits all night and led to scoring opportunities for himself and his teammates.

Ultimately, the combination of the aggressive Baylor zone and the absence of Brooks wore the Ducks down over the course of the game, especially in the second half. Oregon failed to establish anyone who could consistently knock down the three-pointers and force the Bears to stretch the zone. As a result, Baylor packed the paint and forced the Ducks' guards to penetrate the small gaps of the defense and either take contested jumpers or drive into the bigs, who finished with nine blocks.



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

UP, UP AND BEYOND Junior forward Jo Lual-Acuil and junior guard Ishmail Wainright battle to get the rebound on Tuesday at the Ferrell Center against No. 4-ranked Oregon. The Bears won 74-67.

Baylor also controlled the glass, outrebounding the Ducks 41-30 and 14-12 on the offensive glass, which led to 15-4 advantage on second-chance points.

Oregon was led by graduate guard Dylean Ennis, who finished with 16 points. Senior forward Chris Boucher added 12 points for the Ducks. With the victory, Baylor improves to 2-0 and will enjoy it for a little while before it hosts Florida Gulf Coast at 7 p.m. Friday at the Ferrell Center.

"We get to celebrate the win for a couple of hours, and then we need to get ready for the next one," Motley said.





win over the Patriots tells you why he has that conviction."



NEW YORK – The Dallas Cowboys, who have the NFL's best record, moved into the No. 1 spot in the latest AP Pro32 poll, which was released Tuesday.

Dallas received 10 first-place votes for 382 points from balloting by media members who regularly cover the NFL.

The Cowboys (8-1) have won eight in a row going into Sunday's home game against Baltimore.

"A case can be made that right here, right now, Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott is the MVP, Offensive Player of the Year AND Offensive Rookie of the Year," Newsday's Bob Glauber said.

The Seattle Seahawks jumped three spots to No. 2 for 359 points.

"Pete Carroll says he likes this Seahawks team better than any he's ever coached - up to and including the teams that won a Super Bowl and got there the next year," Glauber said. "His New England dropped from the top spot to No. 3 after Sunday's 31-24 loss to Seattle. The Patriots (7-2) still received the other two firstplace votes for 358 points.

"Bill Belichick and his staff still have some work to do with a defense that misses the presence of Jamie Collins," said Ira Kaufman of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Collins was traded to the Browns last month for a conditional draft pick.

AFC West teams own the next three spots in the poll.

The Kansas Chiefs remained at No. 4. The Oakland Raiders, tied with the Chiefs for first place at 7-2, dropped two spots to No. 5 after a bye week.

And the Denver Broncos (7-3) inched up a spot to No. 6 after their 25-23 win over the Saints .

The New York Giants, in second place in a tightly bunched NFC East, moved up to No. 7 after Monday's 21-20 win over the reeling Bengals.

