Two petitions battle LGBTQ club inclusion

MATT MURR

Two petitions, one arguing Baylor to allow LGBTQ groups on campus and the other opposing them, circulated online in recent weeks. Both of the drafting petitions outlined in the lead-up to the Spring Semester, according to Ministerial Wills, the canvass campaign to bring LGBTQ issues to the forefront.

The pro-representation petition, circulating online, said “more than 2,500 members of the Baylor family standing up for all of Baylor’s students belonging those in the LGBTQ community,” claimed Baylor’s approval of the email event and its repudiation. Baylor Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), represented a “fundamental change” in Baylor’s treatment of student groups. The petition, which was drafted as a letter to President Linda Livingstone and Dr. Kevin Jenkins, vice president for student life, says that Baylor should not “worry allowing LGBTQ groups, sounding like an endorsement if it’s already willing to allow YAF to invite a speaker with views as conservative as it’s.”

According to the petition, Baylor’s treatment of other student groups shows that groups don’t have to “maintain views, positions, or advocacy that are entirely consistent with that of the university as a whole.”

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“The Baylor Tradition” petition began as a user demographic the pro-representation petition and urges Baylor to continue to chartered the charting of LGBTQ groups. Supported by YAF, the petition argues that chartering LGBTQ groups like SIF would put Baylor at risk of losing its affiliations with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, which would result in a loss of donors and a “fundamental redefinition of what the University is.”

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Location sharing with friends isn’t necessary

In a world dominated by social media, we have all become used to being watched or being watched by others. Nothing we have typed online can be fully erased, and through our many devices, our whereabouts are easily questioned. With the rise of apps like Find My Friends, which comes standard on all iPhones, we need to unravel the beauty of having faith in your own intentions.

We hear friends ask each other all the time to share their locations with each other, almost as if it were some toxic sign of a developing relationship. This question, however, is rather strange when you think about it. Can you imagine calling someone to know where they are at all times? If we do ask this, it might seem unclear whether we want to be better friends with the person or want to be kicking them out of our life. The purpose of sharing your location with so many people would seem undeniably creepy in any other period of human existence.

That being said, it is OK to share your friend’s significant other location at all times. Without sharing your location, you allow natural trust to build, especially in a romantic relationship. As an adult, no one needs to know where you are at all times. If a significant other cannot trust you enough that he or she has to literally track where you are going, it could be the sign of a toxic relationship. Similarly, parents will track their kids’ location even though they are at home, instead of simply knocking on their door or calling them.

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Don’t be creepy

An integral part of that is not having someone look over your shoulder at all time. In fact, that time, that space is designed for the exact opposite.

Of course, there are some situations where sharing your location can be beneficial. If one of your friends is lost but from the group or you can’t find them, obviously having their location is a big help. These are primarily safety concerns. Not only are those situations rare but, they also show how little faith in location sharing. Locations can take a while to update and, meaning that you could go to the location your friend phone says, but they could already be a mile down the road. Location sharing is only spanshing accuracy and if you’re on the move, it is always lagging behind, rendering it almost completely ineffective.

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Students learn how to market themselves when job searching

**Hit me with your best job**

*Matthew Muir*

Staff Writer

As graduation and summer approaches, students learned how to effectively network and pitch themselves for a job at the inaugural Liberal Arts Career Summit at the Mayborn Museum this past week.

The summit featured guest speakers from companies such as Google and Chick-fil-A, booths from numerous employers and breakout sessions to help liberal arts students make connections and learn how to market themselves when searching for jobs or internships.

Shelby Cefaratti, a marketing and graphic design specialist for the career center, said the career summit aimed to offer a different experience from the typical career fair.

"Typically [at a] career fair you go with your resume up to different employers and you do kind of a mini-interview; you find out who you want to work with," Cefaratti said.

"This is going to be some of that but it’s also learning how to network. Networking is so important. When [students] are graduating networking is a challenge. It’s new. It’s different."

Houston junior John Wunsch is an MIS major, attended the career summit. Wunsch said the networking experience that comes with events like the career summit is important because it’s not taught in the classroom.

"When you’re doing English or journalism or political science getting a job isn’t [something you’re taught]," Wunsch said. "Like one of the panelists said before, there isn’t like a psychology company. You kind of have to gravitate towards a position that you find inherent skills in regardless of your major. It’s very helpful for people that are in majors…[where] it’s not as easy to find the road.

Wunsch also shared some advice delivered by Kyle Ali, the staffing channels associate team lead at Google, during the alumni panel.

"There was a guy from Google who was talking a lot about how to network in the sense of starting a conversation with a genuine interest in getting to know someone before you use your strategy of trying to get the position," Wunsch said.

According to Cefaratti, networking skills are especially important for seniors with liberal arts degrees because of the broad range of jobs and fields graduates can go into.

"We intentionally chose employers and alumni who have a humanities or a liberal arts background but were in different roles," Foley said.

"We wanted each speaker to kind of represent a different population whether they have a political science background, or communication background or any other area," Blair Brooks is the director of marketing for Chick-fil-A. Baylor and graduated from Baylor in 2015 with a degree in speech communication, (now called corporate communication). She led the breakout session on building relationships in the workplace and making the most of an internship. Brooks said events like the Career Summit are a great way to show liberal arts students that their degrees can take them in different directions than they may have first thought.

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**How Baylor's dating culture compares**

Baylor has long had a reputation of "ring by spring." Many students push back against this norm, and many believe the dating culture is changing dramatically.

"Some dating has become more normal social media based. I feel like the dating culture is more casual now that it used to be, even within Christian, conservative circles," said Trinity freshman Denise Coley.

"I feel like, kind of casual, when you go up to meet someone, without a screening format at all," said Salazar.

"I think the ring by spring is the idea of it. It's not an idea of something. It's not about the fact that they can't win unless they win," said the campus.

"I feel like the ring by spring is still an idea. I don't know much about it because I don't really believe the dating culture is really a culture," said the campus.

"I think the ring by spring culture has a ring to it. It's a very organized, structured culture that really is about the fact that they can't get married unless they win," said the campus.

"I don't know how the girls' opportunities to lead their lives, in certain situations if they were ever to be in a relationship of any sort."

The class was concluded with a question from a student.

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"It's helpful to be very much aware of the anxiety about the stress of your life, making sure that you're not setting your goals too high, that you're realistic about the things that you're doing," said the student.

Another component of anxiety comes from home, according to Cypress sophomore Steven Riedls. He said his anxiety comes from the pressure of being expected to have a high level of success.

"Sometimes when I have anxiety, I just feel like I'm stuck in a box and I can't express myself, or I can't express myself in a healthy way."

"It's also about being ready to go back and see your parents for anxiety, to talk to them about the things you're doing poorly in an academic or personal situation. I think it's comforting to say the least," said the student.

In fact, Riedls said dating final exams can lead to a lot of anxiety.

"If I want to get a good grade on my finals, I'll get a lot of anxiety about what I need to do. I would even get bad panic attacks," said the student.

Academic advisor Rachel Haught suggested that the pressure students understand themselves and their anxiety.

"There is a lot of pressure to get things right as a student, as a family, professors or parents, friends or family members in school. I think a lot of pressure on students is the anxiety and the role they play on their anxiety," said the student.

"I have close friends getting married within a short period of time of each other," said the student.

Unlike Baylor, however, A&M students are not as concerned with their language, and it begins with the word: "Heartbreak.

"There's a saying in my school that means that you're in a relationship and you're not花 time with someone to be able to stop the relationship."

"Some students, such as Florida A&M student Sha'Keila Smith, say they use fear to manage their college years or a close relationship.

"I know someone who's going to be married to my school that's in danger, and they're not in a relationship with someone that they're not," said the student.

"I think the difference is just as how hard I'm not. I think it's a very laid back, friendly environment."

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Students gear up for the 20th annual event

By Maverick Moore

In 1999, Baylor film students held the first Black Glasses Film Festival to provide students with the opportunity to share their film projects with a wider audience. Since then, the festival has grown to be a competitive and watch-anticipated event among the students in the film and digital media department and beyond. This year marks the festival’s 20th anniversary, and students are gearing up for the event, which will take place April 27 at the Hippodrome Theatre in downtown Waco.

Maverick Moore, film and digital media lecturer, is coordinating the event and, with the rest of the department staff, helped select the films being featured.

The department received several film submissions this year, making for one of the most competitive years yet, Moore said. “We judge them on merits of production, quality, on strategy, on a wide range of factors that we put into consideration,” Moore said. “From that consensus, we then selected films to be included. It was very fierce competition this year probably one of the most competitive years yet, Moore said.”

“Black Glasses is a great resource because it gives them an opportunity to know how to behave professionally and showcase their film professionally at a film festival,” Moore said. “After the one-night event, films will be available for the public on digital editing, screening, and behind-the-scenes looks, which usually is not the case.”

Easter Traditions Around The World

Czech Republic - Men and boys roam the streets with decorated sticks and lighted whip women to encourage health and beauty.

Australia - Confectioners make chocolate billys rather than bunnies to raise awareness for the endangered species.

Haux, France - Locals celebrate Easter by making a 5,000 egg omelette. Each family brings their own eggs and adds them to the pan.

Philippines - Some people self-flagellate to unite their suffering with that of Jesus Christ, though it's been discouraged by the Roman Catholic Church.

Greece - Easter eggs are only dyed red — a symbol of Christ's triumph over death.

Norway - It is custom for some to read a mystery novel or watch a mystery TV show — a tradition that started with popular crime novel “Bergen Train Looted in the Night” by Nils Lie in 1923.

Otago, New Zealand - It is common for people to hunt rabbits on Easter as a part of the tradition of ridding the land of pests.

Hungary - Men will splash women with water and ask for a kiss. People used to believe it had a healing and fertility-inducing effect.

Sweden - Children dress up as witches and go door to door with drawings and paintings in hopes of receiving a treat in return.

United States - The president hosts an Easter egg hunt on the Easter Monday.
Shall I compare thee to Oasis?

CAMERON STUART

Even music fans have that one band — the one band that changes everything for them. They make everything right and can pull you through any mood or adversity you hit. They transcend significant others, schools, career, crime, and all the other narratives around you. It's what the opening riffs of their songs play like a character's soundtrack firmly in a Shakespearean tragedy: the hand-clap.

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What makes Oasis so great and what made them such an epidemic in the 90’s was their throwback style, which was so different from the overproduced and over-directed pop music of the 90’s. They had been down to the basics: epic guitar, a poignant message and a gritty attitude. Essentially the story of Oasis came about three things: football, drugs and making really good music. They were isolating because they were kids from the council estates of Manchester who didn’t let the fame change them. They might have been broke who became talked fodder during the peak of their career, but they were always close. To this day, a quarter century after they thrust into the world, a quarter century after they thrust into the world, a quarter century after they thrust into the world, Oasis is, with little doubt, the greatest rock band to pick up guitars since The Beatles broke up, as the Manchester outfit has about as good a chance of releasing new music as John Lennon does. In our culture of endless create-over-redo, nothing to find to change and brothers and co-founders of the band, Liam and Noel Gallagher, haven’t spoken to each other in nearly a decade since the band split up in June 2009. In an industry filled with scandals and shadow characters, the new between the two brothers keeping some of the greatest living music on this planet. They were like us, but had the edge we want and say, “Where you gonna swim with the riches that you've found? You're lost at sea well I hope that you

In many ways, Oasis was just like you and me. They were a couple of kids who grew up together and were misunderstood until they stood next to each other as the biggest band on the planet. They played some of the most epic live shows in the world. They might have been brats who became tabloid fodder during the peak of their careers, but they were always close. To this day, a quarter century after they thrust into the world, Oasis is, with little doubt, the greatest rock band to pick up guitars since The Beatles broke up, as the Manchester outfit has about as good a chance of releasing new music as John Lennon does. In our culture of endless create-over-redo, nothing to find to change and brothers and co-founders of the band, Liam and Noel Gallagher, haven’t spoken to each other in nearly a decade since the band split up in June 2009. In an industry filled with scandals and shadow characters, the new between the two brothers keeping some of the greatest living music on this planet. They were like us, but had the edge we want and say, “Where you gonna swim with the riches that you've found? You're lost at sea well I hope that you

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Rhule’s process evident throughout spring baseball

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When college baseball season began in February, No. 16 Texas Tech was picked to finish first in the Big 12 with No. 18 Baylor coming in second. Now entering the ninth week of the season and the Big 12 conference match for both teams, the Bears are leading the conference with an 8-3 record, 25-10 overall while the Red Raiders are tied for third at 6-4, 23-12 overall.

Baylor packed up its bus and hit the road east to Lubbock as they gear up to face Tech on Thursday. Junior infielder Andy Thomas said while the Bears have a chance to make a statement, they’re just taking it one game at a time.

“We were pulled to vote to go and we were pulled, but honestly we’re just focusing on a game at a time right now,” Thomas said. “Whether we win or lose, we’re going to go out and give it our all and we’re going to go out and put the best we can out there. We won’t have the pressure of us being in the No. 1 spot, but we have to see him earlier in the weekend, we will, and their will be a lot of hype Saturday when we have to. Right now, we just need to focus on winning that next game that day. I don’t want to start worrying about Saturday when Sunday is way too many innings away.”

The bullpen continues to be one of Baylor’s best assets. Veteran pitchers like senior James Lockhart and junior Savannah Senger said quidditch is a good way to build leadership.

So we came back that afternoon. Trying to explain everything to them, trying to explain it to me. I didn’t want to be there that moment. So I told them, you know I spent two years teaching them. I told them, you know I spent two years trying to explain everything to them, I told them, you know I spent two years teaching them. I told them, you know I spent two years teaching them. I told them, you know I spent two years teaching them.

Rhule said he focused on the pitching staff. “I know it’s zero. But, that’s just because of the guys behind me. You look at my strikeouts, 23 strikeouts in 21 innings. I know because of the defense behind me, but I gave the ball over to the pitches and let’s call it hill’s ball.”

Buddhist sophomores Jacob Addisones and Daniel Caruso have also become go-to guys in relief. As players like junior transfer Logan Freeman have found their way into the action after coming off of injury, the Bears have more arms to go through the work against a good hitting bullpen.

“While the Red Raiders may only have a team batting average of 299, Tech junior infielder Brian Klein holds a .319 batting average, sitting at third in the Big 12 behind junior third baseman Dylan West who holds a .318 clip. The Bears have 13 RBIs, second most in the conference after his fellow teammates, Tech first baseman Camden Whisen, who has 24, and junior catcher Shea Langeliers who has 18. She also has the top spot in on-base with 21. Langlieers threw out his 10th base runner of the season against Sam Houston and holds a perfect fielding percentage.”
With the return of junior pitcher Regan Green, Baylor softball is looking to square up its way into the Big 12 Tournament after snapping an eight-game losing streak with back-to-back shutout victories against Kent State. With seven games left in the season, the Lady Bears tackle a series against Iowa State beginning Thursday at Getterman Stadium.

Green was the Big 12 Pitcher of the Week in early March. Her performances against Fresno and Utah was one of the best of her career with 11 strikeouts and a 0.950 strikeout rate. Yet, shortly after her impressive game, a rib-stern fracture took Green out for weeks, leaving the Lady Bears to struggle without one of their leaders.

Junior outfielder Mark O’Neal said Green’s return will allow Green to play a bigger part in guiding the team to success.

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“The lineup we’ve been facing with top 10 lineups – there’s no forgiveness and there’s no way into the Big 12 Tournament. So it’s going to be a little more excitement and some more options. Our hands have been tied. I think it’s going to work or it’s not. We can’t really deviate, but now we can deviate a little and try some things.”

The Lady Bears go into the Iowa State series on a two-game win streak which Moore described as something to have the team feel good about and gain energy.

“You just need to find small victories. I don’t even think these were small victories for us right now,” Moore said. “We’ve been struggling in games with each other and just playing consistent fundamental softball, and we were able to do that and put two complete games together. I’m very grateful for the way they haven’t thrown the trend in because it would have been easy to do. When you throw the towel in, anybody can beat you.”

Iowa State comes into the matchup at 24-18 but with only one conference win. Baylor has won the last 11 games since 2015 against the Cyclones and with momentum going into the series, hopes to make it 12. Regardless, Moore said Iowa State is a strong competitor.

“We would never take anybody lightly. It would be a joke to say we would take anyone lightly,” Moore said. “We’re certainly not taking Iowa State lightly just because they only have one win (in Big 12 play). We’ve watched some of the games they’ve played and how they’ve competed. And they competed well against us last year so when we were a much stronger team. And they almost did. They always swing the bats well, and they’ve got a good pitching pitching, too. We’re going to have to play good ball, all right.”

The matchup starts at 6 p.m. Thursday at Getterman Stadium.