**New organization advocates for mental health, conversation**

**SOPHIE ACEBO**

Reporter

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Course evaluation feedback helps student experience too

It's that time of the year — along with finals, projects and last-minute assignments, students are able to partake in one of the semester's most loved and equally dreaded activities: course evaluations. 

All evaluators allow students to rate the quality of their professors, courses and overall semester academic experience. Some questions are mandatory, while others let students rank numerous categories from a one to a five. Often times these are open-ended and allow for comments about ways teachers or courses created a successful learning environment or can be improved.

The system allows students to comment on how many times they enjoyed their favorite courses and professors while also having an outlet to express woes that other aspects of their academic experience could be improved upon.

Constructive criticism on a class or professor is helpful when done tastefully, but expressing disappointment can often cross a dangerous line.

Giving reasons for not enjoying a class is OK. Writing about specific woes can be improved for the future is OK. From describing specific instances a professor was disrespectful to students is OK. What is not OK, however, is using evaluators as a chance to vent petty comments or rant about your complaints.

When writing about a course or professor you didn't enjoy, be specific. Avoid generalizations or using utmost expressions like “terrible” or “bad.” Instead, provide specific examples of ways that the class or professor didn't live up to your expectations.

Another important consideration to keep in mind is to not complete course evaluations when you are angry. Instead of completing them with your friends who also didn't enjoy a class or a moment you feel particularly bad, wait for your emotions to die down and consider with your friends who also don't enjoy a certain professor. Those reading course evaluations — not an exaggeration or a way to get revenge — arestudents. It wouldn't make sense for a southern Baptist university to employ a member of a different faith for not only any position, but also specifically one that requires the fostering of relationships and a Christian community. Almost always will a religious institution hire a qualified staff who hold the same morals and values, but it doesn’t make any sense to question whether a policy is real or not. If an application process, especially if involving the job of the student body leader, requires a Christian faith, which would disqualify students who are members of another religion or belief from the job, this is a form of discrimination or a rule that does not “promote” a welcoming community for all.

It's not just Christian students and professors that are on campus. Many are beginning to question whether or not Baylor is deep in its religious beliefs and implement a policy as “discriminatory.” Students must understand the severity of this claim. In no way is it permissible or legal to require staff to uphold the same religion as the establishment for which they work. Being a CL requires mentorship, and it’s crucial that the student body is receiving the right biblical guidance. I pay for a Baptist university, so I expect a school that offers a Baptist community.

The base of the Christian religion is that the Bible should never have biblical guide. Anyone who is not a Christian student or professor should have the ability to faith-based council from my CL and I would love, but that doesn’t mean you support. Baylor should absolutely treat all students with the same amount of respect and compassion no matter their religious background. However, it is crucial to understand that coming to a private Christian university comes with certain customs and rules. We must respect those of a different faith and also respect those who hold to their beliefs and implement them into the institution they operate.

From my own experience, I had received faith-based counsel from my CL, and I would not have been able to get through the first month of college if it weren't for her biblical encouragement. Students are advised to seek our community leader for personal, emotional and even academic help. This requires a person of faith who will correct you to spiritually guide a resident.

Uprooting means holding no regret, and there should be no shame or remorse in standing firm, especially when holding legal and moral rights to do so. When a school publicly preaches their beliefs, they sometimes will becontroversy and people who disagree. It is not Baylor’s responsibility to confront others’ opinions in fear of offending them, and such students are aware of the instruments which serve before attending. Just because some might offended does not mean that it is morally wrong. There will always be someone offended. Even if you’re not, April Fools

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LISA MASCARO and MARK J. DRILLEN
Associated Press

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that the scope of the Russia
investigation was among
questions that Lewandowski
would later have to answer.

A former FBI official told
The New York Times that
there was more detail than
what he described as “just a
Trump Tower in Moscow,
which he had shared with
Lewandowski.

Colin said he “personally
feared” waking up one
morning to learn that the FBI
chief had been fired. He said
he knew the memo was not
true for many weeks, but he
did not want to research it
any further.

Colin said he would not
remember what he wrote in
the memo, but he did say he
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Comey’s reaction would be.

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Berenger Theatre will perform the play "Rhinoceros" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the Jones Theatre. "Rhinoceros" tells a story of a French town plagued by rhinoceroses, but there are no ordinary animals. They are townspeople played by "Rhinoceros." One thing the production does extremely well, under the direction of Chad Kennedy, is the actors’ portrayal and transformation from man into rhinoceroses, with the help of costumes effects.

Two performers stood out to me: Boerne sophomore Shane Cearnal (Jean) and Faulkner, Cal’s Justice Branch (Berenger). Berenger’s transformation is truly the focal point of the play, and Berenger finally encourages Boerne to stand tall in his prowess, and after Act One, Berenger maintains a sense of versatility and path for the various rhinoceros-metamorphosis happening around him.

What causes Berenger to remain relatively unfazed physically while his close friends and neighbors change, is his unwillingness to give in to group mentality; however, he possesses no rhinoceritis. "Rhinoceros" tells a story of a French town plagued by rhinoceroses, but these are no ordinary animals. They are townspeople transformed into animals by the rhinoceritis. And some of the artists that you subliminally admire in your life, especially the arts.

PRESTON GOSSETT Reporter

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WHAT TO DO IN WACO

TUESDAY

World Cinema Series: (Ash Is Purest White) Film Screening
6 p.m. | Bennett Auditorium, 1420 S. 7th St. | Free

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Open Mic Night
8 p.m. | Common Grounds, 1123 S. Eighth St. | Free

THURSDAY

Baylor Singing Seniors present “Sing We Now of Jesus”
4 p.m. | First Baptist Church of Waco, 500 Webster Ave. | Free

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McLennan Community College’s Highlander Holiday Concert
7:30 p.m. | Ball Performing Arts Center, McLennan Community College, 1400 College Drive | Free

Lariat Hot Take
What are the best, worst Christmas films?

“Least favorite [is] ‘Santa Claus 3.’ Jack Frost is the most disgusting, repulsive character in a Christmas movie. I hate him so much, and they just destroy the entire Santa Claus canon.”

MATTHEW SODERBERG | SPORTS WRITER

“My favorite Christmas movie is ‘Elf,’ even though it’s overplayed, over quoted and kind of the ‘Mean Girls’ of Christmas movies — it’s just probably overhyped. It will never not be funny.”

BRIDGET SJOBERG | NEWS EDITOR

Comics & Crosswords

Crossword solutions found at baylorlariat.com
Baylor volleyball's senior class sat together Sunday night with their team, coaches and the entire volleyball crew to watch the NCAA Selection Show as a family. When the Bears popped up first, the entire house roared — not for the seed, but as a celebration of all the hard work it took to get there.

This is the fourteenth senior class in Baylor volleyball history. It's not even particularly close. Fifth-year senior Shelly Stafford has played for head coach Ryan McGuyre from the beginning of his tenure. Tara Wulf, Braya Hunt, Nicole Thomas and Hannah Fluegel have each never missed a playoff in their time at Baylor. Gia Milana transferred in before last season and has been a major part of this team since.

Each player has their strengths. Each, of course, has their weaknesses. Each has a unique way of leading the Bears and helping them find success in their final year on campus.

While this team has had success over the previous three seasons, they aren't done yet. Hunt said just missing the Final Four last season felt like a disappointment. “Fun. Not fulfilled,” Hunt said. “We’ve had the same culture here for the past four years, but I think we didn’t have all the pieces we needed and the grit that we needed. And so we had a good time, but we didn’t reach the potential that we knew that we had.”

Now, Baylor is on a quest for glory and greatness, with their first ever No. 1 ranking and No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament. Wulf said the pieces and mindset finally clicked together.

“What’s different about this year is just the way that this team trusts and loves each other,” Wulf said. “I think that our feeling is so much higher this year, and each one of us are bought in and believe it 100%.”

The senior class has been the driving force behind the Bears in White. Seniors Hannah Lockin and Yossiana Pressley get the bulk of media attention, the older players set the example. Stafford said it’s been the goal of the group to lead and be the backbone for the entire squad.

“I would describe us as … the rock for this program and this team,” Stafford said. “Just something that everyone can kind of come to look up to. We each bring different values to the team that other people are able to feed off of.”

The team has been together for months, and they’ve bonded in ways teams not connected through Christ would. Wulf said it’s been one of the best times of her life to be a part of this top-tier team.

“I would say just all the memories that we’ve created, especially this year — it just seems like we’ve made history together since day one at this program. Wulf said. “It just been fun — the bus trips, the away trips to the hotel, the team, the games where we’ve lost — just all those memories. I’m going to miss this for sure.”

The Bears and their seniors aren’t finished yet. Baylor hosts Sacred Heart, Stephen F. Austin and USC in the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament at the Ferrell Center. The Bears will face Sacred Heart at 7 p.m. Friday night.

MATTHEW SODERBERG
Sports Writer

HISTORY No. 1 Baylor volleyball avenges its first-ever conference loss to TCU in the Big 12 title game along with No. 27 Texas Saturday.

SERVING FROM THE HEART Fifth-year middle blocker makes a serve during Baylor's sweep of TCU.

CONFETTI ANGELS Senior outside hitter Gia Milana and sophomore opposite Marise van der Merk play in confetti.

SIC EM The Bears throw a Sic ‘em after singing the school song following their victory over the Horned Frogs.

All photos courtesy of Joshua Martin | Baylor Photography
Thanksgiving break hot off a 87-78 victory Invitational as the Bears went into the successful in during the Myrtle Beach game is an opportunity to get better, not play improve on that toughness and our mental on ourselves a lot, “ Butler said. “We try to for us to get better, and you know, we focus will try to extend its win streak to five after

2018. With those losses lingering in their basketball is such an exciting time ... early major conference opponent, “ head coach

Scott Drew said. “Each and every day you

underestimate its opponent, no matter who

Butler’s defense has been incredible, holding Texas and Kansas to a combined 16 points, and its offense has been a buzzkill. This time the Sooners will have CarJay Lamb, so coverages and production will probably be different. But if

Baylor can play like they did in that first half, all of them will want to get this game. Oh, and it would help if Oklahoma State beat Wisconsin, but it may not be entirely necessary for Baylor to make it into the final four.

other stuff

Jim Harbaugh should still be the coach at Big Blue in February. Yes, last fall was a time to Mizzou and rust. You be well only

finished in the top-10 twice during the year. But, it was last a team to a Super Bowl and has made Michigan at least relevant again.

The Maui and Blue will never be the Alabama-esque powerhouse it once was. It’s simply not relevant enough in the national conversations — especially Michigan’s recruiting base cares more about basketball. Plus, Ohio State is cooler. They’ve had more success, and it seems that their new head coach can keep their success going.

The Wolverines need to strive for success, and that doesn’t necessarily mean a national championship run each year, but being competitive in the hyper-talented Big 10 East, plus a few conference titles every few years, should give the Ann Arbor faithful satisfaction. The other Bear for their second-rivalry week opponents by an average of 41 points. LSU got revenge after their season-

long loss in Aggieland last season, locking the Tigers into the playoff. Clemson rolled over South Carolina, and Georgia beat down Georgia Tech, playing both “in and the out” at the same time.

The top two teams are clearly better than everyone else. I honestly hope LSU loses so help get off all these SEC teams. I’m not naïve enough to believe that will happen. The committee will oppose the Big 12 or Pac-12.

It’s only a matter of who comes out first.

Matt Soderberg

SPORTS COLUMN

Sportbergen Week 14: Big 12 playoff hopes live

Last week, Oklahoma. This week, Alabama. Things are all falling into place for the Bears to make it to the playoff. Who would’ve thought such a thing was even possible two months ago — let alone two years.

Playoff Hopes

Baylor came into the week at No. 9 in the playoff rankings — its first time in the top-10 since Week 12 four years ago. The Bears then proceeded to trounce La Salle and Kansas State for their second-best offensive performance of the year and first best defensive. That’s why you

expect this.

Then, Alabama had to lose, and lose they did. The Auburn Tigers took down the Crimson Tide after a missed Alabama field goal with two minutes remaining. There was a myriad of questionable calls, but in the end, Nick Saban’s playoff dreams were crushed, and Auburn fans were singing the field.

Once still was, as did the others in the top-

four, but that only means to matter this coming week. For Baylor to square it, three or four things have to happen. LSU has to beat Georgia, otherwise, both teams are in and no other game particularly matters. Oregon has to beat Utah, giving the Pac-12 a two-lose champion, and a two-loss team in the playoff.

Finally, the Bears have to beat Oklahoma. Three weeks ago, they came just about as close as it gets, but lost it slip out through their fingers. Since that loss (their only loss), Baylor’s defense has been incredible, holding Tulsa and Kansas to a combined 16 points, and its offense has been a buzzkill. This time the Sooners will have CarJay Lamb, so coverages and production will probably be different. But if

No. 18 Baylor looks to hold Hawks winless

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When Maryland-Eastern Shore traveled to Woods in search of their first victory (0-9) Tuesday night, No. 18 Baylor knew not to underestimate its opponent, no matter who it is.

It’s possible to dominate the college mix basketball leagues and still fall short to the underdog. Just ask Drake who fell to Stephen F. Austin last week.

“Every day there’s a name school or power free school getting beat by a mid-major conference opponent,” head coach Scott Drew said. “Each and every day you look and their spots and that’s why college basketball is such an exciting time ... early in the year, those teams are starting to still figure things out. You can’t go two or three days without an upset.”

The veteran team has seen its fair share of falling short in non-conference matchups. To name a few, last year the Bears fell to Texas Southern (72-69) to open the season of falling short in non-conference matchups. No longer will that happen.

Another important factor in the matchup will be the turnovers. The Hawks struggle with forcing the ball, ranking 141 in the nation and averaging 16.42 per game. Likewise, Drew said the Bears have room for improvement with an average of nearly 12 turnovers a game.

It’s like a marathon race the whole season, and if you’re not getting better each and every day, then you’re going to get passed,” Drew said. “Turnover rates have gradually been improving. We had five against Villanova, which is amazing. Hopefully we can be a single digit turnover rate.

An improvement comes throughout the season, sophomore guard Pooh Gillotte is focused on the game in front of him and in keeping the Hawks from the spot.

“We just took the 3s, but it’s not going to be against us,” Gillotte said.

The Bears will wrap up the 4-0 p.m. Tuesday at the Ferrell Center. The game will be broadcast on ESPN+.

Power Five Championship Weekend

- Pac-12 Championship: Utah vs Oregon: 7 p.m. Friday on ABC
- Big 12 Championship: Baylor vs OU: 11 a.m. Saturday on ABC
- ACC Championship: Clemson vs Virginia: 7 p.m. Saturday on ESPN
- SEC Championship: LSU vs Georgia: 6 p.m. Saturday on ESPN
- Big 10 Championship: Ohio State vs Wisconsin: 7 p.m. on FOX