



Title IX Coordinator discusses changes

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Baylor's Title IX Coordinator Kristan Tucker sat down with the Lariat to talk about changes made to Baylor's Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment and Interpersonal Violence Policy and a Social Climate Survey that the university sent to students last week.

Can you walk me through the changes made to the [Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment and Interpersonal Violence Policy]?

We have renamed our policy and made it the Sexual and Gender-Based-Harassment and Interpersonal Violence Policy, just some updated terminology. Staying up to date with all the new developments in the field and best

practices, of course. Some of the changes or updates we made are really focused on best practices. We are learning from our students who have gone through the process [of reporting Title IX issues] and provided us with feedback, and so we want to strengthen it and grow it.

So I will tell you way up front, one of our goals is to every year look at this policy and analyze it and stay up to date with that best

practice and feedback. That is something we have planned to do. Way before Pepper Hamilton came in or anything like that, that is something our department has wanted.

Some of the changes I would say is we really streamlined the process more – it is still very much an equitable process where both parties

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In Transition

Campus joins conversation on transgender rights

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

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Opinion Editor

The debate over the rights of transgender people in the United States has arrived at a boiling point. There are many aspects to acknowledge when discussing this issue, from the question of political authority over the matter at large to the minute details of which restroom a transitioning person

should use. The facts of this debate can be convoluted and hard to find, but they do exist.

The facts are these: In many cases – but not all – a transgender individual displays symptoms of “gender dysphoria,” which, according to the American Psychiatric Association, “involves a conflict between a person’s physical or assigned gender and the gender with which he/she/they identify. People with gender dysphoria may be very uncomfortable with the gender they were assigned, sometimes described as being uncomfortable with their body – particularly developments during puberty – or being uncomfortable with the expected roles of their assigned gender.

The APA website includes genetic conditions along with this psychological condition that can cause similar disassociation in someone’s psyche, such as Klinefelter Syndrome and several other hormonal imbalance disorders.

This January, McLennan County junior transfer Jessica, recently participated in Baylor’s Panhellenic recruitment week. Jessica is a little over one year into the male-to-female (MTF) transition process, which put her in a unique position as she went through the process of rushing Baylor’s eight Panhellenic sororities. Although she did not complete the recruitment process for

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Football assistant arrested on charges of prostitution Saturday

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News Editor

An assistant in the football strength and conditioning area of the Baylor athletics department was arrested early Saturday morning on charges of solicitation of prostitution.

Brandon Washington was arrested by deputies after arriving at a local hotel to meet a prostitute, McLennan County Sheriff Parnell McNamara told the Waco Tribune-Herald. His charge is classified as a Class B misdemeanor.

Washington was recently hired in the Baylor athletics department but was fired once the university learned of his arrest, according to a Baylor University statement.

“After a full criminal background check was completed and cleared, Brandon Washington was recently hired as an assistant in the Football Strength and Conditioning area,” Baylor said in a statement. “Baylor was notified on February 4 of Brandon Washington’s arrest and terminated his employment immediately that day.”

As of Monday evening, there is no mention of Washington on Baylor’s website.

Washington filled a similar role in the athletics department at Temple University last year until head football coach Matt Rhule was hired by Baylor in December.

“When we arrived at Baylor we made a commitment to character and integrity in our program,” Rhule said in an interview with the Waco Tribune-Herald. “Brandon’s actions are completely unacceptable. We will not tolerate conduct that is contradictory to these values.”

After posting \$1,000 bond, Washington was released from the McLennan County Jail on Saturday, according to the Waco Tribune-Herald.

Student veteran, cancer patient given \$5,000 from Soldier’s Wish, Subway

RACHEL SMITH
Reporter

After Veterans Affairs Coordinator Jessica Alford told Waco sophomore U.S. Army veteran Nick Harrington they were going to Subway to discuss a scholarship opportunity, he was shocked to find cameras rolling as he walked into the restaurant.

Subway Restaurants of Waco, Temple and Killeen partnered with Soldier’s Wish to surprise the 35-year-old cancer patient with \$5,000 on Friday morning at their LaSalle location. The funds came from a fundraising campaign local Subway locations promoted in October 2016 to benefit Soldier’s Wish.

“They completely surprised me. I had no idea what was going

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Rachel Smith | Reporter

\$5,000 FOOT LONG Sophomore Army veteran Nick Harrington was surprised on Saturday when he was given \$5,000 by Soldier’s Wish and Subway to assist him in daily bills and treatments for thyroid cancer, which Harrington was diagnosed with in June 2016.

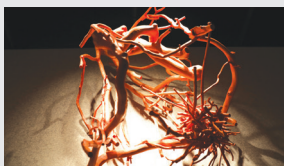
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Let's make tank tops great again

THOMAS MOTT
Reporter

Right now in America, many people are coming together to try and lift President Trump's immigration ban. Little do Baylor students know, there is also a ban in much need of repealing that currently governs the student body: Specifically, the "sleeves required when working out" ban.

Perhaps it was your first time going to the Student Life Center freshman year, when you tried to walk into the gym with a tank top and immediately got turned back because SLC policy states that you need sleeves to work out. Ask any of the SLC employees why this ban is in place, and they will most likely tell you it is there for sanitary reasons. The thought process here is that people without sleeves will sweat more than people with sleeves and leave the gym equipment dirty.

The problem with this logic is that if you sweat a lot while working out, you will inevitably get sweat on the machines you use, regardless of what type of shirt you are wearing. Sleeves are not antibacterial, waterproof pieces of cloth that soak up every drop of liquid they touch. This means that regardless of clothing, sweat will still get on gym equipment and make it dirty. In reality, all gyms are dirty and all gym equipment probably has someone else's bacteria on it when you use it. Although, if you are that paranoid about bacteria, you should probably skip the campus bathrooms, doorknobs and desks that we all touch on a regular basis as well. At least the gym equipment gets cleaned twice a day.

OK, so maybe you do believe that the extra cloth does help control bacteria on gym equipment. Then why are students allowed to wear tank tops in other parts of the SLC such as the basketball courts, upstairs cardio machines, racquetball courts and track? What is the difference between someone sitting down on the SLC bleachers wearing a tank top after sweating through a basketball game and someone using a machine while working out? The basketball court bleachers are carpeted and NOT cleaned with disinfectant spray twice a day like the gym equipment in the SLC. If SLC management was really worried about students producing bacteria from wearing tank tops, then they should ban them from the entire gym.

The only other logical argument against tank tops would be from a modesty standpoint. You might argue that If tank tops are allowed, then girls will come in wearing only sports bras and guys will wear cutoff shirts with the entire side of their bodies showing. The simple solution to that problem would be to require certain types of clothing. Only allow T-shirts and tank tops, nothing else. However, if you are worried about modesty, then yoga pants and tight-fitting muscle shirts should not be allowed — just saying.

In the end, not allowing tank tops in the gym is not the end of the world. However, when every other major gym in the U.S. allows it, and there is no logical reasoning from a modesty or health standpoint, it is time to lift the tank top ban while working out in the SLC. In a time when other bans are front page news, perhaps this one should start getting some attention as well.

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EDITORIAL

Never forget about tragedy

In his heart-rending Holocaust memoir "Night," Elie Wiesel discusses at length the importance of remembering injustice. "To forget the dead would be akin to killing them a second time," he writes.

Jan. 27 was Holocaust Remembrance Day. While the holiday's title suggests that the horrific event of the Holocaust is what renders remembrance, Wiesel and countless other who have suffered injustice argue that remembering the injustice itself is not enough. We must remember the reason for the injustice as well as the people who were affected.

The statement the White House released on Holocaust Remembrance Day failed to do just that.

"It is with a heavy heart and somber mind that we remember and honor the victims, survivors, heroes of the Holocaust. It is impossible to fully fathom the depravity and horror inflicted on innocent people by Nazi terror," the statement reads.

Notice what's missing from that statement? The Trump administration failed to mention the 6 million Jews who died as a result of being directly and most vehemently targeted by the Nazi party.

White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus later defended the wording of the statement on "Meet the Press."

"I don't regret the words," Priebus said. "I mean, everyone's suffering in the Holocaust, including, obviously, all of the Jewish people affected and the miserable genocide that occurred — it's something that we consider to be extraordinarily sad."

While it's true that there were other groups targeted in the Holocaust such as Roma, the disabled and some Slavic peoples, the Holocaust was undeniably charged by anti-Semitism. By neglecting to specify Jewish people as the largest group of "innocent

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Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

people" who suffered from the Holocaust, the White House omits the sentiments by which these atrocities occurred.

In the words of Spanish philosopher George Santayana, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Another example of this arose last week when the Trump administration recognized the start of Black History Month.

Both President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence grossly misused the platform that was intended to recognize and celebrate the achievements and indispensable contributions of African-Americans throughout U.S. history.

Trump's Black History Month speech, although reflective of a second-grader's history report on African-Americans, started out well-intended enough. However, he then moved on to mention Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Instead of

praising specific accomplishments of the late reverend, Trump turned his speech to condemn the media for dissemination of fake news.

"You read all about Dr. Martin Luther King a week ago when somebody said I took the statue out of my office. It turned out that that was fake news. Fake news," Trump said. "And it was never even touched. So I think it was a disgrace, but that's the way the press is. Very unfortunate."

If that wasn't enough, Pence had his own comment to add.

"As #BlackHistoryMonth begins, we remember when Pres. Lincoln submitted the 13th Amendment, ending slavery, to the states #NationalFreedomDay" Pence tweeted on Feb. 1.

Like the White House Holocaust Remembrance Day statement, Pence's tweet failed to mention a single black person or accomplishment of an African-American. On the contrary, he

commends a white man for his achievements in U.S. history on a day meant to celebrate the accomplishments of black men and women.

The next day, without directly addressing the content of the original tweet, Pence tweeted, "This #BlackHistoryMonth, join us in celebrating the contributions of African-Americans in our nation's history."

What may seem like simple omissions of unnecessary details — such as mentioning Jews on Holocaust Remembrance Day or African-Americans on the first day of Black History Month — are actually an affront to the very purpose of remembering injustice against minorities. It's not enough to never forget the act of injustice. We must never forget the ideological reasoning behind them so we can prevent history from repeating itself.

COLUMN

Gluten-free is not as strange as it seems

GAVIN ROGERS
Reporter

In 2017, there's a high probability that someone has said something to you similar to this exchange in the TV comedy "Family Guy": "Hey, you want to go out and get some gluten-free pizza? I'm gluten-free now. But, you know, I'm not gonna be annoying about it. Too late."



OK, maybe not exactly like that, but close enough. The nuisance of going out to eat with someone who lives gluten-free can often be a pain. They ask the server for a gluten-free menu, and when they're told there isn't one, they ask to speak with a manager who comes strolling out with a big, red binder labeled "allergy information." At this point, your family and friends are rolling their eyes, one of them is kicking you underneath the table and the manager is making your allergy a bigger deal than it needs to be by drawing the attention of a few other tables around you. You've had enough. You tell the server, "You know what, I'll pass," and ask for a water.

Funny enough, this "annoying, high-maintenance, pain in the butt gluten-free person" happens to be me. To be fair, I have gone through the proper medical testing to show that I cannot consume gluten, but many people

have chosen this as a lifestyle because they have shown signs of being gluten-intolerant or have concluded that it's a healthier lifestyle. Many of these people get used to the endless jokes at the dinner table about their current "trend" and are often told that they are just psyching themselves out: To this, I say please stop.

You can't say someone is just psyching themselves out when they say they don't feel well and don't know why.

Novak Djokovic, a 12-time tennis Grand Slam champion, was suffering from mid-match collapses, physical crises that made it hard to breathe, and was taking frequent trips to the bathroom to violently vomit.

He had taken the proper medical tests to determine if he had Celiac, an autoimmune reaction to eating gluten, a protein found in wheat, barley and rye, but to Djokovic's disappointment, his medical tests were negative and he found himself still searching for answers.

That was until he met with Dr. Igor Cetojevic, a nutritionist and Serbian medical professional who was an expert in functional medicine and preventive care.

Independent.com writer Paul Newman told the story of the moment Djokovic's life changed forever.

"Cetojevic told Djokovic to stretch out his right arm while placing his left hand on his stomach. The doctor then pushed down on Djokovic's right arm and told him to resist the pressure. The strength Djokovic would feel in

holding firm, the doctor said, was exactly what he should experience." Newman wrote in his article.

In the next step of the test, Cetojevic gave Djokovic a slice of bread.

"He told the bemused player not to eat it but to hold it against his stomach with his left hand while he again pushed down on his outstretched right arm. To Djokovic's astonishment, the arm felt appreciably weaker. It was what Cetojevic had expected. His crude test had been to discover whether Djokovic was sensitive to gluten, a protein found in wheat and other bread grains," Newman wrote.

Since committing himself to a gluten-free diet, Djokovic has won Grand Slams at a rapid pace and was ranked the No. 1 tennis player in the world for the first time of his career. The tennis star credits his gluten-free lifestyle for his success and says he has felt lighter, gained greater flexibility, looser joints and no longer feels like his head is in a cloud.

This isn't to say going gluten-free is for everyone — in my opinion, it isn't. However, if you don't feel 100 percent, and notice some of the symptoms you can find online when you search "gluten intolerance," or when you read articles like this, don't let the jokes behind living a gluten-free lifestyle get in the way of trying something like Djokovic did to make yourself feel better. It's worth a shot.

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Natasha speaks on forgiveness with peers

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Students gathered in the North Russell classroom for a session called “Talk with Natasha” on Monday.

Lusaka, Zambia junior Jessica Schurz and San Diego, Calif., junior Josh Reil, community leaders of North Russell Hall put on the event to share Dallas sophomore Natasha Nkhama’s story and to touch on racial reconciliation and the importance of forgiveness.

“The goal of this event was to get people to bridge the gap between races and to give them practical ways to do so,” Reil said.

Nkhama was a victim of a racial slur that occurred on campus. She said she was pushed off the sidewalk by someone who she said told her “no n----- on the sidewalk” and then claimed to be making America great again. She said she has now forgiven the person who did that to her.

“It was kind of like a bad dream that didn’t feel real. I have a lot of friends that don’t believe that racism still exists, and that’s why I made that video,” Nkhama said.

In response to the incident, more than 300 students, faculty and administrators walked in solidarity with Nkhama.

“There was a lot support; it wasn’t just an online thing, people took a lot of physical action,” Nkhama said.

Big Spring junior Jennie Steel also shared her story and how she came from a predominately white community. She said being at Baylor has given her the opportunity to make a diverse group of friends.

Steel and Nkhama both shared ways to achieve racial reconciliation. Nkhama said one should reach outside the familiar and take a genuine interest in getting to know someone

that one may not have anything in common with.

Nkhama also said that black people seem to be defensive and more exclusive, and they need to be inclusive and inviting to everyone.

“When people ask about your culture, people get on the defensive side, and people should approach those conversations with an open mind because that person has something to teach you,” Nkhama said.

Nkhama and Steel both said it is important to be aware of situations and events that don’t only effect you, but also those around you.

Steel said that white people need to understand they are privileged and that understanding that can help with racial reconciliation.

“Being white, recognizing your privilege, humbling yourself with that and knowing that this person is just as equal as me,” Steel said.

Nkhama said that if someone says something offensive, it’s important to take a minute before responding.

“I don’t think I wouldn’t responded the way I did if I didn’t have that relationship with God,” Nkhama said. “Take a step back and see how I can be a reflection of love.”

Nkhama said change is never comfortable but is possible.

“This is going to be hard, but if I want to see something change I am going to have to do something that I don’t want to do,” Nkhama said.

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WALKING TO TALKING Natasha Nkhama (far right), the inspiration for the ‘I Walk with Natasha’ campus march at Baylor University, spoke with fellow peers Monday, Feb. 6, about racial reconciliation and forgiveness after experiencing an outpouring of support nationwide when targeted by a racial slur on campus.



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INFORMATION WITHOUT CRUTCH The Data Coalition will partner with the Baylor in Washington program in lobbying for citizens to have access to information that would not be available without their elected representatives in Congress.

Baylor program lobbies for better

RYLEE SEAVERS
Staff Writer

The Baylor in Washington program and the Baugh Center will host the Data Coalition’s policy director, Christian Hoehner, from Washington, D.C., for the “Lobbying for Better Government: Agenda Setting and Coalition Building in Washington D.C.” event.

Hoehner has been the policy director at the Data Coalition for a year. The Data Coalition is an organization that advocates for government information to be published as machine-readable data, according to its website. Its principle belief is that if government information is collected in a uniform manner, it will be easier to access and interpret, Hoehner said.

“It’s [taxpayer] data,” Hoehner said of why citizens should care about the Data Coalition’s mission. “Taxpayers’ money goes into funding missions that the government approves of to provide services to the public. In order to understand how to take advantage of those services ... you need the management data, which is the agency’s financials, where the money ends up [and] tracking the funds all the way up to the eventual grant contractors. The populous isn’t able to get that information if their elected representatives in Congress aren’t easily able to access that data.”

The Baylor in Washington program coordinator, Grant Jones, said the Baylor in Washington program chose to invite Hoehner

because of his experience with coalition building in Washington, D.C. Jones also said that coalition building is part of the foundation of a democratic society, and it is how people with competing interests find compromise.

Jones said Hoehner can provide insight into the topics that students should study to enter the workforce. He also said the information Hoehner will provide will be beneficial to all students, not just political science majors. The ability to work with people is a skill that everyone needs to learn, Jones said.

Hoehner will talk about how businesses can advocate for their causes in Washington, D.C., the history of the Data Act which was passed in 2014, according to the Data Coalition website, and the importance of coalition building.

“I think it’s good for all business sectors to really understand how D.C. functions ... There’s a lot of misperceptions out there ... I just want to demystify it,” Hoehner said.

Before becoming policy director at the Data Coalition, Hoehner lobbied on behalf of Baylor in Washington, D.C. He helped Baylor receive federal grants for research and track the budget process of those grants.

“I really do enjoy the Baylor mission,” Hoehner said of why he wanted to come to Waco and speak to students.

The event will be held on Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. in the 211 Foster. Lunch will be provided. If you plan to attend the event, contact Grant Jones at grant_jones2@baylor.edu.

Librarians fight for ‘information literacy’ at Baylor University

FAITH MILETELLO
Reporter

The Baylor Libraries offer students an accessible way to get information and resources through the department of research and engagement.

The department gives each academic section a library liaison who knows the specific databases designated for specific majors and can buy new resources to help aid student and faculty research.

“I think the greatest resource we offer is having specific librarians dedicated to specific departments across campus,” Sha Towers, art liaison librarian and associate director of the Central Libraries, wrote in an email to the Lariat. “This allows each librarian to customize the services and types of engagement to the unique needs of each department’s students and faculty.”

In today’s technological age, search engines give students quick answers to research questions, but there

are an immense number of resources the Baylor libraries pay for to provide students with opportunities for in-depth research.

The library liaison to Hankamer School of Business, Carol Schuetz, sees many students who don’t know that they can find useful information for their major that is not released to the public. She also believes there are benefits in understanding how to conduct quality research.

“For those business students going into the job market, a lot of the resources Baylor subscribes to, the businesses hiring also subscribe to,” Schuetz said. “If students go in with experience using various reliable business resources, it makes you a better candidate in the workforce.”

Ellen Hampton Filgo, librarian liaison for the communications and modern foreign language departments, emphasized “information literacy,” the importance of knowing how to search for valuable

resources and then effectively evaluate the the credibility and usefulness of the information.

The library also has historical texts, various types of databases and information that only Baylor has available for students. Each librarian has specific databases they think students could benefit from if they were aware of how to use them.

“We invest millions of dollars in specialized resources that give you access to so much more,” Towers wrote, “and better information than Google can provide.”

Students can make an appointment with their department librarian on the libraries website homepage. Schuelz said, conducting quality research on trusted sites is the best way for students create valuable academic material.

“It’s about teaching people how to search for things, and as a librarian, I want to connect people with the information that they need,” Filgo said.

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academic reasons, Jessica has sparked conversation among Baylor students about this controversial topic.

“Until about two years ago, I didn’t realize transition was possible. I figured, if I really wanted this, I’d have to deal with criticism eventually. If I could deal with it before [transitioning], I’d be able to deal with it after,” Jessica said.

New laws, bills and court cases that regard transgender individuals and their rights are passed regularly — the House bill that recently passed in North Carolina now legally requires people using public facilities to use the restroom that coincides with the gender on their birth certificate, whether or not they identify that way. A similar bill is currently being debated in Texas Legislature with a decision expected in early March. A breakdown of bills being proposed in each state is provided on the National Conferences of State Legislatures website. There are now 12 states with pending or proposed legislation that address bathroom laws.

While there are many supporters of the transgender community in the United States, there are also many who disagree with the concept of transgender people on varying levels and many who disagree on the way legislation should be addressed as well.

“We believe, no matter what sexual orientation one subjects themselves to, that every American should be treated equally under the outlined rights in the constitution. Regarding the restroom bill, we advise that the federal government should leave it to the state to decide on the issues,” the Baylor College Republicans said in a statement.

The transgender community is a minority with a rising voice. According to a 2016 study at the Williams Institute at the University of California Los Angeles, there are roughly 1.4 million adults in the United States that identify as transgender. This debate over the rights of transgender citizens has become a trending topic across the country and the world, and has even reached the grounds of the Baylor campus.

Baylor has a diverse student body, which can result in many different opinions.

“There haven’t been many instances where I haven’t felt accepted, but even so, I wish there were less. We’re ordinary people, just like you. We have the same dreams, visions, desires as any individual,” Jessica said.

Jessica is not the only transgender student to lobby for acceptance in all groups; a student going through a MTF

transition at the University of Michigan attempted to complete the rush process in February 2016. Jessica and the University of Michigan student, both of whom identify as women, have been among the first in the young transgender community to openly attend rush events in search of new friendships and a home within their university.

Waco junior Margo is an active member of the Baylor Sexual Identity Forum, an unofficial organization, and had a lot to say about the way members of the LGBT community fit in to the Baylor community.

“Besides the general safety issue, I found that so few people are educated about the subject that I end up having to give a whole lecture about who I am,” Margo said. “I want people to accept me as who I am without putting me in a strange box. I already get weird stares going into the female bathroom because my hair is short. I think people just need to educate themselves on the community and the terms we use. Be open to respecting other people even if their views don’t align with your own. It does no one any good to discriminate against other people just because you don’t understand them.”

Just Hanging Around



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS Chesterfield, Mo., sophomore Joanna Disch and Hampton, N.J., junior Tabby Gawalis hung their hammocks as high as they could on Monday above Fountain Mall to study and relax.

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have the opportunity for notification and participation, but we are really hoping that this new format is going to streamline the timeliness of the process. In the old process, we had two levels of appeal that went all the way to the president of the university. So when we receive a report, it could be face to face, or when someone calls in or emails or files a report — however we receive a report, we are going to reach out to the student or faculty or staff member who first made it to gather more information and provide resources and options and just talk to them about what their rights are, and that’s our first goal. Because sometimes people want resources and assistance, so we focus on that first.

Under this new policy, we have a hearing panel — it is a three-member panel comprised of external professionals and staff and faculty who are trained on this policy. And we are bringing in external trainers who will partner with me to help everyone really understand this. Our external professionals will have already been working under our old policy and have been doing this work for a long period of time, so they will also help with training because they have that experience as well.

But the panel kicks off in two different ways potentially, so if the respondent is found responsible for a policy violation, that hearing panel will meet to determine sanctioning. There are two specific grounds they can dispute it on that is all laid out in the policy. I won’t go too far into those details, but if they dispute the finding for one of those reasons, it can go to the panel, too. So those are the two times the panel would convene: for sanctions or if there is a dispute of the finding.

Earlier this week, a social climate survey was sent out to students. Did this survey come from the Title IX Office?

It is a university initiative. Yes, we have been active in helping that come to campus—that is something that was in the works prior to Pepper Hamilton’s report or even them really coming and

doing their investigation. This survey had already been in discussion and been planning on occurring for quite a while, and we are super excited about it. It’s not a Title IX thing; it is definitely a university initiative, which is why the email came from Dr. [Kevin] Jackson later, but we were an integral part in making it happen.

We want students so much to feel comfortable in answering those questions. They are challenging questions, but they are going to help us understand where our campus really is and not just where a handful of people are. We really want to know what our campus is experiencing and how they feel and where they stand so we can move forward in a positive direction.

I have taken the survey, and some of the questions can be difficult to answer. What went into creating this survey and deciding to include some of the harder questions?

We are on the same page. This topic is a challenging topic, and no matter how you ask a question, it can be really hard, and it can trigger different people, and we understand that. This survey was actually chosen close to a year ago, six months to a year ago, and it is a well-known, well-researched survey across the nation. Lots of institutions and universities have utilized it to assess their graduate and undergraduate students.

Each question has been thought through by a team of psychologists, so this is not something that Baylor wrote or developed. It is a national measure. There is a team of psychologists who have written it who are experts in their field and in academia because we wanted the measure to hold up in being sound and thought-through questions.

What will be done with the data gathered from the survey?

We’ve been working with institutional research. They have been telling us how many students approximately need to take the survey in order to have data that will be incredibly useful, so depending on the level of participation in the survey will determine how far we can take this data

in assisting our campus, but regardless of how many students participate, it is still going to speak into specifically in our office and as the Baylor community to prevention methods, training and education programming.

So it is a difficult survey. It is lengthy. Why should students take the time and mental energy to take the survey?

We’ve been receiving feedback from students asking what they can do to make Baylor a safer campus, and this is the way for students to be able to help. Help us understand what our students are experiencing even more than we do right now. To help us to understand the social climate of what they are experiencing. We aren’t going to know that unless they feel like they can be honest.

The survey is confidential. The survey does not tie back to them. They have the opportunity to submit contact information so they can be entered to win a gift card, but it does not tie to their results or answers in any way, so the survey is completely confidential. We are asking for that honesty and transparency so we can understand and make this place better and continue to move in that positive direction. That is definitely our heart in this office and also as a community, we want our students to be part of this and shift the culture.

Is there anything else you want me to know about the policy changes or the survey or what is going on in the Title IX Office?

I think, overall, something I want students to know about our office, and me and each of our hearts is how much we care about this community and care about these students, and we are working diligently to try and make it and make Baylor even better and serve our students and faculty in the best way possible.

We want them to know our hearts and know that this office isn’t just about me, Kristan Tucker. This is a bigger picture, and this is a campus initiative. Our hearts are for the people here at Baylor.

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on,” Harrington said.

In June 2016, Harrington was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. After his thyroid was removed, the doctors discovered cancer had spread to his lymph nodes. During a surgery at MD Anderson, doctors removed 81 lymph nodes from his neck only to find traces of cancer in his laryngeal nerves.

“This gift is going to help me big time with day-to-day and monthly bills,” Harrington said.

Harrington has to pay out of pocket for travel, testing, medication and surgeries. He travels to and from MD Anderson in Houston as a full-time student.

“As a self-supporting student and cancer patient, it’s hard to keep up,” Harrington said. “This will give me a big cushion.”

Alford, who learned about Harrington’s story through colleagues, chose to nominate Harrington for the gift.

“It was too easy,” Alford said. “I think Nick receiving the money that will help him is one less stress that will help him focus on getting well and school.”

Mark Ochsenbein, an Army veteran, serves as volunteer executive director with Soldier’s Wish, an organization that provides resources to help veterans with unmet needs.

“We do this all over the country,” Ochsenbein said. “It’s an honor for me to be a part of it.”

Ochsenbein presented the check to Harrington alongside Subway franchisee Kevin Allen and Michael Ebers, multi-unit franchisee and chief operating officer.

“Today was the first day I met Nick,” Ochsenbein said. “Being able to help him out was just great.”

Allen was a member of the advertising board that put together the presentation.

“You hear about programs like this, and you see different programs, and I just think it meant more when you get to see it and know he’s a student at Baylor,” Allen said. “It definitely took on a new meaning to me this week for sure.”

Allen said he had not met Nick until the presentation, but he had received some background information four days earlier.

“To see this in our hometown makes a difference,” Allen said. “Just to be able to see a face and shake a hand is very meaningful to me. We want to continue to do this on a yearly basis.”

When Harrington received the check, he said he hoped to be able to one day return the good others have done for him.

“Thank you, thank you, thank you,” Harrington said. “I can’t find the words to express the thanks and gratitude I have for everyone involved and for everything they’ve done.”

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Nick Harrington | Sophomore
U.S. Army veteran

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Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

NATURAL BEAUTY The artwork presented in the 'Confluence of Earth and Mind' exhibition is by Sharon Kopriva and Sherry Owens. The free exhibition is open until Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays at the Martin Museum of Art.

Naturally artistic

Art exhibition combines nature, self-discovery

KASSIDY WOYTEK
Reporter

The “Confluence of Earth and Mind” exhibition has transformed the Martin Museum of Art into an enchanted forest showcasing the works of Texas artists Sharon Kopriva and Sherry Owens.

Kopriva and Owens are longtime friends who worked independently on their collections but realized that their work expressed similar themes. Both artists express deeper truths about humanity and spirituality by using earthy materials such as leaves, wood and rope.

“We’re after some of the same ideas and feelings,” Kopriva said. “Our materials are different, but sometimes our thoughts are the same.”

Kopriva said her work represents a fusion of her Catholic upbringing and the appreciation for nature she learned in the woods of Idaho, where she frequently spends her summers. Her painting “Cathedral Green,” which occupies an entire wall on its

own, shows the outline of a cathedral against a backdrop of foliage.

“I ended up really finding my religion in the woods of Idaho, and ‘Cathedral Green’ represents that for me,” Kopriva said. “I discovered I could talk to God in the woods instead of a church.”

Hanging from the back of the exhibit are five vaguely human-shaped rope sculptures. Kopriva affectionately refers to these sculptures as “tuber forms,” describing them as “half-human, half-vegetable.”

Kopriva said these sculptures were inspired by the muses from Greek mythology who inspired excellence in poetry, music, theater and other fine arts. Upon realizing that no muse existed specifically for the visual arts, she decided to create her own version of the muses.

“I have a bonfire in the middle filled with all the materials that painters, sculptors and writers use,” Kopriva said. “That piece is about inspiring artists.”

Martin Museum of Art Director Allison Syltie said visitors who look

THE DETAILS:

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10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday
1-4 p.m. Sunday
Where:
Martin Museum of Art

closely can see each of Kopriva’s muses holding the tools of their trade, such as a harp or a paintbrush.

Syltie also commented on the level of detail in the presentation of Kopriva’s pieces, pointing out the scattering of leaves on the floor underneath each piece.

“We had to make sure to tell the cleaning staff not to sweep those up,” Syltie said, laughing.

Sherry Owens, the second artist featured in the “Confluence of Earth and Mind” exhibit, uses crepe myrtle wood to create forms reminiscent of birds’ nests. Owens says one of these sculptures is her self-portrait, although the only recognizably

human shape is the bronze pair of feet at the bottom.

Syltie said one of Owens’ pieces has gained a considerable amount of attention from museum visitors because it incorporates Owens’ own hair. For over a year, Owens gathered the hair from her comb and tagged it with the day’s date, saving it for use in this piece.

Syltie said that the American poet Ellen Kort was so moved by this piece that she wrote a poem titled, “To the Woman Who Collected Strands of Hair,” which now hangs alongside Owens’ work.

“She was pleased that her hair had made itself a shawl, a murmuring song to fill the dark seams of night,” the poem reads.

Another of Owens’ sculptures features an actual fragment of the Berlin wall. Syltie said the branches beneath the fragment represent the tunnels used by those trying to cross to the other side of the wall.

“Her work is normally not that narrative, but this is an exception,” Syltie said.

This week in Waco:

>> Today

2-5 p.m. — Summer Camp Fair. McLane Student Life Center.

5-10 p.m. — Dinner at the Hippodrome. Waco Hippodrome.

>> Wednesday

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

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

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

>> Thursday

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

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

6 p.m. — Pat Mckee & Trammell Kelly perform Jazz. DiamondBack’s.

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

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

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

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For today’s puzzle results, please go to
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Today’s Puzzles

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 - 15 In front
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 - 23 Malted relative
 - 24 Magnolia State school, familiarly
 - 27 Baseball misplays
 - 31 Calendar page
 - 32 Floppy disk backup device
 - 35 Forest official
 - 36 Angry rock genre
 - 37 Michelangelo statue
 - 39 R&B’s ___ Hill
 - 40 Changes gears
 - 43 Ballad for a valentine
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 - 47 Seek ambitiously
 - 48 O. Henry works
 - 50 Mexican dip
 - 54 Virtually zero, and where the ends of 20-, 32- and 43-Across are literally situated
 - 58 Slick-talking
 - 60 Jokes and such
 - 61 Cupid
 - 62 Save for binge-watching, say
 - 63 ‘50s nuclear trial
 - 64 Dressed in
 - 65 River of Hades
 - 66 Barcelona babies
 - 67 Joint commonly replaced

- Down**
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- 12 Young Darth’s nickname
- 13 Distress signal at sea
- 21 La. or Dak., once
- 22 Disaster relief org.
- 25 Titanic rear end
- 26 “So what” shoulder gesture
- 28 Fabric flaws
- 29 Egg: Pref.
- 30 Fishing line holders
- 32 Thin citrus peels
- 33 Words spoken by a sweater?
- 34 Plant responsible for much itching
- 35 Sitarist Shankar

- 38 High side
- 41 Locomotive furnace
- 42 Cereal coveted by a silly rabbit
- 44 Former “formerly”
- 45 Seattle football pro
- 47 Sharp as a tack
- 49 Wharton’s Frome
- 51 Chihuahua citrus fruit
- 52 Boring lecture, for example
- 53 Share the same opinion
- 55 Dark clouds, perhaps
- 56 Aroma detector
- 57 Leftover bits
- 58 Classic sports cars
- 59 Set fire to

Lady Bears' win streak is over



Associated Press

STRUGGLE FOR SUPREMACY Baylor junior center Kalani Brown goes up for the block against Texas guard Joyner Holmes in a game played on Feb. 6 in Waco. The Lady Bears suffered their first home loss of the season, giving up the first place position in the Big 12 by a final of 85-79.

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

In a battle for Big 12 superiority, No. 11 Texas blew a 15-point fourth quarter lead but held on to knock off No. 2 Baylor 85-79 at the Ferrell Center on Monday night, snapping the Lady Bears' 21-game winning streak.

Junior guard Brooke McCarty led the upset effort with 22 points, and the Longhorns shot 52 percent from the field, the first to do so against Baylor this season.

Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said Texas was ready to play and that Baylor could never quite recover from the slow start.

"They came out on fire. I complement those guys; they were ready to play," Mulkey said. "They had a lot of energy, a lot of fight in them, and they punched us right in the mouth."

After trailing the entire game, Baylor used a 20-5 run to erase a 71-56 deficit and tie the game at 76 on sophomore post Kalani Brown's free throw jumper. Freshman guard Joyner Holmes then put Texas back on top with a layup, and the Longhorns hit five of six from the free throw line down the stretch to seal the victory.

Despite trailing the entire game, Baylor continued to push and tried to swing the momentum back in its favor. When the Lady Bears cut into the lead, Texas found

an answer. Some plays it was a driving layup by McCarty. Other times it was McCarty distributing the ball for an open jump shot.

The Longhorns were incredibly balanced offensively as four scored in double figures. Besides McCarty, junior guard Ariel Atkins had 20 points, Holmes finished with 18 and sophomore guard Lashann Higgs had 16.

The Longhorns also out-rebounded the Lady Bears 38-37, marking the first time Baylor has lost the rebounding edge the season. Texas also beat Baylor at its own game, outscoring the Lady Bears 42-38 in the paint.

Texas jumped out to a fast start, racing out to an early 10-4 lead and keeping up the pressure by shooting 11 of 15 from the floor in the second. Despite surrendering a big lead, the Longhorns remained poised and continued to keep the pressure on Baylor.

Brown led the way for the Lady Bears with 24 points and was the main target for the Lady Bears on the offensive end.

Brown said she was doing everything in her power to try and help her team win.

"I just played with a sense of urgency," Brown said. "Whatever it was to try and help my team, whether rebounding or scoring, whatever [Mulkey] needed me to do, I was just trying to do it." Redshirt senior guard

Alexis Jones scored all 19 of her points in the second half and 10 in the fourth quarter to help lead the comeback. Redshirt senior guard Alexis Prince added 14 for Baylor.

For Texas, the win marks the Longhorns' 17th-straight victory this season and also puts an end to a 14-game losing streak to Mulkey and the Lady Bears. With Texas now a game up on Baylor, the road to the Big 12 championship goes through Austin. The two will tangle again on Feb. 20.

Texas head coach Karen Aston said the Longhorns' composure and effort down the stretch proved to be the difference against Baylor.

"It was a really good basketball game, and it's a credit to the Big 12. I think you saw tonight how good the Big 12 is," Aston said. "It was a really tough game. I'm proud of our players. I thought they were tough tonight. Our composure and our competitiveness was what it had to be to win on someone's home court as good as Baylor."

Texas improved to 19-4, 13-0 in the Big 12. The Longhorns will host Kansas at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Baylor dropped to 23-2, 12-1 in the conference. The loss snapped a 54-game winning streak at the Ferrell Center. The Lady Bears will return to action when they battle Texas Christian University at 3 p.m. Sunday in Fort Worth.

Men's tennis celebrates undefeated weekend

BEN EVERETT
Sports Writer

The No. 14-ranked Baylor men's tennis team remained undefeated this weekend with wins over Lamar and No. 20 Texas A&M in Houston.

The Bears (5-0) took down the Cardinals (3-3) 6-1 on Friday before defeating the Aggies (1-3) on Sunday afternoon.

Following the win over Texas A&M, Baylor head coach Matt Knoll said his young team is continuing to improve as the season progresses.

"One of the things I feel good about is that we have improved," Knoll said. "I think last time we had some jitters with so many younger guys. I feel like we have settled in and are just playing a little bit better. I thought we played well against Lamar, and I think we played better today. That is something we hopefully can keep building on."

Baylor sophomores Will Little and Johannes Schretter opened Friday with a 6-1 doubles win over Lamar's Jusso Laitinen and Logan Powell.

Fellow second-year players

Jimmy Bendeck and Juan Benitez picked up a 6-3 victory over Sebastian Santibanez and Michael Feucht as the Bears clinched the doubles point to go up 1-0 in the match.

Lamar picked up its only point of the day with Baylor freshman Bjoern Petersen retiring from his singles match due to injury.

The Bears had little trouble with the rest of the match, with freshman Constantin Frantzen, Little and Benitez picking up singles wins to clinch the match for Baylor at 4-1.

Play continued, however, with Schretter and Bendeck winning in singles to cement the win at 6-1.

Lamar coach Scott Shankles was disappointed in the loss but was impressed with the effort that was shown.

"This is a very talented team we played tonight," Shankles told LamarCardinals.com. "Baylor does not play like a young team, and they're ranked for a reason."

On Sunday, Little and Bendeck took care of Jordi Arconada and Max Lunkin with a 6-4 victory, and Benitez

and Frantzen paired up to defeat Aleksandre Bakshi and AJ Catanzariti 6-4 as the Bears took the doubles point.

Senior Max Tchoutakian picked up the first singles win of the day with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Catanzariti, and Little followed it up with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Bakshi to put the Bears up 3-0.

Frantzen clinched the match for Baylor with a 6-3, 6-3 decision over Valentin Vacherot.

The victory was Baylor's second win over the Aggies this season as Frantzen clinched the match for the Bears on Jan. 28 in College Station.

Knoll said Frantzen is impressive for a freshman, and he hopes to see him grow even more as the season progresses.

"Constantin is maturing," Knoll said. "He has got some weapons and he really listens. He has a great demeanor with a relaxed intensity, which will be important for him going forward."

The undefeated Bears look to continue their hot start as they host Purdue at 6 p.m. on Friday at the Hawkins Indoor Tennis Center.

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