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# Big 12 votes to withhold future revenue from BU

**KALYN STORY** 

Staff Writer

Big 12 Conference announced Wednesday that its Board of Directors voted unanimously to withhold 25 percent of future revenue

distribution payments from Baylor. The decision is due to the outcome of a third-party review of changes to Baylor's athletics procedures and to institutional governance of its intercollegiate athletics programs, among other matters, according to a

statement released by the Big 12.

"The Board is unified in establishing a process to verify that proper institutional controls are in place and sustainable," said University of Oklahoma president and Big 12 Conference Board of

Directors chairman David Boren. "Effective immediately, Conference is withholding 25 percent of Baylor's share of any future revenue distribution until the proper execution of controls is independently verified. By taking these actions

the Board desires to ensure that the changes that were promised are actually made and that systems are in place to avoid future problems. The proportional withholding of revenue

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# From magic wands to microbes

Baylor students conduct unique research in and out of the lab

### **AMANDA HARGETT-GRANATO**

Reporter

Research at Baylor takes many forms and only sometimes takes place while wearing a lab coat. Current undergraduate research spans from the social sciences to laboratory work, and students from all fields are able to take part.

For her senior thesis, Belton senior Melissa Montgomery is developing a curriculum using "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" to teach students several sociology concepts to help them learn sociology.

"The thing that really caught my attention the most, especially within 'The Deathly Hallows,' is you can really see the parallels of how J.K. Rowling is using the series to show how she sees the world," Montgomery said, "It kind of reminded me about a lot of race relations we have going on."

Minoring in educational psychology, Montgomery said she enjoys being able to combine both



**SCOPING OUT SCIENCE** El Paso senior Danielle Natividad examines bacteria in petri dishes under a microscope for her microbiology lab.

of her interests into one project.

"I always knew education was where I needed to be," Montgomery said. "I really want to do a doctorate in the sociology of education. It's a

really nice blend, and I'm getting both sides of the story."

Using her knowledge of

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# In Transition

# Physical transitions can include hormone treatment, surgery

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

# **MOLLY ATCHISON**

Opinion Editor

issue that transgender people focus on once they've determined that they want to begin their transition. Many health professionals point to the World Professional Association for Transgender Health's Standards of Care manual to give transitioning individuals a jumping off-point for research into sexual and physical health.

The first step in the transition process is to go through hormone therapy process, and the second step of the process is to commit to the sex-reassignment surgery.

For McLennan County junior Jessica, a transgender student attending Baylor University, Physical health is a multi-faceted beginning these transitions was not an easy decision to make.

"I was praying and thinking about this decision for about a year before I began the process at all," Jessica said.

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# BU community petitions for sanctuary campus

# MCKENNA MIDDLETON

News Editor

An online petition titled "Make Baylor University a Sanctuary Campus" has garnered support through signatures from students, alumni, faculty and staff since Monday.

The declaration was drafted by

members of the Graduate Theological Fellowship and was addressed to interim President Dr. David Garland, Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. Greg Jones, Vice President for Student Life Dr. Kevin P. Jackson and Vice Provost for Global Engagement Dr. Jeffrey S. Hamilton.

"We, the undersigned members of the Baylor community, call on our administration to declare Baylor University a sanctuary campus," the document states. "Baylor's profession of the Christian faith commits it to the formation of a hospitable, just, and truth-telling community, especially for the sake of its most vulnerable members, in whom Christians discern the face of Christ."

Petition co-author Laura Lysen, Ph.D. candidate in the department of religion, said the goal of the petition is to open up opportunity to have hard conversations about immigration and to be a witness to the world as a Christian institution.

The petition reiterates the ways in which a sanctuary campus would conform to both Christian values and

university values. "There was a sense that our call scripturally to care for the stranger among us was going to end up in conflict with what the state was asking us to do," said petition coauthor Lois Johnson, Ph.D. candidate in the department of English and

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# Local church to host refugee relief dance

### **RYLEE SEAVERS** Staff Writer

A refugee relief dance and silent auction will be held at Lake Shore Baptist Church on Friday. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the event will benefit the International Rescue Committee.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. A

\$10 donation is suggested. The IRC is an organization that helps people whose homes and jobs are being threatened by conflict or disaster to "regain control of their future," according to its website. The IRC has its roots in the American branch of the International Relief Association that was founded in 1933 at the suggestion of Albert Einstein, according to its website.

Since then, the IRC has aided in relief efforts all around the world.

including the current refugee crisis in the Middle East.

"With the current refugee problem around the world, we wanted to do something positive to address that issue, and so, in this particular case, it's a fundraiser for the International Rescue Committee. This is in support of their work here in Texas, in Dallas, in the U.S. and around the world," said event organizer Dr. Stephen Gardner, the director of the Mayo McBride Center for International Business and Herman Brown Professor of economics.

Gardner said that while the event will be fun for attendees and timely for Valentine's Day, it is also a great opportunity to raise money and awareness for an important issue.

"According to our Christian traditions, but also according to

international treaties, [like] the Geneva Conventions, we have a responsibility to respond to these kinds of needs," Gardner said.

The event will feature performances from local artists, such as After Midnight, a band comprising Gardner and Robert Darden, a professor in Baylor's department of journalism public relations and new

Darden said that while he was listening to Christmas spirituals, with their message of a desperate family and a child in a foreign land, he kept seeing photos of refugees. The photo that pushed Darden to take action was one of a Syrian child face down on a beach in Turkey.

"That could be my child - that could be Jesus," Darden said.

Darden also said many Americans

believe the refugee crisis is an important issue, and want to help but do not know how. Even writing a check does not feel like enough for some people, Darden said. He also said this dance and auction provides attendees with a chance to participate in an event and hear about the cause that they are supporting, rather than just donating money and wondering if it made any difference.

"There's no politics involved in helping children," Darden said.

Darden said the purpose of the event is not to lecture attendees but to give people an opportunity to help

those in need. Those interested in attending can contact Gardner at steve\_gardner@ baylor.edu. Lake Shore Baptist Church's address is 5801 Bishop

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# **COLUMN** I admire

# women of Islamic faith

**KRISTINA VALDEZ** 

Copy Editor

I don't know if I am signing my papers to be excommunicated from the Christian Church or if I am opening the floodgates for the letters of begrudged readers by saying that I, a Christian, admire qualities

of Muslim women.



If I am doing either, bring it on. I have unconsciously grown up with the ideology that Muslims are bad and Christians are good. Muslim women oppressed, are and Muslim men

are extremists. Muslims are bad and Christians are good. But I am now throwing up all the force-fed media portrayals and one-sided narratives.

Christians and Muslims have been ping-ponged in the conversations trailing President Donald Trump's immigration ban and refugee ban. Christian refugees would have priority entry over Muslim refugees, as stated by Trump in an interview on Jan. 27. Federal Judge James Robart in the District Court of Washington temporarily halted the ban. We will hear in the coming days if we will ban an entire religion of people from seven different countries.

As a Christian, it is my duty to love love by understanding and compassion. I want to meet the eyes of Muslim women without pity for their "oppression," but with respect. We pass judgment and target. Any devout Christian knows that it is difficult to love—to find beauty, truth and goodness.

This Christian has chosen to admire one quality of the Muslim faith.

Hijabs are not just head scarfs or signs of oppression; they are powerful affirmations of the Islamic faith that I

In Luke 7:36-50, a sinful woman sat at the feet of Jesus. Weeping, she bathed His feet with her tears, dried His feet with her hair and poured perfume over them. Sunday school taught me that the hair of a woman, at that time, was their source of

The woman from the passage of Luke forgiven for her sins by her faith. The sacrifice of her hair is praised because, in the presence of God, she was not thinking

The sinful woman's sacrifice in Luke resembles the daily wearing of the hijab — a sacrifice done in grace and reverence.

In the Quran 24:30-31, women are called to guard their modesty and hide their beauty. It is important for a woman of Islam to be seen first as a Muslim and to not dress like non-believers.

For modesty and obedience, these women sacrifice. They abandon the modern concepts of beauty and a woman's self-worth. It is a statement of dignity. They bury their sexuality for their inner beauty — for their true feminist qualities. Yes, they are women, but first, they are Muslim.

We are living in a world of liberation and rebellion. We shout, "Free the Nipple!" because if men can walk around bearing all, then women should too. We march together in Washington, D.C., on Women's Day and hold up signs, reminding our new president that "This p---- grabs back!" But we forget the silent rebellion: modesty and the hijab.

Muslim American citizens are silent and obedient followers of Allah. They worship with vigor and bear the weight of suspicion and stereotypes. Choose to ignore them, but I choose to admire them. From a Christian to a Muslim, God bless.

Kristina Valdez is a freshman journalism major from Irving.

### **EDITORIAL**

# Beware of executive actions

Well into the his third week in office, President Donald Trump and his administration have been in a continual state of action. It turns out that his inauguration speech, in which he reiterated multiple campaign promises, has been a pretty accurate roadmap for what policies would take precedence during his first weeks in office. With 22 executive actions under his belt, the president is indeed testing the waters of executive reach. For those who disagree with the administration, the pace and scope of decisions being made is alarming. But voters who agree with the changes should also be wary.

To be as concise as possible, executive actions are not directly synonymous with executive orders. An executive action can fall into three categories: executive order, presidential memoranda and proclamation.

Executive orders presidential memorandums are most similar in that they both dictate action. The clear difference between the two is that an executive order must be registered under the the Federal Registration, provides more concise enforcement guidelines and must cite the president's power to enact it. Memorandums are not required to do any of these and while they have the potential to do the same job as an order, they do not carry as much legal weight. Proclamations are the most distinct because their function is largely commemorative. Breaking the administration's actions down, 12 have been presidential memorandums, eight executive orders and two were proclamations.

the president's While proclamation making February American Heart Month was unlikely to cause offense, the majority of the administration's measures have been controversial in nature. Mostly because of the major issues decided using executive orders and presidential memorandums, of which we



already established, practically do the same thing.

The executive order issued on Jan. 27, for example, severely stifled U.S. entry of peoples from Syria, Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, Yemen and Iraq. According to the order, the measure was enacted to "ensure that those admitted to this country do not bear hostile attitudes toward it and its founding principles." The ban has since received backlash on allegations that it targets Muslims and is unconstitutional. A federal judge temporarily blocked this order on Friday and an appeal on behalf of the administration has since been

Though pushback between branches of government is not unique to the Trump

administration, the series of mandates sent out by the presidency is worrisome due to their consecutive timing and sweeping implications. Less than three weeks in office is hardly enough time to get a comprehensive look at the issues at stake with each executive action.

There is a certain level of consideration for the country's governance system that must be upheld when an administration decides to use its executive power. The executive branch was not intended to be a quasi-legislative branch of government and much less one that sees itself in opposition to another.

President Trump should consider slowing down the pace at which he seeks to fulfill campaign promises. The legislative branch must be allowed to pursue laws deemed necessary and the judicial branch free to determine constitutionality. Upholding that part of American tradition is preserving democratic freedom.

Winning an election is not equivalent to down-ballot approval of all the policies proposed during the campaign trail. And though not all executive actions may lead to tangible change, actions often speak louder than words. Donald Trump is no longer a Republican presidential candidate, but is a civil servant of the people who did and the many that did not — vote him into office. Likewise, much more caution should be taken every time President Trump picks up his pen.

# **COLUMN**

# Rely on your friends for success

# Why friends are always the ultimate support network

**KALYN STORY** 

Staff Writer

Around this point in the semester, I can feel my motivation disappearing. The first round of



tests is finishing, it isn't close enough to spring break to have something to look forward to, advising for next semester is starting but summer and fall semester are still so far away. For me, February is the month where I am most susceptible to skipping classes, winging assignments and falling

For those of us in Greek Life, it's that time in Sing season where the initial excitement has worn off, but the performance excitement hasn't set in yet. It seems like I always have a test or paper or project to be working on, and it feels like it is never going to end. It seems like every morning I debate going to class, but in the back of my mind I know whether or not I go to class now, midterms will still come and finals aren't really that far away. It is around this time I have to turn to my friends and ask them to help keep me motivated and accountable. This time every semester, I am reminded how important a strong support system is in college.

I am thankful for my friends for so many things, but one thing I rarely realize is how much they contribute to my academic success. My friends, both here at Baylor and back home, are as invested in my education and success as I am – sometimes maybe even more than I am.

They "encourage" me to get out of bed by calling repeatedly, so there is no point in me staying in bed because I'll never get any sleep. I can't even count how many times I wanted to leave the library but didn't because my friends were there studying with me.

My friends see the rough drafts of assignments that would make my professors cringe, but they never judge and always offer their best suggestions and edits. I can always count on my friends for late night coffee runs and just enough study breaks to ensure we keep our sanity but still kill the exam.

Although we are tested on our knowledge alone, college is often a joint effort between family, students and friends.

I know I would not be as well off in my academic career without my friends motivating and supporting me. Don't forget to appreciate

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your friends for pushing you to be better just as much as you do for the laughs and fun times.

They say that you become like the people you surround yourself with most. I am blessed to say my friends have such a positive impact on my life, and I am so thankful for them.

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# Former Baylor professor elected VP of Ghana

**MEGAN RULE** 

Staff Writer

The third time was the charm for former Baylor economic professor Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia as he was elected the vice president of Ghana in a landslide election and was sworn in on Jan. 7.

"I'd first of all say I'm just exited for Ghana," said Dr. Stephen Gardner, Herman Brown professor of economics and director of the McBride Center for International Business. "He's a very bright guy who has a very good understanding of economic development, and I think he has a good understanding of what is needed to improve the situation."

Gardner was the chair of the search committee that hired Bawumia at Baylor in 1996. Gardner said he has kept up with Bawumia and, when possible, stayed in contact with him during the years since he left Baylor.

Bawumia was a professor at Baylor from 1996 until 2000. Gardner said Bawumia was a tenure-track assistant professor here and was making very good progress toward attaining tenure.

Gardner said Bawumia was a popular teacher in the department, and students enjoyed his class. Bawumia won the Hankamer Young Researcher Award in 1998 and wrote the chapter about Africa and the African economy for Gardner's Comparative Economic Systems textbook.

"He's a very bright guy who has a very good understanding of what is needed to improve the situation."

Dr. Stephen Gardner | **Economics Professor** 

"When Bawumia gave a sample lecture during his interview, we invited a bunch of students to come to that lecture, and the reactions from the students were very positive. That played a big role in our hiring him in the first place," Gardner said. "As that would indicate, he became a popular faculty member during the time he was here, so I was sad when he left. But as it turns out, his going back to Ghana has made it possible for him to follow this path to the vice presidency."

Upon returning to Ghana in 2000, Bawumia became the research director for the Bank of Ghana. In 2006, he became deputy governor of the Bank. Bawumia chose to return to Ghana in order to take the position at the bank and be together with his family.

In 2008, the New Patriotic Party of Ghana (NPP) had served its full term and chose a new representative, Nana Akufo Addo, to be the NPP presidential candidate. Addo faced a difficult decision in choosing who his vice presidential candidate would be as there were two factions in the party competing with each other. Addo ultimately decided to choose an academic without a political background, which is where Bawumia came in, as a candidate with strong economic and technical skills.

In a fairly close 2008 election, this duo lost, and they lost again in 2012. This past year, 2016, was the third run for Addo and Bawumia and proved victorious as they won with 54 percent of the vote. Gardner said Bawumia is a candidate who entered the scene in 2008 with no political background but has since continued to be the NPP vice presidential candidate, has traveled all over Ghana, met people and played an important role in representing

"As a business student, I think it's awesome that someone who is economically informed has the opportunity to influence and lead a country," Fallbrook, Calif., junior Leila Rohde said.

A September 2013 article in the Ghanian Chronicle said Bawumia is an economic guru who distinguished himself in the election petition. The article also said that supporters of Addo are hoping that the 2016 period will be a time to market Bawumia to establish himself as a possible presidential candidate in the following elections.

"Other Ghanians I've spoken to, both here and there, have been very optimistic that he is going to be able to play an important role in economic policy and getting Ghana on a better economic track," Gardner said.



TALK ABOUT A PROMOTION In a landslide, former Baylor professor Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia was elected as the vice president of Ghana. President Nana Akufo Addo and Vice President Bawumia ran three times before clenching victory in 2016.

# What's : Happening on Campus?

# Thursday, Feb. 9 & Friday, Feb. 10 🚷 🔾

# Hollywood Creatives Symposium

Various. Film and Digital Media presents Hollywood Creatives Symposium, featuring Baylor alumni Jason Seagraves, VP of development, Cross Creek Pictures; Kyle Ward, writer, Machete Kills and Underworld: Blood Wars: and Zack Andrews, actor, The Houses October Built. The Feb. 9 event includes a Screenwriting Workshop at 5 p.m. in Castellaw, room 138, and a Hacksaw Ridge screening followed by Q&A discussion at 7 p.m. in Castellaw, room 101. On Feb. 10, hear from Seagraves, Ward and Andrews in a panel discussion at 4 p.m. in Castellaw, room 101. For more information, call 710-4463.

# Thursday, Feb. 9



# Men for Change

**5:30 p.m.** Join Men for Change every Thursday in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center Chapel to discuss ideas of spirituality and masculinity.

# Friday, Feb. 10

Zeta's Jazz & Stanzas



7 p.m. Celebrating Black History Month and the roots of jazz and poetry in the African-American community, Zeta Phi Beta presents this annual evening of live music and spoken word in the Baines Room at the SUB.

Canned food donations will be accepted, benefitting the Family Abuse Center.

# Valentine's Partner Yoqa

7 p.m. Bring your Valentine to the SLC for 90 minutes of partner yoga in the Bearobics Studio.

# Saturday, Feb. 11 🚱 🕗

# Men's Basketball: Baylor vs. TCU

1 p.m. Join the Bear Pit and cheer on our Bears as they face the Horned Frogs.

# Gospel Fest 2017

**7 p.m**. Worship and celebrate Black History Month with Baylor's Heavenly Voices Gospel Choir, gospel musician, Lamar Campbell, and The Levites at Carver Park Baptist Church, 1020 E. Herring Ave., tickets are \$10 at the door.

# Monday, Feb. 13

# Movie Mondays at the Hippodrome: The Peacemaker

7 p.m. Free for all students, faculty and staff, The Peacemaker follows Padraig O'Malley who helps make peace for others but struggles to find it for himself. The film takes us from Padraig's isolated life in Cambridge, Mass., to some of the most dangerous crisis zones on Earth, including Northern Ireland, Kosovo, Nigeria and Iraq. For more information, visit **baylormoviemondays.com**.

# Tuesday, Feb. 14 😝 🕖



Hope Peace Love

All day. The Counseling Center hosts this annual event to raise mental health awareness and emphasize hope through focused discussions, film screenings, games and other activities happening all over campus. Enjoy coffee, food trucks and multiple prize drawings. For more information, visit baylor.edu/counseling\_center (click Outreach) or follow @stresslessBU on Twitter for event details.

# Valentine's Karaoke

**8 p.m.** Bring your Valentine or a friend and come to the SUB Den and sing your heart out. Valentine's Day sweet treats will be provided.

# For more, join Baylor Connect at baylor.edu/baylorconnect





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both sociology and the wizarding world, Montgomery is taking basic sociology concepts and breaking them up into five units with relevant reading material from J.K. Rowling's seventh book.

"For something that is so creative, it was a lot more research than I thought," Montgomery said. "It was pulling a lot of literature from way out there and bringing that into a more specific sociological focus. I learned so much and just reading abstracts was able to shape my project."

On the natural science side, El Paso senior Danielle Natividad stands over a stack of bacteriastreaked petri dishes, making notes about the size, shape and appearance of each small colony. She is working in Dr. Diane Hartman's microbiology lab, beginning her semester-long research into Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus, commonly known as MRSA.

"Actually, I was kind of scared of

research - everyone always gives it a bad rep," Natividad said. "I was just going to go for it and see what there was to offer. I ended up just really loving it. I really love Dr. Hartman, and I really loved what she was

Despite her initial concerns about research, Natividad said that finding a job in research now sounds like fun. Although the research is in its very early stages this semester, the project is an ongoing one for Hartman and the project intends to keep tabs on the ratio of the Baylor population that harmlessly carries MRSA and staph in their nose as compared to the general population.

"Over the years, we've given so many antibiotics that MRSA has become resistant to them, and we can't use Methicillin to kill it," Natividad said. "We give out antibiotics like we give out candy, so we need to work on that."

Natividad had previously worked

in the lab with Hartman in her 'Small World Initiative' course, working to test soil samples for antibiotic potential. This time around, Natividad's work is more hands-on, requiring her to help make the growth medium for the bacteria and to set up the groundwork for the project.

"This is on a deeper level," Natividad said. "Actually making the media and collecting samples from the students feels more behind-the-

scenes, which is more fun."

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religion.

The co-authors also said the petition aligns with Baylor's mission as a Christian institution, citing a statement Garland made on diversity and inclusion on campus.

"Baylor University is a diverse community in many ways ... and we seek to embrace that diversity by continuing to learn and to foster an environment and an ethos of hospitality, belonging, and inclusivity," Garland wrote in the statement.

The university responded to the petition Wednesday morning.

"The university is aware of the sanctuary petition and fully appreciates the strong support and encouragement of the campus community for our students and scholars who have been impacted by the recent executive order," Baylor said in the statement.

The statement specified the ways in which the university is already working to make Baylor a safe space

for the members of its community. The Center for Global Engagement has been working closely with each affected individual to answer questions and provide support, according to the statement.

The declaration goes on to outline the executive orders related to refugees and immigrants from majority Muslim countries.

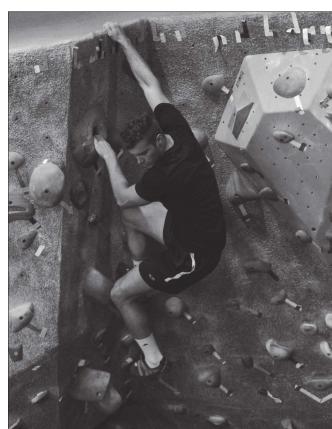
"In regards to those who would argue from Scripture that the government has the right to enact these orders, I would restate that the center of Christianity is Christ who called us to be disciples – to do what he did – and not merely convert to a religion," Johnson said. "In regards to Romans 13, which I recognize causes concern among those of us who take Scripture seriously, it seems to me that in a democracy, it is the people are the governing authority, and we are the people of Christ, called to welcome the stranger."

The idea of a sanctuary campus echoes calls for sanctuary cities and

counties- places where immigrants and refugees would be safe from deportations and investigations despite recent executive action.

'When we look at Baylor, we have a university that is obviously predominantly Baptist Christian, but it has still accepted a fair amount of people of other religious faiths, other ethnicities," said sophomore Noah Ward, co-president of Better Together BU, an organization that is dedicated to increasing interfaith dialogue on college campuses and that supports the petition. "If Baylor University is truly dedicated to all of its students, all of its faculty, then it needs to show support for them in these times of trouble. I think one of the key things that the writers of the petition highlighted and articulated very well is that there is a number of sections both within the Christian faith and the Baptist tradition that highlight the importance of standing beside other people."

# "It's the Climb"



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

ROCK AND ROLL Glendora, Calif., junior Parker Vincent prepares to jump off the bouldering section of the McLAne Student Life Center on Wednesday after reaching the top.

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distribution payments will be in effect until the Board has determined that Baylor is in compliance with Conference bylaws and regulations as well as all components of Title IX."

Baylor interim President David Garland released a statement in response expressing his confidence in Baylor's new leadership and commitment to Title IX.

"Under the University's new leadership, Baylor has demonstrated a firm commitment to athletics compliance and integrity, increased awareness and prevention of sexual

assault, implementation of Title IX best practices and providing comprehensive support services for any student in need of them," Garland said in his statement.

Garland and Baylor's athletic department said Baylor had already planned to hire an outside party to review Baylor's new practices and that they welcome and will cooperate fully with the Big 12's request of a third-party review.

"We will fully cooperate with the audit because we welcome the chance to display the progress we've made

towards prevention and response to sexual violence in our campus community. The third-party audit was already planned, so we are supportive of this request to provide these results to the Big 12," the athletic department

The Baylor athletic department said that Big 12 Conference revenue is a significant financial asset for the institution and any reduction of those expected funds would be a setback. but they do not believe the funds will be permanently withheld.

'We are confident in the outcome

end of her initial hormone treatment,

she awaits approval to continue to the

sex-reassignment surgery.

of the audit, and once completed in the manner we expect to be, the only impact on the department is the timing which we receive these funds," the athletic department said.

In his statement, Garland said Baylor has taken "unprecedented corrective actions," including leadership changes in

administration and athletic department, after receiving Pepper Hamilton's report.

"No other university the country has responded as aggressively and decisively as Baylor regarding incidents of sexual assaults on its campus," Garland's statement read.

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**Hormone Treatment:** 

Jessica began her hormone therapy process almost a year ago. The Standards of Care manual states that hormone therapy is the administration of exogenous endocrine agents to induce feminizing or masculinizing changes.

"In Fall of 2015, I began taking steps towards hormone therapy. I worried about the haters and the higher rate of suicide, but I kept pushing on until I got what I set out to achieve," Jessica said.

Testosterone and estrogen are two main hormones in the body. Every human has varying levels of testosterone and estrogen in their bodies, and the hormones will rise and fall naturally to maintain a healthy physical equilibrium. Both of these are the hormones that are supplemented in the transition process.

According to the Center of Excellence in Transgender Health, in a female-to-male transition, an individual will take testosterone supplements to help introduce general changes such as facial hair growth, deepening of the voice and

redistribution of muscle and weight gain. This transformation happens over the course of 12 months, which is the general requirement to be eligible to receive the sex-

transition can be administered with several different categories of estrogen supplements. According to the Center of Excellence in Transgender Health, these estrogen supplements aid in breast development, vocal shifting and the redistribution of fat and muscle on

the body. The Standards of Care manual says that the physical side effects of these therapies most commonly include decreased auto-immunity, lack of genital functioning and many other symptoms of raised or lowered increased levels of testosterone and estrogen. Other side effects include a higher risk of breast cancer in both types of patients, as well as other forms of cancer and genetic diseases, including heart disease and diabetes.

**Sex-Reassignment surgery:** Now that Jessica is nearing the

reassignment surgery. In contrast, the male-to-female

The final step in the transition process is the sex-reassignment surgery. According to Transequality. org, sex-reassignment surgeries are "Surgical procedures that change one's body to better reflect a person's gender identity."

For male-to-female patients, the Standards of Care manual cites two basic surgeries, the first being breast enhancement, and the second being a series of up to five smaller procedures to replace the existing male genitalia with female genitalia. Different doctors choose to use different techniques of genital conversion in the male-to-female transition. In the same way, female-to-male patients go through a series of different surgeries, as is stated in the Standards of Care manual. They will undergo a surgery to remove the breasts, called a mastectomy, and then several surgeries that remove the female genitalia, and then phalloplasty that adheres a phallic implant in its place. One of the biggest differences between these surgeries is that with male-to-female transitions it is more common to use existing tissue to create the new genitalia, whereas in the female-to-male, fresh tissue is more commonly implanted.

There are many risks to undergoing such significant surgeries, which can be found online in the Standards of Care manual. "I do fear the pain of recovery and the possibility of complications that any surgery could have, even as severe as death," Jessica said.

# Health after surgery:

Along with risks during surgery, there are risks in the years following the surgery. However, the Center of Excellence for Transgender Health is one of the leading researchers in transgender health. Their guidelines have detailed lists of general and sexual health problems transgender people may face post-surgery including but not limited to Sexually Transmitted Diseases, blood pressure problems and reproductive health

The Baylor Health Clinic also offers primary care services. Medical Director of Baylor Health Services Sharon Stern, M.D., said "As primary care physicians and nurse practitioners, we care for the patients who come into the clinic. That means that we can do any testing and treatment of many infections, including sexually transmitted ones."

Stern acknowledges that the clinic, being a primary care clinic, does not directly identify or prescribe transgender treatments. However, the electronic medical records system the center allows healthcare professionals to make sure that the general medications they may be prescribing to a transgender individual will not counteract the hormone supplements they are taking.

"If we had a patient present to us who was thinking of transitioning, we would most likely refer them to a counselor and an endocrine doctor who specializes in the type of specialized hormonal treatment necessary. We want to help all patients and we strive to never be judgmental. We want to help all Baylor students be healthy," she said.





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# Fresh Finds







Courtesy Art

HARMONIOUS MELODIES Common Grounds will be bringing new artists to its stage this month, including Strahan (above and top left) and Wilderado (bottom left). Ticket prices vary from \$5 to \$30 depending on the artist, and tickets can be bought online at http://cgwaco.ticketfly.com/.

# February brings new faces

### **KASSIDY WOYTEK**

Reporter

This month, Common Grounds is featuring four artists, three of whom will be performing on the coffeehouse's stage for the first time. Folk artist John Moreland, who played at Common Grounds in 2015, will be kicking off February's concert series Friday.

Torregrossa, Taylor venue manager and promoter for Common Grounds, said she chose a lineup of mostly newcomers because she felt the venue was in need of some fresh

"I felt like Common Grounds was kind of in this rut of bringing the same artists over and over again," Torregrossa said. "So I'm really excited about this semester because we have a lot of brand new artists lined up."

Following John Moreland, the rock 'n' roll band Wilderado will play a show on Feb. 17. Although this will be the first time the band's four members have performed together at Common Grounds, lead vocalist Max Helmerich is no stranger to this

"The very first show I every played was at Common Grounds, believe it or not," Helmerich said. "It'll be fun to be back in a completely different

Wilderado's song "Morning Light" currently has over 1.6 million plays on Spotify. Helmerich said he is particularly looking forward to sharing this tune with Baylor students because he wrote the lyrics for it when he attended Baylor.

The day after Wilderado, Common Grounds will feature indie rock band Eisley. Torregrossa said she was particularly thrilled to book this show because she has been a fan of the band from a young age.

"I was really excited to bring Eisley here," Torregrossa said. "That show will change your life."

According to Eisley's website, the band will release its fifth album, "I'm Only Dreaming," the day before their Common Grounds concert.

On Feb. 24, New-Zealand based artist Strahan will share his Christian folk music with the Common Grounds crowd. Strahan said he thinks of his songs as psalms that deal with themes of love, hope, suffering,

"My faith is everything," Strahan said. "It's the seed that all the songs grow from."

Not only will this concert be Strahan's first time performing at Common Grounds, but it will also be his first trip to Texas. Strahan is also set to perform shows in Houston and Tyler the same week.

Strahan said he wants his audience at Common Grounds to hear his music and understand that everyone belongs in the kingdom of Heaven.

"In my show, I would hope that people come away with the sense of how our identity can be found in love

The final entertainer scheduled to perform in February is the Collection, a folk band made up of up to fifteen musicians playing a wide range of instruments. Torregrossa said, the Collection would appeal to fans of the band, The Oh Hellos.

"That is going to be such a fun,

at http://cgwaco.ticketfly.com for all five February concerts, and prices range from \$5 to \$30 depending on the artist.

# This week in Waco:

### >> Today

**9-11 a.m.** — Clasped 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 and Trammell Kelly perform Jazz. DiamondBack's.

**7 p.m.** — Sigma lota 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.

### >> Friday

**5-10 p.m.** — Special Valentine Skate Night. Skate World.

**6:30-7:30 p.m.** — Mclane Stadium Tours. \$10 admission. McLane Stadium.

**6:30-8:30 p.m.** — February Dinner Event. \$55 per person. Cafe Homestead.

**7:30-9:30 p.m.** — Love Letters: A Dinner Theatre Evening. Brazos Theatre Group, 7524 Bosque Blvd. Suite Q

**8-11 p.m.** — John Moreland Concert. Common Grounds.

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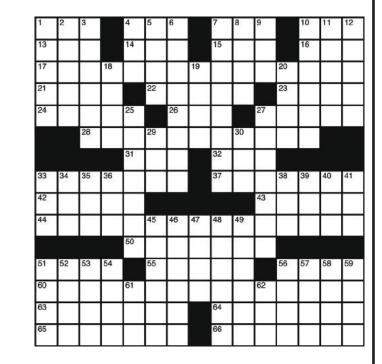
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high-energy show," Torregrossa said.

Tickets are still available online



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# Softball heads west to open season

**NATHAN KEIL** 

Sports Writer

Fall ball is over. Four weeks of practice in the books. It's time for Baylor softball to get under way.

The Lady Bears open their season with a trip to Tucson, Ariz., to participate in the 2017 Hillenbrand Invitational. The three-day tournament, hosted by the University of Arizona, will feature Fordham University, Cal-State University-Northridge, Northwestern University, University of Tulsa, Baylor, and the host Arizona Wildcats.

For senior utility player Lindsey Cargill, who plays both infield and outfield and is a career .334 hitter at the plate, it's her final season opener, and the excitement and confidence never changes.

"We're really excited. We're very confident, and it's good that we're playing these top teams because we need to see that before the Big 12 conference," Cargill said. "We've had a great fall, so I think we're ready to play. I'm excited to see what this team has to offer."

Baylor was originally supposed to be in the tournament. After withdrawing from a tournament in San Juan, Puerto Rico, due to health concerns surrounding the Zika virus, the Lady Bears jumped on the opportunity to play in a highly competitive opening

Baylor enters the season coming off an appearance in the NCAA Tournament a year ago after finishing 45-14 overall. The Lady Bears are ranked No. 21 in the USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Poll (NFCA). They will face off with some of the best teams in the country this weekend as Northwestern and Tulsa are both receiving votes to be ranked, and Baylor will conclude its tournament against No. 10 Arizona.

This opening season tournament is a change from the usual for Baylor, and head coach Glenn Moore believes that it will be greatly beneficial to his team in the long run this

"We typically start out here with a lower RPI tournament, and I'm excited to make a change there and see some great competition right away and see where we are," Moore said. "It's kind of what we need to do with our RPI situation last year that seemed to hurt us when we lost early. I think we need to see where we are early and see more of a sense of urgency, and this tournament will give us that."

Up first for the Bears is Fordham. The Rams finished 39-21 a year ago and claimed the Atlantic 10 Championship. They advanced to the 2016 Eugene Regional where they lost to Oregon and Long Beach

State. Oregon also eliminated Baylor last season.

Moore was impressed with what he saw from Fordham in the 2016 Eugene, Ore., regional and their success in the Atlantic 10 Conference, and he expects them to be a great challenge.

"They're a well-coached team. They've got good power, and you can't go to sleep on them if you happen to get out early on them," Moore said. "I watched them continue to fight in the games that we watched. They get a bulk of the talent from up in that area. We know they are very confident themselves and can play some good ball."

Not only will Baylor face good competition this weekend, it will be the first time that a new class of five freshmen will take their hacks against high caliber competition. Cargill believes this weekend will be big for them and big for building team chemistry.

"A successful weekend for us right now is to interact with each other, making sure we are comfortable with each other on and off the field," Cargill said. "Getting these freshman acclimated to the season and just getting everybody ready to play."

Moore echoes sentiment and believes that the bench will play a key role for Baylor this season, and it begins this weekend.

"I'm going to play around



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

IN POSITION Baylor junior INF Caitlin Charlton prepares for the next pitch against McNeese State on Feb. 13, 2016, in Waco. The Lady Bears lost this game 3-1.

with a lot of different lineups," Moore said. "We've had four weeks and all fall to see who our starters are and the game is going to have to allow for our subs to get in early in this high caliber tournament."

Moore is going to learn a lot about his team this weekend and is excited to see what his team can bring to the table this weekend.

"We know the field out there is very strong," Moore said. "We are very excited to get out there and play someone else for a change."

Baylor kicks off the

season against Fordham at 5 p.m. tonight. It will play a doubleheader Friday against Cal-State-Northridge Northwestern conclude Saturday with a doubleheader against Tulsa and Arizona.

# Men's BB rebounds from loss, beats Oklahoma State

**BRANDENBURG** 

Reporter

Baylor men's basketball ended its first losing streak of the season with a 72-69 win over Oklahoma State on Wednesday night in Stillwater, Okla. Baylor withstood a late Oklahoma State run and held the Cowboys 18 points below their season scoring average.

In a clash of playing styles, Baylor, which is ranked seventh in the country in points allowed, faced Oklahoma State which was seventh in the country in scoring and was riding a fivegame winning streak.

Junior forward Johnathan Motley once again led Baylor in scoring with 24 points and added 11 rebounds. Motley shot 9-12 from the field and 6-8 on free throws.

It was the second game of the season between the Big 12 foes. Baylor also won the first matchup 61-57 in Waco.

Baylor began the game with a different starting lineup for only the third time this season. Sophomore guard King McClure started in place of junior Al Freeman, who was suspended for a violation of team rules and didn't make the trip to Stillwater, Okla.

McClure finished with 10 points and hit two 3-pointers.

Two minutes into the game, Baylor took the lead on a jumper from junior forward Jo Lual-Acuil. Although they would come close, Oklahoma State never led the rest of the

A Motley jump shot with 14:51 left gave him 1,000 career points. He is the 31st player in program history to reach that achievement.

With six minutes left in the first half, Baylor went on a 7-0 run, courtesy of a 3-pointer by junior guard Manu Lecomte sandwiched between Motley



**BACKS TOWARD THE ENEMY** Baylor junior forward Johnathan Motley backs down Oklahoma State forward Leyton Hammonds in a game against the Cowboys on Feb. 8 in Stillwater, Okla. The Bears won the game 72-69.

However, the persistent Cowboys went on a 10-2 run that made the score 30-28 with 1:57 left in the half.

At halftime, Baylor led 34-30. After struggling offensively in its previous games, Baylor shot a very respectable 52.2 percent in the first half, while Oklahoma State shot 36

After back-and-forth scoring to start the second half, six points from junior forward TJ Maston and a pair of 3-pointers from sophomore guard Jake Lindsey and

McClure ran the Baylor lead up to 57-44 with nine minutes left in the game.

However once again, the Cowboys wouldn't go away, and a 3-pointer from senior Phil Forte cut the Baylor lead to six with 2:04 left. A trio of Baylor turnovers and Oklahoma State baskets made it a one-point game with a minute remaining, all part of a

12-0 Cowboys run. With 26 seconds left, Lual-Acuil blocked a Juwan Evans lay-up attempt. Baylor got

the rebound and Lecomte

knocked down two free throws after an Oklahoma State foul.

Baylor had to survive potential game-tying 3-point attempts from Evans and Forte in the closing seconds in order to hold on to the win in which they eventually did.

The Bears take the court again at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Ferrell Center against TCU. It is the second meeting of the season between the teams. Baylor won the first contest 62-53 in Fort Worth. The game can be seen on ESPNU.

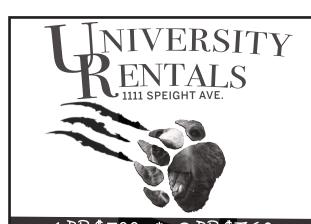
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**RIDING THE SADDLE TO VICTORY** Equestrian senior western rider Ginger Chant competes with Tex in a meet against Oklahoma State on Feb. 4 in Waco. The Bears won the meet 15-4. The Bears have won six straight meets, dating back to Oct. 29, 2016, against SMU with a 13-6 victory in Waco.

# A closer look at the Baylor equestrian team

DARRELL HARRIS

Reporter

If you've ever wondered what in the world exactly is equestrian, chances are you're not alone. The sport doesn't receive primetime coverage or garner front page headlines. You don't normally see the athletes on TV in commercials or on the cover of cereal boxes. The majority of the riders who ride collegiately and professionally are part of a minority that was exposed to the culture early on and stuck with it throughout their lives.

Ashley Garza, director of operations for the equestrian team, provided an insightful analogy for understanding what equestrian meets (competitions) are like. It's

comparable to gymnastics in the fact that there are certain skills that are displayed through each routine which the judges are looking for and score the riders on accordingly.

There are four events that occur at meets. Equitation over fences and equitation on the flat are the two English events, and they are very similar with one big difference: in both events, the riders attempt to smoothly navigate the horse through a particular course. The difference between the two is that equitation over fences includes the horses jumping over set fences throughout the course and equitation on the flat is simply an open area that involves no jumps. The judges score the riders on how fluid they steer the horses

throughout the path. On the flat, judges look for riders to demonstrate how much control they have over the horses by making them do certain things at specific points on the course. For fences, the goal is for it to seem that the horses are jumping right out of their normal strides and to clear the fences without touching them.

Head coach Ellen White described equitation by saying the easier it looks, the better the rider is.

"It should look like one big smooth ride, like the horses could do it without a rider almost," White said regarding what constitutes a good session in equitation.

The other two events are a part of the western portion of the meet which includes reining and horsemanship.

One of the differences between the two styles is that Western events use a bigger saddle than English events. Horsemanship reflects the riders  $demonstrating\ control\ over\ the\ horses$ and giving them commands to do certain things. The horse appears to not move until given a command to. In reining, the riders ride the horses at high speeds around the outdoor arena and command the horses to go certain directions and then stop at a moment's notice. To the casual fan, reining is often the most entertaining event because watching the horse reach top speed is a spectacle to enjoy.

Equestrian beyond the collegiate level takes a slightly different form. Senior hunt seat rider Savannah Jenkins aspires to ride professionally and spoke in depth about what that looks like.

"I would buy my own horse that I take with me to different competitions and compete there individually for money," Jenkins said.

Her goals don't stop there. She hopes to one day represent the United States in Olympic Equestrian.

"I want to compete in the Olympics as well, hopefully in 2024. That will give me more time to prepare," Jenkins said.

Our Bears are looking to finish the season strong as they are currently ranked No. 1 in the nation. The regular season is coming to a close, and they can use the support of Baylor Nation to propel them to a potential national championship.

# Tom Brady's jersey is still missing

JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Tom Brady and his missing jersey have still not been reunited.

The investigation, which is being led by the Houston police department's Major Offenders division, has so far not turned up any leads on who swiped the jersey, Houston Police Executive Assistant Chief George Buenik said Tuesday.

Brady's jersey was taken from the New England Patriots' locker room at Houston's NRG Stadium after the team's 34-28 victory over Atlanta in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

Buenik said officials are aware the jersey is considered valuable.

"So we are deeming this a pretty important case," Buenik said at a news conference held the same day the Patriots were celebrating their win with a Boston parade. "We want our top investigators on this case and hopefully we'll make an arrest and more importantly recover that jersey for Tom Brady."

Police are also trying to determine who had access to the locker room but that could be a long list as players, all the coaches, team support staff and members of the media all had access, he said.

Crime Stoppers of Houston will also be offering a reward for any information leading to the stolen jersey and to the arrest of the person who took it, Buenik said.

"Texas Rangers offered their assistance along with NFL security, private security at (the stadium)," he said. "We are going to take everybody's assistance and offers to see if they can help us."

Brady has joked that he expects to see the jersey soon in an online auction.





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