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Warning sanction placed on Baylor's accreditation

JOY MOTON
Staff Writer

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools announced that it is placing a one-year warning sanction on Baylor.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools determines if campuses in the southern region of

the United States meet the standards to be considered an accredited institution. Baylor has been accredited since 1914. The university submits evidence that it is in compliance with the Principles of Accreditation every 10 years.

Pepper Hamilton conducted an investigation following allegations of Title IX non-compliance last

year. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has since requested information from Baylor about possible non-compliance with the standards to be considered an accredited university. After receiving this information, it was determined that Baylor was out of compliance with three standards, including student support systems, control

of intercollegiate athletics and institutional environment.

In October, a committee made up of other universities in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools region will visit campus to discuss Baylor's efforts toward compliance. Based off of its observations, the committee will make a recommendation to the

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Board of Trustees and determine if Baylor has come into compliance with the three standards by December.

Some seniors graduating this semester are concerned about the status of their degree after they leave

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Governor visits

Abbott speaks to McLennan County Republicans; event met with protest

RYLEE SEAVERS
Staff Writer

The Republican Party of McLennan County hosted Texas Gov. Greg Abbott for the "Lincoln-Reagan Day Dinner" on Thursday evening in Knox Hall of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame.

Prior to the event, protesters gathered outside Knox Hall to protest Abbott's positions on refugees, climate change, LGBTQ rights and women's rights. Protesters chanted "climate change is real" and "muslims are people too." The protest was nonviolent, and Waco police were present.

"I came because I disagree with the way that Governor Abbott has been handling the refugee situation," recent Baylor graduate Daniel White said.

White said he disagrees with Abbott's statement that he would not allow refugees in Texas because of security concerns. White said he believes the current vetting processes are adequate and the United States has a responsibility to aid refugees due to involvement in



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

SPEECH Texas Gov. Greg Abbott speaks Thursday evening in Knox Hall at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame at an event hosted by the Republican Party of McLennan County.

the Middle East.

"People who are hurting, people who are affected by these atrocities... need to know that not everyone is afraid of them," recent Baylor graduate Makenzie Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald said she understands that people are afraid but believes that this fear builds due to lack of facts. She wants

those affected by the refugee crisis to know that people care about their safety.

"I fought in two wars. I raised my hand, and I said, 'I will defend the Constitution with my life, if necessary, to protect and defend those constitutional rights.' Those people who are out [there]

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"Does anyone smell smoke?"



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

CAMPUS CONCERNS A shorted-out lamp in Old Main caused a burned odor on Thursday, which prompted occupants to call Baylor Police. The police contacted Waco Fire Department, according to Leigh Ann Moffett, director of emergency management at Baylor. There was no fire or damage to the building. In an unrelated incident, a power outage between Fifth and Ninth Streets occurred from 1:43 to 2:10 p.m. on Thursday. The outage was caused by unrelated high voltage as part of the Seventh Street electrical project.

Student senate votes on student regent rights

THOMAS MOTT
Reporter

The Baylor Student Senate passed a bill Thursday evening that creates a request to the Baylor Board of Regents to allow the current and future student regents on the board to have a vote on all issues.

The bill's author and senate parliamentarian, Cypress senior Chris Seals, and co-sponsor, Justin junior Caleb White, hope this bill will

allow students to have a greater voice within the university.

"The most powerful way someone can voice their opinions is through a vote. As students, we believe that we have one of the most important voices in Baylor," White said.

Currently, two students sit on the Board of Regents, but they have no voting power. Waco senior Emily Neel, a student currently on the board, said Thursday night that student regents are only allowed to sit

in and listen to board meetings.

A press release from the Student Senate stated, "Student Senate aims to voice the concerns of students and remains an organization where student opinion can be expressed."

Student Senate recommended that the Board of Regents give voting privilege to the two student regents.

"We are committed to diversifying the board membership so that our regents more fully reflect the Baylor family and the campus community,"

Board of Regents chairman Ron Murff said in a statement.

Shortly after Murff's statement, the Board of Regents created a review task force to recommend possible changes to the board.

The task force's recommendations would allow voting rights to more members of the board, including two athletic-based regents. However, the task force recommended that the two student regents be the only members not allowed to vote.

"As soon as [the recommendations] came out, we started pretty much powering this together," Seals said.

During the debate period, student senators argued that because students make up Baylor University, the two student regents should be allowed to vote on the important issues Baylor faces.

"Student regents offer very interesting and unique viewpoints

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In Transition:

Religion plays important role in gender transition process

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

MOLLY ATCHISON
Opinion Editor

"When I was a child, I went to church every Saturday — which is the Sabbath day in the Seventh Day Adventist church." McLennan County junior Jessica said.

Jessica, a transgender student attending Baylor University, went through several stages of self-reflection as she began to consider publicly representing herself as a woman and starting the transition process. As a Seventh Day Adventist, Jessica grew up in a conservative home, adhering to the "Sola Scriptura" doctrine that the Seventh Day Adventists accept.

According to the official Seventh Day Adventist website, Sola Scriptura is the belief that the Bible is the "only standard of faith and

practice for Christians." One of the fundamental aspects of this is that the Sabbath is celebrated on Saturday and is a day strictly for rest.

"Since most Seventh Day Adventists recognize the Sabbath from sundown on Friday night to sundown Saturday night, we would usually spend the entire day with the congregation," Jessica said.

The closeness of the community fostered strong religious ties for Jessica and encouraged her spiritual growth.

From the time Jessica was little, she believed

there was something that distinguished her from the rest of her community.

"I always identified as a girl, but I kept it to myself out of fear of rejection or extreme disciplinary actions," Jessica said.

Concern over acceptance, both in a family and religious environment, is a concern for many transgender individuals.

Familial acceptance is an integral part of a transgender person's confidence and health later in their life, according to the National Center for Biotechnology Information, but religion also

plays a role in a transgender person's transition process.

For many pastors, priests and other religious leaders, the transgender rights debate is just one of many difficult topics to address with a congregation. Joshua Carney, the head pastor at University Baptist Church in Waco, is one of many leaders trying to determine how to learn from the ever-changing social atmosphere and explain it to their listeners.

"In my experience, the best way to address issues that are fraught is by being

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COLUMN

Don't fear death, just love life

DAYDAY WYNN

Lariat Photographer

What were you afraid of as a child? The dark? Snakes? Bee stings? Those were all common fears many of us had as kids growing up. As time goes on, those fears tend to fade away and get replaced by new fears, but some of those fears never go away.

What do you fear now? Maybe your fear is still snakes and bee stings. I still struggle with my fear of the dark to this day. But one thing I know the majority of us fear is death, even though most won't admit it.

As young children, death is that last thing on our minds. This fear of death isn't instilled in us until we reach a certain point in our life. I have no idea what age it comes into play, but it has to be somewhere in between the beginning of middle school and high school graduation. This fear of death could be attributed to various things: fear of the unknown, fear that an individual's family situation might take a turn for the worse, or even religious beliefs and the after life.

"As we grow, we are continuously told to put those childlike things to the wayside. Stop having fun; focus on looking for a job. We are taught to live life according to what society's definition of what life really is..."

From the time we are born until about 10 or 11 years old, our worries were things such as getting in trouble at school, having to answer to our parents and wondering what friends would be outside playing when we got home from school. The only things we looked forward to was living our lives and enjoying them along the way. As we grow, we are continuously told to put those childlike things to the wayside. Stop having fun; focus on looking for a job. We are taught to live life according to society's definition of what life really is, or what it should be.

Over and over again, life has proven that the mind becomes distracted when you're enjoying yourself. But when you're not, your mind tends to wander and conjure up thoughts and feelings. For example, when you are out playing sports with your friends or going to a music festival just enjoying yourself, not once does a negative thought pop into your head. At that point in time, your worries always seem to be nonexistent, almost as if there's no room for negativity. Your mind seems to be occupied with enjoyment.

If we can achieve a sense of fearlessness for that short period of time just by being consumed with enjoying ourselves, then maybe we can do the same with life. Consume yourself with enjoying your life to a point where death is no longer a fear. Be, in a sense, carefree. Leave no room for negativity, and there will be no more room for a fear of death — just life.

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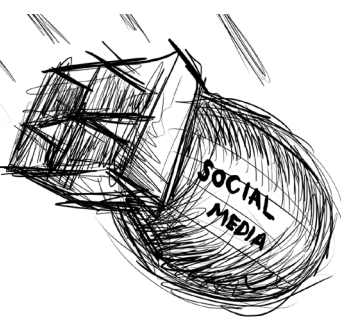
EDITORIAL

Barron Trump is not his father

Presidential children have always been in the media's eye. From Jenna and Barbara Bush's DUI drama in June 2001 to Malia Obama's little marijuana incident in August of last year, even their smallest foibles and follies are constantly in the news. In recent years, it has become even harder to avoid the public eye, and for a child with famous parents, the results of this media attention can be detrimental to their lifestyle.

Most recently, Barron, the 10-year-old son of President Donald Trump, has come under fire on social media. With people posting disparaging comments about the child's character and making assumptions about the boy's personality based on nothing but photos and video footage they see on the news. Comments such as "Barron Trump will be mutilating cats on the White House lawn in like, two weeks," and most recently, "Saturday Night Live's" screenwriter Katie Rich's post, which said, "Barron Trump will be this country's first homeschool shooter," have made headlines recently for their bullying nature. These comments not only dehumanize and stigmatize Barron Trump for simply being the son of a president people do not agree with, but they prove to be excellent example of how poorly adults misuse social media.

Cyberbullying is not new by any means — more than 28 percent of middle and high school students have experienced cyberbullying at some point in their lives, according to a 2016 study done by researchers from the Cyberbullying Research Center. With social media being so readily available for children's use, it should come as no surprise that this is still a large problem in the United States and the world. In an interesting twist, first lady



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Melania Trump has dedicated her official duties to campaigning to end cyberbullying. While she plans to focus it toward children, it is often more applicable to the dissatisfied and opinionated adults who use the internet.

More and more, you see people posting their opinions on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The relative anonymity of these sites makes it seem easy for people to speak disparagingly about whomever they want with seemingly little consequences. However, this is not necessarily the case.

According to the Legal Information Institute at Cornell University, the definition of libel is "a method of defamation expressed by print, writing, pictures, signs, effigies, or any communication embodied in physical form that is injurious to a person's reputation, exposes a person to public hatred, contempt

or ridicule, or injures a person in his/her business or profession."

To prosecute someone in a libel case, one must prove four things: that the accused (defendant) wrote a defamatory message, that the accuser (plaintiff) suffered injury or loss in some way, that the message was published and received by others and that the plaintiff could identify the accuser in some way. This seems to be a bunch of legal jargon, but it actually applies to people in today's society more than in any other time.

On the internet, nothing goes away. If you were having a bad day in 2011 and ranted about your jerk of a boss on Facebook, that is still out there. If your boss felt that you complaining about the way he runs his business was going to hurt his reputation or his customer flow in any way, he could easily find this status and legally prove that you committed

libel. Now, this is not supposed to make you run home and delete any heated post you have ever made — very rarely do libel cases ever revolve around the "average person." However, this fact is meant to point out just how serious your social media presence can be taken. For adults, the ramifications of defaming another person's character, even someone you don't know personally, can be not only offensive and hurtful, but also illegal. It is very easy to forget this, as well as the simple problem of hurting another's feelings, when we

Social media is taken much too lightly. The effect that words have on a person's — especially a child's — outlook on life is astounding. Barron Trump is a 10-year-old child from New York. He goes to school, has friends, most likely fights with his parents about bedtime and does all of the things a normal 10-year-old would do. He may ride a limo to school and live in a penthouse, but that does not make him any less of a human, and that does not mean he has any less of a right to be a child. As former first daughter Chelsea Clinton said recently in a tweet of her own, "Barron Trump deserves the chance every child does — to be a kid. Standing up for every kid also means opposing @POTUS policies that hurt kids."

Barron Trump did not choose to be the son of our president, nor does he have any power over the choices his father makes. Barron Trump, like any other child, deserves the chance to make his own destiny, no matter what his parents do. Barron Trump is not his father. So, to all the adults out there shaming people based on their parents' life decisions: How would you feel if your parents' actions determined your destiny? We forget that the anonymity of social media can also take away our humanity — be careful of what you post, because hiding behind a Twitter handle will only work for so long.

COLUMN

Spreading your wings is hard to do

Being an out-of-state student can be so bittersweet

CHRISTINA SOTO

Broadcast Reporter

Most high school students dream of being on their own, being able to make their own decisions and go wherever they please. Going away to college affords them that opportunity, but in reality, it is much more than that.

Attending college away from home poses an opportunity to explore a different geographic area and meet people with different customs, foods and culture.

Attending Baylor being from Miami was a complete culture shock because the people were completely different. I was not used to the southern hospitality and not giving people kisses on the cheek when I greeted them.

I was not used to the having the ability to talk about religion with such ease. I was not used to the abundance of barbecue in Texas, and I had no idea what Tex-Mex meant.

Although there were many differences in culture and in food, these differences were

enjoyable to experience. However, the hardest transition was definitely becoming a very independent individual.

Being an out-of-state student in college prepares you for a completely independent life. Going to an in-state school leaves you with the opportunity to be able to go home on weekends and know that your parents are only a couple hours away.

On the other hand, when you are 1,000 miles away from home you can rarely come home on the weekends, and your parents are never a couple hours away.

Therefore, there is no sense of security that if something goes wrong, your parents are there. Although this sounds upsetting, it prepares you for adulthood because it teaches you to be completely independent.

You can't go home on the weekends for mom to do your laundry. You can't drive home when you're feeling homesick or when you want to eat a home-cooked meal.

Therefore, you not only need to learn the practical things such as doing your own laundry and cooking your favorite meals, but you also need to know how to deal with your feelings of homesickness, which by far is that hardest part.

"However, the hardest transition was definitely becoming a very independent individual."

As someone who gets homesick often, I had to find that one thing that made things better. I found that in my sorority and in the Lariat.

Being a part of an organization has helped me find my home because the women of my sorority and my co-workers at the Lariat have become my family. With them and in these organizations is where I have found my home away from home.

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Doctor gives the diagnosis: It’s poetry

KRISTINA VALDEZ
Copy Editor

For Dr. Julio César Aguilar, writing poetry is a way to remain present and to understand the mysteries of life.

“I think poetry is a great, wonderful resource to know yourself better and to be a better human being,” Aguilar, lecturer in Spanish, said. “All art any artistic expression-can help us understand the world better, to find yourself, to be feel better and to be happier.”

Aguilar has written 18 poetry books in Spanish and “Perfil de niebla” is the most recent publication. The book combines two of Aguilar’s previously published

Juan Jose Arreola, a famous poet and a distant relative from Aguilar’s hometown. Juan Jose Arreola was the first to suggest poetry for the young Aguilar.

Although poetry and literature was Aguilar’s first love, he received his medical degree to be a practicing physician from the University of Guadalajara in Mexico. Aguilar went on to receive his master’s in Spanish from the University of Texas at San Antonio and his Ph.D. in Spanish studies from Texas A&M University.

Aguilar went to school for literature, but finding the demands of being a student and a practicing physician too much, he did not finish.

“Writing poetry is an effort to be present over time,” Aguilar said.

For the boy who grew up around doctors and in hospitals and for the boy who memorized poetry, Aguilar has found ways to combine the fields of literature and medicine.

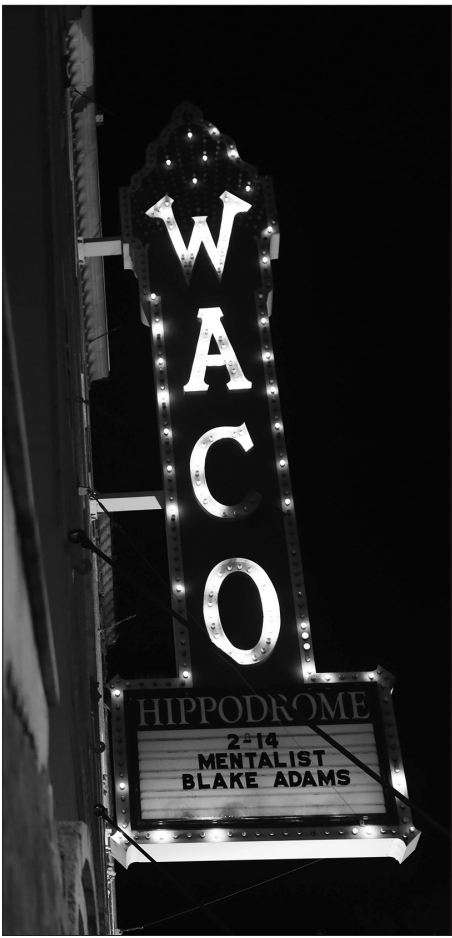
“I wanted to be a physician,” Aguilar said. “In my doctoral research, I combined my medical knowledge with literary because I studied four American poets who committed suicide. They had depression and schizophrenia.”

Aguilar said he hasn’t forgotten about medicine and wants to continue combining his love for poetry with medicine. Aguilar works to constantly improve his poetry to better understand himself.

“I try to write every day,” Aguilar said. “Even if it is just a verse, but continuously reading and writing because that method of working can be very fruitful.”



Aguilar



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

THE HEART OF WACO Waco has plenty to offer when it comes to finding fun things to do for Valentine’s Day. The Waco Hippodrome Theatre (left), the Silos Food Truck Park (top right) and Lover’s Leap (bottom right) are all gems of Waco lovers should look into when picking the perfect date spot.

Love is Wacko

CAROLINE BENTLEY
Reporter

Moving from big cities to Waco for college is a big step for some students, and finding new places to explore and eat can be difficult after a few months. On special holidays, such as Valentine’s Day, it is especially difficult to find something exciting and new to do. We’ve put together some different places to spend your Valentine’s Day weekend.

DiamondBack’s Waco
Widely known as one of the nicest places to have a dinner, DiamondBack’s Waco is also the nicest restaurant on our list. The low lighting and serene feel make DiamondBack’s a more intimate option for dinner over the weekend or on Valentine’s Day. Showing up in Nike shorts isn’t suggested, so dress up a little and have a nice night out.

The Escape Room
This isn’t a restaurant, but it is a great place to spend a few hours bonding with your significant other. Escape Rooms are built around a story or theme and test players with puzzling clues and mysteries throughout the room. If you want a more fun evening out, or even a place to go with some other couples, this is the place for you.

Silos Food Truck Park
Valentine’s Day weekend is forecasted to be the typical Texan February-sunny and warm. If you haven’t been to The Silos, this is the perfect weekend to take an adventure downtown. eleven food trucks surround the relaxing lawn, with picnic tables covered in flower-lined gazebos and vintage swings. If you want to get some shopping in and taste a few of Waco’s finest, check out the Silos Food Truck Park.

The Waco Hippodrome Theater
The Waco Hippodrome

Theater is Waco’s own movie draft house. The two options, enjoying a movie and having dinner or enjoying dinner in the dining room are two uniquely different experiences. The Hippodrome offers an intimate feel with different options to choose from.

Lover’s Leap
Seated high above the Bosque River, Lover’s Leap is a limestone bluff that can begin any weekend on a good note by having a picnic overlooking the river or ending a hike and taking a rest with a view. Lover’s Leap is said to have been the result of late-Victorian romanticism, hence the name.

Waco may be small, but finding a special place to spend Valentine’s Day is not difficult. It doesn’t matter if you’re wanting a more intimate feel or to make some memories with a group of people, the variety of options for Valentine’s Day are endless.

This weekend in Waco:

>> Today

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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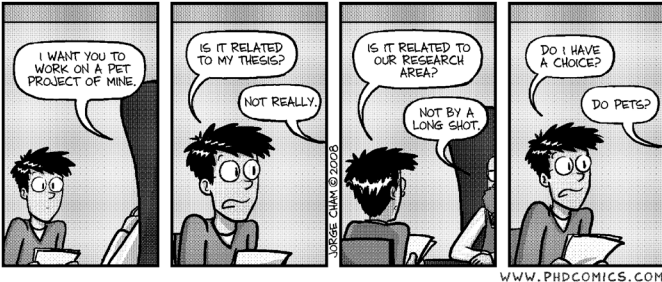
9 a.m.- 5 p.m. — Big Tex Cat Club Cat Show. Extraco Events Center, 4601 Bosque Blvd.

11 a.m.-1 p.m. — Pop up Saturday. Dr. Pepper Museum & Free Enterprise Institute.

1-2:30 p.m. — Painting with a Twist, neon turtle painting. 1621 N. Valley Mills Drive.

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

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Softball loses season opener 1-0

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

Baylor softball failed to scratch across a run as it dropped its season opener in the Hillenbrand Invitational in Tucson, Ariz., 1-0 to Fordham.

Rams' sophomore infielder Jessica Hughes' two out home run to left field in the bottom half of the fifth inning was all they needed to get the victory.

Baylor head coach Glenn Moore credits Fordham for keeping the Bears guessing up there at the plate.

"Of course, I expected more from our offense," Moore said. "Fordham did a great job of keeping us off balance, and we didn't capitalize on the few opportunities we were given."

Baylor was not short of scoring opportunities. The Bears put had runners on second and third with two outs in the top of the second following singles by senior utility Lindsey Cargill and junior outfielder Jessie Scroggins. A strikeout ended the first Baylor threat.

Once again, Baylor came knocking on the door of opportunity in the fifth inning, this time with runners on first

and second following a hit by pitch and error on the Rams' shortstop. A double play ball to the second baseman sent the Bears back to the dugout empty-handed again.

Finally in the sixth inning, Baylor opened with consecutive singles by sophomore outfielder Kyla Walker and senior infielder Ari Hawkins. However, Walker was thrown out at third base on Hawkins' single.

Moore took objection to the call and was eventually ejected from the game during Baylor's next at bat.

Five different Bears recorded hits against Fordham. The highlight for Baylor was not at the plate but instead was the play from freshman outfielder Maddison Kettler. She recorded two outfield assists, including saving a run by throwing out Hughes at home plate to keep the scored tied at zero. To start the fourth inning, she threw out a Fordham base runner attempting to stretch a single into a double.

Kettler also recorded the first Baylor hit of the season, a two out single to right in the



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SWINGING FOR THE FENCES Baylor redshirt outfielder Linsey Hays swings at a pitch against McNeese State on Feb. 18, 2016, in Waco. The Lady Bears lost 1-0.

second inning.

Sophomore pitcher Gia Rodoni got the start for the Bears and went four innings, allowing five hits and striking out four. Freshman pitcher Shelby McGlaun pitched the final two innings and took the

loss after allowing the home run.

Senior infielder Lindsay Mayer had two hits to lead Fordham at the plate. Senior pitcher Lauren Quense went the distance for the Rams, allowing five hits and striking out four.

Despite the disappointment, Moore knows the season is young and there is plenty of time for improvement.

"It's game one. Fifty-five more to go in the regular season," Moore said. "We will get better."

Baylor will continue the search for its first win at 4 p.m. today against Cal-State, Northridge. It will then take on Northwestern at 8 p.m.

Baylor vs Fordham: Inning by Inning										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
No. 21 BAYLOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Fordham	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	8	1

PITCHING STATS	
Baylor	
-Gia Rodoni:	4.0 IP, 4 K's, 5 hits, 0 earned runs allowed, 2 BB, no decision awarded
-Shelby McGlaun:	2.0 IP, 3 K's, 3 hits, 1 earned run allowed, 1 BB, awarded the loss
Fordham	
-Lauren Quense:	7.0 IP, 0 K's, 5 hits, 0 earned runs allowed, 1 BB, awarded the win

Associate AD Nielsen no longer with Baylor

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Baylor associate athletic director for communications Heath Nielsen is no longer working for the Baylor athletics department, according to KWTX.

The departure comes three months after Nielsen was reportedly involved in a confrontation with James McBride, reporter for The Blaze News in Keller, following a home football loss to TCU on Nov. 5.

A Baylor spokesperson told the Lariat, "It's a human resource/employment matter and we can't provide comment at this time."

Nielsen, a 16-year veteran of the Baylor athletic department, was arrested on a misdemeanor assault warrant following the event.

The arrest warrant affidavit, obtained by KWTX in November, details the situation.

"Nielsen walked up to McBride on the right, grabbed McBride by the throat with

his right hand, squeezed and pushed him away from the football player," the affidavit said.



Nielsen

Additionally, the affidavit detailed physical repercussions of the confrontation.

The affidavit said "McBride had visible scratches and complained of pain around his throat."

Nielsen's attorney, Michelle Tuegel, released a statement after the event denying the claims.

"The one-sided version of events released by the complainant are not true

or accurate," Tuegel said in a statement. "Mr. Nielsen maintains that he intervened to stop the interview, but he did not grab the complainant's throat. We look forward to vigorously defending Mr. Nielsen and presenting the facts involved in this situation."

Nielsen joined the Baylor staff following a two-year stint at New Mexico State University. In his first 12 years in Waco, Nielsen served six as director of athletic media relations and six years as assistant athletic director of communications.

In 2012, Nielsen was put in charge of managing the football program's public image.

Following the arrest, Nielsen was moved to a position outside the public eye before his Baylor career ended last Friday, according to KWTX.

Additionally, Nielsen's profile was removed from the Baylor athletics website, and his Twitter profile no longer pertains to Baylor.

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