



Town Hall focuses on Baylor leadership

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Staff Writer

The Baylor Line Foundation Town Hall on Governance Reform took matters into their own hands on Wednesday evening at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame to discuss the public's discontent with the leadership at Baylor.

"We're here because we truly believe that Baylor can be a lot better," said John Eddie Williams, Bears for Leadership Reform

president, former Baylor football player and donor to McLane Stadium. "We think there's a cloud hanging over the university, and we don't have answers and we deserve answers."

The Baylor Line Foundation issued an invitation to the Bears for Leadership Reform and the Baylor Board of Regents. There were five regents in attendance who did not answer questions or actively participate. The three Bears for Leadership Reform members on stage answering questions included Williams; Liza Firmin, Bears for Leadership Reform

board member and 2006 Baylor alumna; Randy Ferguson, co-chair of the organization's research and policy committee and former regent.

Although the board members did not actively participate, Ron Murff, Board of Regents Chairman, who was not in attendance, released a statement regarding interest in governance issues.

"We understand the need for continuous improvement," Murff said in a statement. "That's why, on Friday, the board will consider

the adoption of a slate of previously publicized recommendations that address how the board does its business and what it shares with the public. We have already implemented one of the recommended changes – a new regents website that includes bios, meeting materials and a way to provide direct feedback to the board. As we continue to refine Baylor's governance policies and procedures, I want to thank everyone who has contributed to this often-spirited

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Puppy Love



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

DOG-GONE CUTE Alpha Chi Omega brought dogs to Fountain Mall on Wednesday as part of Healthy Relationships Week.

Ex-associate AD Nielsen not indicted on charges of assault

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Sports Writer

Former associate athletic director Heath Nielsen will not be indicted on a misdemeanor assault warrant stemming from an alleged confrontation in November.

The McLennan County Grand Jury declined to indict Nielsen on Wednesday.

McLennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna presented the misdemeanor case to the Grand Jury, which usually only reviews felony cases.

The warrant came from an on-field dispute between Nielsen and a sports writer following the Bears' loss to TCU on Nov. 5, 2016.

The sports writer alleged that he was grabbed by the throat and pushed away from a player by Nielsen after taking a photo of the player.

The incident was captured on camera by the McLane Stadium video system, and the jurors reviewed the video Wednesday morning.

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Professors to lead discussion on women in ministry

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Staff Writer

Truett Women in Ministry is a group that seeks to educate both men and women regarding women's issues in ministry, Baylor and the larger church community.

The group was formed out of the larger Texas Baptist Women in

Ministry group that addresses women in ministry in Baptist churches.

"Our mission is to educate women about their roles and their call, to help them live fully in the call that God has placed on their life and also to empower men by teaching men alongside women," said Val Fisk, president of Truett Women in Ministry.

The group will host a discussion about passages from I Timothy from 7 to 8:30 p.m. tonight at University Baptist Church, located at 1701 Dutton Ave. The discussion will cover Scriptures that are regarded as some of the most controversial in New Testament scholarship.

"We wanted to address the way this epistle talks about women's voice

in ministry and women's voice in the church, specifically talking about silence," Fisk said. "We really believe that women have a voice and a very specific message to share out of our experiences. The voice women have is different from the voice that men have because of our experiences."

The group selected Dr. Beverly Gaventa, distinguished professor

of New Testament, and Dr. Lidija Novakovic, associate professor from the department of religion, to lead the discussion. The group specifically picked female scholars in New Testament studies so that they can speak from their experiences as women in ministry.

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Phi Kappa Chi accepts nominations for Light Your World Professor Award

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Staff Writer

Phi Kappa Chi is accepting nominations for the annual Light Your World Professor Award. The award is meant to honor a professor that has had a positive impact on the lives of students.

Phi Kappa Chi created the Light Your World Professor Award because the fraternity felt that students needed a way to recognize these professors, said DeSoto senior Ezra Zepeda, external vice president of Phi Kappa Chi.

Previously, the nomination

only came from members of Phi Kappa Chi, but they recently decided to open the nominations to all students, Zepeda said.

"To have that recognition from someone saying, 'Hey, what you're doing, keep it up. You're doing a great job.' It's an encouragement, and it's empowering. It allows you to keep doing what you are doing," Zepeda said.

Any student can nominate a professor that has had an impact on them. Nominations can be any length, Zepeda said,



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

RECOGNITION Omaha, Neb., sophomore Meg Routh, right, shakes the hand of Dr. Marlene Neill, assistant professor in the department of journalism, public relations and new media. Phi Kappa Chi is accepting nominations for their professor award.

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COLUMN

More than just the sleeve rule

FAITH MILETELLO
Reporter

Health and fitness are important aspects of my life, and because of that, I regularly take advantage of the Student Life Center and fitness room. Though it is convenient to have a gym on campus, the SLC fitness room doesn't offer the best resources or the most comfortable workout environment for students. For those of us on campus who spend the same amount of time in the SLC as we do in class, there are some improvements that could be made to ensure the best experience for students and faculty.

A huge issue facing students who work out in the fitness room is the lack of space to incorporate a variety of calisthenics into personal workouts. The fitness area's three floors have become too small for the number of students and faculty on campus, and in comparison to the size of the SLC, the fitness room is not proportional to the space in the building.

Along with the small size of the fitness room, are the inadequate amount of specific machines and platforms in the fitness room. Throughout most of the day, and especially during gym rush hour, students are waiting in lines to use the different benches and machines. Though the SLC has incorporated an exercise and stretching areas on the third and fourth floors, it still does not compensate for the room needed in the main fitness room for those doing heavier free weights and Olympic lifts.

The Student Life Center was built in 1999, and though minor renovations and updates have been facilitated, the fitness room has not been on the agenda. With the dramatic increase in class sizes at Baylor since the time the SLC was built, it seems it is time for additions and improvements as far as size and equipment in the fitness room.

Another issue that many students complain about are the required towels and sleeves in the fitness room. The towels are supposed to create an incentive for students to clean off the areas they use, but this has not become a trend because of a lack of knowledge and enforcement. The SLC does not offer adequate cleaning supplies for students to use and has not required students to use the towels.

In many gym chains across the U.S., sanitary towels or cloths along with disinfectant sprays are provided for gym users in order to create a clean environment. The SLC should take measures to offer students an easier and more effective way to clean up rather than just forcing them to bring a towel, which has become more of an accessory to students.

The sleeves requirement was an issue addressed by the student government in October 2015. According to an article published in the Lariat the Student Senate passed the bill to do away with the sleeve requirement, and it was presented to various directors on campus for approval. The university has yet to update students on a change in policy.

It seems the sleeve requirement is enforced for sanitation reasons, but no public or chain gyms require sleeves, so this seems a futile argument by Baylor's gym. Personally, the requirement is inconvenient and uncomfortable during my time working out in a hot gym packed with too many people.

According to a 2014 study, gym memberships in the U.S. have increased by 22 percent since 2005. With the rise of social media fitness gurus, accessibility to fitness and types of fitness programs to follow, the industry has grown, and I don't believe Baylor's fitness opportunities have grown alongside the trend. As a senior who has spent four years working out at the SLC, I would like to see some changes made. I have spent way too many workouts waiting in line while carrying around my useless towel.

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EDITORIAL

Consider constructive criticism

Scroll through Yik Yak and you'll find posts rolling through the feed reading, "America has rejected their kind" and "whiny, rich white girls." These are just a few of the comments that have been made on social media referring to the Baylor Feminists. The group, which is now known as the Waco Area Feminists on Facebook, has received an onslaught of hate since its formation. This has only worsened recently, as members remain vocal about the university's failure to meet Title IX requirements and the school's alleged treatment of sexual assault victims. Critics are quick to pile on judgment but fail to acknowledge any contributions made by the group.

The organization has played a pivotal role in providing a support system for victims of sexual assault. Last February, ESPN broke a story that sparked an investigation into accusations regarding Baylor's mishandling of sexual assault cases. The weeks to follow would give time for several people to step forward with their experiences with sexual violence. The Baylor Feminists page was filled with survivors trying to make sense of what had happened to them at the university or in other instances in their lifetime. Group members were there

when students needed a listening ear and provided a medium for voices to be heard.

Around the same time, multiple members also joined students, faculty and alumni in asking the university to provide answers to the Title IX allegations. In fact, it was a feminist member of the group who organized a candlelight vigil for victims of sexual violence in front of the Albritton House. The

event brought several community members together in a time of uncertainty.

There have even been issues brought forward by members of the group that garnered support throughout campus. In October, Thousand Oaks, Calif., senior Raquel Katch created a Change.org petition asking Baylor to provide free pads and tampons in every nonresidential bathroom on campus. The issue was brought



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

LARIAT LETTERS

Look at the Baylor scandal with humility

Dear Baylor Nation,

As I sit down to write this letter, I am reminded of two things. First, how lucky I am to be on a campus where this letter might make a difference. Baylor University has created an environment that encourages open conversation and honest debate in a world where these things are shockingly absent. Second, that each Baylor student has a responsibility to continue to cultivate a campus environment in which honest and open communication is encouraged and where every voice can be heard. Baylor cannot be a Christian community if it is not a community that invites differing opinions. It is with these two things in mind that I write in response a Lariat article, published on Feb. 8th, titled "Why We Can't Defend Art Briles Anymore."

I can think of no better descriptor to for the tone of the column than indignation. Let me be clear, I am not decrying the article for its indignant tone. If any topic is worthy of indignation, it is this one. Art Briles stands at the center of one of the greatest college sexual assault scandals of all time, a scandal that occurred at our university under our very noses. Indignation is a reasonable and understandable response. With this in mind, the question then becomes: "Is it the right response?" and more importantly "Is it the response that we are called to have as Christians?" In addressing the issues surrounding the Baylor sexual assault scandal, we must constantly strive to communicate with one another in a way that exemplifies Christian humility. Furthermore, in order to move forward as a Christian community we must find a way to work together.

In order to address the issues that surround the Baylor sexual assault scandal, we must first emphasize that as Christians, our response to any situation must always be made in full awareness of our responsibility not only to fellow members of the Baylor community, but more importantly in light of our responsibility to God. We can see how this responsibility should shape our reaction by looking at two sources. First, the gospel of Matthew tells us in chapters 4-5, "How can you think of saying

to your friend, [a] 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye." Before criticizing others, we must first make sure to adopt an attitude of humility. If we are not humble, we are likely to fall into the trap of hypocrisy. How can we apply this humility in this situation? We can see an answer to this question by looking at The "Rule of St. Benedict." In Chapter 8, St. Benedict outlines the importance of humility for those living in Christian community. He offers 12 steps by which Christians might cultivate humility and in doing so, might manifest "the perfect love of God, which casts out fear."

He clarifies and emphasizes this idea again when he says, "In truth, those who are patient amid hardships and unjust treatment are fulfilling the Lord's command: When struck on one cheek, they turn the other; when deprived of their coat, they offer their cloak also, when pressed into service for one mile, they go two." It is with this understanding that I offer my criticism of Ms. Voytek's column.

We can see even in Ms. Voytek's own column the consequence of the kind of stand that she is taking. In the article she states that "it bothers [her] that [her] friends who publicly decry [Art Briles] now are the same ones who rushed to find a last-minute game day outfit to 'Blackout for Briles.' The same ones who sported 'CAB' in black sharpie on their hands for weeks." There is a reality here that isn't addressed. Over the last nine months, the Baylor population has had little to no evidence regarding why Art Briles was fired. The Board of Regents has chosen to repeatedly hide the facts of what happened. As a result, when each new piece of information has been revealed, opinions have undulated and changed over and over again. A lack of humility is what lies at the base of the problem that Ms. Voytek sees. Each and every time new information is released, the Baylor community has rushed to ever newer conclusions. We have all forgotten to step back and consider that the information we have is not whole, and that in rushing to

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make strong statements, we reveal over and over again our own ignorance. Even now, we do not fully know the truth that surrounds the firing of Art Briles. It is no coincidence that the Board of Regents has chosen to release only the information that supports their cause. The column's headline states, "We can't defend Art Briles anymore," but my ultimate question is this: How can we defend ourselves? When we reject Christian humility in order to elevate ourselves, we fall victim to pride. Too often we use a tragedy to convince ourselves that we are good by piling hatred onto Art Briles, or any other public figure who has been set up to take blame. I am not saying that Art Briles is guilt free — he has responsibility for what happened. However, we have a responsibility as Christians to react in humility, not hatred.

If we come together as a Christian community in humility, I believe that we will come to realize that we have a responsibility to offer love and support to every member of Baylor Nation. There is nothing to be gained from attempting to decry or insult anyone else here at Baylor. For victims of sexual assault who have come forward in bravery to report crimes committed against them, we should offer nothing but love and support. If we want to prevent this tragedy from occurring again, we have to come together as one. We must stop seeing each other as enemies, and we must stop lashing out against those who disagree with us.

There should always be room for disagreement and discussion at Baylor, but we must also act in humility to ensure that the conversations we have always contribute both to the Baylor community and to God. We cannot create a safe campus by fighting each other. We cannot serve God if we tear the body of Christ apart. We must all strive to "walk humbly with our God."

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Time shortened for communication master’s

FAITH MILETELLO
Reporter

The Baylor communications department is in the final stages of releasing its 4+1 joint bachelor’s and master’s degree in corporate communication program.

The program will join the accounting and social work department’s joint programs to allow students to receive their master’s in a shorter time frame than otherwise offered.

“This program is truly a joint degree,” Dr. Lacy McNamee, associate professor of communication, said. “It means that if you are participating in this program, you would have your B.A. and M.A. conferred at the same time. They are rolled in one together.”

Dr. McNamee will be the director of the 4+1 communication program when it starts. She hosted the interest meeting held on Wednesday in the Castellaw Communication Center lounge and gave basic information about the program to students.

“The way that it is designed right now is, in your junior year you would be applying for the program,” McNamee said. “And the M.A. portion is 30 hours and the B.A. is all things the same. Everything you are currently doing as a B.A. in the corporate communication track still applies.”

Those participating in this program will receive six credit hours as a transitioning period to adjust to the academic rigor of the master’s degree. Students will also be provided complete mentorship from communications professors. The 2017-2018 academic year will be the pilot year, so many details are continuing to be decided McNamee said.

“I am right on track right now, so I think it would be so cool to graduate at the same time with your bachelor’s and master’s,” Dallas sophomore Abby Hickman said. “I would feel so accomplished if I completed the program.”

Dr. McNamee said she is pleasantly surprised with the interest from communications students. Because this is the first year, there will not be a specific number of students accepted, so the acceptance rate will be based on the qualifications of applicants. The application deadline for current juniors to start during the next academic year is March 15.

The program is still in the final university approval process. Therefore, said Dr. David Schlueter, communications department chair, the details of the program are still being determined.

“I think the reason we are having this interest meeting today is that we are very optimistic about the start of this program,” Schlueter said.



Penelope Shirley | Lariat Photographer
GET IN, GET OUT Dr. Lacy McNamee, director of the future 4 + 1 communication program, spoke with students about how the program speeds up the master’s degree process.

Trump White House battles chaos

JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Less than a month into his tenure, Donald Trump’s White House is beset by a crush of crises.

Divisions, dysfunction and high-profile exits have left the young administration nearly paralyzed and allies wondering how it will reboot. The bold policy moves that marked Trump’s first days in office have slowed to a crawl, a tacit admission that he and his team had not thoroughly prepared an agenda.

Nearly a week after the administration’s travel ban was struck down by a federal court, the White House is still struggling to regroup and outline its next move on that signature issue. It’s been six days since Trump — who promised unprecedented levels of immediate action — has announced a major new policy directive or legislative plan.

His team is riven by division and plagued by distractions. This week alone, controversy has forced out both his top national security aide and his pick for labor secretary.

“Another day in paradise,” Trump quipped Wednesday after his meeting with retailers was interrupted by reporters’ questions about links between his campaign staff and Russian officials.

Fellow Republicans have begun voicing their frustration and open anxiety that the Trump White House will derail their high hopes for legislative action.








Sen. John Thune of South Dakota demanded Wednesday that the White House “get past the launch stage.”

“There are things we want to get done here, and we want to have a clear-eyed focus on our agenda, and this constant disruption and drumbeat with these questions that keep being raised is a distraction,” said Thune.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona blasted the White House’s approach to national security as “dysfunctional,” asking: “Who is in charge? I don’t know of anyone outside of the White House who knows.”

Such criticism from allies is rare during what is often viewed as a honeymoon period for a new president. But Trump, an outsider who campaigned almost as much against his party as for it, has only a tiny reservoir of good will to protect him. His administration has made uneven attempts to work closely with lawmakers and its own agencies.

What’s Happening on Campus?

-  **Thursday, Feb. 16 | 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.
-  **Thursday, Feb. 16 - Saturday, Feb. 18 | All University Sing**
livestreaming at the Hippodrome
6:30 p.m. A Baylor tradition since 1953, the first weekend of All University Sing performances will take place in Waco Hall. If you can’t be there in person, Saturday’s performances will be livestreamed at the Hippodrome! You may purchase tickets for this live-streaming event at the BDSC Ticket Office or visit baylor.edu/studentactivities/ticketoffice.
-  **Thursday, Feb. 16 | Concert Jazz Ensemble**
7:30 p.m. The 19-member Baylor Concert Jazz Ensemble, led by Alex Parker, continuing lecturer in jazz studies and director of the Baylor University Jazz Program, will be joined by vocal soloist, Heather Boswell, in Jones Concert Hall.
-  **Friday, Feb. 17 | Love the Run You’re With 5K**
5:30 p.m. Lace up your running shoes and meet at the BSB fountain for Baylor Wellness’ annual 5K around campus.
-  **Friday, Feb. 17 | Baseball: Baylor vs. Niagara**
6:30 p.m. Opening day is here! Head to the Baylor Ballpark and cheer on the Bears as they face the Niagara Purple Eagles.
-  **Saturday, Feb. 18 | Basketball: Lady Bears vs. Oklahoma State**
5 p.m. Join the Bear Pit and cheer on the Lady Bears as they face Oklahoma State at the Ferrell Center.
-  **Monday, Feb. 20 | Movie Mondays at the Waco Hippodrome: Weiner**
7 p.m. Free for all students, faculty and staff, *Weiner* is a behind-the-scenes documentary detailing former U.S. Representative Anthony Weiner’s catastrophic race for mayor of New York City in 2013. He became embroiled in his second widely publicized “sexting” scandal during the race, derailing his once-promising political career. Directed by Josh Kriegman and Elyse Steinberg, *Weiner* premiered at the 2016 Sundance Film Festival. For more information, visit baylormoviemondays.com.

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Nielsen’s attorney, Michelle Tuegel, released a brief written statement following the jury’s decision.

“We are not surprised,” Tuegel wrote in an email to the Lariat. “We are grateful that the video evidence revealed the truth and innocence of Heath Nielsen regarding the recent accusations made against him.”

Tuegel also said in the statement that this case can be an example moving forward of assuming innocence until proven guilty.

“Mr. Nielsen’s case is an example of the power of a false accusation and the importance of the presumption of innocence,” Tuegel wrote in the email.

James McBride, the sports writer who pressed charges, received permission from a football player to take a picture, but after he took the picture “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,” according to an arrest warrant affidavit obtained by KWTX in November.

Following the incident, Tuegel released a brief written statement denying the claims.

“The one-sided version of events released by the complainant are not true or accurate,” Tuegel wrote in an email to the Lariat. “Mr. Nielsen maintains that he intervened to stop the interview, but he did not grab the complainant’s throat.”

Nielsen left Baylor on Feb. 3 following a 16-year career with the Baylor athletic communications department.

Nielsen joined the Baylor staff in 2000 and spent six years as Baylor’s assistant athletic director of communications and six years as director of athletic media relations. In 2012, Nielsen was placed in charge of maintaining the football program’s public image as associate athletic director, according to KWTX.

After the incident in November, Nielsen returned to work but in a less visible role. In early February, Nielsen’s profile was removed from the Baylor athletics website, and his Twitter was disassociated with the university, according to KWTX.

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“There is a different perspective that comes from learning from a woman who is in New Testament scholarship, and that’s why we decided to invite professors from the religion department-women who have been in this field for years that can speak with us about the particular concerns of exegesis in these passages as a woman,” Fisk said.

The event will begin with the professors discussing the context of passages and the importance of not taking verses out of context. They will also make comparisons between the passages in I Timothy and other Scriptures that can be taken out of context. The floor will then be open for questions.

“Our hope is that it will be a round-table discussion with different people giving input, asking questions and having a real dialogue instead of asking questions and getting answers,” Fisk said.

Rebecca Pettit Houston, a student at George W. Truett Theological Seminary, said she is excited for an event that will allow for candid discussion about such a relatable topic.

“I’m really looking forward to

talking about the hard-hitting topics,” Houston said. “It’s not shying away, and I really like how pointed the event is going to be.”

Fisk said many people are under the impression that the issue of women in ministry is settled. The group hopes both men and women from various backgrounds will attend the event so they can learn about the struggles women face in ministry.

“Men should come so they can hear about a woman’s experience,” Fisk said. “They should also come so they can be more aware of how they can be most supportive and how they can help educate other men that say women are not allowed to be doing ministry.”

The group hopes for this to be the first of many conversations to be had about Scripture. Fisk said she hopes this event will empower people to carry on conversations beyond the event.

“Men and women were both made in God’s image. It’s a problem to silence half of what God gave to the world,” said Julia Wallace, vice president of Truett Women in Ministry.



Dayday Wynn | Lariat Photographer

DISCUSSION Both men and women are invited to attend a meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. tonight at University Baptist Church to discuss I Timothy.

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and should tell what that professor does, how they have impacted your life and how you can see them impacting the lives of others.

Nominations are reviewed by Phi Kappa Chi’s executive council, which will vote on the professor who will receive the award. The executive council is made up of seven members of Phi Kappa Chi, Zepeda said.

“From my experience, the classes that I have learned the most in and I’ve performed the best in have been the classes where the professors are passionate about

what they are talking about, the professors who take the time to get to know you and want you to come to office hours,” said Broken Arrow freshman MaryGrace Lesikar. “I might not even do amazing in the class, but I leave the class knowing the knowledge.”

Lesikar said that professors don’t get enough credit for the impact that they have on student, and they deserve to know how much students care about them.

“Professors put in a lot of work trying to instill passion in students. They have things they are passionate about, and

they want to transfer that,” said Boerne senior Anya Maltsberger. “They think it’s important that [students] learn to see the world in a new way, and I think that’s what [professors] do here at Baylor.”

The deadline for nominating a professor is Feb. 24. After deciding the recipient of the award, Phi Kappa Chi will notify the professor, and they will be honored at the Light Your World banquet.

Nominations should be emailed to Ezra Zepeda at ezra_zepeda@baylor.edu.

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conversation.”

A major focus of the town hall gathering was the lack of accountability within the Board of Regents, even though there have been improvements made recently. The Bears for Leadership Reform members on stage emphasized the necessity of having full transparency and knowing the facts of all that has happened with the sexual assault scandal Baylor has been dealing with. Audience members expressed their frustration to the silent board members listening and the Bears for Leadership Reform speakers.

“I’m disappointed that the board chairman did not come today,” said Linda Trotter, an alumna and audience member. “I think their silence speaks volumes, and if they came down from their ivory tower, they will realize the overwhelming distrust they have created among us. I think the debacle has been mishandled since beginning. What is being done to fix the image of Baylor? Why wasn’t information released nine months ago?”

The meeting also brought up the need

for the board to have open meetings. Ferguson said Bears for Leadership Reform is interested in finding a happy medium between having no disclosure and full disclosure. He said there is a place for executive sessions and that should not be taken away, but there are also opportunities where the information should be open to the public. Williams emphasized that the public still does not know the facts of the scandal, such as how many sexual assaults occurred or how much the scandal cost the university.

“Regents have called me and said they do not feel they are on the board; they feel like they are advisory regents,” Williams said. “The real power lies in the clique of the executive committee. Executive committees are pretty common, but for whatever reason, ours has not functioned well. They have mismanaged the whole situation, adopted a culture of secrecy and kept the facts from the Baylor family.”

Williams said his organization is not lobbying for Art Briles, former head football coach, to come back to Baylor.

Both Williams and Ferguson said that since the beginning, the organization has been lobbying for transparency, accountability and reform.

Firmin also said that alumni care just as much about Baylor as they did before the scandal and that the secrecy hurts. All three of the Bears for Leadership Reform members emphasized their love for the university, which is where their passion for this issue originates. With the recent news about Baylor facing accreditation issues and losing funding from Big 12, Williams said alumni feel the pain.

“The accreditation issue is important to all of us with a relationship to Baylor,” Williams said. “In my estimation, that’s because of a lack of leadership and governance. We should learn from other universities, the ones that ripped off the Band-Aid and exposed all the facts because that’s the way to start the healing, not the dribble-drabble of information every week that keeps the cloud over the university.”

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OLD-FASHIONED GRUB Jake’s Texas Tea House serves not only food to its customers, but also a ‘50s atmosphere. The restaurant is located at 613 Austin Ave. It is open from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday and is closed on Monday.

Retro mood comes with food

CAROLINE BENTLEY
Reporter

What happens when you bring a classic restaurant to one of the hippest streets in Waco? Offering a step outside of Waco’s norm, Jake’s Texas Tea House is a family-friendly restaurant with an old-fashioned twist.

The vintage signs and old-school diner feel capture your eyes from the start. With the booths placed between old convertibles and a vibe unlike any other restaurant in Waco, I was always looking around in amazement.

The retro menu includes hubcap burgers, fried chicken, chicken fried steak plates and hearty salads. These are followed by a lengthy sandwich menu and delectable dessert tray. The possibilities are endless, and you’ll never leave hungry.

On Wednesday afternoon, there were more people than expected, but this reassured us that the restaurant is one of the most popular lunch spots in Waco. We were able to people-watch

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and talk about everything hanging on the walls. We chose to split a grilled chicken salad and a chicken fried chicken plate – and wow, it took me back to eating in deep East Texas at my grandmother’s house.

The wait for the food was longer than usual, but we were OK with it because of how delicious the food tasted. My friend and I shared a huge entree and still had leftovers, but we left room for dessert.

The flavor was incredible, definitely a taste not usually found in the Waco dining scene. The chicken was sweet and savory because of the batter and seasonings. Our green beans and mashed potato side dishes were gone in a matter of minutes because they were so good. A strong flavor cored by crispy bacon on the salad and the creamy gravy paired well with our bottled coke. With each entree, you are able to add and take off any ingredients you want – no cheese, add cheese, no veggies, add veggies.



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

The “blue plate specials” were enough for two people to share or for one person to have and take home some leftovers for a good lunch the next day.

We followed lunch with an incredible banana pudding that was still warm from the stove, and crunchy wafers on top that were to die for.

The only regret I had after leaving was not having a bigger stomach so that I could try more. Getting to sit back and relax before a meal was something I didn’t know I treasured-

being a college student, I usually grab a granola bar on my way out and never sit at the table. I got to see different things on the menu that I wanted to try. The Cheese Lover’s Hubcap Burger and chocolate pie are definitely on my list of things to try when I go back next.

All in all, Jake’s Texas Tea House made me feel like I was having dinner in my grandparents’ small, East Texas town. It felt like it was a step outside of Waco, with a vibe from what Waco used to be. It was a nice change of pace and I will definitely be back.

This week in Waco:

>> Today

- 10 a.m.-5 p.m.** — OZ and L. Frank Baum in Literature. Mayborn Museum Complex.
- 10:30 a.m.-10:15 p.m.** — Deep in the Heart Film Festival. \$5 student admission. Downtown Waco.
- 5-7 p.m.** — Design Den. Mayborn Museum Complex.
- 6:30 p.m.** — All-University Sing. Sold out. Waco Hall.
- 7:30 p.m.** — Open Mic. Tea2Go.
- 7:30 p.m.** — Concert Jazz Ensemble performance. Jones Concert Hall.
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>> Friday

- 10 a.m.-5 p.m.** — OZ and L. Frank Baum in Literature. Mayborn Museum Complex.
- 10 a.m.-5 p.m.** — Homespun Quilter’s Guild Show: Threads in Red. Waco Convention Center.
- 10:30 a.m.-11:45 p.m.** — Deep in the Heart Film Festival. \$5 student admission. Downtown Waco.
- 6:30 p.m.** — All-University Sing. Sold out. Waco Hall.

>> Saturday

- 9-11 a.m.** — Waco Downtown Farmers Market. 400 S. University Parks Dr.

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Today’s Puzzles

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 - 7 E equivalent, on scores
 - 12 Bygone space station
 - 15 Reaction to a comeback
 - 16 Contact
 - 17 Long-necked bird
 - 18 Fitness challenge
 - 20 Metz moniker
 - 21 Colo. setting
 - 22 See-through
 - 23 Even-odds situation
 - 25 Scand. land
 - 27 Not much
 - 29 Nosebag fill
 - 30 Male pal, in slang
 - 32 Cold sore relief product
 - 35 Cellist with multiple Grammys
 - 38 Baseball collectibles
 - 41 Pure
 - 43 Stated as fact
 - 45 Sits in a cell
 - 48 Set up in a glade, say
 - 49 Bike whose company 66-Across ends 26-Down
 - 50 Name on a shuttle, whose company 66-Across ends 24-Down
 - 51 Lamb sandwich
 - 54 Pamplona kudos
 - 56 Outrage
 - 57 Mountain predator
 - 60 Trojan War epic
 - 62 Church based in SLC, Utah
 - 65 Center
 - 66 Market representative?
 - 69 Foofaraw
 - 70 “American Buffalo” playwright
 - 71 Erie Canal city
 - 72 Passel
 - 73 More than amuses
 - 74 Greenery
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 - 2 Short cuts

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- 7 Liberty
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- 9 Mike Trout’s team, on scoreboards
- 10 Check no.
- 11 “Sons of Anarchy” actor Rossi
- 12 Brainy bunch
- 13 Passing remark?
- 14 Beef cuts
- 19 Field
- 24 Alternative energy vehicle
- 26 Unreserved way to go
- 28 “Hulk” star Eric
- 30 Fly-__: air passes
- 31 Juicer’s juice?
- 33 Nonsense
- 34 “__ Holden”: Irving Bacheller

- novel
- 36 Cactus League spring training city
- 37 Neil deGrasse Tyson subj.
- 39 Blizzard restriction, perhaps
- 40 Final Four matchup
- 42 Rural storehouse
- 44 Plays usually involving the SS
- 46 “I’m a fan!”
- 47 Shoelace holders
- 51 IM option
- 52 “Seriously?”
- 53 Apply, as sunscreen
- 55 Respectful word
- 56 Pastoral piece
- 58 Stop-offs before big dates, maybe
- 59 Muscat money
- 61 Rush job letters
- 63 “Knock it off!”
- 64 Stallone and Stone
- 67 Nashville awards gp.
- 68 Mgmt. degree

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Baylor softball ready for home opener tonight

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

Heading into last weekend's trip to Tucson, Ariz., Baylor softball had a lot of questions to try and answer. What was the team's identity? How would the pitching hold up against elite competition? With so many new faces, how would the freshmen respond?

After finishing 3-2, Baylor head coach Glenn Moore said he thinks he had a lot of those questions answered.

"We learned a lot about our team, a lot of positive things. I thought we lost a game we shouldn't have lost, but we grew a lot from the weekend," Moore said. "We had quality competition, and we were concerned with our pitching going in. We just knew we need some questions answered, and I think we got those answered. We feel pretty good about our bullpen now that we know we're capable of competing against top lineups, and we faced everybody's number one [pitcher] so that's a sign of respect. Outside of the first outing against Fordham (1-0 loss), we performed well offensively. I think we came away with what we needed to

see from the team."

Now Baylor will turn its attention to the 16th annual Gettman Classic, beginning tonight. The Lady Bears play host to the four-day tournament and will entertain the University of Texas San Antonio, Grand Canyon University, Lamar and the University of North Texas.

Moore said it's always nice to be back in front of a home crowd after playing a tournament away.

"We always like playing in Gettman Stadium," Moore said. "It's still one of the top facilities in the country, and we like protecting our backyard and playing in front of the fans."

For senior pitcher Kelsee Selman, it's about the home atmosphere and getting comfortable in front of the home crowd.

"It will be really nice to get back to Gettman," Selman said. "Get the fans there and get to see a normal surrounding after playing away last weekend."

Although Baylor, who enters the tournament No. 23/No. 24 in the most recent coaches poll, is the only ranked team participating in

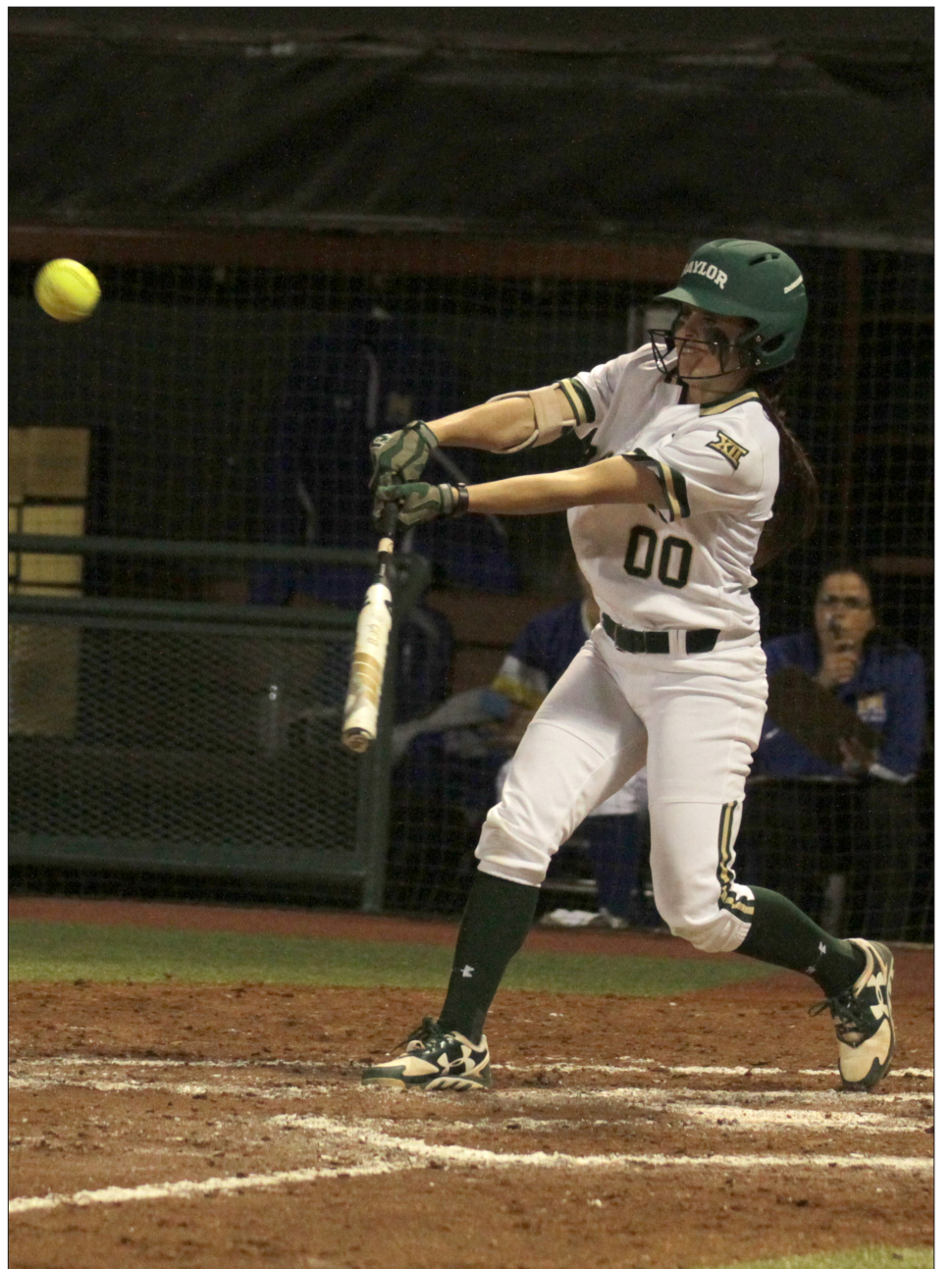
the tournament, Moore said his team will not overlook anyone.

"They're competitive teams," Moore said. "Last year, we thought North Texas did some damage to our postseason hosting chances, so it's a field we don't take lightly. It can get you better."

The field begins with Texas San Antonio, which enters at 1-2 overall after dropping two to New Mexico State last weekend. Grand Canyon University swept a three-game series with both Northern Colorado and Bradley and will make the trip to Waco undefeated at 6-0. Lamar University enters 2-3, but dropped two one-run games to No. 17 Texas A&M last weekend and an Ohio State team that is receiving votes in this week's poll. The North Texas Mean Green enters at 1-3 and struggled offensively, being shut out in three of its four games.

Baylor, despite its two losses, was extremely successful offensively. The Lady Bears hit .346 as a team, scored 25 runs on 45 hits, eight of which went for extra base hits, including two home runs.

Leading the way for the



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

SWINGING FOR THE FENCES Baylor senior INF Riley Browder warms up during a game against McNeese State on Feb. 13, 2016, in Waco. The Lady Bears lost the game 3-1.

Baylor offensive attack was sophomore outfielder Kyla Walker. She was seven of 14 at the plate, driving in six runs, and registered the team's lone triple on the season.

For Walker, last weekend

was about settling the nerves. Now it's about building off that effort and confidence.


"I'm excited. Last weekend I was more nervous because it was our first weekend," Walker said. "But now we're more

confident. I think we should go undefeated this weekend if we play like we can."

Baylor will take on UTSA beginning at 6 p.m. today at Gettman Stadium.


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