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BU denies sanctuary campus petition

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Interim President David Garland said in a statement Monday that Baylor would not be made into a sanctuary campus.



Garland

"It is not in the university's best interests — nor in keeping with our legal covenants — to declare Baylor a 'sanctuary campus' without the proper authorization or legal authority," Garland said in an email in response to an online petition to make Baylor a sanctuary campus.

It also said that Baylor can continue to support students without the designation as a "sanctuary campus" and will strive to be a hospitable and compassionate place.

The petition was dated Feb. 6 and has reached about 1,300 signatures. It was submitted to Baylor administration on Monday, minutes before the statement was sent to students, the co-authors said. The petition asks that Baylor leadership commit to meet with student, faculty and organizations on campus to implement the requests of the petition, which include condemning the recent executive orders on immigration, and offer a position of zero tolerance of aggressions relating to immigration statutes.

"As the statement [from President Garland] says, [sanctuary] means what you put into it," Lysen said. "And so, we want to know what do you put behind the names. What our request is, is precisely to have the kind of conversation start where we talk about what that would mean. What we hope to come out of that conversation is a more detailed, really a policy, of 'this is exactly what our commitments are going to mean.'"

Lysen said that there needs to be a clear declaration of what can be expected for individuals on campus who are affected by the executive order temporarily banning immigration from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen. The declaration should provide clear terms of support for the individual, saying, "This is exactly what our support for you means. This is what you can rely on. This is what we are committing to as a university and community," Lysen said.

Co-author Tom Millay said that the statement from Garland again communicated the university's positive feelings toward the students that are affected by the

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"We want to be a hospitable university, and for us that just means being a sanctuary campus."

Tyler Davis | Waco Ph.D. student, co-author of petition



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IN WITH THE NEW Baylor Board of Regents chair Ron Murff answered questions for the press after the board meeting on Friday morning. The board accepted the task force recommendations with one modification — that student regents would be considered voting members after their second year as a regent.

Big changes ahead

Board of Regents adopts task force recommendations

KALYN STORY
Staff Writer

The Board of Regents voted with an overwhelming majority to adopt the governance review task force recommendations at a meeting Friday, said Ron Murff, board chair.

The task force recommended changes regarding input for regent selection, selection of board leadership, changes to the removal process for regents, greater regent emeriti involvement, rotation off the board of the past chair after one year, reorganization of committee

responsibilities and streamlining of committee meetings.

The board did make one change to the recommendations provided, voting to allow the student regents serving the second year of their two-year term to be a full-voting regents.

"[Student regent voting rights] was not a part of the initial recommendation," Murff said. "The student regents made their proposal and made their case as to why they thought it should be different than what was proposed. There was a full and robust conversation about why the task force recommended what they did

initially, that was considered against and with the comments of the student regents, and ultimately the will of the board was to make the change."

This change comes after a push from Baylor student government asking the regents through a bill to grant voting rights to student regents. Student regents gaining voting rights was also on the platform of recommendations from the Bears for Leadership Reform and the Baylor Line Foundation.

The president of Bears for Leadership

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Alumni to connect with students through new mentoring network

RYLEE SEEVERS
Staff Writer

Baylor Career and Professional Development and the Baylor Alumni Network have created a mentor network for students and alumni to connect.

The program allows students to find alumni based on industry, company, affinity and location and reach out for career advice, said Jarrod Mathis, programming specialist for Career & Professional Development.

The program was opened to students on Monday and already has about 400 alumni in the system, said Jon Sisk, director of network engagement for the Alumni Network. Sisk said the Mentor Network

has been in development for many years and will provide alumni with opportunities to give their time back to Baylor by mentoring students and recent graduates.

"Really the idea is to have a place for students of any major, of any interest, to be able to go and prepare for life after graduation," Mathis said. "We have alumni that do incredible things, that have incredible stories. Stories of success and failure, straight and steady paths and paths that wind all over the place, and we really believe that those are the stories that can help young men and women, whether they are in school or recently graduated, be successful as professionals."

Mathis said there are two types of mentorships, long term and short term. The long-term mentorship lasts for about six months, and the mentor and mentee create goals that they will work toward during that time, Mathis said. The short-term mentorship allows students to contact mentors on a one-time basis and ask questions over the phone, through email, in person or via video chat, Mathis said.

To get involved, students can log in to the Mentor Network using Facebook, LinkedIn or their Baylor ID, Mathis said. Students will create a profile detailing their major and interests, and the system will

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Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

PLAYTIME Patrick (above) builds a castle while at Focus Behavioral Associates, one of the 2016 winners of the Texas Family Business of the Year Award.

Family Business Award accepting nominations

MEGAN RULE
Staff Writer

Family business owners get the opportunity each year to have their hard work recognized by the Baylor Institute for Family Business' Texas Family Business of the Year Award, which is now currently accepting nominations.

"Successful businesses are not all about money- a lot of times it's about a whole lot more," said Linda Ramirez, program coordinator for the Baugh Center at the Baylor Institute for Family Business.

This is the 28th year that the awards will be given out, and over the years the award has grown, Ramirez

said. The first award was given to Mary Kay Cosmetics in 1990. The awards have grown to be handed out in multiple categories, and many awards now have special characteristics.

Winners are chosen in three general size categories -- large, medium and small -- and in eight special award categories in which size is not a determining factor, according to the website. These eight awards are the Family Values Award, the Well-Managed Family Business Award, the Community Commitment Award, the Fastest-Growing Family Business Award, the Founder's Award, the Heritage Award, the Stewardship

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COLUMN

Fighting a Twitter War

BEN EVERETT
Sports Writer

Today, Twitter is one of the most visited websites in the world and has become a source of news, sports and comedy to many, including myself. Whenever a major event is happening, such as the Super Bowl, the Grammy Awards or the presidential inauguration, I look to Twitter for instant updates and reactions.

Two areas of interest that continue to bring me back to Twitter are sports and memes. For those who are unaware, a meme is defined as a humorous image, video or piece of text that is copied and spread rapidly by internet users. I watch a lot of sporting events, but there are plenty of things not covered by the typical TV broadcast that are interesting to consumers such as myself. That's where Twitter comes in. Many journalists gain a following by finding fun and obscure storylines within sporting events to share on Twitter.

Ordinary people have become famous because of their quick wit and Photoshop abilities being shared on Twitter during important events. For example, let's say a performer makes a mistake during a nationally broadcast concert. Instantly, there are hundreds of humorous responses accompanied with pictures of the event of itself or some sort of reaction. For these reasons, among others, Twitter makes my life more entertaining.

However, one topic of interest has divided the United States more than any other and has gradually become a go-to Twitter talking point: politics.

I have no problem with people expressing their opinions. As humans, and as Americans, we have the right to do so. Additionally, hearing different opinions is an important part of life, and having conversations and arguments about certain topics regarding policies or social issues can be crucial to finding a common ground. However, Twitter can be a tricky place to have these types of exchanges.

Twitter was made for short posts, as evidenced by the 140-character limit per tweet. Politics, more often than not, can't be confined to just 140 characters. The problem with Twitter politics is that people will try to make a point in a message that fits the limit.

This causes many crucial facts, points and counter-arguments to be ignored. The political world becomes two groups of users spewing half-sentences back and forth at each other with limited regard for the factual or holistic views of each other's arguments.

Many of the social issues in America today cause extreme reactions from people on each side of the coin. Social media has become a place for individuals to share their instant reactions to these issues before thinking about it completely. These posts, in turn, cause extreme emotional reactions from opposing viewers. The whole situation is essentially a chain reaction of heated views that started with a single tweet. Arguments like these are not necessary and only cause more division in the already divided America we live in today.

The same can be said for most social media outlets, but Twitter is the one source where I personally have seen political arguments get out of hand.

This isn't meant to discourage people from using Twitter, rather it's a warning that Twitter may not be the best platform for political conversations. If you can, have those types of conversations in person.

Ben Everett is a junior Baylor Business Fellows major from Monroe, La.



EDITORIAL

Love Baylor, but don't forget

In the two weeks since its original posting, the student-produced video titled "The Baylor We Know" has had 8,317 views, including the three times we've watched it in the Lariat newsroom, listening as impassioned students defend again and again the university we all love. The video includes comments expressing students' positive views about the university and a final montage of students declaring they "stand with Baylor."

Since its release, it has made the rounds across various social media platforms in a web of shares, likes and retweets, often accompanied by student comments affirming the video's purpose: that Baylor is more than the sexual assault scandal that has kept it in the media for months on end.

This video's sentiment is correct — Baylor is more than its mistakes. It's not the video's surface-level aim that gives us pause, but its subtext. We take issue with the idea that Baylor should be defended from the critics who condemn it for its atrocities, with the belief that Baylor, not the women who were denied justice, is the victim, with the perpetuation of the thought that because we love Baylor's many appreciable qualities, we should overlook the corruption that is still slowly being exposed.

Baylor family: Respect, adoration and criticism are not mutually exclusive. And by asking that people focus on "the Baylor we know," we're asking people to stop thinking about the victims and the atrocities committed.

Just because we call Baylor home, just because we value this university and its professors, does not mean that we cannot also hold Baylor accountable for its mistakes



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

and the mistakes of its faculty and staff.

"The Baylor We Know" video states, "At Baylor, we persevere, we push on, looking ahead to the future, not being held back by our past."

Students, we should be appalled by the facts of our past that are seemingly coming to light continuously. The mistakes of Baylor's Title IX office, athletic department and others should not be something we strive to let go of — instead, they should be examined, evaluated and used to inform our future so that this never happens again.

The media attention our university has received as a result of our "Big Mess" is not

a punishment, it is a direct consequence of Baylor's mistakes. Yes, the coverage has been broadly negative, but it hasn't been disproportionate to the scandal. We have not been victimized by the media. The idea alluded to in the video — that the media needs to stop punishing Baylor for past misdeeds — is concerning because until the statistics about college rape decrease, we will not have reached a point where rape and the prioritization of athletics and athletics has been talked about too much.

"The Baylor We Know" video meant well — we truly believe that. But in this time of transition, when we as a university are atoning for our mistakes and are making

efforts to learn, to grow and to improve, we students need to be a continual force for change. Love Baylor, but don't brush off its errors because you are tired of running this race: It's not over yet.

Support the university, but don't pretend that we are the victims and that Baylor has not erred. The video wanted to remind people that Baylor has good qualities. It does, and they are many, but now is the time to focus on progress.

The university is making changes; it's working to improve. We don't need to remind people of what we love about Baylor. Let the university correct its errors, and then its actions will speak for themselves.

COLUMN

Have weddings changed for good?

KAITLYN DEHAVEN
Arts & Life Editor

Recently, it seems as if "ring by spring" has become a reality in my life. A close friend of mine just got married this past weekend, and I have two more weddings to attend before the end of July. In light of this, I've begun to think about how weddings are changing as our culture modernizes.

Weddings nowadays have started to become very individualized, as people try to find new and different ways to celebrate their special days.

There are giant weddings at gorgeous venues that are extremely extravagant, small simple weddings with only family and close friends, destination weddings and some people who even decide to skip the wedding hoopla, go to the courthouse, get a marriage license and celebrate with a reception later on. Is this new variety of unstructured weddings a good change for our culture, or are we losing one of the most sacred traditions we share with family and friends?

When deciding on the size of a wedding, I think many people feel pressured to have a relatively large guest list. They don't want to hurt anyone's feelings by not inviting them, and they're not sure who it's safe to leave out. They feel obligated to invite all of their family, no matter how distant.

Cousins, second cousins, third cousins twice removed — everyone must receive an expensive

invitation that the couple spent hours sifting through engagement photos for. Which leads us to one of the biggest problems with weddings: money.

First of all, you're going to be spending a lot of money on the wedding already because of the cost of a venue, catering, photography, flowers, etc. Adding people into this equation only makes it more expensive, and starting the married life in debt is not the way you want to go. In addition, it's hard to make sure you get to see everyone and spend a moment with them, which just adds stress to your plate of expensive catered food.

"I feel as if having the privilege to get married outside, or wherever one wants to get married, is a beautiful thing that helps show the couple's personality."

Instead of this craziness, I believe that small weddings are the way to go. They're intimate, cheap and 20 years down the road you won't regret paying for someone's food that you haven't talked to since the wedding. One way to do this while making sure that no one's feelings are hurt is to have a destination wedding.

When you do this, you can invite as many people as you want to, but it's likely that only your close family and friends will pay for a ticket to come to the wedding. Plus, if you have a destination wedding, you have the opportunity to have the sand between your toes while you get married, instead of uncomfortable heels — and how amazing is that?

In addition to the size of weddings changing, the scene in which weddings take place has also changed, as many of them are not in churches anymore. More weddings are outside these days, and I don't think that's a bad thing. I feel as if having the privilege to get married outside, or wherever one wants to get married, is a beautiful thing that helps show the couple's personality.

One couple might want to get married in a forest, trees surrounding them and sounds of crickets in the background, while another couple might want to get married traditionally in a church. What's wrong with having options?

Overall, I don't think these changes are ruining the sanctity of weddings in our culture. Sure, maybe courthouse weddings aren't the most glamorous, but I think that, all in all, if the couple is happy and happy to be together, that's all that matters.

It's a big step to commit to someone for the rest of your life, but I also think it's a special thing that should happen in a way that reflects your love and the love of the person you're choosing to spend your life with. Whether that's on a beach, in a backyard or at an altar, a wedding is a commitment and a cause for celebration.

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College students cheer for classroom success

JOY MOTON
Staff Writer

Fifth and sixth grade students at La Vega Intermediate H.P. Miles Campus walked into school Feb. 20 and was greeted by well-dressed college students cheering them on with signs.

Students from Baylor and University of North Texas gave students an energetic welcome to school in an event called Empowering the Youth. It was composed of college students dressing in professional attire, cheering for students as they enter school and having a dance party after an inspirational speech given by Patrick Powers, the creator of this event. Powers, a senior at University of North Texas, designed this event to emphasize the importance of encouraging students so they will feel inspired to succeed in class.

"It's ironic that you see a lot of people show support at sporting events for young students, but you don't see that type of support in the classroom," Powers said. "I want to bring that type of atmosphere and joy to students in the classroom as they prepare to be successful that day."

This event is only one of many programs that fall under an organization called The Lost Generation. Powers was inspired to create this organization from his observations while working in classrooms during his study of education. He found that many life skills, career skills and professional skills are missing from curriculum. Powers tailors events around what is missing in the classroom so that students are more prepared to be successful. He came up with their name for the organization out of the constant criticism of today's youth.



Courtesy Photo

SIGNS AND HIGH FIVES College students from Baylor University and the University of North Texas lined the hallway of La Vega Intermediate H.P. Miles Campus to cheer on students as they entered school. The event, Empowering the Youth, was designed to inspire classroom success.

"As this generation grows up before our eyes, they have so much criticism, and they're already being told that they're being misguided," Powers said. "I call it The Lost Generation so that we can restore that generation and guide them into the right direction."

Powers also wanted the program to be beneficial to college students so they can use their talents collectively to uplift young students. Since he found that students are

typically involved in three organizations on average, Powers designed events to allow college students who do not have a lot of spare time to be involved.

"The event allows them to do a great amount of work in a short amount of time," Powers said.

Powers works with Retention Initiative Directive at University of North Texas, which conducts studies on the collegiate results of students by race. He found that African-

Americans and Hispanics are consistently behind Caucasians in these areas. Powers hopes to change this statistic by targeting minorities that are growing up in single-parent households, lacking proper resources and being told what they cannot do.

"I want to change the tone throughout the Waco area to give them something to look up to and to let them know that, although you may be surrounded by negative things, there's still hope and there's still a chance, and if you believe in yourself you can be successful just like anyone else," Powers said.

Powers said he hopes to bring a branch of the Lost Generation to Baylor because of its distinctive leaders and capability to bring change to the surrounding community. Students are excited about this opportunity and ready to do what they can to carry on Powers' legacy.

"I felt like God was actually using Patrick as a stepping stone for something at Baylor because we have great leaders and people with potential who will continue to lead in what Patrick started," said Houston junior Charlz Bisong Jr who participated in cheering on students.

Powers said the program is made for anyone who has a heart and wants to make a difference while showing the spirit and mentality of Baylor University. Anyone who is interested in this opportunity or wants more information about The Lost Generation can visit www.thelostgenerationtlg.com.

"The campus of Baylor University is made up of some of the best leaders," Powers said. "If we can come together and merge as one, I just figured that those results will be effective for not only us, but our surrounding communities and the people that we serve."

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Award and the New/Young Family Business Award.

"What we're really looking for is businesses who are family owned with either multiple family members or multiple generations of the family working in the business," Ramirez said. "Or our favorite businesses are those that have transition and that have survived succession through several generations and thrived. We look for a commitment to the community, a commitment to their employees and, of course, a commitment to the family."

One of the 2016 winners, Focus Behavioral Associates, exemplifies these characteristics. Focus is a business that provides applied behavior analysis techniques to help enhance the lives of children with disabilities or some kind of behavioral diagnosis. Focus works with clients with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder and others, according to its website.

"As an overall aspect, whether or not they're

blood relatives, we actually call this a Focus family," said Lisa Fuentes, executive director and owner of Focus. "Everyone here very much takes care of each other both from a professional and personal standpoint."

Fuentes has a daughter and a cousin who are both therapists, her husband helps from the administrative side, her other two children help in the receptionist's office and her mother works for the insurance side.

Focus therapists have a background in Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy, which studies how and why behavior happens. Clients are taught skills that can help with anything from eating different textured foods to learning job skills. Focus has partnered with Baylor through offering internships for students and has hired 10 Baylor graduates. This is the third location for Focus, and it is currently under construction as they expand. Focus won the new business award in 2015 and the fastest-growing business award in 2016.

"The first award that we got was exciting,"

Fuentes said. "It was exciting that what they saw in our business they felt that had to recognize. Then to turn around this year and get the fastest growing award definitely was looking beyond 'you're a new business' to 'you're actually establishing yourself.'"

Nomination forms can be found online. Once a business is nominated, they are contacted by the Baylor Institute for Family Business and informed that they have been nominated. It is then up to the business to submit an application for the award. In order to be nominated, a business must be headquartered in Texas, be owned and operated by different generations of a family, hold the potential to be handed down to a younger generation, have multiple family members with active employment in the business and/or be a family holding company which is currently operating

a business. Application information can also be found online.

Nominations run until April 28, and awards will be presented Nov. 3 at a banquet at the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation. The awards banquet begins with a reception, followed by a dinner and the presentation of the awards.

"The award event is so touching," Ramirez said. "You're often surprised by how much the award means to them. You're also surprised by how eager family and friends are to wish them well and congratulate them. I think that it's confirmation that they've been doing very good work over the years, sometimes you get down in the weeds and don't realize you're building a great business. It's nice to have somebody say you've done a great job."

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suggest possible mentors, but they are also able to search on their own.

"We think this is a great way for students to get connected with alums in companies that they are interested in, in industries that they would like to be a part of. We think relationships really are the bedrock on which careers are built and developed," Mathis said.

The website also has resources that can help students create goals with their mentors and guide them through the process of mentorship, as it may be new for many.

"Go for it. If you see an alum out there that you would like to meet with or speak with or communicate with, please do. Alums are far more generous with their time than the students think, so if they are on the Mentor Network and they signed up, that means, 'Hey, I look forward to discussing my professional career'... It can be anything from career-oriented questions all the way to life-oriented questions. [Students] will be surprised how open [mentors] are and giving with their time," Sisk said.

The Mentor Network website provides resources for students who are unsure if mentorship is right for them. It also suggests that students who are hesitant to engage in a formal mentorship explore possible mentors and reach out to them.

The Mentor Network can be found at baylor.edu/mentor.

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Reform, John Eddie Williams, released a statement Friday afternoon expressing his dissatisfaction with the regents voting to adopt the governance recommendations.

"We are deeply disappointed that the Baylor Board of Regents did not adopt more comprehensive reforms," Williams' statement read. "These changes are baby steps, not the real reform the Baylor family wants or deserves from its leadership in response to this crisis."

Williams specifically expressed his disagreement with the fact that the regents will still be appointing themselves and have not disclosed all of the facts and details from the Pepper Hamilton investigation.

"We are 18 months into this tragic crisis, and there seems to be no end in sight. It's clear that failed leadership was at the root of this tragedy," Williams said in the statement. "This vote is sadly just a continuation of failed leadership."

Murff expressed his confidence in the board, Baylor's administration and the thoroughness of the governance review task force. Murff also confirmed that he will not be the chairman of

the board next year, and a new chairman can be expected in June.

"Important thing is, we are moving forward, we are focusing on the future of the university. There are so many great things that are happening here," Murff said. "Garland and the administration are doing a great job, and we are excited for the future of Baylor University."

Baylor interim President Dr. David Garland gave the board an update on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation warning. He said there were two possible sanctions the SACS could have given Baylor: probation or a warning. Warning is the lesser of the two sanctions. Garland said Baylor was given a warning because of the actions they took last May in response to the sexual assault scandal, and that SACS needs another year for Baylor to demonstrate the effectiveness of the reforms before they lift the warning.

"Baylor remains accredited and is in excellent condition," Garland said. "Baylor is a very resilient university and a very strong university."

Garland said Baylor is in a good financial situation, but there has been a slight drop in donations this year.

Baylor welcomes the verification of its implementation of the Pepper Hamilton recommendations by the Big 12, Garland said.

"It simply will be a double confirmation of what we intended to make sure that these events will never happen again," Garland said.

Garland said the investigations by the Department of Education and the NCAA are ongoing and that Baylor is cooperating fully.

The president also said he believes the governance changes and reforms the board have made are incredible and that alumni and donors are extremely supportive of the university.

"I am very comfortable with the level of transparency. I know no university who has ever produced a findings of fact with 105 recommendations, so I consider that to be extremely transparent," Garland said. "What we are more interested in is what we will do in the future."

Chair of the governance review task force,

Gregory Brenneman, said the recommendations are set up for the president to have to freedom to step in and operate as the chief executive officer of the university.

"The president needs to be the chief executive of the university," Brenneman said. "They need to have full authority and power to hire and fire and run the university. Every piece of our recommendation was made with the idea in mind that the board would provide the proper level of governance."

At its meeting, the board received an update from the presidential search committee. Murff said they do not have names of finalists yet, but it is still the goal to hire someone by the end of this semester and have them start June 1.

"We do believe this will move Baylor forward in a very positive way," Brenneman said. "The single most important decisions in front of the university now is who's going to be the next president."

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executive order, but that the petition supporters want to see those feelings backed up with actions.

"This has never been about the name sanctuary," co-author of the petition, Laura Lysen, said.

Lysen said it isn't enough for students to feel safe — they need to be safe. She said the petition supporters want to know specifically what Baylor will do to proactively protect students by using the full extent of the law rather than just informing them of the situation.

"Has Baylor explored its legal recourse as far as possible, in regard to protecting students as a private institution? Has it looked into how much it can do? It's not clear from [the statement] that they have," Millay said.

The co-authors said they hope to meet with Baylor administration as well as members of Baylor's immigration clinic in the Baylor Law School to discuss these issues.

Both the statement from Garland and the petition co-authors cited a Christian commitment to a faith-based community influenced by Scripture, love and hospitality.

"What was released today just seems to be a comment about awareness that there is a petition, but I think what the petition is doing is saying to be a sanctuary campus is just to be a hospitable place, and both of those things are named in the response we want," said Tyler Davis, PhD student in the department of religion and co-author of the petition. "We want to be a hospitable university, and for us that just means being a sanctuary campus."

The statement from Garland also outlined the steps the university has already taken to make immigrants in the Baylor community feel safe, particularly through the Center for Global Engagement.

"While the executive order is still working its way through our nation's legal system, we will continue to provide advice and support to our students and scholars whose lives may be directly impacted by it," Garland wrote.

Opponents of the petition, including the Baylor College Republicans, have voiced concerns about losing federal funding because of the term "sanctuary campus." The Baylor College Republicans said in a statement that they consider this response from the university a victory.

"We will continue to help conservative students at other universities going through the same situation we endured. Thank you, to all the Baylor alumni who reached out to me about your concerns. This victory should be short-taken as we have much more to do on campus to unite our community. Let us all continue to move forward in respectful dialogue," the statement said.

The writers of the petition, on the other hand, said this is just the beginning. They look forward to the university responding to their petition formally and hope to set up a meeting in the near future.



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Run, run as fast as you can

Annual 'Bearathon' approaches; registration to close soon

CAROLINE BENTLEY
Reporter

On March 25, over 2,000 runners will compete in what has been named the "Toughest Half in Texas" in Waco and throughout Baylor University's campus. Early registration for this half-marathon closes on Feb. 24, so time is running out for registrants to get the most cost effective deal.

The Bearathon has been one of Student Foundation's most effective scholarship fundraising events for Baylor University students.

"I ran the Bearathon last year, and I am running it again in a few weeks," said Longview junior Payton Baker. "I like how the Bearathon promotes healthy living but also serves as a great cause. So many students benefit from scholarship organizations like Student Foundation, and race day is an exciting way to bring the Waco and Baylor community together for a good cause."

If participants do not want to take part in 13.1 miles, a 5K is offered as well. The 5K begins and finishes at the same location as the half and features some of the same route features such as the Rosenbalm Fountain and Brazos River.

According to the Baylor University Student Foundation website, first place winners will receive a prize of \$500, second place will receive \$400, and third place will receive \$300. There are two other divisions that where participants can win awards, Baylor students and 40+ Open Bracket. In those divisions first place will be awarded \$300, second place, \$200, and third place, \$100.

Prices start at \$50 for half-marathon runners and \$25 for 5K runners. After early registration ends, prices will increase after this date. It is not a requirement to run either of the races. As long as participants maintain a minimum mile time of 18

minutes, participants will receive the finishing medal and T-shirt.

"Student Foundation serves the Baylor University student body by building community-minded servants and developing leaders by entrusting members with the responsibility of recruiting qualified students, raising scholarship funds and building goodwill among alumni and students," said Bearathon marketing and promotions chair Kaitlyn Whatley.

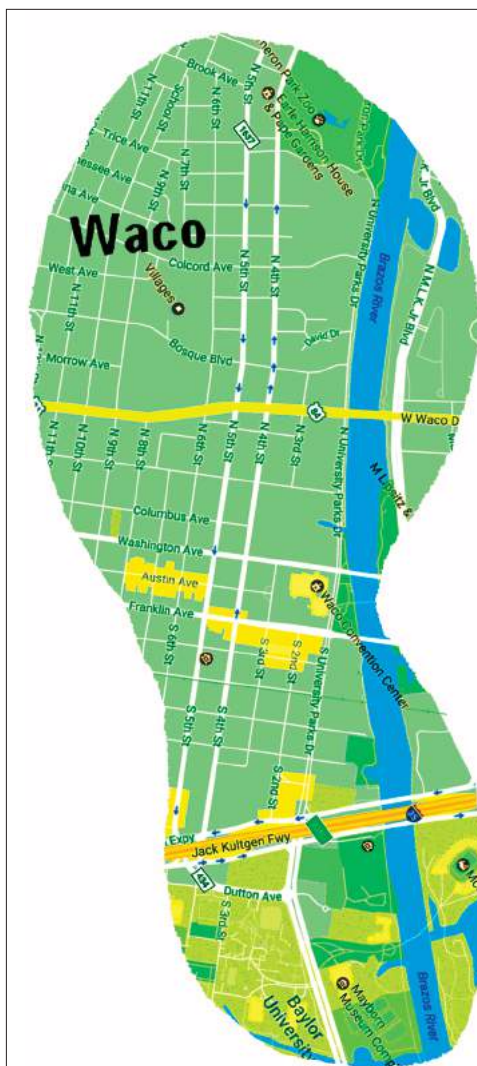
The Bearathon is one of the only half-marathons taking place in Waco and the only one that benefits students of Baylor University. To help students and participants prepare for the Bearathon, participants can visit the Bearathon website or the Bearathon Facebook page.

Participants can also prepare for the Bearathon by using running apps or connecting with other runners on the Bearathon Facebook page. While the Bearathon may be a timed competition for some, it is not for others, and many take part in the Bearathon to better themselves as runners.

"I ran it by myself last year and didn't try to reach a certain time," Baker said. "This year I'm running it with my little, and we have been training every day for the past couple of months so that we can try to finish by a certain time. I like doing it with her because it's something special and should be more fun."

This semester, Baylor University's Student Foundation put on numerous events to aid in scholarships, student recruitment and alumni relations. For more information on the upcoming Bearathon or Student Foundation events, visit the Baylor University Student Foundation website:

https://www.baylor.edu/student_foundation/index.php?id=867490



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The Bearathon serves as one of Student Foundation's largest and most effective fundraising efforts each spring to raise money for student scholarships.

Early registration ends 2/24. Online registration ends 3/23.

March 25, 2017

Courtesy Art



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

RUNNING OUT OF TIME Bearathon early registration ends soon, and once it ends, prices will go up. Prices currently start at \$25 for 5K runners and \$50 for half-marathon runners. The Bearathon will take place on March 25, and proceeds will go to scholarships for students.

This week in Waco:

>> Today

3:30-5 p.m. — The Myth of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Armstrong Browning Library.

6 p.m. — 2017 Texas Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet. Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave.

7:30 p.m. — Jazz Ensemble concert. Jones Concert Hall.

7:30-8:30 p.m. — Jazz Concert. McLennan Community College Music & Theatre Arts Building, 1400 College Dr.

>> Wednesday

4 p.m. — Joyce Jones performs on the organ. Paul Powell Chapel at Truett Theological Seminary.

7-9 p.m. — An Evening of Jazz with Michael Incavo. Dichotomy Coffee & Spirits.

7:30 p.m. — Steve Peterson, Brenth Phillips and Kae Hosoda-Ayer perform on the trombone and piano. Roxy Grove Hall.

>> Thursday

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Laugh Yourself to Happy. Baylor Club, 1001 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

4:30 p.m. — Women's Choir Festival Concert. Jones Concert Hall.

7-9 p.m. — Whitney Raquel performs. Dichotomy Coffee & Spirits.

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Today's Puzzles

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- 5 Quick fix for an elbow hole
- 10 Underwater vessel
- 13 Cuba libre fruit
- 14 Lorena of LPGA fame
- 15 Phony
- 16 Votes in favor
- 17 "My mistake"
- 18 Rice field draft animals
- 19 Panama Canal nickname
- 22 Robotic maid on "The Jetsons"
- 23 Inherently
- 27 Where to find Lima and llamas
- 30 Like farm country
- 31 Thanksgiving tuber
- 34 When baseball closers usually shine
- 38 They're often big in showbiz
- 40 Sparkle
- 41 "I'm hungry enough to __ horse!"
- 42 NYC thoroughfare that becomes Amsterdam at 59th Street
- 45 Vert. counterpart
- 46 Gandhi's land
- 47 Garbage email
- 49 "Get moving!"
- 53 Wash or spin
- 57 When time is running out
- 60 Computer image
- 63 TV signal part
- 64 "Giant" author Ferber
- 65 Four-sided campus area
- 66 Extended families
- 67 Cincinnati ballplayers
- 68 Tennis match segment
- 69 Santly rings
- 70 "Garfield" pooch

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- 15 Mint of money
- 20 High school junior, usually
- 21 Merit
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- 31 "Abominable" critters
- 32 Insurance rep
- 33 Paris newspaper Le __
- 35 Golfer's starting point
- 36 __ Christian Andersen
- 37 "Still sleeping?" response

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- 44 A pop
- 48 Rescued damsel's cry
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- 51 Throat dangler
- 52 Bicycle feature
- 54 Encrypted
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Bears prep for postseason seeding

BEN EVERETT
Sports Writer

The No. 9-ranked Baylor men's basketball team plays host to Oklahoma at 6 p.m. today in the Ferrell Center.

The Bears (22-5, 9-5) are coming off back-to-back losses for the first time this season and are turning their attention toward postseason seeding.

Baylor head coach Scott Drew said the last four conference games are crucial because of the strength of the teams in the conference.

"That's the great thing about every Big 12 game is that it's a quality win, and you don't have that many bad losses," Drew said. "Hopefully we can keep improving, getting better and finish strong going into the postseason."

In the previous meeting against the Sooners (9-17, 3-11), Baylor won 76-50 on Dec. 30 in a blowout to start the conference season.

Drew says Oklahoma struggled that game because of the loss of senior point guard Jordan Woodard to injury.

"That was one of their first games without Jordan Woodard," Drew said. "We played very well. They didn't play very well."

Woodard missed games early in conference play before returning to the court for the Sooners but subsequently tore his ACL and is out for the season.

The Sooners currently sit at last place in the Big 12 but have impressive wins over Texas Tech and West Virginia.

Baylor sophomore guard King McClure says Oklahoma's offense is difficult to guard because they have players that are strong in isolation.

"Oklahoma's a good team,"

McClure said. "We definitely have to guard the ball. They do a lot of [isolations]. They have some young guys playing really well. Kameron McGusty and [Kristian] Doolittle are playing really well."

McGusty and Doolittle are third and fourth on the team in scoring with 10.5 and 8.7 point-per-game averages, respectively.

McGusty, a freshman guard, has scored in double digits in every conference game except for the first meeting with the Bears.

Doolittle, a freshman forward, owns the rare combination of leading the team in rebounding and 3-point percentage, at 6.4 rebounds and 41.2 percent.

The Bears' offensive success will hinge on the health of junior point guard Manu Lecomte who leads the team in assists at four per game and 3-point percentage with a 42.8 percentage on the season. Lecomte tweaked his ankle in the loss to Kansas on Saturday.

Baylor sophomore guard Jake Lindsey, the backup point guard, says Manu is important to the team's success, but they can find a way to win without him.

"Obviously Manu is a big part of what we do," Lindsey said. "He creates a lot of good shots for us, but I think we have weapons up and down the roster."

Bears junior forward Johnathan Motley, meanwhile, will look to get his shot back on track. Motley is shooting 51.2 percent from the field this season but has shot just 38.7 percent combined in the past two games.

Following the home game, the Bears take on Iowa State at 3 p.m. Saturday in Ames, Iowa.



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

FORWARD MOTION Sophomore guard King McClure darts past a TCU player in a game against the TCU Horned Frogs on Feb. 11 at the Ferrell Center. The Bears won the game 70-52.

Napoli's arrival alters positions for young Texas Rangers players

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Jurickson Profar is pretty much off first base for now with the Texas Rangers. So are young slugger Joey Gallo and Ryan Rua.

The team's reunion with slugger Mike Napoli has changed the outlook this season for those young players. It also will likely mean veteran Shin-Soo Choo spending more time as the designated hitter than in the outfield after being plagued by injuries in 2016.

Profar, who turned 24 on Monday, made starts at five different positions last season — six, when including designated hitter. His 13 starts at first base came after a quick in-season tutorial on the position. He could now be a

starting left fielder, or a super utility player again.

"I practice all positions," Profar said. "I'm ready for all."

After Gold Glove-winning first baseman Mitch Moreland left in free agency for Boston, the Rangers initially looked at the possibility of Profar and Rua, who also split time last season between first base and left field, doing that more often in 2017. And Gallo, a third baseman, spent the offseason working out at first base.

"For a second, I thought I had a shot at playing first base this spring and battling for the position," said Gallo, who may now instead be headed back to Triple-A. "I was working all offseason at first base. ... I have no problem playing third base. I've played there my whole life."

The only issue with that is the Rangers have veteran third baseman Adrian Beltre, who won a Gold Glove last season.

When Napoli officially rejoined the Rangers for a third time last week, manager Jeff Banister said he planned to use the slugger as his primary first baseman with a few games as the designated hitter.

Profar started at least 10 games at every infield spot last season, along with his eight starts in left field.

"The thing that he offers that others may not offer is he can go to shortstop and play extremely well," Banister said. "He's a shortstop. He can go to third base and play extremely well. He can go to second base and play that extremely well. He can go to first base and play well."

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