Ash Wednesday

Baylor community recognizes first day of Lent

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Many students, faculty and visitors on Baylor’s campus walked around with ashes in the shape of a cross on their foreheads Wednesday. These people attended Baylor’s universitywide Ash Wednesday services held in Elliston Chapel at 9:35 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The services were led by Dr. Brett Budinger, university chaplain, and Carlos Colon, coordinator for worship initiatives.

On Wednesday afternoon, groups of people attended Baylor’s campus walked around with ashes on their foreheads in the shape of a cross to commemorate the first day of Lent.

Ash Wednesday is a Christian observance celebrated on the first day of Lent. Lent is a period of 40 days leading up to Easter Sunday.

The purpose of giving something up is to remember the suffering of Jesus, then it’s important to give up something that costs you something you love. Boss said. Boss said people who had conflicts with the service times had the option to participate in a later, self-guided service. Those who chose to do so could read a pamphlet with the Scripture passages and directions for a personal service. Once they were finished, minutes were available to give their ashes.

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CERAWeek by IHS Markit is proving why it is regarded among the top five corporate leader conferences in the world with big name speakers that will provide new insights and dialogue to the future of energy.

“This year, it’s a really unique event in terms of its scope and relevance,” Jeff Mann, senior manager for corporate communications at IHS Markit, said. “It’s a unique gathering where we’re going to have probably nearly 3,000 delegates from more than 60 countries attending.”

CERAWeek, has been called the “ Davos of energy” for its international scope and the prominence of the stage. Davos being an economic forum held every year by the prominent G20.

The conference will be held Monday through March 10 at the Hilton Americas-Houston.

Texas Sen. John Cornyn, the Senate Majority Whip, will join Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski, chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, in a discussion led by Dr. Daniel Yergin, IHS Markit vice chairman and conference chair, on the future of U.S. energy policy. The dialogue is on the agenda for 9:35 a.m., on March 10 and 11, respectively.

“ ‘What’s Ahead in Washington?’ We are honored to have joined by Senator Cornyn and Murkowski at CERAWeek 2017,” Yergin said in a press release. “Their experience and leadership across important cross sections of public policy will be helpful in providing context at a time of important transition, both for this energy world and for the broader industry as well as the broader administration as well as the broader society.”

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Baylor football senior defensive back Travon Blanchard has been suspended indefinitely following a protective order that was issued Tuesday accusing Blanchard of multiple acts of violence, including bribery.

The order was applied for on behalf of the woman by the McLennan County District Attorney’s Office earlier this month and was signed off by a judge on Tuesday, according to the McLennan County District Attorney’s Office.

“Baylor Athletics Department is aware of a complete matter against Travon Blanchard through the McLennan County District Attorney’s Office,” Kaye wrote in an email to The Lariat. “Immediately upon notification on Feb. 7, the appropriate campus student-conduct process was initiated and Blanchard was suspended indefinitely from all campus-related activities, pending the outcome of the investigation.”

Following the issuance of the order, Blanchard faced Waco attorney Michelle Tangel who infamously filed a brief statement Wednesday afternoon.

“We are investigating the allegations made against Travon Blanchard by his ex-girlfriend,” Tangel wrote in an email to The Lariat. “It is important that people not rush to judgment in this situation. Travon is hopeful that this matter will be resolved and that he will have the opportunity to move forward as a student and as an athlete.”

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People have their own preferences on topics such as foods, clothes, games and people. People also have words they always use when they are asked to use “signage phrases.”

Today, young Americans use the word, “like,” in almost every conversation or description they write. Sometimes, people use “like” to express something or express something they really like. But for people like me, who come from China, I do not think it is completely random. In other words, the word “like” is used to make people change the way they talk to express more confidence.

I have been studying in the U.S. for almost 5 years now, and I have experienced the rise of popularity of a catchphrase twice. The first word that I noticed catching on is the word “like.” When I was at a new university, I was very rare that at one time I didn’t have to use the word “like.” I was so obsessed with it that I was oblivious to what was happening around me.

One day, while I was walking through campus, I heard someone talking to another and emphasizing the word “like.” For me, it was a new perspective. I literally didn’t understand what another person meant when they said something came from a movie, but I was sure it was “like.”

For example, someone might say, “I was, like, so excited when I found that book.” I started counting how many times people used the word “like” in a sentence or when answering a question. I did that for about a month, but I did realize that has become a serious problem in the United States.

I think using “like” many times in a sentence or when answering a question is not a language difference, but a language limitation and uncertainty. Because when you say “like” instead of using another word, it seems like you are not telling people what you really think, which affects the confidence of the listeners.

Growing up in a difficult process, a person who wasn’t confident in their voice might be impacted. For example, someone might say, “I was, like, so excited when I found that book.”

However my perspective changed when I began to notice less of these results across almost every aspect of my life. Now, I knew my strengths and the things that change you or make you tick is vital to personal and relational success. So I tried to limit the use of “like” whenever I speak.

Like everything else, you need motivation when you want to change. When you make a change, you need to focus and practice. To do all of these, I made three goals: make “like” more useful, make every “like” meaningful and try my best to use another word instead of “like.”

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A Texas professor said she didn’t know the answer “but it is an inconvenience?”

The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, which has been criticized by some in the Vatican Curia to “they know best” or a closed fear of change, clericalism which instills a belief that “driven by internal politics,

 Cardinal Bodechel professor of public policy and administration said, “Educationally, this has been very illuminating,” Bodechel scholar Clara Parkins wrote in an email to the Lariat. “I want to work in government when I graduate, and it’s good to learn how the legislative branch functions. It’s both different and exactly as I thought it would be. I’m not learning theoretical information like at Baylor, and the real-world experience I’m getting is invaluable. I am also learning a lot about Texas politics, much more than I knew before, and it has given me much more connected with the state’s work that I was born.”

The program is open to all majors, although many who participate are political science or international studies majors, said Dr. James Curry, Bob Bullock professor of public policy and administration and program director. “It really has, I think, great benefits for many majors.”

Curry said “We’ve had majors from other schools and other disciplines, as well, because there’s always something going on in the legislative branch that pertains to all aspects of life.”

While students are working in Austin, they have the opportunity to take a full course load consisting of independent study and reading classes, Curry said. Curry also said that a majority of the courses offered are political science courses, but students are able to take other courses, if they can find them. Bullock scholars also receive a stipend to assist with the cost of living in Austin, Curry said.

“The benefits are pretty clear,” Curry said. “There are a large number of former Bullock scholars currently working in the Legislature….”

Carry said he is looking for students who are independent, mature and academically successful. The next group of Bullock scholars will be sent to Austin in spring 2018. Curry said, and will be selected by the end of the 2018 spring semester. Information sessions will be held on campus during the fall 2017 semester, Curry said.
Ash Wednesday is a tradition that has been observed for centuries, with origins traced back to the Old Testament of the Bible. It is a day of penitence and reflection for Christians, marking the beginning of the Lenten season. During Ash Wednesday, participants receive ashes on their foreheads in the shape of a cross, symbolizing the sacrifice of Jesus’s death for humanity. The ashes are made from the burning of palm leaves from the previous year’s Palm Sunday celebrations, representing the palm branches carried by Jesus’s followers as he entered Jerusalem.

On Ash Wednesday, Christians gather in churches and other religious venues to participate in services that include prayers, reflections, and the rite of ashes. The ashes are applied to the forehead as a sign of repentance and humility, reminding participants of their mortality and the need to repent for their sins.

The significance of Ash Wednesday extends beyond the Christian faith, as it is observed by millions of people worldwide, regardless of their religious backgrounds. It serves as a reminder of the importance of personal reflection and the need for spiritual renewal.

In summary, Ash Wednesday holds deep symbolic meaning for Christians and non-Christians alike, serving as a day of introspection, remembrance, and commitment to spiritual growth.
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Visitors to the city of Waco can now find their way around through the newly released city of Waco app. “Waco, TX,” available for download for both iPhones and Androids, “is our way of saying thank you to those who visit Waco,” said Susan Morton, tourism manager for the City of Waco Convention and Visitors Bureau. “We’ve been really impressed with the success of it. It wasn’t sure if anyone would use it before we had a mobile website but we were really impressed with the success of it. We’re really excited to watch the further growth of Waco over the next few years.”

“Residents can use it, too. Obviously, we want residents to have it in their hometowns,” Morton said. “But because we’re the visitors bureau, our goal is to bring tourists to Waco to visit and make sure they hit the best possible time.”

The app focuses on things such as local attractions, contact and locate places to shop and places to eat. It allows users to learn about local businesses, connect via social media, get tips and feedback, and report issues, to report them so they can be fixed. Morton said they would like to keep the momentum of the app’s growth going. Any reprinted materials in the future will have the information of the app printed on it, and street signs and downtown maps will also feature the QR codes and app information. This keeps everything cohesive and linked together. Morton said she hopes that if people like the app, they’ll review it online, and ask if there are any issues, to report them so they can be immediately updated.

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DOWNTOWN: The new “Waco, TX” app by MobileTown aids tourists on their adventures around Waco. It features guided walking tours and gives users suggestions for places to shop and eat.

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Prince wins final Big 12 weekly award

In her final regular-season game in a Baylor uniform, senior guard Alexis Prince had enough time to remember.

The Orlando, Fla., native scored 24 points, connected on five of her nine 3-point attempts, grabbed seven rebounds, dished out two assists and added a steal for good measure.

Her performance helped No. 2 Baylor rout No. 19 Oklahoma, 83-54, in Norman, Okla., on Monday night.

This virtuoso performance from Prince also got her recognition from the conference, as the Big 12 office announced on Wednesday that Prince was the Big 12 Player of the Week.

The conference's top honor was not all Prince accomplished, with her performance against the Sooners. With 47 seconds left in the third quarter, Prince connected on a short jumper to give the Lady Bears a 70-45 lead.

Although Prince had been in control of the game since the opening tip, this jumper that put the Lady Bears up 25 would seem insignificant to the naked eye. However, this two-point basket got Prince to the 1,000-point milestone for her career. She became the 32nd Lady Bear to accomplish such a feat.

Prince admitted that she wasn’t sure if she was ever going to reach the milestones. “It means a lot to me,” Prince said. “I never thought I would be able to get to 1,000 points.”

Prince has put together a solid senior season for head coach Kim Mulkey. Prince is averaging 11.2 points a game while shooting 45 percent from the floor and 40 percent from beyond the 3-point line.

After receiving several injures throughout her Baylor career, including the 2013-2014 season in which she only played in four games and last season when she missed 14 games, Prince has been healthy and consistent all year long. She has started in all 29 games for the Lady Bears and has played extra minutes due to injury to stabilize senior guard Jordan Jones.

Mulkey said she has been impressed with Prince's leadership all year long and hopes she will continue to be a leader as the Lady Bears push for a national title.

“I would be able to get to 1,000 points,” Mulkey said. “I never thought she was going to reach the milestone. I wasn’t sure if she was ever going to be able to do it.”

“I am so proud of her,” Mulkey said. “She is at that point as a senior where she doesn’t want to stop playing.”

“I love the way she is playing defense. It’s just the way she is carrying herself. Her intangible game offensively and defensively is as good as it has been since she has been here.”

Prince and the Lady Bears are currently gearing up for the start of the Phillips 66 Big 12 tournament. The Lady Bears wrapped up the No. 1 seed in the tournament following its 86-48 win over Texas Tech on Saturday and “final” toss at home to Iowa State on Friday night.

The Lady Bears are currently in line for a spot as a No. 1 seed in the Oklahoma City region of the NCAA Tournament. If they are able to remain in this position, they would get to play their first two games at home at the Ferrell Center.

Post-season play for the Lady Bears begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday when they play the winner of No. 6 Texas Tech and No. 1 Texas Tech, a game that will be played at 1 p.m. Saturday.

All Big 12 quarterfinal matchups, including Baylor’s, will be on Fox Sports, with the semifinals and championship finals and No. 9 TCU, a game that will be played at 6 p.m. Friday.

Although Baylor will return for its first round at home at the Ferrell Center, the Lady Bears are also looking at getting the NCAA tournament to have players for gravy hits to plan.

“This is a great opportunity for the conference to move over to FS1,” Mulkey said. “We are going to take steps to make sure the conference is a part of the semifinals and championship finals.

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