Better Together Day unites students

THOMAS MOTT

The Better Together BU organization carried out in front of the Boho Spiritual Life Center on Thursday to promote religious freedom and diversity across Baylor’s campus. April 6 is National Better Together Day where people come together to put aside their religious differences, according to their leader’s statement.

Outside the Boho Spiritual Life Center, students were able to enjoy food, get drinks and sign a pledge with their fellow students. The pledge, which had over 100 signatures, called on students to embrace diversity, advocate for justice and serve together in order to become better.

Dr. Josh Ritter, assistant director for formation, said, “...the hope is to promote the Better Together ideals is to engage in conversation with people from all different types of backgrounds. “We think the only way that we can love our neighbor is by getting to know our neighbors.”

To help students get to know other students who might share different religious backgrounds, the Better Together group set up a booth outside the Bobo where students could sit down and have simple conversations with other students.

PLano sophomore Wafa Demshkiah, co- leader of Better Together BU, said she hopes students will get to know one another through the conversation coach.

“I think one thing that I would want them to do is just to be able to open up a conversation with someone that they would normally not want to talk to,” Demshkiah said.

April 6 is a day where people can “share the world that religious bigotry doesn’t belong and to transform it.”

Richardson went on to address sexual assault as an attempt to steal the knowledge that comes from an intimate and loving relationship.

“What happens if you don’t know yourself, but you want to know someone else? They attempt to steal something that cannot be stolen,” Richardson said. “You cannot steal the knowledge.”

Richardson concluded his talk by telling students...

Baylor participates in ‘Rinse, Recycle, Repeat’

MEGAN RULE

Staff Writer

Baylor sits in 12th place out of 50 schools in the Rinse, Recycle, Repeat campaign and competition to collect and recycle empty bottles or makeup containers.

“About half of Americans don’t regularly recycle their shampoo and conditioner bottles or makeup containers,” Richardson stressed.

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The goal is to recycle 10 million beauty empties by the end of 2017. Kraemer said that any beauty bottle qualifies as an empty, and Baylor has sent in 27 empties for the competition.

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Nursing program ranked among top schools

AMANDA HARGITT-GRANATO

Professor

The Baylor University Louise Herrington School of Nursing has several programs ranked among the U.S. News & World Report 2018 Best Graduate Schools. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program ranked No. 47, the Masters of Science in Nursing was ranked No. 56, and the Nurse Midwifery program was ranked No. 11.

Louise Herrington School of Nursing Dean Shelley F. Conroy emphasized that the school’s motto — Lea...
We didn’t take an ‘L’ this season

THOMAS MOTT

With University of North Carolina’s 71-65 win over Gonzaga on Monday, the NCAA bracket became official. And so ended it. Both sides of college basketball’s Bubble, along with the players and fans of both the Bears and the Gonzaga Bulldogs, experienced the same fate. At exactly two-losses, the Bears were officially out of the tournament. But in the moment, the Bears were actually less than two losses away.

By now, the initial heartbreak of losing to Oregon has faded, and we can look back in the most successful twenties of the Baylor basketball history when Baylor did not have an Associated Press rank near to their name. They entered the season with two conference losses in forty tournament losses and were entertained in the first two weeks. They did not receive one single AP vote.

Fifteen games into the season, Baylor was atop the college basketball world. The Bears had claimed No. 1 votes out Oregon, Michigan State, Louisville and Xavier. For the first time in program history, the Bears were ranked No. 1 in the nation. The hype was real, and a large majority of people would call the rest the most successful twenties of the Bears.

The once undefeated Bears went on to give us the most successful twenties of the Bears and also the most successful twenties of the basketball program. Every game had an electric atmosphere.

In the first two rounds winning by a combined seven points. Oregon was without Dillon Brooks, and Baylor had so much success early against Oregon and Arizona. The Bears went offline in early March due to security concerns. There was a statement issued by the IRS and the U.S. Department of Education. The statement did not specify any exact deadlines for the security issues, but estimated that it will be down for several weeks.

The closing months of the season also show Baylor going from a big winner in the loss to South Carolina to a big loser against Oregon. The Bears had to go on the road to Oregon, Michigan State, Louisville and Xavier. For the first time in program history, the Bears entered the season No. 1 in the nation. From that point on, a large number of people have been looking at the Bears as a big loser in the tournament.

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Meet the Staff

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TRAVELING is a life-changing experience

CHRISTINA SOTO

Since I came to college this freshman year, I knew I wanted to study abroad. I figured I would study in a non-English country, study in a European country like Spain or Italy where I would be familiar with the language and culture.

Being fluent in Spanish, I felt comfortable going to one of these countries. However, last summer I studied abroad in Budapest, Hungary.

Before the trip, I was nervous to go overseas. I knew that I didn’t know the language or the culture. Despite my anxieties about studying abroad in Hungary, I felt like I was one of the best experiences in my life.

I studied abroad with two Hungarian roommates. At first, I was overwhelmed by the culture in a country in a country that I knew nothing about the culture or language of the people.

Living with Hungarians and not my American roommates was a challenge. However, now that I look back on my trip I would not want to go anywhere else.

Studying abroad affords you the opportunity to expand your horizons, and it allows you to truly get to know a culture. Our professor on the trip, Minor, outlined for us that five weeks and a local to see was enough, being labeled as a tourist.

We did this by learning common phrases in Hungarian and living in a lot of things. Most importantly by studying abroad you’ll learn about a different culture by becoming a local. Christina Soto is a junior journalism major from Menlo, Fla.

Opinion

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The Pi Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated will host the 15th Annual Pink and Green Scholarship Pageant to crown a male student at Mc. 19, in recognition of the sorority’s founding on January 31, 1908. The pageant, taking place at 7 p.m. Sunday in Daniel Dining Room, is designed to recognize the scholastic achievements and personalities of young men in the Baylor community.

"Combining the norm is always necessary," Houston junior and pageant chair Danielle Sherman said. "This male scholarship pageant is giving the males on this campus something to relate to and something that gives them a chance to step on this campus something to relate to and that is really hard, and they're going to give people way more than what they expect." Dallas junior member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sydney Thompson said. "You may know them, you may not, but all four of them have something unique that they bring to the table. Each has his own lovely personality, so that will make it hard to pick a winner."

The first-place winner will receive a $1,000 scholarship, and the runner-up will receive a $500 scholarship. The pageant will also collect money and donate it to the Boys & Girls Club of Waco. The money raised will help community service events at the Boys & Girls Club every week and decided to contribute to the organization after making a disappointing discovery.

"I noticed a note stating they were no longer feeding the children due to their local distributor," Sherman said. "That is a sad place to the children look forward to, so we're trying to help however possible."

Tickets will be $5 at the door, and light refreshments will be provided.

"People should come to the pageant to participate in Pi Mu history as we serve this wonderful tradition that blesses young men with the opportunity of a lifetime," Sherman said. "New Orleans junior and pageant committee member Allyn Madison said. "It's a great opportunity to get the community together to celebrate their hard work, excellence, and to uplift one another."

KING ME The Pi Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. will host the male pageant to crown a male student at Mc. 19 at 7:08 p.m. Sunday in Daniel Dining Room.

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JOY MOTON Staff Writer

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Joel Fox

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BETTER from Page 1

CONNETICING ON A COUCH Better Together BU included students, like freshman Blake Rogers and junior Surabhi Todi, to come together and put aside their religious differences on Thursday in front of the Bobo Spiritual Life Center.

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Sorority to host male scholarship pageant

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Student Nurses Association, publisher senior Kathryn Po is in her second year of the undergraduate nursing program and will graduate in May. Po said the professors at Baylor have fostered her desire to be a nurse and said she has considered applying to the graduate program.

"I think it is a phenomenal program," Po said. "They have encouraged me who really want to try to promote the professional attitude, and I think that has really contributed to the recognition they've received."

Po, who is in the Air Force ROTC, said: "I think it is a phenomenal program. I want to be a nurse and said she has considered applying to the graduate program that convinced her to choose Baylor.

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"I've loved my time here at the nursing school," Po said. "It's been an amazing experience and a wonderful opportunity. I'm really excited and I'm going to be a Baylor nurse."
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about the satisfaction that comes with a spiritually healthy sexual relationship.

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**Today**

10 a.m.-5 p.m. — Art on Elm Avenue, Elm Avenue.
3-9 p.m. — Waco in Revolution. $20. Waco Civic Theatre. 7 p.m. — Baylor Opera Theater. Waco Hippodrome.
6-30 p.m. — Art on Elm Avenue Preview Party. $15. Brazos Event Center, 520 Elm Ave.
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FLYING INTO SUPREMACY

Baylor Quidditch is on the brink of winning the U.S. Quidditch championship. This comes after competing in the Southwest Regional Championship where the team qualified for nationals. The Bears look to win nationals and continue their wonderful success of this season.

"The greatest challenge we'll face this weekend, is to face the element of unfamiliarity," Stroncek said. "We've watched films of the teams in our pool, so we've killed the element of surprise they may have had on us. Now all we need to do is not psyche ourselves out and play the game we know how to play!"

The tournament takes place over the course of two days with day one being pool play. Each team will play four matches against other teams in their pool with the top three moving forward. Baylor will open with two teams that match each other defensively, a defensive style against one another. The Skrewts, the link between the two schools goes much deeper than defensive style.

"I personally am really excited for this game because it's where my dad went to school," Stroncek said. "It's where my dad went to school, it's where my dad went to school, it's where my dad went to school!"

Don't Feed the Bears

Baylor Quidditch is one step closer to winning a championship.

"This has been our goal since we started playing, to win Nationals," Stroncek said. "This team has worked so hard to get here, and accomplishing our goal goes a long way toward re-establishing the Quidditch community as one of the top programs, not to mention the fact that it will help a lot with recruiting back at Baylor next year."

Baylor welcomed many new faces to the team this season between freshmen and first-year players. At times, it was challenging to not only teach the game, but also to teach students new tricks, Stroncek said. "More than ever, our chasers and beaters work together to ensure success on the field. Overall, Baylor Quidditch has not only continued the skills play we are known for, but have turned into an incredibly smart team as well."

As Baylor hits the road to compete for the ultimate Quidditch glory, Hoffman said the youth and talent was successful.

"When the whistle blew to kick-off this tournament, it was surreal," Stroncek said. "People on our team were screaming and hugging each other and more than a few of us were crying."

Stroncek also stressed how much the team’s success this season was due to the program moving forward, especially after struggling to qualify for nationals in 2016.

"The youth has been our goal ever since we came short of making nationals but you..."
Bears face Red Raiders in weekend series

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Baylor baseball hopes to get the season back on track as the Bears face Texas Tech this weekend in a three-game series in Lubbock.

The Bears (19-10, 2-4) are just 4-8 since the start of Big 12 Conference play after a 15-2 start to the season.

The Red Raiders (26-6, 4-2) hold a daunting 13-1 record when playing at home.

Baylor head coach Steve Rodriguez says that while Tech raises a challenge, the team is just trying to get back to playing good baseball.

“The biggest challenge we have is not Texas Tech or going there,” Rodriguez said. “I think we need to focus on playing by play. We’ve talked to our guys about focusing on the moment and excelling like we can and like we did at the beginning of the season.”

Despite starting the season swinging hot, the Bears are averaging less than three runs per game in their last eight losses.

Senior pitcher Nick Lewis, who will start tonight’s game for the Bears, says the team is stuck in a rut, but a road trip could help them get back on track.

“We’re kind of in a tricky spot,” Lewis said. “We’re not playing too well. I think it’ll be good to get out of there [today] and see a good team, and we’ve just got to play well.”

The bullpen has been solid all year for the Bears with sophomore Kyle Hill, senior Drew Robertson and junior closer Troy Montemayor locking down opponents as each has an earned run average of 1.50 or less. But Baylor will need the starting rotation of Lewis, junior Montana Parsons and freshman Cody Bradford to perform at a high level in order to beat the Red Raiders.

Texas Tech will rely upon the trio of sophomore starting pitchers Steven Gingery, Davis Martin and Ryan Shetter who have a combined 12-1 record. Gingery leads the team with a 0.92 ERA and 54 strikeouts.

Rodriguez says the experience of the three will be tough for the Bears to overcome, especially in Lubbock.

“They’re talented,” Rodriguez said. “All their pitching is back. They’re an older group. They play really well as a team, and they have really good pitching.”

Senior designated hitter Matt Menard says that despite the Red Raider’s strength, the team has a chance to turn the season around.

“We’ve got a tall task ahead of us,” Menard said, “but I think we’re going to put something together this weekend. We have a lot of fight and a lot of grit. We just have to play with the same passion that we did in the first 15 games. If we bring that to Lubbock, I think we’ll be all right.”

The games will be played at 6:35 p.m. tonight, 2 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Following the series, the Bears will return to Waco to face farm teammate Texas State in a midweek game on Tuesday.

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