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Better Together Day unites students

THOMAS MOTT
Reporter

The Better Together BU organization camped out in front of the Bobo 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 the event's website.

Outside the Bobo Spiritual Life Center, students were able to enjoy food, get drinks and sign a pledge with their fellow students.

The pledge, which had over 160 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 best way 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 neighbor," Ritter said. "We do that basically by just figuring out ways to get to know our neighbor."

To help students get to know other students who might share different religious backgrounds, the Better Together group set up a couch 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 could talk to someone new through the conversation couch.

"The 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 "show the world that religious bigotry doesn't belong

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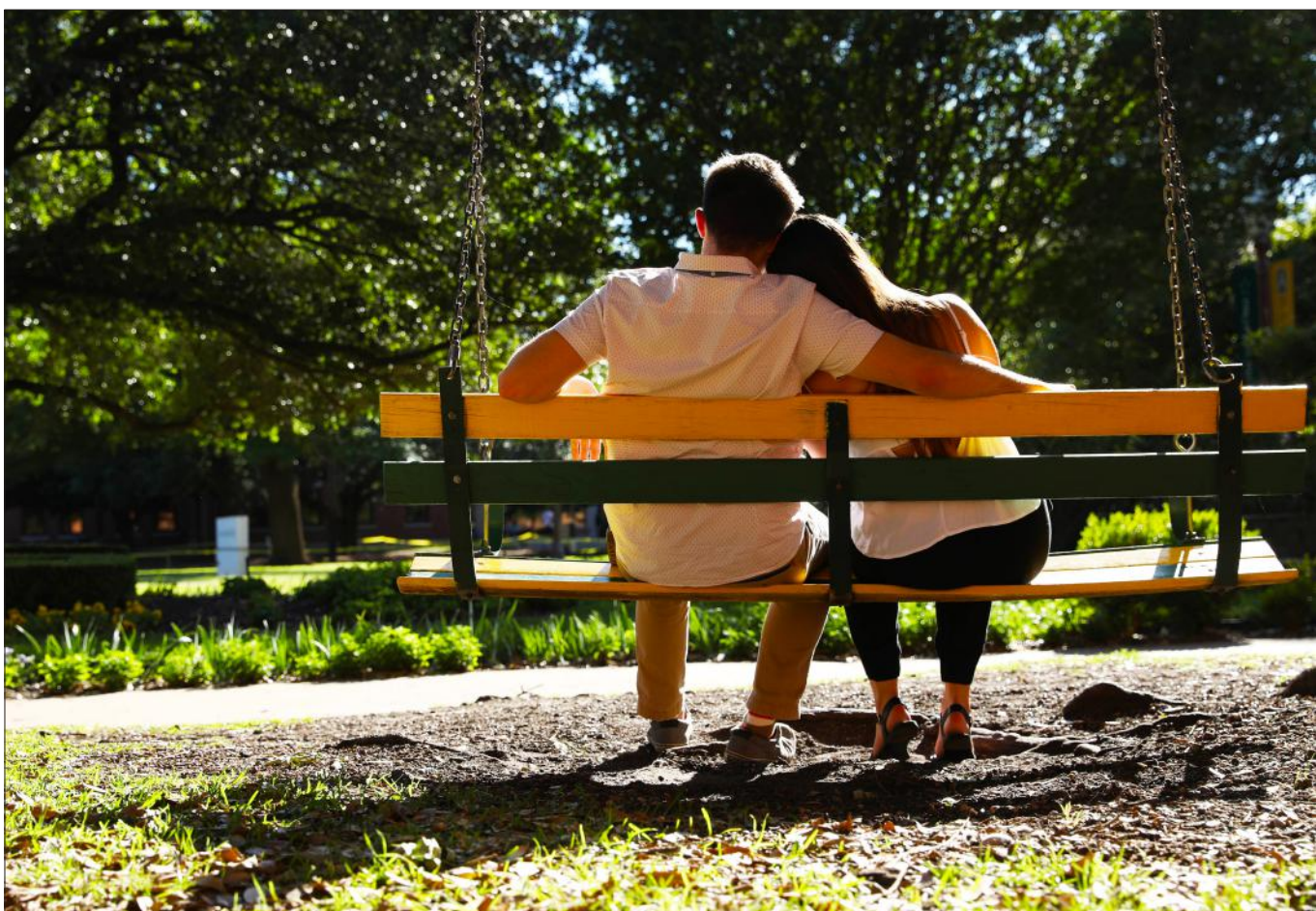


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God and Sex?

It's On Us holds discussion on spirituality, intimacy

JACK PARSLEY
Reporter

Sexual assault is a cancer to society – a cancer brought on by the brokenness in society, Dr. Ryan Richardson, associate chaplain and director of worship and chapel, told students on Thursday.

Richardson led a discussion with a group of Baylor students about God and sex as a part of the Let's Talk About It series put on by the It's On Us Student Advisory Council for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"Left unchecked, the brokenness that is in our culture breeds violence," Richardson said. "Our human selves do not know how to respond to being rejected, so when we feel rejected, we lash out in violence."

Richardson began his talk with an explanation of epistemology, the theory of knowledge, and what it really means when the Bible talks about knowing another person.

"The Bible very much alludes to this notion that knowing is about a sexual relationship," Richardson said. "To really know something is to be transformed by it

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 sexual 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 talking

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Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE CONTAINER AT A TIME Baylor is currently sitting at 12th place in the Rinse, Recycle, Repeat campaign, which aims to educate young people how to recycle.

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 beauty containers.

"About half of Americans don't regularly recycle their shampoo and conditioner bottles or makeup containers," Richardson freshman Libby

Kraemer, team captain for the Baylor team, said. "So Garnier and DoSomething want to keep all of that out of landfills."

Rinse, Recycle, Repeat is put on by Garnier, DoSomething.org and TerraCycle as a national college competition to educate and motivate young people to recycle beauty empties through the Garnier Beauty Recycling Program, Noelle Nocera, manager at Golin Media Company wrote in

an email to the Lariat.

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 campaign.

"I heard Libby talking on the phone, and I knew about it because DoSomething is a site I used for scholarships, and I said

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Nursing program ranked among top schools

AMANDA HARGETT-GRANATO
Reporter

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 at No. 47, the Masters of Science in Nursing was ranked No. 56, and the Nurse Midwifery program was ranked No. 10.

Louise Herrington School of Nursing Dean Shelley F. Conroy emphasized that the school's motto — Learn, Lead and Serve — conveys the approach it took to shape the nationally ranked program.

"Our mission, we believe, is to prepare professionally educated nurses within a Christian context

and community," Conroy said. "We realize we have a unique approach to doing that because we believe in the integration of faith and academics, and we won't sacrifice one for the other."

The U.S. News & World Report considered 292 nursing master's programs and 186 Doctor of Nursing Practice programs in determining this year's rankings. Each program was assessed using a variety of factors, including student selectivity, program size, faculty resources, research activity and peer assessment, according to its official methodology. The peer assessment score, Conroy said, was performed by the deans of other nursing schools.

"This tells me that professionally in the discipline and within nursing

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NATIONALLY RANKED Nursing students in the Louise Herrington School of Nursing performed a routine examination on a patient. The program was recently ranked among the top schools in the U.S. News & World Report.

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COLUMN

We didn't take an 'L' this season

THOMAS MOTT
Reporter

With University of North Carolina's 71-65 win over Gonzaga on Monday, the NCAA national conference has ended. It feels like ages since Baylor's 70-50 drubbing at the hands of South Carolina. Shockingly, the 20-point loss to the Gamecocks was actually less than two weeks ago.



By now, the initial heartbreak has faded, and we can look back at what was one of the most successful seasons in recent Baylor basketball history. Remember when Baylor did

not have an Associated Press rank next to their name? They entered the season on the heels of two straight rounds of 64 tournament losses and were unranked in the first two AP polls. They did not receive one single AP vote.

Then the magic started to happen. Fifteen games into the season, Baylor was atop the college basketball world. The Bears had claimed top 25 wins over Oregon, Michigan State, Louisville and Xavier. For the first time in program history, the Bears were ranked No.1 in the nation. From that point on, a large majority of people would call the rest of the Baylor season a failure.

The once undefeated Bears went on to suffer bad losses to West Virginia, Kansas State and Texas Tech. Not to mention the two meetings with the legendary Jayhawks of Kansas where the Bears lost both games by a combined seven points. Forward Johnathan Motley and guard Manu Lecomte were doing their part, but the rest tended to not show up on some nights.

On any one of these nights Al Freeman, King McClure and Jake Lindsay could be non-factors. Still, all of this culminated in a 12-6 Big 12 record (our best conference record in the past five years) and an overall record of 25-7 entering the tournament. We seem to only remember the loss to South Carolina, and we gloss over the fact that Baylor took care of business in the first two rounds winning by a combined 22 points. The point is that the 2016-17 Baylor basketball season was a success — going from unranked to first does not just happen. Motley and Lecomte helped turn this team into a contender. Never in my couple of years at Baylor have I seen the campus so united behind the basketball program. Every game had an electric crowd.

Students even camped out to get tickets when Kansas came to town, and for the most part, the Bears delivered quality performances. The honest truth is that Baylor had so much success early against teams that only started to get good later in the season. Oregon was without Dillon Brooks, Louisville lost in the round of 32 and Xavier was 21-13 heading into the tournament and at one point had a six-game losing streak in the regular season. The fact that Baylor even made it to the round of 16 should count as a huge victory for the program and the school.

I was just as disappointed as my fellow students watching Baylor shoot 30.4 percent from the field and 3-13 from behind the arc in the loss to South Carolina. Instead of throwing in the towel and calling the season a failure, I paused and reflected on what had really been an amazing season for the Bears.

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EDITORIAL

Reinstate the FAFSA shortcut

Each semester, thousands of U.S. undergraduates and soon-to-be college students log onto the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in hopes that their economic status will bring them some financial relief from the ever-increasing cost of tuition. What is already a complicated process just got harder after students were met with a notice saying that the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) Data Retrieval Tool would be down.

The service, which transfers tax information into a student's FAFSA application, significantly streamlines the financial aid process and reduces the need for additional paperwork. The tool went offline in early March due to security concerns, according to a statement issued by the IRS and U.S. Department of Education. The statement did not specify an exact timeline for the service's return, but estimated that it will be down for several weeks.

The change could not come at a more inconvenient time for students and parents who depend on FAFSA to subsidize school expenses. Perhaps the most frustrating part of tool's removal is that it came with little warning.

Applying for financial aid is a pain in general, but the tool's absence disproportionately affects low-income and first-generation households. A 2016 study by Ideas42, a non-profit behavioral economics firm, found that 52 percent of students from the bottom income quintile enroll in postsecondary schooling compared to top income quintile students, who are 30 percent more likely to apply than their lower-income counterparts. The gap between these two numbers are indicative of the underlying obstacles facing low-income individuals in affording a college education. And while not necessarily synonymous with the bottom income quintile, first-generation students also receive a blow from the data retrieval tool's suspension. Both groups are the most likely to ask for federal



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

financial assistance but are the least likely to have college-educated family members who know how to fill out the FAFSA.

The tool's removal has repercussions for many students on campus — regardless of whether they are first-generation or low-income individuals. Nearly 93 percent of Baylor students receive financial assistance, according to the university's website. It should be noted that a number of students receive aid in the form of academic awards that are not necessarily tied to income. This aside, most grants, scholarships and loans use income as a factor in financial assistance.

The tool's absence may bring additional requests for tax transcripts. Currently, FAFSA requires households to submit records from 2015, which can be accessed as digital or print copies at www.irs.gov/transcript. Once copies are attained, a student may

have to send a transcript to the university. The transcript requests are nothing new, but the system outage does increase a student's chance of having to file more paperwork.

To put the situation in perspective, say we have two students named Sally and Ben. Last year, they filled out the FAFSA using the data retrieval tool. This year, the students manually insert their tax information onto the form. Within a few weeks, Sally gets a request from her university to provide a copy of her tax transcripts. This notice stems from a mistake made within her form. Ben, who did the form correctly, does not get asked for additional information. Before this year, both individuals never had to submit their transcripts because the data retrieval tool left little room for error. Manually inserting information, however, does.

"If they [students] input it manually, there's room for typos and mistakes to be made," said Baylor student financial services associate director of counseling Amine Qourzal.

Qourzal said the department has been proactive about sending out notices to current students concerning this year's FAFSA procedure and wants the issue resolved before the fall semester. For now, students still have time to send their financial information before the end of June.

While securing information should be a priority for the IRS, we are critical of the department's decision because it shows a lack of foresight in the implications of the tool's absence. The IRS and Department of Education said they feared identity theft and tax fraud among data retrieval tool users, so we criticize the groups for their method, not their intent.

COLUMN

Traveling is a life-changing experience

CHRISTINA SOTO
Broadcast Reporter

Since I came to college my freshman year, I knew I wanted to study abroad. I figured I would study abroad in a common western European countries like Spain or Italy where I would be familiar with the culture and language.

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 eastern Europe because I didn't know the language or the culture. Despite my anxieties about studying abroad in Hungary, it was by far one of the best experiences in my life.

For five weeks I lived with two Hungarian roommates. At first, I was overwhelmed by the idea of living in a foreign country with no familiarization of the culture, the language or the people.

Living with Hungarians and not my American classmates was definitely not my idea of perfect.

However, now that I look back at my trip I would not have wanted to go and live anywhere else.

Studying abroad affords you the opportunity to expand your horizons, it allows you to truly get to know a culture.

Our professor on the trip, Maxey Parrish, encouraged us to take these five weeks and become a local and to stay away from being labeled as a tourist.

We did this by learning common phrases in Hungarian, observing Hungarians in their everyday life as they traveled to work or school and going to the same restaurants and locations.

By the end of the trip, I had made friends with the barista in the coffee shop down the road from the dormitory and Kelet Café became our go-to breakfast place in the mornings.

Hungary is quite different from the United States: people are less materialistic, they are not high maintenance and they live life day-by-day. Unlike Americans that are constantly worrying about their future.

Our Hungarian teacher told us in class, "Life

is lived and not managed here," I will forever remember that because that is something I believe most Americans struggle with.

By studying abroad you'll learn a multitude of things.

You'll learn that everyone has a their own story — Hungary is a country with a heavy history that is still working to heal the pain and injury the people have endured.

You'll learn to not take the little things for granted, like water and the bathroom. In Europe you will have to pay for water wherever you go. In most places, except if you are eating at a restaurant, you will have to pay to use the restroom.

By studying abroad, you will learn to respect a culture that is not like my own. You will find the beauty in common interests and be appreciative of something or someone that is different.

Most importantly by studying abroad you will realize how blessed you are. Blessed to be traveling around the world, blessed to be learning in a city filled with history and to learn about a different culture by becoming a local.

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Sorority to host male scholarship pageant

JOY MOTON
Staff Writer

The Pi Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated will host the 16th Annual Pink and Green Scholarship Pageant to crown a male student as Mr. 1908, in recognition of the sorority's founding on January 15, 1908.

The pageant, taking place at 7:08 p.m. Sunday in Barfield Drawing Room, is designed to recognize the scholastic achievements and personalities of young men in the Baylor community.

"Combating 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 out of their comfort zone."

Four contestants, Houston senior Jacob Farris, Dallas sophomore Michael Ward, Houston junior Wilson Dunn II and Houston junior Kolin Doyle, will be coached and judged based on an interview, introduction, talent, formal wear and question and response session. The pageant

is open to any men at Baylor, but because all four of this year's contestants are black, Alpha Kappa Alpha are using this opportunity to challenge stereotypes and to present a different perspective of young black men at Baylor.

"We are excited to be able to put on a good show and let this serve as a way to end stereotypes about black men in the Baylor community," Houston junior and pageant committee member Darnelle DesVignes said. "We get to showcase their talent and reward them for all of their accomplishments publicly. We're expecting a great show and are looking forward to contributing money to males."

The judges will award the crown based on the contestants' personalities, ambition, drive and other intrinsic qualities to determine how they can influence the community.

"The audience can expect to be wowed. These young men have been working extremely hard, and they're going to give people way more than what they expect," Dallas junior and 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

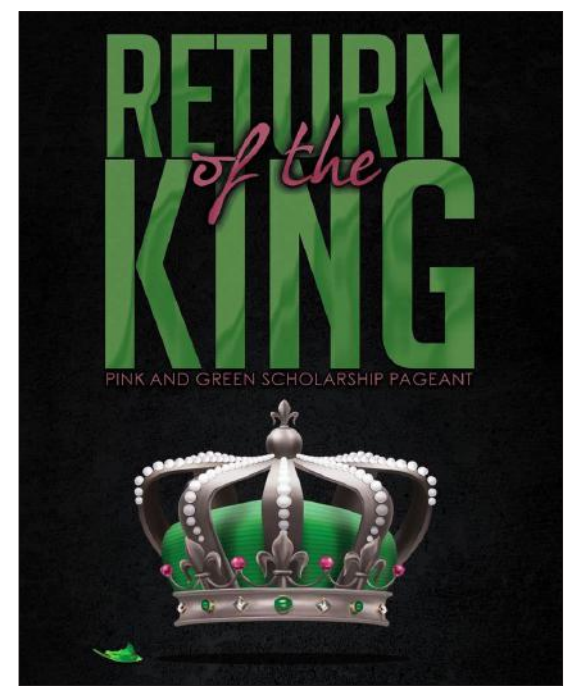
table. Each has his own lovable personality, so that will make it hard to pick a winner."

The first-place winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, and the runner-up will receive a \$750 scholarship. The sorority will also collect money and donate it to the Boys & Girls Club of Waco. The sorority holds 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 meal 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 revive this wonderful tradition that blesses young men with the opportunity of a lifetime," New Orleans junior and pageant committee member Allyn Madison said. "It's a great way to get the community together to celebrate their hard work, excellence, and to uplift one another."



Courtesy Art
KING ME The Pi Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. will host the male pageant to crown a male student as Mr. 1908 at 7:08 p.m. Sunday in Barfield Drawing Room.

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Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

CONNECTING ON A COUCH Better Together BU invited 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.

here," according to the Better Together website.

Students who were not aware of the significance of April 6 were able to read and sign the pledge and learn more about religious diversity.

"I think it promotes a good spirit on campus. Different groups kind of across

cultural and religious barriers-pretty good idea to me," said Friendswood junior James Antal.

Students who were unable to attend the Better Together Day outside of the Bobo on Thursday can still learn more about the group and sign the pledge online at <https://www.bettertogetherday.com/>

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education that other schools recognize the product we produce and the quality of our program," Conroy said.

The nursing school is growing, having recently begun renovations on the former Baptist General Convention of Texas building in Dallas to help expand space. The building was purchased with the help of a donation from the school's namesake, Louise Herrington Ornelas, according to a university press release. The school is still fundraising for the renovations and raised more than \$1 million last month at the school's Going for the Gold Gala.

The school has two faculty members who were recently named global Fulbright scholars. On March 24, Dr. Lori Spies, assistant professor in the nursing school, was selected for a 2017-18 Fulbright Global Scholar Award. In 2016 Dr. Shelby Garner, assistant

professor in the nursing school, was awarded a 2016-2018 Fulbright-Nehru Research Flex Grant toward her studies of nursing in India. Having taught at the school for six years, Garner said the Louise Herrington School of Nursing stands out even among other Christian schools.

"Something that I think is unique is that the school really does live out the Christian community," Garner said. "The entire curriculum has threads of Christianity."

Garner said the quality of nurses the school produces reflects the national ranking the school received.

"I think it says a lot that we have such a good reputation, and that really comes from our students," Garner said. "They graduate and go out into the workplace, and they're prepared to actually practice."

The president of the Baylor Student Nurses Association,

Fulshear senior Kaitlyn Po is in her second year of the undergraduate nursing program and will graduate in May. Po said the professors at Baylor have furthered 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 outstanding faculty who really 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 it was the strength of both the ROTC and nursing programs that convinced her to choose Baylor.

"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 that I'm going to be a Baylor nurse."

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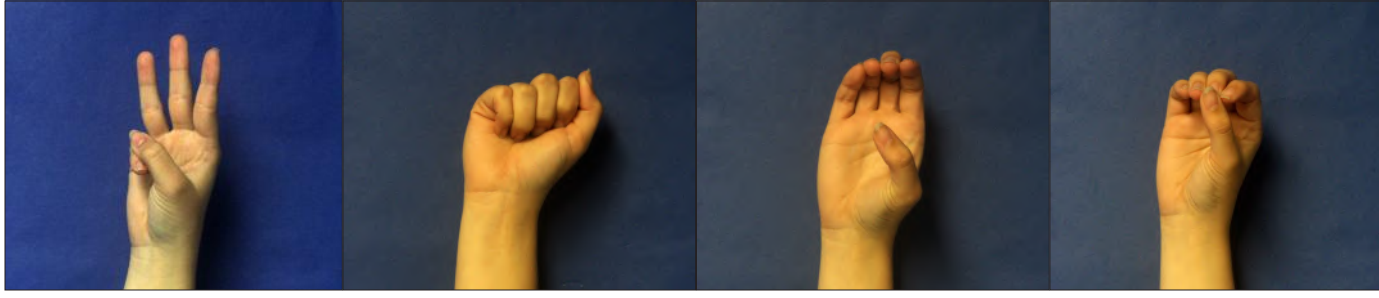


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Waco to open new Academy for Deaf

KALYN STORY
Staff Writer

The Christian Academy for the Deaf in Waco is still in a fundraising stage, but the president of the board said the board hopes to open the school in fall 2017.

Lewis Lummer, president of The Christian Academy for the Deaf Board and Baylor American Sign Language professor, said he wanted to start a school for deaf children in Waco because he believes the programs for deaf students at hearing schools in Waco are not meeting deaf children's needs. He said he wanted it to be a Christian school because in America only about 1 percent of the deaf population is Christian.

"Deaf children- those kids need to be able to have a vision, and that starts with language," Lummer said. "Signed language is the foundation for social justice. Deaf people can't be pushed aside. Language is

important – they need the ability to be able to express themselves."

Gallaudet University, a private liberal arts university for the deaf and hard of hearing in Washington D.C., estimates there are about 357,574 people with hearing disability in Texas, about 2.3 percent of the population.

According to The Christian Academy for the Deaf's website, its goal is "to provide a seat of learning and research for children who are deaf or hard of hearing to receive an exemplary education without discrimination or restraint using American Sign Language as the accessible language of instruction with dual literacy in English."

Lummer said now in the Waco area, most deaf kids are homeschooled or attend hearing school with some type of assistance.

"We need to have a school here in this community for kids whose first language is sign language," Lummer said. "Kids will learn better in their language

surrounded by people within their culture."

The school's mission expresses a desire for a safe place where deaf children can grow in the Lord while receiving exemplary, accessible academic instruction that meets their communication, emotional and social needs in American Sign Language. In its mission statement, The Christian Academy for the Deaf cites Ephesians 6:4- "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" as a reason deaf children need a Christian educational option in Waco.

Gladwater senior Emilye Harris, a deaf education major at Baylor, said she was excited when she heard about The Christian Academy for the Deaf and cannot wait for it to open.

"It is so vital for deaf students to not only be taught in their most natural language, but also to have an environment of peers that share their same culture,

experiences and language," Harris said. "Having a fully accessible environment gives students the chance to grow and learn to their greatest potential."

Harris specifically pointed out benefits to having the option to attend a school exclusively for deaf students as opposed to attending a public school with aid.

"While having interpreters in a mainstream school is an awesome option that gives students access to learning, it doesn't have the same effect as a deaf school where kids can build relationships, learn collaboratively and never be left behind," Harris said.

Lummer said the school's board is made up of four deaf members and three hearing members who are active in the Waco community.

Lummer said the school still has a significant amount of money to raise before it is able to open, but he is hopeful for fall 2017 enrollment.

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about the satisfaction that comes with a spiritually healthy sexual relationship.

"A good relationship that is right, true and laced with spirit and truth is one that will satisfy forever," Richardson said.

Georgetown junior Audrey Hamlin, president of It's On Us Student Advisory Council, introduced Richardson and facilitated the question-and-answer session after the talk.

"I hope people came away with from it with a better understanding about why it is so important to combat sexual assault with an understanding of how beautiful and God-ordained sex is in a meaningful relationship," Hamlin said.

Students had the opportunity to ask Richards a wide variety of questions about sex from a Christian perspective and sexuality in Baylor's Christian culture, such as, 'Can there be a healthy sexual relationship outside of marriage?'

"If we define marriage as the blessing of God over a relationship, I am going to say no. If we define marriage as a minister saying 'God blesses this,' then I am going to say yes," Richardson said.

The It's On Us Student Advisory Council will host three more discussions about sex on the three remaining Thursdays in Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The next two

talks will be about the medical perspective on sex and the sociological perspective on sex, and the last talk will bring all three speakers together to have one large discussion on how sex and sexual assault affect Baylor's campus.

"The upcoming talks talking about sex from a medical perspective, sex from a sociological perspective and the concluding panel will be a really great way to continue talking about the issue and continue these conversations and hopefully initiate change not just with the issue of sexual assault but in how we conceive of sex," Hamlin said.

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I would help her if she needed it," Surprise, Ariz., freshman Aniefiok Anako said. "What I'm doing is reaching out to other [community leaders] in different dorms and reaching out to companies to put up signs for customers to drop things off."

The competition started on April 1 and will run until the end of April. Kraemer said all empties must be postmarked to Garnier by April 30 to be counted in the competition. Donations can be made at the blue baskets with yellow signs located in Teal Residential College at the front desk. Kraemer decided to start small and just leave a basket in her dorm and is currently working with Anako to expand locations for drop-offs and gradually cover more of campus.

"First of all, it's always important to recycle," Anako said. "I think there are like 10 million bottles of empty bottles that end up in a landfill. They don't belong there- they can be recycled and used for other things, so I think this campaign is really good."

Once all the empties are collected, they will be recycled into park benches and trash cans for city parks. The winning school will win a green garden in their local community including some of the recycled trash cans and benches that came from this project. According to the email from Nocera, this will give empties a new life where Waco residents can enjoy a comfortable space rather than polluting landfills with the empties.

"It would be really cool for Waco to have one of those," Kraemer said. "I definitely tell people, 'Look, here's an incentive for you to donate besides knowing you did something good.' It would be really cool to have a community garden since Waco is already so big on community already."

Since 2011, the Garnier Beauty Recycling Program along with TerraCycle has recycled over eight million empties and turned them into various products for community gardens, according to the email from Nocera. Garnier has donated five Green Gardens to cities across the country and plans to donate three more this year, the email reported.

More information can be found on the DoSomething website or the GarnierUSA website. Students looking to help Kraemer can also reach her at her Baylor-issued email address to support the campaign or donate empties.

"I'm an engineering major, so I'm not necessarily leaning towards environmental aspirations," Kraemer said. "But no matter what my job is in the engineering field, we have to deal with the earth around us. So it's been very helpful to me to see how crazy it is that most people don't recycle this stuff, and we should see if we can."

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Hoppy Easter!



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

A SWEET TREAT Kappa Kappa Gamma hosted an Easter egg hunt to thank professors and their families at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Founders Mall, and more than 500 faculty members and their families attended. This is the third year the event has been held. (Left) Jack Crowson shares a hug with the Easter Bunny. (Right top) Wyatt Holeck finds an egg in a bush. (Right bottom) Nash Johnson, Haley Johnson and Ava Johnson look through their baskets to see what treats are inside.

This weekend in Waco:

>> Today

10 a.m.-5 p.m.— Art on Elm Avenue. Elm Avenue.

11 a.m.-3 p.m.— Waco in World War I Exhibit. Free admission. Fort House Historic Home, 503 S. fourth St.

5-9 p.m.— First Friday. Downtown Waco.

6:30-8:30 p.m.— Art on Elm Avenue Preview Party. \$15. Brazos Event Center, 520 Elm Ave.

7 p.m.— Brazos Nights. Free admission. Indian Spring Park.

7:30 p.m.— Pride & Prejudice. \$16-\$20. Waco Civic Theatre.

7:30 p.m.— Baylor Opera Theater. Waco Hippodrome.

8-10 p.m.— Medicine Man performs. Dichotomy Coffee & Spirits.

8-11 p.m.— Penny & Sparrow performs. \$20-\$30. Common Grounds.

8:30-9:30 p.m.— Improv Comedy Show. \$10-\$12. Brazos Theatre, 7524 Bosque Blvd. Suite Q.

8:30-11 p.m.— Ruben Ramos & The Mexican Revolution. \$20. Waco Missions Club.

>> Saturday

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7:30 p.m.— Pride & Prejudice. \$16-\$20. Waco Civic Theatre.

KKG hosts egg-cellent event

CAROLINE BENTLEY
Reporter

Kappa Kappa Gamma hosted its annual Easter egg hunt for the Baylor faculty and their families on Thursday.

"We keep the event limited to the professors of Baylor so that it's more of a special thank you for what they do," said Emma Ferguson, Kappa Kappa Gamma university events chair. "It is so fun getting to see the professors interact with their kids, and it's a chance for them to have their family interact with their Baylor family."

Over 500 students and faculty attended this one-hour event held on Founders Mall. While it was required for active members of Kappa Kappa Gamma to attend, the Easter egg hunt serves as a good opportunity for

members to meet with professors and build relationships with them outside of the classroom.

According to the Ferguson, "Kappa sends out invitations to each professor at Baylor letting them know the details of the event. We have a section for kids under the age of 3 and another section for kids above the age of 3."

The two different age groups allow the younger kids to have the opportunity to actually find Easter eggs since they are hidden out in the open. Kappa Kappa Gamma hides the eggs for the older group throughout Founders Mall, including in trees and atop Judge Baylor so the older kids have a challenge.

"Being able to see professors having fun with their colleagues and seeing their kids interact with one another is something that's really cool about the Easter egg hunt,"

said Dallas senior and Kappa Kappa Gamma member Kelly Cochran. "No other organization hosts something that is just for professors and their families."

In the past, the Easter egg hunt has been an event that has hosted over 2,000 Baylor professors and families throughout the years. In addition to having an Easter egg hunt, Kappa Kappa Gamma provides snacks for participants and an Easter bunny for families to take pictures with.

"The Easter egg hunt is an event that we look forward to each year," said Kappa Kappa Gamma member and Longview junior Payton Baker. "It's really special to see your professors outside of the classroom and interact with them and their families. You can see how special it makes them feel, and that's something that makes this one of our favorite events we do as Kappas."

Other than the Easter egg hunt, Kappa Kappa Gamma hosts three other university events for the Baylor community. In the fall, they host Spaghetti-Not-So-Formal and Kappa Carnival. In the spring, they host Baylor Beauty, a charity fashion show. The fall events benefit their philanthropy "Reading is Fundamental." All proceeds from their event, Baylor Beauty, go to Mission Waco.

"This was my first year participating in the Easter egg hunt and it was so special," said Highland Park freshman Grace Gunning. "My mom was a Kappa at Baylor, and she had always talked about the things that they used to do to thank professors. It was cool to kind of be able to do the same thing that she did 25 years ago."

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Today's Puzzles

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- 1 Chanel product
- 6 Father of Hector
- 11 Interruption
- 14 Give the green light
- 15 "The Flintstones" co-creator
- 16 Martial arts accessory
- 17 Young Pharaoh's mischievous playmate?
- 20 It's on display while boasting
- 21 Eccentric
- 22 Stephen Colbert forte
- 23 Papuan food staple
- 24 Solar prod.
- 25 Overly sweet fruit?
- 31 Features of a Los Angeles aerial view
- 32 Charged thing
- 33 Chekov colleague
- 34 Line on a globe
- 35 Apt cry in reaction to four puzzle answers?
- 37 One in a cage
- 38 Carson predecessor
- 40 "Norma _"
- 41 Salad garnish brand
- 43 Useless metallurgical product?
- 47 Coll. employee
- 48 Motivate
- 49 Helped create, in a way
- 51 Hold for another time
- 53 "Law & Order: SVU" rank
- 56 Small shellfish of high quality?
- 59 Succor
- 60 Parking garage component
- 61 Keats' Muse
- 62 Montpelier-to-Providence dir.
- 63 Ski resort near Montpelier
- 64 In la-la land

Down

- 1 Opposite of starve
- 2 Obstruct
- 3 Saint Erasmus of Formia, familiarly
- 4 San Francisco's _ Hill
- 5 Weekend, usually
- 6 Laser particle
- 7 Large quantity

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- 9 "Wheel of Fortune" purchase
- 10 Capital south of Taipei
- 11 Seek a higher authority?
- 12 Have _ in the oven
- 13 "How unfortunate"
- 18 Hindu ascetic
- 19 Athenians, to Parisians
- 23 Four after do
- 24 Selection word
- 25 Foundation of many islets
- 26 What a homecoming parade generates
- 27 Alms provider
- 28 "Hop-Frog" author
- 29 Literature Nobel of 1948
- 30 Fills in
- 31 Literary sobriquet
- 35 "Carmina Burana" composer

- 36 Former Rocket Ming
- 39 "Air Music" composer
- 41 Obviously astonished
- 42 Vital statistic
- 44 Some Alpine entertainment
- 45 Like Victoria's Secret models
- 46 Woody offshoot?
- 49 Getaway options
- 50 Camera lens feature
- 51 Blessing for a couch potato
- 52 One way to start
- 53 ER shout
- 54 Stan with a sax
- 55 Paris' realm
- 57 Exchanged handshakes
- 58 Indian honorific



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Quidditch prepares for championship

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

Baylor Quidditch is one step closer to winning a championship.

The Bears qualified for the U.S. Quidditch Cup this past February when they competed in the Southwest Regional Championships.

The tournament, which runs Sat. and Sun. in Kissimmee, Fla., pits the top 60 Quidditch programs against one another in a single-loss elimination bracket to determine U.S. Quidditch supremacy.

Earning the berth to the most prestigious Quidditch tournament was far from easy for Baylor. The regional tournament was an uphill battle as the Bears squared off with both Texas A&M and Sam Houston State University, both teams they were expected to lose to.

After dropping a heartbreaker to Texas A&M, however, Baylor battled back from a 40-0 deficit to Sam Houston State to tie the match before ultimately catching the snitch, giving itself a chance to compete for the ultimate Quidditch glory.

Senior beater Blake Stroncek said the team was overwhelmed with emotion knowing they had qualified. Beating one of their biggest rivals to get that berth was an added bonus.

"When the whistle blew to end our Sam Houston game it was so 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 can help the program moving forward, especially after failing to qualify for nationals in 2016.

"This has been our goal ever since we came short of making nationals last year,"



Lariat File Art

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.

Stroncek said. "This team has worked so hard to get here, and accomplishing our goal goes a long way toward re-establishing our legitimacy amongst 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 find roles where they could be successful.

Senior chaser Steffi Hoffman said the youth and experience have meshed well over time and the mix of the

two has even developed some new tricks on the pitch.

"The fact that we are overall a young team cannot be stressed enough. Fortunately, we had a lot to work with. Thanks to our coach, we were able to not only develop our new members, but also teach ourselves new tricks," Hoffman said. "More than ever, our chasers and beaters work together to ensure success on the field. Overall, Baylor Quidditch has not only continued the skillful play we are known for, but have turned into an incredibly smart team as well."

As Baylor hits the road this weekend, new challenges and styles will confront them on the pitch. While playing in

the Southwest Region, most of the teams rely on quickness and physical attacking to defend and look for scoring opportunities. Other regions rely more on in-game strategy and less on physical attacks to defeat opponents.

Senior chaser Ashley Marino said that Baylor's keys would be how they deal with new styles of play and how well they can stick to their brand of Quidditch.

"The greatest challenge we'll face this weekend is for sure the element of unfamiliarity," Marino said. "We've watched film 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 psych 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 advancing to bracket-style playing beginning on day two.

Baylor will open with Minnesota, two teams that mirror each other in defensive style against one another. For Stroncek, 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. "They also have the distinction of being the only other team, aside

from Baylor, to successfully run a zone defense back in the early days of Quidditch. I have no clue if they still run a zone, but it would be fun to match up against another good zone team."

Baylor and Minnesota will square off beginning at 9:40 a.m. Saturday on pitch No. 4. The Bears will continue at 1 p.m. against Rensselaer Quidditch on pitch No. 8, 5 p.m. against the Silicon Valley Skrewts on pitch No. 1 and 7:40 p.m. against Maryland on pitch No. 3.

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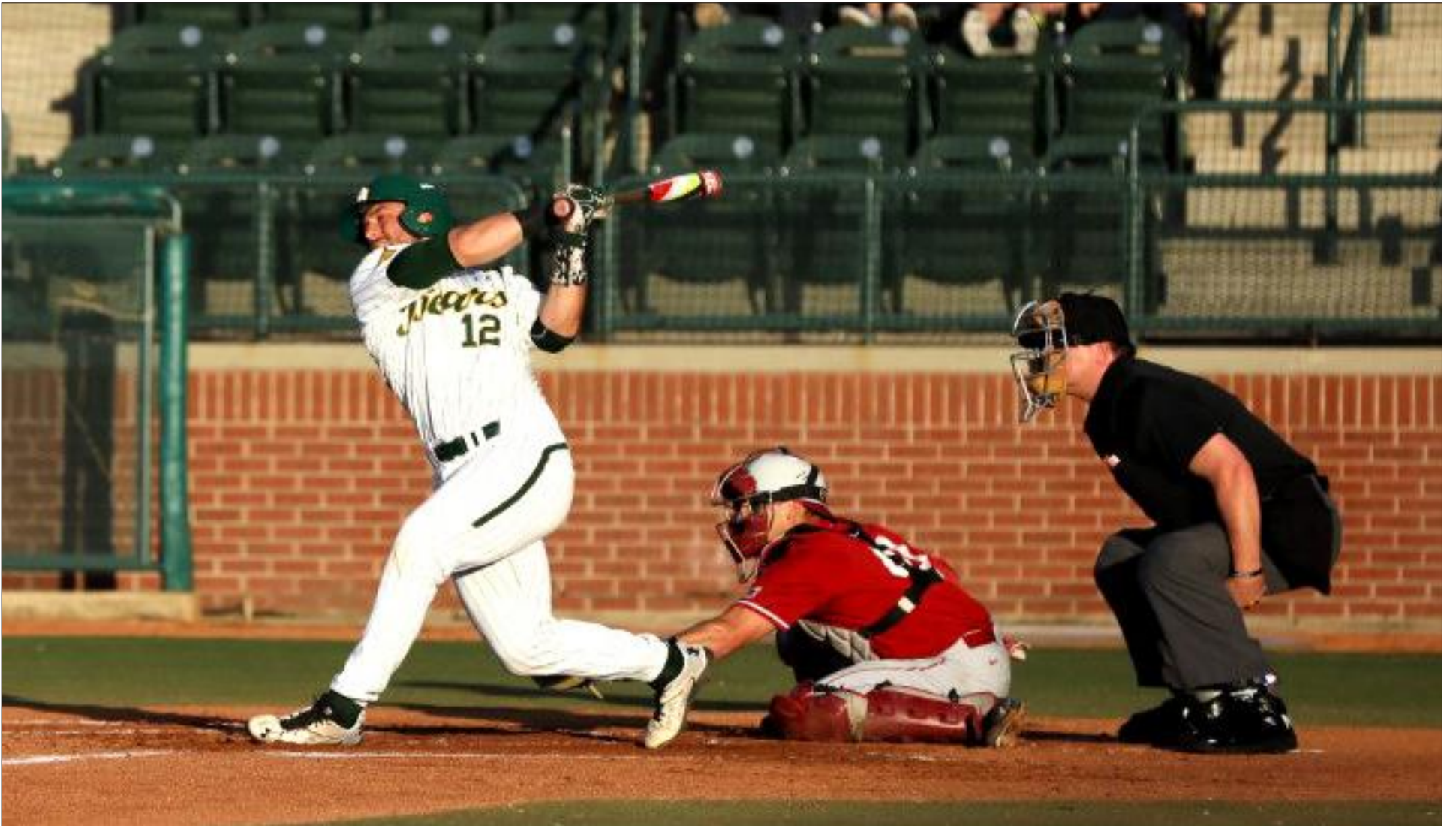
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SWINGING THEMSELVES INTO CONFERENCE PLAY Baylor designated hitter Matt Menard swings at a pitch in a game against the Oklahoma Sooners on March 24 in Waco. Baylor lost the game 11-3. Baylor is 2-4 on the season and hopes to turn things around this weekend against Texas Tech.

Bears face Red Raiders in weekend series

BEN EVERETT
Sports Writer

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 going play by play. We’ve talked to our guys about focusing on the moment and executing 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 on the road. We’re going to get out 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 at their place, 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 Sam Houston State in a midweek game on Tuesday.

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