Bridges connects international BU students

RYLEE SEAVERS  Staff Writer

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'It's On Us' is moving toward openness

COLUMN

Volunteer at the Humane Society, because why not?

MOLLY ATCHISON

Opinion Editor

Every few weeks, I find myself thinking “Gosh, I would love to have a dog!” Then I’m reminded of the fact that I am a double major who works part time and is involved in several clubs, including a sorority. I have so little free time left, much less time to care for a pet. Despite my acceptance of this decision, and at risk of losing the only other dog I have ever had, I agreed to join my roommate when she suggested we volunteer at the Humane Society of Central Texas. Now I’m obsessed — Not only are the dogs the perfect fit for our active animal addiction, but the staff and the facilities are amazing. The people at the Humane Society care to touch every animal they raise, and it shows through how they keep their buildings and how attentive they are to each guest (and volunteer) that walks through their doors.

Not only do I encourage all of you dog lovers to go and love a pet, but the staff and the facilities are dedicated to saving the lives of abandoned and abused dogs. For more information about how to get involved, visit the Humane Society’s website at http://humanesocietycentraltexas.org/about-us.

I get it — life is crazy, and sometimes you just can’t make the time. But if you value your pets, your friends and family, and your future inanimate friends at the shelter really value the time volunteers spend there. It makes the difference between life and death, and gives the dogs their shot to find homes and become happy, consistent love and attention they deserve. Even if it’s for a short time span, it’s still better than none at all.

You get to see puppies and rescue some in love with their next owner, and you get to help an organization that truly needs assistance. The Humane Society of Central Texas and all its workers are truly dedicated to saving the lives of abandoned and abused dogs. They don’t turn a dog away and I don’t think they want to. So get out puppy — it’s helpful and therapeutic, too.

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Associated Press

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He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28:6

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Megan Harper
Graduate Apprentice for traditional programs, Student Activities

Thursday, April 13 | Dr Pepper® Hour
3 p.m. A Baylor tradition since 1953, enjoy a Dr Pepper® float and catch up with friends in the Baptist Student Union Lounge or at Robinson Tower on the 6th floor.

Thursday, April 13 | Baylor Baseball vs. Texas
6:55 p.m. Baylor Baseball will take on the Texas Longhorns at the Baylor Ballpark. Admission is free with student ID.

Thursday, April 13 – Saturday, April 15 | 2017 NCEA Championship
Various. Baylor Equestrian, Big XII Champions, will compete in the 2017 National Collegiate Equestrian Association (NCEA) Championship at Extraco Events Center in Waco. Admission is free. Follow @baylorEQ on Twitter for the latest schedule and bracket information.

Friday, April 14 – Monday, April 17 | Easter Break
All day. Enjoy a safe and restful Easter with family and friends, Bears!

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What’s Happening on Campus?

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ASTRID GALVAN
Associated Press

NOGALES, Ariz. — Attorney General Jeff Sessions toured the U.S.-Mexico border Tuesday and unveiled a series of changes under President Donald Trump, but he also made the announcement in the middle of a large-scale push to rid American cities and towns of all drug smuggling activity.

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Sessions defended Trump’s proposed border wall, saying it

“will be another tool to fight illegal immigration efforts within the Justice Department and other branches of government to punish and shut border crossings.

He also returned to a common theme from the Trump campaign by saying drug cartels and human smugglers are turning American cities into “war zones” by exploiting illegal immigrants.

“All persons involved, or those who shelter them, will face criminal charges,” he said.

“War zones” by raping and killing women and children.”

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LOVING THE COMMUNITY “Locals Only” night at the Magnolia Market Silos is an event that is free and open to Waco residents only. The event will take place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and will feature live music, shopping, food trucks and an Easter egg hunt for children.

CAROLINE BENTLEY

Magnolia Market will host its "Locals Only" night at the Silos for Wacoans today. The event will take place from 6 to 8:30 p.m and is free for and only open for Waco residents.

Magnolia Market has taken Waco by storm over the past few years and has brought hundreds of thousands of tourists to Waco, according to Erica Reichman. "It’s been really cool to see Waco grow and people love the way for citywide growth, local residents are not as thrilled about the boom as others."

"Magnolia is a great place for the family to spend quality time together. That’s something we really try to make sure happens with Magnolia Market," said Morgan London, sales associate at Magnolia. "The Locals Only night is a way for Magnolia (Market) to give back to the community that we love to share and let them know they are valued and that Magnolia loves Waco."

"Locals Only" is a night designed for Waco residents to come to Magnolia Market without any tourists. The night features live music, shopping, food trucks and an Easter egg hunt for children at 6:30 p.m. There is no entrance fee for the event.

"We love Waco and the people who helped us build Magnolia," said Emmie Weddell, sales associate at Magnolia. "Sometimes the words "thank you" don’t do it justice. We are so excited for Locals Only and to have our neighbors celebrating each other and right beside us."

"The Waco I began Baylor at and the Waco I currently live in are like night and day," said Austin senior Rico Rondinone. "It’s been really cool to see Waco grow and people love Waco the way I do. I’m excited for Locals Only mainly because they want to see any tourist, which is pretty rare to see at Magnolia.”

Other than the Magnolia Market Silos, The Gaines’ recently acquired the traditional Elite Cafe to turn into a southern brunch café. In addition to Elite Cafe and hundreds of thousands of tourists to Waco.

"As a sales associate, I’m really excited to see the Waco community come together. But as a student and resident of Waco, I really do feel they do care and are trying to appreciate from Magnolia. It shows that they do care and are trying to work,” London said.

For more information regarding “Locals Only”, or to find out more about the Magnolia Market, visit their website at https://shop.magnoliamarket.com or call 254-325-6111.

This week in Waco:

>> Today

7:30 p.m. — Baylor Campus Orchestra. Free admission. Roxy Grove Hall.

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

7:30 p.m. — Baylor Opera. $10-$15. Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center.

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6:30-9 p.m. — Dinner at the Farm, 560 The Homegrown Farm, 2336 Hamilton Drive.

>> Saturday

9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Waco Downtown Farmers Market, 5th St. & Washington Avenue.
The Baylor offense started strong with sophomore outfielder T.J. Raguse reaching first on a single down the middle. Senior designated hitter Matt Woroch’s potential hit was snagged at the mound by junior third baseman Austin Kettler. Woroch was called out after Sam Houston State pitcher Dominic Robinson, who initiated the double play, retired both runners.

On allowed one hit in the second inning before being replaced by sophomore Alex Phillips in the third.

At the bottom of the third, sophomore catcher Jonathan Tipton drove Robinson home on a single and a sac-bunt but was called out after Sam Houston State second baseman Lance Mills unfolded the hidden ball trick to tag him.

Raguse head coach Steve Rogers walked out to the umpire to protest the call, but the call was confirmed. In the bottom of the fourth, senior first baseman Aaron Dodson attempted to score on a double from freshman third baseman Dylan Wendel, but was stopped just short of home plate by Sam Houston State junior right fielder Brandt Rojas as the Bearkats preserved a 2-2 deadlock.

Junior catcher Joe Hainline came out to the mound to replace Phillips in the fifth. The Bears failed to convert the hit in since once again in the fifth inning, this time with junior designated hitter Tucker Cascadden on third and Roger on first. After Massey fouled it off, Rodriguez put in sophomore righty Kyle Hill to replace Heinsohn.

With the bases loaded, Hill walked the batter to drive in a run to the Bearkats and make it a 3-2 game. Hill proceeded to walk the next batter as the Bearkats tied the game at 4-4. Rodriguez replaced Hill from the mound with sophomore pitcher Hendren Kerter.

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Kerter managed one out but walked another batter to give Sam Houston State the 5-4 lead. Kerter then recorded a strikeout to end the inning with no further damage.

In the eighth, Sam Houston State’s Rick Forrester singled and scored on the next at bat from Lance Mills to put the Bearkats up 6-4.

In the ninth, Rodriguez sent in senior reliever Drew Robertson. Robertson managed two outs before giving up a solo home run to Carolina. Dury played out the game to put the Bearkats up 6-5.

The Bears look to bounce back as they take on Texas in a weekend series. The first game is at 10:30 p.m. Thursday at Baylor Ballpark.
Softball veterans, freshmen rise to challenges

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

Baylor softball has tied its best start in program history. The No. 13 Lady Bears are 35-6 overall with an 8-1 record in Big 12 play. Head coach Glenn Moore has relied heavily on his seniors to set the pace for the team this season. Pitcher/Relief pitcher Kelsee Selman has been tremendous for the Lady Bears this season in the circle. She has posted an 18-3 record with a 1.32 earned run average (ERA) in 127 1/3 innings of work. Opponents are hitting just .182 against her and she has struck out 126 to just 23 walks.

Infielder/infielder/positional savant Lindsey Cargill has been nearly unstoppable at the plate for the Lady Bears. She is hitting .484 and leads the team in on-base percentage at .529. She leads the offense with three triples and 38 runs scored, eight more than sophomore outfielder Kyla Walker’s 30.

Cargill is also problematic for defenses because she doesn’t get herself out and is incredibly hard to strike out, only going down on strikes in 124 at-bats.

Cargill, who recorded six hits in last weekend’s sweep of Iowa State, has currently hit safely in 19 consecutive games, which is tied for most in school history.

Baylor freshman right-handed pitcher Shelby McGlaun has started her first season off with a bang, hitting eight home runs, and has a 6-2 record with an earned run average of 1.95.

“Shelby McGlaun is a freshman, but she’s not holding back. Cheryl (Castner) is doing a great job of getting her ready and developing her with the other senior team members,” Moore said. “She is just trying to do her part in moving runners around the bases and providing opportunities for the team to score.”

McGlaun leads the team with eight home runs and is second with 28 runs driven in. She is hitting .286 on the season, but Moore believes that her average is not an accurate indicator of how good a hitter McGlaun has been this season.

“I can do a lot of different things,” Moore said. “She has the size and the strength to hit the ball hard and is probably one of the most snake-bit hitters that we’ve had in a while. I’m a big believer in the law of averages, and they’ll start falling more often for her.”

McGlaun has also served as the team’s No. 3 starter in the circle. She has posted a 6-2 record in 16 appearances with an ERA of 1.95 in 57 1/3 innings.

Ellis’ versatility has been on display this season for Baylor. She has seen time mostly at shortstop but also at second base and catcher for the Lady Bears. She is hitting .278 in 72 at-bats, contributing 20 hits, three doubles, driven in 11 runs and scored 16 times.

“Every game, you see the kid grow. She plays hard,” Moore said. “She is playing very mature ball right now. I certainly like what she’s doing. We’ve asked a lot of her.”

Rettig, who has started all but one game in left field for Baylor, has been extremely efficient offensively. Rettig is fourth on the team in batting average, hitting .375 with .436 on-base percentage and .578 slugging percentage.

Moore said Ellis has matured immensely as a player throughout the course of the season and is playing excellently in Baylor’s recent stretch.

“Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

As the Lady Bears hit the home stretch of their season, which includes weekend series against the top two teams in the Big 12, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, and push for postseason play, Moore will need both his veteran leaders and his young talent to be hitting on all cylinders.

Baylor will take on Texas State at 6 p.m. today in San Marcos. They will then be off this weekend before hosting a midweek doubleheader with Houston beginning at 4 p.m. next Tuesday.

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