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Enforcing Safety at Baylor

Department of Public Safety reorganizes, enhances BU police force

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Staff Writer

An external review of the Baylor Police Department by Margolis Healy & Associates resulted in the reorganization and enhancement of the Baylor University Police Department, including the hiring of a new police chief.

Baylor's vice president for facilities and operations, Brian Nicholson, sent an email to students, faculty and staff Wednesday afternoon with information about improvements Baylor's Department of Public Safety has made since commissioning the review.

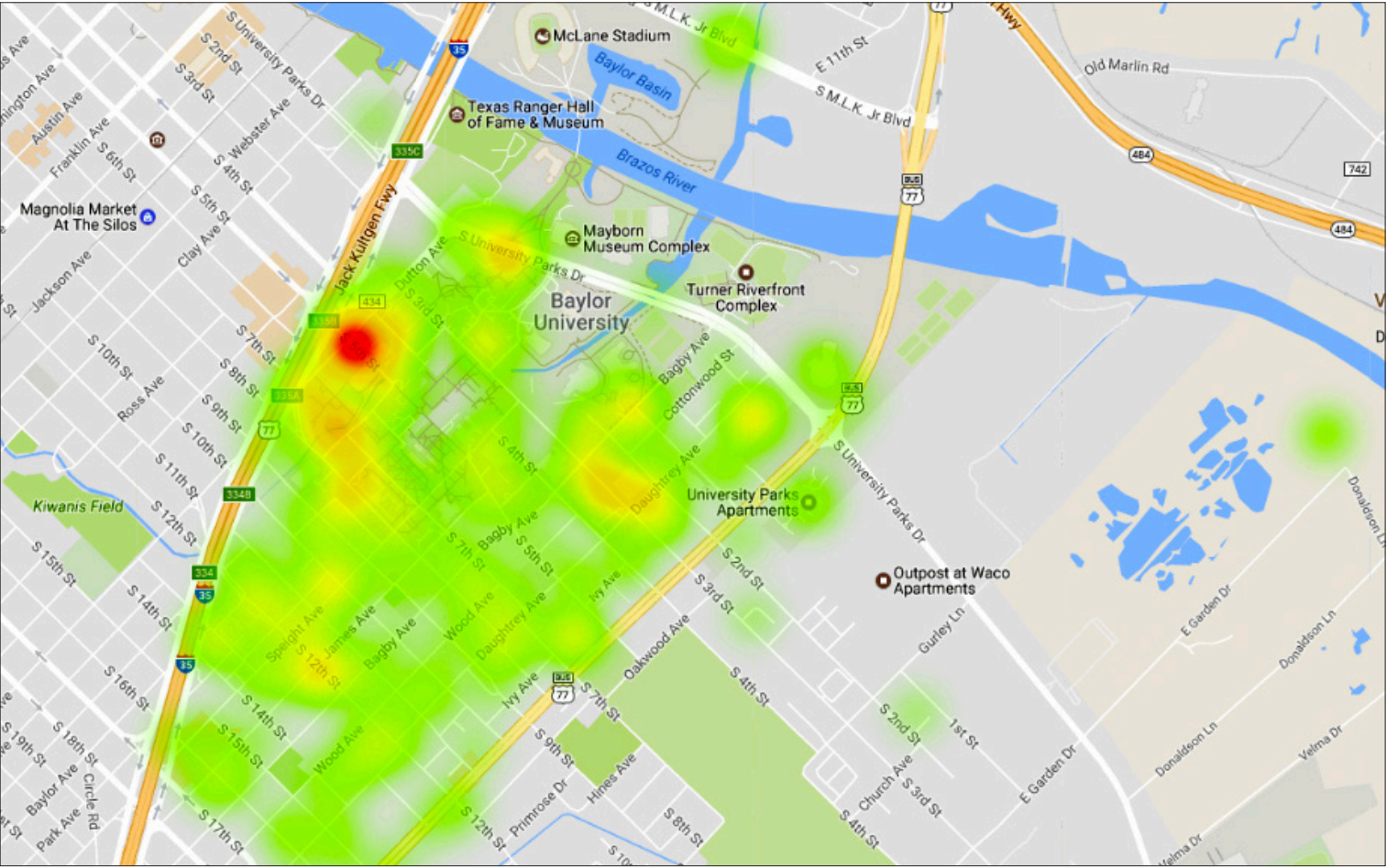
"One of our critical goals is to ensure the campus community is up to date with [Baylor University Department of Public Safety's] latest accomplishments and current projects, which demonstrates our commitment to protecting the students, faculty and staff at Baylor University," said Mark Childers, associate vice president for public safety and security.

Some of the improvements mentioned in the email include adding 11 commissioned officers and two dispatchers to its professional staff of 38 officers and 10 dispatchers, making the department the third-largest law enforcement agency in McLennan County.

Since 2014, Baylor has also hired a full-time Clery Act compliance manager and Clery Act associate to assist with compiling the university's Annual Fire Safety and Security Report, which is available online. The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act, passed in 1990, requires all colleges and universities that receive federal funding to share information about crime on campus and efforts to improve campus safety, according to the Clery Act's website.

The email also lists solidifying their partnership with the Waco Police Department by

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Graphic by Didi Martinez | Digital Managing Editor

DOCUMENTING CRIME This heat map shows crime frequency and crime "hot spots" based off geographical area on and around the Baylor campus. The information is according to the Campus Crime and Fire Log. The red area on the map is near Penland Residence Hall, which was the site of Tulsa, Okla., sophomore Tyler Traino's bike theft, as well as other reports.

Crime log analysis reveals trends in reports to Baylor police

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Since Jan. 1, the Baylor Police Department has received more than 314 crime reports, according to the university's Campus Crime and Fire Log.

The log on the Baylor Department of Public Safety's website details crimes or alleged crimes and fire incidents occurring within the police department's jurisdiction. This is in compliance with the Clery Act, which regulates campus crime policy.

Based on analysis and mapping of the Campus Crime and Fire Log, the Lariat has found the five most common crimes reported this semester were as follows:

1. Criminal Mischief
2. Burglary of Motor Vehicle
3. Alcohol — Public Intoxication
4. Harassment
5. Criminal Trespass of Property

The data collected from the log was compiled regardless of whether

the report's status had changed or was referred to another department or agency.

A heat map generated from the log's data shows various "crime hot spots" reported to the Baylor University Police Department. The location with the most alleged criminal activity is along Dutton Avenue and S. Fifth Street. Baylor

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Baylor tuition increase rate locked in at 4 percent for school years to come

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Baylor's tuition rate will stay a set percent increase of 4 percent beginning in the 2018-19 academic year, which completes the tuition step-down plan originally implemented in 2013, said Lori Fogleman, Assistant Vice President for Media Relations

and Crisis Communications.

The plan, originally proposed by student leadership and implemented by the Board of Regents, has seen a 2.25 percent decrease in tuition hikes over the past four years, Fogleman said.

The tuition hikes were at a steady 6.5 percent increase before the plan was implemented. For the 2017-18 academic year, students taking at

least 12 hours will pay \$19,805 for the fall and spring semesters.

As it stands, student enrollment has increased by 8.6 percent since fall 2013. With that growth in mind, Port Barre, La., senior and Student Body President Lindsey Bacque said she hopes Baylor can provide all students with what they need.

"As the student body grows, we need more resources and amenities

to provide them with," Bacque said.

Bacque noted it can be difficult to meet these students' needs due to the financial strains put on the university by the growing student body.

As the student body grows, Baylor needs more resources, and because Baylor needs more resources, it needs more money to purchase these

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Downtown Waco to improve sidewalks

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With tourist attractions like Magnolia Market at the Silos bringing in 25,000 to 35,000 visitors each week, as the city of Waco reported in 2016, Waco's downtown area is seeing a lot more traffic than it's used to.

One area seeing the wear and tear downtown is sidewalks. The Waco Tribune-Herald reported that the city of Waco does not regularly maintain or fix sidewalks with the understanding that property owners have the responsibility to maintain the sidewalks next to their property.

The downtown Public Improvement District board has noticed these downtown maintenance needs that are not being met and has proposed an agreement in which the city of Waco would bring the sidewalks, lights and trees up to date. After that, the Public

Improvement District would takeover the maintenance.

"The committee's main priorities for direct action in 2017 are security and maintenance of downtown," the public improvement service and assessment plan for 2017 states. "It also prioritizes the [Public Improvement District's] advocacy of East-West River Improvements and connection behind the Hilton; sidewalks, lighting and maintenance; and the conversion of Franklin and Washington to two-way traffic."

In that plan, the budget directs \$126,04 for landscape and maintenance to maintain sideways, paved alleys, planters and debris removal.

In a press conference last month, Waco mayor Kyle Deaver discussed the city's economic growth and how Fixer Upper has impacted the city.



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EDITORIAL

Bring more equality to PawPrints’ pricing

Of the many tools Baylor provides its students, PawPrints is one of the technologies we depend on most.

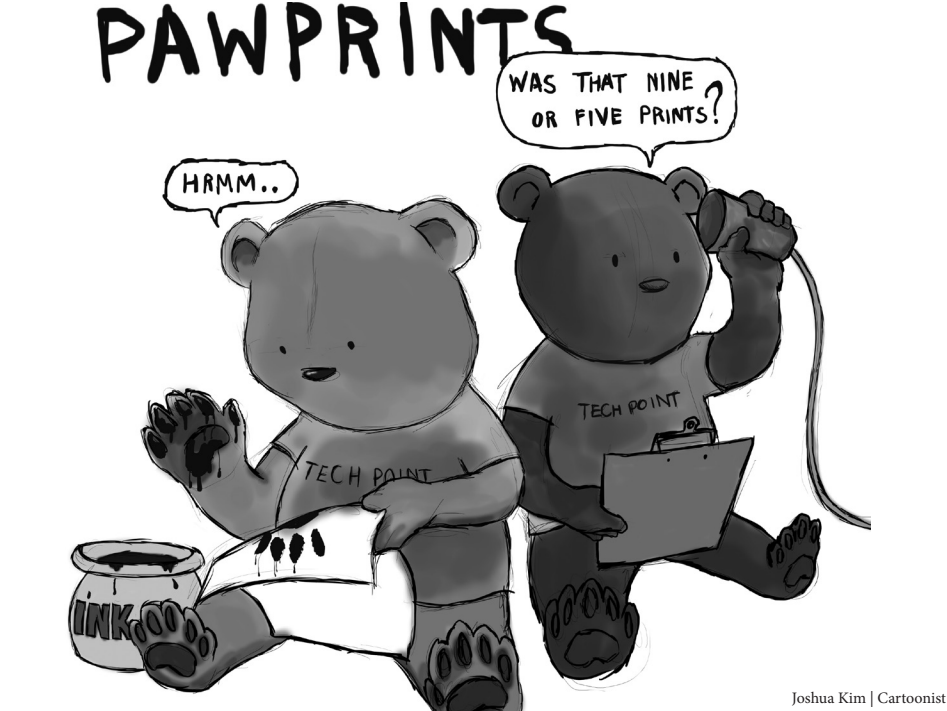
Those who don’t have personal printers or need to print while on campus are able to use Wi-Fi to print to any public printers on campus. This helpful tool is meant to be accessible for all students but currently gives preference to specific majors.

The policies listed on the PawPrints webpage list the allowances for students. Undergraduate students receive 400 pages per semester, while graduate students receive 600 pages. The larger amount for grad students is due to the need to print in-depth papers and readings that are required for their programs.

There are specific undergraduate majors who are allotted more printing as well, specifically business majors. They are charged an extra fee of 25 dollars to have 21 dollars more in PawPrints than the average student, as well as access to certain computer labs. That option is not available to other students.

Those who go over their printing amount must pay for each page, dollar for dollar, while business majors have a cheaper deal by purchasing more printing dollars in bulk.

All majors should have the option to purchase an extra amount of PawPrints for less than the dollar amount, especially those with heavy printing needs, such as education, history



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

and science.

If there are not viable options for more fair printing, the departments that determine their students need more printing dollars should portion more of their budget toward printing, or more earth-friendly readings and assignments

via computer readable PDFs.

Aside from printing equality, PawPrints could use a few updates. The online and installed PawPrints do not show when a printer is out of order or is severely backed up. You can often find students lined up behind a printer, staring

blankly at each other as one person attempts to unjam a printer they have no knowledge of how to use.

If a virtual alert or block was put on the printer until it becomes usable again, printing would be less stressful.

Additionally, that could potentially allow for technology supervisors to know when printers have stopped working, instead of requiring someone to call or alert them in person.

Another issue with the printing system is that there is no way to recall a document that is stuck in a long queue or is lost in cyberspace until a printer gets back up and running.

Not only can the information being printed have sensitive information on it, the money is also gone after you press print, regardless of whether the printer is working.

Many times, the machine will print the paper once it begins to work again, and many times students have already moved on to a working machine or to their next class, only to have their information sitting in a tray where they originally tried to print.

PawPrints is not something that students tend to take for granted, but the system could use a little bit more attention and some updates to have it be the useful tool it is meant to be.

Equality in printing prices, updated interfaces and some printer TLC could go a long way for the beloved PawPrints system.

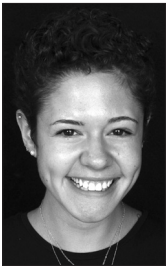
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Why (or why not) to watch Netflix’s ‘13 Reasons Why’

It’s meant to be heavy; that’s why we love it

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About two or three weeks ago, “13 Reasons Why” took over the Netflix world. Everywhere I went, at least two or three nearby conversations that I picked up on were about the show and how intense and addicting



it was. I read the book when I was in middle school and remembered it being really good and really impactful.

So I paused “Gilmore Girls” and decided to watch this show. It’s only 13 episodes, so why not?

In a nutshell, “13 Reasons Why” focuses on Hannah Baker, a high school student that commits suicide in the first episode.

She left behind a series of tapes, each one numbered as a reason why she did it. The tapes were given to the people who were on the tapes, and the show focuses on Clay Jensen, one of the final reasons on a tape.

Each episode drew me in more and more as I got more and more curious about what juicy story each tape would contain. I found myself getting frustrated with Clay, like much of the world, for taking so long to get through the tapes. I put everything in my life on pause because I wanted to know what happened to Hannah Baker.

For the final episode, I found myself sitting in my room at 1 a.m. crying hysterically because of how graphic, how heartbreaking and how real this show was and the message behind it.

Sure, it’s a trend. It’s cool to watch “13 Reasons” right now and discuss our impatience with Clay and our curiosity for what happened at Jessica’s party. But as I sat in my dark, empty room with my face stained with tears, I got hit in the face with the reality of this show. I saw me and my brothers and my friends in several characters, and I connected with the situations.

My stomach twisted into lots of tiny knots as I realized how vulnerable I was in this

moment — because we are living in a world of Hannah Bakers, but none of us care to admit it because we’re so caught up in the gossip behind the tapes, not the heart that got broken in the making of the tapes.

According to Pacer, the National Bullying Prevention Center, more than one out of every five students report being bullied and 64 percent of children who were bullied did not report it. Here’s what’s heartbreaking: More than half of all bullying situations stop when a peer intervenes and says something.

Imagine that, just stepping in and saying something could stop over half of all bullying situations, bullying situations that make students 2.2 times more likely to think about suicide and 2.6 times more likely to attempt suicide than those that aren’t bullied, according to Pacer.

All of us who have watched it, whether we flew through the show in a day or two or we’re still in the process of watching, should pick up on the message and do something about it.

Stop defining people by their body parts, stop victimizing people because they’re different than you, stop thinking you have control over other people and stop using such harsh words when there’s no need for them. Plain and simple, stop being mean.

The show is heavy. It has lots of deeper stories intertwined with Hannah Baker’s reasons why she committed suicide. The show is entirely relatable and the characters might as well be real people who exist.

Let’s face it: People send pictures they shouldn’t send. People demean others with sexual slander, and people find awful ways to ensure their dominance. But this show is begging us to stop.

So as we tell our friends and co-workers and teammates to watch it because it’s such a good show and so addicting, let’s also tell them to pay attention to all the smaller details and listen to the cry for help that “13 Reasons Why” is sending out.

It’s more than a trendy show — it’s quite possibly the best way of sending a message to the people that need to hear it most.

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They don’t give any alternatives to suicide

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In the days following the release of “13 Reasons Why,” my social media channels were inundated with opinions, reactions and memes related to the show.

However, the discussions surrounding the show were not all positive, and the debates that followed about the difficult topics were divisive.

While some people argued that the show taught them to ask for help when they need it and be kind to others, others said that the show stumbled with many flaws that prevented it from achieving the success it could have.

One definite result of the show is an increase of public awareness about suicide. Selena Gomez, an executive producer on the show and owner of the most followed account on Instagram, has used her platforms to speak out about her own mental health struggles in the past.

Gomez and two other cast members even got semicolon tattoos, a symbol used by Project Semicolon as part of their anti-suicide campaign.

However, the awareness is remarkably ineffective if it is not paired with equally important messages on the alternatives to suicide.

The show never mentions the idea of mental health and depression, which consequently excludes mentions of the possibility of recovery.

Even though depression and other mental health struggles manifest differently for every person, it would have been worth mentioning that suicide is often complicated and often involves multiple factors.

The show instead relies on an accompaniment released by Netflix called “Beyond the Reasons” and a partner website to provide resources rather than demonstrating them in action throughout the episodes.

I think a direct listing of resources at the end of each episode instead with numbers for mental health hotlines and other web-based resources would have been more effective.

An additional problem I saw in the show is that the adults like the school counselors and parents come across as out of touch and uninvolved.

While this may have been intentional to force the audience to build a connection with the teen characters, some are concerned that it may have been too effective.

Dan Reidenberg, the executive director for Suicide Awareness Voices of Education, told ABC News that they are worried about an increase in suicides if students over-identify with Hannah.

Many who may over-identify with Hannah could be more vulnerable to the negative ideas within the show.

For this reason, I applaud Netflix for the trigger warnings that they put at the beginning of the more graphic final episodes. However, I never saw them when I watched the show.

One simple change that I would have liked to see from the creators would be a narration of the warning while it is shown on screen.

While the trigger warnings may not have caused me to stop watching the show, but the additional moment of pause that a trigger warning demands is worth the extra effort.

While the producers said that they were intentional about making the show painful to watch, the depth of pain created in the scenes that depict rape, suicide and other damaging events is not matched by resources to combat the problem.

Discussing the issues that are at the core of the show without adding to the stigma that already exists is difficult. Even more care must be taken when depicting actual methods of suicide.

This larger problem requires more engagement than binge-watching and tweets, and there are resources available to aid in this task.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available 24 hours every day at 1-800-273-8255.

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Bullet train to speed into Texas

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Travel time between the Houston metro area and the North Texas metro area will be significantly reduced due to a new form of transportation, the Texas Bullet Train.

According to the Texas Bullet Train website, project construction could begin as early as late 2018.

“Right now, Texas engineers, architects and environmental experts are designing and planning construction of the Texas Bullet Train,” Holly Reed, managing director of external affairs at Texas Central Partners, LLC, wrote in an email to the Lariat. “The designs and specifications these experts are developing support the ongoing regulatory approval process.”

Studies on the bullet train show that in addition to significant time savings, the bullet train will offer extensive ridership potential, according to a Texas Central press release. Nearly 12.8 million people live within an hour of a proposed bullet train station, according to the Texas Central website. The study of the market size demonstrated a strong demand for a high-speed train. Almost 25 percent of all trips between North Texas and Houston are expected to be on the bullet train by 2026, which is nearly 5 million passengers, according to the press release.

“The ridership study by L.E.K. Consulting was conducted to provide a window into the massive and growing market for the 90-minute, 240-mile trip between North Texas and Houston, with a midway stop in the Brazos Valley,” Reed wrote in an email. “Previous studies validated this strong demand, now we’re focused on learning what riders want in their bullet train and how this service can best meet the market’s demands. Texans want to save time when they travel, they want travel choice, and they want to improve their travel experience – and they’ve told us so.”

Traveling on the bullet train would be 70 minutes faster than traveling by car and 50 minutes faster than traveling by plane, according to the press release. In the study, 2,000 residents were surveyed, and over 80 percent said they

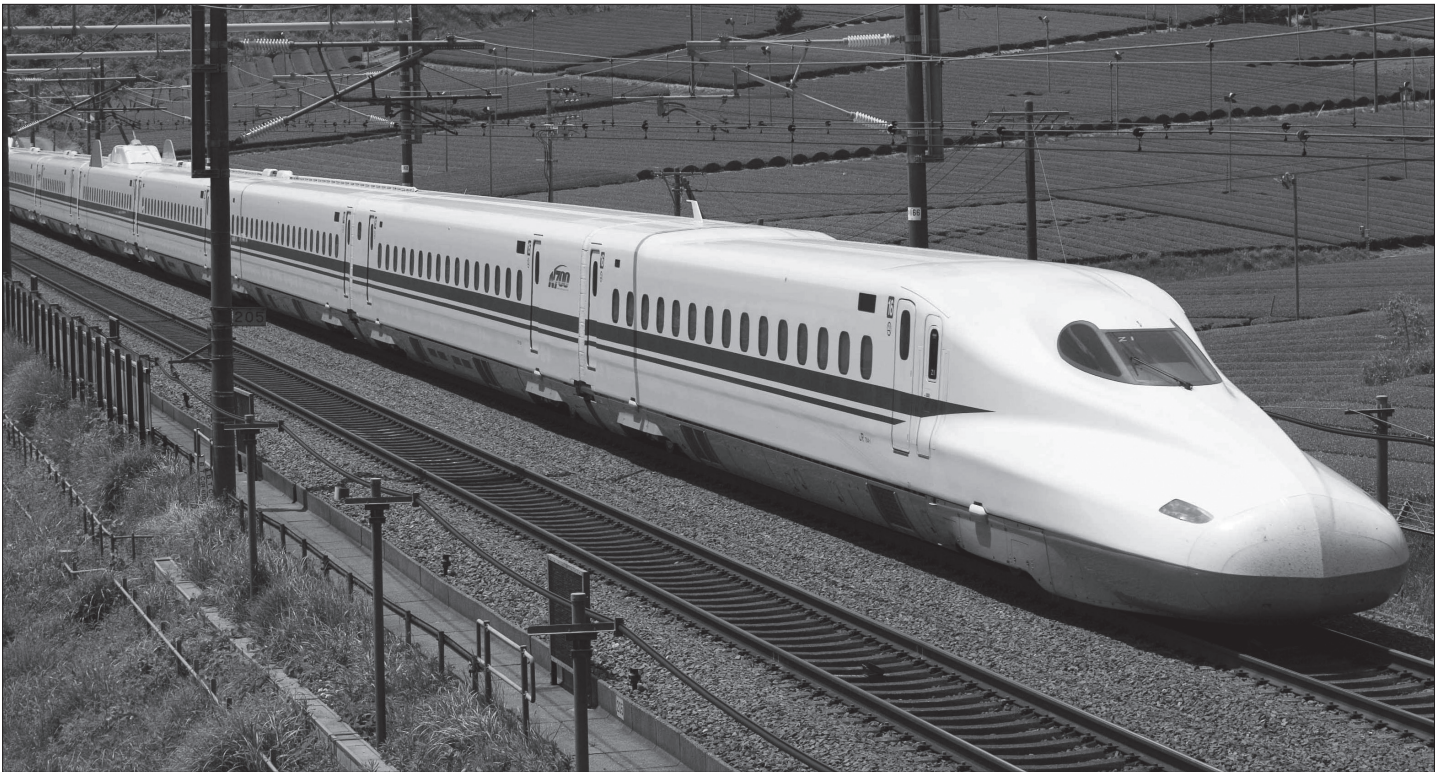


Photo Courtesy of Holly Reed

FAST AS A SPEEDING BULLET The new Texas Bullet Train will utilize the train technology of the Japanese Shinkansen N700-I train, according to Holly Reed, managing director of external affairs at Texas Central Partners, LLC.

would consider using the bullet train. Over 67 percent who have made the trip in the last 12 months would “definitely” use a high speed train on their next trip if it were an option, according to the press release.

According to a recent NBC-Miami article, there are 11 routes in the United States that are considering this technology. These include Florida, Texas, Colorado, Nevada and Missouri, in addition to some of the country’s most congested regions such as Los Angeles-San Diego, Seattle-Portland and Reno-Las Vegas.

“It sounds like a cool plan. I’ll definitely consider it because it will cut down time,” said Scottsdale, Ariz., freshman Haley Everroad. “It will also be good for the environment because it will put down CO2 emissions if more and more people use it.”

Reed said the bullet train will have a

dramatically positive impact on the Texas economy. The bullet train is expected to generate over \$36 billion in economic impact over the next 25 years, though the development and construction of the rail line, maintenance facilities, passenger stations and facilities. The bullet train is expected to create 10,000 direct jobs a year through construction and will employ about 1,000 full time employees once finished, Reed said. The bullet train will also provide permanent tax base revenue, benefiting the state and local economies in all ten counties along the route.

“The bullet train technology coming to Texas is proven to be the safest, most reliable and comfortable high-speed train system in the world,” Reed wrote in an email. “This system has operated for over 50 years in Japan and has never had a crash, a perfect track record of

zero passenger fatalities or injuries due to train accidents.”

In addition to the economic and user-friendly benefits the train brings, it will also be environmentally friendly. Reed said along the train’s projected route, four counties already have air quality non-attainment status. Since this project reduces congestion, the electric-powered trains will provide a cleaner alternative that will help contribute to better air quality over time, Reed said.

“It is exciting to bring this transformational project to Texans, who are demanding a safe, productive and reliable transportation alternative between North Texas and Houston,” Reed wrote in an email. “The bullet train will do for transportation what broadband did for communications: provide on-demand, very high-speed transportation over long distances.”

PawPrints allowances vary due to department funding allocation

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All Baylor students are allotted a certain amount of money toward PawPrints, Baylor’s printing system. However, the amount of money allocated differs between majors.

According to the Baylor PawPrints website, printing costs 7 cents per page for black and white and 28 cents per page for color. Every semester, undergraduate students’ allowance for PawPrints are 400 single-sided pages, and graduate students are given 600 pages. In total allocating \$28 for most undergraduate students.

“We look at historical student printing and see how much they have printed in the past covering 95 percent of the student body printing, and that is how we came up with the \$28 per student,” Andrew Telep, manager of TechPoint Services at Baylor, said.

Although each student is given \$28 per PawPrints allowance, business majors, anyone taking a business class and graduate students receive more funds. Each department at Baylor has its own printing budget that allows for a certain amount of paper, toner and ink for the printers in its buildings. Therefore, there is not a certain PawPrints budget that can be split among students, Telep said.



Dayday Wynn | Lariat Photographer

INK ON A PAGE PawPrints, Baylor University’s on-campus printing system, allots most undergraduate students \$28 each semester to print materials around campus. Each academic department at the university is given a printing budget that accounts for paper, toner and ink use for the printers in its buildings.

business class, and every department has a different allocation of its budget toward printing.

“Anyone taking a business class pays a technology fee and that is \$25 which gives them access to the technology commons lab and an additional \$21 on their PawPrints which translates to 300 pages one-sided and 600 pages double-sided,” Telep said.

Graduate students and MBA students also get added allowances to their PawPrints.

“Graduate offices have a different type of printing requirement because they are working on their thesis and dissertation. Therefore, they have a different need which adds \$14 to their allowance,” Telep said.

Little Rock, Ark., senior Kira Deaton, an international business major, said Baylor provides \$45 of PawPrints to her every semester. Deaton said she is grateful for the amount given to her, but she doesn’t spend all of it in one semester.

“I never use all of it. I have about \$40

left over every semester, and I feel that the money spent on PawPrints per student can be used on other things,” Deaton said.

Education students are allotted the same amount as most students, \$28 for PawPrints. Clarksville, Tenn., freshman McKenzie Maynard is studying secondary education for social studies and said she believes education majors should get more money for PawPrints because of the amount of printing they have to do.

“I have used most of my PawPrints and I am down to \$6 until the end of the semester,” Maynard said.

According to the PawPrints website, if students spend more than their allowance, their PawPrints balance will appear negative, and the balance will be charged to their student account.

“As an education major, we have to create lesson plans and print them along with PowerPoints and worksheets. When you start to teach, you have to provide all of these things for the students and the printing comes out of your money,” Maynard said.

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Mckenzie Maynard |
Clarksville, Tenn., freshman

Several students wonder why business majors are given more money for PawPrints than those in other majors. Telep said the reason behind this is because there is a fee applied to anyone taking a

Senate bill to ensure equal marriage access

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Texas Senate Bill 522 has been sent to the Texas House of Representatives after being passed by the Texas Senate on April 12. The bill ensured equal access to marriage licenses for all couples and allows county clerks to delegate the issuance of a marriage license to a deputy clerk, judge, magistrate or certifying official if they have notified the commissioners court of a “sincerely held religious belief” in writing.

The bill was passed with bipartisan support, according to a press release, and was co-authored by one Democratic and four Republican Texas Senators.

The bill states that if there are not enough authorized people in a county willing to issue marriage licenses, the commissioner’s court will designate one or more county employees or contract an outside person who does not work for the county to issue the licenses. A person, other than a county clerk, who has the authority to issue marriage licenses, complete paperwork or administer oaths is designated as a “certifying official.”

Under SB 522, an authorized person who refuses to issue a marriage license cannot be subject to penalty unless they are objecting for a prohibited reason, which includes race, religion or national origin. SB 522 also amends the Family Code to include the phrase “certifying official.”

“In recognizing the right of same-sex couples to marry in light of the Supreme Court decision in Obergefell v. Hodges, Birdwell’s legislation provides clerks and judges specified, statutory authority under the protections afforded by Article 1, Section 4 of the Texas Constitution, which guarantees that ‘no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office’ and that no one can ‘be excluded from holding



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

LACE AND LOVE Texas Senate Bill 522 seeks to ensure access to marriage licenses by allowing county clerks to appoint another certifying official to issue marriage licenses due to a written account of “sincerely held religious belief.” Some see this bill, which passed the Texas Senate last week, as providing religious freedom, while others see it as a violation of separation of church and state.

office on account of [their] religious sentiments,” the press release states. Carmen Saenz, director of InterWaco-LGBTQ, said that for her, this issue comes down to separation of church and state. She believes there is a problem whenever someone brings their religious convictions into a job that serves a public office. “If you choose to work for the county, then you are obligated to treat

everyone the same, period, and follow the law,” Saenz said. Saenz said she believes SB 522 promotes taxpayer funded discrimination and does not ensure equal treatment under the law. She said when a person holds a job that is funded by the people, they need to represent all the people. “I have a problem with a government entity using their

religious conviction to take away the rights of anybody,” Saenz said. Longview senior Marivious Allen, co-chair of Baylor College Republicans and vice-chair of the Texas Federation of College Republicans, said he supports the bill because he believes that it upholds the constitution and ensures religious freedom. Allen said he does not believe

that SB 522 creates an issue with separation of church and state, and there needs to be a wall of separation between church and state to ensure that certain religious beliefs are not imposed on others. “We are citizens of the state first, and church is just part of our salvation,” Allen said. No date has been set for public hearing.

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resources, which means it needs more students to enroll, Bacque said. Dr. Reagan Ramsower, senior vice president and chief operating officer at Baylor, is responsible for determining and proposing the annual budget to the Board of Regents. These tuition funds are majorly responsible for the university’s

ability to function, with two-thirds of all revenue coming from tuition, or roughly \$600 million out of the \$915 million in revenue as reported on Baylor’s 2014 990 form. Students have an option to mitigate some of the effects of the tuition increases beginning their freshman year with the Guaranteed Tuition

Option as outlined by the university’s student financial services’ site. “The 2017-18 Guaranteed Tuition Option is designed with the intention of providing a material discount to undergraduate students who elect to participate,” the financial services’ site says. “The actual value of the benefit will depend on how tuition rates are set by the University over the next three years, but an undergraduate’s savings is projected to be \$2,000-\$3,000 over the four-year enrollment period.”

These savings do not include fees, however. For the 2016-17 academic years, fees totaled to \$4,180 per student enrolled in 12 hours or more. At 16,959 enrolled students, this equals out to a little over \$70 million. As to where these funds are dispersed, the records are not publicly available. The allocated fees, however, can be seen in bits and pieces. Student government, for example, is given a \$215,000 annual budget, said Arlington junior Marcus Maurer, student government finance chair. Maurer said the student government allocation fund is a percentage of the annual student fee budget, where all the student fees are brought together and distributed accordingly. The allocation fund varies based on student enrollment and the fee for that academic year.

While students face continually increasing tuition prices and fees, Baylor might be directly affected by Senate Bill 1092. As previously reported by the Lariat, Senate Bill 1092, proposed by State Sen. Kel Sigler (R-Amarillo), requires any university receiving more than \$5 million in Tuition Equalization Grant money to comply with open meeting and executive session laws, regardless of private or public status. Interim President David Garland testified at a Texas Senate Higher Education Committee meeting in March, saying that 2,943 Baylor students receive aid from the Tuition Equalization Grant, 1,597 of which are from minority populations and 962 are first-generation college students, as previously reported by the Lariat.

Religion professor honored with Collins Award

JUNPENG ZHANG
Reporter

Dr. Jonathan Tran was selected as the winner among Baylor senior professors of the 2016-17 academic year for the Collins Outstanding Professor Award. As a recipient, Tran gave a lecture titled “My Life With Students: Wittgensteinian Thoughts on Baylor Students” on Thursday in Kayser Auditorium.



Tran

Tran teaches theology and ethics as an associate professor of religion and serves as faculty steward of the Honors Residential College. His publications include “The Vietnam War and Theologies of Memory: Time and Eternity in the Far Country” and “Foucault and Theology,” along with numerous articles about Christian theology and ethics, linguistic philosophy and political theory.

The Collins Outstanding Professor Award is provided by the Carr P. Collins Foundation to recognize and honor outstanding teachers at Baylor, according to the Baylor website. Baylor’s current senior class elects the award recipient each school year. The Collins professor receives a cash award of \$10,000, recognition in university publications, citation on a plaque and recognition at the spring commencement. The Collins professor also delivers a lecture that will be published and made available to the university community.

Throughout his lecture, Tran talked about his unique interpretation from the quotes he chose to present. One of the quotes was about the relationship between language and world. He said language gives numerous things to the world; however, there are also problems between them. When the way the language works is examined, the pressure of the limit of language is evident.

“The coming of limitation of language limits human beings’ creativity, specifically in two kinds of ways. One, that is the nature of language to progress and advance. The changing of the language like emerging a new language forces our lives to change,” Tran said. “Another problem is that the disappointment we will have is that when we realize we are bound to language, we can simply see it from the first chapter of the Book of Genesis.”

James Bennigohf, vice provost for academic affairs and policy and professor of music theory, said he appreciated the content of Tran’s lecture and was inspired by Tran’s interpretation throughout.

“I thought it was very thought-provoking, and it gives us a lot of things to think about in terms of how we value Baylor and can actually be brought to life as each one of us continues to learn from our faith and journey in our actual life,” Bennigohf said.

Academic Year	Students Enrolled	Tuition Rate Hikes
2010-11	14,900	6.5%
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2011-12	15,029	6.5%
	➔	■
2012-13	15,364	6.5%
	➔	■
2013-14	15,616	6.5%
	➔	➔
2014-15	16,263	5.85%
	➔	➔
2015-16	16,787	5.45%
	➔	➔
2016-17	16,959	4.5%

Source: Baylor Institutional Research and Testing

Gavin Pugh | Editor-in-Chief

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signing a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize the ongoing working relationship between the agencies as an improvement made in the past two years. Childers said the majority of the improvements were strategically developed and implemented by Baylor University Department of Public Safety Command Staff after assessing the then-2014 security posture on campus, visiting Yale and Virginia Tech and reviewing nationwide campus safety and security best

practices. “This initial safety and security assessment, along with the valuable Margolis and Healy recommendations, resulted in the successful development and implementation of a comprehensive and efficient security platform that exists today at Baylor University,” Childers said. Katy sophomore Abby Graeflin said even though she has never felt unsafe on campus, she is very thankful for improvements to make

it even safer. “Since freshman year, I have appreciated how the [Baylor University Police Department] visit dorms, extra curricular and other Baylor-sponsored organizations and events to show their support in keeping our campus safe,” Graeflin said. Graeflin said she appreciated how detailed the email was in explaining each improvement and said it satisfied any questions she may have had about campus safety and the police

department. “I know that I can call the [Baylor University Police Department] if I ever feel unsafe or in harm’s way,” Graeflin said. “Knowing that there are emergency polls on campus that work 24 hours everyday and cameras I believe that [the Baylor University Police Department] is doing a great job. I know that they always put the safety of Baylor’s students first and that means a whole lot to me.”



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

Panel discusses the effects of hypergender roles on society

JOY MOTON
Staff Writer

The Baylor Interdisciplinary Core and Men for Change collaborated to host the final THIS Matters panel discussion Thursday in the Alexander Reading Room.

THIS Matters is a series of conversations connecting leaders with diverse perspectives to offer context to society's most challenging questions. A panel of four faculty members discussed the origins, causes and effects of hypermasculinity and hyperfemininity.

Dr. Mia Moody-Ramirez, associate professor of journalism, public relations and new media, spoke about the effects of mass media on how society views gender.

First, Moody-Ramirez defined femininity as the simple quality of being female. She said hyperfemininity is a more complicated sociological term that describes the tendency for women to rely on men, be passive and ultimately define themselves by how they relate to men.

She added that hypermasculinity depicts a culture where men are overly sexual, more aggressive and less likely to communicate. Moody-Ramirez used the example of films such as "Terminator," "Scarface" and "Fast and the Furious" that promote these views of both gender roles.

Moody-Ramirez said there has been an increase in western culture to defy these cultural norms of gender.

"Men and women are refusing to be defined by the trends of what it means to be a man or a woman," Moody-Ramirez said.

Counter narratives include the Dove campaign which promotes the idea that women can be beautiful at any race, age or size, Moody Ramirez said.

"An important takeaway is that social media plays a prominent role in sharing ideas about these two topics," Moody-

Ramirez said.

Dr. Ed Rogers, psychologist and practicum coordinator in the Baylor Counseling Center, gave a clinical perspective on hypermasculinity.

Rogers said one characteristic of hypermasculinity is the ambition to be an alpha male, or a man who dominates everyone around him.

"Somehow you must be an alpha if you're going to be a successful man," Rogers said.

Rogers asked the audience to consider the costs of that kind of mindset.

Rogers said alpha men attempt to be dominant by putting everybody else around them down. He said this level of constant dominance and aggression normally results in a society where men destroy themselves by constantly tearing each other down.

"This mindset is fundamentally a defense mechanism against fear in our lives of being inferior to people who will come after you," Rogers said.

Rogers said another characteristic of hypermasculinity is controlling and suppressing emotion.

"Whatever is associated with femininity should be avoided, and emotions are viewed as a feminine thing," Rogers said.

Rogers went on to describe the cost of suppressing emotions.

"If you don't know what's hurting you, eventually you're going to do something that harms you because you don't know what's causing that pain," Rogers said.

Rogers said emotions give people a sense for the things that are wrong and how to handle those things. He said people who are intentionally numb to their emotions will end up harboring pain that they have no idea what to do with.

"When people are desperately trying to be alphas, and they're not aware of what's going on internally, you have a culture of people living behind a mask

where they're not allowed to ask for help and have to pretend to be Superman just to be considered a man," Rogers said.

Dr. Lenore Wright, associate professor of interdisciplinary studies and philosophy, talked about the self and gender.

Wright said that when philosophers think of the self, they think of what they are and who they are. She said gender causes people to think about this. She went on to list categories that people use to define who they are including race, class, gender and religion.

"There are times of profound suffering, profound challenge where we transcend the categories and connect with other humans," Wright said.

Wright asked the audience to consider when it is appropriate to strive for transcendence and when is it not. Wright shared stories about times where people transcended their differences due to suffering.

She shared about how her mother worked with a man who was dying of AIDS alone because he was shunned by his family. He was angry that he was dying and took it out on all of the hospital staff except her mother.

She said one day the patient rested his head against her mother's abdomen and shared a moment where human touch caused them to value the commonality of their humanity despite their difference in gender and HIV status.

"In those moments of profound suffering, we can and should transcend the categories of identity that define who we are," Wright said.

Wright concluded by suggesting that the categories people use to identify themselves must be kept in a positive context.

"When it damages who we are or makes us less than our full selves, we must resist or transcend. We can't alienate others because of the categories we embrace," Wright said.

Lecture speaks on hook-up culture and sex

THOMAS MOTT
Reporter

Students attended Dr. Jeremy Uecker's lecture about Society and Sex at the Bill Daniel Student Center Thursday evening to listen to part of a four-part series titled "Let's Talk About It."

Uecker, an assistant professor of sociology at Baylor, focused on describing what is actually happening among young adults in the United States with respect to hooking up and sexual behavior in a more general sense.

"I know that young adults have inaccurate information about their own peers' sexual behavior. College students and young adults in general tend to overestimate wildly the proportion of their peers who are sexually active," Uecker said.

Uecker started by showing a misconception around colleges that almost everyone is no longer a virgin. According to a study done by National Survey of Family Growth conducted from 2011-13, nearly 31 percent of adults between the ages of 18 and 23 are still virgins.

Uecker also said that a recent survey of 500 Baylor students showed that only 17 percent of Baylor students have had two or more sexual partners in the last year. This was less than the same number of surveyed students from the Texas Tech University. Uecker also said people who do not go to college are more likely to have sex than those who do not.

"College students are much less likely to have sex than those who do not go to college among this age group. 29 percent of college students are virgins," Uecker said.

Uecker was quick to point out that even though college students are less likely to have sex than non-college students, more than 70 percent of students have participated in oral sex.

Uecker then switched his focus to those who are in a relationship. Only 4 percent of people between the ages of 18 and 23 who are in a relationship are not having sex.

Perhaps one of the greater causes of sexual relations in colleges are non-romantic relationships. According to

Uecker, almost 25 percent of sexual relationships are non-romantic or "friends with benefits." These relationships usually tend to not last very long, he explained. Uecker said only 4 percent of non-romantic sexual relationships will last more than one year.

Non-romantic sexual relationships, or "hooking up," is defined as a "casual physical encounter between two people," Uecker said. He added that 75 percent of people say that they have hooked up at least once by the time they are a senior in college.

The average number of hookups per year by a student by his or her senior year is only one, according to Uecker. It's not as common as one would think, Uecker said, however, men tend to be initiating these hookups more than women. Women tend to be more interested in a romantic relationship instead of just physical, Uecker said.

"The hookup culture ... seems to be structured around giving men the pleasure. Men generally have most of the power in the hookup culture. Women are more interested in relationships than men before and after they hookup," Uecker said.

Overall, students who attended the lecture found it very informative and appreciated Baylor providing a free lecture regarding the topic of sexual behavior of college students.

"It was really interesting seeing the comparisons between men and women when it came to different sexual activities," Houston freshman Sofie Hernandez said.

San Antonio junior Paige Hardy said this type of lecture was something all Baylor students should attend.

"I think this series is something that every Baylor student should be learning. I really hope that this type of curriculum is something that we can see in Chapel in future years," Hardy said.

The final lecture in the series will feature Dr. Ryan Richardson, Dr. Beth Lanning and Dr. Christopher Pieper. The talk is titled "Let's Talk About Us" and will take place at 6 p.m. on April 27 in room D110 Baylor Sciences Building.



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

Bows and Ties



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

CONCERT NIGHT Waco Symphony Orchestra plays Ludwig van Beethoven's Concerto No. 4 for piano and orchestra in G major with pianist Brian Ganz.

LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX Students sit in on lecture that discussed the sexual behavior and hook-up culture of young adults in the United States.

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Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

HEARTBREAK IN THE THEATER “The Last Five Years” tells the tale of two lovers’ failed relationship from each of their points of view. The show plays at 7:30 p.m. April 21-23 at Jubilee Theatre. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at <http://www.jubileetheatre-waco.org/>

‘The Last Five Years’

Drama to show the importance of nurturing relationships

KASSIDY WOYTEK
Reporter

The Jubilee Theatre aims to define its voice in the Waco theater community this weekend with a production of “The Last Five Years” beginning at 7:30 tonight. The musical by Jason Robert Brown explores the failed relationship between Cathy, a struggling actress, and Jamie, a recently successful author.

Both characters share their side of the story with the audience, but with a twist. Jaime recounts the relationship from beginning to end, while Cathy begins with the couple’s divorce and works her way backward. The two characters interact only once onstage, singing a duet when their timelines meet in the middle.

Cameron Dinkens, who plays Jamie, said he thinks most audience members will cast blame on one character or the other as the plot develops.

“The challenge has been to find a way to portray Jamie so that the audience doesn’t completely antagonize him,” Dinkens said. “I’m trying to show his vulnerability and his motivation for why he does what he does.”

Dinkens said there’s a lesson to be learned from Cathy and Jamie’s story. When people allow life to get in the way of nurturing their relationships, they tend to suffer.

Although he had to commute two and a half hours for each rehearsal, Dinkens said the commute was worth it to perform in a show written by one of his favorite composers.

“It is absolutely breathtaking and wonderful to listen to,” Dinkens said. “[Jason Robert Brown] is so skilled at capturing human emotion and what the mind is going through at a given moment.”

Lauren Weber, a lecturer in Baylor’s department of theater arts, plays the role of Cathy. She said the show captures the kind of heartbreak that everyone goes through.

For this show, the Jubilee Theatre partnered with Therapy CenterStage, an organization that uses the fine arts to talk about mental health issues. Weber said that a counselor from Therapy CenterStage helped her better understand Cathy’s emotional state.

“‘The Last Five Years’ is a really beautiful story about humanity,” Weber said.

Before starring in this show, Weber composed and directed

THE DETAILS:

Showtimes:
7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday
7:30 p.m. April 21 - April 23

Where:
The Jubilee Theatre

Ticket prices:
\$10

Purchase at: <http://www.jubileetheatre-waco.org/>

several children’s plays as a part of the theater’s community service. She said the Jubilee holds a special place in her heart.

The theater itself used to screen adult films before the nonprofit organization Mission Waco acquired it in 1994. Mission Waco now leads children’s theater programs in the renovated space and uses theater as a way to discuss social issues.

Waco first year graduate student Trent Sutton, who is pursuing a dual degree in divinity and social work, has been the Jubilee Theatre director since November. He began volunteering at the Jubilee as a sophomore teaching children’s

theater classes.

Sutton said theater is an extremely useful tool for ministry, although most people never see it as anything but entertainment.

Sutton said he intentionally cast Jamie and Cathy as an interracial couple because the Jubilee puts an emphasis on the importance of diversity. Sutton said every theater in Waco has its own voice, and diversity it an important part of the Jubilee’s.

“We want to be known for a certain intentionality in regards to diversity and issues that need to be discussed,” Sutton said.

Sutton felt that “The Last Five Years” was an ideal spring show because a cast of only two characters was easy to manage. This gave Sutton the freedom to focus on developing future projects like revamping the theater’s technology and expanding the reach of their children’s programs.

The Jubilee Theatre will put on its first full season of shows in the fall, which Sutton said will include at least five productions.

“We’re trying to carve out a space for ourselves within the Waco community,” Sutton said. “The Jubilee Theatre, for me, is a really unique place.”

This weekend in Waco:

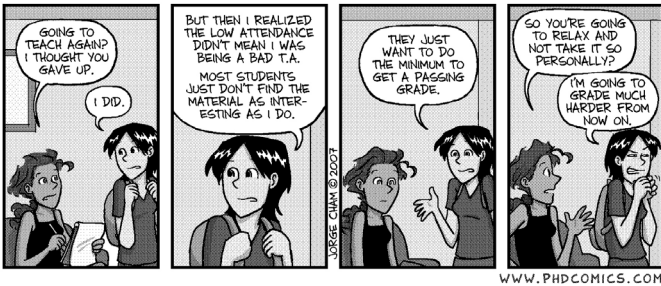
>> Today

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**— Zack & Jim’s All American Golf Tournament. Cottonwood Creek Gold Course, 5200 Bagby Ave.
- 6:30-8:30 p.m.**— Blake Adams, The Mentalist. \$5-\$10. Waco Hippodrome.
- 7-10 p.m.**— Stoney LaRue & Troy Cartwright perform. \$12. Backyard Bar, Stage & Grill.
- 7:30 p.m.**— Shootout at Sadie’s Saloon. \$14.50-\$16.50. Brazos Theatre. 7524 Bosque Blvd. Suite Q.
- 7:30 p.m.**— Baylor Symphonic Band. Free admission. Jones Concert Hall.
- 8-10 p.m.**— One Way Home performs. Dichotomy Coffee & Spirits.

>> Saturday

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**— Zack & Jim’s All American Golf Tournament. Cottonwood Creek Gold Course, 5200 Bagby Ave.
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**— Waco Downtown Farmers Market. Fifth street & Washington Ave.
- 2 p.m.**— Baylor Graduate Recital. Free admission. Recital Hall II.
- 2-10 p.m.**— Baylor Spring Game Day Tailgating. Brazos Parking.
- 4-9 p.m.**— Hounds and Sounds Hewitt Music Festival. \$15. Creekside Amphitheater at Warren Park, 450 S. Old Temple Road.
- 5:30 p.m.**— Losing Mama. \$22. Waco Hippodrome.
- 7:30 p.m.**— Shootout at Sadie’s Saloon. \$14.50-\$16.50. Brazos Theatre. 7524 Bosque Blvd. Suite Q.

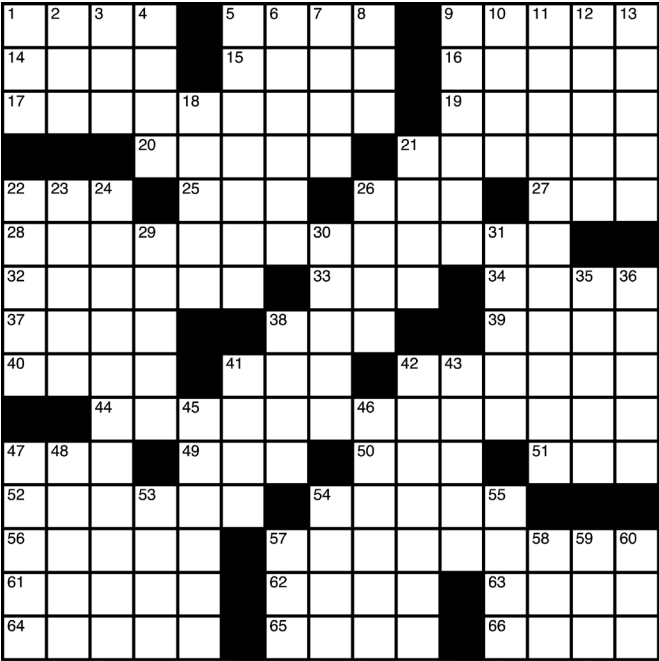
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Today’s Puzzles

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Baseball gets ready for rival TCU

BEN EVERETT
Sports Writer

Baylor baseball heads to Fort Worth to face the top team in the Big 12, TCU, in a weekend series.

The Bears (23-14, 5-7) are seventh in the Big 12 standings but can make up ground with a series win over the Horned Frogs (28-7, 9-3).

The Bears have won three of their last four including a series win over Texas and a thrilling comeback win over Stephen F. Austin on Tuesday.

Baylor head coach Steve Rodriguez says the team can sense some momentum following recent success.

"You see it, and you can feel it," Rodriguez said. "You see our guys having more confidence. I just want them to understand they have what it takes to win."

Rodriguez says freshman third baseman Davis Wendzel, the hero in the midweek win over SFA, should continue to improve behind the plate.

"He was one of our best hitters coming in to the season," Rodriguez said. "He plays really well when he's relaxed. He has the ability to be something special for us in the future."

Wendzel is sixth on the team in batting average at .272 and has 14 runs batted in and 2 homeruns in just 81 at-bats.

"We need all the momentum we can get going into this series," Wendzel said, "but if we play well, we'll do fine. Obviously TCU is a great team; we just have to be ready."



Dayday Wynn | Lariat Photographer

GOING FOR THE OUTSTRETCHED VICTORY Junior right handed pitcher Joe Heinemann throws a pitch in a mid-week game against Stephen F. Austin on April 18 in Waco. Baylor won the game 2-1 thanks to back-to-back homeruns from Kameron Esthay and David Wendzel in the bottom of the ninth inning. Baylor aims to win its second Big 12 series of the season against TCU this weekend.

On the defensive side, the Bears will look to lean on the strong bullpen of junior Troy Montemayor,

sophomore Kyle Hill and senior Drew Robertson, who all have earned run averages below 2.

Meanwhile, the starting rotation of junior Montana Parsons, senior Nick Lewis and freshman Cody

Bradford has a combined record of 10-7 but will face a strong hitting team in TCU.

Rodriguez says that the Horned Frogs don't have any glaring weaknesses, so Baylor will have to play error-free.

"They can really run — they have a ton of stolen bases," Rodriguez said. "Their starting pitching is phenomenal as well as their bullpen. And they can hit. They are a very well-balanced team."

The TCU trio of Austen Wade, Nolan Brown and Luken Baker all have batting averages over .300. Baker leads the team with 31 RBIs and seven HRs.

The Horned Frogs' pitching staff is led by starter Jared Janczak who owns a 2.25 ERA and a perfect 6-0 record in nine starts.

Parsons says the rivalry with TCU makes playing in those games more fun because more people attend.

"It's well — known," Parsons said. "It's a lot of fun to be a part of, and I'm glad to be a part of it. Usually the fans sell out, and it gets crazy. It makes it more fun."

Baylor leads the all-time series 142-121, but TCU holds the edge 59-50 in Fort Worth and has won two in a row against the Bears.

The Bears and Horned Frogs play at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Following the weekend series, the Bears return to Waco to take on Texas State at 6:35 p.m. Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark.

Softball prepares for Big 12 series in Norman

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

The race for softball supremacy is about to get a bit clearer this weekend. No. 13 Baylor (8-1 in Big 12 play) will travel to Norman, Okla., to battle defending Women's College World Series champion and No. 8 Oklahoma (9-0 in the Big 12.)

The Lady Bears have won six consecutive series against conference opponents dating back to last season. Their last loss was a sweep at the bats of the Sooners at Gettman Stadium.

Freshman infielder Shelby McGlaun knows how big the series is with the Sooners as both teams make their moves closer to a Big 12 title.

"We're really excited for the competition, and we've prepared all week for that," McGlaun said. "We know it's going to be a big series, especially Big 12 standings wise. Excited to see how we stack up against them."

Both teams will enter the

season red hot as the Sooners have won 16 consecutive games dating back to a 3-1 loss to Cal Poly on March 18. However, due to a rained out doubleheader on Tuesday against Houston, Baylor has not played since a 1-0 loss to Texas State on April 12.

With the nine-day layoff, Baylor has had some time to rest up and get healthy heading into the series. The Lady Bears have not let the time go to waste as many of them have gone into the practice facility to continue to work and improve as a team, something that head coach Glenn Moore admires about this group.

"I saw several of the girls leaving the field yesterday, one at 8 in the morning from the batting cages," Moore said. "It lets you know that you have a team that is very focused and ready to compete. That's all you can ask of them."

Both teams have good offenses as the Lady Bears hit .337 as a team and the Sooners .324. The Sooners are led by freshman utility player Nicole

Mendes' .409 batting average and followed closely by sophomore infielder Caleigh Clifton at .397. The Sooners have home run capability, hitting 34 on the year, led by junior outfielder Nicole Pendley's team-leading 10 and sophomore infielder Sydney Romero's seven.

The Lady Bears are led by senior infielder Lindsey Cargill, who leads the Big 12 in hitting at .480 and is riding a program record 20-game hitting streak. Sophomore outfielder Kyla Walker is right behind her at .400 and McGlaun and junior infielder Shelby Friudenberg provide the power with eight and six home runs respectively.

As good as the offenses have been for both teams, the strength and the determining factor will presumably be the pitching.

For Baylor, it will be senior Kelsee Selman leading the way with an 18-4 record and a 1.31 earned run average. Sophomore pitcher Gia Rodoni has also been great for

Baylor this season, posting an 11-1 record and a 1.81 ERA, while McGlaun is 6-2 with a 1.92 ERA.

"I think the pressure is on Oklahoma. They're the defending national champions."

Glenn Moore |
Baylor Softball
head coach

Selman credits her success on the mound to the work of her teammates behind her in

the field.

"I have a lot of confidence because of how well the team is doing and how well they've played behind me and behind Gia [Rodoni]," Selman said. "They've hit the ball really well. Practice has been great. On our off days, people are out here working. Just knowing how much they're working gives me more confidence."

Moore is confident that if Selman continues to work as she has done all year, she'll continue to give the team a chance to win.

"Kelsee [Selman] is throwing as well anyone that we can put up against Oklahoma, and that's saying a lot because we've had some good arms here," Moore said. "If she continues to do her job here, we'll have a chance to win."

Oklahoma, unlike years past, has three solid arms that will see time in the circle this weekend. Junior Paige Parker is 15-5 with a 1.76 ERA and 159 strikeouts to just 20 walks. Junior Paige Lowary and

freshman Mariah Lopez have been equally as good, posting 10-1 and 13-1 records in the circle.

Facing good pitching is nothing new for Baylor as it saw top 20 pitching in Tucson, Ariz., to start the year and over spring break in Fullerton, Calif.

As these two power schools collide this weekend, Moore likes his team's chances.

"I think the pressure is on Oklahoma. They're the defending national champions, and their expectations are higher," Moore said. "They're ranked higher than us, their RPI is a little higher — in the public's eye, they're supposed to be the better team, and we're playing at their park. We don't need to make this bigger than it is, we just need to play ball the way we've been playing."

Game one of the series begins at 6:30 p.m. tonight and will be aired on Fox Sports Southwest. Game two will be 2 p.m. Saturday and game three at noon Sunday. Games two and three will air on ESPN2.

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