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BU police to host drug take-back event

Texas bill seeks to end local nondiscrimination

Lynden KALSYN Staff Writer

For the first time, the Baylor Police Department is participating in a Drug Take Back Program today. On Friday and Saturday, faculty, students and staff can drop by the Baylor Police Department in the Speight Garage and drop off any old prescription drugs or expired over-the-counter drugs.

"It’s really a great idea to keep drugs around that one is using," Ettinger said. "It leaves the opportunity for pets and children to get hold of them accidentally, and it is just hard to properly dispose of any medication in and one no longer have the need for it or is expired.

Ettinger also added it is not good for the environment to throw things away for several reasons, one being that drugs have harmful animals that bad them looking for food, so it is best to dispose of them at the event rather than throw them away.

Baylor Police Chief Brad Wigtil said this event is a great way for the police department to serve the community, and he hopes students, faculty and staff will take advantage of this opportunity.

"The police department is always looking for unique ways to serve the community, so we are happy to partner with the Drug Enforcement Administration. Violence Against Substance Abuse and Baylor’s Substance Abuse and Drug Awareness Program to provide this new service," Ettinger said.

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COLUMN

A graduating senior gives some advice

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Lariat Photographer

I have spent the last four years of my life at this school searching for answers to questions I have about the thing we call life. And after all this time, I have found that there is no one way to live. The answers to life are situational, and there are different answers for different points in your life. These are some lessons I learned that will help me get through the next chapter of my life, and I hope they can do the same for you.

1. Don’t worry
Believe me, college can be stressful. Every day you are faced with wondering what the future holds. With statistics being thrown in your face every day about things like job placement, financial security, etc., college life can be overwhelming. Your future is uncontrollable, whatever is meant to happen will happen, and the only thing you can worry about is the present. It’s important to remember that truth. When things don’t work out the way you expect, don’t take that as something that might keep you from being the person you want to be. Keep your head up, move forward, and try to do better the next time. Everything happens for a reason, you can only get better from here.

2. GPAs are not the end of the world
We have all heard the saying “GPAs do not determine your intelligence,” and that saying couldn’t be any closer to the truth. Some of the brightest people I have met are people who either never finished college or attended college but had below a 2.5 GPA while they attended. Some know a guy in high school that was a pro-calculus-cheater. He would cheat on the back and never took tests. One day he was at a party and talked with a bunch of his friends about what he couldn’t do at his calculus without help. So, on our next test he had his teacher write his answers down, but told her to tell the calculus teacher in his backpack because it was too much work. He finished the test the next before the rest of the class with new answers and made an A. He didn’t go to college — he stayed at home and decided to pursue a different path that he is currently financially stable, has found time to care for his family and lives a healthy happy life.

Then, there are the people who need a good GPA to be admitted into the post-bachelor school of their choice. Their GPAs are very important, but it is more important that they understand that just because something doesn’t work out once, doesn’t mean it won’t happen at all. Your GPA not being what is expected doesn’t mean you aren’t intelligent enough, and it doesn’t mean you aren’t good enough. Just keep working. God has a plan for everybody and usually you will find yours, but only if you are patient and keep your head up.

3. College is what you make of it
When I came to Baylor, I had no idea what to do. Nobody in my family had ever attended college so I showed up here blind. I had no vision for what college should be. The only ideal I had was being what I saw on TV: Go to parties, smoke, drink, smoke, spend time with different women and graduate with honors and all that stuff. I started a line of my friends live that lifestyle, and most of them didn’t last the semester in school.

I saw others live a completely opposite lifestyle and struggle to keep a healthy balance in their lives. These are some lessons I learned that will help me get through the next chapter of my life, and I hope they can do the same for you.

Sincerely,

The Baylor Lariat Editorial Board and Staff

EDITORIAL

Thank you for tuning in: H.A.G.S.

Dear Readers,

We, the Lariat editorial board and the staff, would like to extend our gratitude. Yours are the hands that pick up the Lariat, your eyes scan our website and our social media daily. Regardless of your extensiveness — there is an entire portion of Lariat readers who simply pick up the paper for the crossword — we cherish you just the same.

You give us something to work for, if not only ourselves. Without your interest in the paper, we would have no reason to go to print or to exist online. Not only do you participate in the news we cover, you choose to read about it the following day. Because of this kindness, we felt the need to highlight how much it means to us that we have such a reliable audience.

We hope to encourage the continuation of your news consumption on campus, and for those of you who are graduating, we hope you continue to invest in our online presence.

In the spirit of goodwill and thanks, we would like to extend the chance for you to write thank you letters to all your friends and loved ones. This could be useful for the upcoming summer, whether to thank your professors for not having a deathly final exam or to begin your pen pals for the time you’ll spend apart from your roommates. There’s something nostalgic and personal about scribbling a letter in the middle of your daily life, and the lucky recipients of these letters will have a bit of added brightness to their day.

An outline, similar to the format we used here, awaits you on the Lariat website. Feel free to send us a note, or print as many as you like to use for the ones who have helped you through this year.

In the wise words of every sixth-grade student, “H.A.G.S.” (or “Have A Great Summer!”) and stay safe while doing so.

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The Lariat Editorial Board and Staff
Internships go beyond coffee runs, small daily errands

MEGAN RULE
Staff Writer

The image that comes to mind when many people say “internship” is a young college student frantically running around getting coffee and not getting paid to do so, but the internship experience is much more than that, according to students and professors.

“I think there is no such thing as a bad internship because even a bad one will teach valuable lessons,” Macarena Hernandez, the Fred Hartman Distinguished Professor of Journalism, said. “When I was a sophomore in college, I went to Washington D.C., thinking I would eventually work in politics or some capacity, but I came away realizing what I really wanted to be was a journalist.”

The internship experience can be a significant investment for any company, as they take time and care to recruit and train interns for the hope the intern will come back for a job, according to Forbes.

Dr. Cassy Burleson, a senior director of the Department of Journalism, Public Relations and New Media, also said internships are a great way to bridge networking and meeting people that may be good connections in the future. Burleson said internships serve as a transition between the school world and the work world as they are a learning experience that teach interns the skills necessary for the career world.

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As Hernandez said, internships can show students where they do want to work, which is not as valuable as learning where a student does not want to work. Burleson said the internship experience is mutually beneficial as the company can invest in potential full-time hires and interns can get necessary career experience.

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“Through my experiences and conversations with people who are really experts in education in general, it becomes quite clear that students needed to have more affiliation and experience in work,” Burleson said. “So for one foot in the classroom and one foot in the workplace before they actually graduated from both high school and college to make that transition much easier for them and also show them what they didn’t know.”

Waco senior Mackenzie Stone, who is currently interning at Sewell Subaru of Dallas, said that she decided to come back for another summer at Sewell Subaru of Dallas. Stone said she decided to come back after seeing what Sewell Subaru of Dallas offers.

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"The Office of Access and Learning Accommodation (OALA) is the resource on campus that aids students with disabilities, which is an example of the physical and social impact of the golf cart that drives injured students to class, according to the survey of disabled students taking classes in the Baylor Walking Club.

"My only has been to help the office learn what the office needs," Polvado said.

One of the issues Polvado brought to OALA interest was the launch of a golf cart service for injured students. In 2013, OALA had only one golf cart available to students with disabilities. According to Polvado, the student government was really difficult as he entered student government at Baylor.

"Not like meeting new people. I get to hear about all these funny inquiries," Perkins said. "It's frustrating. Each Sunday, every week there was a new person or two who had themselves running the line. It's always something new." Polvado said people reported OALA services last semester after breaking 25th, a bone in the forearm during winter hydration.

"My experience with OALA was pretty tasty, because a lot of people come into Baylor with the injury already, whereas there are disabled students who are affected by this increase in carts available, but so were students to students with injuries or disabilities. According to Polvado, the resources of the golf carts that drive injured students to class, according to the student government.

Baylor charters 19 new student organizations

Baylor's commitment to its black community.

Ellison noticed other schools had a group she felt was missing from Baylor's campus.

"She also said that in emergency situations, students can call the University Shuttle, but don't know how to use or that it is a free transportation system for free."

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The primary reason I was interested originally was it is a high quality university with a great reputation, but the fact that it was a Christian university with a faith-based mission was really trying to get people to think about how you integrate your faith perspectives with your academic life as a scholar, and a teacher was really very important to me. When we visited the campus and I met the faculty, I was really excited by the opportunity to give them when the offer was made to me in 1991.

You mentioned you were ray of hope is that you actually founded the Oklahoma State chapter before you were in the same credentials, but they planned a couple of times. I always remember they were my green, and my husband would wear something, but I think that was more to meet green now and white then, and my husband was around, since we’ve gone to the second and the first generation, we must sometimes find ourselves off balance. The only place I’ve heard you really wear your athletic shoes? When we go to the volleyball against Rice, when we go to the volleyball against Rice, when we go to an away game and then I might have to wear a pair of shoes while I’m wearing that Baylor shirt. … Well I’ll see how that goes.

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One of the roles of the president is to sort of sit on the overall strategic direction and to really push that, but obviously that you want to work with your fellow students. It's under the leadership of a university. In terms of student leadership, it’s going to focus on academic standards and high-quality academic experiences. Hopefully, that means that students are getting an exceptional experience in the classroom, and that the support they get from outside of it is a part of an initiative for the It's On Us BU campaign, visit itsonus.org. Dr. Christopher Pieper, a lecturer of sociology, said it is important to regard the definition of education in the forming of a person and to look at responsible behaviors and boundaries. He said conversations can be limited to medical or highly technical terminology, and it prevents people from desiring to engage in conversation.

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Paper said the fundamental way in which people think about sex in general have become more voluntary and immutable.

The idea of rape perpetuates society. Colonization is built on the same logic, to make something that doesn’t belong to you. We look at women as another kind of concept. Paper said.

It is the responsibility of other men to change an entire society, at the cultural level where we have seen that there is still an issue.

Too much of this topic has been put on the women to protect themselves. No one has talked to them, with how much they think about themselves, how about they think about women, and what should they do in this role. Paper said speaking frankly in a Christian context about what healthy sexuality looks like will help as the American moves forward. I also emphasized the importance of speaking to the people who have been doing something that is not OK.

But I think if you have the opportunity to stand up for what you believe in, you’re making cultural change, Paper said. “This is not somebody else’s responsibility. They need to believe in it and embrace it.” Paper said.

His primary task is to get the men to engage in discussion about sex. They are because they are viewed as weak if they are not dominant.

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here to praise God and hear that sort of music from your typically white, middle-class family, and that is a large portion of Baylor, and they’re, you know, people and they add a lot to this university,” said Springfield. Ms. junior Nicole Wood, co-president of Bears Together BU. “But there are a lot of other people at Baylor University who often get pushed to the sidelines, who don’t quite fit in with the normative experience, and it seems to bring them back in and help everybody recognize that they, too, make Baylor what it is.” Students from various multicultural organizations had the opportunity to share about the work they are doing on campus. Ward said this event inspired people to attend multicultural events so they can witness how full of diversity Baylor actually is.

“There are so many other opportunities to learn rather than just from a classroom or from a professor. You can learn from your fellow students about the world you live in, about the university you go to and about where you fit in that society,” Ward said.

Ward said students who attended looked forward to food, conversation, friends and artwork. There was a creative and interactive display where students dipped their hands in paint and used their fingerprints as a stamp to signify them as a part of the event. “Our organizations are dedicated to creating an inclusive, collaborative and educated environment, seeing that our students also continue to thrive academically, socially and spiritually. We truly are excited to host this event that calls on unity and respect.”

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Wigtil said the event will be open on Friday from noon to 5 p.m. with students, faculty and staff in mind, thinking it might be more comfortable for them to drop off drugs on a Friday rather than a Saturday. Ettinger said Baylor is one of seven police departments in McLennan County to hold this event this year.

The Baylor Police Department lobby is always a “safe place of exchange” where members of the community can meet to exchange items located on sites such as Craigslist, Facebook or other online sites, according to the department website. Wigtil said the department views this event sort of as an extension of its “safe place of exchange” and encourages participation.

After the drive, the DEA will go to the Baylor Police Department and pick up the drugs and dispose of them properly.

Students with any questions about the drive should contact the Wellness Center.

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