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## Landscaping Ladies

Baylor alumnae tackle one-day landscaping adventure

BAILEY BRAMMER  
Editor-in-Chief

Typically, the Final Four refers to the basketball teams that have made it to the semi-finals of the NCAA March Madness tournament. For 1971 Baylor alumna Early Rhodes McWhorter, however, the “Final Four” is a self-coined name for a group of three other women and herself that go on adventures and watch Baylor women’s basketball together.

The Final Four’s most recent adventure consisted of McWhorter and her friends, Renae Robinson, Candace Harris and Gwen Winters, driving from Marshall to Waco on Thursday morning to landscape the home of Skipper and Connie Voss, owners of the Riverside RV Park. After the planting was done, the ladies planned to attend the Lady Bears’ opening game tonight at the Ferrell Center.

“I look for every opportunity I can to fling the green and gold afar,” McWhorter said. “These are three ladies that not only could come, but would come. They’re hardworking ladies and they’re used to ranching, some more than others, but they all are going to come through. We’re going to have fun and then we’re going to go catch the ball game if we’re still standing.”

McWorther has been landscaping for almost 30 years and said she began this career almost by accident. She graduated from Baylor with a degree in elementary education, and said when she quit teaching, she prayed for God to open a new door for her to “use her talents to make the world better and still have free time with her family.”

One day, a friend called McWorther and asked her to landscape the restaurant he was



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**MESSY** Friends Gwen Winters and Early Rhodes McWhorter show off their muddy boots as they landscape a house at Riverview RV Park on Thursday. McWorther graduated from Baylor in 1971 and has been involved in landscaping for almost 30 years.

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## BU social climate revealed in survey

PHOEBE SUY  
Staff Writer

While 73 percent of Baylor students are aware of campus resources for instances of sexual misconduct, according to Baylor’s Social Climate Survey only 53 percent said they believed Baylor would support the individual making the report.

Results from the 2017 Social Climate Survey were released last week, offering insight into students’ perceptions and experiences regarding sexual harassment, stalking, domestic violence or sexual violence.

“The focus of the social climate survey was to establish a baseline of Baylor’s campus culture in the areas of interpersonal violence, sexual assault and sexual harassment,” said Jason Cook, vice president for marketing and communications. “Now that we have that baseline, we will be able to look at the findings of that survey and tailor our future educational and training programs to specifically address some of these findings.”

The social climate survey was sent to 15,754 undergraduate and graduate students and was offered from Jan. 31, 2017 to March 13, 2017. The survey garnered 4,523 respondents — a 28.7 percent response rate — which, according to the report, is above the national average.

When looking at the numbers, it is important to consider non-response survey bias and how “individuals who did not complete the survey might bias the survey results, positively or negatively, due to their lack of participation,” the report states.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice’s best practice recommendations, schools who conduct their own climate surveys “are better equipped to address campus sexual assault because they have data that specifically describes their community.”

The survey examined “peer norms,” statements or actions that a student believed their friends would approve or disapprove of. Over 95 percent of respondents indicated their friends would strongly disapprove of “forcing someone to have sex” or “using physical force such as hitting or beating to resolve conflicts with dates.”

Furthermore, 93 percent of the survey’s respondents indicated they strongly agreed or agreed “that consent must be given at each step in a sexual encounter.”

As for Baylor’s institutional response, 63 percent of respondents said they believed it was likely or very likely that Baylor would take reports of sexual misconduct seriously.

A majority of respondents who indicated

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## Baylor files petition to block release of student documents

KALYN STORY  
News Editor

Baylor filed a petition Tuesday to the Fifth Court of Appeals to block U.S. District Court Judge Robert Pitman’s order that Baylor disclose certain confidential medical and counseling records information under limited conditions.

Unless the petition is granted, Baylor

will release 6,200 FERPA notices to students informing them that their records will be submitted in the Title IX lawsuit.

The Court signed a Confidentiality and Protective Order requiring Baylor to notify current and former students their records have been requested, and students have the option to consent or object via email. If students object to their records being disclosed, the court would review the records and decide if

they should be produced or not.

“You may, if you wish, hire an attorney, but you do not need to do so in order to register an objection via either of the mechanisms described above,” the notice states.

Records disclosed would be available to attorneys with the names redacted.

In a statement released last night, a

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## Panel commits to excellence in institutional research

KALYN STORY  
News Editor

President Linda Livingstone, Interim Provost Michael McLendon and Chair of the Board of Regents Joel Allison made it clear during a panel Thursday evening that they are committed to making Baylor a tier one research institution.

During the inaugural “Baylor Conversation Series,” a dialogue about Baylor’s progress, Livingstone said she believes the world needs a university that is unapologetically Christian, takes its academic mission seriously and has influence in the world because of that.

“We are really the only place across the world that is

positioned to be able to do that,” Livingstone said. “[Becoming a tier one research institution] is a big aspiration and it will take a tremendous amount of dedication and work.”

McLendon encouraged those in attendance to suspend some of the doubt and skepticism born of an earlier era that Baylor is an institution of constraints.

“We can simultaneously commit ourselves to growing academic programs the highest level, we can also remain committed to our faith and our Christian commitment and we can remain committed to our undergraduate education and transformational experience,” McLendon said. “The notion

that we can only do one of those things or maybe two, but not all of them together — we need to suspend that kind of thinking because we can in fact do all of those things. We need to be bold and aspirational in order to elevate ourselves into that top tier of research institutions.”

Livingstone gave an update about the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) visit on campus in which they reviewed the standards that they previously said Baylor was not in compliance with. SACSCOC placed an accreditation warning



Will Barksdale | Multimedia Journalist

**TIER ONE** President Linda Livingstone spoke on the remaining sexual assault lawsuits and other relevant topics during the Conversation Series yesterday.

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EDITORIAL



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# Hug a vet this week

There are many things the public will not understand about what it means to be a veteran of the United States Armed Forces. Service, honor and sacrifice are required of the men and women who we celebrate today. All we can say is thank you, but we can do much more.

Nov. 11 is Veterans Day, but it was once called Armistice Day. On Nov. 11, 1918, the armistice was signed between the Allies and Germany, temporarily ceasing the hostilities of World War I. In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson commemorated the day with these words:

“To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory.”

In 1954, President Dwight E. Eisenhower changed “armistice” to “veterans,” making it a national holiday.

An earnest thank you. A firm handshake. A wave to the veterans at your local parade. These are simple ways to show appreciation without shoving a veteran who willingly volunteered onto a pedestal they don’t want. But more valuable than a passing thank you, is engaging in a conversation, donating to a charity for veterans and becoming educated on the role of veterans.

Speak, but listen. What do people say when someone thanks you? They say, “You’re welcome.” It’s a flat conversation that doesn’t break the surface. When appropriate, ask a veteran about why he or she chose to serve and how you can better honor them in your everyday life.

If you can have a relationship with a veteran, get to know them and the issues they face. Twelve percent of the adult homeless population are veterans, according to Support Homeless Veterans, Inc. Of that 12 percent, 70 percent are suffering from substance abuse and mental health issues such as post-traumatic

stress disorder. Invest in lives and listen to their experiences.

Get educated. Even if you aren’t interested in joining the armed forces, to properly thank a veteran, it is important to know more about their training, their lives in active duty and now. There are also different types of veterans and not all have served in combat. Veterans each have different experiences in service like anyone would. Each will be impacted differently by public policies and laws.

For example, in 2015, nearly 2 million veterans and their families relied on Medicaid as their primary healthcare provider. Major health care overall can negatively impact veterans and their families. If we want to thank veterans, we need to know how the programs we vote for or against will impact their well-being.

Go out and vote. One of the triumphs of our democracy is the ability to vote for our representatives, governors and presidents. Every veteran has fought in some way to protect that enormous right. Our elected officials have a direct hand in our relationships with other countries and decisions regarding war. We are a strong country because of our citizens and the people who make up our military. Having knowledge about laws that affect your community, you can vote. Voting is a power taken for granted and a power that many veterans do not want to see wasted.

Invest in charities that support veterans; including charities such as Hope for the Warriors and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America help veterans by supporting their educational, health care and employment needs. However, there are different types of charities that go beyond monetary gifts. For example, United Service Organizations is a nonprofit organization that provides care packages and entertainment to veterans and their families.

For our veterans, we need to do more than say thank you. They are worth it.

COLUMN

# Actors are getting a pass with sexual assault

CAMERON BOCANEGRA  
Reporter

In a world of media that caters and coos over silver screen idols, all press is good press. A decision has been made repeatedly over decades. We have decided that a seamless film overflowing with positive reviews about another performance for the ages is more

important than an assault report; a report that claims an immoral man we think we know and surely love made sexual advances and does not know how to be rejected.

For the better of the Academy and for the better of our personal entertainment, famous actors are excused from responsibility regularly.

When you hear the name Woody Allen, it sounds timeless and legendary. What an everlasting memory he must be to his adopted daughter, Dylan Farrow, who testified that Allen molested her in 1992, but saw Allen win the case without custody or criminal charges.

The year after, he directed “Manhattan Murder Mystery,” which was nominated in the 51st Golden Globe Awards, and debuted his return as the beloved celebrity that never did anything wrong for the next 20 years and on.

Roman Polanski, another beloved director, admitted to drugging and raping a 13-year-old girl in 1977, and fled to Paris. Just two years later in Europe, he released the French film “Tess” (1979) which received several international awards along with three Oscars from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS), an American organization that used the loophole of foreign residency to so generously award a rapist’s film.

Since then, the AMPAS also recognized

his film “The Pianist” (2002) with three Academy Awards, including Best Director for Polanski.

Seven years ago, two women who worked with Casey Affleck in his film “I’m Still Here” (2010) filed sexual harassment reports against him and settled the claims out of court.

Only recently has this scandal been addressed after our rugged star won an Academy Award, Golden Globe, Critic’s Choice Movie Award and an AACTA International Award for his film “Manchester by the Sea” (2016).

What excuses the assaults and allows these men to continue their careers being glorified in the limelight? Even actors on a smaller scale are welcomed back into the film industry with open arms.

Retired boxer Mike Tyson was convicted of a rape charge in 1992, served three years in prison for the crime, got an insensitive tribal face tattoo and broke the box office in the film series “The Hangover” (2009) and “The Hangover Part II” (2011).

Instead of his career being buried in the ‘90s forever, he was cast as sweet, clueless comic relief. A rapist that did not earn \$400 million in the ring would have a ruined life after being convicted, but celebrities like Tyson are separated from their sexual assaults.

Every victim has an assailant and in some terrible cases, they have to see their attacker constantly plastered across the media, movies, tabloids and T-shirts.

The glamorous craft of American cinematography proves to also be an art of masking assailants and handing them an award-winning script. Who needs to reference a casting name list when you can flip through People magazine and pick out a rapist who can still woo an audience on a global scale?

*Cameron is a sophomore secondary education and journalism major from Georgetown.*

COLUMN

# Texas does live up to hype

MAGDALAYNA DRIVAS  
Reporter

I had never stepped foot in Texas in my entire life before coming to Baylor. Now I never want to leave.

I was born and raised in Pennsylvania, where we are taught that all Texans have thick country accents, wear cowboy boots with every outfit and love nothing more than Texas itself. I took a chance on the Lone Star State in hopes of finding warm weather and die-hard football fans, but ended up with so much more.

From Tex-Mex to barbecue and everything in between, the food in Texas is life-changing. Not only is the food incredible, but it’s also dirt cheap. There are taco trucks and burger joints on every corner offering generous portions of homemade meals for less than \$10. When it comes to grocery shopping, H-E-B is like heaven on earth. Aisles of those yellow coupons on top of already low prices seem too good to be true. Texas originals like Whataburger and Blue Bell ice cream make me wonder why anyone would ever want to leave.

Texans are some of the nicest people I have ever met. Strangers will smile and strike up a conversation with me for no reason at all. People will compliment me out of the kindness of their hearts. Even a simple

gesture such as having the door held open for you is a luxury you don’t find in most states. Southern hospitality is real, and I miss it the most when I go home to the cold-hearted Northeast.

As I write this in November, it’s sunny and 85 degrees in Waco. Meanwhile, my friends and family back in Pennsylvania are dealing with freezing fall temperatures.

It’s hard not to be happy in a place where you never have to worry about ice storms and being snowed-in for days. The Texas summers can be brutally hot, but I’d take relaxing by the pool over huddling up by a fireplace any day.

Also, there is nothing quite like the energy of a football stadium in Texas on game day. High school, college and professional teams alike boast large and loyal fan bases. Football here is like a religion, and you feel an instant connection with someone who has a T-shirt or bumper sticker with your favorite team’s logo on it. The season never seems to last long enough, but that makes it that much more special.

There’s a reason more people moved to Texas than any other state last year, and why so many out-of-state students like me flock to Baylor. Texas may not be as perfect as Texans like to think it is, but it comes pretty darn close. No matter who you are, there’s something for you to love about Texas. As the saying goes, I wasn’t born in Texas, but I got here as fast as I could, and I’m very, very glad that I did.

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# Latinx Coalition fundraises for Festival Latino

**PABLO GONZALES**  
Assistant News Editor

Every week this semester, members of the Festival Latino planning committee have sold Horchata, cinnamon and rice-flavored water, and other refreshments to raise money for Festival Latino, a new event that will take place in the spring that celebrates Pan-American culture.

Festival Latino is the brainchild of two Baylor seniors Josh Rizzo and Monica Luna. The two have partnered with the Latinx Coalition and Baylor Multicultural Affairs to bring Festival Latino to campus.

Dallas senior Monica Luna and Austin senior Josh Rizzo said they wanted to see a bigger event that celebrates Pan-American culture and diversity. The two students came together to plan a week long event of activities that Baylor students could participate in to understand all that Pan-American culture has to offer.

Rizzo said the festival is meant to be a deeply engaging experience in Pan-American culture and bring Latino professionals to campus to speak about their experiences in specific fields. At the end of the week, there will be a networking event with Latino Baylor alumni across different fields.

“Festival Latino is an immersive experience that is meant to demonstrate the diverse cultures of the people of Latin America,” Rizzo said. “All-in-all, it’s a five-day event full of lectures from Hispanic culture experts in the professional realm, indie film screenings, a carnival-style festival and a networking event with Latino Baylor alumni.”

San Antonio senior Elysse Reyes said that not only is she looking forward to the event, but that it also serves as an opportunity for the Baylor campus to open their minds.

“I am so excited that we will have an event of this caliber in celebration of Hispanic Heritage,” Reyes said. “Our entire university can come out and learn more about our culture.”

Luna said she believes that this event is important for the Baylor community because it is an opportunity for those who



Baylee VerSteeg | Multimedia Journalist

**HOT CHOCOLATE** Los Angeles senior Joshua Rizzo, Flower Mound senior Monica Luna, Austin junior Regina Villanueva and Bosqueville junior J. Jackson sell hot chocolate to passing students every Wednesday for the weekly Festival Latino.

aren’t familiar with different Latin American cultures to become educated on them. She believes it is a fun place where people can learn without judgment.

“Festival Latino is a student-powered initiative that is aiming to educate the Baylor community about our neighboring cultures,” Luna said. “It’s important to create a space in which we are able to ask questions and learn without judgment, and Festival Latino

will provide that space.”

Rizzo and Luna have formed a task force that is in charge of helping them plan and fundraise for the event.

Every week, the group has a table in the Baylor Sciences Building atrium where they sell Horchata along with other fruit waters to raise money for the event. They will be set up from 1 to 5 p.m. every Wednesday.

# Students struggling with depression can get counseling center help

**MAGDALAYNA DRIVAS**  
Reporter

Students with depression are not alone and can receive free help from the Baylor Counseling Center.

College can be overwhelming at times, and it’s not uncommon to feel sad after failing a test or questioning your future, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. For students with depression, feelings of sadness or apathy can be debilitating.

“With grief, the sadness comes and goes in waves, whereas with depression it’s going to be pretty consistent,” said Eric Antens, licensed clinical professional counselor. “It doesn’t just go away.”

Antens presented ways to identify and treat depression to the Baylor community in an online seminar Wednesday.

Antens said more than 20% of women and 12% of men will experience depression in their lifetime.

“Although antidepressants are one of the most widely prescribed classes of drugs out there, depression itself is thought to be very much untreated,” Antens said. “Most people with depression don’t seek help.”

Antens emphasized the importance of recognizing that mental illness is just as legitimate as physical illness.

“Depression is a medical condition. It’s not just something that’s all in your mind or something that’s made up,” Antens said. “It’s not a sign of personal weakness. It’s a biological chemical process in the brain.”

Antens said the most common symptom of depression is a persistent sad or empty mood, but physical symptoms including headaches, fatigue and sleep disturbance can also be signs of depression.

“One of the interesting things about depression is that if somebody has a chronic pain disorder along with depression, often times by treating the depression you can substantially impact the illness that’s causing the pain as well,” Antens said.

If someone you know has depression, Antens said the most important way you can help is by listening.

“Listening and validating feelings of sadness, grief, anger, frustration- it’s acknowledging,” Antens said. “It can be hard, but know that you’re doing them a world of good.”

Antens said antidepressant medication is helpful for some, but counseling is the best form of treatment to prevent depression from returning.

“You can be on an antidepressant, but you’re not really learning much from that,” Antens said. “With counseling, it’s important because you learn coping strategies and how to recognize depressive symptoms.”

Lititz, Pa. junior Mackenzie Chakara said the walk-in clinic is very helpful for busy college students.

“It’s such a great service that Baylor offers,” Chakara said. “The staff makes you feel very comfortable and they work around your schedule.”

Students can receive counseling on-campus through the Baylor Counseling Center’s walk-in clinic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the McLane Student Life Center, with no appointment necessary. The initial assessment is free and a clinician will determine what level of care is best for the student based on their needs.

“If you or somebody you care about has depression, it will go away,” Antens said. “It may take months, but if you treat it aggressively, it will go away.”

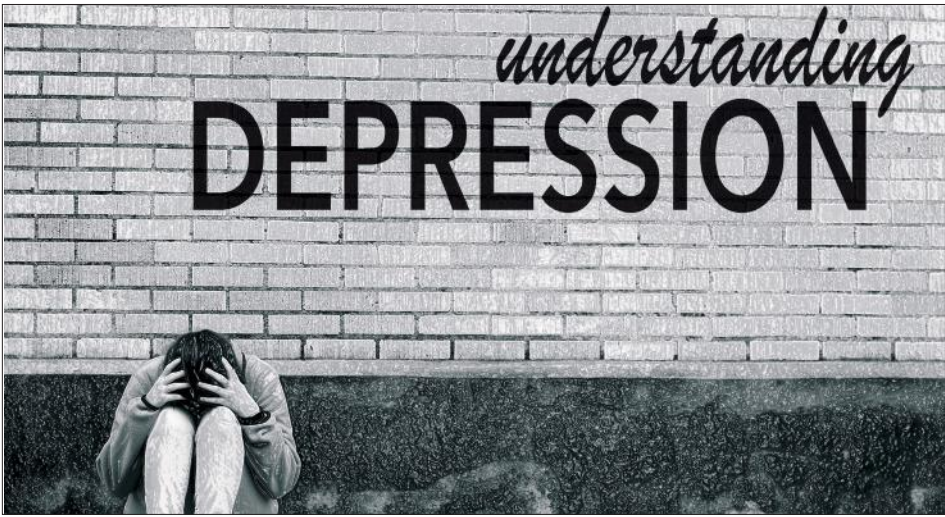


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**UNDERSTANDING** The Baylor Counseling Center offers free help for students struggling with depression, feelings of sadness or feelings of apathy. The clinic has walk-in hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the McLane Student Life Center.

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# Prosper Waco Initiative Report shows community

MEGAN RULE  
Opinion Editor

The 2016-2017 Prosper Waco Initiative Report was recently released, showing improvement in many initiative efforts throughout the community.

“I think because our whole role is to convene community partners to come together, just convening everyone together and the consistency of people coming to meetings and seeing how people collaborate is what I continue to get excited about,” said Christina Helmick, director of communications for Prosper Waco. “It’s fun to include a wide variety of the people involved, mixing in health care professionals with businesses and nonprofits shows our community is in great partnership.”

This is the second year an initiative report was published, and it looks at the progress that’s been made throughout the year with a community snapshot, Helmick said. According to the report, the initiative is built upon three pre-existing networks created to improve education and health and alleviate poverty in Waco. Helmick said they tend to use the same format each year to analyze data and see what has changed from year to year.

Some highlights from the report include 11 active working groups looking to advance the goals of the initiative, and \$6.5 million of federal, state and multi-year funding from outside Waco secured through collaboration of initiative partners since 2015. In addition, there has been over 6,000 hours of brainstorming and implementing efforts in the community and over 30 members involved in the Prosper Waco Leadership Council to guide communication and the initiative.

Helmick said there’s progress in a lot of efforts, especially when looking at education and healthcare. The school readiness effort and the Waco Independent School District (WISD) Summer Internship Program both saw improvements in participation and people affected. Donna McKethan, director of career and technical education for WISD, also manages the summer internship program. McKethan said last year there were about 20 student interns participating, but this year there were 50 participants.

“I think what’s most exciting about it is that our students are finding out, ‘Why do I have to learn this and why is this important?’” McKethan said. “When they go to business partners, they’re starting to see that teachers are right and this is something they’re going to use, so they can put skills in action.”

The program is a paid summer internship that focuses on the academy in which the student spends their time in. Juniors apply for an internship and get matched up and selected by different companies in town. This allows students to see if this is the direction they want to go in or if they need to make any changes with their career plans.

This year more than 20 local employers provided internships for rising seniors from local school districts to complete an 80 hour internship, according to the report. McKethan said there were more students that applied than internships available this year, and encourages any local businesses that want an intern to contact her to get involved with this program.

The report also shows that Waco was one of four cities across the United States to participate in the first-ever City Health Dashboard. The dashboard breaks down various health indicators to the neighborhood level, according to the report.

Dr. Jessica Athens, assistant professor at the department of



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populations health at NYU School of Medicine, said Waco was selected as the southwest representative city, in order to get geographical diversity. Athens said the challenges Waco is facing with lead in the water, economics and loss of industry along with urban and economic development made Waco a good choice to include in the pilot. Moving forward, there is funding to extend the City Health Dashboard to the 500 largest cities across the country to allow the program to continue to gather data from cities by using the same benchmarks and providing connection points for city health improvement.

“I think that this is something that has been muted for a long time. There have been different initiatives trying to tackle this from different angles,” Athens said. “This is really the first one that focuses on using, for the most part, the same data set across the cities so that there’s no inherent risk of bias or misrepresentation across cities.”

Helmick said there is a full-time collector of data collection and research that works with the different community organizations to collect data and put it into the internal system.


With this data, the Prosper Waco Initiative is able to increase participation and put out reports. Helmick said data is looked at before every group meeting to have the reinforced idea that this is a continual process.

“No effort will magically achieve its goal because there is always a need to reach out and see how communities are doing, and pulling it back and seeing how it works for Waco,” Helmick said. “Partners look at it all the time. The data is incorporated into all meetings and discussions looking forward.”

Prosper Waco is an organization that aims to empower every member of the community to maximize their potential. Prosper Waco works with community partners to build upon the efforts of local leaders in the areas of education, health and financial security to keep moving Waco forward.


“The backbone is never Prosper Waco; it’s the Prosper Waco initiative,” Helmick said. “Our role is to convene community partners, so it’s really the work of the community that is doing this, and the initiative staff.”

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**TOGETHER IN HARMONY** The Baylor School of Music and the University of Texas at Austin will be playing together in “Sounds of Solidarity: A Collaborative Benefit Recital for Hurricane Relief” at 4 p.m. on Sunday in the Seventh & James Baptist Church.

# Baylor, UT flute studios unite for hurricane relief

**CASSIDY PATE**  
Reporter

One concert can make a difference, inspire and leave you with hope.

The flute studio of the Baylor School of Music is uniting with that of the University of Texas at Austin for “Sounds of Solidarity: A Collaborative Benefit Recital for Hurricane Relief.”

This event will be at 4 p.m. Sunday in Seventh & James Baptist Church.

In an effort to inspire the audience and continue the support of those affected by hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria through Direct Relief, a nonprofit organization with a focus on natural disasters,

the studios have prepared selections of hope, power and meditation.

Dr. Charlotte Daniel , assistant professor of flute, said she and her former professor, Marianne Gedigian, professor of flute at the University of Texas at Austin, have brought their studios together to not only raise money, but to help victims.

Daniel said she and Gedigian took the time to sift through organizations but were inspired by Direct Relief’s mission — to improve the health and lives of people affected by poverty and emergencies.

“It has the potential to be so powerful,” Daniel said. “To be able to support an amazing

organization while we’re in the process, you know, we just really want to make a difference.”

The studios will be performing several pieces as one unit, in addition to separate performances by each studio.

Because of the distance between the universities, their first rehearsal with both groups combined will be Sunday morning before the concert.

Daniel said each studio has been preparing for this event since the beginning of the fall semester, when the hurricanes hit. She added that one of the most time-consuming aspects was deciding which repertoire would best suit this occasion.

Powerful selections from Johann Sebastian Bach, Irish folk music by London Derriere, a slow movement from a Felix Mendelssohn symphony and a meditative raga, or genre of Indian classical music, will be included in the concert.

“We wanted to choose music that’s really beautiful and that’s also really varied ...we also wanted to choose music that really inspires and heals and inspires hope and positivity,” Daniel said.

Daniel said whether or not people are able to donate, the purpose of this benefit concert is to come together as one and unify ourselves with community and beautiful music.

“Music can bring people

together in a way that, in some ways, nothing else can,” Daniel said. “It touches everyone ... in such a personal and powerful way where words can’t necessarily.”

Coppell sophomore Caleb Estrada Valentín was born in Puerto Rico and had family evacuated during Hurricane Maria.

“To me, it’s personal,” Estrada Valentín said.

Estrada Valentín said this concert would incorporate great and thoughtful music made with a lot of passion from dedicated musicians.

“Our studio is just so diverse and there are a lot of different representations in our studio, so it was great to hear that we can be a part of

something that will benefit all the people who were suffering or trying to recover,” Estrada Valentín said.

In relation to Estrada Vlentín, League City sophomore Nicole Matthys said the other half of her hometown was affected by Hurricane Harvey. She said this concert is her and the studios’ means of using a love of the flute to fulfill a desire to help out.

“For me, it’s my way to help out everyone that I know back home who lost their house or is still trying to figure out how to make ends meet,” Matthys said. “I’ll do whatever I can.”

# Student-run fashion blog hosts pop-up shop

**JENNIFER SMITH**  
Reporter

Buttoned Bears, a student-run fashion and lifestyle blog, is having a pop-up shop from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at LL Sams Poolhouse, located at 2000 S. First Street. The pop-up shop will include a variety of local vendors, coffee, Pokey-O’s and live music from Baylor students such as Jacob Hummel and John Sung.

Beaumont senior Ariana Coleman, the blog’s editor-in-chief said Buttoned Bears formed from the desire to spread the conversation about fashion at Baylor.

“Buttoned Bears started with our founders, Hannah Kleinick, Taylor Wong and Abby Thompson [during] their freshman year at Baylor, four years ago. They just wanted to create a place where you can talk about fashion, highlight the fashion at Baylor and talk about trends,” Coleman said.

“Buttoned Bears is the first of our kind that we know of. There are other blogs that sort of do lifestyle, but we are the only one centered around fashion.”

This is Buttoned Bears’ fourth independent pop-up shop. Coleman said for each shop they form a contract, including a fee, which the vendors sign and pay to be a part of.

“It’s a lot of work but it’s completely worth it,” Coleman said. “And, on top of all the other businesses, we have our own booth where we have crafts and snacks. People should expect a fun, cool atmosphere to come chill and see what we have to offer.”

Coleman said fun prizes and goodies will also be given away on Saturday, with one of the biggest prizes being a Polaroid camera.

Orange County senior Meredith Nagel is one of the marketing and advertising coordinators. She said she had always followed Buttoned Bears on social media, and finally decided to get involved. Nagel manages their social media accounts and implements strategies to gain more of a following.



Coleman

“I’ve had so much fun doing it, I’ve really enjoyed getting to know the team which is filled with such talented people. Although I’m not a fashion major, it’s a really cool thing to be involved with as a hobby,” Nagel said.

Nagel said she thinks the blog’s “So Hot Right Now” feature each Monday makes Buttoned Bears unique from other local blogs.

“Each week we feature a different Baylor student that has a unique style and we interview and photograph them. This is a lot of people’s favorite part of our blog because it incorporates our audience,” Nagel said. “Also, it’s completely student-produced,

which has been amazing to see all of our members balance their crazy school load and put in all the effort to Buttoned.”

Nagel said the team’s number one goal is to create a fun environment for the Baylor community to explore fashion through their platform, while also giving the blog more exposure. She said she’s even inspired by the material posted on their site from other student’s wardrobes.

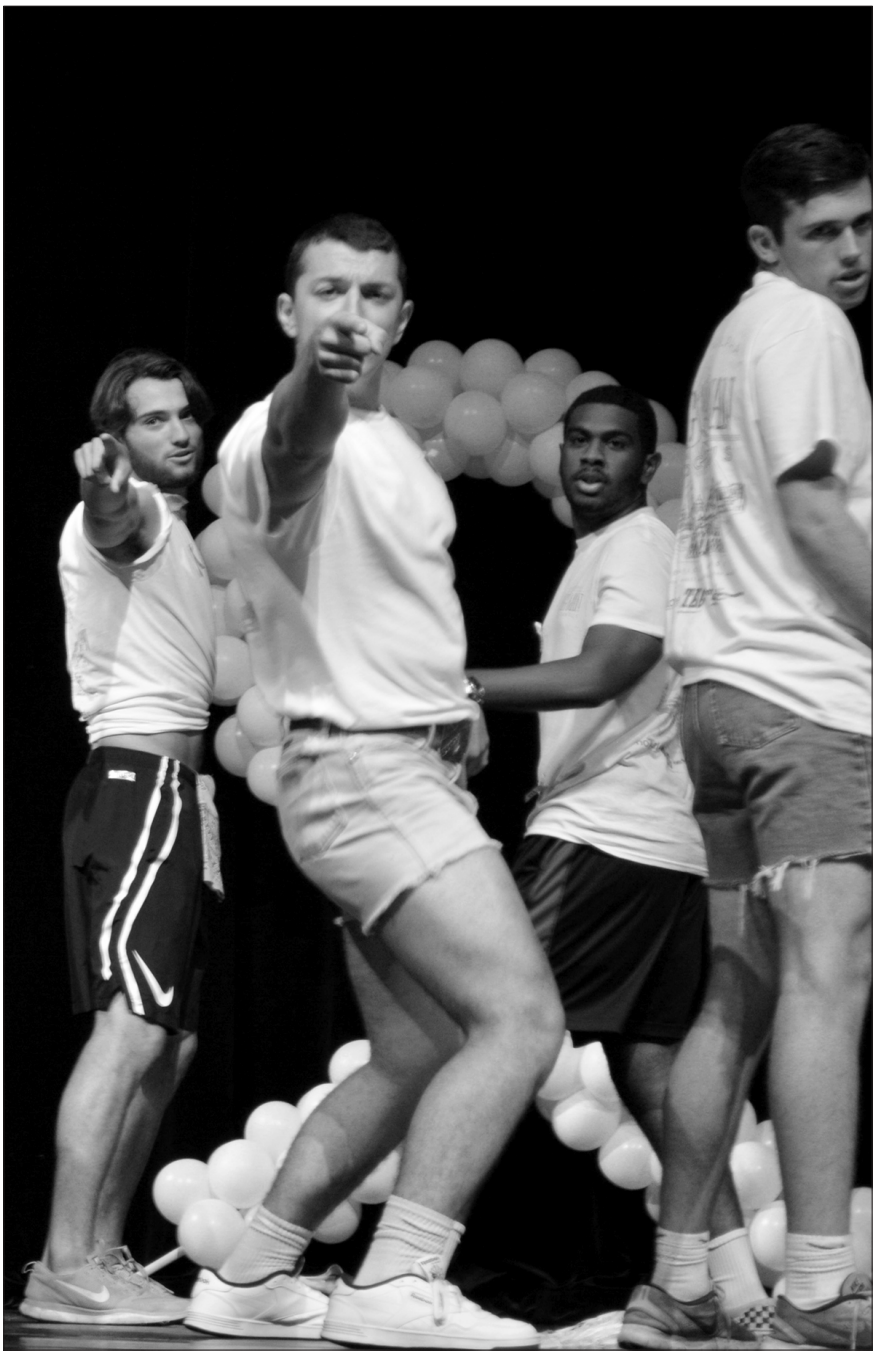
“I think fashion is so important, especially to college students, because it’s a means of self-expression. At Buttoned we love to find unique students across campus showing off what makes them feel best. There are so many creative and self-expressive students and it’s been really cool to hear them describe their own style,” Nagel said.

Waco junior Harrison Young is a writer for Buttoned Bears and said he loves the idea of exposing the Baylor student body to new trends. The blog’s fashion aspect was what drew him to apply for the job. His job includes pitching ideas and writing the blog’s articles about whatever is trending at the time.

“Baylor can be very narrow-minded when it comes to fashion, which I think a lot of people can agree with. I feel like part of my responsibility is to expose Baylor students to other styles out of their comfort zones,” Young said.

“Buttoned is unique because we focus on Baylor students specifically. We feature a different student every week and emphasize their style on campus.”

# ‘Big Man on Campus’



Molly Atchison | Print Managing Editor

**PAGEANT MEN** The best and brightest men of Baylor competed for the title of “Big Man on Campus” during Zeta Tau Alpha’s annual philanthropy event Thursday night. Mac Paine of Pi Kappa Phi (not pictured) was named the winner, and Grant Gillespie of Pi Kappa Phi (not pictured) was named Mr. Congeniality.