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## Baylor student testifies at Texas House hearing

**KALYN STORY**  
Staff Writer

Mansfield junior Sierra Smith testified at a Texas House of Representatives Committee on Higher Education hearing with the goal of helping representatives understand what it is like to be a woman in college who was sexually assaulted.

"I was terrified to testify," Smith said. "There were only two women on the committee, and I was afraid the men wouldn't be able to understand where I was coming from. But in the end it was worth it, and I am so glad I shared my story."

Smith testified regarding House Bill 3142, which would require all Texas colleges and universities receiving state funding to mark the transcripts of students suspended or expelled for any reason, including sexual assault, even after they transfer to another school. In addition, the bill would keep the institutions from releasing the transcripts of students who are under investigation for sexual assault while the investigation is still underway.

Some schools, including University of Texas, Texas

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Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

**FIRED UP** A fire roars at a recycling center in Speegleville at 2 p.m. about 10 miles west of downtown Waco.

## What in Blazes

Flames break out near Speegleville on Wednesday

**GAVIN PUGH**  
Editor-in-Chief

A fire broke out around 1 p.m. Wednesday at Waco Wood Recycling & Material in Speegleville.

There were no injuries reported when the Lariat arrived on the scene around 2 p.m., but a few people had been treated for smoke inhalation.

According to a Speegleville firefighter at the scene, the fire was

at a size that was too difficult to put out immediately.

"There's probably not enough water in McLennan County to touch this thing right now," the firefighter said.

Although multiple fire departments from McLennan County were at the scene, including Waco, Lorena and Speegleville, the firefighter was skeptical about their ability to have the flames extinguished by Wednesday night.

"The size of this fire — when

the wind dies down tonight — it might be tomorrow morning before we can get this under control," the firefighter said.

The firefighter said they were mostly focused on keeping the fire contained rather than putting it out immediately.

Waco Wood Recycling & Material is located about 10 miles west of downtown Waco, on the other side of Lake Waco.

*Liesje Powers, photo editor, contributed to this report.*

## Forum speaks about black mental health

**JOY MOTON**  
Staff Writer

The Tau Alpha chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. hosted a forum to address mental health issues in the black community Wednesday evening in the Cowden Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Dallas junior Eriq Hardiman said the fraternity decided to host an event addressing this topic because suicide is not a prevalent topic of discussion in the black community, and it is a major concern as finals week approaches.

"Statistics show that during finals week people are more inclined to commit suicide," Hardiman said. "We're speaking primarily about African-Americans because that's not a conversation that takes place often. We definitely appreciate having the Counseling Center be a part of the conversation to help mediate and help students that may be going through dark times."

Representatives from the fraternity and staff from the Baylor Counseling Center engaged in a conversation about the causes of mental health issues in the black community.

The event began with members sharing statistics about suicide rates among the black community in America. They also noted that African-American men are typically more concerned about stigma than seeking help.

Dr. Vincent Walford, post-doctoral psychology fellow and coordinator of outreach for the Baylor Counseling Center, said it is important that students receive an education about these issues.

"The best thing you can do is be supportive by educating yourself. Peers learn better from other peers," Walford said.

Walford also said self care is key. Students are encouraged to exercise, take walks and engage in community so they do not feel alone.

"Try not to isolate yourself

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## New Student Programs prepares for summer

**RACHEL SMITH**  
Reporter

New Student Programs staff and student leaders are finishing training and proceeding to more technical preparations for 2017 Orientation and Line Camp.

During the fall semester, New Student Programs staff selected nine Student Leadership Team members and a large group of Line Camp leaders, who took a leadership development class during the spring semester. Coordinator for New Student Leadership Kimberly Black said New Student Programs staff recognizes that hosting Orientation and Line Camp is a university effort.

"Even though we've been tasked with the programming, it's the campus community that makes it happen," Black said. "It's very sweet to be in a community that's also excited about partnering with us. They're Baylor programs more than they are [New Student Programs] programs."

Black said she looks forward to extending hospitality to students who have never experienced the Baylor family and the opportunity to minister to various people.

"We get to embody a spirit of hospitality," Black said. "I look forward to seeing our student leaders doing that really well."

Black also said she hopes for incoming students to form points of significant connection during summer programs and to call Baylor their home afterward.

"For our leaders, my hope is that they learn more about themselves and, vocationally, that they see who God has created them to be in a space where they can live that out in a meaningful way," Black said.



Photo Courtesy of New Student Programs

**IT'S ALL FUN AND GAMES** Incoming Baylor students participate in the Bruiser Games at Line Camp 2015. New Student Programs has been preparing for Line Camp 2017 throughout the spring semester.

Snyder freshman Kaiden Johnson, who will serve as a Line Camp leader, is finishing the leadership class.

"It's really been about how to foster good community, how to be a servant leader and how to love and lead well," Johnson said.

Johnson said he applied to be a Line Camp leader because of the impact last year's leaders left on him as well as the opportunity he saw to make a difference in incoming

students' lives.

"I look forward to pouring into their lives, hopefully to help them have as good of a Line Camp experience as I did," Johnson said.

Orientation will occur in 10 sessions throughout June, with an August session available for students who received their class schedule through alternate registration, according to the New Student Programs website. Line Camp

*"We get to embody a spirit of hospitality."*

Kimberly Black |  
Coordinator for New Student Leadership

will occur in 12 sessions — eight traditional and four specialty sessions — from June to August.

Winchester, Va., freshman Caroline Lynch will also serve as a Line Camp leader this summer. Though Lynch did not attend Line Camp as an incoming student, she said she wanted to work with incoming students.

"It's just really an awesome opportunity to be that first face when they walk on campus and encourage them that Baylor can be a place that can be their home for the next four years," Lynch said.

Lynch said many students are ready to start over after high school.

"So many of us have been thinking of these students and praying for these students," Lynch said. "I pray that Line Camp will be the first step for them to become the person they want to become."

Lynch said her leadership style has changed through the class.

"I really believe everyone has a voice and can use that to make a difference in the world," Lynch said. "I understand I can't do everything now, but I can do what's in my power to make people feel welcomed and loved."

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**COLUMN**

## Keep an eye on activity of Tea Party

**BROOKE BENTLEY**  
Guest Contributor

While most of America remains preoccupied with the feuding between Democrats and Republicans, a new party is on the rise, and I would argue that it has the potential to qualify as a new third party. The Tea Party recently made a prominent breakthrough in Congress through its Freedom House Caucus, their loudest and most



powerful mouthpiece within the government.

In their singlehanded deliverance of a loss to the Republicans in Congress over the new healthcare plan, they demonstrated their underrated voting muscle.

In addition to voting power, their money-backing through the

Koch brothers provides them with the tools that they'll need to be able to truly make a difference, but that's only if their message gets through.

Composed of determined, highly goal-oriented members that appeal to fighting the establishment Republicans on their often absent-minded or miscalculated legislature and spending, the Tea Party plays no favorites.

Although the Tea Party's members are largely anonymous, several big-name politicians adhere to or support their goals, such as Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio and Rand Paul. Since the formation of the Freedom House Caucus in 2015, they've successfully fought both Republicans and Democrats on issues such as excessive spending and the national debt.

Despite fighting the Republicans on most issues, they have also invigorated the conservative movement by adding rough edges rather than becoming wholly Libertarian. The Tea Party's few seats have proven themselves to be just numerous enough to block the establishment when they fail to compromise, earning themselves recognition, at least in my book, as an emerging third party.

Not only are they here to stay, but they're here to fight, regardless of party affiliation.

The Freedom Caucus has also altered the way in which legislation is passed in Congress, forcing the Republicans to consider the merit and constitutionality of what they're passing more often. Although many Americans complain that Congress is too slow or unproductive, this is partly because there is debate, much of which the Freedom House Caucus incites, coercing Republicans to compromise before simply rubber-stamping the bills that fit their agenda.

This is precisely what killed the new healthcare bill that Speaker Paul Ryan and President Donald Trump tried to rush when the Tea Party refused to comply, completely halting the process and postponing the vote. Although Trump tried to brush it off as something he would accept for now, his tweets about "fighting" the Freedom Caucus say otherwise.

Despite the overwhelming amount of negative media attention that the Tea Party often receives, its influence should not be ignored, and its developing Congressional record serves as proof that it has the potential to form an effective third party.

While much of the media claims that the Tea Party is dead, I find this very hard to believe, given not only its influence in current American politics, but its clear accomplishments that have established them as a driving force in the government.

Pay attention to the Tea Party, research the Tea Party and don't discount the Tea Party because you very well may be hearing a lot more from them.

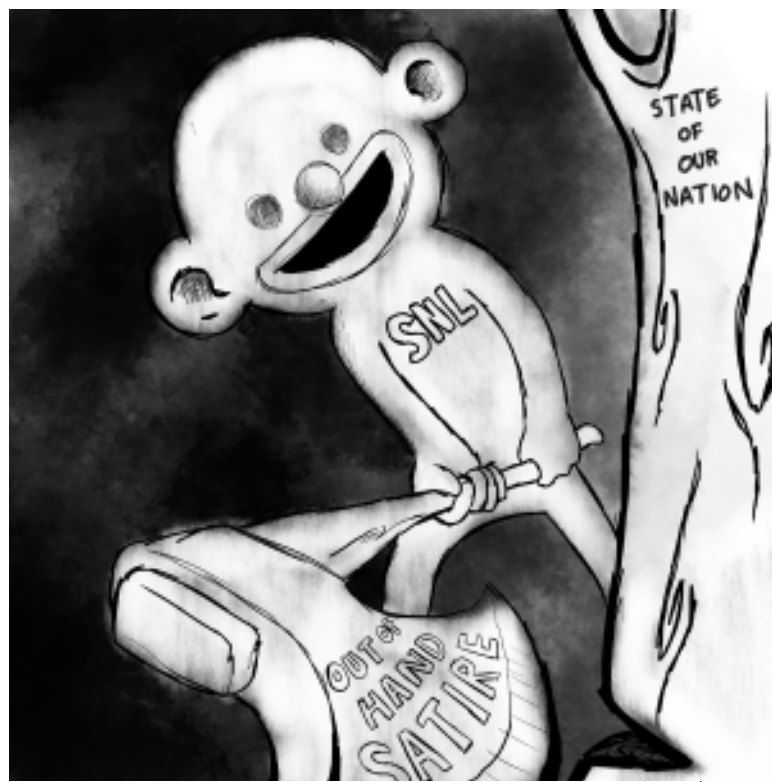
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**EDITORIAL**

## SNL should tread more lightly

Since the presidential election, the media has been in an uproar. News sites such as Huffington Post, Vice and CNN have all shared their opinions on our new president, Donald Trump, and his current policies. However, while the media is a major source of criticism toward the president, few have been as notably critical as "Saturday Night Live," which has parodied his less-than-eloquent responses. However, while our president and his cabinet may be unusual and his policies may be unorthodox and disagreeable to dissidents, Saturday Night Live has taken it to a point of offense, not just for those who support the presidency, but also for those who may be impacted by their off-key jokes on racism, sexism and anti-Semitism.

For example, in their episode which aired on April 15, right before Easter, SNL poked fun at Press Secretary Sean Spicer, whose careless statement on the Holocaust earlier that week on April 11 enraged viewers. In the skit, actress Melissa McCarthy played Spicer and was addressing the audience in a pretend news conference while dressed as the Easter Bunny. While there were plenty of satirical comments toward both Spicer and Trump that got viewers giggling, there were also several jokes, most



Joshua Kim|Cartoonist

notably McCarthy calling internment camps "concentration clubs," that definitely crossed a line. Although her impersonation was meant to point out the incompetence of the press secretary and not the religious significance of the Holocaust or the cultural significance of names in Arab countries, the jokes dragged on and became lost among the jumble of political statements they were trying to make as well.

Fighting fire with fire may not be the best answer to SNL's worries about the state of our

government. While satire is supposed to be provocative and is meant to instigate change and conversation, SNL is overloading viewers with visual satirization, political satirization and social satirization. Having someone as comedic as McCarthy play Spicer and making fun of his awkward apology is enough — there's no need to add on Holocaust joke after Holocaust joke just to get people's attention. Satire, by definition, walks a thin line between distasteful and genius. When SNL began to focus more on getting a reaction

from its audience with edgy comments and exaggerations than focusing on pointing out already relevant irony within the government, it became distasteful.

When did satire get so out of hand? Instead of witty, humorous jokes about Trump's hair or a statement about his defunding of the Environmental Protection Agency, we're slandering our government and saying those who support the actions of our leaders are ignorant. Satire and outright slander are very different, a fact many seem to forget. Unlike Shakespeare and Oscar Wilde, who used their wit and lighthearted humor to point out societal and governmental flaws, SNL writers have stooped to the level of those they are trying to call out, and pandering to their viewers with sexist, racist, anti-Semitic jokes misses the mark. Instead of bringing attention to idiocy or injustice, they only condone the use of slurs and insults by their audience.

This weekend, as you're looking for something fun to watch to distract you from your finals, don't turn on SNL. If you're looking for a laugh, turn your attention to humor that isn't hurtful, such as reruns of "Friends" or even "Parks and Recreation." Entertainment shouldn't be used to break down others, whether you agree with them or not.

**COLUMN**

## You can be conservative and feminist, too

**ELAYNE ALLEN**  
Guest Contributor

The phrase "conservative feminist" probably annoys people from both the political left and right. Some feminists might assume that a conservative worldview is inherently anti-woman, while a lot of conservatives probably recoil at the very word "feminism." But both feminists and conservatives misunderstand one another. Once people in our country get a clearer picture of what each side is saying, we realize that the two perspectives are not only compatible, but maybe even complementary.

While feminism and conservatism are both difficult to define, it is possible to point to characteristics within each movement that show how the two are compatible. Conservatives believe in the power of private groups, not the government, to manage society. Conservatives also look to families, religions and the wisdom of predecessors to influence societal norms. Feminism, at its core, seeks the recognition of female dignity. Feminists also want better female leadership in our governments, businesses and religious communities.

The two conceptual frameworks are compatible because it is possible to advocate for women without the strong arm of the federal government. In fact, movements for the advancement of women originating in the private sector have often been the most successful. Media and entertainment depicting strong, dignified women is a

powerful way to demonstrate that women are intelligent and capable in more spheres than the domestic. Not that we should minimize the federal government until it is nonexistent — there are certainly situations that justify government action — but it is perfectly consistent to care deeply for advancement of women and believe that the best way to accomplish it is through the private sphere.

As odd as sounds is for someone to be both conservative and feminist, a closer look tells us these two ways of thinking are not mutually exclusive. Sure, some conservative people sometimes hold sexist opinions. But when looking at the conservative set of ideas, there is nothing inherently anti-woman about them. I would argue (perhaps uniquely, perhaps not) that this view is not inherent to conservatism. It is OK if some feminists want to reject conservatism, but they should find reasons other than saying all of conservatism itself is sexist.

Conservatives are equally guilty of dismissing some traditionally leftist opinions, such as feminism. President Donald Trump's comments about and actions toward women and some conservatives' dismissal of his behavior as "locker room talk" indicate serious problems with our society's view of women. Many conservatives showed an unwillingness to recognize this problem. But there is nothing about conservative principles that prevents us from acknowledging that the president's comments were wrong. In fact, conservatism arguably calls for condemnation of such behavior. Conservatives strive to uphold the dignity of all human beings, and some of President Trump's behavior toward women is contrary to this central tenet of conservatism.

The point is that it's OK to take positions that might not fit neatly in "conservative" or

"liberal" world views as they are currently set up. We tend to buy into narratives that demonize the opposing side. It becomes more and more rare to take a position that is outside your own political dogma. The media presents political opinions as a strict binary between conservatism and liberalism, and Americans seem to have internalized this understanding of politics.

There are countless logical fallacies that shape American politics. As I pointed out, there is nothing inherently opposed to the ideas of conservatism and the ideas of feminism. We can be "conservative," but that doesn't mean we have to embrace every single position that is typically conservative. Similarly, you can be a liberal who believes in some conservative ideas. For example, one can also be an environmentally-conscious conservative.

Our political system is starved of nuance. It seems like we arrive at conclusions without weighing both sides of an argument, and we allow the most compelling side to win out. Our loyalty is not to truth but to political ideologies that make false promises.

When we realize that politics won't save us, it becomes easier to avoid buying wholesale into the promises of conservatism and liberalism. We must look beyond political battles to find our ultimate meanings. One of my favorite thinkers, Fyodor Dostoevsky, suggests that we find truth and meaning when we love our neighbors selflessly.

We are fortunate to live in a country where we have the freedom to look past the rhetoric of political creeds and find out what is true. In doing so, we can begin to understand and maybe even love those with whom we disagree.

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# Baylor UNICEF aims for change

**RYLEE SEEVERS**  
Staff Writer

Baylor United for UNICEF received its official charter from Baylor Student Activities on Tuesday and is looking for members for the 2017-18 academic year.

San Antonio junior and president David Espinoza, El Paso junior and vice president Clarissa Anderson and Mansfield senior and secretary Taylor Strong are the three founders of the organization and are all members of the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core.

Espinoza said BIC teachers have learned about world cultures and the issues

that affect those cultures. They decided to start an organization to support UNICEF because it is one of the largest humanitarian organizations that works to support human rights.

"We want to make sure to bring those issues to the Waco community to educate people here," Espinoza said.

UNICEF works to give a voice to those who do not have one, Strong said, which is usually children and sometimes women. Students who are concerned about the rights and safety of women and children around the world should consider joining Baylor United for UNICEF, Strong

said. "By bringing the organization to Baylor, we are trying to get the Waco community and the Baylor community more involved with that," Strong said.

Espinoza said the founders of the organization were inspired by Baylor's caring community and wanted the chance to be leaders and to provide other students with opportunities to be leaders.

Baylor United for UNICEF does have officer positions, and members of the organization will have opportunities to lead task forces that would oversee planning of events and fundraisers, Anderson said.

Strong said they hope to bring guest lecturers to campus, view documentaries, hold fundraisers and participate in volunteer work as an organization.

The organization is open to anyone who wants to join, and active membership in the organization will be determined by a point system, Anderson said. A student must receive 70 percent of the available points in a semester, which can be earned by attending meetings and planning events, to be considered an active member, Anderson said.

A student is required to be an active member to run for



**MAKING A DIFFERENCE** Baylor United for UNICEF becomes official at a student organization chartering ceremony on Tuesday. Courtesy Art

a leadership position within Baylor United for UNICEF, Anderson said.

Anderson also said a benefit to joining an organization that is just beginning is having an opportunity to be a part of the growth and later look back on their contribution knowing they helped start something

great.

If Baylor United for UNICEF can register with UNICEF, it will be the 189th UNICEF organization in North America, Espinoza said.

Baylor United for UNICEF will hold an interest meeting at 5 p.m. on Thursday in 102 Morrison.

# Trump proposes tax plan

**JOSH BOAK AND STEPHEN OHLEMACHER**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Dismissing concerns about ballooning federal deficits, President Donald Trump on Wednesday proposed dramatic tax cuts for U.S. businesses and individuals — outlining an overhaul his administration promises will spur economic growth and simplify America's tangle of tax code rules.

His proposal, a one-page sketch short on detail, would reduce the top corporate tax rate by 20 percentage points and allow private business owners to claim the new lower rate for their take-home pay. It would whittle the number of tax brackets for individuals from seven to three, lower the top tax rate from 39.6 percent to 35 percent and double the standard amount taxpayers could deduct.

It would eliminate the estate tax and reduce taxes on investments, typically paid by the rich. It would further reduce the tax burden for the wealthy by eliminating the catch-all alternative minimum tax, which takes an additional bite out of high-income Americans.

More lower-income Americans would pay no tax at all, and there would be relief — still undefined — for families with child care expenses.

The plan does not propose any budget cuts or tax increases that might offset the lost revenue, a choice that alarms some fiscal conservatives in Trump's party who have spent years railing about the dangers of deficit spending.

It also does not fully embrace tax proposals backed by Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan, an essential ally if the president is to make good on his promise to deliver a tax overhaul that creates growth and brings jobs to struggling parts of the country.

Still, "I would never, ever bet against this president. He will get this done for the American people," said Gary Cohn, director of the White House National Economic Council. "He understands that there are a lot of people who work hard and feel like they're not getting ahead."

The president's proposal marks a reshuffle of an economic theory popularized in the 1980s. Trump officials essentially argue that benefits from the tax cuts will trickle down from higher profits for companies into stronger pay raises for workers and greater consumer spending. This expected surge in growth, in theory, would be enough to keep the federal budget deficit from shooting upward.

Some economists agree, but most budget experts say it's unlikely.

# What's Happening on Campus?

**Thursday, Apr. 27** ☀️  
**Aquatics Safety Education & First Aid Training**

**5:30 p.m.** Prepare for a summer at the pool, lake or beach with this 4.5-hour course covering everything from minor scrapes and burns to CPR and how to properly splint a limb. Students can register at the SLC for \$35 with Student ID; certification is valid for two years.

**Thursday, Apr. 27 – Sunday, Apr. 30** ☀️ 🌙  
**Noises Off!**

**Various.** Directed by Stan Denman, *Noises Off!* runs April 27-29 at 7:30 p.m. and April 29 and 30 at 2 p.m. in Jones Theatre inside the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. Get your tickets at the theater box office while they last!

**April 28, 2017** 🌙  
**Black Glasses Film Festival**

**7 p.m.** Presented by Baylor Film & Digital Media, this event at the Hippodrome showcases the year's best student work in filmmaking and screenwriting. Tickets are \$3 for students and can be purchased at the Hippodrome box office or online at [wacohippodrometheatre.com](http://wacohippodrometheatre.com). Visit [baylor.edu/fdm](http://baylor.edu/fdm) for more information.

**Sunday, Apr. 30** ☀️  
**Baylor Fashion Show: "Timeless"**

**3 p.m.** Produced entirely by the Family and Consumer Sciences Department, the Baylor Fashion Show will feature clothing created by Apparel Design & Production majors. The 5th floor of Cashion will be transformed for this runway show. Admission is \$20 and proceeds will fund next year's event.

**Monday May 1** 🌙  
**Moonlight Extravaganza**

**10 p.m.** Kick off finals week with a late-night Carnival! Enjoy free carnival-themed food with friends [no meal swipe required] at Penland from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m.

**Tuesday, May 2** 🌙  
**Yoga with the Bears**

**7 p.m.** Hosted by Baylor Wellness, clear your mind and energize with FREE yoga on Fountain Mall. Email [van\\_davis@baylor.edu](mailto:van_davis@baylor.edu) to reserve your spot [and a mat!].

**Wednesday, May 3 & Thursday, May 4** 🌙  
**Angel Paws Therapy Dogs**

**7 p.m.** De-stress during finals week with the therapy dogs of Angel Paws Waco from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Moody Library.

**Monday, May 8** ☀️  
**The Bitter End**

**8 a.m.** Enjoy free coffee to celebrate the last day of finals on the first floor of the SUB.

**Friday, May 12 & Saturday, May 13** ☀️ 🌙  
**Spring Commencement**

**Various.** Baylor graduates take the stage inside the Ferrell Center and receive their diplomas. Ceremonies take place May 12 at 2:30 p.m. and May 13 at 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more details, visit [baylor.edu/commencement](http://baylor.edu/commencement). Sic 'em, Class of 2017!

**Looking for a place to study?**  
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**Moody | open until 3 a.m. May 2-4 & 7**  
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A&M and Texas Tech, already have similar policies.

“Baylor looks forward to continuing to provide input regarding this potential legislation with members as it is in the initial stages of review,” a Baylor representative said in a statement to the Lariat. “Our top priority remains the safety, security and well-being of our students and campus community.”

Smith told the committee she was sexually assaulted last year, and while the Title IX office was investigating her claim, her assailant transferred to another school. her assailant was able to transfer to another school. By the time he was found responsible several months later and would have been given a punishment of three semesters suspension, he was already at another university in another state.

“It’s not fair that he got to transfer and will never be punished for his actions,” Smith said. “There is nothing on his record saying he was found guilty or would have been punished. It’s not fair, and I have gotten no closure or justice.”

Smith expressed her concern for women at the university her assailant transferred to, pointing out that repeat offenders for sexual assault, especially in college, are extremely common.

“I would not be surprised if he assaults another girl, and there will be no record that she isn’t the first one,” Smith said. “It’s sad and scary.”

Rep. Chris Turner authored the bill and said he decided to write the bill after hearing stories of people committing sexual assaults at college and then transferring to another school before any disciplinary action could be handed down.

“This is being done by several Texas schools already and is a valuable tool to help ensure that sexual assault offenders won’t be able to just drop out and move on to a new school, where more students may be victimized as a result,” Turner said in a statement to the Lariat.

The bill passed through committee unanimously and, if approved by the state House and Senate, would be in effect by the fall 2017 semester.

Don’t [Air] Force It



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

**SALUTE** Baylor Air Force ROTC members salute the flag in their dress blues during the National Anthem before their Pass in Review on Wednesday on Fountain Mall.

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Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

**DISCUSSION** Shenandoah junior Trent Duddy speaks at Tau Alpha’s forum on mental health in the black community.

from other people. Y’all can edify each other because y’all are all going through the same thing. Reach out to your support system and let them know what’s going on,” Walford said.

Dr. Monique Marsh-Bell, assistant director of community programs and senior psychologist, addressed the idea that mental illness is often associated with weakness.

“There’s this idea in minority communities of being strong, and if you admit to having a weakness, it implies that you’re weak,” Marsh-Bell said.

Marsh-Bell said she sees many students who are not taking care of themselves because they are so weighed down by academics. She said it is important for students be educated enough to recognize the difference between normal stress and symptoms of depression. She said the most important thing college students can do is take care of themselves.

“Being in a college environment

is very competitive and rigorous, but your body and mind can only handle so much. Take a voluntary break or eventually you’ll take an involuntary break,” Marsh-Bell said.

The speakers also addressed faith in relation to mental health issues.

“There’s this idea of if you’re a strong Christian why are you struggling with mental health. Just pray,” Marsh-Bell said.

Walford said an individual can be a Christian, and still experience mental health issues. He said prayer is a helpful thing, but if individuals are struggling they are encouraged to seek other resources.

The speakers listed some signs of depression and suicide including isolation, visible tiredness, negative view of themselves, giving away possessions, struggling with sleep and change in appetite.

Marsh-Bell emphasized that although people typically notice when there is a change, sometimes there aren’t signs.

“There is a misconception that

if someone committed suicide, they should have seen something or notice something. That is not always the case. People can be functional and still struggling,” Marshfield said.

As students anticipate finals week, Marshfield said students should take care of themselves and place themselves in environments of reassurance.

“Specifically in the black community at a predominantly white institution, we’re in comparison to the majority,” said Houston junior Reginald Singletary and president of the chapter. “Much of the programs that could be a support system don’t focus on specific issues in the black community, and we are constantly reminded of our race just being in spaces like Baylor. It’s important to communicate with each other about when, where and how we can love and protect each other at all times, and let each other know we don’t have to go through anything alone.”

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**FUN FOR ALL** Bear Adventures is a program that aims to create an atmosphere where Waco youth can learn about the environment and healthy lifestyles and participate in outdoor activities.

## This week in Waco:

### >> Today

**10 a.m.**— “Self Chases Home” Art Exhibit opens. Free admission. Art Center, 1300 College Drive.

**5:30 p.m.**— Baylor Bronze. Free admission. Seventh & James Baptist Church, 602 James Ave.

**5:30 p.m.**— Preservation Fair. Free admission. Mayborn Museum Complex.

**7 p.m.**— Mountain Natives perform. Dichotomy Coffee & Spirits.

**7p.m.**— Music Association of Central Texas Groovy Awards. Lee Lockwood Library and Museum, 2801 W. Waco Drive.

**7:30 p.m.**— Henry V. \$8-\$12. Bosque River Stage, McLennan Community College campus.

**7:30 p.m.**— “Noises Off.” Jones Theatre.

**9:30 p.m.**— The Piano Man. Backyard Bar, Stage & Grill.

### >> Friday

**8 a.m.-5 p.m.**— Black Glasses Film Festival. Waco Hippodrome.

**7:30 p.m.**— “Noises Off.” Jones Theatre.

**7:30 p.m.**— Henry V. \$8-\$12. Bosque River Stage, McLennan Community College campus.

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

**8 p.m.**— Cotton Palace. \$15-\$50. Waco Hall.

# Adventure is out ‘bear’

## Bear Adventures leads Waco youth in outdoor activities

**AMANDA HARGETT-GRANATO**  
Reporter

One Baylor organization aims to help students in Waco experience the outdoors by taking advantage of Central Texas’ unique landscape. Bear Adventures, a program started by coordinator Stephanie Davis, seeks to teach Waco youth about the environment and encourage healthy lifestyles by helping them participate in outdoor activities such as camping, kayaking and rock climbing.

“I just thought it would be a fun opportunity to get to have fun with kids and get to introduce them to new activities that they’ve never heard of,” Davis said. “There’s so much they can do in Waco, especially Cameron Park.”

Bear Adventures began last spring when Davis applied for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) grant. The year-long grant aims to help underserved populations discover outdoor activities and learn about the environment, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website. After receiving the grant in April, Bear Adventures officially started in August 2016. The program has partnered with students from Indian Spring Middle School, Rapoport Academy, Mission Waco and others, Davis said.

“I know [these kids] feel pretty cool about getting to have these experiences,” Davis said. “I think they’ve also learned to try different things they might have been scared to try at first. To see their confidence being built in an activity they were

unsure of at first has been cool to see.”

Bear Adventures works with students between ages 11 and 18 and allows them to try camping, mountain biking, rock climbing and other outdoor activities. Students from Rapoport will be taking a senior camping trip this upcoming weekend with the program. Fort Worth sophomore Jessica Cox said teaching the students about nature and preservation is an important part of the activities.

“Honestly, the coolest part about it and, in my opinion, the most important part about it is that I get to know the kids, and I get to be a bit of a mentor figure,” Cox said. “I get to answer any questions that they have and help them to understand not only how awesome the outdoors are, but also how important the outdoors are.”

In addition to learning how to hold a paddle, cast a line and climb a rock wall, Cox said students are taught the seven “Leave No Trace” principles, which include picking up trash, being conscientious of others and respecting wildlife. Volunteers are always welcome, both Davis and Cox said, and the program is currently looking for a summer intern.

“It’s been really fun because I get to see these kids who wouldn’t necessarily have access to the resources that we’re giving them,” Cox said. “Getting to see the joy that comes from them getting to try those things and coming to enjoy them has honestly been a blessing, and it really has reaffirmed for me with what I want to do with my life.”

Those interested in volunteering can contact Stephanie\_Davis2@baylor.edu.

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### Today's Puzzles

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- 1 Letter from school
- 6 Tabloid fodder
- 12 Pop singer Spektr
- 14 Safari guide's weapon
- 16 Saws with wisdom
- 17 Auburn University's avian battle cry
- 18 Jewish ceremony for a newborn son
- 19 Photographer's buy
- 21 Elastic wood
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- 23 Four-time discus gold medalist
- 24 "The Gold-Bug" author
- 25 Admin. aides
- 27 Bentley of "Ghost Rider"
- 28 1930s N.Y. Giants star Lefty
- 30 Earn
- 31 Pay attention to
- 33 Land mentioned in the spiritual "Go Down, Moses"
- 34 1959 Gidget player
- 36 Classic V-8
- 38 What the nose knows
- 39 "That's amazing!"
- 42 Blow one's top
- 43 Chum
- 44 Alarm
- 46 Remote button
- 47 Ohio aviation city
- 50 Literary alter ego
- 51 Comic strip outburst
- 52 Matures
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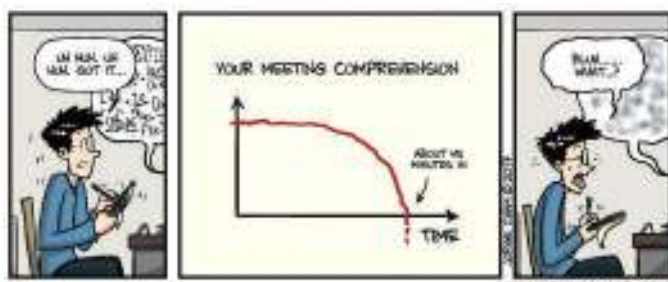
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- 6 Learns new technology, say
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- 9 \_\_ crossroads
- 10 The Stooges frontman
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- 13 Regarding
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- 17 \*Computer network component
- 20 Took another plunge?
- 26 \*Many a dorm accommodation
- 29 Vat filler
- 32 Last part
- 33 Istanbul : Constantinople :: Tokyo : \_\_
- 34 Nurse
- 35 Extra purchase
- 36 Boot reinforcements

- 37 Like some e-readers
- 39 "Outstanding!"
- 40 Diner call ... and what the answer to each starred clue literally contains
- 41 Gardening tools
- 42 Lab units
- 43 Way around the city
- 45 Chewing gum ingredient
- 48 "We \_\_ please"
- 49 Tiny bit of time: Abbr.
- 55 Airport near Citi Field: Abbr.
- 57 Masked drama

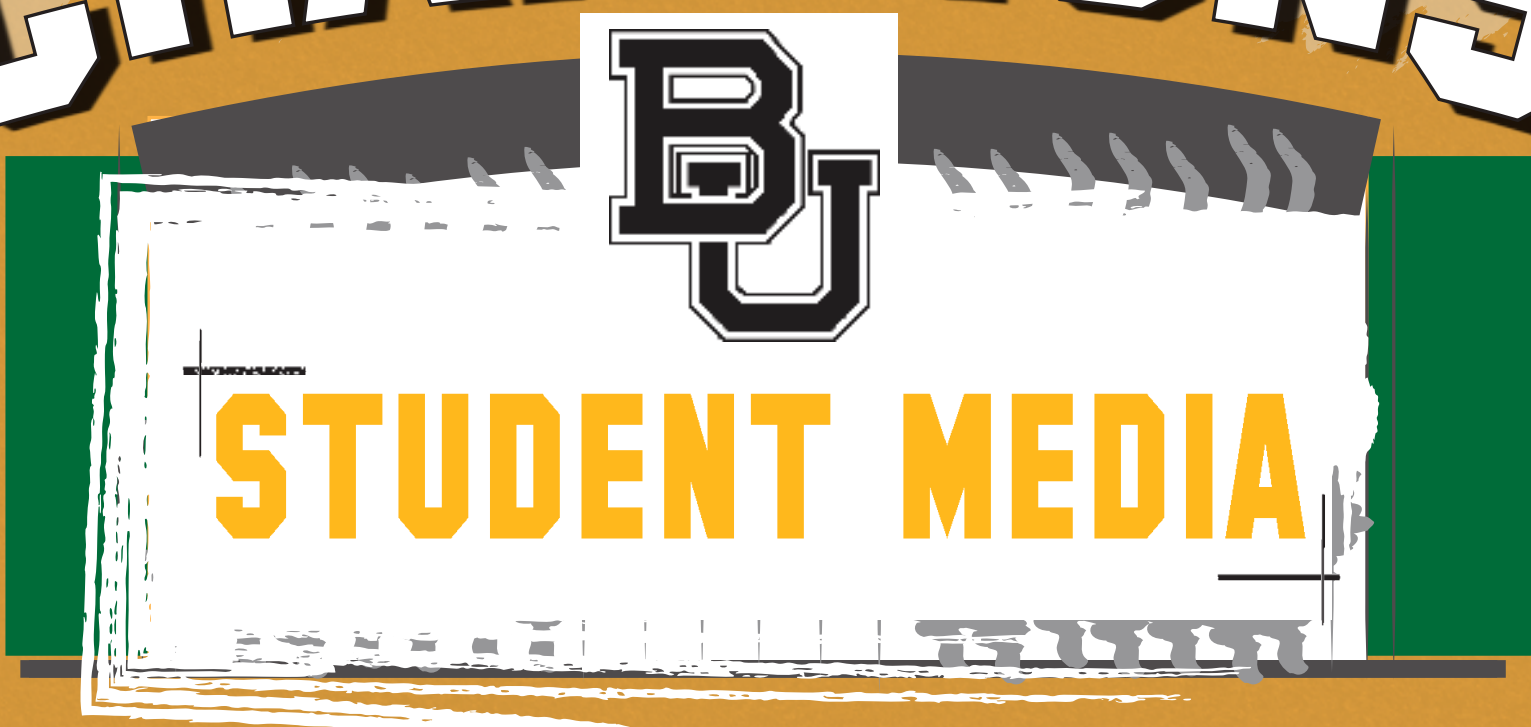


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## Wainright: From hardwood to gridiron

### Former basketball star joins football team at McLane Stadium

**BEN EVERETT**  
Sports Writer

Baylor football senior tight end Ishmael Wainright made a change this offseason that is becoming more common in the sports world today.

Wainright is in the midst of learning how to play football after playing four years of college basketball for the Bears.

The sports world has seen tight ends such as Jimmy Graham and Antonio Gates succeed in the NFL after having played basketball in college.

More recently, former Baylor power forward and three-year starter Rico Gathers was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys last year around this time to play tight end after having no college gridiron experience.

Wainright said going against the physical Gathers in practice for three years prepared him for battle on the football field.

"He made me football tough," Wainright said. Going against him every day-black eyes and chipped teeth. We used to just fight in rebounding battles."

In the Green and Gold

spring game on Saturday, Wainright hauled in a 23-yard touchdown pass from freshman quarterback Charlie Brewer to the delight of the Baylor fans.

During the play, Wainright pushed off slightly from his defender in order to make the catch, something he couldn't have gotten away with in basketball.

"Somebody said it was pass interference," Wainright said. "But there's no fouls in football, and there was no flag thrown."

Wainright initially was not going to play in the spring game, according to head coach Matt Rhule, but Rhule was persuaded otherwise by Wainright himself.

"I'm proud of Ish," Rhule said. "I did not want him to play in the game. But he came to me and said, 'I can play in the game. I know what I'm doing.'"

Wainright says this offseason will be crucial to getting into football shape and learning the nuances of the game after years of battling on the hardwood.

"Get bigger," Wainright said of his goals this offseason. "Learn to play. Learn the playbook. I studied that

playbook for three hours last night."

While the move may be a surprise to some, Wainright says it feels natural due to his body type. He said he has been confused for a football player on campus because of his 6-foot-5, 230 pound frame.

"I thought about it," Wainright said. "It came up a couple times throughout the years here. First semester I was going to class and one of the new [football] coaches said 'Hey, class is that way'. I said 'No, class is this way.'"

Wainright, the winningest Baylor basketball player of all time, said the door finally opened for him after the season when Rhule invited him to practice following the conclusion of basketball season.

"After the season, Coach Rhule reached out," Wainright said. "I prayed about it, took two weeks off. Talked to my family, talked to my lady, everybody."

The spring game concluded the spring practice season, but Wainright and the Bears will be back in action to face Liberty University on Sept. 2 at McLane Stadium to open the 2017 season.



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

**LOOKING FOR NEW OPPORTUNITIES** Former Baylor men's basketball guard and current Baylor football tight end Ishmael Wainright looks for an open teammate in a game against the Oklahoma Sooners on Feb. 21 in Waco. Baylor won the game 60-54.

## Thompson emotional, but ready to give another go again at LPGA

**STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
Associated Press

IRVING — Lexi Thompson paused, tears welling up in her eyes, when asked about how difficult things have been since a viewer-cited penalty cost her what appeared to be a sure victory in the LPGA Tour's first major of the year.

Thompson stopped for more than 30 seconds after starting to answer the question Wednesday, a day before teeing off in Texas for her first tournament since the ANA Inspiration in California.

"That's one of my favorite tournaments, and it's always a dream of mine to just see myself jumping into Poppie's Pond," said the 22-year-old Thompson, who got to do that after winning at Mission Hills in 2014. "I played amazing that week. I don't think I've ever played better, and just for that to happen it was just, it was kind of a nightmare."

On the 13th hole in the final round April 2, Thompson had a three-stroke lead before being informed that she was being penalized four strokes for an infraction on the 17th hole the previous day that was pointed out by a television viewer by email.

Thompson, in her first media session since losing in a playoff at the ANA, said she didn't intentionally put her ball back down in the wrong spot before making the 15-inch par-saving putt on the Dinah Shore Course with absolutely perfect greens.

"I have seen the video and I can see where they're coming from with it. It might have been, I guess, me rotating the ball," she said. "I have always played by the Rules of Golf. ... I did not mean it at all."

*"I'm very excited. I'm happy to be here in Texas."*

Lexi Thompson | LPGA Tour golfer

Golf's ruling bodies just this week issued a new decision that limits the use of video evidence and could spare players from being penalized even if they violated a rule. The decision went into effect immediately on all tours around the world.

Players can avoid a penalty if the violation could not be noticed with the naked eye. Rules official also can eliminate penalties if they feel players made a "reasonable judgment" in taking a drop or replacing their golf balls on the putting green.

Thompson said she hadn't read too much into the changes, but said, "any rule that's made to make the game more simple, I think, is great for the game of golf."

The U.S. Olympian also hadn't spoken to any LPGA Tour rules officials about the new rule, and didn't know if she would have been penalized had the new standards been in effect three weeks ago.

On the placement that got her penalized, Thompson said she was trying to take her time and make sure she made that putt after a birdie attempt that came up short on the 27th of 28 holes she had to play that Saturday at Mission Hills because she also had to finish her second round.

"I got up to it and thought about tapping it in, but I was pretty mad after my first putt because I put a terrible stroke on it," she said. "My dad always told me I've missed a lot of putts by just going up and tapping them in. I've stubbed a few, done all that. I was just like 'Lexi, just relax, mark the putt, it's a major championship, you don't need to go up and miss this little putt.'"

So Thompson marked her ball, took a practice stroke, took a deep breath and made sure she made the putt.

Thompson, the fifth-ranked women's player in the world, has three top-four finishes in her six starts on the LPGA Tour this season.

"I'm very excited. I'm happy to be here in Texas," she said. "I'm really focused on this week to just get back playing again. My game is in a great spot. ... I've been working hard the last three weeks, so I'm excited to tee it up and get this all behind me."

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