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Settlement reached in Ukwuachu court case

MALEESA JOHNSON
Editor-in-Chief

The sexual assault case involving former Baylor football player Sam Ukwuachu ended in a settlement agreement between the university and the victim, according to the Associated Press.

"The matter has been satisfactorily resolved," John Clune, an attorney for the victim, told the Dallas Morning News.

When asked for a statement on the matter, Assistant Vice President for Media Communications Lori Fogleman said, "We are unable to comment on legal matters."

Ukwuachu was convicted of sexual assault in Waco's 54th State District Court on Aug. 20. The trial made national news. Mass speculation of and suspicion of Baylor and the football program followed. Columns and blogs were posted saying that Baylor head coach Art Briles knew of Ukwuachu's violent past before adding him to the roster. President and Chancellor Ken Starr denied these claims in a statement that went out to the university.

"At no time did any Boise State official ever disclose any record of physical violence toward women," Starr wrote. "A variety of news sources ultimately corroborated the accuracy of Coach Briles' account."

The university underwent an internal investigation by law professor Jeremy Counsellor. Baylor is still in the process of being evaluated by outside counsel.

Sexual assault is prevalent on college campuses. According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college. More than 90 percent of sexual assault crimes on college campuses go unreported.

In an effort to combat sexual crimes, Baylor's Title IX office has implemented a required course for first-year students and student athletes. Patty Crawford, the Title IX coordinator, said she plans to extend this training to Greek organizations. Every staff member is also required to complete an online training session.

"Ideally, our goal is that all students have access to training," Crawford said. "So everyone is aware and they get all these resources."

Title IX office also launched It's on Us BU. It's on Us is a student-driven national campaign that aims to stop sexual assault. The Title IX office's website, baylor.edu/titleix features a video of students making a statement against sexual violence and sex discrimination.

Crawford said the student response to these initiatives has been positive.

"Between 92 and 98 percent of all of the responses from all of our programs, and they have reached over 9,000 people, have responded in a positive way that it was effective for a variety of reasons," Crawford said. "We are not increasing incidents, but by raising awareness we are increasing reporting."

Packing Heat



Robby Hirst | Photo Editor

OPEN CARRY Since House Bill 910 went into effect on January 1, the new law has left many, including businesses and universities, deliberating where they stand on the issue of allowing open carry on their premises.

Implementation of Open Carry law leaves questions of safety, support

JESSICA HUBBLE
Staff Writer

As of January 1, 2016, Texas House Bill 910, open carry, is effective.

House Bill 910 allows Texas citizens to carry their firearms in sight of the general public. This includes long arms like rifles and shotguns, which do not require a license. Handguns do require a license, and the individual must be 21 or over. A Texas citizen must also carry the handgun in a shoulder or belt holster.

Citizens do not need to

get a separate license to open carry. If they have a current concealed handgun license (CHL), they are allowed to open carry.

Not everyone can open carry. People who want to open carry must have a clean criminal and psychological record. They must also obtain a handgun license, which requires classroom training and a shooting

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test. Minors under 18 years old cannot open carry without a parent present.

Open carry is not allowed everywhere in Texas, either. Open carry is not allowed in schools, polling

places, courtrooms, or secured areas of airports. Private business owners can choose to ban open carry, or guns in general, but they must post a sign.

The media team from Waco's Olive Garden said that before this new law went into effect, it has been legal for owners to bring in guns as long as they don't consume alcohol. They said it hasn't changed anything with Olive Garden and that their standpoint hasn't changed from then to now. They said their policy is to follow state law as written and don't implement any rule that conflicts with the state law."

Separate from open carry,

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This week in Waco: MLK edition

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11 a.m.-1 p.m.— Spaghetti Night, St. Luke AME Church

12 p.m.— Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony, MLK Park

>> Saturday

2-4 p.m.— Urban Gardening Coalition, Penland Dining Hall

7 p.m.— Tango Place, Jubilee Theatre

>> Monday

10 a.m.-12 p.m.— Urban Gardening Coalition Distribution, Penland Dining Hall

>> Monday

12:30-1:30 p.m., 6-8 p.m.— MLK Celebration Luncheon and Evening Event, Foster Conference Room 250

12 p.m.— Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony, MLK Park

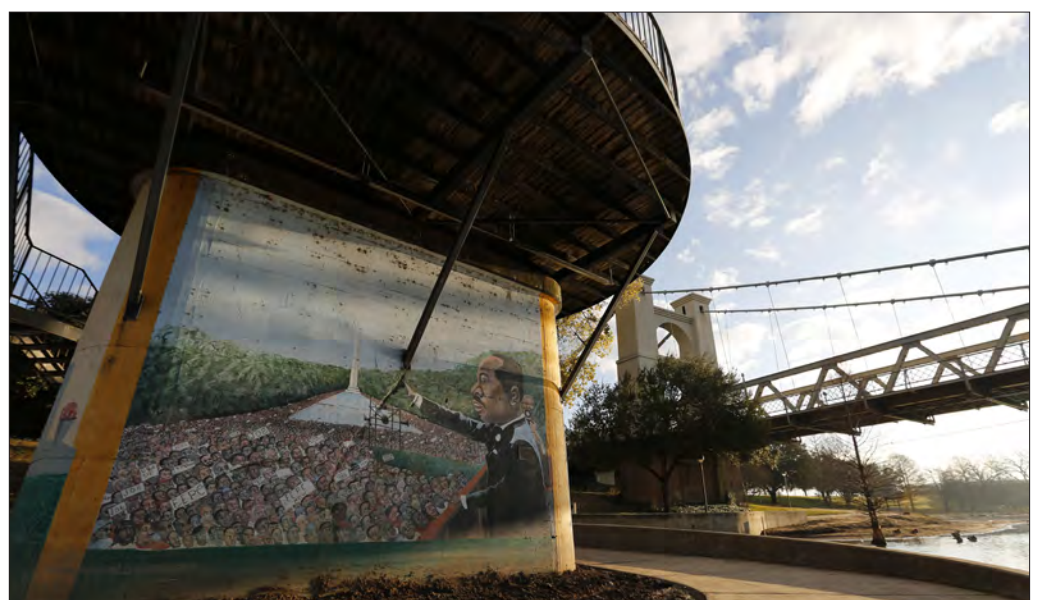
Waco gears up for MLK holiday

LIESJE POWERS
Staff Writer

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a variety of events in Waco are being hosted for the weekend leading up to the holiday on Monday.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, the Waco NAACP's Martin Luther King Birthday Spaghetti Lunch will be hosted at the St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets for the come-and-go event are \$5 and are available for purchase both advance or on the day of the event. The purchase of a ticket includes a plate of spaghetti, garlic bread and a cookie. Call (254)733-5261 or email waconaacp@gmail.com for tickets or more information.

The Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony will be at noon today at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The main speaker will be the Rev. Anthony Burrus, author of his autobiography "Born



Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE As part of the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a variety of organizations have set out to host events around Waco to celebrate the national holiday.

to Lose, But Bound to Win," and assistant pastor at Second Missionary Baptist Church in Waco. "We wanted [him to speak]

because he had been around during the civil rights era," Coque Gibson, one of the founders of the event, said.

The event began in 1989 after Gibson visited Graceland and

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COLUMN

New semester translates to fresh start for Baylor Lariat

Maleesa Johnson
Editor-in-Chief

I gave up on New Year's resolutions a long time ago. Now, I sit on the couch eating fried food and chuckling at all the Facebook statuses and Instagram pictures involving clean eating and going to the gym. By February, the McLane Student Life Center will go back to its usual crowd and the produce section in H-E-B will look like a morgue compared to the ice cream aisle.

I shouldn't judge. Those people put in good work while I sat around. At least they had ambition, even if it died out. Those who made resolutions were at least brave enough to try. Meanwhile, my fear of failure and lack of faith in my own resolve kept me on the couch.

It is my personal belief that people quit on resolutions because they set up unrealistic expectations, want results sooner or fail to give themselves grace to mess up every once in a while.

With that in mind, I decided to make some resolutions for the Lariat and myself as newly appointed editor-in-chief. I endeavored to keep my expectations realistic, be patient and give grace where it is due. I hope that you, as readers, will do the same for us as we transition into a new semester.

A commitment to consideration:

Now more than ever, it is impossible to make everyone happy. Pleasing people has never been the Lariat's main initiative. However, intentionally hurting people is also never the Lariat's goal. We are not people-pleasers, but we are also not people-bashers. With that in mind, I will endeavor to use the utmost discernment and empathy before anything is placed on the opinion page. I aim to use my best judgment and forethought and will not publish anything that is more hurtful than productive. Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but not everyone is entitled to having that opinion published.

An aim for inclusion:

This goes out to the "little guys" on campus. All of the clubs, organizations, people groups and minorities that feel over looked and undercovered. It is my hope that the Lariat will be a paper that you feel is applicable to you. No matter how others may attempt to define your significance or place at Baylor, you make up our audience. As such, our responsibility is to serve you by providing relevant content. If you feel we are not succeeding in this, please let us know. Help us help you.

A resolve to fulfill our motto:

"We're there when you can't be." This phrase was initially inspiring to me when I started reporting for the Lariat. When I moved to an editing position, however, my motto turned into "You're there, but I don't have time to be." It is my personal ambition as well as my hope for Lariat reporters and staff writers to really be "there" this semester. It should never be a journalist's goal to log the most hours in the newsroom. Reporters need to be out in the field, finding out what matters to you, our audience. If we neglect our audience's desires, we are producing a self-serving paper. You don't want to read that. Neither do I.

As we, the Lariat staff, transition into this new semester, it is my hope that you give us grace. This is not my way of hinting at impending failure. Rather, it is a reminder that we, like you, are still learning. Growing pains are real, especially in the Lariat newsroom where the staff list changes every semester. However, this quick turnover will never be an excuse to produce less than our best.

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EDITORIAL



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No child left out

Toy company's push to customize dolls for disabled children is beneficial for everyone

For many young children, playing with dolls is an essential part of childhood. Both girls and boys alike use dolls to tell stories, act out scenes and begin to understand key parts of self-image and self-worth. For many, it is an easy task to find a doll that reflects a specific look or way of life that emulates that of the child, giving them something to relate to, but for some, even with the popularity of customizable dolls, that wasn't always the case.

Customizable dolls have been around for years and while they have been mainstream for quite some time, mainly through major toy brands like American Girl Dolls, many children with disabilities still had a hard time finding these customizable dolls that could look similar to them.

In 2012, two deaf mothers started the #toylíkeme campaign on social media as an effort to bring awareness to the lack of diversity in toys children were playing with. As part of this campaign, parents began posting pictures of their disabled children with dolls many of the parents personally modified to have the same disability their child had.

After the online campaign went viral, a

British toy company, Makies, responded by introducing a new line of dolls that included versions of the doll with walking sticks, birthmarks and scars. The company also included a doll that was wheelchair bound.

By utilizing 3D printing technology, the company can design and make additional add-on impairment aids and accessories so young children can customize the doll.

The new line of dolls has received an overwhelmingly positive response because this is a step in making the toy industry more inclusive of kids with disabilities.

When introducing the new dolls, Makies knew they had a customer base with about one out of every 20 children under the age of 16 having some sort of disability, based on a study from the Disabled Living Foundation. Similarly in the United States, a recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that every one in six children aged 3 to 17 years old have disabilities.

Many children growing up use dolls as a mechanism to start reflecting on body image, and for those kids with disabilities it is difficult for them to feel normal when they aren't surrounded by anything that looks

just like they do. Through the customizable dolls, they now have a way to see their disabilities in a more positive way and that there is nothing wrong with being different from those around them.

The only down side to the new Makies dolls are that they cost about \$115 and, like any other toy that expensive, could be out of reach to children who could benefit. The dolls are more expensive than other typical doll options because they are made uniquely for each order and are personalized for each child. However, with limited options on the market for dolls with disabilities, the dolls are well worth the price tag because they give children with disabilities a way to relate to what they go through. There is plenty of praise for what the toys are doing in many kids' lives to make the cost worthwhile.

Ever since Makies introduced the new line of dolls, other big brands has been following suit as part of the #toylíkeme movement across the toy industry.

All in all, the new line of dolls, which can be made for both boys and girls, are a positive way for children with disabilities to cope with their reality and to start seeing themselves in a positive way.

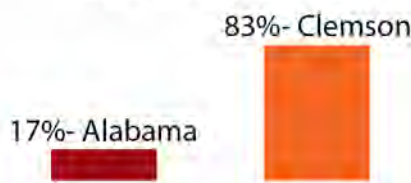
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Speight Ave. H-E-B gone for good

HALEIGH BLACKWELL
Staff Writer

The beloved, now former, H-E-B on Speight Avenue and 11th Street was torn down over the past week after more than a year of vacancy.

Clint Peters, Waco's planning director, said American Campus Communities is planning to build a new student housing development that will begin construction within the next couple of months on the grounds of the old H-E-B. The construction will last around one year.

The development is one of many new luxury complexes going up around Waco, similar to The View, The Domain and Osos Verde.

"The development is a four-story, urban-scale, high-end student housing complex with a 702 bed count and parking garage," Peters said, "Similar to The View except the parking garage will be completely wrapped by the apartment complex

and not visible."

After seeing the demolition of the H-E-B, many Baylor students reminisced on experiences the store had provided them over the years it had operated.

Indiana senior Jenna Pfeiffer had never heard of H-E-B before coming to Baylor, but discovered the store while living on campus in North Village her freshman year. The Speight Avenue H-E-B allowed for easy stops during the week to pick up necessities.

"I remember making late-night runs with friends to get cookie dough," she said.

Although the store has been out of business for months, seeing that the structure had been torn down was emotional for students.

"I think everyone was pretty upset. The new H-E-B on Valley Mills definitely has more options, but it's so crowded every single time I go. The H-E-B on Speight was nice and small," Pfeiffer said.



Sarah Pyo | Web and Social Media Editor

DEMOLITION The Speight Avenue H-E-B, which has been closed for over a year, was razed last week. American Campus Communities plans to use the space to construct new student housing, a process that will take about a year.

Waco adopts new smoking ordinance



Lariat File Photo

PROHIBITED Waco's new smoking ordinance, which went into effect Jan. 1, outlaws smoking in a number of public locations.

HALEIGH BLACKWELL
Staff Writer

The city of Waco has adopted a new smoking ordinance that went into effect Jan. 1, prohibiting smoking in all enclosed public places ranging from bars and restaurants to public parks. The City Council decided the new ordinance in a 5-1 vote in July 2015.

As stated in the smoking ordinance, the city of Waco seeks to "promote the general health, safety and welfare of its citizens," with the passing of this law.

Waco's Public Information Officer, Kelly Craine, said the city is encouraged by the future effects that the new smoking ordinance will have on the Waco community.

"We are looking to lower the incidence of heart disease for smokers as well as

people around smokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke," Craine said.

Ventilation systems inside restaurants that allow smoking inside will no longer be sufficient. Smoking will be banned inside these establishments as well.

The penalty for smoking in a location where it is prohibited ranges from \$50 to \$500.

Scruffy Murphy's general manager, Kevin McBride, said he is not worried about the smoking ordinance affecting his business.

"This is something that is happening all over the country," he said.

McBride has worked in three cities where similar ordinances have gone into effect.

There are a few exceptions to the ordinance that are in place to help local business owners affected by the change.

An establishment that has an outdoor patio may allow smoking outdoors as long as the patio is not accessed through the front door.

"We have a large outdoor patio. At first we were worried about our customers giving us crap for asking them to smoke outside," McBride said.

The bar has not seen any change in business since the ordinance went into effect, McBride said.

"It smells better," he said. "We're going to be fine."

Vapor shops and tobacco stores are another exception to the ordinance where smoking inside is still allowed.

Hookah bars and cigar lounges are also an exception. There are also designated areas inside of some public parks where smoking is allowed, such as Cameron Park.

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saw a wreathing ceremony for Elvis Presley.

"[The wreaths] were beautiful and covered everything," Gibson said. "We thought that it would be a great way to commemorate the struggles that Martin Luther King Jr. went through so that we could be together."

Gibson is also involved with the annual MLK Candlelight Vigil, which begins at 6 p.m. Monday at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The speaker will be the Rev. E. Shaun Williams, who was recently named as Pastor of Pleasant Olive Missionary Church in Waco. It is requested that those who wish to participate are asked to bring their own candles to the event.

There will also be a proclamation given to the Baylor Athletic Department during both ceremonies from the McLennan County. Ken Starr and members of the Baylor athletic teams will be present.

"We are inviting all of Baylor Nation," Gibson

said. "Come on over."

The theme of both events, Gibson said, is "Let there be peace, and let it begin with me." In addition to speakers, there will be local singers and dancers at the event, as well.

The Heart of Texas Urban Gardening Coalition will be preparing box lunches for those serving in gardens around Waco on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Preparations will take place from 2 - 4 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday at Penland Dining Hall.

"[Martin Luther King Jr.] Day is a big day for us because we are all about serving the community and making sure that the community as a whole gets involved in service and receives service as well as a mutual benefit," said Kelly Ezell, a Community Engagement and Services member at Baylor. "It's something we feel strongly about and want to be behind."

AmeriCorps is a large food donor for the project

and a large number of local gardens are involved, including the Baylor Community Garden and the St. Luke AME Church Garden. World Hunger Relief Farm and Keep Waco Beautiful are also partakers in the event.

Those who are interested in volunteering to help pack lunches should wear pants, closed-toe shoes and have hair up. Volunteers are also welcome to help distribute the meals from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Monday. Sign-ups are available through www.hotugc.eventbrite.com.

The Annual March and Wreath Laying, the first event of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, will begin with a march in Indian Spring Park at 9 a.m. Monday and travel across the Suspension Bridge to Martin Luther King Jr. Park. This event is sponsored by the NAACP and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

For more information about the event, call (254) 733-5261.



Associated Press

LIFE DEDICATED TO ACTING Actor Alan Rickman attends the premiere of "A Little Chaos" on June 17, 2015 at the Museum of Modern Art, in New York.

Harry Potter actor dies after battle with cancer

(AP) — British actor Alan Rickman, a classically trained stage star and sensual screen villain in the "Harry Potter" saga and other films, has died. He was 69.

Rickman's family said that the actor died early Thursday in London after a battle with cancer.

Daniel Radcliffe, who played opposite Rickman in eight "Harry Potter" films, said Rickman was "undoubtedly one of the greatest actors I will ever work with."

Born to a working-class London family in 1946 and trained at the prestigious Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, Rickman was often cast as the bad guy; with his rich, languid voice he could invest evil with wicked, irresistible relish.

His breakout role was as scheming French aristocrat the Vicomte de Valmont in an acclaimed 1985 Royal Shakespeare Company production of Christopher Hampton's "Les Liaisons Dangereuses."

Film roles included Hans

Gruber, the psychopathic villain who tormented Bruce Willis in "Die Hard" in 1988; a deceased lover who consoles his bereaved partner in 1990's "Truly Madly Deeply"; the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham in "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" in 1991; and a wayward husband in 2003 romantic comedy "Love Actually."

Millions know him from the Potter films, in which he played Hogwarts teacher Severus Snape, who was either a nemesis or an ally — possibly both — to the titular teenage wizard.

Radcliffe, who played Harry, said Rickman "was one of the first of the adults on Potter to treat me like a peer rather than a child. Working with him at such a formative age was incredibly important and I will carry the lessons he taught me for the rest of my life and career."

Harry Potter creator J.K. Rowling tweeted that "there are no words to express how shocked and devastated I am

to hear of Alan Rickman's death. He was a magnificent actor (and) a wonderful man."

Emma Thompson, who starred alongside Rickman in films including "Sense and Sensibility" and "Love Actually," praised Rickman's "humor, intelligence, wisdom and kindness" and called him "the finest of actors and directors."

"I couldn't wait to see what he was going to do with his face next," she told Newsweek.

Rickman's villains were memorable, and included an Emmy-winning turn as "mad monk" Rasputin in a 1996 TV biopic.

Rickman is due to appear in two yet-to-be-released films: "Eye in the Sky," with Helen Mirren and Aaron Paul; and the animated "Alice Through the Looking Glass," in which he voices the Blue Caterpillar.

Rickman is survived by his partner of 50 years, Rima Horton, whom he married in 2012. Funeral details weren't immediately available.

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concealed campus carry for institutions of higher education (Senate Bill 11) is set to come into effect on August 1, 2016, and for community colleges on August 1, 2017. Open carry is not allowed on college campuses, though. Campus carry is for all public and private institutions of higher education, and private universities have the ability to opt out of the bill, banning campus carry at their institutions. Public universities are allowed to have gun-free zones but cannot completely prohibit someone from carrying a concealed weapon.

Although the campus

carry law is not in effect yet and Baylor has not opted in or out, the Baylor Police Department takes many precautions at bigger campus events to enhance safety. Many Baylor events are open to the public, such as the Traditions Rally and Christmas on Fifth. Security was heightened for those events as well as for the football games with bag checks, extra officers and bomb dogs.

"[Campus safety] is like a 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzle," said Baylor Police Chief Brad Wigtil "We have to do it piece by piece."

While many private universities have already

opted out, Baylor has yet to make a decision. To opt out, the university must consult with its faculty, staff and students. Private universities do not have to make a decision until August 1.

"I think it could be more antagonistic towards people who want to perform violent acts on campus," said freshman Jonathan Sclafani. "As well I think the pros of proficient, intelligent people publicly displaying their weapon would be very disarming towards people who would like to perform violent acts on campus."

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How the West Was Lost

HELENA HUNT
Arts and Life Editor

Wild West, Waco’s hotspot for country music and two-step dancing, hosted its last guests this month. The downtown bar and nightclub closed after a gradual decline in revenue and traffic.

“We were fortunate to be part of Waco nightlife for eight years,” said Mark Easterling, Wild West’s director of marketing and promotions.

Easterling said part of the club’s decline can be attributed to its relatively recent opening in 2007. However, he said he and others can only speculate about other reasons for Wild West’s closure.

Wild West still holds the lease to the building on Mary Avenue, and the owners have not yet decided whether to sublease or re-lease the space.

Wild West provided Waco with a venue for touring country artists and a dancehall for Baylor students. On many Thursday nights, the darkened nightclub filled with freshmen learning the pretzel—a two-step dancing technique—and Waco locals enjoying a night out on the town.

“It was a little bit grungy to say the least, but that was the cool factor in going,” said Colleyville senior Oliver Ha. “It dissolved the lines between Waco natives and Baylor students.”

Houston senior Rachel Cantrell said Wild West was unique to Waco, providing students with an alternative form of entertainment on Thursday nights. She went with other members of her church beginning in her sophomore year, and, through dancing, gradually became closer with Gabe Zayas—who is now Cantrell’s boyfriend.

One Thursday night, Cantrell was feeling too sick to go to Wild West. When Zayas asked if she’d still be coming, she decided to go out anyway.

“I think we danced together the whole time that night. There were maybe a couple dances that we didn’t dance together,” Cantrell said. “It’s just always been a thing that we go and country dance, and Wild West is where you go.”

To Cantrell, Wild West was inviting and



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DO THE PRETZEL Wild West welcomed students and locals alike for music and two-stepping, but closed its doors this month.

accessible to students, providing a kind of entertainment other venues couldn’t offer. She said students’ attitudes may have contributed to declining attendance.

“We don’t go places anymore. We sit on our couch and watch Netflix,” Cantrell said. “It was a wholesome activity that you could do together. We’re certainly going to miss it.”

Ha said he was in denial when he heard news of the closure. He had been planning an outing there with friends for Saturday night. After finally

accepting that Wild West was closed, he settled on a new dance spot.

“I found The Melody Ranch,” Ha said. “That seems like the other country-dancing venue.”

While both The Melody Ranch, on Robinson Drive, and The Backyard, on Eighth Street, offer live country music, neither is located as close to campus as Wild West was. For now, though, singers and dancers alike will have to go there or elsewhere for their country music fix.

Hippodrome shifts focus to classic films



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OUT WITH THE NEW The Waco Hippodrome will no longer focus on first-run films to draw crowds, but show better known classics instead.

DANE CHRONISTER
City Editor

Waco Hippodrome Theatre announced that they will no longer make first-run films part of its main focus when deciding what films to show.

Kirk Richard, the general manager, and his team has decided to continue to show some first-run movies, while shifting the theater’s focus to what it does best: being a classic theater and eatery.

“We are doing first-run movies and we won’t stop, but ... we want to be more selective on which first-run movies we choose to show,” Richard said.

The change allows the theater to avoid agreeing to first-run contracts. Since, first-run contracts require theaters to show feature films for weeks even after their release dates, whether they are successful or not.

Therefore, ticket sales, concession

sales and merchandise sales all suffer if a first-run film is unpopular.

Since the theater is limited to having only two screens to show movies, the theater has decided to be more selective in order to stand out.

“We are working to match our demographic, and we do well with classic movies and the Dueling Pianos shows,” Richard said.

It hasn’t been until recently, however, that the famous movie theater has decided to turn its focus away from first-run movies. Now the theater will showcase its classic atmosphere by showing primarily classic films, with a few recently released movies also included.

Not only have Baylor students and members of the Waco community been able to go see timeless classic movies in the old theatre, they have also been able to snag a meal at the same time, seeing that it doubles as a Central Texas draft house.

The Waco Hippodrome has been used for several Baylor related events, and is often used for Baylor football game watch parties.

Baylor’s Greek fraternities and sororities have also relied on the Hippodrome to host take-a-dates and semi-formals since the theatre reopened in November 2014.

According to The Hippodrome Theatre website, the building was constructed in 1913 after Thomas P. Finnegan, J.P. Harrison and a group of businessmen from Waco urged for the construction of a theater downtown.

Feb. 7, 1914, was the opening night for the Waco Hippodrome. It featured a live seal act, a five-piece orchestra and a magic act on the bill. Since its refurbishment and reopening in 2014, the Hippodrome has been a center for unique entertainment. With the new first-run policy, it seeks to continue that legacy.

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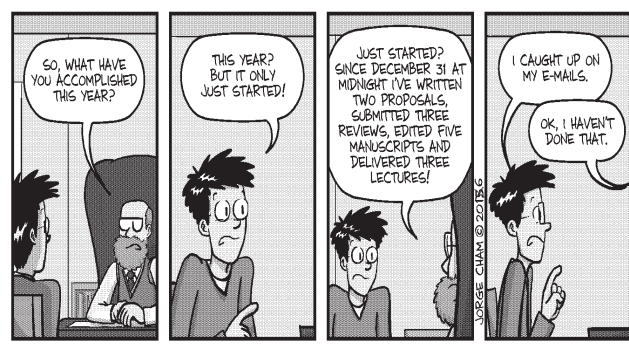
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While you were away...

Men and women's basketball teams stay strong during winter break

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

As their classmates were off school between the fall and spring semesters, Baylor men's basketball and women's basketball were still hard at work.

Both teams began Big 12 Conference play and remain among the top of the standings in the conference and in the national polls.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The No. 22 Bears went 5-2 over the break, stayed undefeated at home and ended a top-ranked team's win streak (No. 13 Iowa State).

The Bears first faced Hardin-Simmons on the road where five Baylor players scored in double figures. The Bears won decisively, 104-59.

With the Bears starting the break off on a high note they looked poised to continue their good form against No. 15 Texas A&M. The Aggies outscored the Bears by 21 in the first half, a deficit the Bears were never able to recover.

"Both teams will be better after this game. Hopefully we'll learn a lot from it," said Baylor head coach Scott Drew

Trying to rebound from the loss, the Bears were motivated to win at home against New Mexico State.

It was clear that senior forward Taurean Prince had put the Texas A&M game behind him when he scored a career-high 34 points, which contributed to the Bears taking the win, 85-70.

"What happened in College Station?" Prince said. "My memory's not too good on that one. But as far as today's game, our intensity was really high. We rebounded well enough to win the game and get second chances and did what we needed to do - we took care of the ball and shared it."

The Bears cruised past Texas Southern at home, 72-59, for a second consecutive win.

No. 1 Kansas stopped the Bears in their tracks on the road.

The Bears trailed by 14 at the half. The Jayhawks kept the momentum going their way, which led to a final score of 102-74 for Baylor's first loss of conference play.

The Jayhawks' relentless offense and fast pace hindered the Bears from ever getting the game to turn in their favor. This marked the sixth consecutive time the Bears had fallen short to the Jayhawks.

The Bears returned home to face Oklahoma State for their conference home opener. The



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BLOCK FACE Rico Gathers, a senior forward from LaPlace, La., leaps to block a TCU shot during Wednesday's game.

Bears got out of the gates attacking, which was noted by a 12 -point lead at the half. The lead proved to be too much for the Cowboys to overcome.

Senior forward Rico Gathers captured his 31st career double-double and surpassed 1,000 career rebounds against the Cowboys. The Bears had all the momentum going their way to take the win, 79-62.

"I never thought I would be able to reach a milestone like that in my college career," Gathers said. "One of the main reasons I came back for my senior year was to cement my legacy here. Being able to reach the 1,000 [points], 1,000 [rebounds] milestone is definitely a blessing."

Thanks to sophomore forward Jonathan Motley scoring a career high 27 points, and Prince totaling 18 points, the Bears handed the No. 13 Cyclones their first loss of the season and put a halt to their 21-home game win streak.

The Bears are riding high off another dominant win over TCU on Wednesday at the Ferrell Center as they go deeper into conference play at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Texas Tech.



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DECISION MAKER Kristy Wallace, a sophomore guard from Australia, looks for a pass around the WVU defense during the game Tuesday.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

While most of everyone was away on winter break, the Lady Bears continued to dominate on the court.

The Lady Bears (17-1, 4-1) started off the break at home crushing the Oral Roberts Golden Eagles (6-10), 97-39.

Junior forward Nina Davis led the Bears with 26 points and six rebounds in just 23 minutes of play.

The Lady Bears' first real test over the break came against No. 21 Miami (16-2). Baylor held a one-point lead going into the half, 45-44. Shooting 49 percent in the second half allowed the Bears to break away, 88-81.

After spending time in the sunshine, the Lady Bears traveled to Stillwater, Okla. where the Lady Bears were handed their first loss of the season in a hard-fought battle against Oklahoma State (12-3). The Lady Bears lost 52-45.

The Cowgirls ended a losing streak against the Lady Bears, with the last victory coming on Jan. 9, 2010.

"They know that the road ahead of them is tougher now," said head coach Kim Mulkey. "We've just got to get back in sync."

The No. 14 ranked Oklahoma (13-3, 3-1) team would be the victim of a focused Lady Bears team. The Lady Bears took full control over the Sooners at home, winning 78-67.

Continuing with a focused mindset, the Bears went on the road to Lawrence, Kan., to face the Jayhawks (5-10, 0-4).

With the Bears shutting down the Jayhawks leading scorer, sophomore guard Lauren Aldridge, the Lady Bears took the win, 58-40.

The Bears' last test of the break, and possibly best performance came at home against TCU (10-5, 2-2).

Freshman posts Beatrice Mompremier and Kalani Brown combined to score 33 points which helped the Lady Bears sweep the Horned Frogs, 72-55.

The Lady Bears play No. 4 Texas at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Austin. It will be the first of two meetings between the two teams in the 2015-16 season.

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No. 22 Bears seek road win at Tech

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

The No. 22 Baylor men's basketball team travels to Lubbock to take on Texas Tech at 2 p.m. Saturday at the United Supermarkets Arena.

The Bears (13-3, 3-1), who have only won one game on the road this season, look to turn things around but are facing a tough Texas Tech (11-4, 1-3) team that has gone 9-1 at home.

If the Bears want to come out with the win, they will need to shut down the Red Raiders' leading scorer, senior guard Devaughtah Williams who has averaged 13.6 points per game.

Having won 10-straight games earlier in the season, the Red Raiders know the how it feels to win, which is something they strive to get after losing three straight and being placed at the bottom of the rankings in the Big 12.

However, the Red Raiders are no strangers to tough games, having kept all their conference game losses within a respectable 13 points loss or less.

"I personally think the Big 12 is the best conference in America," said sophomore guard Al Freeman. "Every night we're going to be playing against tough teams, and you can lose on any given night. You're going to have teams taking you down to the wire every single night, so this was good for us."



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SHAKE AND BAKE Johnathan Motley, a sophomore forward from Houston, looks for a pass during Wednesday's game against TCU. The Bears won 82-54.

While the Bears know the feeling of defeat like the Red Raiders, it is something they don't want to experience again, and to do that they

need to work as a team.

Strong team efforts have been noted all throughout the season, most recently coming Wednesday night against TCU.

After a slow start to Baylor's offense in the first half, it was team effort that contributed to a 13-0 run to give Baylor a 41-31 lead going into halftime.

"We got out and started running and saw what worked as a team and started getting stops," said sophomore forward Terry Maston. "That really helped us on the offensive end, brought confidence to us. The game just came to us, and we ran away with it in the second half."

Head coach Scott Drew said when everyone is playing together, good things start to happen.

"To have a good team you need to have good balance, so you can't depend on someone's shot always falling," Drew said. "You better defend and you better rebound. You need multiple people to score because some nights you're on and some you're not."

They key to take the win may come from what Drew has made known regularly, which is the importance of starting out every game at a fast pace and with a game plan in mind.

"We emphasize it every game, just sometimes in games it happens and in some games it doesn't," Drew said. "In this league especially, if you can't get stops and score in transition, the guards play so good and it's tough to get a lot of stops."

"The key is getting one-and-done on the glass, and allowing us to get in transition so we can score. When we can score, then we can set our defense."

No. 6 Lady Bears to face No. 4 Texas in Austin

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

The No. 6 ranked Lady Bears seek a road win against in-state rivals and No. 4 ranked Texas at the Frank C. Erwin, Jr., Special Events Center at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Austin.

The Lady Bears (17-1, 4-1), look to keep the momentum going after a tough win over West Virginia on Tuesday at the Ferrell Center. The Lady Bears were dominant in the paint and shot 71.4 percent from 3-point range. The Bears look poised for another win on Sunday.

The undefeated Lady Longhorns (15-0, 4-0 Big 12) have performed at high levels each game

this season, winning by double digits in many games.

While the Lady Bears are leading the Big 12 with an average of 79.3 points per game, the Longhorns are only two spots behind, with an average of 75.0 points per game.

Both sides present a tall lineup, which is something the Lady Bears don't see often. While the Baylor posts have been effective all season, they haven't been faced with height down-low like they will on Sunday against the 6-foot-7 and 6-foot-5 Longhorn centers.

"Its going to be really challenging, especially for our posts," said senior guard Niya Johnson. "We haven't really played post players that big

before. We are really going to have to focus on our defense, besides stopping the ball."

Head coach Kim Mulkey concurred with Johnson in that it is going to be a challenge for the posts.

Moving their feet to stay out of foul trouble is going to be key for the post players, Mulkey said.

"They all want to reach over, they want to use their hands, but at this level your feet have to move first. And that is the hardest part for them more than the offense," Mulkey said. "The defensive end is where I get nervous. Defense is where you usually get hurt from a freshman's point when they are out there."

Mulkey said her team knows the feeling of defeat, and are motivated not to experience it again.

The first loss of the season came in the conference opener against the Cowgirls in Stillwater, Okla. Despite a late effort by the Lady Bears, they were unable to get all the momentum to shift their way, which resulted in the 52-45 loss.

"They know losing that first game how it felt," Mulkey said. "They know that the road ahead of them is tougher now. We just got to get back in sync and the only way to do that is to get your players healthy and those that are, playing to improve every day."

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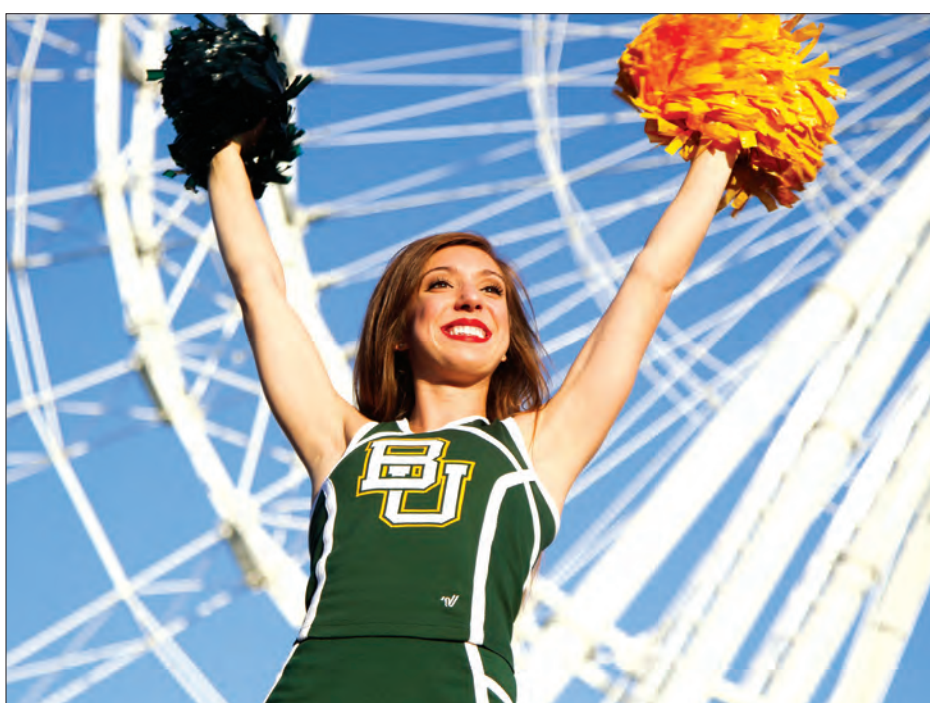
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On the road...



The Golden Wave Band, Spirit Squad, Color Guard and Golden Girls traveled to Orlando, Fla. to support the Baylor Bears.

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Sophomore quarterback Chris Johnson ran the ball during the bowl game, making a come-back from his injury.

Baylor Bears finished off the season by defeating No. 10 North Carolina Tar Heels' at the Russell Athletic Bowl.

TO CHAMPIONSHIP



Nico and Vinz sang "Am I Wrong" as an opening performance at the Russell Athletic Bowl in Orlando, Fla.



The golden wave band performed a special halftime show at the bowl game.



Sophomore quarterback Chris Johnson runs the ball while blocking off UNC's defense.



Sophomore running back Johnny Jefferson ran the ball while fighting past the Tar Heels' defense.

Sophomore running back Johnny Jefferson won the Russell Athletic Bowl MVP with 299 rushing yards.



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