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Members of the Baylor Riding Association gather on Fountain Mall to raise awareness for their club. Right, Forth Worth Sophomore Erica Fleming and McKinney Freshman Jazmin Ramos talk with potential members Arlington Freshman Ingrid Carrizales and Cedar Park freshman Lauren Burgett. The club's focus is western pleasure riding. They offer free riding lessons for members. An interest meeting will be held today in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Members chosen for President's Advisory Council on Diversity

LEISJE POWERS
Staff Writer

Following President and Chancellor Ken Starr's announcement in early December, a council was announced Friday for the President's Advisory Council on Diversity (PACD).

Dr. Lori Baker was announced chair of the committee Thursday. She is a Faculty Regent, past chair of the Faculty Senate and associate professor of anthropology in Baylor's College of Arts and Sciences.

Originally stemming from the Provost's Committee on Diversity, which is chaired by Professor Heidi Bostic, a council was deemed necessary for understanding the university's racial, ethnic and gender diversity.

"[The Committee] [has] helped foster a robust conversation here at Baylor with respect to deepening our unapologetic Christian commitment to racial, ethnic and gender diversity," Starr said in an earlier campuswide email.

The Provost's Committee's report had been under scrutiny from the Executive Council and the Faculty Senate for several weeks before the PACD was put into motion.

"These individuals were asked to serve on the council and selected by President Ken Starr. They represent a diverse group of leaders on campus and have been a

part of faculty senate, staff council, staff government or other leadership groups on campus," said Lori Fogleman, the assistant vice president for media communications.

The council includes students, faculty and staff. The involvement of all levels is intended to ensure that all members of Baylor are made aware of any future decisions, as well as feel that they are able to participate in the process.

Students chosen for the council are Pearson Brown, Jonathan Siktberg and Erin Gaddis.

Brown is a senior professional selling major from Houston and currently serves as student body president.

Gaddis is a senior communications specialist major from Rowlett, Tx. She is also President of the NAACP Texas Youth and College Division.

Siktberg is a senior Business Fellow from Nashville, Tenn., and is the Student Regent, a high-level leadership position with the Board of Regents.

Professors selected for the committee are Dr. Andy Arterbury, associate professor of Christian Scriptures, Dr. Michael Beaty, chair and professor of philosophy, Dr. Victor Hinojosa, associate professor of political science in the Honors Program and Dr. Rishi Sriram, assistant professor and graduate program director in educational

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Voting along party lines

Republican candidates push for victory in McLennan County primary election

GAVIN PUGH
Reporter

With the spring primary elections for McLennan County looming, the republican candidates are concerned not about Democratic opponents, but opponents from their own party. For context, of the 42 positions opened to partisan candidates in 2014, only four democrats were elected -- two of them uncontested.

Parnell McNamara, the sheriff for McLennan County, is one of three running for sheriff under the Republican ticket. Also running for the position are Willie Tompkins and Waco Police Sgt. Patrick Swanton.

The GOP headquarters for McLennan County does not endorse candidates until after the spring primaries. First-

time candidates face extra pressure when running against incumbents.

"I think the statistic is like 96 percent re-election rate for incumbents," said Ralph Patterson, the GOP chairman of McLennan County.

Tompkins, who has 17 years of law enforcement experience, will be facing this challenge.

"I'd like to just get out and meet the people of McLennan County so I can shake hands with them and tell them what I am all about," Tompkins said. He also hopes to get more news coverage and hold rallies to gain support.

But the candidates are not alone in getting their names out. Little Rock junior Sara Grove is the co-chairwoman of College Republicans at Baylor and plans on advancing the campaigns of all can-

didates. "We as a club cannot go volunteer for one particular person," Grove said. "But I can give the opportunity to the members for ... all the candidates equally."

Patterson approaches his advocacy in a similar manner.

"My job as county chairman is to get people elected," Patterson said. For both the GOP headquarters and College Republicans, it would be counterproductive to cast a single candidate in a better light than the rest prior to the primaries.

"The real battle is against the Democrats," Patterson said.

However, the general election is not until Nov. 8, and some candidates, like Tompkins, are having to establish themselves as Republicans before they can be considered

for nomination.

"Texas is a red state," Tompkins said, "and there hasn't been very many Democratic people put in office. So I felt I should go with the masses that would probably give me a better chance with my qualifications, my education, and my experience."

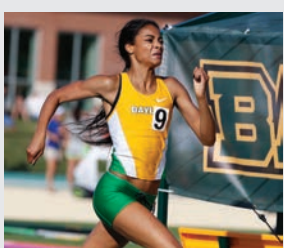
Seventy percent of McLennan's vote for governor went to Greg Abbott in 2014. Though the GOP has a strong presence in the county, Patterson is not entirely satisfied.

"Our Republicans in McLennan County have done a pretty good job of being conservative," Patterson said. "We certainly would like for them to be more conservative sometimes."

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Universities decide Hoverboard's place in campus transportation

HEATHER TROTTER
Reporter

Celebrities on social media have sparked a new trend among college students and young people: hoverboards. They can be seen on college campuses, in airports, malls and other areas where college-aged people frequent.

Hoverboards are self-balancing scooters. They run on rechargeable batteries and are controlled by the rider leaning forward or backward, depending on how fast or slow the rider wants to go. The scooters come in a wide variety of colors and can range from

\$250 to \$900. Despite their recent popularity, hoverboards have come under scrutiny for safety hazards. Some have caught on fire and sent riders to the hospital, and several companies have begun to recall them for mechanical issues.

Universities in Texas have even begun to ban the use of hoverboards as transportation and even in dorm rooms, due to the increase in accidents. Texas State University is one of many to bring the hammer down on students and owners of these hoverboards.

League City,

freshman Drew Chronister, who attends Texas State has even decided to just leave his hoverboard at home because of the inconvenience.

"I was at home for the Christmas holiday when I received an email about how they banned them in the dorms and on campus due to the safety hazard of them catching fire," Chronister said. "I used mine for transportation purposes since there is a significant difference in walking to class in 15 minutes and riding my hoverboard for about five to seven."

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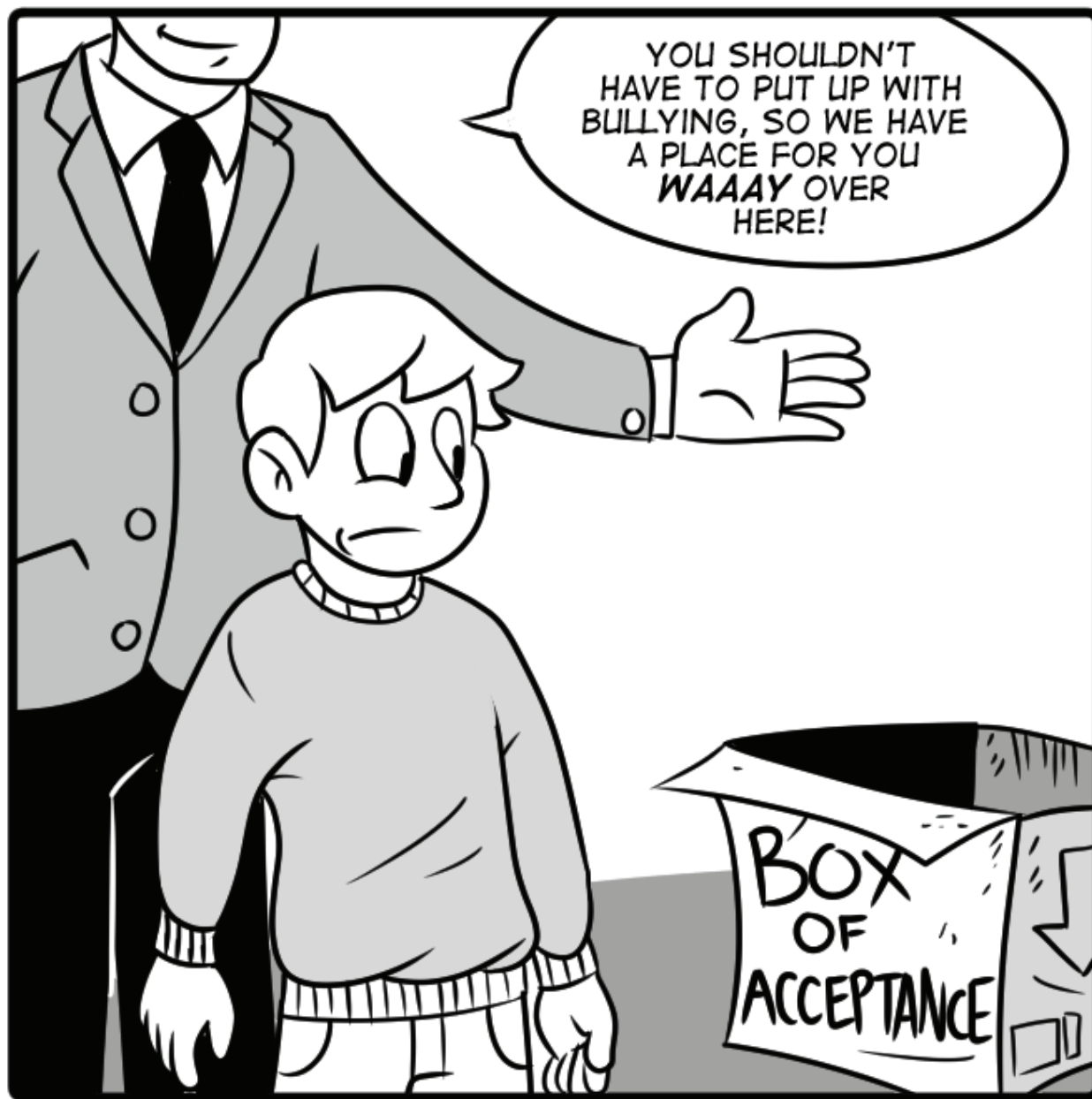
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Colorado Springs Freshman Ben Breier is one of many students on Baylor campus who own and use hoverboards on a daily basis.

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EDITORIAL



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Isolation ≠ equality

LGBT-oriented school leans more toward segregation than inclusion

Early last spring, Pride School Atlanta announced plans to open its doors during summer 2015. The school, which has not yet opened because of difficulties securing a location, will be the first LGBT-oriented school to take roots in the southeast region of the country.

Pride School is currently accepting inquiries for the 2016 fall semester, providing a safe space for faculty and students, kindergarten through 12th grade, who identify with nontraditional sexual orientations or genders, although heterosexual and non-transgender individuals will be admitted as well.

For the parents of LGBT children, schools like Pride School are seen as safe havens for their families. Many of these students have endured years of being bullied for their sexual orientations or gender identities. Pride School hopes to alleviate some of these difficulties by creating a curriculum that is tailored to individual students and that centers on acceptance.

Although these types of schools seem like good ideas on the surface, there is cause for concern when American children begin to be separated from their peers because of their differences. It isn't a question of whether or not being LGBT is moral; it's an issue of diversity. Since when was isolation of a minority group deemed a good thing?

Think back to the days of segregation. Black Americans were forced into schools

where they could only interact with educators and children that looked and thought like them. For years, they existed within this "separate but equal" system, until they reached their ends and fought tooth and nail to learn in environments where they would be regarded as equals to their white counterparts.

Sure, LGBT children would be attending these schools on their own volition, but the question still stands: is separating them because they're different actually addressing the root cause of bullying?

Ninety percent of fourth through eighth graders have been victims of bullying, according to statistics from Do Something, a nonprofit that supports social change. Reports from DCentric, a race research group sponsored by American University in Washington D.C., show that 54 percent of Asian Americans between the ages of 12 and 18 suffer at the hands of bullies. Sixty

percent of disabled students face bullying on a regular basis. These statistics show that bullying is not an experience unique to LGBT students. Students are regularly bullied for their physical appearances, intelligence, disabilities and race.

Placing children in schools where the majority of faculty and students are LGBT establishes an environment where diversity is no longer encouraged. Society would be encouraging individuals who are different to hide away for the comfort of the majority.

Wouldn't this just let the bullies win?

Instead of removing LGBT children from traditional school systems, existing schools should be required to educate their students on the importance of appreciating diversity, as well as implement strict punishment for bullies. Furthermore, LGBT students could be provided with support groups in these environments, allowing them to foster relationships with like-minded individuals, while allowing their presence to positively impact students who may not be familiar with nontraditional sexual orientations and genders.

Separating LGBT children could also be damaging for them. Because these schools begin accepting students at such a young age, these students may never be in a situation where they learn how to deal with individuals who are hurtful. Unfortunately, discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender will likely be a reality for them at some point in life. Realizing this earlier on might be more beneficial to their interpersonal skills than not experiencing any opposition until they are in college.

Fostering a community of support for LGBT children and teens in existing schools could certainly be beneficial, considering the social difficulties that can be experienced by this group. However, isolating these students by placing them in a special school hardly addresses the real issues, those of bullying.

The gift of unhindered education is one that should be extended to all children, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Hiding these children away in a special school does not serve them well.

COLUMN

Universities should place emphasis on learning, not numbers

Jessica Hubble
Staff Writer

Students seem to put more time and stress into their grades than anything in their lives.

Prior to grading systems, universities and schools used a pass or fail system. Teachers worked with students until they understood and did not move on until the student grasped the concept.

Students today are bombarded with tests, reading, quizzes and busy work. They often cram the night before tests and forget the material 10 minutes after they walk out of the test. Instead of focusing on learning and perfecting a skill or striving to gain knowledge and retain it, students spend their time memorizing just to forget.



The grading system was invented by William Farish in 1792. This was around the time of the Industrial Revolution in the 19th century. Teachers were paid for the number of students they had instead of a flat salary, thus giving them the incentive to take on more students. Consequently, their time was spread thin.

Farish invented grades so he did not have to spend so much time with his students and he could take on more. Considering the University of Oxford, the educator of great minds such as C.S. Lewis and Aldous Huxley, was chartered in 1248, grades are very new in the history of education.

Reading quizzes and busy work are used as incentives to make students read and learn. As people who chose to go to a university, shouldn't students want to learn? Why do they have to be scared into it?

Most employers do not look for GPA on a resume. They care about what real-world experience you have. Gaining experience is put on the back burner a lot of times because students are so focused on their GPA goal. It's also difficult for students to get out there and get the applicable experience when they are so preoccupied by busy work.

All of the work puts a strain on the students, as well, causing them all kinds of stress. In a 2008 survey by the Associated Press, 80 percent of students interviewed said they experienced stress in their daily lives over the past three months. This was a 20 percent increase from five years before.

Stress causes health problems as well. Insomnia, a weakened immune system, headaches and an upset stomach are all symptoms of stress.

What would happen if more emphasis was put on learning and inquiring rather than ranking and a number? Maybe students would be happier and maybe they would go on to lead happier, healthier lives. Maybe they would find their passion and future career path sooner.

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CORRECTION

Friday, Jan. 15 News, pg. 1

The MLK Celebration Luncheon and Evening Event will be held today. The luncheon starts at noon, but is sold out. The evening event begins at 6 p.m., is free and includes food for the first 200 people. Both events will be in Foster 250.

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Texas AG deems daily fantasy sports illegal

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Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas attorney general sided Tuesday with the growing list of states that consider daily fantasy sports sites such as DraftKings and FanDuel illegal, stopping short of ordering the multibillion-dollar industry to pack up and leave.

Attorney General Ken Paxton said a court would likely find daily fantasy sports illegal under Texas law. But attorney general opinions in Texas are nonbinding, leaving the games essentially free to continue there for now.

Regardless, the opinion is another blow to daily fantasy sports operators. DraftKings and FanDuel took in a combined \$3 billion last year and have gone to court in other states, including New York and Illinois, following similar actions by state attorneys general.

“Simply put, it is prohibited gambling in Texas if you

bet on the performance of a participant in a sporting event and the house takes a cut,” Paxton said.

Boston-based DraftKings responded by calling Paxton’s prediction about how a court might rule wrong and said it will continue operating in Texas.

“The Attorney General’s prediction is predicated on a fundamental misunderstanding” of daily fantasy sports, DraftKings attorney Randy Mastro said.

DraftKings and FanDuel have argued across the U.S. that daily fantasy is a game of skill, not chance, and insist that their operations are legal because they technically don’t accept wagers and because their success doesn’t rely on any particular result.

Paxton issued the opinion in response to a formal request from a Texas lawmaker. He said it was up to the Legislature — “not this office or the courts” — to change the legal framework to make daily

fantasy sports permissible.

A spokesman for Texas Gov. Greg Abbott declined comment.

State legislatures across the U.S. are grappling with the legality and possible regulation of fantasy sports as lawmakers returned to work this month. In New York, an appellate court allowed DraftKings and FanDuel to continue operating after state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman sued to end their operations.

The Texas attorney general’s office did not immediately respond to questions about whether Paxton would now attempt to crack down on the companies.

Among those displeased with Paxton’s ruling was Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, who tweeted “what a disappointment.” He said Paxton didn’t represent the views of Texans and tweeted that his stance had nothing to do with in his investment and ad revenue in daily fantasy sports, which he put at under



Associated Press

STRIKE An advertisement for DraftKings hangs outside Madison Square Garden. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton stated Tuesday that daily fantasy sports sites such as DraftKings and FanDuel are illegal under Texas gambling laws.

\$1 million.

DraftKings and FanDuel have become ubiquitous during televised sporting events and have partnered

with sports companies such as ESPN and Major League Baseball.

Their aggressive ad campaign ahead of the 2015

NFL season drew the attention of regulators and lawmakers who have questioned their business models in states such as Nevada.



Associated Press

CONTAMINATION A worker at a farm affected by the avian flu in Dubois, Ind., is sprayed as part of the disinfection process in an effort to contain the outbreak.

Bird flu outbreak leads to euthanasia of 156,000 chickens

RICK CALLAHAN
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Animal health officials investigating a bird flu outbreak in southwest Indiana have ordered 156,000 chickens at one of 10 affected commercial poultry farms to be euthanized, raising the total number of birds to be killed above 400,000.

The egg-laying chickens were housed at one of the 10 commercial farms where turkeys had been infected with the H7N8 virus and were at a high risk of contracting it themselves, Indiana State Board of Animal Health spokeswoman Denise Derrer said Tuesday.

The H7N8 strain is different than the H5N2 virus that led to the deaths of 48 million birds last summer.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said the Indiana outbreak has been a test of whether officials are ready for future bird flu outbreaks and shows the need to stay on guard year-round.

“It is a wake-up call. It was a good opportunity to see if we’re responding the way we should and I think we did,” he said Tuesday at a renewable fuels summit in Iowa.

All of the turkey farms where the virus has been found are in Dubois County, a county about 70 miles west of Louisville, Kentucky, that is Indiana’s top poultry producer.

The first infection was confirmed last week at a

60,000-turkey farm with connections to major Indiana-based producer Farbest Farms, which has contract growers in Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. But the other nine farms contract with several companies, Derrer said, and officials are investigating whether the virus might have been spread by workers with those companies traveling between farms or whether it was wild birds, wind patterns or other methods.

All of Stephen Sander’s 23,000 turkeys that he was raising on contract for Perdue Farms had to be killed; they’re piled up and composting in three barns. The 57-year-old who’s been raising turkeys for a quarter-century told The Associated Press on Tuesday that losing so many birds has been upsetting, but outbreaks are one of the risks livestock farmers take.

“Grain farmers can have a drought, and it hurts them,” the owner of Tip Top Turkey Farm said. “It’s the same for any business — something could happen and you have to go with the flow. But it still hurts.”

State and federal workers, low-level prison inmates and workers at the farms have been euthanizing more than 245,000 turkeys — plus the chickens — to prevent the virus’ spread. They’ve finished the job at seven of the 10 affected farms, Derrer said, and are racing to finish at the three others before a winter storm that could bring several inches of snow arrives

overnight.

“The weather’s going to get worse overnight, with the wet snow coming in, so they’re putting the pedal to metal,” she said.

Cold weather is still posing problems for crews using a suffocating foam to kill the birds, she said, adding that even though water was freezing in hoses, most of the birds have been killed using that foam. Carbon dioxide gas and a device that delivers a fatal head injury are also being used.

No additional cases of the H7N8 strain have been found in the 6-plus-mile control zone around the first farm, she said Tuesday. Indiana’s state veterinarian has also created a precautionary “surveillance zone” that extends another six miles beyond the control area, and officials are testing farms and backyard flocks, too.

“We’re trying to be really aggressive on testing in that extended area to make sure there’s no virus still floating around out there that’s going to pop up later. We’re trying to do the best we can,” she said.

Everyone euthanizing the birds is wearing protective suits, face masks, gloves and plastic booties, Derrer said.

The state Department of Health and local health officials are monitoring everyone who’s had contact with the birds for 10 days to make sure they don’t develop flu symptoms; the USDA has said no human infections from the viral strain have been detected.

Bear Briefs

The ticket office at the Bill Daniel Student Center will begin selling student tickets Thursday for All-University Sing and will open the tickets to the public Friday. This year, tickets will only be available online. Students are required to create a student ticket account at www.baylor.edu/tickets before being

eligible to purchase a ticket. This account is completely different from the football ticket account. Ticket prices will range from \$18-\$24, and students will be offered discounted prices. For more information about how to buy tickets for this year’s Sing, please email BDSCtickets@baylor.edu.

What: Sing tickets

When: Jan. 21-22

Where: Online at www.baylor.edu/tickets

STATEMENT ON HAZING Spring 2016

Section 51.936 (c) of the Texas Education Code requires Baylor University to publish and distribute during the first three weeks of each semester a summary of the Texas Hazing Law, subchapter F, Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code, and a list of organizations that have been disciplined for hazing or convicted of hazing on or off the campus of the institution during the preceding three years. In compliance with this law, Baylor provides the following information:

Texas Hazing Law, Subchapter F, Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code

§ 37.151. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter: (1) “Educational institution” includes a public or private high school. (2) “Pledge” means any person who has been accepted by, is considering an offer of membership from, or is in the process of qualifying for membership in an organization. (3) “Pledging” means any action or activity related to becoming a member of an organization. (4) “Student” means any person who: (A) is registered in or in attendance at an educational institution; (B) has been accepted for admission at the educational institution where the hazing incident occurs; or (C) intends to attend an educational institution during any of its regular sessions after a period of scheduled vacation. (5) “Organization” means a fraternity, sorority, association, corporation, order, society, corps, club, or service, social, or similar group, whose members are primarily students. (6) “Hazing” means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization. The term includes: (A) any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity; (B) any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student; (D) any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects the student to severe mental stress, shame, or humiliation, that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining

registered in an educational institution, or that may reasonably be expected to cause a student to leave the organization or the institution rather than submit to acts described in this subdivision; and (E) any activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task that involves a violation of the Penal Code.

§ 37.152. PERSONAL HAZING OFFENSE. (a) A person commits an offense if the person: (1) engages in hazing; (2) solicits, encourages, directs, aids, or attempts to aid another in engaging in hazing; (3) recklessly permits hazing to occur; or (4) has firsthand knowledge of the planning of a specific hazing incident involving a student in an educational institution, or has firsthand knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred, and knowingly fails to report that knowledge in writing to the dean of students or other appropriate official of the institution. (b) The offense of failing to report is a Class B misdemeanor. (c) Any other offense under this section that does not cause serious bodily injury to another is a Class B misdemeanor. (d) Any other offense under this section that causes the death of another is a state jail felony. (f) Except if an offense causes the death of a student, in sentencing a person convicted of an offense under this section, the court may require the person to perform community service, subject to the same conditions imposed on a person placed on community supervision under Section 11, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, for an appropriate period of time in lieu of confinement in county jail or in lieu of a part of the time the person is sentenced to confinement in county jail.

§ 37.153. ORGANIZATION HAZING OFFENSE. (a) An organization commits an offense if the organization condones or encourages hazing or if an officer or any combination of members, pledges, or alumni of the organization commits or assists in the commission of hazing. (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor

punishable by: (1) a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$10,000; or (2) if the court finds that the offense caused personal injury, property damage, or other loss, a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than double the amount lost or expenses incurred because of the injury, damage, or loss.

§ 37.154. CONSENT NOT A DEFENSE. It is not a defense to prosecution of an offense under this subchapter that the person against whom the hazing was directed consented to or acquiesced in the hazing activity.

§ 37.155. IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION AVAILABLE. In the prosecution of an offense under this subchapter, the court may grant immunity from prosecution for the offense to each person who is subpoenaed to testify for the prosecution and who does testify for the prosecution. Any person reporting a specific hazing incident involving a student in an educational institution to the dean of students or other appropriate official of the institution is immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the report. Immunity extends to participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from the report. A person reporting in bad faith or with malice is not protected by this section.

§ 37.156. OFFENSES IN ADDITION TO OTHER PENAL PROVISIONS. This subchapter does not affect or repeal any penal law of this state. This subchapter does not limit or affect the right of an educational institution to enforce its own penalties against hazing.

§ 37.157. REPORTING BY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES. A doctor or other medical practitioner who treats a student who may have been subjected to hazing activities: (1) may report the suspected hazing activities to police or other law enforcement officials; and (2) is immune from civil or other liability that might otherwise be imposed or incurred as a result of the report, unless the report is made in bad faith or with malice.

The following student organizations have been disciplined for hazing or convicted for hazing during the previous three years:

Phi Gamma Delta Spring 2013	Pi Kappa Phi Spring 2013	Alpha Kappa Psi Spring 2014
Alpha Tau Omega Spring 2015	Beta Theta Pi Spring 2015	Alpha Tau Omega Fall 2015

Baylor’s Statement on Hazing can be reviewed online at: http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/hazing.

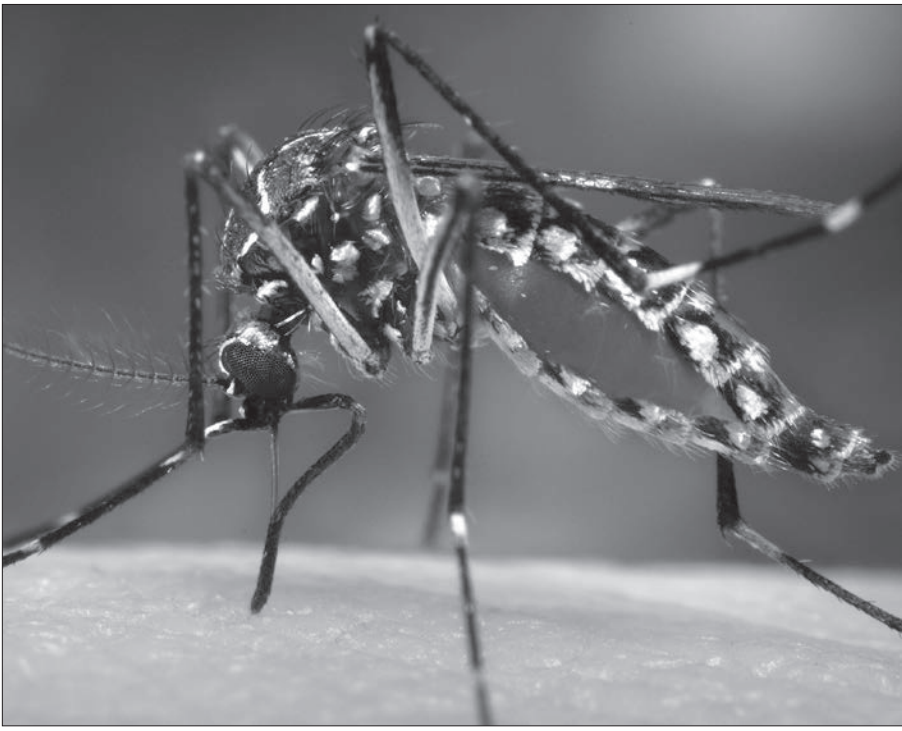
HONOR CODE REPORT Spring 2016

The Baylor University Honor Council is charged with the responsibility of reporting violations of the Honor Code to the campus community each semester.

During the Fall 2015 semester, there were 89 reported violations of the Honor Code; 18 of these cases proceeded to Honor Council hearings. The other 71 cases were handled by faculty. Some cases are still pending.

The types of violations and sanctions for each case may be reviewed on the Academic Integrity Web site under the [Honor Council Reports](http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/honorcode) at: http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/honorcode.

Copies of Baylor’s Statement on Hazing and the Honor Code are available from Judicial Affairs and the Office of Academic Integrity.



Associated Press

DEADLY BITE The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows a female *Aedes aegypti* mosquito in the process of acquiring a blood meal from a human host. The CDC announced new guidance for doctors whose pregnant patients may have traveled to regions with a tropical illness linked to birth defects on Tuesday. Officials say doctors should ask pregnant women about their travel and certain symptoms, and, if warranted, test them for an infection with the Zika virus. The virus is spread through mosquito bites.

CDC issues warning concerning Zika virus

AP— U.S. health officials issued new guidance Tuesday for doctors whose pregnant patients may have traveled to regions with a tropical illness linked to birth defects.

Doctors should ask pregnant women about their travel and certain symptoms, and — if warranted — test them for an infection with the Zika (ZEE'-ka) virus, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Tuesday.

If there are signs of an infection or there are other reasons to believe the fetus is affected, ultrasounds should be considered to monitor the baby's development, the CDC advised.

The virus is spread through mosquito bites, and there have been outbreaks in parts of the Caribbean and Latin America. There is no medicine or vaccine for it.

Usually the infection only causes a mild illness, if at all. Most infected people don't develop symptoms. In those that do, the worst of it involves fever, rash, joint pain, and red eyes — which usually lasts no more than a week.

But there's mounting evidence linking the infection to a birth defect called microcephaly, in

which the head is smaller than normal and the brain may not have developed properly.

Usually rare, more than 3,500 babies with the condition have been reported in Brazil since October. The connection to Zika is still being investigated, and health officials note there are many causes of the condition, including genetics, and exposure during pregnancy to alcohol and certain germs and toxic chemicals.

In the Brazil cases, most of the mothers apparently were infected during the first trimester, but there is some evidence the birth defect can occur later in pregnancy, CDC officials have said.

Last week, CDC officials said pregnant women should consider postponing trips to 14 destinations — Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Martinique, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, Suriname and Venezuela.

They also advised women who are trying to get pregnant or thinking of getting pregnant to talk to their doctor before traveling to those areas, and to take extra precautions to avoid mosquito bites.

Health officials say no infections have occurred in the United States, except for one in the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico. The kind of mosquitoes that can carry the virus are found in the southwestern United States. The mosquito also spreads other viruses that cause dengue fever and chikungunya.

In the last year, there have been a dozen confirmed cases among U.S. travelers, including two pregnant women in Illinois and one in Hawaii, whose baby was born with the birth defect. She was likely infected while living in Brazil, Hawaii health officials said.

The CDC's priority was to alert pregnant women to the situation, even though there are a lot of lingering questions, said Dr. Tom Frieden, the agency's director.

"There's a lot we don't know," including how much Zika is in the different areas, or how likely it is that Zika infection in a pregnant woman will lead to the birth defect, he added. Perhaps there's another factor which also plays a role in whether a child develops the birth defect, he said Tuesday.

Romantic literature, effects discussed at Armstrong lecture

KALLI DAMSCHEN
Reporter

Dr. Stephen Prickett spoke to professors and students about the Romantic period played an essential role in changing how we perceive literature at the Armstrong Browning Library on Thursday.

Dr. Prickett worked as the director of the Armstrong Browning Library at Baylor University from 2003 to 2008. He is currently Regius Professor Emeritus at the University of Glasgow and an honorary professor at the University of Kentucky. Prickett studied at Cambridge and Oxford, and has written one novel, nine academic monographs, seven edited volumes and over 90 articles.

Dr. Prickett specializes in the intersection of literature and theology. His lecture last week was titled "Backing into the Future: Romanticism, Secularization and the Reinvention of Literature."

While Dr. Prickett himself admitted that the title is "fairly pretentious," he said it was a good summary of the purpose of his lecture.

During the hour that he spoke, Dr. Prickett examined quotes from a variety of thinkers, including German philosophers Immanuel Kant and the Schlegel brothers. Dr. Prickett said he liked the German theorists because they can be so strange and

obscure.

"They really do go completely off the planet," he said.

While some of the theory was dense, Dallas junior Abby Thompson appreciated the variety of sources Dr. Prickett referenced.

"I like how he had different quotes from important people in the poetry realm from the 19th century, talking about the difference in Romantic poetry, what it was," Thompson said.

The lecture discussed a number of theories about Romantic literature, but the overall conclusion was that the 18th century brought about the modern value society places on literature.

"It's why people study literature," Dr. Prickett said. "The idea of literature as something important and valuable and interesting, it stems from exactly the people I was talking about."

After the lecture, the Armstrong Browning Library held a reception with coffee, tea and desserts, where students and professors alike had the chance to speak personally with Dr. Prickett and reflect on the lecture.

"I thought it was wonderful," said Lafayette, Louisiana, senior Allie Matherne. "A lot of it went over my head, for sure, but it was wonderful."

Matherne also appreciated Dr. Prickett's

very British mannerisms and sense of humor.

"He's amazing, and he's precious," Matherne said. "Like, the cutest thing ever. But respected and respectable as well. Not just cute."

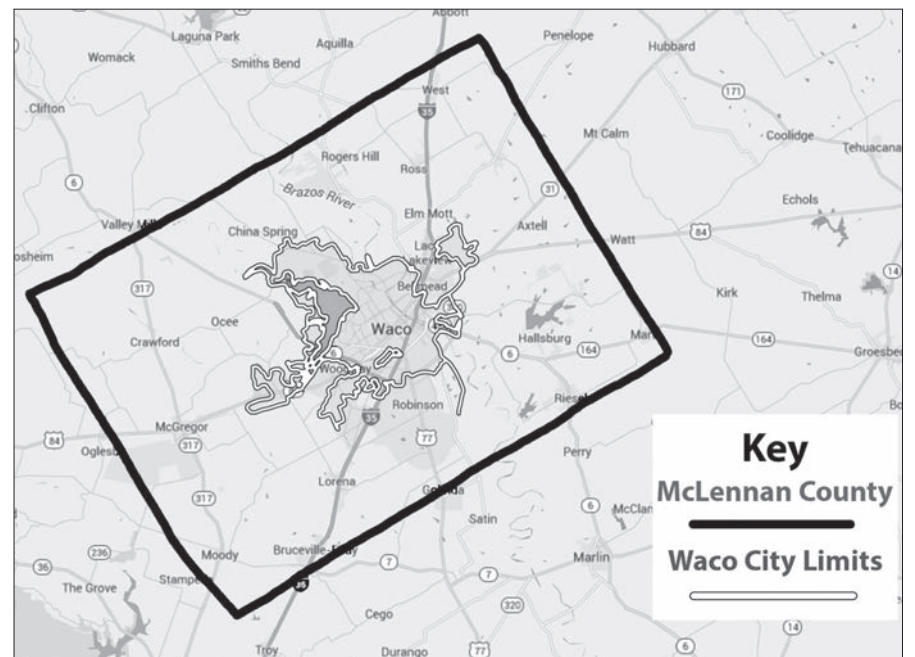
"Backing into the Future" was sponsored by the Armstrong Browning Library, the Department of Religion and the Honors College. It was part of the 19th Century Research Seminar, an interdisciplinary forum for professors and graduate students to present research on topics relating to the 19th century.

"What it is, is an interdisciplinary seminar focused on 19th-century studies in as many different kinds of fields as we can pull in," said Jacksonville, Florida, graduate student Chris Dickinson, who is part of the 19th Century Research Seminar committee. "We have talks on all types of areas regarding the 19th century: literature, history, science, art."

Both Matherne and Thompson had never attended an event put on by the 19th Century Research Seminar before, but after Dr. Prickett's lecture, both said they would like to attend again in the future.

To learn more about the 19th Century Research Seminar, you can visit their blog and check out their schedule of upcoming events.

VOTING from Page 1



Penelope Shirey | Photographer

SEEING RED The illustration outlines the extent of the voting district in McLennan County.

Patterson advises for new voters to vote entirely down the republican line, rather than choosing a democrat here or an independent there.

"I hope that the club can help to turn McLennan

county totally red in the next few years and the next few elections," Grove said. "We have had a great start on that already."

Grove hopes to leave McLennan County having

influenced the number of republican officials in office. If that is the goal, the club still has those four Democratic seats to fill.

HOVERBOARD from Page 1

versity graduate Alex Austin rode his hoverboard on campus to get to and from class. When asked if he has had problems with his hoverboard, Austin said: "besides falling off, no," he hasn't had any technical difficulties.

Austin said he was only able to list one positive aspect about the hoverboard: the rider can get from point A to point B a little faster. When asked about the negative aspects, his list went on and on.

"They're expensive and heavy. They aren't made for rough terrain. They don't fit certain people well- I have big feet so it's hard to ride," Austin said. "You realize how useless they really are so they just sit in your room and collect dust."

Hoverboards may be the new trend, but that isn't stopping them from being

banned. Colleges such as the University of New Hampshire and the University of Virginia; airlines including Delta and American; and even the city of New York have banned the self-balancing scooters in an effort to curb the number of accidents that are caused due to riders falling off the scooters or the scooters catching on fire.

Baylor's campus has yet to make a rule mandating that hoverboards be left at home. However the Simpson Center at Highers Athletic Complex has banned the self-balancing scooters.

Bart Byrd, assistant athletic director of Baylor Student Athlete Services, the man who made the call on the hoverboards, could not be reached for a comment about them being banned at the Simpson Center.

Highers isn't the only

athletic center to ban hoverboards. According to ESPN, the Carolina Panthers professional football team has banned hoverboards inside their stadium and their locker room for the safety of their players.

Baylor student Ali Sohani said he hasn't run into any problems riding his hoverboard at different places.

"People have been riding them everywhere, even while grocery shopping like in HEB," Sohani said. "Teachers haven't even stopped me."

He said he hopes that Baylor won't make the decision to ban hoverboards from campus.

As of now, hoverboards will continue to be seen as one of the modes of transportation used by students.

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Following the Music

Local and national acts come to Waco

REBECCA FEDORKO
Reporter

Waco is a city of culture, art and music. Although Austin is only a short two hours down I-35, there truly is a culture of live music in Waco that many believe is worth participating in.

When it comes to featuring live music, Waco benefits from its position between music capital Austin to the south and metropolitan Dallas to the north. Not only can large bands stop by as they travel between the metropolises, but Waco itself produces a number of its own artists.

Beyond the city's common music venues like Common Grounds and Waco Hall, there are a handful of places out in the city that offer consistent live music and a diverse mixture of musicians and genres. Even better, most of these venues do not charge admission.

The first place to look for free, local live music is the Waco Downtown Farmers Market at 400 South University Parks Drive, which takes place every Saturday morning. Every week an artist or group of artists performs at the front of the market. Kelly Doolittle, who has worked at the market since April, described the different line-ups as eclectic.

"We get country singers, jazz people, rock people," Doolittle said. "It's mostly acoustic, usually covers of popular 80s songs, but occasionally people who do their own stuff."

Anyone can sign up to play at the market on a given Saturday, but the focus is on diversity. The same artists are not usually allowed to play multiple times in a short period, which means there is a steady stream of new artists cycling through each week.

Another place to find live music with no cover—venue-speak for free admission—is the Valley Mills Winery.

Every Saturday from 8-11 p.m., the winery offers a unique selection of live music. The venue tends to host classic genres and styles, aiming for a leisurely atmosphere instead of a wild one.

"It's jazz, Sinatra-style, a lot of kind of folk indie," said Kandi Bagnasco, the owner of the establishment. "You're not going to come and get rap, you know. It's a winery."

Some local artists that have been featured are



Rebecca Fedorko | Reporter

SONGS FOR WACO A local artist plays keyboard at the Waco Downtown Farmers Market (left), and Jon Foreman plays in August at Common Grounds (right)

"We get country singers, jazz people, rock people."



File Photo

The Union Revival, a husband and wife American folk duo, and a jazz quartet called The Dave Wild Trio.

Occasionally, the venue will feature bands from out of town, but Bagnasco tries to keep the selections local. It's not unlikely to find friends or acquaintances performing from the stage, Bagnasco said.

"We really try to host a lot of different, original music. Sometimes we get bands from Austin," Bagnasco said.

Bagnasco also expressed enthusiasm about student performers.

"We love to hire Baylor kids," Bagnasco said.

Cricket's Grill and Draft House on Mary Avenue has hosted a variety of artists, from the country stylings of Chris Low Band to the Wisconsin-grown rock band Full Flavor. William Huneke, a local

singer-songwriter, has also played there many times.

For an even more diverse selection of music, there is Ace's Bar at 2911 Primrose Drive. There, one can find live performances by bands like The Voodoo & Moonshine Band, a blues rock 'n' roll group from Harker Heights, and Redneck Rockstars, a country rock band out of Arizona.

The Melody Ranch hosts almost exclusively live country music, such as Kevin Fowler and Jeremy Phifer, and there are also occasional concerts at the Hippodrome.

There is a rich music scene in the city of Waco, when one knows where to look. The number of homegrown artists is greater than one might expect to find in a city so small, but that just proves that Waco has more to offer than first meets the eye.

Week in Waco:

>> Wednesday

7 p.m. — Kappa Sigma hosting Koffee for Heroes at Common Grounds

7:30 p.m. — Piano duo Lei Cai and Hee-Kyung Juhn at Roxy Grove Hall

8 p.m. — Open Mic Night at Common Grounds

>> Thursday

10 a.m. — Baylor Art Faculty Exhibition at Martin Museum of Art

6 p.m. — Beta Theta Pi hosting Coffee for Kids at Common Grounds

7 p.m. — Open Mic at Tea2Go

7:30 p.m. — Lyceum Series: Awea Duo at Roxy Grove Hall

>> Friday

7:30 p.m. — The Statesboro Revue at The Waco Hippodrome



AP Photo

DO THE RIGHT THING Spike Lee has boycotted the Oscars.

Spike Lee, Jada Pinkett Smith boycott Oscars

DAVID NG
Tribune News Service

Though Spike Lee was given an honorary Academy Award at the Governors Awards in November, the "Chi-Raq" director said Monday he will not attend the Oscars next month because of the lack of diversity among nominees.

"We cannot support it

and (I) mean no disrespect to my friends, host Chris Rock and producer Reggie Hudlin, president (Cheryl Boone) Isaacs and the Academy," Lee posted on Instagram. "But, how is it possible for the second consecutive year all 20 contenders under the acting category are white? And let's not even get into the other branches. Forty white actors

in two years and no flava at all. We can't act?! WTF!!"

The hashtag #OscarsSoWhite trended on social media last week after it was announced that all 20 contenders for acting awards are white. Actress Jada Pinkett Smith also announced Monday she will boycott the Oscars, which are scheduled to air at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 on ABC.

"Chi-Raq," a satirical look at Chicago gun violence, was released in some theaters last month and earned no Oscar nominations, though some of the movie's songs made it on the shortlist. Lee is set to be in Chicago on Thursday to promote the movie, which is slated to be released Feb. 4 on Amazon Prime.

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Today's Puzzles

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 - Tackle box items
 - It may have a nice bouquet
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 - Software issue
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 - "Is that __?": challenging words
 - Quad Cities resident, maybe
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 - Actresses Diane and Cheryl
 - Address to a boy
- Down
- O'Neill's "Desire Under the __"
 - Heist units
 - Unlikely story
 - Subj. involving cognitive development
 - "Spill it!"
 - Aquarium fish
 - Wetlands wader
 - Top choice
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 - Brake fluid brand
 - Low-tech GPS?
 - Stock holder?
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The Heartbreak Kids

Lady Bears end Texas' undefeated run, men win on last-second shot

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

Baylor men's and women's basketball teams dominated in conference play over the weekend.

The Lady Bears ended another team's hopes at a perfect season and the men's team moved up in the national polls after a thrilling, last-second win.

MEN'S TEAM

The No. 13 Baylor men's basketball team (14-3, 4-1) took on Texas Tech (12-5, 2-4) on the road Saturday. Baylor won 63-60 on a thrilling buzzer-beater shot from senior guard Lester Medford.

With Medford not feeling 100 percent at tip-off and senior forward Taurean Prince only scoring two points and getting in foul trouble early, the Bears relied on team the team for the win.

"You just have to put a lot of trust in your teammates," Medford said. "I was very proud of my team because, when I was out, they hunkered down."

Grit and determination are what won the game for the Bears, said head coach Scott Drew.

"We knew coming in that it was going to be a hard-fought game, and if we were blessed enough to win it was going to come down to a couple possessions," Drew said. "I'm really proud of how we held our composure."

In a conference with talent all around, the win allowed the Bears to move to the No. 3 spot in the Big 12 and jump from No. 22 to No. 13 spot in the AP Poll.

The Big 12 is the only conference with four teams in the top 15, which



Associated Press

QUICK HANDS Baylor guard Niya Johnson, right, comes up with the loose ball against Texas guard Brooke McCarty, left, during the second half Sunday in Austin. Baylor won 80-67.

include, No. 1 Oklahoma, No. 3 Kansas, No. 6 West Virginia, and No. 13 Baylor.

With 13 conference games remaining, the Bears still have a chance to move up in the Big 12 rankings and make a deep run into the NCAA tournament.

"What makes for a successful

season, is, wherever you are at, not being satisfied," Drew said. "The end-of-season ranking is most important."

WOMEN'S TEAM

The Lady Bears (18-1, 5-1) went on the road Sunday to battle Texas (16-1, 5-1), where they came out victorious and spoiled the Longhorns'

undefeated season with a 80-67 win.

The win secured the Lady Bears the top spot in the Big 12, and allowed junior guard Alexis Jones to receive her first Big 12 Player of the Week award.

Not only did the victory contribute to the Lady Bears' improvement in the Big 12 rankings, but it also had a

national impact.

Overall, the victory resulted in a switching of places for Baylor and Texas, moving the Lady Bears to No. 4 and the Longhorns to No. 6. in the national AP poll.

The Lady Bears are only behind Connecticut (16-0), South Carolina (17-0) and Notre Dame (16-1) from claiming the No. 1 spot in the nation.

As the Lady Bears struggle different injuries, a win is a win, regardless of how the win is achieved, head coach Kim Mulkey said.

"Sometimes you have to just win ugly," Mulkey said. "If we can get an ugly win on the road and hang in there and get kids healthy, then it's about the end of the year."

This week came at an opportune time for Mulkey and the Lady Bears as they have no games during the week. The off-week could serve as an opportunity to rest players and prepare for the second half of conference play.

While it is still early on and 12 conference games remain, if the Lady Bears keep themselves in the position they are in now, they look poised to make a run for another Big 12 title and ultimately a chance for a third national championship.

But those hopes of a conference and national title will only be realized with a healthy team, Mulkey said.

"We are fighting for a Big 12 championship, but I am really fighting more for healthy kids for when we get to the playoffs," Mulkey said. "Then we'll see if we can't make a run there."

As the Lady Bears look to continue to move up in the rankings, their next test comes on the road 12:30 p.m. Saturday against Iowa State.

Track and Field team measures up at first meet of 2016

BRAUNA MARKS
Reporter

Although they lost key members from last season's team, the No. 11 women's and No. 89 men's Baylor track and field team stepped up last weekend in College Station during Baylor's first meet of 2016.

The Bears took four event titles while several members set personal-best records, won medals and broke school records.

"We definitely lost some huge ones; four of the top kids we've had in the last 10 years, just with what they brought on the track, off the track, leadership," said head coach Todd Harbour. "But we've had some girls that have stepped up. I like where our women's program is. You've got a little

more margin for error on the ladies' side."

"I thought some of the [athletes] we need to compete at a high level ... started off really well."

Head Coach Todd Harbour

On the women's side, junior Maggie Montoya took the one-mile race with a time of 4:50.06 and junior Annie Rhodes recorded a new Baylor record while capturing the pole vault title at 14 feet, 3.5 inches and beating her old mark set during the 2015 NCAA Championships. The women

pulled in two event titles and several top three individual finishes.

The Distance Medley Race crew of Chelsea Orr, Kaitylenn Lindsey, Charlotte Myers and Katie Grovatt placed second with a time of 11:57.26. Returning pentathlete Jenna Pfeiffer placed third in high jump while returning junior Cion Hicks placed third in shot put with a personal best throw of 53-1.5.

The Lady Bears finished third on Saturday with 78.75 points. Before the meet, Harbour expressed how the men would have to work hard through the loss of Trayvon Bromell, who recently decided to pursue a professional career in sprinting.

Last season, Bromell was the 2015 NCAA Indoor Champion in the 200-meters and NCAA Outdoor All-

American in the 100 and 200-meters. He also holds multiple school-records in these events and ended the season as the IAAF World Bronze Medalist in the 100-meters with a time of 9.92 seconds.

"We've got some guys that have been on that edge, and now they're juniors and seniors and it's time," Harbour said. "They still have the potential to be a top-10 team at nationals and hopefully higher. But to score 20 points (for a top-10 finish) at the NCAA meet, without Trayvon, that's a stretch. Some guys are going to have to really step up."

The men finished sixth (42 points), claimed two event wins and broke several personal-best records.

After a slow start, senior Bryce Grace won the 60-meter hurdles with

a time of 7.90 seconds.

The 4x4 crew of Wil London, Richard Gary, Brandon Moore and Caleb Dickinson won with a time of 3:09.15 for the fourth event title of the day. Gary also earned silver medal honors in the 400-meters with a time of 47.48, while taking .03 seconds off his indoor personal-best record.

Senior jumper Felix Obi went 21-11 in long jump, which was a personal-best and the ninth-best jump in school history.

"We had some highs and we had some lows," Harbour said. "I thought some of the ones we need to compete at a high level as the season progresses started off really well."

The next stop for Baylor track and field is Lexington, Ky., for the Rod McCravy Memorial meet on Friday.

BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE WEEK



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Junior guard Alexis Jones thrived in conference play last week, averaging 24.5 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists and 1.5 steals in wins against West Virginia and Texas.

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