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Colorado Springs Police Officer Brown is a part of many students on Baylor campus who own and use hoverboards on a daily basis.

HEATHER TROTTER

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Isolation ≠ equality

LGBT-oriented school moves away from segregation toward 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 root 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 non-binary and non-traditional 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 parents have endured years of being bullied for their sexual orientations or gender identities.

Pride School hopes to allay 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 they’re different actually addressing the root causes of bullying.

Ninety percent of fourth through eighth graders have been victims of bullying, according to statistics from De Something, a nonprofit that supports social change. Reports from DCeases, a race towards group supported by American University in Washington D.C., show that 56 percent of Asian Americans between the ages of 12 and 18 suffer at the hands of bullies. Since 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. Would 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 implementing 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 so familiar with nontraditional sexual orientations and genders.

Separating LGBT children could also decrease bullying. Because these schools begin accepting students at such a young age, these students may learn to be in a situation where they learn how to deal with individuals who are hurtful. Unfortunately, discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender will still be the reality for them at some point in life. Raising this earlier on might be far more beneficial to get out and get the applicable experience when they are in the mainstream.

All of the work puts a strain on the students, as well. Stress causes health problems as well. Insomnia, for example, a symptom caused by stress, can lead to speech and memory problems in the brain. What would happen if we put equal stress on students rather than bullying and a number? Maybe students would be happier and maybe they would grow to lead healthy, healthier lives. Maybe they would find their passion and future career paths.

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Opinion

Students seem to put more time and energy into their grades than anything in their life. Parents are scrutinizing test scores, universities are looking at students’ grades, and schools use a pass or fail system. Teachers worked with students until they understood and did not move on until the student grasped the concept.

Students are burdened with tests, reading quizzes, and busy work. They often cringe the night before tests and forget the material 10 minutes after they walk out of the test. Instead of focusing on learning and producing a skill or striving to gain knowledge, 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 teachers incentive to take in more students. Consequently, their salary was spread thin.

In the 1950s, grades no longer had to be spent so much time with test scores and he could take more tests. Consider the University of Oxford, the educator of great minds such as C.S. Lewis and Aldous Huxley. It was striking to see how history were very new in the history of education.

Bullying rights and gay rights are often used as incentives to make students read more. As people who chose to go to a university, what adults students need to learn was to fear the bully. They did not have to be scared to escape it. Most employers do not look for students on resumes.

They care about what real-world experience you have. Getting experience is more important than the future of a student. A lot of times because students are so focused on their GPA, they don’t do well. If students focus on getting a job and get the applicable experience when they are in the mainstream.

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Correction

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The MLK Celebration Luncheon and Evening Event will be held today. The lunch, which is at Foster 250, will be open to the first 200 people. Both events will be in Foster 250.

Meet the Staff

The Baylor Lariat welcomes new writers through letters to the editor and guest speakers. Remember to not exceeding 500 words not exceeding 500 words. Submit your letter to the letter writer. The editor-in-chief of the Baylor Lariat, the Board of Regents, the student body or the Student Publications Board.

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Texas AG deems daily fantasy sports illegal

RIC LIPPA — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has concluded that daily fantasy sports are illegal under Texas law.

Paxton's conclusion was based on a request by the NCAA in November to the attorney general to clarify whether daily fantasy sports are legal under Texas law.

In a letter dated Dec. 17, Paxton wrote that daily fantasy sports do not fit the definition of gambling under Texas law.

Paxton's decision came after a series of legal challenges to the legality of daily fantasy sports in other states.

In November, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ruled that daily fantasy sports are legal under state law.

In December, the Nevada Gaming Commission ruled that daily fantasy sports are illegal under state law.

The Texas Supreme Court has not yet ruled on the legality of daily fantasy sports in the state.

The NCAA has been working with state attorneys general across the country to clarify the legal status of daily fantasy sports.
CDC issues warning concerning Zika virus

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

Doctors should ask pregnant women about their travel and certain symptoms, and, if warranted, test them for infection, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Tuesday. If there are signs of an infection or if their travel and other risk factors are suggestive of infection, doctors should advise the patient on ways to prevent transmission to their baby, the CDC advised.

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

Usually the infection only causes a mild illness, if there are any symptoms at all. Most people recover in about a week. But there’s mounting evidence linking the virus to a variety of medical conditions, including stillbirths and severe birth defects. Experts are still learning how the virus can be so strange and so mysterious.

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Headline: CDC issues warning

Description: A headline stating that the CDC has issued a travel warning for doctors about Zika virus

Image: An image of a mosquito, symbolizing the transmission of the virus

Body text:

CDC officials have said there have been confirmed cases of Zika among pregnant women in the U.S. Travelers to regions with a risk of Zika should talk to their doctor before traveling and ask about Zika testing. If they develop symptoms, they should see a healthcare provider.

The virus is spread through mosquito bites, usually lasts no more than a week, and involves fever, rash, joint pain and muscle pain. Some people may experience more serious symptoms, such as brain inflammation, Guillain-Barre syndrome and toxic chemicals.

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Health officials say no infections have occurred in the U.S. except for one in the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico. The kind of recognition that can carry the virus is found in the southeastern United States. The mosquitoes also spread other viruses that cause serious diseases, such as West Nile virus and dengue fever.

In the last year there have been about 20 confirmed cases among U.S. travelers, including two pregnant women in Illinois and one in Hawaii, where a baby was born with the birth defect. The baby is likely to have microcephaly, a condition that can result in the baby’s brain growing more slowly than normal and the brain not developing properly.

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Local and national acts come to Waco

REBECCA FEDORKO

Waco is a city of culture, art, and music. Although Austin is only a short two hours down I-35, there’s no 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 capitals Austin to the south and metropolitan Dallas to the north. Not only can large bands easily travel between the two 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 check is for the local band, the Union Revival, a husband and wife with Americana folk, blue, and a jazz quartet called The Dave Wild Trio.

Occasionally, the venue will feature bands from out of town, but Bagmasco tries to keep the selections local. It’s not unlikely to find friends of acquaintance, as well as performers from the stage.

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Another place to find live music with no cover—charge admission is the Valley Mills Winery.

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Cincotta高铁 and Ethan Brown on Mary Anna has hosted a variety of artists, from the country offerings of Chris Love Band to the Wisconsin green rock band Full Flavor. William Hudson, a singer-songwriter, has also played there many times.

“It’s jazz, Sinatra-style, a lot of kind of folk in it,” Bagnasco said.

“Triton is the Siren styke, a lot kind of folk in it. It’s quite eclectic,” Bagnasco said.

Waco has more to offer than first meets the eye.

“I was born and raised in the Waco Downtown Farmers Market at 400 South University Drive, which takes place every Saturday morning,” Dodille said. “It’s an arts and crafts group of artists performing at the front of the market. Kelly Dodille, who has worked at the market since April, described the different line-ups as eclectic.”

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The Heartbreak Kids

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

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Sports Editor

Baylor men's and women's basketball teams dominated as they continued play over the weekend.

Men's team

The No. 13 Baylor men's basketball team (14-4, 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 finding 100 percent at tip-off and senior forward Tarik Black fouled out, scoring points and getting in foul trouble early, the Bears relied on their team for the win.

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In a conference with talent all around, the Bears moved up in the Big 12 rankings, but it also had a chance to move up in the Big 12 conference play over the weekend.

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While it is still early on and 12 conference games remain, the Lady Bears have kept themselves in the position in which they may be able to make a run for another Big 12 title and ultimately a chance for a third national championship.

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Track and Field team measures up at first meet of 2016

Although they lost key members from last season's team, the No. 13 Lady Bears and No. 14 men's Baylor track and field teams stepped up last weekend in College Station during Baylor's first meet of 2016. The Bears' men's team finished fourth, while several members set personal-bests, won medals and broke school records.

"We definitely lost some huge anchors, and the kids we've had in the last 10 years, just with what they brought on the track, the off-track leadership," said head coach Todd Harbour. "But we've got some kids 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 4:50.88 and junior Annie Rhoads recorded a new Baylor record while capturing the pole vault with a height of 14 feet, 3.5 inches and breaking 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 Chelesa Orr, Rahni Wilborn, Charlotte Myers and Katie Overman placed second with a time of 10:49.51. Returning potentiak Jonus Phelan placed third in high jump while returning junior Crist Fizaga place third in shot put with a personal best throw of 63-1.5.

The Lady Bears placed third on Saturday with 747.75 points. Before the meet, Harbour expressed hope the men would have to work hard through the loss of Trayvon Brumell, who recently decided to pursue a professional career in sprinting.

Last season, Brumell was the 2015 NCAA Indoor Champion in the 200 meters and NCAA Outdoor All-American in the 100 and 200 meters. He also held multiple school records in these events and ended the season in the OAD 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 starting to mature and they're starting to see the end," Mulkey said. "They still have the potential to be a top-10 team nationally and hopefully higher. But it's just going to take a lot of effort and hard work to make a real run at the nationals," Mulkey said.

The men finished 24th (40 points), claimed two event wins and broke several personal-best records.

After a slow start, senior Bryce Grace won the 800-meter hurdles with a time of 1:53.90.

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Big 12 conference player of the week

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