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Taking a Ride

Students remember experiences with public transportation abroad

GAVIN PUGH
Reporter

The morning crisp dusts the train windows with frost. The coffee is hot, and the steam dazzles in the dawn light fracturing on the floor. The train breaks the bend in the south of France revealing hulking masses looming in the distance: the Alps.

Students who studied in Europe likely utilized its transportation system, particularly the railway. A Global Eurail Pass allows students to travel to 28 countries within Europe.

Bobby Leis, the exchange program and study abroad adviser at Baylor, recalls his favorite scenery while on a train being the trips from the south of France, through the Alps and into Italy.

"You definitely feel like there is a time limit on how long you are going to be there, and you want to see and experience as much as you can," Leis said.

Coppell senior Brianna Williams said some of her fondest memories while studying in Maastricht were seeing different landscapes and

having conversations while traveling between countries.

"We actually met a lot of people who were also traveling who just wanted to know more about us and about Baylor," Williams said. "So it's a great way to meet people and it's a great way to get to see things that you would never get to see."

Some students receive their passes through their programs as part of the general transportation fee. For students who do not get a train pass with the program, \$689 pays for a month's worth of travel within the Eurozone, as well as several additional countries. This pass is available at eurail.com

Trains are not the only means of getting around Europe.

"There's just a lot of public transportation," Leis said. "Cities are closer, so more subways, more trains, more buses."

Those who purchase a Eurail pass will not receive in-city transportation passes, and will have to purchase them separately. But students should be careful if they stop through countries that do not use the Euro, such as Switzerland or Sweden, as they will have to convert their currency and lose

some money in fees.

"That's what kills you, because the exchange rate is so bad. And what you take out is kind of what you are stuck with," Williams said.

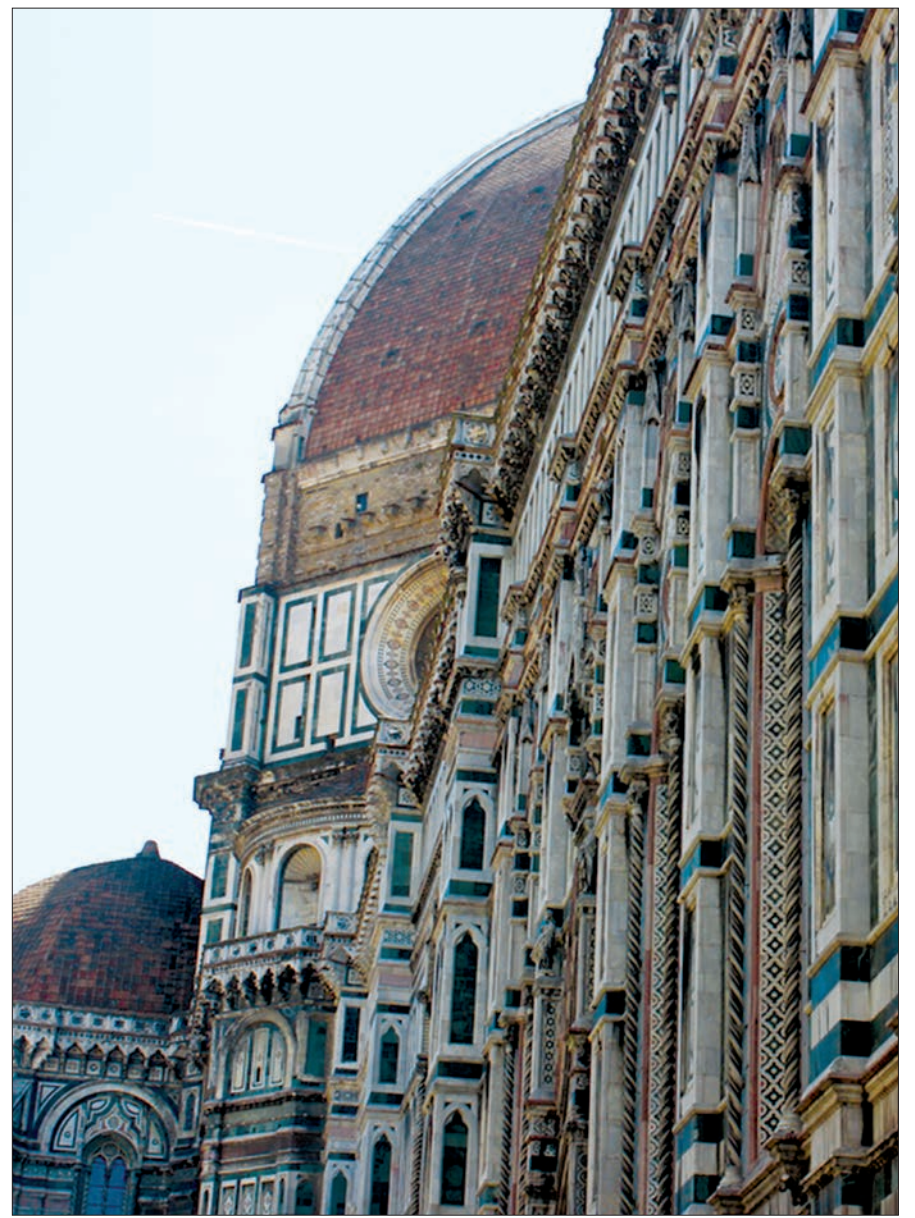
Though the transportation system is more comprehensive between countries and within cities than the United States, the ease of travel in Europe does not come without its own set of faults.

While attempting to travel to Vienna from Berlin, Williams had to change travel plans last minute due to a group of rail workers who were on strike. She also encountered a group of protesters while in Belgium.

"There were communist riots while we were there, at the train station too. People were throwing things onto the train rails," Williams said.

But any negative experience was forgotten when Williams traveled through the Italian countryside along the coast of the Mediterranean.

"When we got there, it was probably mid-day. So you just saw the very blue water," Williams said. "There was just nothing better than that."



Karyn Simpson | Copy Editor

STANDING TALL The Duomo stands above and behind the Cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence, Italy. Inside, 463 narrow steps wind through the wall of the cathedral leading to the top of the dome. Determined visitors who wish to climb to the top are rewarded with one of the most spectacular views in Florence: a panorama of the city and surrounding mountains.

Grinnin' & Swingin'



Sarah Pyo | Web and Social Media Editor

Students interested in learning how to swing dance come together twice a week for form the Swing Dance Society. They meet from 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays in the Claypool room of the Bill Daniel Student Center and 8-10 p.m. Thursdays in the North Village Community Center. Visit www.baylorlariat.com to see a video of them in action.

Political clubs rally for Presidential elections

SAWYER SMITH
Reporter

Two of Baylor's political groups have big plans to impact the student body and outside Waco community during this election season.

The Young Conservatives of Texas' Baylor chapter held their first meeting recently. Meanwhile, the Baylor Democrats have also been hard at work on campus.

The Young Conservatives at Baylor intend to volunteer heavily for Texas Sen. Ted Cruz's presidential campaign this semester. Some have already begun regular phone

banking for him at a local Waco call center.

Being engaged in the grassroots movement for Cruz is only the start of what the Young Conservatives seek to achieve this spring, though.

"We are going to work hard to promote conservative values everywhere across campus this semester," said Cisco, senior Whitney Mechling, who serves as club president.

That Tuesday night there was lengthy discussion about how their membership could effectively support conservative positions at Baylor moving ahead. Most notably, they talked about

campus carry policy and how to continue the fight in favor of it.

Also on their agenda is the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) held every year in the Washington, D.C., area. The conference is coming up in early March and multiple members of the group plan to go. CPAC is not the only gathering up ahead for Baylor's Young Conservative chapter, however. The Young Conservatives of Texas will be preparing for a state convention in April. Should it be the case, Baylor's committed

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Baylor gears up for Super Bowl

HEATHER TROTTER
Reporter

Super Bowl 50 will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 7, where the Carolina Panthers will face the Denver Broncos at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, CA.

The Carolina Panthers have a 15-1 season record. They are led by quarterback Cam Newton, one of six African-American quarterbacks to play in the Super Bowl.

The Denver Broncos have a record of 12-4. They are led by quarterback Peyton Manning, who could be playing his last NFL

game in Super Bowl 50, but the quarterback has yet to confirm or deny the rumor.

The two teams rank close together on both sides of the ball, except where the Panthers have a significant lead over the Broncos in points per game, rush yards per game, and third down conversion percentages, according to nfl.com.

Key Panthers players include quarterback Cam Newton, who threw for nearly 4,000 this season, and wide receiver Greg Olson, who had just over 1,000 receiving yards during the regular



Associated Press

WINNER TAKES IT ALL Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning (18) hands off to running back C.J. Anderson (22) during an NFL football practice on Thursday in Stanford, Calif. The Broncos will face the Carolina Panthers this Sunday at Super Bowl 50.

season.

The Denver Broncos' Peyton Manning had nearly 2,300

passing yards and wide receivers

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EDITORIAL

Don't limit your own creativity

Ask any student what qualities they think will make them successful in their careers, and they'll likely have different answers. Engineering students might include the ability to problem solve. Journalism students could mention having good time management skills. Future teachers on campus may talk about being good communicators. But all of these qualities – and many more – have one thing in common: creativity.

Oftentimes, students are under the impression that not having an explicitly creative job, such as graphic design or ceramics, nixes any need for creativity in the workplace. This couldn't be further from the truth.

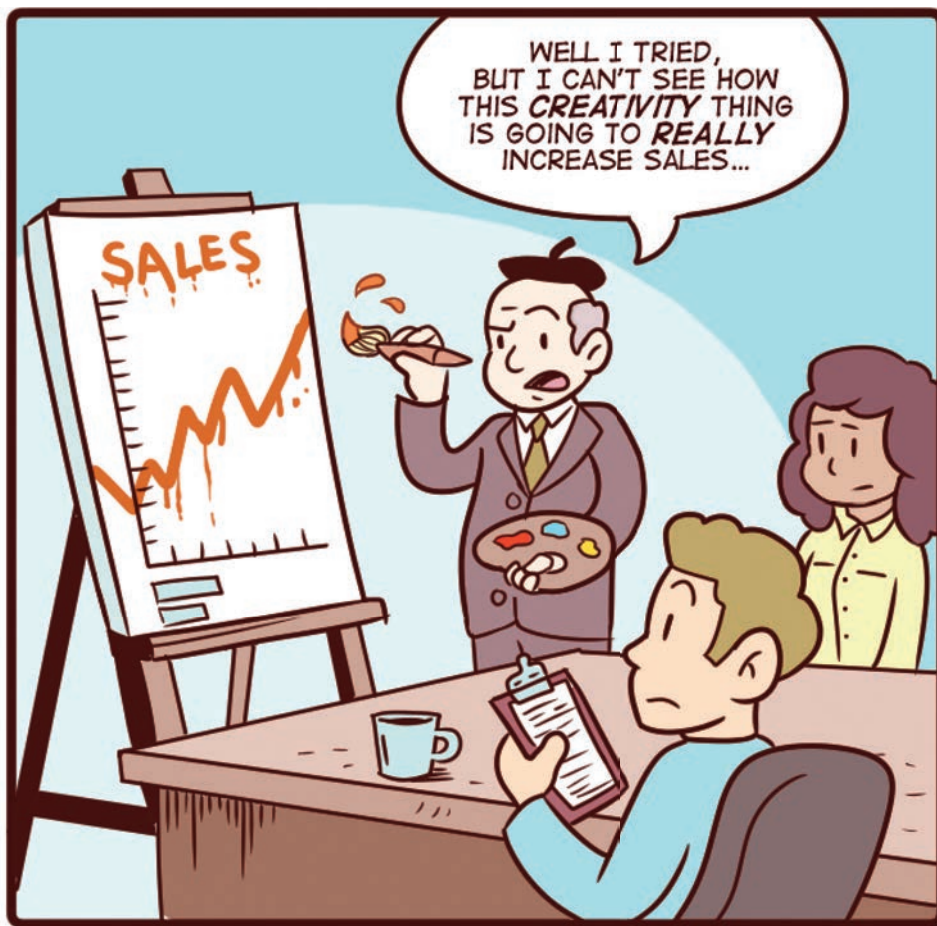
A survey of CEOs revealed that the most valued quality of employees is creativity, which includes the ability to solve problems and create new solutions, according to a 2012 report from U.S. News.

A study conducted by Adobe found that creativity is seen as a huge part of economic growth. This means companies would greatly benefit from having employees buzzing with creative excitement. The same study showed that many Americans believe they live in the country with the greatest creative potential, but do not feel that they are exercising those skills often enough in the workplace. It was also revealed that many of these individuals feel increasing pressure to be productive rather than creative.

The lack of creativity in schools and work environments is stifling the natural abilities of many Americans. Rather than give in to the notion that being productive and being creative are at odds with each other, we ought to encourage our students and workforce to learn that creativity and productivity can be mutually beneficial.

It's been a long held belief that people who are right-brained, typically identified by left-handedness, are creative types. They're believed to be more artistic than their left-brained counterparts, and are thought best suited for careers in creative occupations. However, recent research conducted at the University of Utah found that the connections between brain sides and creativity or logicity are untrue. There is no correlation between being right-brained and creativity.

The important thing to consider here is that, for most Americans, creativity won't appear in the form of a painting or a new website layout. Creativity is often disguised as brainstorming, problem solving and re-imagining the way things have always been done. Rather than a product of the hands, creativity is a product of the mind. Even in the case of artists, creativity begins with ideas that are shaped internally and, through careful planning, eventually find their way into the material world.



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Just think: if the Wright brothers had never been bold enough to incorporate creativity with invention, the first working airplane may not have come around for another 20 years. If Steve Jobs hadn't integrated creativity and entrepreneurship, we might never have known the joys of iPhones and Apple Watches.

The connection between creative thinking and one's career doesn't have to be so grand, though. A barista could strategically use in his conversations with customers to create and maintain lasting customer-establishment relationships. A librarian might think of new ways to encourage the children she encounters to read new books. Mechanics are constantly using problem-solving skills to try and fix what could be a number of problems with a car.

Allowing professionals to formulate new ideas and put them into practice allows them to take ownership of the work they are doing. Rather than simply completing a list of responsibilities handed to them, these individuals are now able to see the merit of investing oneself into the task at hand.

Having employees who find this type of investment in their trade will benefit the company in the long run through the development of revolutionary ideas and better ways to solve problems.

Students should take some time to figure out where creativity fits into their future careers. This could help them establish what creative roles they'd like to fill and could possibly lead to conversations with future employers about the inclusion of creative thinking even in entry level jobs. Maybe this could help students avoid entering a job only to find out it is creatively stifling and not as rewarding as they would have liked.

The human mind is wired for creativity; both halves work equally to accomplish creative tasks. There is no reason students should not be able to find the creative niches in their respective trades. Find a way to make creativity work with your occupation, and you might be the next big thing in your industry. After all, we need creative mechanics just as much as we need creative entrepreneurs.

COLUMN

When adopting puppies, don't bite off more than you can chew

TREY HONEYCUTT
Photographer

A few months ago I made one of the most expensive and time-consuming decisions I have ever made, but the costs were worth every penny spent. I adopted a puppy from the Humane Society of Central Texas. His name is Murphy Dubya Honeycutt. His middle name is after George W. Bush. He is a Catahoula Leopard Dog and is now 7 months old. The first thing that I learned from having a puppy is that it is an instant



conversation starter for people. When I am taking him on his daily walks, it is always to fun see people and watch how Murphy attracts them and causes them to smile. The concept of puppy therapy is a real thing. And the best part of when you own the puppy is that you get that every day. No matter how crummy your day might have been, whenever you walk in the door, your puppy is going to be there waiting for you with a smile.

Having a fuzzy, four-legged friend like a dog teaches you responsibility. I would compare getting a puppy with having a baby in the house. They require a lot of attention, and if they do not have your attention they will get into something. Also, until you can potty train them, which can take a few weeks to months depending on the breed, you will have to take them outside to use the restroom at least once an hour. And if you forget to take them out or tell them

they can wait two more minutes, you find yourself cleaning up a mess on the carpet.

Another major thing it will teach you is that you will have to manage your time and plan your schedule around your puppy. His needs are now yours, such as when he needs to eat, go outside and when he wants to play. There is no such thing as rolling out of bed 10 minutes before class anymore.

I would caution people that while having a dog has been great, and I would not trade him for anything, it is hard work. It is not for everyone. Make sure that you always consult your roommates because they are your biggest aid when it comes to helping take care of your puppy.

Trey Honeycutt is a sophomore business major from Sugar Land. He is a photographer for the Lariat.



Trey Honeycutt | Photographer

Trey Honeycutt adopted Murphy Dubya Honeycutt, picture above, from the Humane Society of Central Texas. While he said he loves his puppy, he cautions students to be aware of the work involved.

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GLOBAL BRIEFS

Fumigation used to combat Zika

RIO DE JANEIRO — With no hope for a vaccine to prevent Zika in the near future, authorities are focusing on the most effective way to combat the virus: killing the mosquito that carries it.

Fumigation is one method; another is seeking out and draining standing water where the insect lays its eggs. Other strategies are possible, including larvae-devouring fish, genetically modified insects and even lasers.

The battle is focused on *Aedes aegypti*, a formidable foe. It carries not only Zika, but other diseases like dengue, yellow fever and chikungunya.

Leaders pledge aid to bleak Syria

LONDON — World leaders pledged more than \$10 billion Thursday to help fund schools, shelter and jobs for refugees from Syria's civil war, money that British Prime Minister David Cameron said "will save lives, will give hope, will give people the chance of a future."

But participants at the aid conference in London acknowledged that prospects for ending the conflict have rarely been worse: Peace talks are suspended, fighting is intensifying, Russia and the West are at odds, and millions of Syrians are suffering from bombardment, homelessness and hunger.

Blast on plane forces landing

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The head of the airline whose jetliner was damaged in an explosion shortly after takeoff from Somalia said Thursday that investigators have found what appears to be residue from explosives, though he cautioned that the findings were inconclusive.

Still, the preliminary discovery lends weight to the possibility that a bomb was to blame for the blast that tore through the Airbus 321 shortly after takeoff from the Somali capital Mogadishu.

Compiled from Associated Press reports.

Authorities believe students planned murder of teen girl

TOM FOREMAN JR.
Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Two Virginia Tech students carefully planned the kidnapping and killing of a 13-year-old girl, arranging a pre-dawn rendezvous online after buying cleaning supplies and a shovel at separate Wal-Mart stores, a prosecutor alleged Thursday.

Montgomery County Commonwealth's Attorney Mary Pettitt described how authorities believe David Eisenhower and Natalie Keepers plotted the stabbing death of Nicole Lovell, a seventh-grader who used social media to escape from bullying after surviving a liver transplant and other health scares.

Pettitt revealed just enough information to persuade a judge to deny Keepers' bail, leaving key aspects of the crime a mystery. She did not suggest a possible motive, nor describe the killing itself.

But the prosecutor said messages on the girl's phone led to the suspects and accused the college freshmen of deciding together in a fast-food restaurant that Eisenhower would cut her throat.

Defense lawyers argued that Keepers' mental health could unravel behind bars.

"We understand the allegations are disturbing and serious," attorney Kristopher Olin said. "But they are just allegations."

Keepers told the judge that she began cutting her body and had considered suicide "a few times" after being bullied in school five years ago. She said she's been in therapy and taking Prozac since then.

She's also allergic to the gluten in jail food, Olin added. Judge Robert Viars Jr.

decided Keepers should remain behind bars after Pettitt said she "is in the same position as the person who carried out the murder."

Eisenhower, 18, is jailed without bond on charges of kidnapping and first-degree murder. His arrest report says he told officers: "I believe the truth will set me free."

Keepers, 19, is charged with being an accessory to kidnapping and murder and with helping to hide the body.

The prosecutor said Eisenhower initially denied his involvement when police found his messages on Nicole's phone, but eventually, he said he drove to the girl's home, watched her climb out of her window and greeted her with a "side hug" before they drove off to pick up Keepers.

Keepers is adamant that she was not present at the killing itself, but she went along for the ride, Pettitt said. And once Nicole was dead, Keepers helped load her body into Eisenhower's Lexus, the prosecutor added.

Nicole's remains were eventually found at a remote spot two hours south of campus.

Pettitt said it was Keepers who revealed the plot after officers tracked her down, but that she first tried to warn Eisenhower, sending him a one-word text message reading "Police."

Nicole's parents, David Lovell and Tammy Weeks, attended the bail hearing but made no comments before leaving for their daughter's private funeral, where several hundred mourners paid their respects.

Friends and neighbors have described her as a lovely, if awkward girl, clinging to childhood ways while exploring older behaviors.



Associated Press

MURDER Thirteen-year-old Nicole Lovell, seen above in this 2015 photo, was found dead Saturday in Surry County, N.C. Two Virginia Tech students are believed to have planned and executed the murder.

A neighbor said she told 8-year-old friends before she vanished that she planned to sneak out to meet her 18-year-old "boyfriend," a man she said was named David, and whose picture she displayed on her phone. Authorities have not confirmed that this was Eisenhower's photo.

A 911 call on Jan. 27 alerted police that Nicole was missing, Pettitt said. Weeks discovered that the door to her daughter's bedroom had been barricaded, and that her phone and her "Minions" blanket also were gone.

An examination of emails and social media showed that Eisenhower and Nicole last made contact at 12:39 that morning, shortly before she disappeared, the prosecutor said.

Like others her age, Nicole was tech-savvy, posting on Facebook and chatting using the Kik messenger app.

Unlike other young teens, she had to take daily medicine to keep her transplanted liver from failing, and she endured bullying over a disfiguring tracheotomy scar in her neck that served as a reminder of the months she spent in a coma.

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Ashes to ashes

Christian tradition to be celebrated in campus service

ASHLYN THOMPSON
Reporter

While Baptist in our roots, the faith community at Baylor University is widespread. Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and prayer which marks the beginning of Lent in Western Christianity.

Houston junior, Paige Thumann says it surprises her that Baylor would commemorate Ash Wednesday, but she's glad they are.

"I'm glad they are recognizing a holy day of obligation in the Catholic Church. It makes me proud to be Catholic and proud that my school is willing to include our faith in this way," Thumann said.

The season of Lent symbolizes the 40 days Jesus Christ spent fasting in the desert, fighting temptation from Satan. In reflection of this, many Christians give up certain indulgences

throughout the 40 days of Lent in order to devote more time to their prayers and allow God to become their main focus.

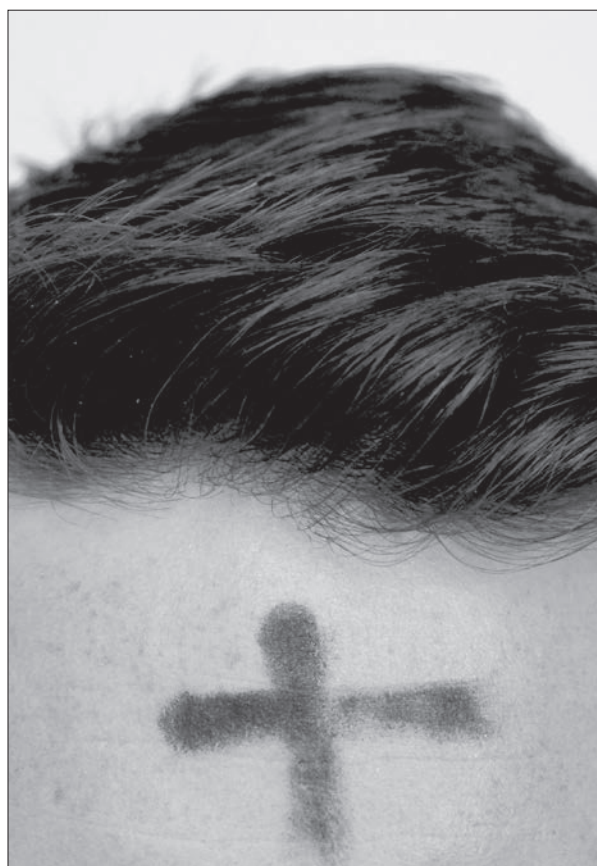
Dallas senior Katelynn Brady says that although she's not Catholic, she appreciates Baylor's willingness to recognize different facets of the Christian faith.

"Anything like that is going to bring the Baylor community together and give students a chance to express their faith," Brady said.

Carlos Colón, coordinator of worship initiatives, said that while Ash Wednesday has been celebrated for centuries by our traditional brothers and sisters, it is only recently that Protestants have begun to take part in this commemoration that starts with the observance of Lent.

"We have seen more and more people in our Baylor and Waco communities participate in Ash Wednesday observances," Colón said.

In accordance with a need



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

OBSERVING ASH WEDNESDAY Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. The university will celebrate the day with two 20 minutes services at Elliston Chapel at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. After the services there will be ministers to administer the ashes to those who wish to have it on their forehead.

for Ash Wednesday services, Baylor will be observing their own services on Wednesday. On Wednesday, Baylor Spiritual Life will lead 20-minute services at Elliston chapel at both 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. From 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. there will also

be ministers available to administer ashes for those students or community members who wish to partake. The Chapel will be open for those who want to pray and seek time with God throughout this momentous day.

Regal Music

Queen of Kings husband, wife duo to perform in Waco

KALYN STORY
Staff Writer

When Auggie Del Rey left Baylor in 2007 with a degree in business management, he had no idea he'd become a full-time musician.

The Waco native and his wife, McLennan Community College graduate Sirena Legend, moved to LA in 2014 to fully pursue their music career. Together they make

up the duo Queen of Kings self described as a "soul-pop with a hint of country" group.

"Queen of Kings" will be performing in Waco for the second time since they moved to LA on April 1, 2016. They will return

to a venue they know well, Muddle, a bar in downtown Waco.

Shawn Reising, the owner of Muddle, is a long time friend of Del Rey's. Queen of Kings have played at Muddle several times over the years and Reising is excited to have them back.

"They bring a new level of energy to the place whenever they perform," Reising said. "They have a huge local following and always pack the house. It's a blast."

Although Del Rey had no serious plans of going into music full time he uses the skills he learned at the Baylor business school every day. He is the manager and marketer for Queen of Kings.

"Baylor taught me to rely on myself," Del Rey said. "People ask us all the time who manages us and who handles our merchandise, it's me. I couldn't do that without Baylor."

Del Rey is especially grateful to be self-sufficient while working in LA. When leaving Waco the two were warned that the people in LA would eat them up, and they have seen first hand the negative effects of living a lifestyle of pursuing fame.

"People can get shady real fast here, a lot of people forget what they're here for and lose themselves searching for fame," Del Rey said.

The duo are constantly reminding themselves to stay grounded.

"The entertainment business is a game. You have to learn to play the game but not lose yourself," Del Rey said.

When they first arrived in LA in September 2014, they found themselves homeless for the first few weeks and really struggled for about seven months. They slowly got back on their feet and really grew musically. They

quickly made connections with some producers and got the opportunity to record at Universal Studios and Paramount Recording Studios. After living in LA for about seven months they put out their first single, "Fly Away."

Christmas day 2015 Queen of Kings released the song and music video "Hollywood Outlaws."

"With Hollywood Outlaws we wanted people to know we aren't here for the hollywood lifestyle; We are here to make music," Del Rey said.

They actively avoid the Hollywood lifestyle so many people chase. They stay away from the party scene and constantly pursue knowledge and education. For day jobs Del Rey works as a personal trainer at a gym, and Legend works for a fashion designer. But their primary commitment is to each other and their music.

In August 2014, 360 Magazine wrote, "With storytelling abilities along the lines of artists Johnny Cash and Kendrick Lamar, this twosome is ready to bring their intriguing narrative to the masses."



Queen of Kings

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conservatives active within the club are planning to go.

On the other side, the Baylor Democrats are busy at work and looking to make impact with what they call the C3 Initiative, "Campaign, Community, Campus." In March, Club members are expecting an official announcement from Bill Mattow in March that he will challenge Republican Bill Flores for his 17th District

of Texas, U.S. congressional seat. Democrat students plan to get involved with his race by helping knock on doors, phone call and fund raise.

Within the Waco community, the Baylor Democrats aim to participate with the Citizens for Responsible Lending and McLennan County Democrats on various work projects that they are unsure of at this point. Such plans

are being decided at the leadership level.

The college Democrats want to register voters on campus for the upcoming elections and engage with more discussions that define their left-wing positions.

"We have won the battle on the issue of campus carry here," said sophomore Micah Furlong, president of the club. "We want to keep this momentum to

advance our other views at Baylor." It is also in the club's interest to have a debate with representatives of the Baylor College Republican group, he said.

With presidential primaries in full swing and hot debate around important issues on campus, both clubs are enthusiastic about boldly promoting their beliefs and growing in size this year at Baylor.

SUPER BOWL from Page 1

Demaryius Thomas and Emmanuel Sanders both had more than 1,000 receiving yards. Inside linebackers Brandon Marshall and Danny Trevathan both had over 100 tackles and cornerback Aqib Talib led the defense with three interceptions.

Both the Carolina Panthers and the Denver Broncos have fans all over America, including at Baylor.

Garland junior Mark Fernandez has been a fan of the Carolina Panthers for 12 years.

"I have been a Panther fan since 2004 when they

went to the Super Bowl. I'm a huge Cam Newton fan and I like what he's bringing to the league," Fernandez said.

Wellford, S.C. sophomore Clara Ruth West is also a Carolina Panthers fan.

"I'm from the East Coast, I'm from South Carolina, so I have to represent," West said.

For Flower Mound sophomore Grace Bregard, it's more about the player.

"My family has always been big Peyton Manning fans," Bregard said. "He played for the University of Tennessee and my mom went there. We've loved him since

he played for the Colts."

On the other hand, Cam Newton is the favorite player between West and Fernandez.

"Cam Newton is bringing something new to the Carolina Panthers, which is becoming a role model, his versatility as a quarterback and he has good overall character," Fernandez said. "I think he was the underdog in the beginning and now he's turned into something of value," West added.

Fernandez, West and Bregard all have family traditions of hosting Super Bowl watch parties at their

home, inviting family and friends over to eat and watch the football game.

Both Bregard and Fernandez are confident that Super Bowl 50 will be a good matchup.

"I'm worried for the Broncos a little bit because the Panthers demolished the last team they played but hopefully it will be a good game to watch," Bregard said. Fernandez added his excitement because this will be Cam Newton's first Super Bowl.

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Bloom where you're planted



SMELL THE ROSES Flower Mound senior Rachel Gilliland creates and sells fresh flower arrangements through her Bloomology Floral Design business.



Photos Courtesy of Rachel Gilliland

Student's Bloomology Floral Design business booms

REBECCA FEDORKO
Reporter

Flowers can communicate many different messages. Whether as centerpieces, bouquets or gifts they have the potential to elicit feelings of love, friendship and beauty. Flower Mound senior Rachel Gilliland tries to unlock that potential through her company Bloomology Floral Design.

Although Gilliland majors in finance, she does business in flowers. She said having a mother as an interior designer exposed her to aesthetics and beauty all her life. In high school, she discovered her own love of flowers and began organizing floral designs for friend and family events.

"In high school at Senior Night, they would ask what we wanted to be and I would joke around and say, 'Wouldn't it be funny if I said florist?'" Gilliland said. "It's just been something I've enjoyed and a creative outlet."

After making flower arrangements for four years, last August Gilliland turned her florist joke into the Bloomology business. She doesn't have a formal workspace. Instead, she works out of her house in Waco, which limits her business options to special orders and events like weddings and ceremonies.

"I don't have anywhere to keep bulk flowers, so I only do events," Gilliland said. "It's still pretty low-key, and that's OK."

While Gilliland said specific design elements often depend on the client, each of her arrangements is unique. Her bouquets are a mixture of bright hues and soft textures. Bright reds are offset by more subdued creams and pale pinks. Spiky thistles and bright berries add texture, and sprigs of foliage tie her arrangements together.

Gilliland said one of the things that made flower arranging so attractive is how dynamic and diverse flowers are. There are always new ways to arrange them or new flowers to work with.

"Different flowers have different petals," Gilliland said. "A gardenia has more of a spongy petal, and a hydrangea is just full and fluffy. There are literally a million different varieties. I don't think I'll ever learn all the different flowers."

Getting the opportunity to design also attracted Gilliland to flower arranging.

"I really like the element of putting things together, the architecture of it," Gilliland said. "You can have two people with the same recipe of flowers create arrangements that are totally different."

Gilliland's floral designs have received more attention than she had anticipated. She worked four events last semester and even caught the attention of Buttoned Bears, a fashion blog by Baylor students. She sold her work at the Buttoned Bears Pop-Up Shop last November.

Pleasanton, Calif., senior Kayla Haykin, who

put on the Buttoned event and is a friend of Gilliland, said her work and business ethic are inspiring.

"I don't know anyone else who's our age and starting something," Haykin said. "It's been fun getting to watch her be creative and get her business off the ground."

Gilliland said she didn't see the point in waiting until after college to start her business.

"I figured it would be better to start now and get the ball rolling," Gilliland said. "It's a great way to build a portfolio."

Gilliland hopes to see her business continue to blossom and will keep working for the foreseeable future. She is still unsure, however, whether she will try to make Bloomology a full-time job.

"That's TBD," Gilliland said. "But I always want to do this in some form on the side."

Gilliland has booked a few wedding events for the summer, and she also hopes to do a floral workshop with Buttoned Bears later in the spring.

"She is super great to work with, really inspiring," Haykin said. "What I appreciate most is she does what she says she is going to do. People can really trust when they come to her that she is going to carry out what they want."

Gilliland plans to graduate in the spring and will be working with Teach for America in the Dallas area next year.

"That leaves my summers free for flowers," Gilliland said.

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Today's puzzles

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- 5 Maestro Ozawa
- 10 __ de somme: beast of burden
- 14 " __ luck!"
- 15 '50s-'70s senator who wrote "Humor of a Country Lawyer"
- 16 Shuffle, for one
- 17 Dishonest memoir, e.g.
- 20 Ancient amulet
- 21 Dark clouds, perhaps
- 22 Pulitzer-winning book critic Richard
- 24 Bear's team
- 26 Place for permanent storage
- 33 Dedicattee of an 1810 piano manuscript
- 34 Brand that includes N-Strike blasters
- 35 Sarah McLachlan song
- 36 Gun
- 37 Genre descended from the cakewalk
- 40 Gift subject to skepticism
- 41 Aussie colleges
- 43 "Lulu" composer
- 44 " __ Toward Tomorrow": 1996 TV movie with Christopher Reeve
- 46 Part of West Point's curriculum
- 49 Merged news agency
- 50 Convenient carrier
- 51 Garden gadget
- 54 Extent
- 58 One of anatomy's great vessels
- 63 Classical theaters
- 64 Southwestern New York city
- 65 Linear
- 66 Filter
- 67 "South Pacific" co-star Gaynor
- 68 Bunker tool

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- 4 Man cave features

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- 10 "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" matriarch
- 11 One-on-one sport
- 12 Conflicted
- 13 Slow Churned ice cream
- 18 1978 "SNL" Emmy winner
- 19 European capital
- 23 1994 Stanley Cup winners
- 24 Properly
- 25 Radio toggle switch
- 26 Hospital supply
- 27 Nicholas Gage memoir
- 28 __ suit
- 29 Hear again
- 30 Tribute title words
- 31 Flight segment
- 32 Like some small dogs
- 38 " __ le roi!": French Revolution cry
- 39 It's to dye for
- 42 Website directory
- 45 Loud speaker
- 47 Poi source
- 48 Honolulu's __ Palace
- 51 Long narrative poem
- 52 Dandy
- 53 High spirits
- 55 Rowlands of "The Notebook"
- 56 94-day undertaking in the Cheryl Strayed memoir "Wild"
- 57 Classic fictional villain
- 59 Nice handle?
- 60 "Prince __": "Aladdin" song
- 61 U.S. Army rank qualifier
- 62 Bosox legend

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Crossroads

Men look to regain form; women on pace for title

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

Now over halfway through conference play, both the men and women's basketball teams will be back in action this weekend.

The women are tied for first in the Big 12 and the men are trying to climb the standings after losing the first place spot.

MEN

The No. 15 Bears travel to Morgantown, W. Va., to take on No. 14 West Virginia at 7 p.m. Saturday at the WVU Coliseum.

The Bears (17-5, 6-3) fell short against in-state rival, Texas this past Monday, 67-59, but plan to put the game behind them and keep looking ahead.

Head coach Scott Drew realized that his team has struggled defensively recently.

"We have not been very good defensively the last few games," Drew said. "The last six games, I think we gave up 46, and our defensive efficiency is down to the 90s in the country last I saw."

"We have been able to overcome it by rebounding and taking care of the ball and doing well offensively. We will have to figure out how to get better defensively."

After losing to the Longhorns, senior guard Lester Medford said his team must focus and get ready for the next game.

"We cannot look back on it and have to get ready for West Virginia," Medford said after the loss.

The Mountaineers (18-4, 7-2) have averaged 81 points per game and 40.4 rebounds per game.

The Bears are going to need to bring their A game if they plan to make a dent in the Mountaineers at their home.

Drew said each team in the Big 12 brings something unique to the table to help his team grow.

"The good thing about the Big 12 is that you are playing different styles so it prepares you for the postseason, and that makes it fun as a player because one game you go against a team that packs it in and then you play a team that presses," Drew said.

The Bears currently sit at No. 4 in the Big 12 rankings, but a win could propel them toward the No. 1 spot they once had earlier this season.

WOMEN

The No. 4 Lady Bears (22-1, 9-1), on the other hand, dominated against Kansas State at home to take the win, 87-52.

Good ball movement and body size in the paint gave the Bears the advantage from the start.

Four runs throughout the game allowed the Bears to continue with all of the momentum.

Head coach Kim Mulkey said her team was prepared and everyone that she put out on the court played hard.

"Well, the good part is depth," Mulkey said. "I can go as big as I need to go, and I can go as athletic and small as I need to go, and they are all playing with a lot of confidence right now. It just says that we have a lot of players that can play."



Richard Hirst | Lariat Photo Editor

OVER THE BACK Junior forward Nina Davis pulls up a shot during the first half of the Lady Bears' game against Kansas State on Wednesday at the Ferrell Center. David and the Lady Bears host the Kansas Jayhawks at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

Having dominated at home, the Bears look to extend their home win streak to 10 when they face Kansas at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

The Jayhawks (5-17, 0-11) have struggled all season in conference games, with a record to show for it.

Although the Jayhawks' record doesn't present a threat, senior guard Niya Johnson has said in the past that no team can be overlooked.

"We can't look past those teams," Johnson said. "You have to play every game like it's your last, especially in

the Big 12 conference. That's what coach Mulkey tries to get in our heads, playing each game like it's your last game in this conference."

The Lady Bears look to improve in the national rankings and guard their spot at No. 1 in the Big 12 rankings.

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