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# **Theatre** program seeks diversity



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### **KALYN STORY**

Staff Writer

The spotlight isn't color-blind, and Baylor's Department of Theatre Arts knows it.

Sam Henderson, an adjunct professor of theater, said the theater program is lacking diversity – and students are suffering for it. "Our students miss out on a lot of great

opportunities because we don't have the diversity in our department to be able to perform some of the greatest plays ever written," Henderson said.

Facilitated by Henderson, the department of theatre arts held a panel discussion on diversity in arts and entertainment on Friday.

The discussion was part of a mandatory workshop that theater majors must attend afternoon. Although most Friday

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# Counseling Expansions



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

### **RAE JEFFERSON**

News Editor

If there's one thing Dr. Jim Marsh, director of Counseling Services, wants students to know, it's that he and his staff

"That's why we're here. That's why we've given years of our lives to training and education," Marsh said. "We really do care. We know how hard it is to walk in those front doors.

Marsh holds the reins at a pivotal time for Baylor Counseling. The department is in the process of implementing its portion of the \$5 million plan to expand Baylor's Title IX Office, counseling center and Department of Public Safety.

The expansion comes on the heels of the sobering Pepper Hamilton investigation that criticized the university's handling of sexual assault cases in recent years. Some of that criticism included victims' lack of access to counseling.

The Counseling Services expansion will increase the number of specialized staff, expand training for current staff, provide more group counseling for victims of sexual assault and expand the department's physical presence on campus. All of these changes are already underway.

"These involve improvements concrete, near-term opportunities we've identified where we can enact immediate change," Assistant Director of Baylor Media Communications Tonya Lewis said to the Lariat earlier this year. "Ongoing assessments of our offerings and resources, along with the Pepper Hamilton report, will identify areas for longer-term

improvements." Marsh said providing proper care comes

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"Romo will never play for Dallas again," Mott said.

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# Penland opens with new look, feel

### **ETHAN FREIJE**

Staff Writer

The dorm was one of many on Baylor's list

Penland Residence Hall's re-design features many new and updated amenities for its residents and faculty. Its lobby has a sleek look and is filled with new furniture, games and televisions. A left turn after entering through the front door leads down a hall of brand new offices.

Despite new freshman only having experienced the new version of Penland, Edwardsville, Ill., freshman Kim Johnson had Penland's old reputation in the back of her mind.

"I had heard nicknames like 'P-nasty,' 'Pigland,' and the name of my floor, which was 'the dirty third,'" Johnson said. "So I was a little skeptical going into it, but I also knew it was getting renovated."

So far, the new residence hall has shaken its previous stigma and attracted visitors seeking to be part of the fun.

"A lot of people from other dorms come hang out in the lobby because we have a pool table and ping pong," Johnson said. "[The other dorms] don't have as much fun things. So it's always poppin' in the lobby."

The myriad games being played in the hall, such as Super Smash Bros tournaments, increase the dorm's likability. Students are also enjoying the new rooms.

"The rooms are really nice," said The Woodlands freshman Zach Koele. "All the cabinets, drawers and appliances are brand new. So it's really nice to have that fresh start."

The elegant features of the remodeled dorm have helped draw interest from incoming freshmen who were previously skeptical due

to Penland's reputation for negligent dorm "Obviously Penland has a reputation, but I "All the guys I knew who lived here loved it, so

that made me want to come to Penland." Brentwood, Tenn., junior Mattox Olson, the head community leader in Penland, has been at Baylor long enough to remember the sharp contrast between the new and old versions of

"Penland's image before was really juvenile, really masculine," Olson said. "It still has freshmen who want to have a lot of fun now that they're in college. But it's definitely a lot less destructive than what it was before.'

Having been a CL in Martin last year, Olson said he is excited for the new opportunity because he will experience a co-ed residence hall for the first time.

"Martin was all males the year before, and it was a smaller residence hall. I was really excited by the concept of change," Olson said. "[Penland] is a lot bigger so it feels a lot more intimidating than what Martin felt like."

As for the new Penland's legacy, Olson believes it will be a long process of finding its place on campus. He does, however, think that it should carry on some of its prior charm.

"It is defining itself for something new," Olson said. "It's trying to take the good things of old Penland and the good things of new

Penland and merge them together." Curtis Odle, assistant director for Facilities and Operations, also believes it will take time for Penland to re-establish its role on campus.

"[Penland's role on campus] is somewhat to be seen. That is kind of defined by the students each year," Odle said. "But I think it's going to be one of the primary sought after halls for that

traditional first year experience." As for whether or not the administration has made any efforts to clean up Penland's image, Odle said they simply treat it like any other

residence hall on campus. "In any of our buildings, we want the narrative related to that building to be positive. Any of our efforts from the staff is to foster a positive image," Odle said. "There's not a branding effort to change what Penland has historically been, but to make sure that it's image and it's narrative is positive."



Gabi Lopez | Photographer

Upgrades in the common area of Penland include ping pong tables and a billiards table.

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also had heard really good things," Koele said. Vol.117 No. 2

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**OPINION** 

## Make prayer meaningful

Sarah Pyo

Editor-in-Chief

How many times have we been lectured by our parents, agreed to abide, and then

went against their wishes once, twice, hundredfold? How many times have we said the words, "I'll keep your secret," only to have trust slip out of our months easily. How many times have we promised to



pray for another, yet find ourselves trying to justify our reasons for breaking that promise? For me, one too many times

It's always easy to pretend that we are someone we're not: the good Christian, daughter and friend. I've tried all of these, and I have yet to perfect one.

There was a time in my life when I believed that I had become an atheist. My analytical self started to tear apart the Word in a way that poisoned my faith. I marked my body with tattoos despite the fact that it's a sin and against my parents' wishes. The one action that has tainted me the most, however, was betraying those that needed me by failing to pray.

Shouting out a short prayer seems effortless. Oftentimes, it's easier to "pray" for others than to provide food, money or other acts of service. At least, that's how it should be. Prayer should be so embedded

in our lives that it shouldn't feel like another assignment on our list. For me, and probably for many others, it's not that easy; it's a daily struggle. Prayer was a part of my daily life, but it was far from being "one" with me as it should have been. My mouth would easily respond with, "Of course, I'll pray for you," without conviction behind it.

I am not rich. I don't have enough to provide for others, especially with money. However, even when I know my resources are limited, I found it habitually easier to provide others with services rather than prayer. As a Christian, prayer is vital. Prayer isn't a new concept, and it definitely should not be something that makes me feel uncomfortable, especially at the age of 22. I used to offer up prayer easily and without much thought. It was a form of comfort for others, and perhaps I believed those words would soothe those hurting around me. In fact, I was hurting them more by giving them

James 1: 23-24 says, "Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like."

I am no longer quick to promise others my prayers. As a Christian, I strongly believe that promises, especially prayer, should not be made unless we can commit to them. We make promises to God all the time promises that we cannot keep. New Year's resolutions are filled with "reading the Bible more," and "praying more," yet we don't maintain any of these. It's always best to start small and with what we can actually accomplish.

### Why #BodyPositivity is important for everyone

Morgan Kilgo

Broadcast Reporter

As the digital age continues to rise, it is no surprise that the issue of body shaming has risen as well. From magazine spreads of the newest big celebrity to social media posts of fitness models, we are constantly being reminded of what society thinks is the "perfect body." Women are expected to be shorter than boys with symmetrical curves, long legs and a little hourglass waist. Men are expected to be taller than women and covered in perfectly toned layers of muscle. While these body standards may be attainable for some, they are impossible for the majority of the population. Instead of being taught to embrace and love the bodies we are in, we learn how to immediately identify our flaws and work to "fix" them, as though our appearance needs to be altered to be acceptable. We have created a society where people skip meals and spend too many hours working out for the "perfect

Body shaming affects everyone. I have yet to encounter someone who doesn't compare their body to another's in a negative manner. I would be willing to bet money that if I walked up to 10 people, at

least nine of them would have an ongoing list of things they think are wrong with their body, and the tenth person would be too ashamed to share. It's terrifying to think that there are people constantly standing in front of the mirror wondering why they don't look how they are "supposed to".

In the words of Bruno Mars "you're amazing just the way you are." What if, for every time we found a perfect quality on someone else, we

stopped and found a perfect quality on ourselves as well? What if instead of picking our bodies apart, we learned to celebrate and love the bodies we were blessed with? It's time for us to put body shaming to an end and learn we



have been beautiful from day one. There's nothing to fix because there is nothing wrong. Stop comparing yourself to other people and love your differences. Your body is beautiful, embrace it!

"You're amazing just the way you are." -Bruno Mars

**EDITORIAL** 

# We're losing transferability

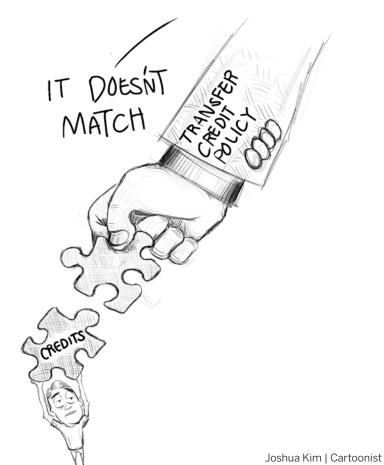
### Transfer credit changes limit options for students

It's no secret that attending Baylor is expensive. In order to maximize the efficiency with which they move through their college years, many students save time and money by taking non-essential courses online or at community colleges. Unfortunately, one of Baylor's summer policy changes now prohibits students from transferring in upper-level courses.

According to Baylor's "General Policies on Transfer Credits" online, "No course at or above the '3000' level may be taken at a community/ junior college, and no community/junior college course will be evaluated as an advanced course."

Baylor has always had stringent policies on transferring credits from other colleges: Historically, they have limited the number of hours students can transfer in and insisted that we take our last 30 hours of courses in-residence. While the previous rules were an understandable effort to maintain the quality of Baylor degrees by ensuring that students who graduate with a Baylor diploma truly earned it, placing a blanket ban on transferring in any upper-level courses doesn't help maintain the Baylor standard; it only puts students at a disadvantage.

Many students previously transferred in nonessential upper-level courses and electives in order to save money. In the 2015-2016 scholastic year, one hour of semester courses at Baylor cost approximately \$1,515, according to Baylor's Institutional Research and Testing website, while one semester hour at McLennan Community College costs, on average, between \$106 and \$181, according to McLennan Community College's website. We are all aware that Baylor is a private school and that our tuition reflects a highly respected level of education, but prohibiting students from taking upper-level



courses anywhere but at Baylor only serves to make our university more elitist and less affordable and accessible to the average student.

In addition, Baylor requires more than 120 hours of semester credit to graduate, and students in particular dual-degree programs

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can sometimes need upwards of 130 hours. To graduate on time, many students fill their

summers with classes, and limiting the courses they can take at colleges near their homes or workplaces over the summer can delay graduation.

Not only does this change hinder students in their pursuit of diplomas, but it also blindsided many upperclassmen who had planned their schedules around being able to transfer certain

To clarify: this rule was placed in effect over the summer. Students who took, passed and, most importantly, already paid for upperlevel courses at community or junior colleges received a rude awakening this summer when they attempted to transfer those credits at the end of the summer. Baylor offered us no advanced warning: the transfers were allowed and then, suddenly, they were not.

Baylor's decision-makers should consider the students, particularly the upperclassmen, when making decisions that could affect how we plan our semesters. If they believe limiting transferable courses is the way to help raise school funds or maintain respect for Baylor graduates, then so be it, but they should at least grandfather in the changes.

In other words, these changes should apply only to the incoming freshman class and those that follow after, instead of the student body as a whole. This would be similar to how changes in degree plans are implemented and would give students the forewarning they need to plan their semesters appropriately.

Perhaps these policy changes will eventually reveal themselves to be for the best, but in the present, they only seem to put students at a disadvantage.

As students here, we are all eager to walk the stage and become proud Baylor graduates, but altering the rules regarding transferable credits seems only to work to make that more and more difficult.

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# Actor Gene Wilder, star of Mel Brooks' movies, dies at 83



Richard Drew | Associated Press

**GREAT TALENT** In a Dec. 9, 1977, file photo, actor Gene Wilder speaks with Jean Claude Bouis at his New York City Hotel. Wilder's nephew said Monday, Aug. 29, 2016, that the actor and writer died late Sunday at his home in Stamford, Connecticut. He was 83.

### SANDY COHEN

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Gene Wilder, the frizzy-haired actor who brought his deft comedic touch to such unforgettable roles as the neurotic accountant in "The Producers" and the mad scientist of "Young Frankenstein," has died. He was 83.

Wilder's nephew said Monday that the actor and writer died late Sunday at his home in Stamford, Connecticut, from complications from Alzheimer's disease.

Jordan Walker-Pearlman said in a statement that Wilder was diagnosed with the disease three years ago but kept the condition private so as not to disappoint fans.

"He simply couldn't bear the idea of one less smile in the world," Walker-Pearlman said.

Wilder started his acting career on the stage, but millions knew him from his work in the movies, especially his collaborations with Mel Brooks on "The Producers," "Blazing Saddles" and "Young Frankenstein." The last film, with Wilder playing a California-born descendant of the mad scientist, insisting that his name is pronounced "Frahn-ken-SHTEEN," was cowritten by Brooks and Wilder.

"Gene Wilder, one of the truly great talents of our time, is gone," Brooks wrote in a statement Monday. "He blessed every film we did together with his special magic, and he blessed my life with his friendship. He will be so missed."

With his unkempt hair and big, buggy eyes, Wilder was a master at playing panicked characters caught up in schemes that only a madman such as Brooks could devise, whether reviving a monster in "Young Frankenstein" or bilking Broadway in "The Producers." Brooks would call him "God's perfect prey, the victim in all of us."

But he also knew how to keep it cool as the boozing gunslinger in "Blazing Saddles" or the charming candy man in the children's favorite "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." His craziest role: the therapist having an affair with a sheep in Woody Allen's "Everything You Wanted to Know About Sex."

But Wilder would insist in a 2013 interview that he was no comedian. He told interviewer Robert Osborne it was the biggest misconception about him.

"What a comic, what a funny guy, all that stuff! And I'm not. I'm really not. Except in a comedy in films," Wilder said. "But I make my wife laugh once or twice in the house, but nothing special. But when people see me in a movie and it's funny, then they stop and say things to me about 'how funny you were.' But I don't think I'm that funny. I think I can be in the movies."

Wilder, a Milwaukee native, was born Jerome Silberman on June 11, 1933. His father was a Russian emigre, his mother was of Polish descent. When he was 6, Wilder's mother suffered a heart attack that left her a semi-invalid. He soon began improvising comedy skits to entertain her, the first indication of his future career.

Wilder is survived by his wife, Karen, whom he married in 1991, and his daughter from a previous marriage, Katherine, from whom he was estranged.

# Cascade of false reports lead to L.A. airport scare

BRIAN MELLEY AND CHRISTOPHER WEBER

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In the moments before reports of gunshots spread panic at Los Angeles International Airport, police with weapons drawn had confronted a masked man outside a terminal who was carrying a plastic sword and dressed like Zorro.

Authorities have now determined there were no gunshots. The only people at the airport with guns Sunday night were officers, but false reports of an active shooter triggered a ripple of chaos that sent frantic travelers racing to the street and onto the tarmac.

As police tried Monday to sort out the cause of the disruption, experts said the incident — the second of its kind at a major U.S. airport in two weeks — highlights one of the challenges faced by airports at a time of terrorism and frequent unsubstantiated reports.

"You can't always avoid them, and when they occur, you need to respond as if it's a legitimate attack every single time," said Anthony Roman, who runs a security consulting firm in Lynbrook, N.Y.

Investigators were focusing on what prompted the first of several 911 calls from multiple terminals, airport police officer Rob Pedregon said. The initial call came from Terminal 8 around 8:45 p.m. — about five minutes after officers detained the man dressed as Zorro.

Police found no connection between the call and the man in the costume. They were investigating a report of loud noises that spurred the first call, Pedregon said.

On Sunday, active shooter reports quickly spread by social media and word-of-mouth, and passengers in five terminals fled or rushed

through security checkpoints, airport police

"We were on the jetway, and someone starts pushing behind us," Jon Landis, a sales representative from Boston who was boarding a flight home, told The Associated Press. "One man was frantic, saying there was a shooter."

Security officers ordered some people to lie on hallway floors as police searched terminals. Others were ushered outside through security gates and into a parking lot, where several hundred people waited.

The scare shut down three terminals, closed roads and held flights in the air and on the ground, but no one was hurt. About 280 flights were delayed, at least 27 planes diverted and two flights canceled, airport spokeswoman Nancy Castles said.

Officers with rifles stormed the airport but uncovered no evidence of a gunman or shots fired

"It doesn't take much for people to go into a panic mode and not think," said Douglas R. Laird, the former director of security for Northwest Airlines and a consultant to airports and airlines. "You can't blame the police because they think something is happening. So you want to go in with your guns drawn, but that adds fuel to the fire."

Kenny Stavert, an opera singer from Houston, said the chaos began after he noticed the man dressed as Zorro at the baggage claim. He said he was nonthreatening and posed for pictures and hugged a woman before walking outside the terminal, where he was confronted by police.

"Once people started running, bags were slamming to the ground, people were falling down," Stavert said. "There was so much chaos you couldn't tell if people were falling down because they were shot."

# Why Doesn't God Hug Me?

To those who are struggling under the bitter pain that life inflicts on you...to those who are exhausted from the hurt but don't know where to turn for help...you have heard that God loves you. But if God loves you, why doesn't He show up and give you the physical affection that your torn heart needs?

Corpus 1227 invites Baylor students to "Why Doesn't God Hug Me?" in the Browning Square Community Room, at 1721 S 9<sup>th</sup> St. There, we will answer this question. We promise that before you leave, God will hug you...and you will feel it. How can we say something like that? Come and see for yourself. Seating in the room is limited, but if we overflow we will schedule an identical event soon afterward.

Note: parking at Browning Square is reserved for residents. You may park on the street nearby if there is room. The nearest Baylor student parking is along 8<sup>th</sup> Street near Speight, or at the back of 7<sup>th</sup> & James Church.

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Where: Browning Square,
1721 S 9<sup>th</sup> St (corner of 9<sup>th</sup>
and Bagby)



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down to one thing: resources.

"It's not just here. Every counseling center in the country, we have 'x' amount of resources to do a certain amount of things. That's really just the bottom line," Marsh said.

Marsh said Counseling Services staff have worked hard to expand the center's "scope of care," or the total resources and programs available to patients. However, improving a department's scope of care begins with recognizing its limitations. He said Baylor's Health Center provides a good analogy for this

"They have a range of care that they can provide," he said. "There are some things that they can do, and there are some things that they can't do and - they do what? They send you to a specialist ... That's kind of the challenge. We've had some limits on what we were able



Dr. Jim Marsh, Director of Counseling Services

to provide."

In the past, Counseling Services has been limited by time allowed per session, setting maximum numbers of sessions available to patients and not having expert staff in certain areas of care.

But Marsh said the current expansions mean fewer barriers in the future and greater care for every patient that seeks help from Counseling

When Marsh first started working in the Counseling Center 17 years ago, the department consisted of three employees. Since then, staff has grown to include a wide range of health professionals and administrative personnel.

The current expansion will add another dozen new staff members to the center. The center has already welcomed seven new staffers, some of whom are trained in trauma recovery, which is useful for treating patients who have experienced stressors like car crashes, robberies and sexual assaults.

Marsh said one of the new employees will act as a student advocate, specifically helping victims of sexual assault navigate through

Increasing staff means improving services to students across the board.

This year, the center will no longer set limits on the number of sessions offered to patients. In the past, patients could attend a maximum of 12 sessions each year to maximize counselors' availability, but that limit has been removed to allow patients as much care as they need.

"We tried to make decisions on the front end about how we thought we could really help within the timeframe that we had," Marsh said. "But that's changed now."

## FBI warns of possible election-system hacks

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) - The FBI is warning state officials to boost their election security in light of evidence that hackers targeted related data systems in two states.

In a confidential "flash" alert from its cyber division, first reported by Yahoo News and posted online by others, the FBI said it's investigating the pair of incidents and advised states to scan their systems for specific signs of hacking.

The FBI said Monday that it doesn't comment on specific alerts, but added that it routinely sends out advisories to private industry about signs of cyber threats that it comes across in its investigations.

The FBI didn't name the states that were targeted, but it described a "compromise" of one elections board website and "attempted intrusion activities" in another state's system. State election websites in Illinois and Arizona experienced hack-related shutdowns earlier this summer. In both cases, the parts of the websites affected involved online voter registration.

The FBI's Aug. 18 warning also came just days after Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson hosted a call with secretaries of state

BREE FOWLER AND ERIC TUCKER and other state election officials to talk about cybersecurity and election infrastructure.

> In that call, Johnson said that while DHS isn't aware of any particular cyber threat against election-related computers, it's "critically important" to make sure that election systems are secure amid a rapidly changing threat landscape, according to a DHS summary of the

> In the Arizona case, the FBI notified state officials in June about what the agency called a "critical threat" to the state's voter registration system, which shut down on June 28, according to Matt Roberts, a spokesman for the secretary

A county worker had downloaded a piece

of malware that exposed their access credential and password, which then wound up online, Roberts said. A forensic examination of the state database found no evidence of unauthorized

Roberts said he's not positive the new FBI's "flash alert" refers to Arizona, but said it appears likely. The system came back online on July 7 with new security features.

Federal officials are becoming increasingly concerned about the possibility that hackers, particularly those working for Russia or another country, could breach U.S. elections systems



SECURITY BREACH This Feb. 3, 2012, file photo shows FBI headquarters in Washington. The FBI is warning state officials to boost their elec

and wreak havoc on the November presidential election.

Some experts, along with Democrat Hillary Clinton's campaign, believe that Russia was behind the embarrassing email hack of the Democratic National Committee right before

its national convention last month. The hacked emails showed an apparent lack of neutrality in the primary race between Clinton and Bernie Sanders, with some party officials disparaging

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workshops are limited to just theater majors, this discussion on diversity was open to the general public to help spread awareness about the issue.

"We're all better when we're exposed to a "There are so many great plays that we read in class but can't perform because we don't have the students for it. It would be just as offensive to cast non-minorities in these minority plays as it would be to not do them."

The panel included Sheila Tousey, a Native American actress and dancer; James Yaegashi, a Japanese-American director, producer, actor and author; Dael Orlandersmith, an African-American actress, poet and playwright; and Brisa Munoz, a Hispanic director and teaching

The panelists discussed their personal experiences as minorities in the theater world and answered questions submitted in advance by students. They specifically discussed the word "diversity" and how they would like to see it implemented practically in the theater

"I like the word 'inclusion' better than 'diversity' because 'inclusion' invokes action," Orlandersmith said. "Inclusion' is about more than seeing more diverse faces at the table. It is about understanding their experiences."

The panelists all expressed the need for people of privilege to step up and fight for those without a voice within the industry.

"The first response is that this is a people of color problem," Munoz said. "It's an everyone problem; it's a white problem. We are all responsible for unlearning the concept

of whiteness and equating light skin to power."

The panelists encouraged students to recognize their privilege if they have it and to find ways to expand their worldview and work toward inclusion in their own lives.

inclusive," Henderson said.

Marion, Ill., senior Laura Pound said she thinks diversity can be a touchy subject at Baylor and within the theater community, but she is glad Baylor is taking the time to talk

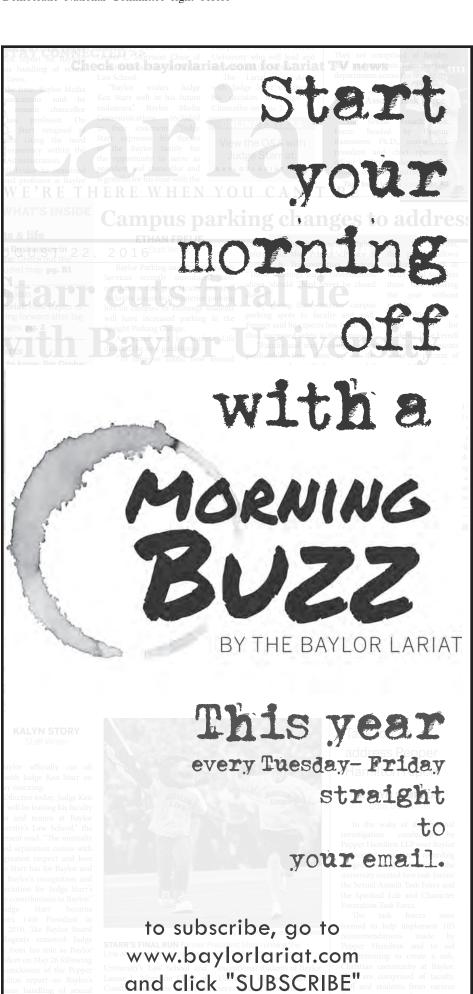
"We need more education in and outside of the classroom, and we can only get it by looking at situations from different perspectives," Pound said.

Pound said she believes racism is more prevalent than many people want to believe. She thinks for any progress to happen, people of power will have to recognize the problems and hold themselves and their friends accountable for not being inclusive.

"We can't see the world in other ways if the only people talking all look the same and have similar backgrounds," Pound said.

Baylor Theater has never performed a play with an all-black cast. Henderson referenced plays such as "A Raisin in the Sun" by Lorraine Hansberry and several plays by August Wilson that Baylor students have not been able to perform because the program lacked the demographic of performers the plays call for. Baylor Theatre put on one play with an all-Hispanic cast in 2011 when they preformed "Anna in the Tropics" by Nilo Cruz.

"We want students to know that they are important, inclusion is important and diversity is something we take very seriously," Henderson said.



### **ONLINE EXTRAS**

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Desoto freshman Victoria Cottledge listens to Missouri City junior Kaiya Hughes and Dosoto freshman Nadia Jones talk about 'The Impact Movement' at Baylor's NAACP event "In Living Color."

### Week in Waco:

### >> Wednesday

**6:30 p.m.** — Mosaic Asian Night at the Barfield Drawing Room of the Student **Union Building** 

### >> Thursday

**5:30 p.m.** — IFC Tailgate Opens (Students Only/No Charge) at Fountain Mall **6:30 p.m.** — Food Truck Village Opens to Public at Fountain Mall

7:30 p.m. — Pep Rally at Fountain Mall **8 p.m.** — Aloe Blacc Concert at Fountain

**9:15 p.m.** — Fireworks at Fountain Mall

### >> Friday

**6:30 p.m.** — Baylor vs. Northwestern football game at McLane Stadium

# In Living Color: Welcome to BU

### African American organizations host on-campus introductory event

### **BRADI MURPHY**

Arts & Life Editor

Students were invited to the event "In Living Color: Welcome to BU" on Thursday, Aug. 28, to learn more about the African American organizations Baylor has to offer.

The Barfield Drawing Room in the Student Union Building was filled with eager students excited to learn more about the different organizations Baylor has to offer for African American students. The Baylor National Association for the Advancement of Colored People put on "In Living Color" and released a promotional video on Tuesday, Aug. 23, that previewed the diverse organizations that would be there. A few among those were Facetime Black Journalists, National Society of Black Engineers, Heavenly Voices, Alpha Kappa Alpha, African Student Association and many more.

"In Living Color: Welcome to BU" was the second event in the fourday-long Black Student Welcome Weekend.

Sugarland freshman Paige Awodu, who came from a diverse and

accepting town, said she was excited to have found those same feelings of acceptance and welcome in her short time at Baylor.

"It's already felt like home to me," Awodu said.

Awodu was excited to learn more about the Association for Black Students.

Houston freshman Ryan Marshall was also excited to be with all of the other members of the black community and expand his education as well as attend various football and basketball games this year.

The Association of Black Students hosts many events around campus such as the Fish Fry, Black Heritage Banquet and Baylor's very own fashion show. On the second and fourth Monday of every month, ABS meets to address both local and global black social issues ranging from lighthearted subjects such as hair products and relationships to heavier issues such as mass incarceration.

ABS is a very close-knit group that intends to cultivate, unite and empower the black community here at Baylor, said Dallas sophomore Tierra Carter and Chicago, Ill., junior Marissa Bentivengo.

"It made me realize that everybody goes through the same things as I do," said Washington, DC, junior Arielle Van-Mballa.

One of ABS's goals this year is to get more involved and help freshmen connect with upperclassmen.

Since partnering with "the Alphas" for the fashion show, ABS has expanded their connections and made even more friends.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sisterhood also had a stand at the In Living Color event. They hold weekly service events and Skee Week, an event full of professional development and business forums. The sorority aims to collect one million backpacks within a span of four years and donate them to local schools. This year is the 25th anniversary of the sorority's presence at Baylor, and members are excited for all of the alumnae to come back for a three-day celebration event.

"Our main focus on campus is to uphold and uplift the [entire community," said Dallas senior Breana Allen.

The African Student Association aims to educate students about the culture, traditions and community service for members. ASA is known for their dance team. They practice hard for their one-weekend long performance later in the year. ASA was founded at Baylor 20 years ago and has now expanded to 35 universities.

"I love ASA, and I love the people here," Katy junior Ashley Obi said, the ASA chaplain. "It's a great environment of people."

ASA also helped raise money for The Water Project, a non-profit organization that brings clean water through new wells, rehabbed wells, sand dams, rainwater catchment systems and/or spring protections to schools and medical clinics in the sub-Saharan African area, according to The Water Project's website. The Water Project engraved Baylor ASA into a newly built well in Africa to show their appreciation for the money Baylor ASA raised.

"What we do can affect other people in the world," said Louisiana senior Mima Fondong, ASA's president. "We're privileged to have clean water every day. We don't even think about it, but just doing a little bit can make a big difference."

The Impact Movement is an oncampus bible study that aims to help students on their spiritual journey. It is a free and open environment where members can help each other learn more every week. Houston senior Jacob Farris, president of The Impact Movement, has a unique involvement in the organization. He joined The Impact Movement as a freshman with only eight people, but now their members have almost doubled. Farris' brother was also in The Impact Movement when he went to Baylor.

"Impact has sort of gone through two generations," Farris said.

Farris still receives guidance from his older brother, and he looks forward to the upcoming year and meeting the incoming freshmen.

"We want a new class to come in and take the baton and run with it; we're excited for freshman to be with us and just want to learn more," Farris

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### Today's Puzzles

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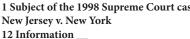
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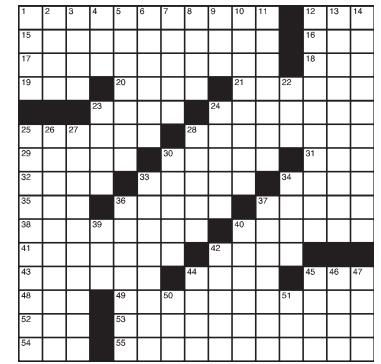
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# Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Providing an opportunity for faith and sports to thrive together

### **Nathan Keil**

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes, or FCA as it is often referred to by athletes, coaches and those who work in sports ministry, allows student athletes to combine their athletic gifts and their faith to positively influence their communities.

"It's using God's Word as his game-plan to share his truths, to help understand how a relationship with Jesus Christ impacts every area of their life," said Wes Yeary, Baylor sports chaplain. "It's a community where they come in and build relationships, hear truths, enjoy fellowship with each other, grow in their understanding and knowledge of the purpose that God has for their lives and the relationship he has called them to."

Yeary is entering his ninth year as sports chaplain for the Bears and has seen FCA grow and flourish in new ways each year.

"It's been fun to watch the students take ownership of a lot of the ministry, lead and really carry on things that have been ongoing that they've been involved with since the beginning," Yeary said. "Just watch as the Lord leads them to do things. That's been the coolest part for me is watching them run with it"

One of the opportunities FCA has provided Baylor's student athletes is the chance to participate in what God is doing in the world through global missions. Since Yeary has been sports chaplain, FCA has taken six trips to Africa and two to Brazil. Sometimes, entire teams participate together in trips. The softball team has made trips to Panama and Ghana while the baseball team has served in Cuba.

Although the trip may only last two weeks, the goal is to see ongoing ministry continue with these mission organizations, as well as see the attitude of serving carried over into the Waco community.

"We form partnerships that we try to serve with for three to five years in these areas and do a more continued relationship rather than just being there for two weeks," Yeary said. "I think, overall, it also changes how they view Waco, and a lot of the local missions and ministries that we do here in Waco actually stemmed off of what we did internationally."

These global mission trips offer student athletes chances to get away, be placed outside of the comforts of home and experience ways of life they have never seen or had not noticed before.

"All I know is God is here, and he is so good," junior libero Jana Brusek said. "These kids have taught me more about faithfulness and perseverance than I ever could have comprehended."

Global missions allow athletes to communicate the love of Christ and what it means to have a relationship with him through the language of sport.

"The way that we have been reaching them on a level they understand most, sports, and then tying in God in a way that they can comprehend and appreciate is the most amazing thing to me," said Kaitlin Randle, athletic trainer. "I wanted to come on this trip to make a difference in someone's life, but in turn, they have done a work in my own life."

The relationships built between players and those they are serving do not quickly fade after the trip is over, as many athletes continue to remain in contact with the people they encountered on these trips.

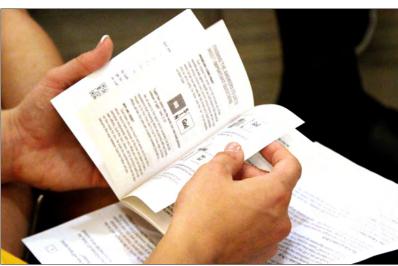
"Those relationships are fun to watch," Yeary said. "It is amazing how the internet can make the world so small."

With more than 500 athletes currently competing in athletics at Baylor, it is unlikely that all of them will go on one of the summer missions trips with FCA. However, this is Yeary's goal as FCA continues to grow and thrive on Baylor's campus.

"I would love to see every athlete go on a mission trip before they graduate," Yeary said. "As a minister, I hope to provide an opportunity, an example, encouragement in helping them live out their faith and apply their faith to the opportunity they've been given to use the talents and abilities that God blessed them with through sport."

FCA meets at 8 p.m. Monday nights in the XTO Lounge at the Highers Athletic Complex.





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**FELLOWSHIPPING TOGETHER** (Above) Senior wide-receiver Lynx Hawthorne speaks during the FCA meeting last week in the XTO Lounge at the Highers Athletic Complex. Athletes of all sports united to share their faith.

(Below) Every week, athletes are given devotionals to help them dive deeper into their relationship with Christ.

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