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Baylor Chamber of Commerce works hard to create homecoming for students.

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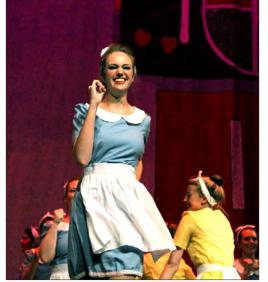
Alpha Delta Pi float chair **Hannah Lang** shares what work goes into float. **pg. B7**

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PIGSKIN GOES BIG Baylor fraternities, sororities and organizations that qualified in the top-8 at All-University Sing return for their Pigskin performance 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. today in Waco Hall. Homecoming provides the opportunity for students' families, Baylor alumni and the Waco community to sit back, relax and enjoy the seven-minute long performances.

Pigskin has returned again

CLARISSA ANDERSON

Reporter

It's the time of the year again for Pigskin Revue, one of Baylor's major homecoming traditions. The first performance was at 7 p.m. Thursday, and the next showtimes will be at 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. at Waco Hall. today and at 8 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets were sold out almost as soon as they were made available during the summer.

"Our coordinator for ticket operations said that one of the shows sold out in four minutes, so it's definitely something that people love and enjoy and cherish," said Chelsey Art, Orange graduate apprentice for student productions.

Pigskin Revue is a showcase of the top eight Broadway-style acts chosen from All-University Sing during the Spring semester. Sing acts last seven minutes and are created by Baylor sororities and fraternities, as well as Sing Alliance, an organization created to give all students an opportunity to participate in Sing. Because Pigskin only includes the top eight acts, organizations try to make an impression during Sing so that they can be counted as one of the best.

"Pigskin Revue was established in 1958, by Marie Mathis, director of the Student Union Building, who also founded All-University Sing," The baylor homecoming section at Baylor. edu states.

student organizations performing in Pigskin are Pi Beta Phi (1st place), Kappa Omega Tau (2nd place), Chi Omega (3rd place), Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, the combined group of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Chi and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Every year, the lobby is decorated for Pigskin with displays to show the role of tradition in the event.

"This year our lobby display is going back through the history of Pigskin," Art said. "[We're] trying to find something through each decade from the acts, whether that's a costume or a music score or the program, and we're trying to keep it on the sixes, since it's 2016, so we're looking for 2006, 1996, all the way back as far as we can go."

Even when an organization is chosen to participate in Pigskin, the organization still has a lot of work to prepare for Pigskin. Organizations face the pressure of having to exceed audience's expectations of their next performance.

"Once they make it to Pigskin, they make it a point to improve something and make it look better than before, just to make sure that they're doing the best that they can,"

Sing occurs around the time of spring recruitment for sororities and fraternities, so since those students are not initiated yet, they are not able to participate. As a result, new members are first able to participate in Pigskin. Sophomores and other members who were not part of Sing fill the places of seniors and are taught the routines.

Since Pigskin occurs during homecoming, alumni have the opportunity to revisit an event that they were once a part of or watched when they were students. Current students also have another chance to see some of the acts from Sing if they were unable to attend.

"Everybody can find something to love, whether it's the shenanigans of a fraternity who's doing this really outlandish theme or like the cutesiness of goat-herders," said John Abiassi, San Antonio sophomore and member of the Student Productions Committee.

Fraternity sets new tradition for homecoming

JOY MOTON

Reporter

In the midst of the traditional festivities that take place for Baylor's homecoming, a fraternity of the National Panhellenic Council hopes to bring something new to the table.

Phi Beta Sigma fraternity Inc. will host its first Royal and Pure

homecoming step show at 6:30 p.m. today at the Waco Convention Center. The intent of the step show is to bring diversity to some of Baylor's homecoming traditions.

"I feel like the school needs something new for its African-American and minority parts of the school, but we also want to invite everybody. It's not just for minorities,"

said Dallas junior Jason Williams, a Phi Beta Sigma member.

Stepping is a historical art that is entertaining yet confusing to many. The Sigmas hope this event will initiate conversation and welcome newcomers into a world that comes with history.

"Today we have a full-fledged art form that's unlike anything that's

developed in the Western Hemisphere from African-Americans," Thompson said. "So we feel that it's a great way to express the different cultures and unique talents and traits of the

different Divine Nine organizations." The event is also designed to promote Greek unity between the organizations that compose the Divine

Nine, another name for organizations

in the National Panhellenic Council. Various organizations from schools across Texas will be competing for a cash prize. The event will be hosted by Lady Jade, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Inc. and radio personality for K104 in Dallas.

"We felt that one thing that really

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Baylor Chamber of Commerce works together to make homecoming tangible

BRADI MURPHY

Arts & Life Editor

As homecoming begins, there is a small, select group of students that has worked behind the scenes to orchestrate Baylor's traditional festivities. Founded in 1919, Baylor's Chamber of Commerce works hard months in advance to plan Baylor's homecoming festivities.

The group of 45 members devotes itself to Baylor, accomplishing any tasks that needs to be done. The members of Chamber take pride in the love, service and accountability of being a Chamber member.

From commemorating the Immortal Ten to celebrating floats at the parade, Baylor Homecoming is a time to reminisce about Baylor's past, present and future in the tradition that brings the Bears home.

"The spirit of a chamberman... It's about service, and so what we do is out of a deep love for Baylor," said Joy Dafoe, a Centennial Co., senior and Baylor Chamber of Commerce marketing coordinator for Diadeloso. "As a senior, I'm starting to look back a little bit, and serving this university in the Chamber capacity has been one of the most wonderful honors I think I've had as a human thus far."

From her first walk on the Floyd Casey field, Chamber has influenced Dafoe by teaching her how to laugh through difficulties, act with integrity, look at the world from different perspectives and give her trust to God, she said. In order to make Baylor events such as homecoming possible, Chamber members learn, soon after joining, the value of time management, leadership roles and qualities of effective service.

"The spark kind of happened for me when I visited Baylor for the first time as a senior in high school. It was actually a football game against Kansas State, and we were supposed to lose, but we won.

Watching that happen was just an incredible situation. I'm watching the football game, the fans are going crazy, and I look over to see a guy in a green jersey picking up his hand to lead a Sic' em. Realizing there's something intangible about this university makes it special."

Tomball senior Alex Plott, general assistant for homecoming, has also experienced personal growth through his time in Chamber.

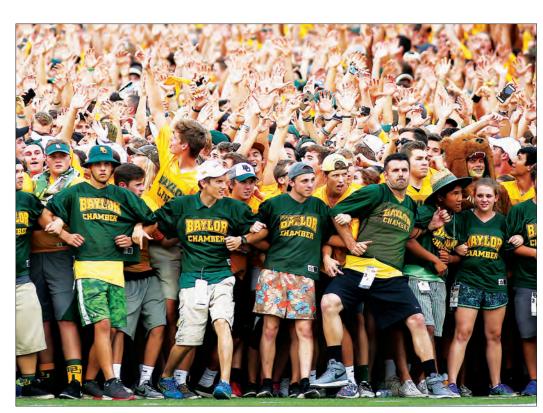
Plott has found a love for finding problems, solving them, then improving upon them in the future. He has also found a joy in guiding others.

Plott spoke during Mass Meeting, which was held Thursday in the Ferrell Center. Mass Meeting is a time to commemorate and reflect on the Immortal Ten, the Baylor students who died in a bustrain accident on January 22, 1927, while traveling to an away basketball game.

"Clyde 'Abe' Kelly died so he'd get three or four people out of a bus window. It's amazing that people our age were able to do that back in the '20s and help other students survive. There's still students out there like that today," Plott said.

As a senior, Plott is also looking forward to sharing all he has learned during his time at Baylor with others.

Chamber members focus on giving to Baylor without asking for anything in return, and homecoming is just one event they are involved in. Chamber also puts together the Baylor Line, Family Weekend, Diadeloso, the Bear Mascot Program, Spring Premiere, John Clifton Memorial Scholarship and the Traditions Rally, as



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BAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Members of Chamber work together to help out with the Baylor Line during the game against Oklahoma State University on Sept. 24.

well as events inside the organization for members. It is the small details, though, that make these big events memorable for some.

"We really like to pay attention to details. During homecoming parade, we'll spend a lot of time blowing up balloons with helium so that we can give a balloon to a little kid, and hopefully that makes their day," San Antonio senior and Family Weekend chair Marianna Arana said.

It requires the help of every Chamber member to make these Baylor traditions possible. A focal point of Chamber is their camaraderie and passion to help.

"My fellow members inspire me every day. Everybody in this club has a relentless work ethic. To watch people from all different walks of life come together to accomplish a goal is awesome," Cypress senior Caleb Mann said. "Often, I come across situations that seem difficult to solve on my own, but our membership always finds an innovative solution."

Chamber devotes its time and effort to the welfare of Baylor and its students. This homecoming weekend is a way for Chamber members to celebrate Baylor's past, present and future students.

"I hope that [families] get to come back to their alma mater and re-experience the Baylor spirit. We do a lot with reaching out to the alumni to get them back. As soon as you graduate, we want to keep them roped in," Dallas senior and Chamber member Drew Alleman said.



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HOT Fair and Rodeo Ropes in Viewers

The HOT Fair and Rodeo was filled with visitors on Thursday. The event included traditional rodeo competitions, a livestock show, fair eateries, a petting zoo, rides and more.



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rs | Photo Editor Numerous sheep were found at the livestock show.





A bronco rider grips his ride as the timer ticks to zero.

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A young mutton buster holds onto his sheep long enough to receive third place.

Bull rider Jeff Askey competes at the HOT Rodeo.

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eft to right) Lila, Damon, Alyssa, Keaton and Nathan enjoyed a fun night at the ro

A young Wacoan rides with the American flag during the National Anthem.

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The beautiful sunset started the night off right.

Trey Honeycutt | Roundup Photographer



andon Lira of Waco feeds a goat at the petting zoo.

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Gene Sams of China Springs cooks Wiggins Concession's smoked turkey legs.

Trey Honeycutt | Roundup Photographer

Cemetery brings historic stories to life

"Walking Tales: **Bringing Historic** stories to life," shares stories fit for families

BEN WOOLLEY

Reporter

Every third weekend in October, the Heart of Texas Storytelling Guild goes to Oakwood Cemetery for an event called "Walking Tales: Bringing Historic Stories to Life," and this year it happens to fall on homecoming.

This year there will be about 25 storytellers stationed throughout the cemetery telling tales of late governors, senators, legendary pioneers and infamous people laid to rest

McLennan County is named after Neil McLennan, an early settler of the Edwards Plateau of Central Texas. Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, McLennan is one of many that will have their story shared this weekend.

The Heart of Texas Storytelling Guild was established in 2007, but the one in Waco has been held at the Oakwood Cemetery since 2009.

"When we began the guild, there was a need to creating a venue or an atmosphere to tell our stories," said Vivian Rutherford, a children's librarian for the Waco-McLennan County Library, otherwise known as the "story lady."

Rutherford has worked for the Waco-McLennan County Library system for 16 years. She conducts weekly story-time for toddlers and pre-kindergarten students at the East Waco Library and Waco Central Library. Rutherford is also a founding member and established president of The Heart of Texas Storytelling Guild. Rutherford expects a big

turnout since people will have time to make it back to the homecoming football game. She said the event grows each year and calls for new storytellers. They try to rotate out storytellers, but some just come back each year. This year Rutherford expects the biggest turnout



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REMINISCE Learn about important figures of the past at the Oakwood Cemetery on Saturday with "Walking Tales: Bringing Historic Stories to Life."

"We love having them out here. It's a great opportunity for people to come out and learn history about people buried here and explore our historic cemetery," Clint Lynch, Oakwood Cemetery's general manager, said.

Storytellers will be bringing stories to life and giving the public free

entertainment. For listeners, the storytelling guild can be entertaining and informative at the same time.

"It is a unique experience to witness people tell the stories of past significant figures in the history of Waco," Waco Tribune-Herald chief photographer Rod Aydelott said.

With the event held

inside the cemetery, some people may keep their distance, but for people like junior Christian John Kearton, it provides a rush of

excitement in October. "I went last year and I want to go again this year," Kearton said. "I learned a lot about the history of Waco and it also got me in the mood for Halloween."

Homecoming schedule:

>> Today

6:30 and 10:30 p.m. — Pigskin Revue. Waco Hall

7-10 p.m. — Extravaganza/ Bonfire. Fountain Mall

7 p.m. — Singspiration. Seventh and James Baptist Church

>> Saturday

8 a.m. — Homecoming parade. Downtown Waco and fifth street on campus

2:30 p.m. — Baylor Football vs. Kansas. McLane Stadium

8 p.m. — Pigskin Revue. Waco Hall

Detailed list of events including alumni events available at Baylor.edu/ homecoming

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sets it apart is that they are going to be different faces on the campus, and a lot of people haven't been exposed to other Greek organizations," Thompson said, "and we feel that this is a chance for them to get that

The members of Phi Beta Sigma also hope to attract people who do not attend multicultural events so that they can inform others about the culture of the National Panhellenic

Council.

"A step show's really interesting if you haven't been. It's a really different experience, and I think it's a great opportunity for a lot of people who particularly don't go to these types of events to try it," said San Diego junior Evan Taliana, a member of the hosting fraternity.

Despite the competitive nature and fun of the show, the Sigmas will incorporate their principles of brotherhood, scholarship and service by donating a portion of the proceeds to March of Dimes, an organization that promotes healthcare for pregnant women.

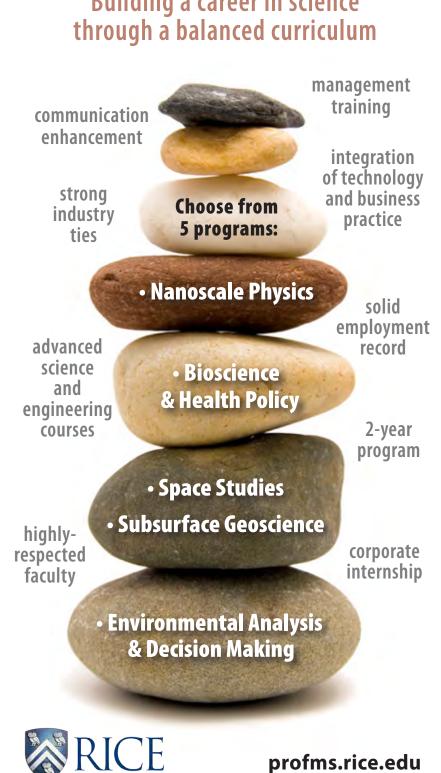
"It gave us an opportunity to promote a new way for Baylor to express its traditions," Thompson said. "We want this to become a part of homecoming, just like the bonfire; we want it to be an event that people always look forward to."



STARTING A TRADITION Fraternity Phi Beta Sigma will host Royal and Pure homecoming step show.



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HARD WORK PAYS OFF (Left) Flower Mound sophomore and Alpha Delta Pi member Alexandra Masucci works hard to paint signs for their homecoming float. (Right) Corpus Christi junior Johanna Lassig paints materials for Alpha Delta Pi's homecoming float.

Floating into the parade

Behind the scenes of building homecoming floats

BEN WOOLLEY Reporter

They've been planning for months and building for weeks, now all of their hard work will be displayed for the public this weekend. For over 100 years, Baylor fraternities and sororities have built extravagant contraptions and the wait for this year's float contest is almost over. The homecoming parade will be at 8 a.m. Saturday in Downtown Waco and 5th Street on campus.

Baylor is widely considered the first school to have a homecoming parade with the first being in 1909. Thousands of students, families and Wacoans come together each year to show their love for green and gold, by enjoying various floats.

Criteria for judging floats come from six categories. Title and theme, proportions, animation and special effects, craftsmanship, public appeal and ingenuity. Floats that have proportional features and look realistic will win more points. Motion and sound will score with animation and special effects. Neatness, solid construction, proper working of mechanical parts all contribute towards points in the craftsmanship field. The enjoyment of the float by the audience will also rack up points towards public appeal. According to the judging criteria, a unique idea with creative implementation is expected.

Preparation is extensive for float builders. Every fraternity and sorority puts in lots of time to get their float up to par to be presented for the judges.

"You have to first develop a theme," Longview senior and Kappa Omega Tau float chair Judson Murray said. "Then explore the ideas of that theme you want on your float. Then you have to design the float. Then you have to start building ,which requires lots of materials and hours. Then you have to make it

Every organization goes about the process differently. Hannah Lang, head float chair for Alpha Delta Pi can attest to this. She has a float chair committee of four girls, and she says it takes every member to make a great float.

"Lots of hands is a great thing. It's all about team effort. The more members the better," said Lang.

She hopes the audiences will react positively to their float. She and her float chairs along with members of TKE have been planning since Diadeloso last year for this years float. "It's a blessing to see all of our hard work come together."

Head float chairs have a lot of responsibility. Lang is responsible for logging hours, sending out schedules, finding locations to build, coming up with the idea for float, creating a budget for float as well as rent and electricity and organizing weekly meetings.

"It was a challenge at first, coordinating everything, because the fraternity is a whole lot smaller than our sorority," Lang said. "It's hard coordinating schedules to fit everybody's availability, but the guys have been great."

What happens to the floats after homecoming?

KENDRA PELL Reporter

Since 1909, Baylor University has held a homecoming parade to express to the city the pride Baylor students and alumni have for their school.

Many students may have wondered what actually happens to these remarkable, man-made floats after all of the months of planning and building.

In most cases, two student-run organizations will work together on a float. For example, Phi Chi and Kappa Kappa Gamma have teamed up the past few years. Houston senior, Marilyn Lovell was one of last year's float chairs for Kappa Kappa Gamma. Lovell said the girls typically do not participate in the "take apart" process.

"Each of the groups takes their own floats down after the parade, but the guys never made us help with that part," Lovell said.

Last year Kappa Kappa Sigma and Pi Beta Phi teamed up to create their Class A winning float, "RV There Yet?"

Houston senior and a Kappa Kappa Sigma float chair, Dylan Tarpey said the float is broken down into individual parts which are relocated after the parade.

"After the judging and the parade, we take the float back to our site, and from there we decide what we want to do with the various props," Tarpey said. "Last year, we kept the projects that we worked the hardest on, and I know

this year there are a couple of props that we are going to give to various friends and family."

Long Beach senior and previous float chair for Phi Gamma Delta Brock Meckelborg said major parts of their "Fiji Islander" float were recycled from two years ago.

"After the parade, the sand was donated to the fraternity member's ranch where the 14-foot trailer came from," Meckelborg of said. "The inflatables were kept for decorations in various members'

Longview senior and previous float chair for Kappa Omega Tau Judson Murray says the fraternity is one of the few that creates their float from scratch by themselves.

"Every year, we build the float in the fall and then, come spring semester, we completely dismantle the float then start fresh the next fall," Murray said. "The stuff that looked cool, such as signs, we keep and put in our houses, but we scrap the structures."

Since these floats are too large to keep in their original conditions, the groups have to disassemble them. However, it is still a rewarding experience for anyone who contributes to such a project.

"My favorite part about float is getting together with a great group of people and construct something amazing," Tarpey said. "These past two years have surpassed our own expectations and that makes the float worth all of the time and

What else in Waco?

>> Today

11 a.m. — 'Footprints of African-Americans in McLennan County' exhibit. Fort House Museum

4 p.m. — Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo. Extraco Events Center

7 p.m. — Bruce Carbonara performs. Poppa Rollo's

8 p.m. — Wade Bowen performs. Backyard Bar Stage & Grill

8 p.m. —Texas Chainsaw Nightmare 6 and Dead Zone 2 Haunted Houses. Elm

>> Saturday

8 a.m. — 'Walking Tales' at Oakwood Cemetery

9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Waco Downtown Farmers Market. 400 S. University Parks Dr.

10 a.m. — 'TPS:25 The International Competition' Texas Photographic Association exhibit

10 a.m. — Hippodrome Oktoberfest. Waco Hippodrome

10 a.m. — Clifton Fallfest. Downtown, Clifton

8 p.m. — The Union Revival performs. Valley Mills Vineyards

2 p.m.—Children's Garden Fair. Carleen Bright Arboretum

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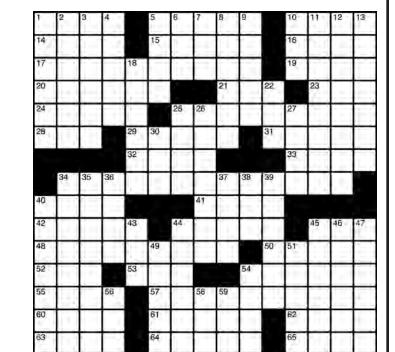
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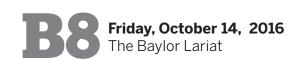
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