Fraternity sets new tradition for homecoming

JOY MOTON

In the midst of the traditional festivities that take place for Baylor homecoming, a fraternity of the Student Productions is initiating a new tradition for students.

"I feel like the school needs something new for its African-American and minority parts of the school, but we also want to invite students. It's not just for minorities," said Dallas junior Jason Williams, a Phi Beta Sigma member.

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PIGSKIN GOES BIG

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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 commemorate 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 the difficult, act with integrity, look at the world from different perspectives and finding problems, solving them, improving upon them in the future. “I picked up my hand to lead a Sic’em! ‘Clyde,’ she died so I’ll 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.

The spark kind of happened for me when I visited Baylor for the first time as a junior. It was actually a service. I was interested in leadership roles and qualities of effective leadership after joining, the value of time management, how to give her trust to God, she said. In order to make these events such as homecoming possible, Chamber members learn, soon after joining, the value of time management, leadership roles and qualities of effective service.

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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.
Cemetery brings historic stories to life

“Walking Tales: Bringing Historic stories to life,” shares stories fit for families

BEN WOOLEY

Reports

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 on homecoming.

McLennan County is named after Neil McLennan, an early settler of the area. McLennan, 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 also a founding member and established president of The Heart of Texas Storytelling Guild.

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

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Behind the scenes of building homecoming floats

KENDRA PELL  Reporter

Since 1909, Baylor University has held a homecoming parade in the city the pride flits. Students and alumni love to show off their float for green and gold, by enjoying various floats. Critics for judging floats come from six categories: Title and theme, proportion, appearance and special effects, craftsmanship, public appeal and ingenuity. Floats that have proportional features and look realistic will win more points.

On Friday, Oct. 14, on Thanksgiving weekend, we wondered what actually happens behind the scenes of the floats. We decided to find out by attending the first meeting this year.

There are a couple of props that we are going to get to raise for friends and families.

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