Students celebrate Asian Heritage Month

For the first time, Baylor’s department of multicultural affairs has dedicated a month to recognizing and bringing awareness to Asian culture on campus.

The development of six houses near the Baylor campus by Magnolia Realty is sparking excitement among the Waco community. The project has broken ground and is expected to be complete by the fall of 2017.

“Those houses excite me because Magnolia Realty has made such a big impact on Waco, and it’s cool to see them continue to spread to students at Baylor,” said Austin sophomore Rachel Osborn.

The project is not related to the show “Flip or Flop,” and Chip and Joanna Gaines are not personally involved in this project. According to listing agent Harris Arnhart, Magnolia is merely acting as a real-estate broker for selling the property. The houses will be built by Merck Construction, according to a recent Waco Tribune-Herald article.

“The project is relatively new. If you drive by, the stakes are up and you are able to see the property,” Arnhart said. “They own it, and that’s what’s important. When you say the concept of students owning their own homes, that is what we wanted to see.”

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Get a change of scenery this holiday season

KENDRA PELL
Reporter

Everyone should get out of their comfort zones and into the holiday spirit. As we all know, the change in seasons, since the fall and winter months are essentially just cooler weather.

This was the case until this past October, when I was able to visit New York City, which I found to be a beautiful place of culture and history. The city is a beautiful place with its own unique charm, which is why many people choose to visit New York for a weekend getaway.

There are many different things to do in New York, such as visiting the Met Museum, taking a stroll around Central Park, or even going to a Broadway show. Whatever your preference, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The water temperatures are noticeably cooler in the fall and winter months, so be prepared for a little more clothing. However, the weather can be quite pleasant, especially in the mornings and evenings.

The temperatures can range from the high 50s to low 70s Fahrenheit, depending on the day. The sun is also shining longer, which means there will be more opportunities for outdoor activities.

As the holiday season approaches, it’s important to take a break from the routine and enjoy some time with family and friends. Whether it’s a cozy evening at home or a weekend getaway, there’s always something fun to do.

New York City is a great destination for holiday travelers, but there are many other cities to choose from as well. So, get out of your comfort zone and explore something new.

Do you have any favorite holiday destinations or memories? Please share in the comments below.

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Group of Baylor supporters calls for change to regents

JIM VERTUNO
Associated Press

Some offbeat University Revenue prominent week-end and the former Times reporter and the Billionaire Benefactor whose name adorns the football stadium, called Monday for a shakeup of the school’s board of regents in the wake of scandal.

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“This is about urging the transformation of Baylor,” says the group’s leaders include Drayton McLane Jr., whose name is on the $266 million football stadium built at the height of the team’s success under former coach Art Briles.

Both football — and Briles’ departure in May — remains an emotionally charged topic for a school mishandled assault allegations for years.

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NOTHING HAS CHANGED
In the July 7 New York Times, FBI Director James Comey(dd)fan to the House that the bureau’s carefully crafted image as a nonpolitical, fact-based law enforcement organization had been “tarnished.”

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**How are Lariat readers voting?**

Hillary Clinton - 33%
Donald Trump - 39%
Third party (3rd) - 20%
I'm not voting (N/V) - 8%

*Based from 247 participants at time of publication*
Family secrets revealed in ‘An Experiment with an Air Pump’

BEN WOOLLEY
Reporter

Telling the tale of two decades of secrets and family conflict, Baylor University Theatre is releasing its second play this semester: “An Experiment with an Air Pump.” The performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. today through Saturday and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday in Jones Theatre. This will be Baylor Theatre's last production of the semester before “Shooting at Lughnash” runs early in the spring semester.

The play written by Shudah Stephenson is directed by Laura Nicholas and is inspired by the 1768 painting “An Experiment on a Bird in the Air Pump” by Joseph Wright. In the painting, a group of people huddle around by candlelight, eager for the results of an experiment. “In the play, science and humanity clash on the brink of revolution. The play follows a suspense-filled journey through two decades consumed by secrets of the Fenwick family household,” the Baylor Theatre website states.

The conflict on display in Stephenson’s writing and Nicholas’ production aims to be as speedy and evocative as the action from the painting. “Science and human nature clash, re-parallel and intersect, but both are captured in Stephenson’s work,” said Emily Joseph Wright painting, Nicholas said. “Access to an Experiment With an Air Pump” are excited about the production as well. One actor said that it looks at the ethics of dabbling in life and death. It examines how the questions that have been asked about science haven’t really changed while other things in life have.

“I think it asks some pretty important questions about what happens when humans try to play God too much and where the line exists for morality’s sake,” said actor senior Meredith Bennett, who plays the parts of Susannah and Ellen.

Baylor Theatre has been successful in its recent productions in the eyes of some Baylor students. “I had to go see ‘Fiddler on the Roof’ for my Russian language class, and I ended up liking it,” said junior Christian John Kearton. “I can’t wait to go see this next play, ‘Told’ off on the Roof’ for my Russian language class, and I ended up liking it.”

8 p.m. – Open Mic Night at The Backyard, Backyard Bar & Stage, Free

THURSDAY
3:30-4:30 p.m. – Baylor Veterans Day Ceremony. Students are welcome to join the Veteran Educational and Transition Services in recognizing veterans and their sacrifices. Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.
Linwood out for Oklahoma

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

Baylor senior running back Shock Linwood has been suspended for Saturday’s showdown in Norman with the Oklahoma Sooners. Acting head coach Jim Grobe stated the reason for the suspension in a “straight issue” at his weekly press conference.

“My plan right now is to not have Shock for Oklahoma,” Grobe said. “He’s just not been himself. He hasn’t been as focused as I think he needs to be, and that’s a tough situation. He’s really good, with running back right now,” Grobe said. “There are issues on and off the field.”

Linwood, despite becoming Baylor’s all-time leading rusher earlier this season, has seen his number of carries fluctuate throughout the season. As his touch has decreased, sophomore Terrence Williams and freshman Jalen Hasty have emerged as the prominent running backs in Grobe’s offense.

“Terrence Williams is the guy and Jalen Hasty is the guy what we went into Saturday with. We didn’t really do anything well in particular on Saturday, but I felt those two guys deserved the opportunity,” Grobe said. “We felt that with their three running backs that can play, but Shock has kind of been up and down. I think right now it’s Williams and Hasty. They’ve got some issues to work through and that’s going to be a challenge.”

Several reports, including one from ESPN, report that Linwood was seen pushing wide receiver coach Linwood has been suspended for Saturday’s game against Oklahoma. The reason for the suspension was not immediately clear, but it was announced during a press conference on Tuesday.

“The suspension is a result of an incident that occurred off the field,” the school said in a statement.

Linwood has been suspended from team activities effective Tuesday. The suspension is for an unspecified period of time, the school said.

In addition to the suspension, Linwood will miss Saturday’s game against Oklahoma. The Bears are currently 5-5 and needing to win their final two games to become bowl eligible.

Linwood is a senior running back at Baylor and has rushed for 1,266 yards and 13 touchdowns this season. He is the team’s leading rusher and has been a key player for the Bears in recent games.

The Bears play the Sooners on Saturday at 11 a.m. EST in Norman, Oklahoma. Oklahoma State is also set to play Oklahoma on Saturday.

Baylor has struggled mightily this season, losing six of their last seven games. The Bears are currently 5-6 and need to win their final two games to become bowl eligible.

Linwood has been a key player for the Bears this season, rushing for 1,266 yards and 13 touchdowns. He is a senior and has been a team leader throughout the season.

However, the suspension means that Linwood will miss a crucial game against Oklahoma. The Sooners are currently 8-3 and are one of the top teams in the country.

Baylor will need to step up if they want to have any chance of winning against Oklahoma. The Bears have struggled on both sides of the ball this season and will need to play well if they want to have a chance of winning.

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