Task force addresses regents’ operations

KALYN STORY

Baylor interim President David Garland sent an email to Baylor faculty and staff Wednesday announcing the formation of a task force to review the Board of Regents’ communication methods.

“Today the Board announced a new Governance Review Task Force that will review and recommend improvements in the Board’s procedures, processes and selection process,” Garland said. “This Task Force will work alongside the Board’s Governance and Compensation committees that has already led the implementation of enhanced changes.”

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Election results affect stock market

MEGAN RULE

The stock market likes to stick to the status quo, which is hard to do when election results will surround, according to both shale Underwood, associate professor of finance and the Lacy Chair of Industrial Management, and John Riley, chief economist at Cornerstone Investment Services. Tuesday night’s election proved this statement to be true.

“In general, when one party is beating off

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MEGA RULE

International students invited to Tuesday Day

BRIANNA BASSETT

The Baylor Round Table will host an International Thanksgiving Dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Mealy Conference Center in the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation.

Baylor Round Table is a women’s organization founded to activate and develop the social and cultural life of Baylor. Baylor Round Table holds different events and becomes a community together.

The event will include a Thanksgiving dinner buffet, music by Baylor’s very own musicians and a message from interim President Dr. David Garland.

This is an annual event for international students, and each year, a theme is selected. This theme for this year is “God’s Blessings on All.”

Jane Lin, co-chair of the International dinner committee, came to Baylor in 1985 as a freshman international student herself. Lin said she remembers attending the event each year she was at Baylor and how much she enjoyed the hospitality of the Baylor Round Table.

“I remember when I was a student, I loved this event. It was something I looked forward to every November,” Lin said.

Lin went on to be hired to serve as a co-chair for this event this year; it was her way of serving and giving back to the Baylor community.

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Baylor to honor veterans with ceremony

KAYLA FARR

Every year on Nov. 11, Americans take time to honor veterans for their service. What some might not know is that Baylor has a tradition in this tradition. Baylor will hold a Veteran’s Day Ceremony from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Friday in the Guadalupe Dining Rooms, located in the Bill Daniel Student Center, to honor those who have served.

Kevin Davis, the veteran education and transition services director, said this event has been around for a few years.

“It is hosted by the Veterans of Baylor student organization,” Davis said. “It is a helping support them. They are going to have a simple different events. We will have the colors and more have a a brave Force ROTC. A national U.S. Marine colored will be there speaking about open enrollment. There will be moment of silence showing Baylor support for the men and women who fight for our freedoms.”

Stanford Simpson, an assistant professor for military science, said the Army ROTC will be involved as well.

“There has been a tradition for Veteran Day that the ROTC programs get together and hold flag vigils,” Simpson said. “It will start at midnight on Thursday and run for 24 hours. Two air force and two army ROTC members will stand at attention at the Pit Flag building just to commemorate those who served.”

Simpson looks forward to the event and said he is proud of his color guard. “I am a product of the ROTC, I loved this event. It was something I looked forward to every November,” Lin said.

Lin said she is happy to serve as a co-chair for this event this year; it was her way of serving and giving back to the Baylor community.

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HONORING A COMMUNITY An American flag flies alongside a flag welcoming those who have served in the US military to the Veterans One Stop on a Salado Avenue.
The writers in these shows make the characters seem as if they are all real people, which makes it easy for us to bond to relate to our own problems, and even personal problems. Watching these shows makes me wish that I had a group of friends like them. And then we talk with our friends when one of our favorite characters gets in the series finale of “Gossip Girl.”

As a society, we are forced to refresh how we view tragedy, because becoming numb to the horrors that fill the news only perpetuates the problem.

We’ve found a way to use media to make the world small again. It’s become very easy to get caught up in the many different plots and characters lives without even realizing it last week, I was making dinner while my roommate was watching television. I wasn’t paying attention to what she was watching when all of a sudden she started freezing out — I turned around and she was yelling at the television. Apparently, a character in a show that about numbers had just been killed. I was confused why she was so upset about a fictional character’s death. I muttered a quick “oh, sorry” before walking out.

I was reminded of the same day when one student in one of my classes was talking about it. I was confused why all these people liked this show; however, I then realized that I got attached to the characters of shows too. I’m not going to lie, I shed a tear or two when Derek Shepherd’s character passed away on “Grey’s Anatomy,” and I might have cried even more for the scene finale of “Veep!”

We all get attached without realizing it. We spend 14-12 hours watching a show and following a plot, only to let down when one of our favorite characters gets killed off.

The reasons in these shows make the characters sound real, so maybe we make them seem real to our lives like them. And then we talk with our friends and realize that we aren’t the only ones. There are many times when I have wished that I had a group of friends like the characters on “Gossip Girl.” I even used to think of them as if they were real ones.

On the other hand, these shows do have a way of getting us caught up in conversation. We can see situations in these television shows to refer to our own problems, and even maybe help solve them. We can also bond with others over the shows.

If you ask about it, we spend hours and hours watching show that about numbers can’t seem to walk by these characters. Netflix and Hulu give us easier access to everything in our lives without even realizing it. We’ve found a way to use media to make the world small again, to connect again, to get caught up in the many different plots and characters lives without even realizing it.

Thanksgiving isn’t just a Hallmark holiday

Why you shouldn’t just skip over turkey time this season

Jessica Hubble

Even before the Thanksgiving festivities are over, many people are already stocked with Christmas decorations. Don’t everyone’s horizon has been set for December and the joyous month that we’re supposed to be giving thanks for everything you have.

Finding a Hallmarkconsts box is a sure way to help get caught up in the world before the holiday can be foreigners because the states have allowed all of Christmas shows and holidays. Everyone you go, there are Christmas candles, decor, decorations, and ideas on the internet. There are also Christmas decorations and holiday shows and displays stocked with clever and sparkling season, but then always Christmas mingled in these shows.

Now you know all you may think is the green or something, and don’t get just my post. I do love Christmas — my house is always decorated in Christmas and the true spirit is decorated in the hall. The thing is, none of my decorating hobbies happens before Thanksgiving.

Instead of being caught up in [Christmas] sales and decorations, why not get caught up in conversation?

The Thanksgiving season is a time to spend with family and help those less fortunate. Too often, people get caught up in the commercialized season, and spend their Thanksgiving days standing in line at stores for Black Friday sales (and even Thanksgiving night sales) instead of celebrating what Thanksgiving is all about. Let’s go out and buy sales and discounts, why not get caught up in conversation? Why not volunteer our time and help those who won’t have a Thanksgiving feast. And sometimes don’t even have a guaranteed meal? My family and I have always worked in shelters helping out setting up tables and bringing dishes to people who won’t have a Thanksgiving meal. You might not get all the food and dressing delivered and delivering Thanksgiving meals to those who need them, as well as serving our community.

I know some may think that the spirit of Christmas is supposed to be about giving and family time as well. However, I am sure what Christmas is supposed to be about, but also seeing the importance of the focus is on now on material things and decorating. We need to see the Christmas on people. I have no problem with other thing, but only in moderation and also to the true spirit isn’t ignored.

The problem seems to lie around the holidays is a greatness and a lack understanding what the spirit of Thanksgiving is all about. It is a time to enjoy the true spirit of Thanksgiving: volunteering around your family dinner table (or restaurant dinner table if you’re a college student like me) and saying what you are thankful for, thanking those you are thankful for, but also instead of saying anything else important you don’t get caught up in the Christmas rush. Take your time to enjoy Thanksgiving, friends, family and helping others who do not have what you have.

Jessica Hubble is a sophomore journalism major from Whitney.
He also announced the creation of an Executive Committee and the intention of the Board to create a “new era of reporting between the Board or Baylor and the broader Baylor Leadership community.

A particular note in the Board’s decision to defend the Alumni Network was a structural change that signifies its intention to return some of the university fully align with the university’s mission,” said said.

The Alumni Network comes the day before a rally, and in response to a rally created Bears for Leadership Reform held their first meeting.

Julie Hillrichs, a spokesperson for Bears for Leadership Reform, said the group is coming together to press for positive reform of the Baylor Board of Regents.

“The Board of Regents must be transformed through transparency,” Hillrichs said. “Change won’t happen unless the Baylor family comes together and demands it.”

Hillrichs said Bears for Leadership Reform is seeking for a seat at the table during the selection of Baylor’s next president. She also said they are demanding the implementation of Title IX and additional sexual assault prevention programs.

“These people are heartbroken and deeply troubled by the university’s response to sexual assault,” Hillrichs said.

Hillrichs is the Vice President of Operations, a strategic advisory firm for high-salaried brand, policy and crisis issues.

Linda Carol Trotter, a 1981 Baylor graduate, is flying in from Tennessee to attend the Bears for Leadership Reform kickoff event. Trotter has a daughter at Baylor and said she is very passionate about changing Baylor for the better.

“I love Baylor with everything that I am,” Trotter said. “I am upset with what has been going on at Baylor recently, and I am very upset with the Board of Regents and the way they have handled the recent sexual assault scandal and allegations.

Trotter said she is upset about the Bears for Leadership Reform group because they seem to be interested in accomplishing something and will put Baylor’s interests above the other. It is time for Baylor and the Baylor family to be put first.”

Trotter said she was particularly disappointed that members of the Board of Regents spoke to the media before ever addressing the Baylor family directly to explain what has been going on.

“I was shocked when I read that reports were speaking to the media. I have always been a true Baylor fan when they have something nice to say, and they have not been nice to say,” Trotter said. “Baylor is so much more than just football, and the regents and allowing Baylor to be manipulated and dragged through the mud. I will defend and believe Baylor university even when it’s facing crises.”

The Bears for Leadership Reform was recently created with the goal of restructuring the Baylor Board of Regents, according to the group’s Facebook page. The page was created Friday and has attracted more than 6,000 likes.

Thursday’s event, titled on Facebook as “Kickoff Event,” has more than 100 RSVPs and more than 300 people “interested” in attending the event.

The kickoff event will also be live-streamed on their Facebook page.

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CHICAGO — Thousands of protesters around the country took to the streets Wednesday to condemn the election of Donald Trump as president.

The demonstrations were mostly peaceful, authorities said. In Chicago, several thousand people marched through the Loop and gathered outside Trump Tower, chanting “Not my president!”

Chicago resident Michael Burke said he believes the president-elect will “divide the country and up it even more.” He added that there was a constitutional change not to accept.

A similar protest in Manhattan drew about 1,000 people. Chicago’s Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue in midtown, police installed barricades to keep the demonstrators at bay.

Hundreds of protesters gathered for Philadelphia’s City Hall depending, weather permitting. Participants were included both supporters of Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and independent candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, who lost to Clinton in the primary — expressed anger at both Republicans and Democrats over the election’s outcome.

In Boston, dozens of anti-Donald Trump protesters streamed through downtown, chanting “Trump’s racist” and carrying “Abolish Electoral College.”

The protest gathered on Boston Common before marching toward the Massachusetts Statehouse, with thousands of protesters calling for “Stop Trump” protests.
Mexico ponders new US relations

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Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Hours after the United States elected Donald Trump to be its next president, Mexico began carefully laying the groundwork for a relationship with a new leader who campaigned against its current leader and who has made clear that he would work to achieve a trade relationship with the country's economy.

President Enrique Pena Nieto said Monday that his government would work to disprove Trump's claims about Mexico, which he said were "false and wrong." He added that the two nations had a "future of friendship and cooperation." Pena Nieto also said he planned to meet with the new US president shortly.

The forecast for Mexico is uncertain, as Trump has made a number of controversial statements about the country during the campaign. In addition, Trump has expressed a desire to renegotiate NAFTA, which the US and Mexico have traded under for more than two decades.

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Local art exhibit to support White Feather Foundation

SETH JONES

Hotel Indigo in downtown Waco will be hosting an art exhibit at 7 p.m. Thursday featuring the paintings of local artist Mark Kieran. The exhibit will be free and open to the public.

Kieran described his art as a combination of abstraction and realism. He uses themes in his paintings to convey certain emotions and ideas, which is one of the main reasons Kieran named the show "Transcending the Temporal."

"This show is an attempt to show, through art, a little bit of a different perspective, reality, or the human condition in some ways," Kieran said. "I think I would like to spark some kind of a thought in people as they view it."

Kieran's deep passion for the environment motivated him to partner with the White Feather Foundation "to deal with environmental and humanitarian issues," Kieran said. "This is just an attempt to reach out to those around the world to raise funds for the betterment of all life, and to honour those who have made a sacrifice for the betterment of all life, and to honour those who have made a sacrifice."

Reasor said she feels grateful to join the upcoming exhibit. Reasor has known Kieran and worked with him to set up the exhibit since she graduated from Baylor in 2008, represents many other artistic pursuits before trying to express himself, and he tried many other artistic pursuits before deciding painting would be his main source of expression. Kieran said he has tried everything from music to acting to something else but his most expressive forms of art are music and painting.

"We're very humbled and very excited to donate to such a good cause," Reasor said. "Kieran has tried to express himself and he has worked. "We've just been a really great experience working with Mark. We've accomplished so much with preparing for this show." Reasor said "I wouldn't have taken on this project if I didn't really believe in him."

Kieran said he wanted to work with the White Feather Foundation specifically because he felt like it could make more change than other organizations that he has worked with. "They want to be an organization that actually does something with the money that's donated to them," Kieran said.

Erin Reasor, who graduated from Baylor in 2008, represents the money that's donated to them, "We're very humbled and very excited to donate to such a good cause," Reasor said. "Kieran has tried to express himself and he has worked. "We've just been a really great experience working with Mark. We've accomplished so much with preparing for this show." Reasor said "I wouldn't have taken on this project if I didn't really believe in him."

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Cavaliers to visit White House today

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CLEVELAND — LeBron James and his Cavaliers teammates will be at the White House on Thursday. An unexpected guest will be there, too.

The visit by the reigning NBA champions will coincide with President-elect Donald Trump's meeting with President Barack Obama to discuss the hundreds of power and transition following a shocking election that left James and millions of Americans wondering about the future.

James had supported Trump's rival, Hillary Clinton, appearing on stage with the former secretary of state at a campaign rally Sunday in Cleveland to support Clinton.

On Wednesday, just hours after Clinton had conceded the election to Trump, James posted on his Instagram account that he woke up "looking and searching for answers on what has happened." He posted the audio to "Alright," a song by rapper Kendrick Lamar.

"How? Seriously, how?" James wrote. "Parents and leaders of our children please let them know they can still change the world for the better! Don't lose a bit of faith! They're in their futures and we must remain stronger than ever! We all wanna lace up the boots, put on the hard hats and strike but that's not the answer. Love, genuine LOVE and passion!! We are one and we all gotta stand up together! Encouragement to minorities and women."

"Please know that this isn't the end, it's just a very challenging time," James wrote on Twitter. "To all the youth out there I promise I'll continue to lead u guys every single day. I'm gonna fight every obstacle that we will overcome!!" He said. "... To all the youth out there I promise I'll continue to lead you guys every single day without no hesitation!! Time to educate and even more mold my children into being the greatest model citizens they can become in life!!"

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