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Baylor family meets to discuss reform

MCKENNA MIDDLETON
Page One Editor

Hundreds of Baylor faculty, alumni and staff gathered Thursday morning at the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame to voice a desire for change in university leadership.

Bears for Leadership Reform sent an invitation to the Baylor community, offering a safe place for them to share their concerns and join a movement advocating transparency and change to the Baylor Board of Regents.

"Recently, there has been a cloud over our university, and there should not be, and we believe sincerely that there's been a lack of leadership," said John Eddie Williams, an attorney and former Baylor football player. "We're at a point where we have a board, in my opinion, that has become tone deaf to the Baylor alumni, to the Baylor family, to the students, the faculty ... Our goal is to create a voice for those that want the board to listen."

The group attracted an audience of over 200 people, and over 500 watched the event via livestream video on the group's Facebook page. The page has over 8,000

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Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

ROCK THE BOAT Abilene senior Rebecca Farrar leads a group of anti-Trump protesters in a chant of "Love Trumps Hate" as a crowd gathers on Fountain Mall Thursday evening. The demonstration was met by Trump supporters just moments into the protest.

Anti-Trump protesters take message to Fountain Mall

KALYN STORY
Staff Writer

Baylor students took to Fountain Mall on Thursday evening to protest Donald Trump being elected president and to stand or sit in solidarity with those negatively affected by the election results.

"TONIGHT @ 5 students are occupying FOUNTAIN MALL," Sierra Smith, an admin of the Baylor Feminists Facebook page, posted

Thursday around noon. "This is not a group or organization affiliated event. This is in support of all those affected by Trump's rhetoric and those who fear what's to come. I have received support from faculty, they say there are more of them on our side than we know. He is not my president. I will not be silenced. We can make a difference!"

Students opposing Trump met at Fountain Mall with posters and markers and began making signs with slogans like "Not my President," "Try some racist s---," "Love Trumps Hate," "White

Supremacy Won" and many other phrases.

A few minutes after 5 p.m., several Trump supporters showed up on Fountain Mall with "Trump for President" and "Make America Great Again" signs. A clear line was drawn with anti-Trump protesters on one side and Trump supporters on the other. Several neutral spectators also gathered to watch the protesters.

A discussion also emerged between the

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Victim of racial slur receives support from students

TWITTER TALK

#IWalkWithNatasha

@IJAILEENE:

"#IWalkWithNatasha because she's one of the sweetest, most down to earth girls you'll ever meet. Didn't deserve what happened today at all."

@DANNERSDANIEL:

"#IWalkWithNatasha because it sickens my heart to know such people exist especially on Baylor's campus. We are in continuous need for God."

@KAELALOVESKAELA:

"I'm so excited to do #IWalkWithNatasha because in a time like this its great to see people stand together"

MEGAN RULE
Staff Writer

Students are planning to gather at Tidwell Bible Building to walk to the Baylor Sciences Building at 9:55 a.m. today in solidarity with Dallas sophomore Natasha Nkhama after she was reportedly pushed off the sidewalk and victim to a racial slur Wednesday afternoon.

In a video she posted on Facebook, Nkhama said she was forced off the sidewalk by a male who said "No n-----s allowed on the sidewalk."

In her video, Nkhama said she was walking to class from Tidwell to the BSB when a male bumped into her and shoved her off the sidewalk, demeaning her with a racial slur.

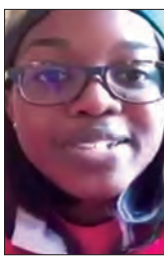
When a bystander intervened on her behalf and asked the male what he was doing, Nkhama quoted him

saying, "I'm just trying to make America great again."

"We walk because no one should have to face racism in this day and

age," said San Benito junior Sarah Barrientos. "This is something that happened on our campus and we want to show support for Natasha while voicing our outrage at the situation."

Her video has received widespread attention on social media. "After watching her video, I felt infuriated. I wanted to cry out of anger," said Harlingen sophomore Jaileene Maite Garza. "The fact that certain people feel entitled to



Nkhama

hurt others using racial slurs and then justifying them with Trump's 'Make America Great Again' slogan is just horrific."

The video posted by Nkhama was then linked to Garza's Twitter account, with a tweet saying: "This is my friend Natasha, and this happened today 11/9 @Baylor."

About two hours later, Baylor responded to the tweet saying, "@ijaileene That's awful...Please make sure your friend files an official report so we can look into this," with a link to the Bias Motivated Incident Support Team webpage.

The tweet had many other replies from both friends and alumni of Baylor reacting to the incident.

"Natasha had originally posted her video on Facebook, but I asked her if I could post it on Twitter," Garza said. "I felt like it would be the best way to get everyone's attention

quick, including Baylor's."

On Thursday, Baylor released a press statement in response to the incident. Baylor said the behavior is disturbing and does not coincide with Baylor's values, and they condemn the behavior. It stated that Baylor has connected with Nkhama and work with her to ensure that she feels safe and supported, and commended the bystander who defended Nkhama.

"We are a caring, Christian community in which acts of violence and insensitivity have no place. As Baylor Bears, it is our responsibility to care for and treat each other with love, compassion and dignity. Any behavior short of this demands our full attention so that we can hold each other accountable while seeking to reconcile and restore damaged relationships," Dr. Kevin P. Jackson, vice president for student life, said in the press release.

Kids of disabled veterans share experiences

JESSICA BABB
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Julia Smith said she was stunned to find her father, at the end of a long deployment, waiting to surprise her in the back of her mother's car. As a young child, she had no idea when her father would arrive home from his 15-month deployment, and after spending the night at a friend's house, she was shocked to open the trunk of her mother's car and see her father sitting right in front

of her, still dressed in his uniform. In that moment, she said she immediately hugged him, began crying and was filled with happiness as the period of separation finally ended.

For Smith's family and the families of thousands of service men and women who come home with combat-related injuries — mental and physical — the next chapter is only beginning. It's a chapter filled with uncertainties, hurt and abrupt change.

"It makes me sad, and

sometimes I cry about it because it's upsetting that the person you got to know as a little kid, that used to laugh with you and carry you around, can no longer do that stuff," said Smith, who is now 20 and a student at Concordia University's nursing school. "Like, physically they can, but emotionally they are not stable enough to be that person anymore."

On her father's second-to-last deployment in Iraq,

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Associated Press

HONOR U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Cyril Illidge, left, shows the reflecting pool to Madison Bhramdat, who was waiting for her mother Radha Bhramdat to be promoted during an army swearing-in, enlistment, re-enlistment ceremony on Thursday in New York.

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COLUMN

The best professor I ever had

BRIANNA BASSETT
Reporter



Being the sentimental senior that I am, this fall I've had some time to look back on my past four years at Baylor. More specifically, I looked back at all the glorious hours spent in the one-of-a-kind Castellaw

Communications Center.

Switching majors from business to journalism halfway through college seemed a little daunting. I was coming into journalism classes significantly behind the other juniors that were my age. I felt overwhelmed, like I could never catch up or be the same caliber as them.

However, this daunting feeling didn't last long. I was lucky enough to have one of the best teachers at Baylor during my first semester transition into the journalism school. This teacher encouraged me and challenged me more than any other teacher had in my life.

It was my first journalism class, Beginning Reporting and Writing. I remember being extremely nervous and not very confident in my writing abilities. I spent hours outside of class trying to write and edit my papers and constantly went into my professor's office and learned from my previous mistakes to improve.

Throughout the semester I was able to see a dramatic difference in not only my writing ability, but also my confidence. I know I have my professor and his patience and desire to see me succeed to thank for that.

I remember asking endless questions and going to his office after every single paper we turned in. He would sit with me and go through each one and show me what I could work on.

As I gained confidence in that one class, I started to feel like I could excel in my new journalism track. I felt that I had a voice to be heard and a story worth sharing.

This is a feeling that I believe every single student should have. My hope is that, during your time at Baylor, you get to experience one, if not multiple, teachers who inspire, push and help you grow into the young professionals you are destined to be.

College can be so frustrating at times, no matter what your major is. It's amazing to see the difference that just one teacher can make in a student's confidence and overall success in a class.

If it weren't for my professor that semester, I don't know if I would have made it to where I am today.

One of the most important things this professor taught me is to find good mentors and keep a good relationship with them. These mentors are the people who believe in you and take the time to push you and help to refine your art.

I was pushed beyond what I thought was possible. I grew so much in that one semester and I will be forever thankful for that.

I can promise you that you will find some of the most caring and understanding teachers at Baylor, professors that truly want to see you succeed. So enjoy your time here, take advantage of every minute of it and enjoy the people who spend their lives pouring into your education.

*Thank you, Professor Robert Darden, for believing in me and truly being the best professor I have ever had.

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EDITORIAL

Your passion can't stop now

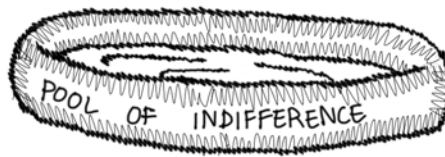
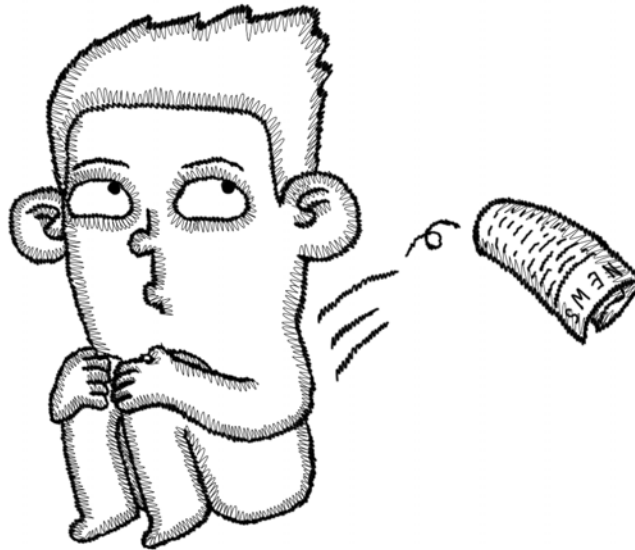
We have posted memes featuring Donald Trump's and Hillary Clinton's faces. We have shared politically poignant articles. We have commented on our friends' hot-button statuses — Liked, tweeted, repeated.

But the election season that has caused politically uninterested people to become engaged is now over. What does that mean for our political involvement? Just because Trump won the presidency doesn't mean it's time to become apathetic again. For those who were active in politics due to the presidential election — don't let your news consumption dwindle.

Sure, the election was entertaining, and maybe that entertainment is what caused a spike in online activism. It's no wonder so many people took to the web to share their opinions with the amount of fodder at hand. But all of those controversial issues that went viral, such as Trump's gaffes and Clinton's emails, will end up at the bottom of everyone's news feeds in a matter of weeks and will subsequently fall off their radar.

It makes sense — it's easy for those who didn't want Trump to get elected, or who were dissatisfied with the presidential race as a whole, to become apathetic toward news. However, keeping up with local and state politics, as well as national and global issues, will make you a more informed voter come the

WELL NOW THAT THE ELECTION IS OVER!



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

2018 senatorial and gubernatorial elections. Also, the closer elections are, the more watered down the news coverage becomes.

Harvard Kennedy School's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy reported that 56 percent of news media's political coverage during the primaries was devoted to the "competitive game — the struggle of the candidates to come out on top." In contrast, only 11 percent of coverage was devoted to the candidates' "policy positions, their personal and leadership characteristics, their private and public histories, background information on election issues, or group commitments for and by

the candidates."

One way you can make up for the lack of policy information being shared is to read up on social issues when they are covered the most: in between elections. But consuming news that only confirms your bias will not make you the most educated voter. Though BuzzFeed makes entertaining videos in the off season, their political coverage definitely has its own sway. Seeking out publications like the Associated Press to get objective news instead allows you consider relevant issues from both sides — making you a more well-rounded voter. Not to mention, the best way to hold politicians'

feet to the fire is by having a comprehensive understanding of the issues at hand.

For Democrats, Republicans and everyone in between, it is important to not let elected officials go unchecked. Truly understanding the social issues your state's gubernatorial or senatorial candidate will base their campaign on, such as immigration policy or education reform, will ensure you make an informed decision on who to support — whether that is by your vote or by volunteering.

And while these social issues may not directly affect you, there still remains groups of people that are affected. If not for elected officials, pay attention to the news for the sake of these minority groups — groups whose voices are silenced and suffocated by issues that receive more attention. A current example where individuals' political and social activism influenced

global media coverage is the protests at the North Dakota Access Pipeline. Garnering support from celebrities like Shailene Woodley and Mark Ruffalo, the pipeline protests now have people coming from other countries to stand in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux tribe. Politicians have had no choice but to respond.

Like voting, being aware of current events and cognizant of the concerns of the people around you is a civic duty. The election is over, but your participation doesn't have to be. Stay informed for the future you want — one that is fair for others.

COLUMN

Busy should not be the new normal

LIESJE POWERS
Photo Editor



There are countless organizations and activities at Baylor to steal time away from the educational side of college. While it is important to be well rounded and enjoy your time on campus, students tend to pile a few too many things onto their already full plates.

I am the type of person who likes to stay busy. Having an open schedule makes me feel unproductive and lazy, two traits that I hate to embody.

Instead, I choose to throw myself into my two jobs, 17 hours of classes and a club sport that leaves me without much sleep or a fully working immune system. This lifestyle is evident common amongst a number of students on campus, and it often pushes them to a level of stress and unrest that is neither healthy nor feasible in the long term.

According to the American Institute of Stress, eight out of every 10 students experience stress daily, those numbers that have increased radically since the early 2000s.

This may be partially due to the advancement of technology and its use in everyday life. Before smartphones and laptops, work ended when you left your computer, and work contacting you required a phone call. Now, emails, texts and social media keep everyone connected at all times. Removing yourself from a stimulated environment is harder than ever.

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Additionally, the job market has changed drastically since previous generations entered it. In order to get a well-paying job, depending on your skill set, having a degree is often no longer enough. Those who succeed are those with have full resumes and high GPAs.

This pressures students into joining multiple organizations and taking on heavy levels of coursework. As they attempt to gather the needed skills for their future while still appearing appealing to employers. Coupled

with the need to finish college quickly in order to incur the least amount of debt, students are pushed to be active at all times of the day.

As students, it is important to be in good mental and physical health while trying to tackle the college lifestyle. Many students find themselves getting sick more often when they are rundown and overworked. According to AARP, stress can lead to the common cold, slower healing from injuries, ulcers and stomach problems, neck, back and shoulder pain, and depression. These issues can develop from other components of life, and constant stress can cause all of these health risks to arise as an uncomfortable combination.

In an effort to combat these symptoms, letting go of smaller stressors is an easy place to start. Perhaps letting go of your tendency to vegetate on your phone for 30 minutes after class when other important tasks await, or the tendency to avoid planning for an upcoming event or test. If small changes are not enough, it is OK to prioritize what matters most in your life. Find joy in what you do, and if you find that there is no joy in something that is not necessary for your success, simply cut it out.

As the saying goes, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

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he was hit by a roadside bomb that killed many of the soldiers he was traveling with. After coming home to recover, he headed back overseas for a deployment in Afghanistan, where he was hit with yet another roadside bomb, which then led to hand-to-hand combat with a group of Afghani soldiers.

Through these experiences, Smith's father developed PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), a psychological condition that results in anxiety or depression after some sort of real or perceived trauma, according to Dr. Vladimir Nacev, a board-certified clinical psychologist with the Defense Centers of Excellence. Symptoms of PTSD can include anxiety, depression, hypervigilance, flashbacks, nightmares, aggression and quick temperament.

Since 2000, more than 52,000 soldiers have been wounded in Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria, according to data released by the United States Department of Defense. In that same period of time, more than 138,000 soldiers have been diagnosed with PTSD.

"At first, it was just anger and I would be mad at him, and then as I

learned more about PTSD and what it was, I would get frustrated when he would lash out at me. In my mind, I knew that this was not my dad – this is my dad with PTSD, and he is a completely different person," Smith said.

While Smith's father has learned to manage his PTSD over the years, Smith said it is something he still deals with and likely always will.

"It changes you. You are no longer the same. You are just simply no longer the same," Nacev said. "It changes how you perceive the world, how you perceive your place in the world, in a sense of what was important once before is now not important."

Audrey Karcher, 20, who is studying to be a nurse at Baylor University, was also a child at the time of her father's injuries. During her childhood, she welcomed her father home from three deployments.

On her father's second deployment in Iraq, he was sent home early due to a gunshot wound in his left shoulder. After recovering, he finished the duration of that deployment and was then deployed one last time.

"It's always hard to send him back

to a place where he has been hurt once, and what are the odds he would get hurt twice," Karcher said. "The thing you think isn't really possible to happen again, does happen again and is worse than it was before. It was definitely hard to cope with it, and it's still hard to see him like that."

After his last deployment, instead of a ceremony, he was welcomed home in the hospital after losing both his legs in combat.

"It is one of those things where it just doesn't feel like real life. It feels like you are in a dream," Karcher said. "The reality of it set in when my mom left to go to D.C. to take care of my dad for pretty much the whole summer. That's when the reality that our whole lives were flipped upside down and that it would never be back the way it was before set in."

Due to his extensive injuries, Karcher's father had to seek treatment for months in Washington D.C. During this time, Karcher said she and her two sisters remained back in Texas, living with different relatives, trying to cope and regain some level of stability in their family.

"For physical injuries, the whole family is trying to deal with this

medical condition so the children kind of get pushed aside," said Dr. Ryo Sook Chun, a child and adolescent psychiatrist and director of Operation Building Resilience and Valuing Empowered Families, a program at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center that provides educational and psychological support to families of injured service members. "A lot of kids are aware the family is in crisis, so they try and protect themselves and protect their parents by keeping to themselves and by keeping silent. They present a façade, but they are suffering."

After months of her father being in and out of the Intensive Care Unit, Karcher and her sisters were finally able to see their father for the first time. When they saw him, his weight had dropped from 225 pounds to just 105 pounds, and he still had months of treatment and years of rehabilitation ahead of him.

"It was definitely not the way you would want to see your dad or the way you remembered seeing him as he left for deployment," Karcher said.

Years later, Karcher's father has recovered to the point where he can wear prosthetics, function normally,

work and take care of his family. However, Karcher said life for her and her family has changed, and they have a new version of what is normal.

"It was the first year that all of this had happened, and I had a dance competition," Karcher said. "The event center actually wasn't handicap accessible, so my dad couldn't get in to watch me perform. That was definitely a hard reality. It was one of those times I was just angry because it wasn't fair and didn't have to happen."

Both Smith and Karcher said they came out stronger after facing adversity from their parents' respective combat injuries. In addition, both said their experiences influenced their decisions to pursue nursing as a way to help others who are dealing with similar circumstances.

Karcher said she hopes people will be more compassionate to those who are suffering from psychological injuries.

"I would just say be a helpful hand to people," Karcher said. "PTSD is one of those things you can't always see from the outside... just be really compassionate toward others."

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two groups, with one or two representatives at a time going to the middle to speak to the other side.

DeSoto senior Mark Toliver was one anti-Trump protester who braved no-man's land to speak to the other side and share his opinions.

"I'm not here to educate anyone," Toliver said. "I am here to share and express my concern with racism and sexism. I want to let every racist, bigot and misogynist at Baylor know that hate is not welcome at Baylor University."

Toliver said he wanted to speak with the Trump supporters because he believes they don't understand how minorities feel, and he wanted to give them another perspective to look at.

"America was not built on hate," Toliver said. "I think these Trump supporters really don't know what it is like to be a minority in any situation. They aren't discriminated against. I want to share my experiences and feelings."

Toliver said the only thing to do now is to make the liberal opinion heard by voting in local elections, trying to have Democrats control the House and Senate in 2018 and having a louder voice in 2020.

"Trump ran a campaign of fear, lies and hate," Toliver said. "None of those things can be tolerated. We have to show America that next time."

Omaha, Neb., freshman Nate Lindquist and Normal, Ill., freshman Andrew Ensenberger heard about the protest on Facebook and decided that, even though they don't support either cause, they wanted to watch the protest.

"America wasn't built on hate."

Mark Toliver | Desoto senior, Baylor University

"I think it's funny that they're protesting democracy," Lindquist said. "These signs say 'not my president,'" but that's stupid because if you are an American citizen, he is your president whether you like it or not."

Ensenberger said he tried

to go to the other side and talk to the anti-Trump protesters about their beliefs, but no one would respond to him.

"They wouldn't look me in the eye or shake my hand," Ensenberger said. "I think it's very interesting, and I want to hear what they have to say. I don't agree with them, but I absolutely support their right to protest and them exercising their First Amendment rights, I just wish they would talk to me about their beliefs."

Georgetown junior Audrey Hamlin said that as a survivor of interpersonal violence, she believes this election affects her directly, and she wants to stand with those who support her and other marginalized groups.

"As a survivor, I need support right now," Hamlin said. "I also want to show people what love looks like. Love is an action, and today it looks like standing with those saddened by the state of our country."

Hamlin said she hopes the protest on campus raises awareness about the effects of Trump's words and actions.

"He has hurt so many people," Hamlin said. "I hope every marginalized group knows they have support at Baylor and they matter."



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

SPEAKING OUT Arlington junior Sierra Smith and Dallas junior Delilah Negrete join the protest by sitting in front of the group with a sign that reads "Love trumps hate."

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likes.

The spokespeople for Bears for Leadership Reform comprised a diverse group of people included former regents, alumni and Drayton McLane, chairman of the McLane Group.

"I think they made some really, really major decisions in firing the president, athletic director, head football coach and other administrative people," McLane said. "We need to understand why they made those decisions and how they came to those decisions and to be much more open and transparent and be responsible for that."

According to the website, the group strives for transparency, accountability and reform among university leaders.

"We need transparency and a culture of openness if we are to operate as a university should with shared governance," said Dr. Ray Bagby, an associate professor of entrepreneurship who has been with the university for 29 years. "The regents are not accountable to anyone at the moment, and a lack of oversight can create problems."

Williams said the board is secretive, and the first step to change will be getting the facts first.

"We're the people they should be talking to, and it seems like when they go to the Wall Street Journal, they're trying to protect the needs of themselves and not the

Baylor family. Unbelievable," Williams said of a recent Wall Street Journal article in which regents spoke about some of the findings of the Pepper Hamilton investigation.

Former Texas Gov. Mark White, a Baylor alumnus and member of the Bears for Leadership Reform, expressed a similar concern.

"First of all, we don't need any coverup. We don't need any more secrets," White said.

Besides the transparency issues the Bears for Leadership Reform identifies among the regents, White said there are some people on the board that have simply been there too long. He said it is the voice of the Baylor community at meetings like this that will spark change.

"I think what we saw happen at Baylor is a result of this meeting," White said of the email interim President David Garland sent to faculty and staff on Wednesday announcing a new Governance Review Task Force. "They said they're going to do something ... It's important we put urgency to this ... We want change and we want it now."

Former regent Emily Tinsley said the three things the board of regents is legally responsible for is to hire and fire a president, set policy and oversee the wealth and health of the university.

"Even if only half of what they tell me is true, we should be frightened to the core for the future of our university,"

Tinsley said. "Power struggles and secrecy can destroy any family. Even the Baylor family."

Dr. Lynn Tatum is a lecturer in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core and past president of Texas conference of the American Association of University Professors, which focuses on academic freedom and shared governance at higher institutions.

"There hasn't been an openness," Tatum said. "As faculty, we would love to have open communication with the regents."

Many in attendance, including former Baylor football coach Grant Teaff, have hope for the university's future and what it stands for.

"This university is bigger, it is better, it is stronger than all the issues that come up. Human beings have been given the responsibility to solve those issues. This is still God's university," Teaff said. "We have to realize that all of us must be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem. Simple as that."

The meeting consisted of conversations regarding the organization's issues with the board of regents, as well as plans to hold the board accountable. Looking forward, Williams said they hope to hear a response from the board with a plan of action.

"We have to get our name back and get our integrity back and walk tall again," Williams said.

More than a war movie

BRADI MURPHY
Arts & Life Editor

The recently released movie "Hacksaw Ridge" tells an emotional love story about a brotherhood and one man's endurance in pursuing a conviction. Independent production company and financier Cross Creek Pictures backed the movie because of the moving story that was put to life by director Mel Gibson.

"Hacksaw Ridge" is based on the true story of U.S. Army corporal and combat medic Desmond Doss, played by Andrew Garfield, who saved 75 men in Okinawa during World War II without firing or carrying a gun.

Doss believed that while war was justifiable, killing others was not. Doss saved wounded soldiers from behind enemy lines while they were firing. He was also wounded by a grenade and shot at by snipers. Doss was the first conscientious objector awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Baylor alumnus Jason Seagraves is the vice president of production and development at Cross Creek Pictures and co-producer of "Hacksaw Ridge."



Courtesy art

HONORABLE ACTIONS "Hacksaw Ridge," released Nov. 2, retells the story of U.S. Army corporal and combat medic, Desmond T. Doss, who won the Congressional Medal of Honor for saving many lives and refusing to bear arms during World War II.

with Cross Creek's movies, we tend to look for the elevated material that is pretty impactful and has the opportunity for some sort of awards consideration."

Cross Creek Pictures had seen many versions of the film and loved the storyline, but it wasn't until

screenings with a Q&A.

"It was really interesting and in some ways moving to hear [Gibson] talk about why he made this film, because it had been bouncing around I think for maybe 10 years," said Brian J. Elliott, senior lecturer for the film & digital media department, faculty in residence for Heritage House and Seagraves' previous professor. "As someone who's involved in making films, it's always interesting to me to hear the heart behind why somebody [directs a movie] because it's a really, really hard thing to do."

During the exclusive clip, Gibson discusses Doss' journey and his reasoning for directing the film.

"Desmond Doss was an ordinary man who held on to his convictions and faith in the midst of persecution, execution, ridicule and great danger. He tapped into something way bigger than himself, which I believe was the strength and power of God," Gibson said in the exclusive video. "My hope in making this film is that we can tell the story of a true American hero, bring

awareness to the struggles of our veterans and honor and support the brave men and women who sacrifice so much for this country."

While the film highlights the journey of Doss through WWII, there was a lot of Doss' story that had to be cut out due to budget allocations.

"The story of Desmond Doss is incredible. We only tell the story of him saving over 75 lives in 12 hours from the battle of Okinawa, but it was something that he did countless times throughout that whole year of war," Seagraves said.

While it is a very graphic portrayal of war, Gibson describes "Hacksaw Ridge" as more of a love story than a war movie.

It is apparent that the release date was also well planned in the light of Veterans Day and the controversial 2016 presidential election.

"Especially during everything that's happening today with the election and how everybody is so nervous about what's to come in the near future, I just think it's an important time to be reminded of the

consequences of war and what that cost could actually mean," Seagraves said.

At a few of the private showings, veterans in the audience who said the film's portrayal of WWII was as gruesome as it was in real life.

"Mel said in our press day that history regurgitates itself, and I think this can serve as a good reminder of that consequence. The cost of human life and what our troops actually go through on the battlefield. It's not necessarily baggage that [they] don't take home with [them]," Seagraves said.

The film depicts WWII from a different perspective and allows audiences to see for themselves the obstacles Doss overcame and the spiritual guidance he had throughout the war.

"It allows us to experience in some way what they experienced in a very small form, but also to gain an appreciation of those people so that when I see ... a World War II veteran. My opinion of them changes because I have a better appreciation of what they went through," Elliott said.

This week in Waco:

>>Today

10 a.m. — Baylor Equestrian vs. Delaware State. Willis Family Equestrian Center

10 a.m. — UBreak. Enjoy free breakfast and coffee. Bring your own mug. Bill Daniel Student Center UB room

11 a.m. — Waco's Veterans Day Parade. 13th Street and Austin Avenue in downtown Waco. Free

7 p.m. — "Rapunzel- A Musical Adventure" musical. Lee Lockwood Library and Museum. Tickets are \$10 online at cytwaco.org/shows/Rapunzel-7

>>Saturday

10 a.m. — H-E-B Zoo Stampede. Cameron Park Zoo.

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. — Sic 'Em Science. Mayborn Museum staff and Mayborn Science Fellows bring art of science to life with various activities. Mayborn Museum Complex. Free

2 p.m. — Baylor Theater performs "An Experiment With An Air Pump." Jones Theater. Tickets are \$20

7-10 p.m. — "Transcending the Temporal" art show. Hotel Indigo. Free

>>Sunday

2 p.m. — Baylor Theater performs "An Experiment With An Air Pump." Jones Theater. Tickets are \$20

2:30 p.m. — Baylor Winds performs. Members are Baylor's music faculty. Roxy Grove Hall. Free

SHOWTIMES:

AMC Starplex Galaxy 16

Today through Wednesday
12:50 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:35 p.m. and 10:45 p.m.

Regal Jewel Stadium 16

Today through Wednesday
1 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.

"First and foremost, we were moved by the incredible story," Seagraves said. "There's a lot that we actually didn't put in the film because it was almost too unbelievable. This guy obviously had some higher power that was looking out for him in order to accomplish what he was able to do. If you're familiar

Gibson came on as director that the film really took shape and Cross Creek Pictures knew they wanted to produce and finance it, Seagraves said.

Gibson reached out to fans by making short clips such as one that began, 'Hi, I'm Mel Gibson, and I'm happy to join you all here at Baylor University,' and showing invite-only

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Today's Puzzles

Across

- 1 Powerful watchdogs
- 7 Silk Road desert
- 11 Pulls a Halloween prank on, for short
- 14 Put a new handle on
- 15 "... wish ___ a star"
- 16 Part of the fam.
- 17 Very close
- 19 Police blotter letters
- 20 Daughter of Polonius
- 21 Dependable source of income
- 23 Tearful queen
- 25 Short strings?
- 26 More skittish
- 29 Dark mark
- 33 Admonish
- 34 Artisan pizzeria feature
- 37 Seventh in a Greek series
- 38 Birthday party staple, and a hint to this puzzle's circles
- 40 Big Band ___
- 41 Pastoral residences
- 43 Huff
- 44 Self-involvement
- 45 Williams of talk TV
- 47 "The Square Egg" author
- 49 Square, e.g.
- 51 Former Jesuit school official
- 55 Stretch
- 59 Sushi selection
- 60 Holiday to-do list task
- 62 "The Miracle Worker" comm. method
- 63 2016 MLB retiree
- 64 Online newsgroup system
- 65 Pop artist Lichtenstein
- 66 Sun., on Mon.
- 67 Mother in Calcutta

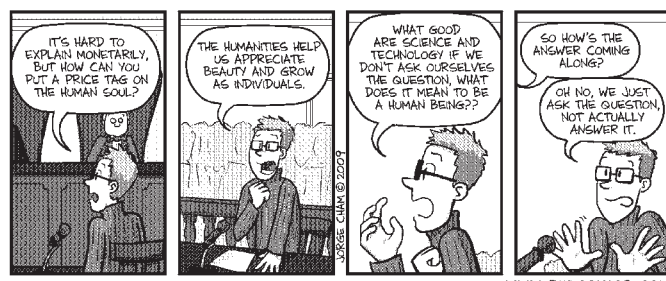
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- 7 Word with water or air
- 8 Energy org. since 1960
- 9 Florida city, familiarly
- 10 They're kept in pens
- 11 Dash, but not dot
- 12 Orange ___
- 13 Picnic dishes
- 18 Smidge
- 22 Sci-fi award
- 24 Values highly
- 26 Spouted vessel
- 27 Palm fruit
- 28 1954 Best Actress Oscar winner
- 30 Some den leaders
- 31 Cycle starter?
- 32 Showtime title forensic technician, familiarly
- 34 Aspen gear

- 35 Scary-sounding lake
- 36 NASA part: Abbr.
- 38 Soft sound
- 39 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
- 42 Certain happy hour exclamation
- 43 Bit of 11-Down gear
- 45 Borrow the limit on
- 46 Combat
- 47 Sharp weapon
- 48 "You ___ grounded!"
- 50 '70s TV lawyer Ramsey
- 52 Auction venue
- 53 Bit of TLC?
- 54 WBA decisions
- 56 Muse count
- 57 Goes with
- 58 Spanish pronoun
- 61 D.C. summer hrs.



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Baylor braces for Oklahoma

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

After two losses in a row, Baylor football can still turn its season around with a win over Big 12-leading Oklahoma on Saturday.

Following last Saturday's loss to Texas Christian University, Baylor looks to find its focus again as the team prepares for an 11 a.m. showdown on the road against an explosive Oklahoma team that jumped to No. 11 in the second batch of College Football Playoff rankings Tuesday night.

"We all understand that one of the problems for young people is focus, and it can also be a problem for coaches," said acting head coach Jim Grobe. "I don't know how much of our focus was taken away, but we know that these next four games are going to be really hard, and the only way we can succeed is if we are really focused."

Oklahoma, which sits alone atop the Big 12 standings with a perfect 6-0 record in conference play, enters the game having won 12 consecutive conference games and has the offensive firepower to strike in many different ways.

Baylor struggled to contain their running last week against TCU as the Horned Frogs piled up 431 yards on the ground, primarily by junior running back Kyle Hicks, who scored five touchdowns. Oklahoma provides a similar challenge in running backs redshirt sophomore Joe Mixon and junior Samaje Perine. Mixon has compiled 813 yards on the ground and has scored five touchdowns. He is the quicker of the two backs, and Baylor will need to contain him and be able to tackle well in space. Perine, who ran for a game-high 166 yards and two touchdowns last season against Baylor, provides the power running attack for the Sooners. He has run 475 yards and scored six touchdowns in 2016.

"The hardest part for the defense is playing the team that has the great running backs. I like what they do up front. They're very physical," Grobe said. "The skilled guys on the side, and the quarterback is very accurate and can get them the football...I've never played an offense that is as explosive as these guys."

The accurate quarterback that Grobe



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WEATHERING THE STORM Senior quarterback Seth Russell dodges through Sooner defense and the rain on Nov. 14 at McLane Stadium. The Bears lost 44-34. The Bears look to get back on track 11 a.m. Saturday against the Oklahoma Sooners.

referred to is redshirt junior Baker Mayfield. Mayfield finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting in 2015 and, despite getting off to a slow start this season in losses to Houston and Ohio State, is having another highly productive season. He has thrown for 2,912 yards and 31 touchdowns this season, good for an average of 323 per contest. He has also used his legs and scrambling ability to not just buy his receivers more time, but also run for first touchdowns.

Mayfield threw for 270 yards and three touchdowns against Baylor in Oklahoma's win over the Bears in 2015.

Mayfield has also developed a lethal chemistry with redshirt senior wide receiver

Dede Westbrook. Westbrook was held without a touchdown in Oklahoma's three non-conference games but has 12 since Big 12 play started, including three against TCU and Kansas. He has 64 receptions on the year, 40 more than the second leading receiver, and has compiled 1,166 yards.

"He's really special. Speed is what really impresses when you watch. We've faced fast guys every week, but this guy seems to have an extra gear," Grobe said. "You've got a quarterback and receiver that really mesh well together. I think that helps with the supporting cast. You'd love to be able to focus on one guy, but you can't because they've got so many weapons."

Although Oklahoma provides a stiff challenge for the Baylor defense, the same can be said about the Sooners' defense. The Sooners are allowing an average of 431 yards of offense per game, and Baylor averages 541 yards per game.

A big step for Baylor after last week will be re-establishing the rushing attack after it was held to a season-low 133 yards. With the suspension of senior running back Shock Linwood due to "attitude" issues, the duties will be squarely on the legs of sophomore running back Terence Williams and redshirt freshman running back JaMychal Hasty.

Even without Linwood, Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops said he expects Baylor to try to keep the Sooners off balance defensively and establish the ground attack.

"That's their bread and butter is to be able to run the football, and they've led the league in rushing, probably the last four or five years," Stoops said Monday at his weekly press conference.

Sophomore wide receiver Ishmael Zamora continues to assert himself as a viable offensive threat on the outside for senior quarterback Seth Russell. He was targeted 13 times last week and had seven receptions for 121 yards, including an 81-yard touchdown that started the game. Russell said he looks for Zamora to continue this upward trend as a playmaker.

"He's a big body and has great hands, runs really good routes, works hard in practice, and he's proven that he wants the ball," Russell said. "He's hungry. Those first three games he sat out, he's really taken that to heart, and he's taken every day and really progressed."

According to Russell, it ultimately comes down to the little things and execution. If the Bears can execute at a high level, the confidence is there and the results will follow.

"We're going in this week, trying to bring the morale back, work on the small things and execute at a high level," Russell said. "I'm excited for this week. We have to get back to what we do."

Kickoff between Baylor and Oklahoma is set for 11 a.m. Saturday at the Gaylord Family Oklahoma Memorial Stadium in Norman, Okla. The game will be aired on ABC and the WatchESPN app.

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