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Regents looking forward, chair says

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Staff Writer

The Baylor Board of Regents announced on Monday night that they will be releasing minutes for future meetings, but clarified that this will not include past meetings, causing some frustration among the Baylor community. Ron Murff, Board of Regents chair, said that

while they do have a record of past minutes in their business records, they do not at this time plan to release minutes from previous meetings. "We just think it is reasonable as we go forward to release minutes," Murff said in a phone interview with the Lariat. "We are trying to make sure we are looking forward with everything. We are trying to be the best that we can be, which as far as being transparent

with everything going on, we think that being transparent is the best way to do that." Murff said this decision was the result of deliberation. "We as a board have talked about a lot of different opportunities to be more transparent and open. We thought [releasing future minutes] was one of the things that would be reasonable to do," said Murff.

The announcement came days after the Bears for Leadership Reform held its first meeting. At the meeting, the group requested transparency from the Board of Regents, asking for a seat at the table during the selection of Baylor's next president. They also demanded implementation of Title IX and additional

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Suicide loss survivors to gather

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Staff Writer

This Saturday, Waco area residents affected by suicide loss will gather for International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day to share stories and find comfort.

"It gives me hope because last year, there were other families there who were further along in their journey," said Annamaria Fajardo, coordinator of this year's event. "We had peers that could let us know that it would get better. It helps to know that you're not the only one going through this as an individual or a parent or a sibling."

Saturday is International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day, and events like the one in Waco will take place around the world. Each event will include a screening of "Life Journeys: Reclaiming Life after Loss," which is a documentary about the journey of both grief and healing after losing someone to suicide. The documentary was produced by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and features a few Texas-native survivors of loss.

"Drawing on stories and insights from long-term loss survivors, the film shows us that through resilience and support we can achieve hope and understanding in our lives while celebrating the lives of those we lost," according to the event flier.

Fajardo said the video was uplifting and offers hope for the future. Last year's event was the first of its kind in Waco as the Central Texas branch of

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Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

ON THE AGENDA Baylor Student Senate discusses a new bill at the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation on Thursday, condemning the acts of racism that have occurred on campus in recent months. The bill passed unanimously.

Student Senate bill seeks to address racial incidents

BROOKE BENTLEY
Reporter

At their weekly meeting on Thursday, several members of Baylor's Student Senate presented a bill to address the recent racially charged incidents on campus.

The bill, which highlighted Student Senate's disapproval of recent events as well as their efforts to combat hateful acts on campus, came following recent increases in

reports of hate crimes on campus following the presidential election due to racial and political differences. The student senators who proposed the bill said they felt the need to acknowledge what has been happening as well as create conversation about change.

"Right now, there has been so much negativity in the air that I think it's time for us to make sure that the students that we represent that know that that's bad have their voices

heard," said Artesia, N.M., sophomore Nolan Chumbley, one of the bill's drafters. "We've put the word 'we' in this bill a lot, and we did that intentionally because we want this to come from the Student Senate as a whole and not just the authors listed on this bill."

The bill, which passed unanimously, is an effort by Student Senate to follow in the

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Chaplain discusses campus political climate



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

ISABELLA MASO
Reporter

Dr. Ryan Richardson, associate chaplain and director of worship and chapel, has been at Baylor for 15 years. He has seen the transition of three U.S. presidents in his time at the university, but there has never been an election quite like the 2016 presidential election.

Since the final results of the election were announced, what are the most common sentiments, positive or negative, that you've heard from Baylor students?

Because of my role, I typically hear from students who are in pain, so by nature of my role, I end up talking to students who are struggling in moments of distress. And so the sentiment I have gathered from students tends to flow more along the lines of frustration and fear. That being said, I'm fully aware that there are students who are excited and hopeful on both sides.

What are the main concerns students have voiced to you?

I've had students come to me who have expressed fear concerning immigration. I have had students come to me to tell me that their parents are worried about their own status, whether they can stay in the United States or not. I have also had students come to me afraid that sexual assault or the degrading of women has been romanticized or placed on a pedestal.

What are your thoughts about #IWalkWithNatasha?

The most important thing about that, in my opinion, is that students saw injustice and they said, 'We are not OK with that.' I was so impressed and amazed, but it did make me wonder: If we were to have said to students, 'Hey, there have been people that have been sexually assaulted on this campus over the last many years, what are you going to do about it?' Rather than leaving it in

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COLUMN

Why I think you should give Rush a chance

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Broadcast Reporter



Arriving at Baylor two years ago, I wasn't certain that I wanted to be a part of the traditional Panhellenic sorority. I persuaded myself to back out of the rush process that year by conjuring up stereotypical ideas of what it meant to be a "typical sorority girl."

I always pictured a large group of basic girls doing the same activities and planning the same events. I saw copies of girls wearing the same T-shirts with odd Greek letters put together. My idea of Greek life as an outsider was skewed based on the superficiality of what I saw.

Although I knew little about being a sorority girl, I was certain that I was curious about it. Sophomore year approached quickly, bringing in new possibilities. I continued to grow as a person and I eventually decided to start the rush process in fall of 2015.

The recruitment process was a long but rewarding journey. I started off meeting an array of women at SUB mixers each week in hopes of becoming their sister.

Rush week came this past January. I left Miami a week early with a mix of nerves and excitement to find my new potential home in the Panhellenic building.

Much of that week brought back past feelings I had about these sororities. There was a lot of surface-level conversation as we continued through each chapter room.

There were also a lot of passionate, caring, intelligent women greeting the potential new members within each room.

I found my home in Alpha Chi Omega, and since then my life has changed. I have found a group of smart, strong women who support me and guide me through my college experience. My big and my grand-big welcomed me with open arms and truly made Baylor my home away from home. It honestly has become hard to imagine life without them.

Despite the image of a sorority appearing to be a group full of indistinguishable girls, everyone plays a different role in the sorority.

As of January 2017, I will start my position in the executive board as vice president of public relations and marketing, and I cannot be more thrilled.

A sorority, like a company or firm in the real world, encompasses a multitude of departments that all contribute to a larger cause for the organization.

My role in Alpha Chi is vastly different from those around me, but is just as important.

Fact: one can be a part of an organization like this and still be an individual. Additionally, there is not one type of "sorority girl;" we are all different.

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EDITORIAL

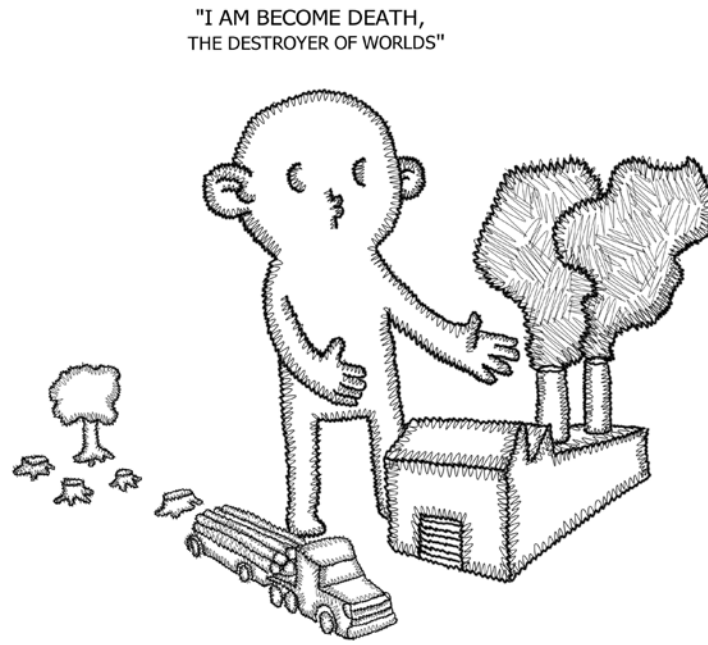
Environmental issues matter

Our environment is changing, and we're witnessing it every year. The summers are getting longer and hotter and the winters shorter and warmer. Policies on immigration, tax rates and health care aren't the only ones affecting our lives, but it seems these issues are the only ones that matter in comparison to environmental policies. One day, controversies over whether ObamaCare was effective or not will become trivial when our world becomes irreversibly polluted.

President Barack Obama, along with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, proposed the Clean Power Plan on Aug. 3, 2015. According to the EPA, this plan is vital for reducing carbon emissions from power plants, which affects climate change. Carbon emissions aren't the only concern. The EPA is also concerned with regulating the emission of greenhouse gases, such as methane, nitrous oxide and chlorofluorocarbons, which trap heat within Earth's atmosphere, expediting climate change.

According to a Washington Post article, the 2016 President-elect Donald Trump "vowed to 'cancel' the international Paris climate accord." The Paris Agreement, made on November 4, 2015, is a universal, legal agreement set regulations to limit global warming.

The Paris agreement is only one of many that the new president-elect doesn't seem to care for. The Washington Post article further states that Trump would change regulations to be less strict about methane controls on domestic drillers, shrink the role of the Environmental Protection Agency and slow progress on the Clean



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

Power Plan. Our future president believes global warming is a hoax, so it's up to the individual to be well informed and help preserve the environment we live in.

If we do not cut back and regulate emissions of greenhouse gases, the consequences will beat down on our industrious nation sooner than we might anticipate. We already consider 100 degrees Fahrenheit to be hot, can we imagine spending summers at 150 degrees? One of the main long-term effects of climate change is the rise in temperature, as stated by the Third National Climate Assessment Report. In addition, we'll continue to see an increase in precipitation, droughts and heat waves, stronger hurricanes and increasing ocean acidity

throughout the nation.

Although environmental policies regulating climate change don't seem to affect our daily lives, they are vital to maintain the world we live in and potentially prevent a drastic environmental change. We are already facing decreasing biodiversity due to climate change. Years from now, the animals we see currently may only live in history books, or picture books that we read to our children.

Eight years ago, polar bears became a threatened species due to climate change, according to World Wild Life. Polar bears live on the sea ice of the Arctic Ocean. However, due to global warming, the ice has melted more than it could freeze back. Scientists at the National Snow and Ice Data Center and

NASA reported another record low wintertime for the Arctic sea ice in March 2016. Polar bears were saved from extinction and are now listed as "vulnerable" as of September 2016, according to World Wild Life. But can we save every animal from extinction? No, we can't.

Polar bears don't seem to have a vital role in our ecosystem, but honey bees do, and they're also on the path to extinction. Bees are "crucial in maintaining biodiversity by pollinating numerous plant species whose fertilization requires an obligatory pollinator," stated researchers Y. Le Conte and M. Navajas in their article "Climate change: impact on honey bee populations and diseases."

So what can we do? According to the EPA, there are many ways we can individually help our environment. Simple changes such as recycling, conserving water and purchasing a fuel-efficient car can all make significant impacts in climate change. Recycling reduces pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and conserving water helps conserve energy because "three percent of the nation's energy is used to pump and treat water." Fuel-efficient cars also help reduce pollution because they cut back on vehicular emissions.

As much as environmental policies are made for preservation purposes, they are also for us, the people living in this world. What is the point in fussing over health care policies, but not caring about pollution? The air we breathe contributes to our health, which will affect our health care. Inevitably, we will have to care about our environment.

COLUMN

It's all about how you raise the dog

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It is apparent that the canine presence around Baylor continues increasing. Students bring their pups for a stroll down Fountain Mall or on play-dates hosted by various organizations. While hanging out with furry friends is therapeutic for both owner and pet, not every dog gets the luxury of

attending.

Rottweilers, pit bulls, huskies and German Shepherds are known as some of the most aggressive breeds because of their protective instincts. But because of the dangerous reputations, many dog-friendly apartment complexes will not allow owners to have "aggressive breeds" and organizations will not allow these "aggressive breeds" to come to events while other dogs are allowed.

In Germany, Rottweilers were called Rottweiler Metzgerhund, or butcher dog, because they were bred to herd cattle and pull carts for butchers. The breed's intelligence and ability to guard led them to later become police dogs, military dogs and family pets, according to the American Kennel Club.

However, there are numerous films that depict Rottweilers in a negative light. They are shown as the aggressive guard dog that chases off strangers or the police dog that runs into

buildings ready to attack. While Rottweilers are known to be protective, so are other breeds.

Any dog who loves its owner, even golden retrievers or poodles, are going to protect them. Often-times this entails barking loudly, snarling their teeth and growling when strangers knock on the door.

"I have needed to explain to people that they are only as aggressive as you train them to be..."

I believe that the aggressiveness of a dog depends on how they are trained, not their breed.

The ASPCA acknowledges that while, statistically, some dogs are more likely to bite, there are many reasons for this. And while certain breeds were prized for their guarding and protective tendencies, many of these breeds don't fulfill their original purposes. Behavior problems are products of a dog's individual temperament.

I can understand why individuals would think Rottweilers or pit bulls are dangerous after being exposed to stereotypes of "aggressive breeds" in movies or websites, but if the dogs are trained well and raised in a welcoming environment, they are not dangerous.

At home, I have two Rottweilers: Dozer, two and Sadi, four. Dozer is just outgrowing his

puppy stage, making him a little more excited and rambunctious. He jumps up and licks strangers at the door, gives playful bites and only barks aggressively when there's an animal on the television or fireworks going off outside. On the other hand, Sadi is the calmest dog you will ever meet. She sleeps and cuddles with my parents all day, only barking once in a blue moon.

Growing up, I have always had Rottweilers; they are my favorite kind of dogs due to their brown markings on their face and chest. After owning Rottweilers my whole life, I have needed to explain to people that they are only as aggressive as you train them to be more times than I can count.

While Dozer is 97 pounds of muscle, he loves to play with other dogs and get his stomach scratched, just like any other dog.

It is upsetting when I hear that my two best furry friends can't live or go to certain places with me.

As long as Rottweilers are kept on a leash and trained properly, like every dog should be, I don't understand why they shouldn't be allowed to come on play dates with other dogs or live in any apartment that allows dogs.

Concerning their "aggressive behavior," I am proud to say that my dogs are protective of me. I know that I have raised my dogs right, and it is a shame that other people won't get the chance to see that solely because my "aggressive breed" cannot be around other dogs or students.

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sexual assault prevention programs. “While the board has taken several important steps in recent months to focus on adopting best practices in governance, we have a lot more to do,” Murff said in a statement on Baylor’s “The Facts” webpage. “As part of our continuous review of board governance, two leading experts joined regents during a daylong retreat at our July 2016 meeting. Dr. Cathy Trower and Ray Cotton challenged the regents to identify and adopt meaningful changes in governance that will better position the board to support the university in achieving its mission well into the future.”

Murff said he believes that the board has always been fairly transparent. He said he doesn’t think having public meetings like the University of Texas does, for example, is practical for a private institution like Baylor, but didn’t elaborate.

“We recognize that there are benefits to making sure the Baylor family understands the issues that we are talking about, and we are

committed to finding ways to do that,” Murff said.

Trower is the president of Trower & Trower, a consulting firm based out of New Hampshire. She started working with the board a few years ago and was asked to work with them again in July at the retreat.

“I have found them to be very vigilant over the years about governance, making sure they are doing everything that they can to be a best practice type of board,” Trower said.

Trower said she is extremely impressed with the steps the board is taking toward transparency for the Baylor community.

“I think the degree of transparency this board, the Baylor board, is making is pretty much unprecedented in private institutions because they don’t have to be transparent or make things as public as this board is doing.”

Trower praised the retreat, but her favorite part of the day was when eight students came and shared their thoughts with the board and had an opportunity to ask questions.

“What is so impressive about this board, and I think what was conveyed to the student panel, was they love Baylor as much as the students do,” Trower said. “These board members are in this for the long haul and want to protect Baylor into the future. Every great board has to concern itself with current things going on, but they also have to think of the best interest of the university in perpetuity. Baylor’s Board of Regents does that.”

Murff also said the student discussion time was his favorite part of the retreat and what he thinks was the most beneficial. He said they discussed many issues with the students including student safety, student debt, how the graduate students are viewed and Greek life, as well as had communication with some male students about the concern that the board is fair and balanced with both victims and respondents as Title IX issues are being reviewed.

“Talking with the students was the best part of the day,” Murff said. “We had a morning session to hear their concerns, discuss what we can help them with, not just related to the Title

IX things that had been going but just in general how we can be helpful to them and how to start a dialogue with the students. It was a good, open, very frank, extremely honest and very beneficial dialogue.”

Linda Carol Trotter, a 1981 Baylor graduate, attended the Bears for Leadership Reform meeting on Nov. 10 and said she believes the announcement from the board is in direct response to the Bears for Leadership Reform meeting and demands.

“The Bears for Leadership Reform made the regents pay attention,” Trotter said. “Releasing minutes is a start, but it is too little, too late.”

Trotter said she does not think the board of regents would have made any changes if it were not for large donors backing the Bears for Leadership Reform group.

“Pocketbooks do the talking, and there are big money people saying the board of regents need to change, and I am sure money is the only thing that will force them to change,” Trotter said.

In addition to the release of future

minutes, Trotter said she thinks Senior Vice President for Operations and Chief Financial Officer Reagan Ramsower and Associate Dean for Student Conduct Administration Bethany McCraw need to be removed from their positions.

“The board of regents and judicial affairs offices need to clear house as much as possible,” Trotter said. “If they didn’t know about what was going on, they should have.”

Trotter is not happy with the way the Governance Review Task Force is set up. Trotter said she thinks it is a conflict of interest for the task force to have regents on it, and instead, it should be made up of students, alumni, faculty and staff.

Trotter said she would also like to see minutes from previous meetings.

“We have a right to see past minutes from the board of regents meetings,” Trotter said. “If they really want change and really want to do the right thing, they need to do more than tell us — they have to show us. We need to know what happened to make sure it never happens again.”

International students invited to Thanksgiving

EMILY EDWARDS
Contributor

International students are welcomed into the homes of Baylor students and faculty each Thanksgiving to experience the American holiday.

Melanie Smith, international student relations coordinator, has worked with People Around the World Sharing (PAWS) over the past 18 years, even before her time at Baylor. She wanted to be involved in the Welcome Family Program for the sake of her three children. Raising her children with international students in their home, she taught them that the world is big and filled with many different people who are all wonderful.

“God is huge, God is big and He is colorful,” Smith said. “He has created some wonderful human beings who are different colors, and they talk different, eat different foods and come from many, many backgrounds, but we are all the same. We share the same joys, the same sorrows, the same tragedies, but we can all encourage one another and become one.”

The PAWS program allows international students to be paired with a student or welcome family near Waco. Through the relationship, international students learn about and become exposed to American culture. Smith said the No. 1 request from the international students is to experience an American Thanksgiving.

Each Thanksgiving, two to three cars are sent to Baylor to bring the international students to the Smiths’ house. The students arrive early, allowing them time to help in the kitchen and to play games. Smith’s son and husband play football with the students. She includes the students in the preparations so they get “the full flavor of it all.”

Smith reached out to Wenzhou, China, junior Esther Zhou during her freshman year after noticing she was not on the list for the weekly bus trip to H-E-B. Zhou remembers Smith checking in on her at the beginning of their friendship to see how she was adjusting to life in the United States.

“I have really good conversations with Melanie,” Zhou said. “I’ve become her international daughter.”

The Smith family welcomed Zhou into their home during her first Thanksgiving in the United States two years ago. Showing photographs, Zhou recalled the experience and told about the day’s events.

“American Thanksgiving is like Chinese New Year,” Zhou said. “They are both time for family to get together and spend quality time with one another.”

With lots of food, football and family, Zhou experienced the typical American Thanksgiving. Zhou befriended Smith’s mother-in-law, Betty, when she played “Amazing Grace” on the piano while Zhou sang in both English and Chinese. Zhou and Betty talk on the phone frequently, go out to dinner and sometimes go to church.

Introduced to the PAWS program by his grandparents Richard and Lynn Segura, Waco freshman Drew Gochis has spent the past two Thanksgivings with international students. Gochis’ grandparents have been a Welcome Family through PAWS for over 20 years, inviting international students into their home during the holidays, giving them the full American experience.

Gochis described the Thanksgiving meal as having “the whole nine yards,” complete with staples like turkey and mashed potatoes with gravy. Most of the students are Chinese and have never experienced anything like this before. Gochis said he can see their “brain gears turning,” wondering why Americans come together just one day to have a huge meal.

“When you put them in front of the Thanksgiving meal, their eyes get wide, and they wonder how we are going to eat all this food,” Gochis said. “Sure enough, by the end of the meal, most of the food is gone.”

This year, Smith and her family will host 14 international students from St. Lucia, Japan, China, Nigeria and Kenya. Because many of the international students are not crazy about spicy or sweet food, Smith tries to incorporate a rice or noodle dish that may be more appealing. Now, students bring their own traditional dishes, too.

“I love it because it empowers them that you are going to try their food too,” Smith said. “It is a Thanksgiving of cultures, of life in general and of the friendships that Thanksgiving brings along with the feeling of family.”

Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

TREES AND ORNAMENTS AND LIGHTS, OH MY! Sarah Simpson, horticulture manager with Green Life Interiors, sets up the Christmas tree in the Baylor Sciences Building. The company also hung wreaths, garland and ornaments.

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“Booze gave me permission to do and be whatever I wanted.”

DRINKING, BLACKOUTS, AND SEEKING POWER BEYOND THE BOTTLE:

BLACKOUT REMEMBERING THE THINGS I DRANK TO FORGET

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the programmatic arena, after seeing the walk last week, it made me think, 'I wonder if our students would've done a better job of responding and saying, 'This is not OK.' Because I can guarantee you that every student who was out there on that walk would've done the same thing if we were to ask to give that show of confidence in our community's ability to protect one another, show the nation that we are going to protect one another in this community. I believe our students would show up and rise up to say that none of this is OK.



Richardson

What role do you think Baylor Spiritual Life plays in this situation?

I'm hoping that we can be a more supportive voice for students who are deciding to let their voice be heard. Because injustice is not OK no matter what side it's on. Obviously we are always there for students to try to heal. Most importantly, however, I think that our role is to help point students and their opinions to Scripture to either confirm or disaffirm whatever it is they are feeling and wanting to be heard about. Utilize Scripture to help back them up or point them in a different direction, because no matter what your opinion is about in any topic, we have to look to Scripture to help us interpret.

Tensions are high between opposing political supporters on campus. What do you think would help ease things a little?

To quell the social anxiety at Baylor, I think we have to call on one another back to a Gospel narrative. The Gospel narrative has come into contact with the social narrative, whether it be about racial reconciliation or the social narrative about sexual assault and the dangers of that. Those have become political issues, but they have always been Gospel issues. If we can pull ourselves back and say, 'We still have to heal as a campus,' maybe wave a flag and say, 'The election is over' and recognize that we still have some of our own issues.

Is there anything you think students should really focus on during this time?

Reconciling ourselves to God so that we might reconcile ourselves to one another regardless of race or ethnicity. I think race and ethnicity has still been a dividing point for our campus community. I think if we could focus

on those things, praying to God that we might reconcile ourselves to God, I think it would be great to take our minds off of other things.

Do you feel that events like protests, as there were on Fountain Mall last week, allow students to healthfully spark conversation about their concerns with the election? Or do you think there are better ways to voice concerns?

I think that was a great way to do it. I mean, my kids were out there. The reason I think that's a great way to do it is because they can be heard. Students need to be able to say what they want to say, and it has to be in venues that aren't just Facebook. As a matter of fact, I think it's probably a healthier situation because they are face to face with people. When you're behind a screen, it gives you a bit more freedom than is necessarily healthy or helpful.

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the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention has only been in Waco for three years, Fajardo said.

"We need to create hope, and how we do that is by educating ourselves and helping other families," said Jennifer Warnick, member of the Central Texas AFSP Board. "Through that process of helping others, you help yourself again."

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Strack Building No. 6, located at 4800 Memorial Drive. The program will begin with a welcoming followed by the screening of the documentary. After a 10-minute break, there will be

a group activity and then lunch. The day will finish out with presentations by local suicide loss survivors and mental health professionals, then the closing remarks.

"Basically, it's a place for those that have lost someone to suicide," Warnick said. "This is more of an intimate session. The tone of the event is teaching how to pick up the pieces."

For those who cannot physically make it to an event, there will be an online program that will last about 90 minutes, according to the AFSP website. The online program will include a screening of the documentary, a post-screening discussion focused on coping and

healing, and a question-and-answer with online viewers. The online program will take place at noon as a live event, then will be available to watch afterwards.

The online program will be moderated by Shannon Donnack, AFSP loss and healing programs manager. Clarena Tobon-Guevara, AFSP Central Texas chapter suicide loss survivor and volunteer, will also speak, as well as Dionne Monsanto and Al-x Gonzales, suicide loss survivors and volunteers from New York City and the Greater San Francisco area, respectively. The live viewing and real-time participation will be conducted through the YouTube Live system.

According to the AFSP website, there are, on average, 117 suicides per day, and surveys suggest that at least 1 million people in the United States each year intentionally inflict self-harm. In the state of Texas, suicide is the second leading cause of death for ages 10 to 34, and more than twice as many people die by suicide in Texas annually than by homicide, according to the AFSP website.

"I think awareness is probably the biggest thing that events like this can do for our community," said Dr. Sara Dolan, associate professor of psychology and neuroscience and the graduate program director for clinical psychology. "I think the media exposure that the event gets and the

number of people who come to an event like this who have lost someone in their life to suicide to spread the message to more people who may not have heard it before will help spread awareness."

Fajardo said she has also started a survivors support group for mothers that has been meeting for about three months.

"That's the thing I keep saying over and over — we're not alone, and it gives hope to people," Warnick said. "They have a journey ahead of them. They've just got to keep going and take it one day at a time."

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footsteps of Baylor administration as well as other student organizations that have spoken out against the recent incidents. The drafters also sought to emphasize the importance of practice as a key part of organizing change.

"It's important to practice it. We can always speak to such things, and we can always idealize a situation, but it's always that extra next step to actually practice it on a day-to-day basis," said Benbrook junior Charles

Mooney, a Student Senate member. "We need to be able to see people reach across boundaries that we just normally don't feel comfortable with, because when we come to college we do come with our own set of ideals about the world."

The authors also said they want to encourage students to attend events such as the "What's Next?" series. Organized by the department of multicultural affairs, the "What Next?" series was started with goal

of discussing issues surrounding diversity and inclusion. At the Tuesday meeting, Baylor Police Chief Brad Wigtil encouraged students to report incidents and utilize the BU Guardian app as well as the security escort program offered by the police department.

"The students are actually what I think is the heart of where the change occurs," Mooney said. "The administration can push forward initiatives, they can push forward

general ideas, but it's up to the students to take it to heart and actually bring the change around."

In addition to acting as a statement denouncing the recent events, the bill contained multiple sections that set a standard for Student Senate members to speak up or get involved if they see anything of this nature occurring on campus.

"I think we really want to acknowledge that this is happening to people, we are aware of it and we are

trying to fix the issue," said Thousand Oaks, Calif., senior Rocky Katch, an author of the bill. "I think a lot of people think that we're just kind of turning a blind eye or that we're ignoring it, but we're not. It's a huge issue, and it's hard to tackle, so we are meeting a lot, but we are working on it, and we would love to hear ideas if anyone has any on how we can help make this campus more inclusive and more appreciative of the diversity we have."

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Thanksgiving festivities



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WACO FESTIVITIES During the Thanksgiving holiday, students who are staying in Waco have the opportunity to take a break from their hectic studies and attend exciting events around Waco. A few of these events include The Homestead Fair 2016 and Free Family Movie Night at McLane Stadium.

Waco festivities students can go to over the holiday break

BRADI MURPHY
Arts & Life Editor

Many students will be packing their bags and loading their cars during the next few days in preparation for a well-deserved Thanksgiving break. However, what can those who aren't going home do in Waco? While staying in Waco may not be as enjoyable as seeing family, friends and hometowns, there are still fun and heartwarming events that can make this holiday season a little more exciting.

The Arts Center of Waco at the Farmer's Market

The weekly Waco Downtown Farmers Market will be displaying an identity tapestry. The identity tapestry is created by the Art Center of Waco and the Museum Association of Waco's Traveling Community Museum.

The identity tapestry is a project where the anyone can weave string through characteristics and activities written down on a paper. A few

examples of the phrases will include "Sat on Judge Baylor's lap" and "Brought your dog to the Farmers Market."

Titled "While in Waco I ..." the tapestry will be available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Waco Downtown Farmers Market.

Stanton Studios presents Create Your Own Glass Ornament

Anyone is welcome to come out to Stanton Studios and make their own mouth-blown Christmas ornaments. During the Thanksgiving break, Stanton Studios will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Friday and Nov. 26. They will also be open and doing the Create Your Own Glass Ornament throughout December. The glass ornaments are \$35.

For more information and to sign up, contact arden@stantonglass.com.

Caritas of Waco

If you're in the mood for giving back, Caritas of Waco

is the place to go. Caritas is a nonprofit organization that provides aid for those with low incomes. Students are encouraged to volunteer during this busy holiday season. To get involved, sign up online at www.caritas-waco.org or call Sonya Cooper, the volunteer coordinator at 254-753-4593.

Caritas will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. They have locations on South 15th Street, Bellmead Drive and Bosque Boulevard. Volunteers can sign up anytime and are required to stay a minimum of one hour.

Free Family Movie Night at McLane Stadium

Sit back, relax and stay close to campus with the Free Family Movie Night at McLane Stadium. You're never too old to take a picture with Santa Claus and enjoy "The Polar Express." Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at McLane Stadium.

The event is free, and attendees are encouraged

to park in lot B or C of the stadium and enter through the South Plaza near gate A. Dave's Burger Barn, Vitek's and Pokey O's will be available to purchase.

The Homestead Fair 2016

Put on some cowboy boots and drive out to The 29 annual Homestead Fair 2016, located on 608 Dry Creek Road. The fair has a wide variety of events and activities, including crafts, music, agricultural exhibits, outdoor food options and Christmas shopping from hundreds of handmade gifts and specialty items.

The Homestead Fair is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 26 and 27, and prices vary depending on the activities and food selections. More information can be found at homesteadfair.com.

Although Waco may be far from home for some, the Waco and Baylor community puts on events that allow students to enjoy their break and feel a little at home somewhere new.

This week in Waco:

>> Today

8 a.m.-8 p.m. — Food for Families. One-day food drive from food pantries all across Central Texas. Donations include non-perishables. Various locations including H-E-B, KWTX-TV station (6700 American Plaza).

2 p.m. — The UNcola: The UNculture of 7UP exhibit between Baylor's museum studies department and the Dr Pepper Museum and Free Enterprise Institute. 300 S. 5th St. Free admission

2-4 p.m. — Thomas Michael book signing of "Pax Romana II: Escape from Babylon." Baylor Bookstore

8 p.m. — William Clark Green performs. The Backyard Bar Stage & Grill. General admission tickets \$15 before event. Purchase at stubwire.com. Tickets are \$20 the day of the show

>> Saturday

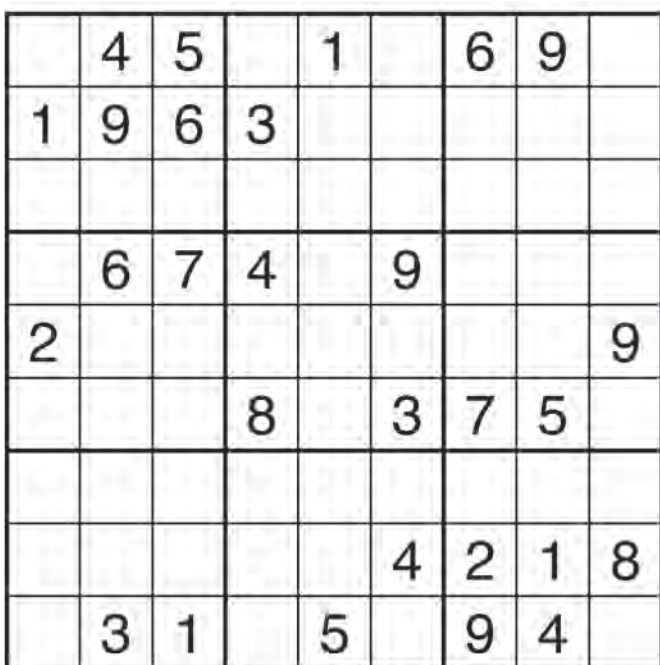
8 a.m. - noon — 11th annual Central Texas Turkey Trot. 5K and 10K run with prizes. Raise money for Waco ISD The Cove. For sign-up and donation information, visit Central Texas Turkey Trot's Facebook page

11 a.m. — Baylor Football vs. Kansas State. McLane Stadium

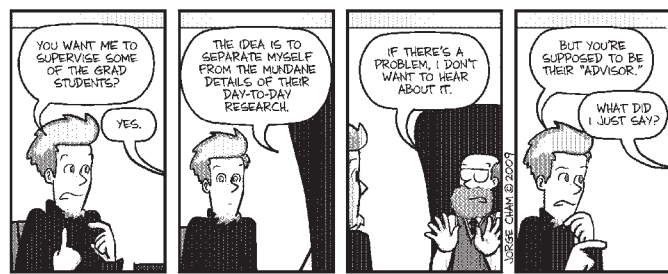
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. — Stanton Studios presents Create Your Own Glass Ornament. Stanton Studios. Ornaments are \$35

>> Monday

7:30 p.m. — Baylor School of Music's Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble perform as part of Baylor's Lyceum Series. Jones Concert Hall. Free



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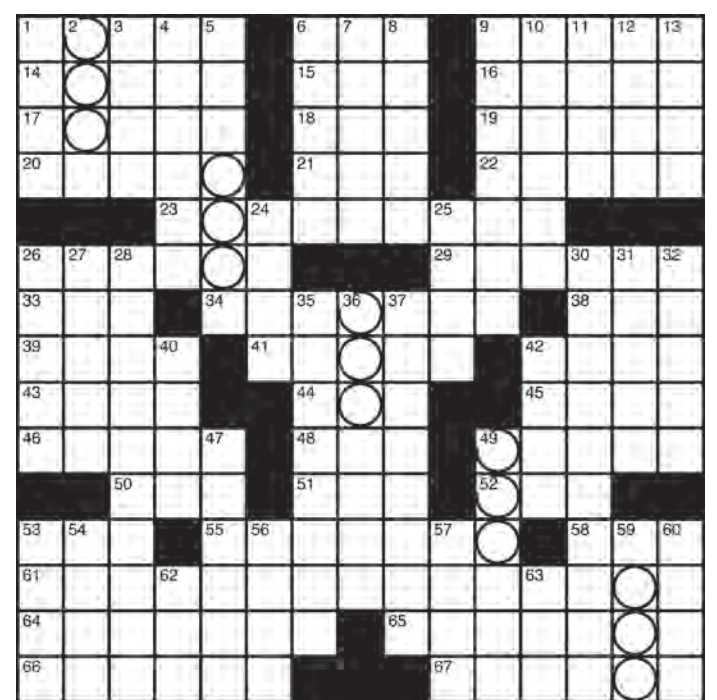
Today's Puzzles

Across

- Touch off
- Electrical unit
- What wind ensembles usually tune to
- Actress Anouk whose last name means "beloved"
- Place for grazing
- Appreciative cry
- Travelocity ad figure
- "Hotel du ___": Anita Brookner novel
- Still
- Fabulous writer?
- Roth ___
- Washer function
- Production capacity review
- Refused
- Very deep places
- Shore soarer
- Bellyachers
- Excessively
- Work (on), as 9-Down
- "___ Romance": Jerome Kern song
- TV princess
- Radamès' love
- Cover letter letters
- Far from bold
- Pentax competitor
- Cholesterol initials
- Hides
- "U slay me!"
- Chorus syllable
- Travelers' bus.
- Teddy's Mount Rushmore neighbor
- Kitchen appliance
- Inflation fig.
- Office fasteners
- Like battleships
- Get by the sentry
- Looked inside, in a way
- Show the ropes

Down

- It's a long story
- Flooring wood



- "The Cookie Never Crumbles" co-author Wally
- Alter the shape of
- Custody
- Kukla cohort
- With 36-Down, what you can't do regarding this puzzle's circled letters
- Portuguese territory until 1999
- Pitmaster's offering
- Like dessert wines
- "... this skull has ___ in the earth ...": Hamlet
- Urban rtes.
- Membership drive gift
- "The Thin Man" role
- Have what it takes
- "The Goldbergs" actor George
- Links legend, familiarly
- Conflicted
- Classic golf shoe feature
- "Haystacks" series painter
- Overcharges
- "That really depressed me"
- See 7-Down ... or, with "a," what you can see in this puzzle's circled letters
- Isolated communities
- City south of Fort Worth
- Magneto's enemies
- Sharer of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize
- One of a gripping tool pair
- Trojan War hero
- "Hamilton" role
- Mocked
- Puzzlemaker Rubik
- Go around
- Hall & Oates "Say It ___ So"
- Son
- My ___, Vietnam

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Baylor hosts Wildcats

Bears look to finish on top on Senior Day

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

Baylor football has one final opportunity to satisfy the home crowd this season, as it goes against the Kansas State Wildcats on Saturday at McLane Stadium.

"This game, we'll honor our seniors. A great group of 12 seniors will be honored," said acting head coach Jim Grobe. "We hope we have a great crowd Saturday. It's a wonderful group of guys that has persevered through a tough season so far. I'm really proud of these guys. They're very important to Baylor football for a long time."

One of those seniors will be quarterback Seth Russell. However, after sustaining a dislocated ankle in Saturday's loss to Oklahoma, he will not get to lead the Bears' offense one last time at McLane Stadium. Instead, Grobe and offensive coordinator Kendal Briles will now hand the keys to the offense to freshman quarterback Zach Smith.

"I feel great. I feel confident," Smith said. "Seth [Russell] has confidence in me going out there and leading the team, and I feel great, real excited, maybe a little nervous, but I feel that's a given. I'm just going to go out there and be a leader and try execute this offense."

Smith, in limited action this season, has been effective when his number has been called. In his six appearances in 2016, he is 16 for 35 for 272 yards and two touchdowns. He has also contributed one rushing touchdown this season. With positive results thus far, Grobe said he is confident in Smith's ability to lead the team going forward.

"I feel good about Zach. One thing I was impressed with Saturday was his maturity. When it was his turn to go, he didn't panic. He seemed really calm but focused, and I was impressed with the maturity he showed taking the field in a tough situation," Grobe said. "He's a smart quarterback, takes his role very seriously. He tries to do what the coaches tell him to do, which is fun. He's got a good arm. We'll find out how well he runs with the

football. He doesn't have the foot speed that Seth has, but he's a big guy, and he's very athletic. It's going to be fun for me to see."

Smith won't be asked to carry the burden of running the offense on his own. After missing last week's game to sort out "attitude issues," senior running back Shock Linwood is expected to return to the Baylor backfield this weekend. Grobe also says that, although extremely sore, freshman running back JaMychal Hasty will be ready to help with the rushing attack. The Bears are also trying to get sophomore running back Terence Williams healthy after suffering a knee injury against the Sooners. However, Grobe gave no indication on whether or not he would be available.

What lies ahead on Saturday for the Bears in Kansas State is vastly different than anything else they have seen this season in conference play. The slower paced, clock-eating style of offense that the Wildcats like to run will force the Bears to have to get stops on third down, as well as apply pressure on the offense to score when they have the opportunity.

"They have a great running game, and they know how to use the clock really well," said senior linebacker Aiavion Edwards. "Just being able to manage that and stop those guys when we need it and allowing our offense to ball is going to be a huge deal."

Grobe, who has only coached against Kansas State head coach Bill Snyder once, has the utmost respect for him and understands how vital he has been to resurrecting the Wildcat football program. Having coached against him before and breaking down the film, Grobe understands the challenges that come with Snyder's schemes.

"I don't think there's anybody that will scheme you better than Bill Snyder will, and he's going to make you defend the field, and he's going to make different people have to support the run. The quarterback is their leading rusher. He's a guy who can really hurt you, and he throws the ball well. It's not like he's



Associated Press

BLOCKING AWAY Former Baylor wide receiver Corey Coleman is shoved out of bounds by Kansas State defensive back Sean Newlan during the first half of an NCAA college football game on Nov. 5, 2015, in Manhattan, Kan. The Bears won in overtime 31-24.

just a runner. That's their bread and butter. They've got some running backs that are really talented," Grobe said. "They're going to eat some clock time and not give you as many offensive possessions that you normally get, so when you're offense, you better take advantage because you're not going to get as many. They're a real challenge. Different from a lot of teams we played so far where you worry about giving up big plays in the pass game, but you can give up big plays in the run game against Kansas State."

The Wildcats rely heavily on both the arm and the legs of junior quarterback Jesse Ertz. He leads the team with 630 yards rushing and nine touchdowns. Ertz has also been quietly effective in the passing game this season. He has thrown for 1,165 yards and seven touchdowns.

"They can throw some tricks at you. They've always had an interesting offense," said senior cornerback Ryan Reid. "We just have to lock in and stick with the game plan."

Ertz will be joined in the backfield by senior running back Charles Jones and sophomore running back Justin Silmon. Jones has rushed for 509 yards and two touchdowns, while Silmon has contributed 255 yards and one touchdown for the Wildcats. Sophomore wide receiver Dominique Heath is Ertz's favorite target in the aerial attack. Heath leads the team

with 39 receptions for 406 yards and three touchdowns.

"It's definitely a run-first offense. It's going to be more power run, a lot of pulling guards," said junior defensive end K.J. Smith. "They run with their quarterbacks. They have three quarterbacks that they had to hand the ball to and trust with running the ball, so it's a lot different than most teams today."

After dropping three consecutive games and watching their dreams of a Big 12 championship and possibly a College Football Playoff berth disappear, Baylor needs a win to keep the momentum heading into its final two conference games against Texas Tech and West Virginia.

"It's a must-win game," Edwards said. "We've been in this little slump lately, and it's

something we have to get out of, and this is a game where we must get out and perform well and get a win."

Senior Day festivities will begin with the Bear Walk at 8:30 a.m., which will be followed by a pre-game honoring ceremony for the seniors at 10:45 a.m. Kickoff between the Bears and Wildcats is set for 11 a.m. The game will be aired on ESPN2.

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