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Wonderland Run benefits local schools

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Staff Writer

The Wonderland Run will take off for the first time this Saturday as a part of the Waco Wonderland extravaganza taking place this weekend.

"This is our first year doing this, so I'm excited to see how it turns out and how it goes," said Aaron Mize, director of development and community partnership with Communities in Schools of the Heart of Texas. "We're excited to see the turnout because there has been a lot of excitement already."

The organization had a race for the past two years in the spring, but the city of Waco didn't have a holiday-themed run, and Mize said the organization saw the opportunity to make this an annual event. Communities in Schools is working with the city of Waco to coordinate the run.

"I'm so excited about this run; it's a great way to get into the holiday spirit," said Basking Ridge, N.J., sophomore Rachel Creedon. "It's a great addition to this weekend's festivities."

The Wonderland Run features a one-mile walk, a 5K run and a 10K run. Both the running races will start at 8 a.m. Saturday at the corner of Austin Avenue and Third Street in front of City Hall. The runners will head toward Cameron Park then loop back to finish at the start line. Mize said the courses are USA Track and Field approved, meaning the distances have been certified for accuracy. Mize said the one-mile portion is a walk for people to get involved even if they don't want to run, and it starts at 9 a.m. Saturday. The walk will go down Austin Avenue and finish just in time for the parade that will also travel down Austin Avenue, starting at 10 a.m.

"We're excited and already looking forward to next year," Mize said. "We will learn from this kickoff year and hopefully make it better by getting more sponsors and more support."

The registration fees are \$45 for the 10K run, \$35 for the 5K run and \$20 for an individual one-mile entry or \$40 for a family of four. Packet pickup will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at 1001 Washington Ave. For those who cannot make it Friday evening, packets will be available for pickup starting at 7 a.m. Saturday. The race will take place no matter the weather. Those interested can register on the race website.

Mize said there will be Wonderland Run T-shirts for the first 300 people who register. People are also encouraged to dress in holiday-themed clothes and "bring out the holiday spirit." There will be medals for age-category winners.

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FIRST RESPONSE Ohio State University student Nicholas Flores reacts as police respond on Monday to an attack on campus in Columbus, Ohio.

In the Aftermath

Baylor police reiterate campus safety procedures

KALYN STORY
Staff Writer

A mass stabbing at Ohio State University Monday morning was the third violent attack at an American post-secondary institution in 2016, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Monday morning, an OSU student was shot dead by police after driving his car into several pedestrians on campus and then stabbing 11 people. The incident was originally reported as an active shooter situation by OSU's emergency alert system "Buckeye Alert." The Columbus campus was locked down during the incident, and classes were canceled for the rest of the day.

Baylor is involved in a national program out of Texas State University called ALERRT, Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training, in which officers are trained on how to respond to emergency situations, including an active shooter on campus or an event similar to what happened at OSU on Monday.

Baylor Police Chief Brad Wigtil called the program "state of the art" and "one of the



Associated Press

ALL CLEAR Ohio State students duck under police tape after a shelter-in-place notification was lifted following an attack Monday at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

best training programs available."

Wigtil said the Baylor Police Department does monthly training with its officers on how to handle active shooter situations. Once or twice a year, the department has simulation exercises using paintball-like devices for officers to practice engaging with

threats in real-life scenarios, Wigtil said.

"I'm familiar with a lot of other universities and their tactical training, and we are tip of the spear when it comes to preparing that response," Wigtil said.

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Students to apply for regent position



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

SEARCH A group of students learns about the role of a student regent at an interest meeting Tuesday evening at the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation.

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Staff Writer

Student government held an interest meeting for students looking to apply for the position of student regent for the 2017-18 school year on Tuesday evening at the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation.

The Baylor Board of Regents has two student regents, Charlotte, N.C., senior Daniel Thomas and Waco senior Emily Neel, both of whom serve as non-voting members of the board and are expected to attend four board meetings each year.

"Being a student regent is an extremely unique position that not all universities have," Neel said. "For Baylor to offer this to students and to have this communication between students and the board is extraordinary."

Student regents serve a one-year term and must be full-time undergraduate students at Baylor. They are required to have at least a 2.67 GPA to apply, as well as a committed Christian faith and a signed confidentiality agreement and conflict of interest disclosure. The Board

of Regents can select up to two student regents each year.

"You're a student leader serving Baylor in a lot of different ways," Thomas said. "People who end up getting selected are people who have a fairly good grasp of where the student body is. You need to be aware ... A lot of it is making sure I have an understanding of what's going on with the students."

Thomas said that aside from attending quarterly meetings, the time commitment each week averages about eight to 10 hours, which is spent meeting with administrators, serving on various student councils and preparing for meetings, among other tasks. The student regents also work alongside Port Barre, La., senior Lindsey Bacque, student body president, and Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life.

Neel and Thomas both said that one of the most important aspects of being a student regent is to recognize that the position is not to act as a lobbyist but rather as a bridge between students and the

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COLUMN

It's time to dump the 'R' word

MEGAN RULE
Staff Writer



If you want to know how not to be my friend, use the word "retarded." If you want to be my friend and if you want to have my respect, then don't use it. Don't use it as a joke, don't use it to make me mad and

please don't use it to refer to someone's disability.

The biggest piece of my heart belongs to my brother, a 16-year-old who sleeps until 1:30 p.m. on the weekends and who would eat a cheeseburger for every meal of the day if my mother allowed him. A 16-year-old whose favorite sport is baseball and who knows every lyric to every classic rock song on the radio, and that's not an exaggeration. A 16-year-old who has more love in his left pinky than I do in my whole body. A 16-year-old who has more passion and determination than anyone I've ever met. A 16-year-old with autism.

If it is disrespectful to define someone by their race or social status or economic background, then it is disrespectful to define someone by their disability. My brother is not defined by his autism. My brother is not slow or challenged, and he is most definitely not the "R" word. His disabilities and differences in learning do not by any means hinder his mental capabilities.

But some people still think it's ok to use that word, whether to define people or in other contexts. Some people think it's ok to call someone who doesn't make the right decisions the "R" word, and some people think it's ok to call their friends the "R" word when they're just joking around. Some people throw that word around as if it doesn't carry the painful power that it actually does hold.

The thing is, carelessly using such a derogatory word to describe people and things and actions is actually quite disrespectful. For so long, the "R" word was used broadly to demean those with and without disabilities, and now, using that word is taking people with disabilities and using that adjective to degrade others. When the "R" word is used as a derogatory term, people like my brother who are on the autism spectrum are told they are inferior.

I may not be the word police, but when it comes to my brother, I most certainly will sign myself up to be the moral police. And I am saying that morally that's not alright.

The "R" word is eight heavy letters, eight violent and destructive letters. It is a word that, upon hearing it, feels like daggers straight to my heart. My stomach drops, and I feel all the daily struggles my brother experiences on my back. If that's how I feel, I can only imagine what it must be like for him to live in a world where such a word is used as a common adjective.

So don't use the "R" word. There are a hundred other words you could use in any given situation. You could say "silly" or "nonsense" or "foolish." Don't define someone with a disability with the "R" word. Don't use such a weapon to break my brother or my neighbor or anyone else. Words hold power — for good or for evil — so don't use them to taint what is beautiful and unique. Start making the world a little bit of a better place by refraining from allowing that monster to cross your lips. Plain and simple, do not use the "R" word.

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EDITORIAL

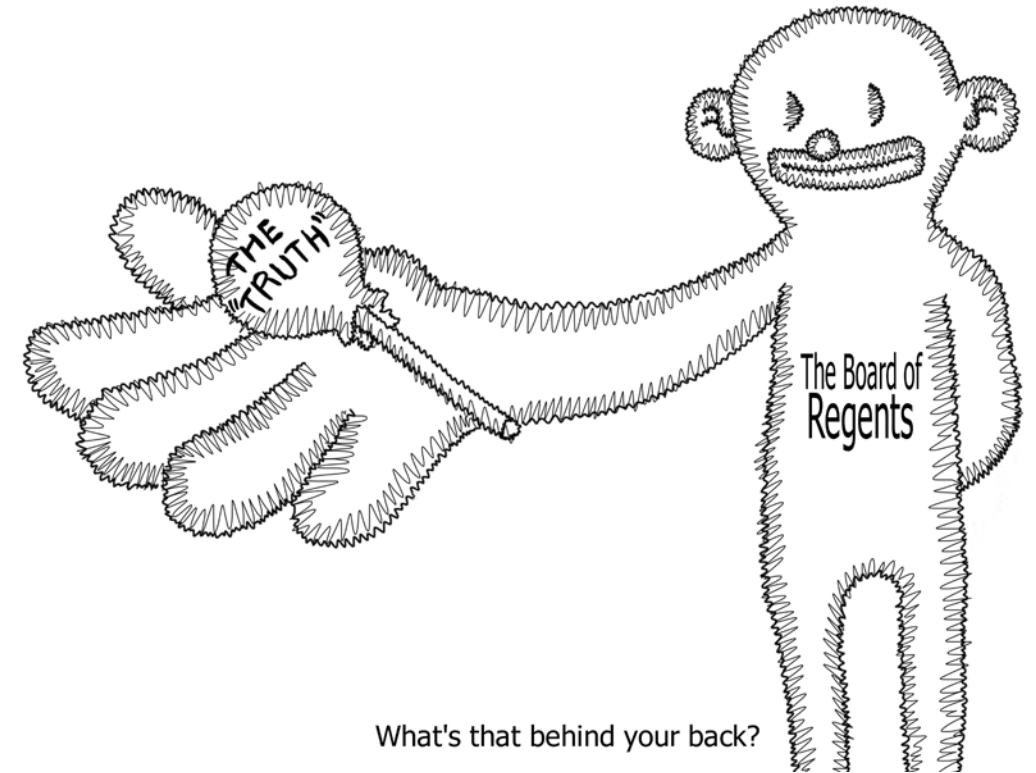
Dear Board of Regents

You recently announced that you will not be releasing past minutes from your quarterly meetings. Individuals such as John Eddie Williams, a Baylor donor and member of the Bears for Leadership Reform, have criticized this decision. Sure, you will release future minutes, but that's not enough. We join with alumni and former regents such as Drayton McLane to call for complete transparency.

For a governing body that has been under such national scrutiny for its lack of transparency, one would think this would be an opportunity to exonerate yourselves. There are sure to be some of you who are fighting for transparency from the inside — and we implore you to continue doing so — but when it comes down to the wire, it seems to be difficult for the group as a whole to deliver. Notable examples of a lack of transparency are the details of the Pepper Hamilton report and the non-disclosure of former head football coach Art Briles' knowledge of sexual assault cases.

To your credit, as the Baylor community and other interested parties have pressed you for more information, you have recently conceded, announcing that you cannot release the findings of the Pepper Hamilton report because the report was given orally and finally giving details about Briles' knowledge of sexual assault cases. And sure, you did recently create "The Truth" site, renamed "The Facts." Through this site, you have revealed more information regarding the scandal than the span of the Pepper Hamilton investigation and the months that followed, combined.

Yet while the site has been an effective medium to inform the public of the sexual assault scandal, there still seems to be places where pertinent questions are dodged. For example, in a Q&A recently posted on the site, one of



What's that behind your back?

Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

the questions asks why it took administration so long to release information from the Pepper Hamilton report. But the response simply acknowledges that people were upset and doesn't address the question.

Part of the response said, "The longer the University remained silent, the more others continued to tell our story. One-sided and misleading narratives began filling the void. These narratives promoted conspiracy theories and a fundamental misunderstanding of who Baylor is."

You have also frequently referenced the need to maintain privacy for victims of sexual assault, yet news organizations across the country have revealed more information than we have ever gotten from you — all the while keeping the identity of the victims anonymous. There's a difference between privacy and secrecy. Seeing that Baylor is the

source of the scandal, it should be the first to release information — not news organizations.

As you said in the Q&A, narratives are forming that are contrary to the true identity of Baylor. You have already admitted your share of the blame and a need for transparency. In the same Q&A posted on the site, you said, "But there is no doubt that, as the Pepper Hamilton investigation makes clear, everyone in a Baylor leadership role shares responsibility for the way Baylor mishandled reports of sexual violence and support for victims. For that, the Regents acknowledged their fair share of blame."

Since you have acknowledged this, use this time as an opportunity to release past minutes in order to speak against those false narratives. Acknowledging the failure doesn't go very far if your actions don't back up your words.

Many of you hold positions of

leadership outside of Baylor. You are CEOs and business owners. Just as you would listen to your business clients if they complained of issues with your product, shouldn't you do the same for your Baylor family? Let us be more clear, dear board: We are unhappy with your product. The Baylor family has asked for transparency, but we have to wait for other organizations to break the news for us. We want better.

The truth of the matter is, many Baylor students, faculty and alumni are still proud of their university — just as many of you are still proud, as well. Because we are deeply invested in Baylor, it hurts that much more to watch our leadership continue to ignore our pleas. Because we desire for Baylor to succeed, we continue to ask for complete transparency. The sooner that happens, the quicker the healing process can begin for everyone.

COLUMN

'Picking' a guitar can be hard: Go Gibson

BEN WOOLLEY
Reporter



Without going into every spec and detail of guitars, I want to explain why Gibson is the best guitar out there. I can vouch for both acoustic and electric guitars because I have played my fair share of them throughout my 22 years.

First, let's talk acoustic. The Workhorse is its nickname. When you see

a Gibson J-45, after you get over the beauty, perfection and precision of the craft, you know that that guitar is the top of the line. Any country concert you go to, all the big names play a Gibson. Anybody who is anybody owns a J-45. I own a Gibson Hummingbird Pro which is almost the same, but it has a different size and playability and slightly different tone. While the J-45 looks extremely simple, the sound is extravagant and wonderful and really big for its size. It is the perfect acoustic guitar for anything you want to play.

Compared to its competitors, the J-45 is more expensive, but you definitely pay for what you get. Martin's D-28 doesn't have the same feel or sound. Taylor's 310 feels nice but just doesn't have the classic Gibson sound that has

been around since Hank Williams. I don't own a Martin, but I do own a Taylor, and my go-to guitar is always my Gibson.

Gibson is also seen by the general public as a prestigious company. You always know that when you purchase any kind of Gibson instrument, you are getting the best quality. What I love the most about my Gibson is the beauty of it. It is simply gorgeous. Not even to mention Gibson's J-200, which is a whole different animal. The detail is by far the best in the acoustic game. Gibsons are just on top of the game.

"...Gibsons will always hold their value. If anything, if treated right, Gibsons will appreciate in value."

When you go into the electric guitar world, the Gibson Les Paul is a monster of a guitar. Countless legends have played all different models of the Les Paul, and it is definitely one of the most respected instruments in the music world. Now, I will say I prefer an American-made Fender Telecaster over a Les Paul just because a

Telecaster has more of a country sound and that is my go-to genre to play. Having said that, the quality of the Les Paul is still unmatched. The playability can't be touched.

Martin was established in 1833, and the company set the standard for acoustic guitars. Every acoustic guitar made is modeled somewhat after the original Martin. But Gibson came along in 1902 and changed the game. If you have ever played a Martin and a Gibson side by side, I would be very surprised if you say you prefer the feel and sound of a Martin over a Gibson.

Because of the unmatched quality of a Gibson guitar, if taken care of, Gibsons will always hold their value. If anything, if treated right, Gibsons will appreciate in value. Especially if they are kept for decades.

When I am in class or at work, all I can think about is my Gibson acoustic just sitting at home by itself. The first thing I do when I get home every day is grab my guitar, and if I don't watch myself, I can lose hours of the day playing that thing.

If you are in the market for a new guitar, especially an acoustic, I would strongly advise biting the bullet of the expense and investing in a Gibson guitar. Whatever model, I can guarantee 100 percent that that you will be very pleased with your purchase. Everybody who sees your guitar will be very impressed as well.

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Thousands flee wildfires in Tennessee

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GATLINBURG, Tenn. — With flames dripping from tree branches like lava and the air filled with embers, thousands of people raced through a hell-like landscape as they fled from wildfires that killed three people and destroyed hundreds of homes and a resort in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Fanned by hurricane-force winds, the flames reached the doorstep of Dollywood, the theme park named after country music legend and local hero Dolly Parton. But the attraction was spared any significant damage.

The fires spread quickly on Monday night, when winds topping 87 mph whipped up the flames, catching residents and tourists in the Gatlinburg area by surprise. Police banged on front doors and told people to get out immediately. Some trekked 20 minutes to catch lifesaving rides on trolleys usually reserved for tours and wedding parties.

"There was fire everywhere. It was like we were in hell," said Linda Monholland, who was working at Park View Inn in Gatlinburg when she and five other people fled on foot. "Walking through hell, that's what it was. I can't believe it. I never want to see something like that again in my life, ever."

"Hell opened up," her co-worker Sissy

Stinnett said.

In all, more than 14,000 residents and tourists were forced to evacuate the tourist city in the mountains, where some hotspots persisted and a curfew was planned for Tuesday night.

No details on the deaths were immediately available. More than a dozen people were injured.

The winds calmed and rain fell on some of the fires early Tuesday, but officials were worried that fire could spread again by evening, with forecasts calling for winds up to 60 mph.

Gatlinburg Fire Chief Greg Miller said officials were still conducting search-and-rescue missions.

"We have not been able to get in all of the areas," Miller said. "We pray that we don't experience any more fatalities, but there are still areas that we are trying to get to" because of downed trees and power lines.

Photos of the Gatlinburg area showed scorched cars and buildings and soot-covered debris scattered across roads. A smoky haze hung in the air, obscuring picturesque fall views of the mountains awash in red, yellow and gold leaves.

Though wildfires have been burning for several weeks across the drought-stricken South, Monday marked the first time any homes and businesses were destroyed on a large scale.

The wildfires spread when winds blew trees onto power lines, sparking new fires and



Associated Press

UP IN FLAMES Smoke from wildfires rise above the mountains on Tuesday near Gatlinburg, Tenn. Thousands of people have fled wildfires that killed at least three people and destroyed hundreds of homes and a resort in the Great Smoky Mountains.

shooting embers over long distances. Hundreds of homes and other buildings, including a 16-story hotel, were damaged or destroyed.

Emergency officials ordered evacuations in downtown Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge and in other areas of Sevier County near the Great Smoky Mountains.

About 1,200 people took shelter at the Gatlinburg Community Center and the Rocky

Top Sports Park, an 80-acre sports facility-turned-shelter.

Tammy Dillon had just come home from work when police banged on her door around 9:30 p.m. Monday. She said she drove through a fiery scene to get to Rocky Top Sports World, where she spent the night in a car.

"We drove through flames, over hot embers in the road. It was awful," Dillon said.

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On the Baylor Police Department website, there is a training video available for students on how to behave during an active shooter situation. The video focuses on three principles: run out, hide out or take out.

Wigtil said the police department is working with Baylor Law School to produce a video for students. The video will present real-life scenarios and show what to do in a situation with an active shooter as well as what police will do in that situation. Wigtil said he hopes the video will be available to students in the spring.

Leigh Ann Moffett, director of emergency management in the department of public safety at Baylor, stressed the need for community involvement in communication during emergency situations.

"It is really important for our constituents to understand that there is a dual responsibility in these situations," Moffett said. "We have the police department who are doing all these drills, exercises and training, preparing to be able to respond to an incident, but there is also a

responsibility on the faculty, staff and students to be able to feel confident in knowing what their options are and what they should do should a situation arise."

Moffett said the main element of communication used in emergency situations is the Baylor Alert system.

Baylor utilizes text, email, Twitter, indoor notifications systems in close to 60 buildings on campus using speakers, and outdoor notification systems. Moffett said the indoor and outdoor systems are tested monthly. Other platforms available for use during emergency situations include Baylor's website, the faculty staff page and the student page.

In reference to an incident on Oct. 5 in which some Baylor students received a text alert meant for students at another institution, Moffett discussed ways to tell if an alert is really from Baylor. She said Baylor always starts its messages with "Baylor Alert!," and the alerts are also available at Baylor.edu/emergency. Emails containing alerts will come from Baylor@getrave.com.

On Oct. 6, there was an incident involving an off-campus shooting in which Baylor Alerts were used. Moffett said the following morning, about 20 staff members came together and talked through the events of the day and looked at what went well and where there needs to be improvement.

"We are actively engaged in obtaining current information and looking at how we can continue to improve the practices we do have in place," Moffett said. "We collectively felt that our messaging and informing the community went very well and we were able to get the alert out efficiently. We were very pleased with the communication and how it went."

Wigtil said he uses research from police chiefs from different universities, and one of his biggest takeaways is the importance of community awareness and involvement. He urges the Baylor community to always follow the "see something, say something" rule.

"The majority of these active shooter situations, there were

incidents before the actual event where either friends, family, professors or someone saw things that were very disconcerting," Wigtil said. "One message I like to give to our community is, please call us if you are aware of anything."

Wigtil said there are two mechanisms in place for police to look at reports of suspicious activity. There is a Students of Concern Committee, and if it rises to a much higher level of concern, the Threat Assessment Group was set up in the past year for police to look at situations and assess and develop a plan to address those concerns.

"It all starts from getting information from the community," Wigtil said. "We need people willing to step up and get involved and be that caring community. If you let the police know, all the police are going to do is try to get that person the help that they need."

In addition to utilizing information given by the FBI and Homeland Security about campus violence, Wigtil said the police department is in communication with universities

that have experienced emergency situations firsthand.

Wigtil said members of the police department went to Virginia Tech this year and asked about the shooting on their campus in 2007. Wigtil said they gained useful information from their experience. Wigtil also said that he spoke with the police chief at the University of Texas at Austin following a shooting in a library in 2010.

"Response is critical, and communication is critical," Wigtil said. "You want a tactical response. Get there as quick as you can; take out the threat; eliminate the threat."

Wigtil said he is very pleased with Baylor Police Department's response time.

"Our police can get to a situation very fast," Wigtil said. "It is amazing, our response time. We are covering 700-800 acres max versus square miles. When you think of the density of officers we have on 700-800 acres, it is amazing how quickly we can get to a situation anywhere on campus."

Finding Home



Dayday Wynn | Lariat Photographer

PLANNING AHEAD Alecia Weithers, representing Park Place apartments in Waco, shares information about the property with students during the Housing Fair held Tuesday afternoon at the Barfield Drawing Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

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Texas serves about 3,500 students in the greater Waco area every year by providing a community of support and empowering students to stay in school. Mize said the proceeds will go to sustainability for the organization, which is important for the nonprofits to stay in the community and

continue doing the work they do. Proceeds will also go to immediate needs for students such as school supplies, health and wellness necessities and clothing for uniforms. This race will also support the case management that the organization does, as staff are involved in school life and on-

campus work.

Mize said that all this work done by Communities in Schools of the Heart of Texas helps students get the support that they need and helps them get caught up if they need to focus on staying on top of school work.

"It's going to be fun, and

people seem to be excited to have a holiday-themed run take place downtown. It's something to continue and have more people involved," Mize said. "A big part of it, too, is getting the word out and exposing people to what we do and spreading our message."

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board.

"You're not coming in with your own agenda," Neel said. "You don't have it all figured out, and you need to always be able to take in new information on where you're at and where you need to go. You're part of a team."

Some of the topics the student regents had to deal with this year are diversity, Title IX issues, enrollment management and scholarships.

For Huxley, Iowa, sophomore Austin Allaire, the idea of being able to represent the student body's perspective on a larger scale was what drew him to apply for the position of student regent.

"I've gotten to know some of the students who are currently serving as regents and those who have already served, so I was really interested in the voice that they've been able to have as Baylor's been moving through various seasons and challenges," Allaire said.

Even though she has been

given the opportunity to express the opinions of the student body, Neel believes that it is imperative for future student regents to remember that they are speaking for all students, not just for their own interests.

"You are one of 16,000 students," Neel said. "You have to have an open mind no matter what school you came from or what other organizations you're in ... You represent more than that. You need to put aside those things that you're anchored to and think about the 16,000 people you represent."

Applications can be found on Baylor student government's website, as well as in the student government office and in Jackson's office. All applications are due by 5 p.m. Jan. 13 in Jackson's office, and must include two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a Baylor faculty member, as well as a copy of the student's resume and unofficial transcript.

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Concert kicks off holidays

SETH JONES
Reporter

The Baylor School of Music will do its part to kick off the holiday season this week with its Christmas concert, "A Baylor Christmas." The concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday in Jones Concert Hall.

Over 450 students will perform Christmas songs during the concert. Performers include the various choirs on Baylor's campus, such as Bella Voce, the a cappella choir, the men's and women's choirs and the concert choir, as well as an orchestra composed of 80 students.

Stephen Heyde, the director of orchestral activities at Baylor, will conduct the Baylor Symphony Orchestra for the concert. He said the students have done a great job preparing for the production.

"I'm extremely proud of the students. They work very, very hard and really with a wonderful spirit," Heyde said. "This is the university's orchestra, and it's really ... emblematic of the recruiting and the spectacular teaching that the instrumental faculty do here at Baylor."

Heyde is satisfied with Baylor putting on a show in the name of Christ and giving people a way to celebrate that stays true to what Christmas is really about.

"From a more Christian perspective, it's the greatest occasion, the birth of Christ. It needs to be



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

CHRISTMAS TUNES Baylor School of Music kicks off the holiday season with "A Baylor Christmas," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday in Jones Concert Hall. The sold out concert will encompass holiday songs and get attendees in a Christmas mood.

celebrated with great enthusiasm and with great excellence," Heyde said. "People want to celebrate Christmas music, and they especially value when it's done as well as we can do it here in the School of Music."

Stephen Gusukuma, a lecturer in choral music at Baylor, will conduct the women's choir for the concert and has been involved in the process of getting the choirs ready.

Tickets for the event went on sale in early November, and Gusukuma said the tickets for both nights sold out in 15 minutes.

"[The concert] is a great way to kind of usher in the Christmas season," Gusukuma said. "I think for [the students] ... it really makes the Christmas season. It is so much fun for students to collaborate with each other. Everyone kind of lobbies to play this concert because it's so fun to play."

Although there are no tickets available for purchase, people will still be able to see the event on television later this month. According to the event program, multiple local television stations around Waco and

College Station will be airing the concert on Dec. 20, Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

For those who were unable to purchase tickets this year, Gusukuma encouraged the Baylor community to look forward to the production next year, or at least watch it once while at Baylor.

"If you haven't had the opportunity to experience what this concert is, then I would say make it a priority to ... attend or take part in one of these concerts," Gusukuma said.

This week in Waco:

>> Today

6:30 p.m. — Student Financial Foundations hosts Crafty Christmas. Enjoy crafting, hot chocolate, cookies and free giveaways. North Russell Hall lobby. Free

8 p.m. — Open mic night at Common Grounds. Free

>> Thursday

4:30 p.m. — Christmas at the Mayborn. Baylor students and museum members can enjoy free Christmas cookies, a nativity themed photo-op, a visit from Santa and the ability to make your own holiday decorations and more. Mayborn Museum Complex. Free

5:30 p.m. — Men for Change meets to discuss ideas of spirituality and masculinity in a safe space. Bobo Spiritual Life Center

6 p.m. — Christmas on Fifth Street. Enjoy a variety of activities such as a petting zoo, pictures with Santa and a Christmas tree lighting. Burleson Quadrangle and the Christmas Marketplace on the third floor of the Bill Daniel Student Center. More information available at baylor.edu/christmason5th

Heritage Creamery releases festive sweets

LINDSEY MCLEMORE
Reporter

Gingerbread, apple chai, peppermint and eggnog are all flavors that give me a warm, fuzzy feeling, so I was a little skeptical about trying these flavors from Heritage Creamery in ice cream form. But Heritage Creamery's holiday ice creams are the perfect winter flavors.

Gingerbread Spice was a bit surprising — not because I didn't like it, but because I'd never quite tasted something like it before.

The texture was different from most other ice creams. I felt the same powdery spice as when I bite into a

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gingerbread cookie I've just dipped in milk. Once I had a better understanding of what I was eating, I was able to really enjoy and appreciate the flavor.

Peppermint Bark was by far the boldest flavor. There is no mistaking the fresh peppermint, but the most interesting ingredient was the beet jelly (that's right, I said beets) used to add the red color, because nothing at Heritage is artificial.

I've never enjoyed mint and chocolate together, but the subtle, dark chocolate shavings mixed in actually made for a delightful overall flavor.



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

SWEET TOOTH Heritage Creamery has released tasty ice cream flavors, including Spiced Apple Chai, Gingerbread Spice and Peppermint Bark.

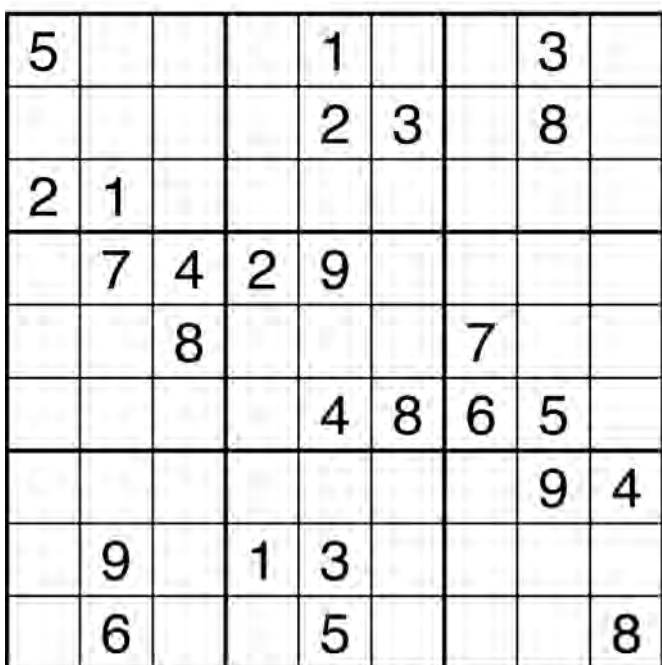
The Spiced Apple Chai Bark wasn't the best idea. I had the lightest flavor; tasting it right after the Peppermint

my palette, but after I did, the Spiced Apple Chai quickly became my favorite holiday flavor.

I practically expected to find pieces of piecrust because this flavor tasted just like the last bits of ice cream after finishing a slice of apple pie.

All in all, Heritage Creamery's holiday flavors were really nice, and I think they have a holiday flavor suitable for every palette.

Heritage Creamery will be releasing its final holiday flavor, Eggnog, in a couple of days, and I expect it will be a delightfully cool flavor, perfect for some of the not-so-cool winter days sure to come.

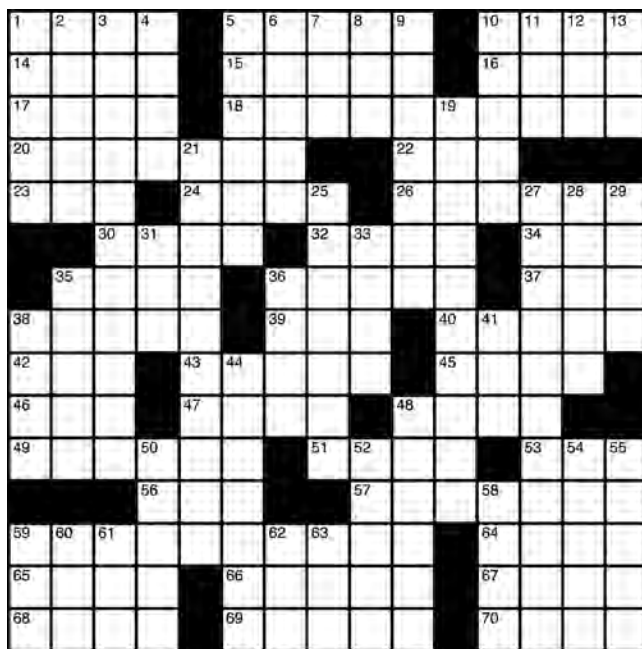


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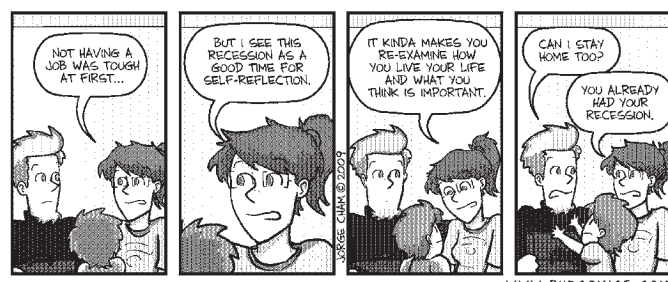
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- 1 Energizes, with "up"
- 5 Onetime TWA rival
- 10 Lucy's co-star
- 14 "Star Wars" princess
- 15 Bakery draw
- 16 "That's so true!"
- 17 Misfortunes
- 18 Las Vegas loser's complaint
- 20 ["Get off the stage!"]
- 22 Word with dog, horse or lion
- 23 Bank acct. posting
- 24 Critter "in the headlights"
- 26 Worked hard
- 30 Spoken
- 32 Make on the job
- 34 Explosive emotion
- 35 Eight, en español
- 36 Like some committees
- 37 Martini ingredient
- 38 Jack of nursery rhymes
- 39 "Give ___ chance!"
- 40 Grate residue
- 42 Chinese-born architect I.M. ___
- 43 Techie's hangout
- 45 "Doggone it!"
- 46 Dada pioneer Jean
- 47 Speak hoarsely
- 48 Landmark on Missouri's state quarter
- 49 Georgia, but not Florida
- 51 Vatican City currency
- 53 Uncanny claim
- 56 Crime syndicate leader
- 57 What a judge may do during an arraignment
- 59 Grecian Formula competitor
- 64 Invention beginning
- 65 Roughly 30% of Earth's land area
- 66 Fall zodiac sign
- 67 Denim pioneer Strauss
- 68 Chimed
- 69 "No bid," in bridge
- 70 Perfect spot



Down

- 1 "I was home alone" isn't a very strong one
- 2 Breakfast fruit
- 3 "Screenwriter's work for the first episode
- 4 Merit badge holder
- 5 Analyzed, as a sentence
- 6 Got out of bed
- 7 "___ again!"
- 8 Invoice no.
- 9 Leader with a baton
- 10 ___ Lama
- 11 Big bird from Down Under
- 12 "Hold on a ___!"
- 13 Pentel filler
- 19 *Orange Crayola color
- 21 *Simple-to-use
- 25 *Symbol of bureaucracy
- 27 Dizzy ... and a hint to the starts of the answers to starred clues
- 28 Great Lakes natives
- 29 Lairs of lions
- 31 "Of course!"
- 33 Ill-fated whale chaser
- 35 Rossini creation
- 36 Is home sick
- 38 Stretch across
- 41 Cul-de-___
- 44 Tubular Italian pastries
- 48 Concert milieus
- 50 Suitcase tie-on
- 52 App downloaders
- 54 Kitchen strainer
- 55 Opposite of everything, in bagel-dom
- 58 Rancor
- 59 Jelly holder
- 60 Land "across the pond" from the U.K.
- 61 Gluttony, e.g.
- 62 Tear (into)
- 63 Exec's degree

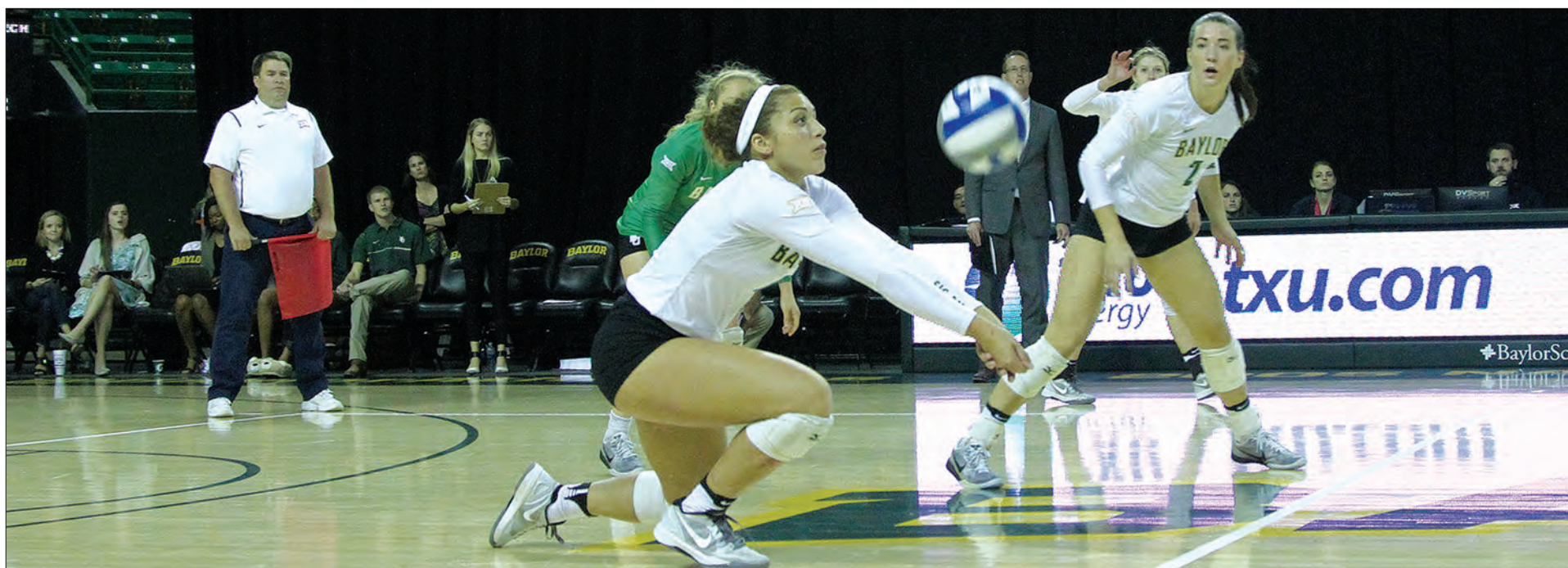


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DIGGING DEEP Sophomore outside hitter Aniah Philo saves the ball against Texas Tech on Sept. 28 at the Ferrell Center. The Bears won the match in three sets, 25-17, 26-24, 25-19. The Bears look forward to the NCAA Tournament at 7:30 p.m. Friday against the University of San Diego.

Volleyball earns NCAA berth

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

Although Baylor volleyball dropped a tough five-setter on Saturday to the No. 4-ranked Kansas Jayhawks, there was much to celebrate Sunday night as Baylor made the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2011. The Bears were rewarded for their hard work, where they finished 21-11, 9-7 in the Big 12 conference.

"I'm really excited," said head coach Ryan McGuyre. "This team has been so special, so fun to be around. Some years, it's just about wins and competition. This year, it's about just extending the season because we've got a great group of girls. It's just fun. We don't want it to end."

Despite being one of the most successful teams in the program's history, the Bears will not get the luxury of playing close to home. They will match up with the University of San Diego and play in the Los Angeles regional hosted by the 10th-seeded UCLA Bruins.

"[San Diego is] a very good team. They've had a great year. What makes competition and postseason fun is that everybody has been winning, so they know how to finish off sets. It kind of gives you that from the first serve all the way to the ball hitting the floor," McGuyre said. "Everything really counts, and that's what we've had to do just to win some matches this year. Now, we're playing teams with that similar type of charisma, so now it's about executing and keep believing."

The University of San Diego enters the match with a 24-5 record. However, three of those losses came to teams who earned national seeds in the tournament. Those teams are No. 3 Wisconsin, No. 2 Minnesota and No. 13 Brigham Young University.

The only common opponent between the two schools is UC Santa Barbara, a team that swept Baylor in September but was swept by San Diego in turn.

San Diego enters the match with an attack percentage of 27.3 and out attacks its opponents by an average

of 15 to 11 per set. Redshirt senior middle blocker Lisa Kramer is the primary focus of the Torero attack. She averages nearly four and a half kills per set and leads the team with 362 total kills. Senior middle blocker Lauren Schad, redshirt junior middle blocker Kaity Edwards and sophomore outside hitter Lauren Fuller have all recorded more than 200 kills this season as well.

The Toreros enter the NCAA Tournament for the 20th time and for the seventh consecutive season. This is not the case for Baylor, as this will be the first trip for any of the players on Baylor's roster, including senior setter Morgan Reed.

"Being here for four years, I haven't had this feeling before. I'm so thrilled. Being a senior is just bittersweet," Reed said. "This is the first time in four years that we've been called out. It's just so exciting to have this opportunity to be in the tournament. All these girls mean so much to me. They're family, and they mean the world to me."

McGuyre said he will look to his

leaders, Reed, redshirt junior Katie Staiger and his top defensive leader, junior libero Jana Brusek, to step up for the Bears to make the big plays.

Staiger, who was just named the Big 12's Offensive Player of the Year, leads the Bears with 612 kills and is ready for volleyball's biggest stage.

"I'm so proud, I can't even put it into words," Staiger said. "No one has ever made any excuses. We've just shown up every day and worked hard. We're starting to see it pay off. It's so exciting."

Regardless of the outcome, McGuyre said he is incredibly impressed with the team, the goals they have accomplished and the ones that can still be reached by producing a strong run in the NCAA tournament.

"I'm proud for these girls. I really wanted it to be the greatest volleyball experience ever for these girls here, and for them to have the opportunity to do some things that will never be repeated," McGuyre said. "But also, just to know the investment and the work that they have put in is paying

off, to get the reward of being able to travel and keep extending the season. I'm proud of them because they don't quit. Win or lose, whatever's going on, they've been very resilient this year. And looking forward to putting it all together for a great run."

Baylor wasn't the only Big 12 school that heard its name called Sunday evening. Texas Christian University, Iowa State, Kansas State, Texas and Kansas all received an invitation into the field of 64. Texas received the fourth overall national seed and will take on University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. Kansas received the fifth seed and will host Samford, and Kansas State Wildcats received the 14th seed and will face Lipscomb.

Baylor has not won an NCAA tournament game since 2009 and enters with a 5-10 record against teams in this year's field. The match with San Diego will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Los Angeles. The winner will take on the winner of the nightcap between UCLA and Murray State.

Bears look to stay unbeaten

JORDAN SMITH
Sports Writer

The No. 9-ranked Baylor men's basketball team looks to stay strong coming off of an impressive run at the Battle 4 Atlantis tournament as they take on the Sam Houston State University Bearkats at 8 p.m. today at the Ferrell Center.

"This is the 10th straight year that we have been ranked at some point. I think that's a great tribute to the players that we've had and what they have been able to do," said head coach Scott Drew. "I think there's been years where we've been in the top 10 and the year didn't finish out wanted to, and there are years we weren't ranked as high and we ended up going to Elite 8's and Sweet 16 and whatnot. We understand right now we are off to a good start, but we have a lot of goals and a lot of things left that we want to accomplish and achieve."

Drew is 1-0 all-time as a Baylor head

basketball coach going against the Bearkats. Drew understands that while his team has been getting some great recognition, there is still a lot of work left to be done.

"It's great that our guys have been recognized for what they have been able to accomplish against outstanding programs, but we are really excited about the future of what we have the ability to accomplish this year," Drew said.

Baylor leads the all-time series between the two teams, 7-3 and a record at home of 5-3 during the series. The last time these two teams played was on March 18, 2010, in the NCAA March Madness tournament when Baylor defeated the Bearkats 68-59 in New Orleans.

Senior guard Ishmail Wainwright will be playing against Sam Houston State for the first time in his career at Baylor, and he said that this game will be no walk in the park for them.

"We know a lot about them. We have a great coaching staff that breaks down a lot of film. They do have a lot of depth. Great point

guards, great bigs. They're not as tall as us, but they play big," Wainwright said. "They're a great team and especially to not be ranked, they are playing a ranked team now. I'm pretty sure they are going to play with a chip on their shoulder. They are going to bring their all, and we are going to do the same."

Sam Houston State is 4-2 on the season and is coming off of a win against Idaho, 69-62, in Huntsville. The last time the Bearkats defeated the Baylor Bears was in 1999 when the Bearkats won 64-81 in Waco.

Sophomore guard Jake Lindsey said he likes the confidence of this young team with their 6-0 start to the season.

"I think it's very high. Being able to go out there and rely on your teammates and look at everyone on the floor and know that no one is a liability and that everyone has something to contribute," Lindsey said. "They bring it every day. That's a big part of what could make this team special this year."



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PERIPHERAL VISION Junior forward Al Freeman looks for an open teammate on Nov. 15 at the Ferrell Center against No. 4-ranked Oregon. The Bears won 74-67.

Former Baylor athletic director hired at Liberty

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LYNCHBURG, Va. – Ian McCaw, former athletic director at scandal-plagued Baylor, is the new athletic director at Liberty University.

The school made the announcement on its web site Monday. McCaw replaces Jeff Barber, who resigned abruptly on Nov. 18.

McCaw spent 13 years at Baylor, and the school won four national championships and 56 Big 12 championships on his watch.

He resigned in May after being sanctioned and placed on probation by the university when its athletic program became embroiled in a sexual assault scandal that led to

the dismissal of football coach Art Briles and the demotion and eventual departure of university President Ken Starr from the administration.

Baylor, which hired a law firm to conduct an investigation, said McCaw and Briles, among others, failed to report an alleged gang-rape in 2012 by five members of the football team against a female student-athlete to the university's judicial affairs office.

Just last week, two other women who reported being gang-raped by football players in 2012 reached settlements with the school, and Baylor's regents said 17 women have reported domestic violence or sexual assault involving 19 football players since 2011. The school also is facing

several federal lawsuits by women who say the university ignored or tried to suppress their allegations of sexual and physical assault.

Liberty made no mention in its announcement of McCaw's reason for leaving Baylor, but noted that he guided the athletic program to unprecedented success.

"Ian's success really speaks for itself," Liberty President Jerry Falwell said in the announcement. "You look at what Baylor was able to do during his tenure, it fits perfectly with where we see our sports programs going. This is an exciting time for us."

McCaw, who said elevating Liberty to Footbal Bowl Subdivision status "is very much at the forefront,"

is eager to get started.

"My vision for Liberty is to position it as a preeminent Christian athletic program in America and garner the same type of appeal among the Christian community as Notre Dame achieves among the Catholic community and BYU garners from the Mormons," McCaw said.

"Liberty to me represents a pinnacle of professional and personal opportunity where we're going to be able to develop champions for Christ, develop a world-class student athlete experience, and achieve victory with integrity. We certainly want Christian student athletes to grow up dreaming of competing for Liberty University."



Associated Press

ALL SMILES Ian McCaw celebrates with the Lady Bears after they earned the Big 12 title at the Ferrell Center on Feb. 29 against Texas.