Baylor students stress political involvement

A collection of political endorsement signs stand outside Brazos Meadows Baptist Church in Hewitt, an early voting day developments of Big 12 football. "2016 election as they do in the day-to-day developments of the campaign, it's that I can't get them to stop talking about it," political science professor Dave Bridge told the TCU 360. "Students have about as much interest to people to have this ability to vote. It's really important to be politically involved." Brittny Gambles, Palatuma, Calif. Junior "It take civic responsibility very seriously," Polvado said. "This is just one way for me to give back to the community and to take part in the democratic process." Polvado said by understanding people being disqualified by political polarization and the candidates themselves, but he encourages students to realize that so many voices have been made for people to have this ability to vote. "It's really important to be politically involved." Brittny Gambles, Palatuma, Calif. Junior "It's really important that we are presented with that people sometimes take for granted," Polvado said. "Not everyone runs elections like we do. Regardless of whether you are voting for one of the two major-party candidates, it is our responsibility as citizens to express our voice whether we agree with them or not. It is only democratic for us to take part in the election in some capacity whether it be voting or volunteering at the polls. Whatever that may look like to you, as students we need to participate." Polvado said. Brittny Gambles also believes student political involvement is important. She worked with Ted Cruz's campaign earlier this election season and is currently working to recruit Bill Thies to the House of Representatives. "It feels politics really fascinating," Gambles said. "It's really important to be politically involved. As we students are the future and sometimes don't realize that the policies that are happening now are going to affect our future. A lot of students tend to be kind of ignorant and don't realize how this is affecting them." Gambles stressed the importance of being politically involved. Baylor students stress political involvement

Holiday market serves Waco community

The annual Dale P. Jones Business Ethics Forums began on Tuesday evening at the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation with speeches by Bill Simon, former president and CEO of Wal-Mart, and Bert Mars, former general counsel for Walmart Stores, Inc. The forum will run from Nov. 8-11 and will include lectures from leaders in the business world, as well as student competitions. "Everything happens to you, and you end up in an unfair situation, the key to success is to keep your eyes on the next step," Mars said. "When you trip and fall, get back up, as long as you’ve done the right thing." Mars and Simon discussed how to react in the business world when accused with untrue allegations, using Mars’ own experiences from being sued by Bill Simons. According to the event website, these contests are designed to provide students with the ability to create ethical solutions and promote growth and leadership. "The forum helps you learn more about business and get out of a comfort zone," said Pearlman freshman Abigail Finger. "It’s compelling, gets people out of their comfort zones." The 11th annual Business Ethics Case Competition on Friday will consist of teams of undergraduate and graduate students presenting an ethics case and their management recommendations to the attendees. The winning team in each league will receive a $500 prize. Twelve teams of students from across the U.S. will contend in the 11th annual National M.B.A. Case Competition in Ethical Leadership on Nov. 10. The winning team will be awarded the grand prize of $50,000. Two business students at Baylor will have the opportunity to compete in the Ethics Slam Competition Through Thursday for a $500 prize to the Baylor Bulldogs. Simon gave students some parting advice on dealing with ethics and business as they move forward in their careers. “There’s no gray in ethics, and there’s no gray in business.” Simon said. “When you make a mistake, the author you can acknowledge it and correct it, the better off you are. And if you didn’t do anything wrong, stand up for yourself.”
It’s easy to let anger and rejection cloud our judgment of others...

This is what God calls us to do. For those who are wanting to spread Christ’s love but aren’t sure where to start, here’s a bit of food for thought. Mark 2:17 and “And when they came to him, they said, ‘Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar, or not to pay?’ And he told them, ‘Make your own judgment. If it is lawful to pay taxes to the king of the Jews, give tribute to the king of the Jews. If it is lawful not to pay, give tribute to the king of the Jews.’”

Jesus wasn’t described in the Bible as constantly being around with his friends. He was called to heal the sick, and he spent most of his time with people who weren’t his friends. He didn’t believe his disciples how to get right with God.
Evangelicals consider Trump candidacy

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Evangelicals, deeply divided over Donald Trump, are wrestling with what the tumultuous 2016 election will mean for their future.

His candidacy has put a harsh spotlight on the fractures among Christian conservatives, motivating the rift between old guard religious leaders who backed the GOP nominee as an ally of their movement, and comparatively younger leaders who backed Trump. Yet, those numbers are lower than the PRRI polls found nearly seven in 10 evangelicals backed Trump.

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Stocks fade as election nears

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NEW YORK — Stocks closed broadly lower on Tuesday, as nervous investors continued to monitor the race to the 2016 finish line. The market is turning out to be closer than previously expected.

Newspaper stocks fell as Gannett and Tronc, publisher of The Los Angeles Times, called off a merger and disgruntled Pitzer fell off as the company cut its full-year forecast.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 303.52 points, or 1.6 percent, to 18,077.10. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 14.43 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,111.72, and the Nasdaq composite lost 35.56 points, or 0.7 percent, to 5,135.51.

Increasingly, investors’ focus has been the presidential election, as polls between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump appear to have tightened following last week’s reveal that the FBI had opened a new investigation into Clinton’s private email server. The narrowing in the race has introduced a new element of uncertainty into financial markets, something that analysts say is likely to keep trading in check.

There were several signs of nervousness in the market. Gold prices rose and the Mexican peso, which has become a proxy for Trump’s chance to win, has been falling steadily against the dollar, a sign of nervousness in the market. Gold prices rose and the Mexican peso, which has become a proxy for Trump’s chance to win, has been falling steadily against the dollar, a sign of nervousness in the market.

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Earthquake hits Italy

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CASTELLUCCIO DI NORCIA, Italy — Some houses are collapsed and villages blanketed in dust and plants. Some are cracked open neatly, exposing living rooms frozen in time.

The central Italian mountain village of Castelluccio di Norcia, among the most heavily hit areas by the earthquake that is known for the beautiful lentil fields and its historic charm. Now it’s a ghost town.

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Spice Village gives back to community with Holiday Sparkle

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One magical day of the year, Spice Village opens up its doors after hours to give back to the Waco community and show appreciation to their customers. Holiday Sparkle is Spice’s biggest philanthropic event.

Holiday Sparkle is an evening full of festive vibes, games, prizes, food and drinks. Spice offers the first 100 customers goodie bags and provides games throughout the shops for a chance to win merchandise or discounts. Customers can also participate in a free raffle for a chance to see so many people coming out to support Spice.

For me, it’s just a feel-good thing to see that so many people want to participate and so many people want to come.” Jennifer Wilson | Owner of Spice Village

Some of Spice’s tenants also volunteer their expertise during Holiday Sparkle. Leben Ribs and Brittany Baker, owners of Gene Apparel within Spice, have participated every year to offer better customer service and provide their own games, prizes and discounts for their merchandise. The event also gives customers a chance to meet the store owners.

“One of the reasons I look forward to it each year, is that so many people want to participate and so many people want to come. We already have people calling right now wanting to know the date of it,” Wilson said.

This year, Holiday Sparkle will be Nov. 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. Spice Village is located at 213 Mason Ave.
Soccer ready for Big 12 tournament

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Baylor soccer will return to action 8 p.m. today for the first time since it dropped its final two matches of the regular season, falling to 11-6-1, 4-3-1 in Big 12 play. The Bears are hoping to make a strong statement for an NCAA tournament berth by making a deep run in the Big 12 tournament at Swope Soccer Village in Kansas City, Mo.

“We were pretty bummed the way the season ended. It’s never fun to end on a couple of losses,” sophomore midfielder Julie James said. “You can’t focus on that now. We can only focus on what’s ahead of us and move forward the best we can.”

The Big 12 tournament bridges the gap between the regular season and the NCAA women’s soccer tournament. While some teams look to build their resumes and solidify their spots in the field, others are playing just to receive an invitation to the NCAA women’s soccer tournament.

“You always talk about having two seasons. You have your regular season, and you have your postseason. You have your regular season, and you have your postseason. We look back and feel that we had a really good season. We didn’t end the way we wanted to, but if you look at it as a whole, it’s a really good season,” said head coach Paul Jobson.

“Eleven wins, finished third in the conference, a really good conference. I think it’s been a pretty good season. Going into postseason, it’s another opportunity, and because of that opportunity in front of us, there’s a little bit more fire in our bellies. We have to win to keep playing.”

Baylor’s regular season schedule ended a week earlier than most teams in the Big 12, which provided a rare week for the team to rest and refocus on fundamentals before heading into the conference tournament.

“We spent those days focused on ourselves, getting sharp and getting healthy,” Jobson said. “We haven’t known our opponent up until Friday, so we’ve been training Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday not knowing our opponent.”

The first opponent up for the third-seeded Bears will be the sixth-seeded Oklahoma State Cowboys. Baylor won the matchup during the regular season, a 2-1 overtime win in Stillwater, Okla. Junior midfielder Aline De Lima scored the winning goal for the Bears in the 96th minute.

Although Baylor has already defeated Oklahoma State this season, it expects to see a much improved, hungry team.

“As you go through the season, everyone is getting better. Our conference is so tough, and these games can go either way at any time,” Jobson said. “They’re a quality team with some great results too. It’s going to be quite a battle for sure.”

Elsewhere in the bracket, the regular season conference champ and No. 1 ranked team in the country, the West Virginia Mountaineers will take on the eighth-seeded Red Raiders of Texas Tech. The Red Raiders upset the Mountaineers, in a second round tournament game last year on their way to the Big 12 crown.

The fourth-seeded Oklahoma Sooners will take on the fifth-seeded Iowa State Cyclones. Oklahoma won the matchup during the regular season, 3-0 in Ames, Iowa.

The Sooners finished with the same conference record as Baylor but lost the head-to-head matchup at 2-1, giving the Bears the tiebreaker and the higher seed.

Completing the bracket and taking on the winner of Baylor and Oklahoma State is the second-seeded Kansas Jayhawks and the seventh-seeded Texas Christian University Horned Frogs. The Jayhawks won the previous matchup on Sept. 30.

Due to their record and their scoring differential, the Mountaineers will be the heavy favorites to win the Big 12 tournament, and rightfully so, as the Mountaineers won their fifth consecutive regular season Big 12 title. The Mountaineers were also undefeated in the conference defensively shutting out all seven of their conference foes.

Regardless of the opponent, Baylor is taking the mindset of one match at a time.

“We’re going in, and we’re going to take it one game at a time, and we’re going in there to win it,” James said. “That’s our mindset going in. We can’t focus too much on the past.”