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Police up patrols after robberies

KALYN STORY

Staff Writer

Baylor police have increased patrols and staffing since a robbery was reported on campus Saturday night, according to Lori Fogleman, vice president for Baylor media communications.

Baylor has alerted students to two robberies reported on or near campus in the past several

days. The first robbery occurred on campus in parking lot 51 around 11 p.m. on Saturday.

"The victim told police he was robbed by a male who displayed a handgun," an alert sent to students and staff via email on Sunday morning

The email also stated that the victim had entered his vehicle and was starting to back out of the parking space when a black "sports car" with tinted windows pulled in behind the

victim's car and blocked it from leaving. The passenger in the suspect's vehicle walked up to the victim's car, opened the car door and demanded money.

The email described the suspect as a black male, 30-35 years old, 6'1" and wearing allblack clothing, including a black hoodie.

"Baylor police are actively investigating the robbery that occurred on Saturday night, and they also are working diligently with Waco police on [Tuesday's] incident that occurred off campus," Fogleman said.

Around 10 p.m. on Tuesday, a victim called the Baylor Police Department to report a robbery that occurred off-campus in the 1700 block of S. Fifth Street, near 7th and James Baptist Church.

Baylor sent an email alert Tuesday night

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FRATERNITY Members of Baylor Phi Kappa raise money for their philanthropy iloveorphans at the Foam Sweet Foam event on Aug. 27, 2016 at the Minglewood Bowl.

Greek recruitment resumes

Students rush to receive bids in early January

RYLEE SEAVERS Staff Writer

Baylor students participated in formal recruitment for participation in Greek life in January. Sororities across campus gave bids to potential pledges on Sunday, while Baylor fraternities will hold recruitment events from Jan.

9 until Jan. 24. During the formal recruitment process, students participate in events from each fraternity or sorority in hopes of receiving a bid, which is an invitation to join a Greek organization at the end of the pledge process, according to the Baylor glossary of Greek terms.

After receiving a bid, students then become pledges, or members of a fraternity or sorority that have not been initiated, according to the Baylor glossary of Greek terms, and participate in activities until they are members. Pledge activities usually last for five weeks, according to the Greek life website.

"I would pledge again," said Grapevine junior Trent Bradley, head recruitment chair for Phi Kappa Chi "Joining [Phi Kappa Chi], I gained a hundred brothers that I can go to with

Greek organizations give students the opportunity to meet diverse people with similar interests, according to the Greek Life website.

New Orleans freshman Leigh Hickham pledged Delta Delta Delta and said she was encouraged by the

kindness of its members. "They were all so sweet and had a lot of the same morals that I [do]," Hickham said. "They really, genuinely cared about me."

For Baylor sororities, recruitment is a mutual process. Potential members select the events they would like to attend and sororities extend invitations to the women they choose, according to

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Board affirms confidence in **Pepper Hamilton** recommendations

KALYN STORY Staff Writer

Following some skepticism regarding the thoroughness of the Pepper Hamilton investigation coming from a wide range of sources, specifically the Bears for Leadership Reform group, the Baylor Board of Regents met in early December and voted against hiring another firm to review the investigation, which was conducted in regards to the sexual assault scandal in May 2016.

In October, the regents appointed a special committee to review the methodology, scope of work and findings of the Pepper Hamilton investigation, according to a press release posted on Baylor's "The Facts" page.

review found no reasonable grounds to question Pepper Hamilton's investigation or the board's decisions that were made in reliance on their report to us. Our conclusion was that the law firm had been complete, fair and accurate," said Jerry Clements, regent and member of the special committee, in a press release on "The Facts" page. "If anything, our second look at the law firm's investigation only strengthened the Board's conclusion that Pepper Hamilton did a thorough and professional job in fulfilling its agreed-upon scope of work."

Bears for Leadership Reform is a nonprofit group made up of various members of the Baylor community who "seek transparency, accountability and reform from Baylor leaders to restore integrity and ensure a brighter future," according to the "About" section of the group's Facebook page.

"It is disappointing but not surprising that the regents have announced their full confidence in the Pepper Hamilton report without releasing the full report to the public," said Bears for Leadership Reform spokeswoman Julie Hillrichs. "Bears for Leadership Reform will continue to call for additional transparency, accountability and reform from the Board of Regents. We do not believe they have reached that yet."

After committee's review analysis, Baylor's Facts" page reported that the board found no facts to support concerns raised and concluded that the Pepper Hamilton investigation was "comprehensive, unbiased and professional." According to "the Facts" page, the Board voted unanimously against engaging another firm to review the investigation.

"We aspire to place Baylor at the pinnacle of Title IX

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Ferrell Center now open for free parking

KALYN STORY Staff Writer

Baylor Parking Services opened the Ferrell Center Lot to all students with or without a parking permit this semester. In the fall semester, about 200 students purchased Ferrell Center Parking Passes for \$50, said Matt Penney, director of parking and transportation services.

Penney said he hopes students will take advantage of the 23,000 parking spaces in the Ferrell Lot.

"By opening the Ferrell Center Lot, our goal is to make parking for students less of a hassle," Penney said. "Even if a student goes to campus, is having trouble finding parking, they can just come back to the Ferrell Center and park immediately."

An express bus service runs from the Ferrell Center Lot to campus. It runs every 10 minutes and stops at Baylor Sciences Building, Foster Campus for Business and Innovation and Glennis McCrary Music Building. The bus runs from 7:25 a.m. to 5



PARKING Students are now able to park at the Ferrell Center for no charge, and can take an express bus to camps that stops at Baylor Sciences Building, Foster Campus for Business and Innovation and Glennis McCrary Music Building. There are 23,000 available parking spaces.

Penney said Parking Services is looking for feedback from students on where they would like the bus to stop and how often they would like the bus to run. He said Parking Services is considering doing a trial run on an eight minute schedule to speed up the bus route.

After 5 p.m., students without a permit may park on campus in any non-reserved parking spaces for students, faculty/staff and visitors, according to the Baylor Parking Services website.

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EDITORIAL

In 2017, go forth and conquer

New year, new me - That's what we always say, isn't it? When that Times Square ball drops each year, we all expect that suddenly our lives are magically going to change - that we'll lose the weight, meet the Dean's List requirements or get that job promotion we've been dreaming of.

Whatever your goal for the next year is, the beginning of a new year seems likes the perfect time to start. However, as soon as the first month goes by, we begin to lose sight of our goals, and all of a sudden we're right back where we started.

New Year's Eve is a good time to look at the goals we want to set, but it definitely takes more than just a single day to actually commit to your dreams and put them into action. Here's a few tips on how to make sure you're making the most of your New Year's resolutions all year 'round.

Identify your goals: One of the many reasons New Year's resolutions may fail is because the person is not quite clear on what he or she wants to achieve. Be specific, and try and map out how you are going to achieve those goals.

For instance, say I want to lose weight. Instead of leaving it hypothetical, I could go into detail - map out exactly how much weight I want to lose, how I plan to achieve that goal and what I will need to complete it. Making a list or a goal sheet is a great way to take a more concrete look at your New Year's dreams.

Set achievable goals: Accomplishing great tasks takes time and commitment, which is why it's important to only set goals that you will actually be able to achieve. Going from getting B's and C's to getting straight A's in just one semester is not impossible, but it is very difficult without completely changing your study habits and losing your social life.

A more achievable goal would be to get all B's this semester, or to find the class you consistently struggle in and improve that grade. Biting off more than you can chew is one of the many reasons New Year's resolutions go downhill quickly.

Don't lose sight of your goals: That first week of January starts off great, but by the third week you've all but forgotten about your life-changing fervor, right? This is the biggest reason people struggle to make it through the New Year with their resolutions. Finding an accountability buddy or writing reminders for yourself can combat this slump, but in the end, it really is up to you whether or not the changes you want to make happen.

Going into the New Year with a clean heart and mind and letting go of whatever happened in the year before that broke



your heart, your body or your bank account is the biggest step in your personal battle to greatness.

Forget what has happened last year — not making the 'A' in that class, getting dumped right before formal. Whatever is still weighing on you from 2016 needs to be erased.

It's a new year and a new battle, but don't make it a competition between you and your 2016 self; take it one day at a time, and acknowledge what you've done each day that makes you better than the day before. 2017 can be everybody's year, so go forth and conquer.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Setting our risk horizon

First, thank you for reading the Lariat. There is a group of 40 individuals who work into the early hours of the morning to tell good stories



- to tell your stories - and we greatly appreciate you taking the time to read

Last semester made me quite aware of the students face stresses daily. We develop tendencies to allow our perfectionism for school work to take precedence over what

we are passionate about. Our relationships become strained - be it due to school work, or maybe fallout from political disagreements. It becomes easy to disconnect from everyone else by plugging into our phones.

I get it — I'm in the middle of searching for a job after I graduate in just a few months, and I'm still wondering if my love for dogs, motorcycles and taking things apart will ever become a real profession. I'd rather block everyone out and focus on myself than take

But then I'm reminded of what the New York Times columnist David Brooks said in a Baylor visit last spring.

He told the crowd that these formative years of college will define those to come. That now is the time we set our own "risk horizon," or how far we are willing to work for what brings us joy. Maybe that means taking that lowerpaying job in a more exciting field or planning that trip you've been meaning to take.

You see, in the tumult of that semester stress we are all too familiar with, it's not time to call it quits. These are the days where we can set our risk horizons. And better yet, we can do it with real people and quality relationships, because it's in relationships where we find the meat of life. Where we experience that joy that shakes you to your core.

Because we do thrive through connection, I hope the Lariat serves as an outlet for others to connect with one another. This is a place where we report on events and people who matter to

Our news section strives to cover anything and everything dealing with Baylor. Whether the Ferrell Center parking is now free, or the University is bringing in more students than ever - we want to be the ones to tell you.

Our opinion section serves as not only the mouthpiece of the Lariat, but of the entire Baylor family. Remember you can send in letters to the editor at lariatletters@baylor.edu.

Our arts and life section serves as the hub for everything entertainment. Here, we feature our fellow Baylor Bears in the arts, theater and music departments, as well as inform you on all of the local Waco happenings.

The sports section will keep you updated with our nationally ranking athletics program, including play-by-play coverage with the Lariat radio, which you can stream live on our website.

These relevant, important stories are presented not only by our writers, but our broadcast reporters with Lariat TV News and our photographers.

All of these sections culminate into what we hope will be your go-to news organization this semester.

Note that we are a nationally ranked organization and are currently considered the fourth best daily college newspaper in the nation by the Associated Collegiate Press. We intend to continue this legacy, connect individuals with each other, and help make your time at Baylor that much better.

Best wishes, Gavin Pugh Editor-in-Chief

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BU graduate placement rates claw to new heights

MEGAN RULE

Staff Writer

For the fourth year in a row, Baylor set a record for undergraduate placement rates, the percentage of students who either have a job or are enrolled in a graduate school program within 90days of undergraduate graduation.

"The Office of Career and Professional Development has gone to great lengths to make students aware of the office, its location and its services," Marjorie Ellis, executive director of the Office of Career and Professional Development, wrote in an email to the Lariat. "The Office of Career and Professional Development also helps students locate internships including on and off campus, credit and non-credit, as well as intern preparation such as resume writing workshops and job interview coaching."

Almost nine out of 10 Baylor graduates are either finding a job or finding a graduate program within the 90 day period after graduation, which is more than ever before, according to BaylorProud. The rate in 2016 was 86.5 percent of graduates, which is a nearly 20 point increase from the rate four years ago, when the Pro Futuris vision launched. This vision was formed when university leaders set a goal of raising the placement rate to 90 percent. BaylorProud said that the university is on track to reach this goal.

"The Office of Institutional Research and Testing conducts a senior survey every semester at least two weeks prior to graduation and then again as a 90-day followup in order to capture this information," Ellis wrote in the e-mail.

Ellis said a successful placement is a student who has either accepted a position, is remaining in a currently held position, is considering offers, owns his or her own business, entered the military or was accepted to a graduate school. This data is important for students to pay attention to because it serves as a reference point to evaluate whether their job offer is competitive with other Baylor students who have accepted jobs recently.

The Baylor Career and Professional Development Center first helped me prepare for finding a job when I asked for consultation on choosing a major," said Anastasia Jaska, a 2016 Baylor alumna from Waco. "The Career Fairs gave me the opportunity to land interviews and job offers with leading companies. I ended up signing a job contract before graduation."

Ellis said the Office of Career and Professional Development provides opportunities for students to gain the necessary skills to effectively market their academic success. Some of the developmental opportunities provided include as many as five career fairs, the online career database HireABear, approximately 140 presentations to classes and students groups and career advisers conducting over 1,900 individual appointments and at least three career development classes,

"If students fully invest in their future by not only doing well in their coursework but taking advantage of the services provided by the Office of Career and Professional Development, they stand a greater chance of being successful after graduation," Ellis wrote in the e-mail.

Ellis said Baylor has made a decision to place a greater emphasis on career preparation for students as part of an effort to ensure that Baylor provided the best return on investment for students. This investment includes increasing the number of staff, adding resources to provide programs that encourage students. As of this spring, the Career and Professional Development center will occupy the entire west wing of the first floor of Sid Richardson Building in order to promote a better student experience.

The center was asked this year to lead student employment and create a developmental opportunity for students through the Federal Work Studies program and other student employment jobs on campus and in the community, Ellis said. In addition, Ellis said the the center plans to work directly with students to locate meaningful student employment experiences and to transfer those skills to a resume this summer.

BaylorProud said that with additional funds dedicated by Baylor to increase staff and resources in the Career and Professional Development center, students should be more encouraged to think about what steps they need to take in order to find a job after graduation through their work in and out of the classroom

"The transition from college to the real world was a huge learning curve, but the Baylor Business School prepared me for the everyday problems I have to solve in my job," Jaska said.

Ellis said that students should be sure to visit the Career and Professional Development website, connect on social media and stop by the office in the west wing of Paul L. Foster Success Center on the first floor in order to take advantage of the opportunities offered.





COOKIE SALES Proud Girl Scout Jaylynn Merell poses in her throne of Thin Mints sporting her "Come to the Dark Side" cookie T-shirt urging us all to hunt down Girl Scout sale locations.

Girl Scouts take over Waco

Central Texas scouts prepare for cookie sales

RYLEE SEAVERS

Staff Writer

Girl Scout cookie season is fast approaching in Central Texas. Cookies will be on sale throughout Waco from Wednesday to Feb. 26.

Cookies can be found at Dichotomy Coffee and Spirits, CVS pharmacy on Fifth Street and at all local Walmart stores. For additional locations around Waco, the "Girl Scout Cookie Finder" app is available for Android and Apple.

Dichotomy will also feature a limited edition espresso drink, flavored after Caramel deLites (Samoas), called the Centennial Delight. Local Girl Scouts have worked with Dichotomy to create the Centennial deLite, said Melissa Green, program and team mentor specialist for the Waco area. The beverage will be available for purchase during cookie season, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit local Girl Scout troops.

"Centennial deLite is the name they came up with. They also [came] up with the recipe: how much caramel, how much chocolate, how much coconut," said Cody Fergusson, chief coffee officer at Dichotomy.

The program to work with local Girl Scouts was started last year, Fergusson said. Girl Scouts visit Apex Coffee, Dichotomy's sister company, and learn about coffee roasting and distribution. The Centennial deLite is named to commemorate the 100th year of Girl Scout cookie sales.

Revenue from the sale of the cookies will also benefit programs for local Girl Scouts, according to the Girl Scouts of Central Texas website. Programs range from outdoor adventures to college planning to healthy eating, Green said.

Troop 7064 of Robinson will take a trip to Colorado that will include hiking, camping and whitewater rafting, said Betsy Klesse, the membership development executive. The trip will be

funded by last year's cookie sales.

"They use that money to help them throughout the year for travel, to get to camp in the summer... They have a wide variety of things they can do," Green said.

Some of the revenue from cookie sales helps Girl Scouts pay registration fees and purchase new uniforms. Green said. Aside from funding programs, cookie sales are also meant to cultivate a business-like attitude in young girls.

"It's to develop leadership skills," Klesse said.

Girl Scouts set their own goals, budget their own money and make decisions for their troop.

"They learn things that are going to help them throughout their life," Green

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WELLNESS Baylor students and faculty take advantage of the recreational treadmills throughout the week as the Baylor Wellness Department prepares to offer a free week-long trial of Group X programs.

Free Baylor FitWell Expo to promote fitness, nutrition

GENESIS LARIN

Assistant News Editor

Baylor will host a FitWell Expo from Jan. 17 to 22 along with a free weeklong trial for of all Group X programs to promote fitness and nutritious living.

"We want every student on campus to have the ability to try out our program for free," said Van Davis, assistant director of wellness. "This will give a preview for those that are not quite sure what yoga is about, what pilates, Zumba, hip-hop, Bear-Cycle ... Come and try [the Group X programs] for a week and see what it will do for you academically, socially and emotionally."

Group X offers over 40 programs ranging from yoga to mixed martial arts. Davis wrote in an e-mail to the Lariat that the Group X program and fee will now include access to F45 Workout.

F45 is a program that provides high-intensity workouts. Ryan Mueller, operations director of collegiate network, said the University of Southern California, Washington State University and the University of California at Irvine offer a F45 program to students.

"F45 is a 45-minute that is different every single day, " Mueller said. "Our goal is deliver a product that is all about variety, efficiency and fun. The goal of F45 is to make a difference for the students, faculty and staff for Baylor University."

The program will be available to Group X and OsoFit members. Students will also have the opportunity to take advantage of the new program with a free trial set to begin in the following weeks. Davis said Baylor is one of the first schools in the U.S. to offer F45.

"We are at the forefront of F45," Davis said. "F45 is going to be a fun, social environment where they're coming in and they're going to build a community within that space and that workout."

In addition to offering F45, Group X will also add new classes such as hiphop and boot camp. Along with the new classes added this semester, there will be more time slots for popular classes such as mixed martial arts as well as more classes offered at night in order to provide more flexibility for those interested in participating in Group X classes.

Davis said it is important to incorporate physical activity into one's lifestyle.

"Studies have shown a correlation between being physically active and high academic success," Davis said. "Being

Spiritual Life department

engaged in physical activities is going to help [students'] stress management."

The wellness department will also host a FitWell Expo Jan. 28 at 9:30 a.m. in the Foster Campus Center for Business and Innovation, where students and faculty can learn about eating nutritiously and learn tips to create a workout program catered to achieving personal goals.

"This is a great time for people to learn how to become more fit and how to eat healthy," Davis said. "[The FitWell Expo] is free for everyone and lunch will be included. No matter what you know, it never hurts to know more."

Davis also said she is looking forward to the WOW, or Women on Weights, session that is included in the expo.

Students can RSVP for the FITWell Expo by e-mailing Van Davis. Those who register by Jan. 25 will be entered to win a free one-hour massage. In addition, students who register for the Group X program by Sunday will receive a \$10

For more information about Group X classes and future events, visit the Baylor Wellness Department website:

http://www.baylor.edu/wellness/

Mission Waco director speaks on teaching, ministry

JOY MOTON

Staff Writer

Jimmy Dorell, executive director of Mission Waco and Lecturer at George W. Truett Theological Seminary, discusses how combining ministry in teaching benefits

How do you feel about your ministry being referred to as the "Silos of Nonprofit Ministry in Waco"?

We are, after 24 years, a large, comprehensive ministry with 70 staff, and in that sense it is probably unique in terms of the scope. Janet and I moved into the neighborhood 40 years ago and never intended on it being more than just Janet and I and a helper or two. So, what's happened is a surprise to us just like it is to others. The way it's grown has not been by any five-year plan or any big desire to be an empire. Our methodology is bottom-up. As a part of Christian community development, we meet the needs of the people, and as we would hang out with them, they would say, "Boy, my husband needs a job." So we'd create a job-training program. Or "My uncle's on crack and he can't find a place to go to," so we'd create an alcohol and drug rehab. We've got 15 programs that all have grown out of our relationships with the poor and the marginalized. 70 percent of what happens here is funded by individuals who believe in us. Living modestly is a part of who we are.

What brought you into teaching?

It's kind of a back door because part of ministry if you do it right is discipleship and training. Teaching informally has been a part of what we've done. When I went back and got two or three other degrees, because of what's called a terminal degree, I was able to teach at a seminary level. I didn't wake up and say, "That's what I want to be." It's just that the niche of what we're about is unique and seminaries wanted that, and I love the balance of academia and practitioner. I love being able to go into the classroom and draw students into the community where we are because this is where they get it. I love watching students come alive and get it.

How does bringing real-life issues into the classroom impact students?

We are strong proponents of experiential education, is when you put experience and cognitive together. We created the poverty simulation about 30 years ago, before Mission Waco was officially Mission Waco, and I've had 24,000 people go through that. It's this incredible weekend. So we watched it become so transformative. I know when you do the research about how people learn and how behaviors change, very rarely does a sermon change a person and



Dorell

very rarely does a classroom lecture change a person, but when you combine the two together, it changes. To me, it's the way Jesus taught. Here you are out there with an inner circle, and you feed the masses, then you turn and talk to the inner circle. It's this didactic, interconnected way of looking at learning, but we-in this institutional world that-we live in we teach in a stoic, cold classroom. So the world is our laboratory – we think it's our best educational method. So the thing that made teaching fun for me is to be able to do it in this engaging way. We teach as we go. It's very meaningful and transformative in my mind.

How did you and your wife decide to go into teaching

We went into ministry for the poor and the marginalized. That's our calling. But because of who we are in connection to the Baylor campus in particular, we already had students around. We'd have 40 college students in our house on Sunday nights. So, early on the goal wasn't to invade them in the academic world, it was just to be the college group leader. Being drawn into and privileged to teach in a classroom setting was an add-on. It wasn't what we intended to do but it's been a great thing.

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activities promote reflection **MEGAN RULE** Staff Writer

The Baylor Spiritual Life Formation department is putting on a series of events over the course of the spring semester, including a mission trip to Ireland, meetings and workshops and two retreats - one over spring break and one in early April.

"This is a great opportunity for students still passionate about youth ministry and are now in college,"

Joshua Ritter | Assistant Director for the Department of Formation

"The goal of the retreat itself is the same of providing students with an opportunity to reflect and kind of rest a little bit from the semester and kind of begin thinking, 'What are my summer plans and how will that affect the decisions I make and how is that influencing what I'm doing right now?" Billy Baker, graduate apprentice for spiritual formation retreats and training, said. "It's a way to think, 'Let's reflect on this past fall and almost entire spring semester. What have I done, how is this influencing me, how is this shaping me and what does my faith look like,' and providing them with practices to begin reflecting and thinking on those things."

Kristen Richardson, director for formation and associate chaplain, listed the first-and-second year student retreat, spring break trip, Youth Ministry Team events, Enneagram workshops and a mission trip to Ireland as highlights for the spring semester.

Last year, the first and second year student retreat was hosted as a winter retreat at Balcones Springs in Austin. Serving as a more low maintenance option, this year's retreat will take place April 1 and 2 at the Eastland Lakes Challenge Course.

At the retreat, different spiritual practices will take place, including larger group practices and giving students opportunities to spread out on their own and think, "What does it look like for me to do something of that nature?" Baker

"It's really just building some community, but also giving students the opportunity to kind of reflect on their life and see, 'What is my purpose, what is my meaning in this and where do I want to be at and am I doing things that are

helping me get there?" Baker said. The Spring Break Retreat to go to Big Bend National Park will take place from the Friday before spring break and to the Tuesday afternoon of spring break. Students will stay in a small town near Big Bend and do activities such as hiking and reflections. This retreat will also feature an opportunity to explore Marfa and stargaze at the McDonald Observatory operated by The University of Texas. Baker said this provides the chance for students to see the vastness of what God has given them, and talk and reflect on that. According to Baker, this is another restful and reflective opportunity, although it is a shorter retreat.

"I think Baylor does a really good job promoting reflection for students, but at the same time it doesn't teach students how to do that really well," Baker said. "The reason this continues to carry on is because we are intentionally teaching and providing the opportunity for students to reflect and to grow with one another, to be transformed and to find a formative experience during their time at Baylor while thinking about the spiritual under

Joshua Ritter, assistant director for the department of formation in the Office

of Spiritual Life, said there are many other events besides the two retreats for students to get involved in. There are cross cultural dinners every Tuesday night in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center that partner with multicultural affairs and the Center for Global Engagement to talk about religious literacy by using storytelling.

BU Better Together is an interfaith group that has recently grown rapidly, focusing currently on helping the refugee crisis. Ritter said the Youth Ministry Teams are groups of students that have a passion for youth ministry. This program gives a variety of training by putting students on a team where each person has a role. The mission trip to Ireland is a part of the Formation department, specifically with the Youth Ministry Teams. More information can be found online.

"This is a great opportunity for students still passionate about youth ministry and who are now in college," Ritter said. "Cross cultural is great for students who are very interested in cultures and other people's stories and different backgrounds."

Ritter said Enneagram workshops are similar to the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator in that it can help render a better understanding of a particular personality. However, according to the Baylor Spiritual Life website, the Enneagram is a personality-type system that can be used as a tool for spiritual discernment and growth. There are nine personality types according to the test. Ritter said this tool can promote a deeper understanding of how a student interacts with the community and world, as well as how a student interacts with God. The workshop gives information about Enneagram and tells students their personality type.

Any questions about the retreats can be sent via email to Baker, or students can visit the Bobo Spiritual Life Center to inquire about events mentioned above.

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programs in American higher education, making our policies and conduct in this key area a model for how to create a culture on campus that is characterized by dignity and respect for others," Baylor interim President David Garland said in a statement released in October.

The Pepper Hamilton law firm conducted nine-month investigation into Baylor's previous handling of sexual assault cases and found that Baylor failed to implement Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA).

Pepper Hamilton provided Baylor with 105 recommendations to improve their handling of sexual assault cases.

"Significant progress continues on the implementation of all 105 recommendations," said Lori Fogleman, vice president for Baylor media communications "Seventy-five of the recommendations have been fully integrated into university operations. We are working diligently to complete the remaining 30 and to operationalize those improvements.'

> "If anything, our second look at the law firm's investigation only strengthened the Board's conclusion..."

Jerry Clements | Regent

Former Baylor head football coach Art Briles sued regents J. Cary Gray and David Harper, chairman Ronald Murff and Baylor Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Reagan Ramsower for libel and slander, accusing them of falsely stating he knew of reported assaults and alleged gang rapes by players and didn't report them, the Associated Press reported in early December.

"I'd like to hear these regents and Mr. Ramsower tell their story under oath in broad daylight and open court," the Associated Press quoted Briles' attorney Ernest Cannon saying.

The Wall Street Journal quoted regents in October, disclosing that 17 women had reported domestic violence or sexual assaults that involved 19 football players since 2011, including four gang rapes.

In the lawsuit, Briles argues that releasing those figures was intended to falsely portray him as hiding knowledge of alleged attacks. Allegations that he knew about and failed to report the alleged attacks are "false" and created to "expose Coach Briles to public hatred, contempt, ridicule and cause him financial injury," the lawsuit claims.

When the regents met in December, they also received an update on the ongoing investigation from the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (OCR) into Baylor's previous handling of sexual assault cases following a complaint filed in October by Baylor's former Title IX Coordinator Patty Crawford. Crawford resigned in October and was replaced by Kristian Tucker.

Fogleman said the university is cooperating fully with the OCR investigation.

"We embrace and support OCR's goal to maintain a campus free from sex- and genderbased harassment and violence," Garland said in a statement released in October. "Our commitment to protect and support our students, faculty and staff is resolute."

ROBBERIES from Page A1

informing students of the incident. The email said the victim reported walking north on S. Fifth Street, when a black "sports car" with tinted windows stopped in the street adjacent to the victim. The passenger in the suspect's vehicle walked up to the victim and demanded money.

The email described the suspect as a black male, 6'2" and wearing a heavy black jacket with a black beanie.

Because this robbery was reported to have happened off-campus, it is being handled by the Waco Police Department. Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton, spokesman for the Waco Police Department, said Thursday afternoon that no arrests have been made.

"We are cooperating and working together with the Baylor Police Department to see if in fact the two robberies are related," Swanton said. "Considering the proximity and similar nature and description of the suspect and incidents, there is a significant possibility that they are related, but we won't know until we make an arrest."

Fogleman stressed the importance of downloading the Rave Guardian app, which will allow students to quickly contact university police by phone call or text in an emergency.

"We continue to encourage students to not travel alone, if that's possible, that there is safety in numbers," Fogleman said. "If students, faculty or staff are alone on campus at night, we encourage them



CALL BOXES Students are encouraged by Baylor Police to travel in groups and to utilize the 80 emergency call boxes and 120 emergency telephones located all over campus.

to call the Baylor Police Department at 254-710-2222, and they will provide a

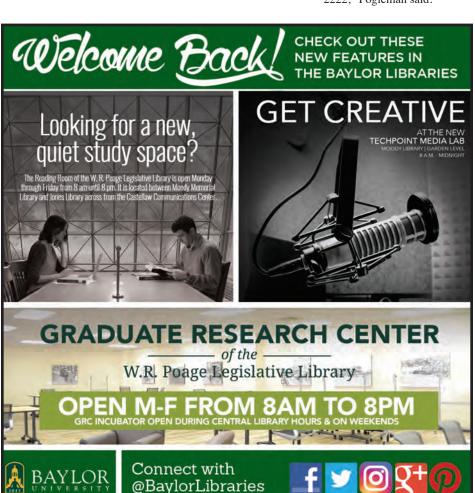
security escort on campus."

She also highlighted Baylor's 80 emergency call boxes located across the campus and more than 120 emergency telephones, which are located in all building elevators.

"These phones are provided as an immediate means of communication to the Baylor police dispatcher during an emergency, and Baylor police always respond to those calls," Fogleman said.

She also asked students to make sure they are aware of the physical location of the Baylor Police Department, which is on the first floor of the Speight Parking Garage.

"Most importantly, if any student, faculty or staff member sees suspicious activity, no matter how innocuous it may seem, it is wise to trust your instincts and a good idea to contact our police department at 254-710-2222," Fogleman said.



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the Baylor Greek life website. Bids are also given on a mutual basis.

Baylor requires a minimum GPA of 2.67 and at least 12 semester hours to be considered for membership in a Panhellenic organization, although some chapters may have different requirements, according to the Baylor Greek life website.

Baylor Interfraternity Council and campus fraternity recruitment events are currently underway.

"It's definitely worth the time commitment and financial investment,"

Bradley said. "[Pledges] will do things that make them closer as a pledge class and help them grow closer to Christ."

Respect, integrity, humility, excellence and commitment to Christ are Phi Kappa Chi's five core values, expected in all potential members, Bradley said.

Bradley said that Phi Kappa Chi is expecting 80 potential members to participate in formal recruitment, which is an increase from previous years.

"We are looking for strong Christian guys who live out their faith," Bradley said.



RECRUITS Logan Jepson, member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, gives a few potential fraternity members information about recruitment at the Fraternity Showcase on Wednesday in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Union Building.

FERRELL from Page A1

Yazoo City, Miss., sophomore Ariel White bought a Ferrell Center parking pass last semester and said it has been convenient and efficient.

"There really isn't much they could do to make me pay to park on campus again," White said. "The bus runs often and takes me right where I need to go most of the time. I definitely don't miss driving around campus for several minutes looking for parking."

Students who paid for the Ferrell Center parking pass last semester were also given three vouchers to park in faculty and staff spaces on campus. Students who purchased the pass last semester and still have vouchers may use them this semester, Penney said.

"I wish I could get half of my money back since I paid for a pass for the year but apparently only needed it for a semester because it's free for everyone now," White said. "But it'll be nice to not have to pay for a pass next year."



Congratulations Official Baylor University Ring Recipients!

The Official Baylor University Ring is a visible symbol of a graduate's affiliation with other members of the Baylor family and demonstrates, wherever it is worn, a lifelong link with the University. The students listed below were presented with their rings during the Fall ring ceremony in December. Congratulations!

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Adaline Bebo talks beauty pageant platforms **pg. B2**

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Professor debuts teen novel based in Waco

Maura Jortner answers some questions regarding her new book, 'The Life Group'

BAILEY BRAMMER

Page One Editor

When some people think of student life groups, they think of

big, rowdy events and evenings full worship and games and laughter. However, in Maura Jortner's new novel, "The Life Group," suspense, mystery and a missing sister fill the pages

instead.

This is Jortner's first published

novel, which debuted on Monday and has since received an overall rating of 4.8 stars on Goodreads. Jortner has been a member of the English department at Baylor since 2008 and set her YA crime thriller in Waco at a college entitled "Brazos University."

What is your novel about?

There's a high school student named Rachel who is looking for her sister, Leah. Her sister has been missing for 13 days. She's kind of going crazy, and her parents at home are really losing it ... They don't know what to do or how to find her sister. Rachel is pretty sure that there's some kind of clue to

find at this local church, the place where Leah was last seen. She goes to the church and meets this really respectable guy that she's seen around town through the pastor.

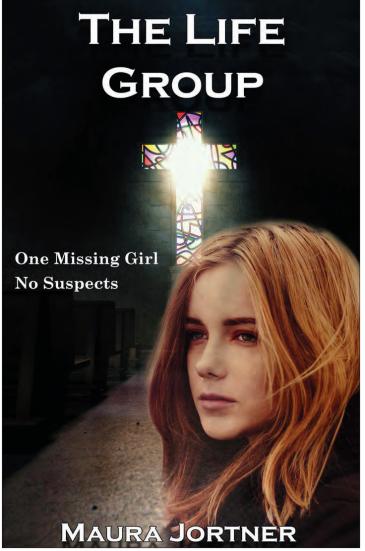
He offers to help her look for her sister, and they go together and look all around town. It's set here in Waco, so local readers will recognize "Common Grounds" and "Manny's on the River."

What inspired you to write "The Life Group"?

There were two events that really inspired this book. One of my students in class mentioned being a part of a life group ... Just in class,

in conversation. It was a totally innocuous comment, and it was very innocent. He hadn't done his homework because his life group had needed him, and I thought, "That's really kind of strange that this group of people could alter his life." Another thing that happened, which was a little bit darker, I had a colleague of mine in the past that went missing. She kind of just vanished, and she was gone less than a week, but it really affected me. It was a scary event that turned out ok, but those two events came together and inspired me to write "The Life Group."

When did you begin writing



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PUBLISHED Dr. Maura Jortner's first novel is a teen thriller based in Waco. It explores the story of a girl searching for her missing sister and the adventures she comes upon along the way.

your novel

I believe I began work on it 2015, but it has been a couple of years. I wrote the first draft pretty

quickly ... Once the story was in my head, I kind of just sat down and

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This week in Waco:

>> Today

12 p.m. — Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park, 300 MLK Blvd.

4-6 p.m. — PDP - Marketing and Professional Selling Career Fair. Paul Foster Campus for Business and Innovation - Foster 250.

7 p.m. —. Dale Watson and Jim Heath (of Rev. Horton Heat) Waco Hippodrome Theatre.

>> Saturday

7 p.m. — Austin Allsup with Michael McClure, Holly Tucker and John Dempsey. Waco Hippodrome Theatre.

>> Monday

10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. — Mission Waco MLK Day Program & Day of Service. Jubilee Theater, 1319 N. 15th St.

New music brewing at Common Grounds

KAITLYN DEHAVEN

A&L Editor

Up-and-coming music artists Ryan Thomas, Thomas Csorba and Jack Thweatt will be performing at Common Grounds during the month of January. Each of these artists have a distinct music style, and these concerts are giving them a chance to perform for a wide range of people, Baylor students, and Waco locals. The doors to each show will open at 7:30 p.m., and the shows will begin at 8:00 p.m. Tickets range from \$5-\$12 depending on the

Ryan Thomas January 20th at 8:00 p.m.

Hip-hop/rap/slam poetry artist Ryan Thomas is currently in the process of moving back to Waco from Austin, where he has recently aided in the start-up of Antioch Community Church.

Throughout Thomas' career, he has performed in many diverse places overseas such as Russia, Mongolia and Greece. Thomas stayed in Greece for about three months, and while he was there, his mindset toward life and music was altered.

"The stories that you hear on the navy bases really make you grateful for what we have here," Thomas said. "People are dying or losing their families to get where they are. It was very perspective shifting."

Through this experience,

Thomas realized that sometimes the most strenuous times in his life and the lives of others, the ones filled with pain and discomfort, lead him to inspiration in his music.

"The discomfort leads me to want to find comfort," Thomas said. "The pain leads me to want to find hope within it."

Thomas hopes that his performance later on this month will be filled with authenticity, hope, and a chance for people to hear multiple genres of music.

Thomas Csorba January 21st at 8:00 p.m.

Folk/American artist
Thomas Csorba is currently
attending Baylor University
and pursuing an English
degree while also working on
his growing music career.

Csorba started writing songs when he was 15 years old, inspired by the stories he read in literature and the music his parents played for him.

"You can only create good things if you put good things in," Csorba said. "Your product is directly influenced by what you're taking in."

Moving to Waco last year has been one of the most prominent impacts on Csorba's music. He shared that being independent and figuring out how to balance music and homework has helped him grow into the singer/songwriter he is today.

In addition, Csorba shared

that his peers, whether at Baylor of just part of the Waco community have aided him in the personal growth he's experienced.

"Your product is directly influenced by what you're taking in."

Thomas Csorba | Singer/Songwriter

"I've met a lot of folks who have pushed me and challenged me in ways I hadn't expected," Csorba said.

Csorba shared that he hopes for each show he performs to be an authentic experience that the audience can take something away from.

When people come to see a performance by Csorba, "You'll see a young man on stage, bleeding publicly, and I think that's something people can relate to and where people can feel something," Csorba said. "I think I can offer that, whether it's sadness, laughter or joy."

Jack Thweatt
January 26th, 8:00 p.m.
Indie/Pop music artist

Jack Thweatt is currently continuing to grow his artistry after releasing his first album in

September of 2016.

Thweatt began his music career young by playing in the church. As he progressed into his high school years he began to write songs and finally began to explore the potential his love for music could have for him in college by singing at open mics

in cafes.

Even after college, Thweatt continued to expand his horizons by playing with different bands and different writers, including the Jeff Johnson Band.

"The more you work with creative people, the more it enhances your ability to write," Thweatt said.

Thweatt also shared his belief in the importance of live music, especially in a streaming-based world where consumers no longer have to buy albums or songs in order to obtain the music they want.

obtain the music they want.

"If we lose the live aspect of music, we lose the heart of music," Thweatt said. "It becomes just trying to create songs that are going to get to the top of a Spotify playlist rather than songs that are really going to connect with people."

Thomas shared that audience members in late January can expect a fun show with catchy music, an upbeat vibe and relatable lyrics.



Courtesy of Ryan Thomas

HIP-HOP/RAP/SLAM POETRY Artist Ryan Thomas will be singing at Common Grounds on Jan. 20



Courtesy of Thomas Csorba

FOLK/AMERICANA Artist Thomas Csorba will be showcasing his music at Common Grounds on Jan. 21



Courtesy of Jack Thweatt

INDIE/POP Artist Jack Thweatt has just released his first album in September and will be perforing at Common Grounds on Jan. 26

Baylor students make it big with Miss Texas

Pageant serves as philanthropy opportunity for young women

GAVIN PUGH

Editor-in-Chief

Certain public individuals have caused pageants to go viral within the last decade.

There was Honey Boo Boo and her one-liners from the TLC show "Toddlers in Tiaras." There is president-elect Donald Trump and his former affiliation with the Miss Universe pageant. And let's not forget Miss South Carolina's infamous gaffe in the 2007 Miss Teen USA pageant.

While a few of these figures are larger than life, there are thousands of contestants across the nation who are striving to make meaningful differences in their states and communities.

Of those thousands, Carmel, Ind., sophomore Adaline Bebo was crowned Miss Fort Worth in November and is currently underway planning for the Miss Texas pageant in June.

'To say it was the shock of a lifetime would be an understatement," Bebo said.

Contestants are crowned after a series of performances in front of an audience. The performances consist of an on-stage question, a swimsuit portion, a talent portion and an evening gown portion.

Individually, contestants are also judged on a variety of topics, including the platform they are running on. Bebo's platform deals particularly with nutrition and brain health.

"It's the nutritional basis of neurological health," Bebo said. "So it's basically promoting and advocating for brain healthy foods and how those will impact people in the long run."

A neuroscience major, Bebo had career plans ranging

from working with the federal government to being in the culinary industry. But although Miss Texas pageant originally started as an outlet for Bebo to expand her community service, it became an avenue for Bebo to pursue her goals.

"... we're not just winning money or a modeling contract. We're winning scholarships to further our

Caroline Carothers | Miss Texas 2016

education."

"As I've looked at my platform more in depth, I'm super interested in the nutritional aspects of it," Bebo

Those who go on to win Miss Texas are then sponsored by the organization to implement their platforms in public schools across the state.

"Miss Texas Pageant, Inc. has a rich history of empowering young women to achieve their dreams and goals," the Miss Texas website says. San Antonio sophomore

Carothers crowned Miss Texas 2016 and has since been traveling the state promoting her platform.

"That has been my favorite part of the job, personally, as an education major," Carothers

said. "I've really enjoyed being able to go in and talk with students about character education and perseverance and basic character traits and demonstrating this through my baton twirling skills and through my platform, which has really hit home for them."

Both Bebo and Carothers twirled for their talent portion, which is relatively common in Miss America pageants.

"There is a twirling organization that has a lot of the same characteristics that the Miss Texas organization has," Carothers said. "That's what makes it such an easy transition for those girls to compete in Miss Texas or any other state involved in the Miss America system."

Despite the easy transition, Bebo was originally hesitant to make the jump from twirling to Miss Texas.

"I have always said no I won't do pageants; it's not really me," Bebo said. "But once you're in it, you realize truly how empowering it is."

Carothers realizes there are stereotypes associated with pageants but is confident in

"There are many more than just the Miss America system," Carothers said. "I competed in the Miss America system, that is what [Bebo] is doing and that is primarily because it is a scholarship organization that is all run by volunteers. What sets us apart is we're not just winning money or a modeling contract. We're winning scholarships to further our education."

Bebo will go on to compete in Miss Texas from June 24 to



CROWNING Adaline Bebo (left) leads a Sic 'Em at her crowning as Miss Fort worth with Caroline Carothers (right), who won Miss Texas in July.



Photo courtesy of Sassybomb Photography

FUTURE Adaline Bebo looks to the Miss Texas pageant in June 2017. Crowned in November 2016, Bebo's platform is based on the nutritional aspects of brain health.

BOOK from Page B1

wrote it, in between grading papers and whatnot. I wrote it within the three weeks that are featured within the novel ... But then after that, with all writing, there's a whole bunch of revisions, so it's a long process.

What made you choose Waco as the setting?

I mean why not? It's the perfect place for this novel because it's a college town, and it's got a very religious feel here. This novel could happen here.

Are you planning any sequels to the novel, or a series of books?

It's not really set up for a series ... It's really just a stand-alone book. I do have other books that literary agents are reading, and I'm hoping that something might come from

What advice would you have for students who wish to write or publish a novel?

This is going to sound odd ... But the first piece of advice I have is to get on Twitter. There's a huge writing community on Twitter ... I met all of my critique partners through Twitter and I now have friends across the U.S. and across different countries. The other thing I would say is that you just have to keep at it. This was the fourth novel that I wrote, and every novel I write, my craft is getting better. I would just say to find some great critique partners and keep at it ... And they can always come see me too. I would love to mentor ambitious young writers.

Fiat Chrysler in question on emissions

TOM KRISHER AND MICHAEL BIESECKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government accused Fiat Chrysler on Thursday of failing to disclose software in some of its pickups and SUVs with diesel engines that allows them to emit more pollution than allowed under the Clean Air Act. The Environmental Protection Agency issued a "notice of violation" to the company that covers about 104,000 vehicles including the 2014 through 2016 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Ram pickups, all with 3-liter diesel engines. The California Air Resources Board took similar action.

"Failing to disclose software that affects emissions in a vehicle's engine is a serious violation of the law, which can result in harmful pollution in the air we breathe," said Cynthia Giles, EPA assistant administrator for enforcement and compliance. Fiat Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne denied

any wrongdoing, saying the EPA was blowing the issue out of proportion. "We have done in our view nothing that is illegal," he said Thursday on a conference call. "We will defend our behavior in the right environment."

Marchionne said he was told by company lawyers that the Justice Department is investigating the company in concert with the EPA, raising the likelihood of an ongoing criminal probe.

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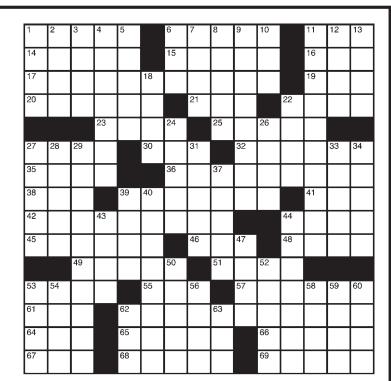
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NEW RHULE OF THE LAND New Baylor football head coach Matt Rhule gives his first Sic 'Em to Baylor Nation at his introductory press conference on Dec. 7 at the Ferrell Center.

New Season, New Rhule

Former Temple University head coach brings talents to Baylor

NATE KEIL

Sports Writer

Baylor football has turned over a new leaf.

Last month, Baylor hired Temple University head coach Matt Rhule as its next head football coach.

"We could not be more excited to welcome Matt, Julie and their children to the Baylor family," said Mack Rhoades, Baylor University vice president and director of intercollegiate athletics. "When we set out on our search for a new leader of our football program, we wanted a coach who shared our values, who had demonstrated success, who showed a true commitment to the overall student-athlete and who we believed could lead Baylor to a national championship. We found all of that and more in be a perfect fit with the Baylor University home. He compiled family."

The announcement came in December amid the team's $\;$ including $\;$ back-to-back $\;$ 10 Cactus Bowl, a game where Baylor defeated Boise State 31-12. Acting head coach Jim Grobe stayed on staff to coach through the bowl game, allowing Rhule to assemble the remainder of his coaching

Rhule is a veteran football coach. He has held various positions including quarterbacks coach, offensive line coach and offensive coordinator. His stops have included a short stint with the New York Giants, as well as Albright College, University of Buffalo, UCLA and Western Carolina University.

For the greater part of the last 10 years, Rhule and his

Matt, and I know that he will family have called Temple a record of 28-23 in four years as head coach of the Owls, win seasons in 2015 and 2016. He coached Temple to a 34-10 victory over Navy in the American Athletic Conference Championship on Dec. 3

> before departing for Baylor. Interim President David Garland has confidence that Rhule is the right man to lead Baylor football moving forward.

> "This is a great day for Baylor University and the beginning of a new chapter in our football program," Garland said. "Matt is the absolute right man at the right time to lead us forward, and I am confident that his values are our values and that his teams and studentathletes will make us all proud, on and off the field."

With each new job comes new challenges and new opportunities. For Rhule, coming to Baylor is a great and wonderful honor.

"I am truly honored humbled to join the Baylor family," Rhule said. "I can't thank President Garland and Mack Rhoades enough for this incredible opportunity. Baylor is a tremendous institution with a history of football success, and I know the passion that so many have for the Bears will help bring the community together to reach even greater heights. I am

excited to get started." Rhule's During introduction on Dec. 7, he laid out his three main expectations moving forward.

"We're going to try to build great men. We want to develop them as people, develop their character. We want to help them in their spiritual walk," Rhule said.

He later added that although it is not the most important objective, winning is still important in developing a great program.

"I want to win. These guys want to win, and we're going to do that by building a team," Rhule said. "Real teams win when they're behind. Real teams win on the road. So we're going to build a team that wins, that's tough, that works hard and that's competitive."

Establishing a program requires producing results year in and year out.

"Teams come and go, but great programs are marked by the longevity," Rhule said. "They're marked by how many great teams they put back to

Rhule has been hard at work completing his staff -

which includes many of his old assistants at Temple and staying proactive on the recruitment front. However, when he has not been at work in his office or visiting high school recruits, Rhule has been seen acclimating himself to the Baylor culture. First, he participated in the Bear Pit at the men's basketball team's recent win against Iowa State.

He also participated in the Coaches Film Room, where he was able to provide commentary and analysis during Monday's College Football National Championship game.

Baylor Nation will be able to see Rhule on the sidelines for the first time when the Bears host Liberty University on Sept. 2 at McLane Stadium. The time of the game has yet to be announced.

Baylor alumnus scores first points of NBA career

BEN EVERETT Sports Writer

Baylor men's basketball

alumnus and current Dallas Maverick Pierre Jackson logged his first points in the NBA on Dec. 27, 2016, against the Houston Rockets.

It was Jackson's first game with Dallas, and head coach Rick Carlisle lauded his skill within the team's offense.

"I like his quickness, and I like his ability to score," Carlisle said. "He made a couple of good plays off pickand-rolls, so I think he's a guy that can help us a bit. And look, it's the first day I've ever really seen him play in person, but I like what I saw. I thought he went hard and did some good things."

"I thought he went had and did some good things."

Rick Carlisle | Dallas Mavericks Head Coach

Jackson signed a two-year contract with the Mavericks earlier that day after a long journey back to the NBA.

After graduating from Baylor in 2013, Jackson was drafted with the 42nd overall pick in the 2013 NBA Draft by the Philadelphia 76ers. He

was then traded to the New Orleans Pelicans but failed to make the roster while playing on their Summer League team.

Continuing to pursue his dream of playing professional basketball, Jackson signed with a French professional basketball team returning to the U.S. to play in the D-League and for the 76ers in the NBA Summer League.

However, Jackson suffered a setback on his journey to play at basketball's highest level when he tore his achilles in the Summer League in 2014. He went through rehab and returned the following summer, but he was cut from

In 2016, Jackson returned

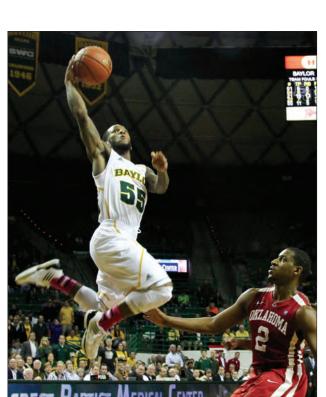
to the D-League to play for the Idaho Stampede for half a season. With no NBA team willing to sign him, he agreed to a deal with a Croatian club

In December, Jackson's dream came true as the Dallas Mavericks signed him to a non-guaranteed contract worth roughly \$1.2 million.

"I've got a team that liked me enough to sign me," Jackson said after his NBA debut. "I've just got to stay consistent and bring that to this level."

He feels confident in his ability to find a role with the Mavericks as both a scorer and a playmaker.

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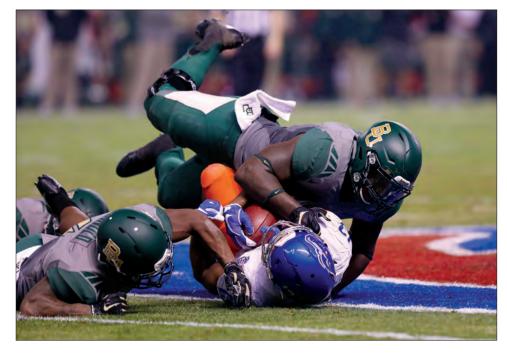
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A BEAR FOR THE AGES Current Dallas Maverick and former Baylor Bear Basketball star Pierre Jackson drives the lane against the Oklahoma Sooners on Jan. 31. The Bears would lose the game by a final score of 74-71

Cactus Bowl

The Baylor Bears football team traveled to Phoenix, Ariz., to compete in the Motel 6 Cactus Bowl game on Dec. 27. The Bears finished the game victorious with a score of 31-12, their first win in seven games.

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 $\label{thm:condition} \mbox{Junior linebacker Taylor Young leaps on top of the Bronco ball holder}.$



Junior wide receiver KD Canon is tackled by Boise State defense after catching a long pass.



Junior wide receiver KD Canon rolls out of a tackle with the ball in his hands, securing a touchdown for the Bears.



Freshman quarterback Zach Smith throws the ball downfield during the third quarter.



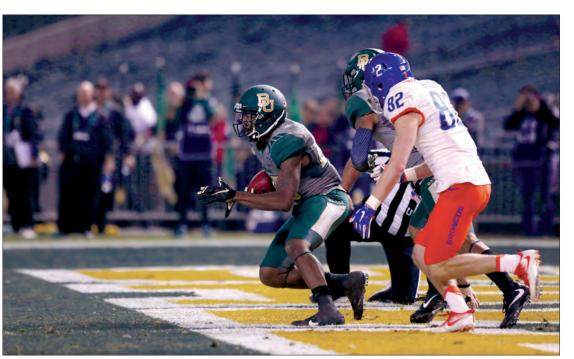
San Antonio sophomore Craig Adams plays the mellophone during the pregame performance.



The third of the parachute jumpers, the retired military member proudly flew an American flag as he parachuted to the field.



Redshirt freshman wide receiver Tony Nicholson dodges incoming Broncos.



Senior snapback Orion Stewart catches the ball in the end zone of Boise State's offense.



Sophomore running back Terence Williams sprints past the Bronco State defense.

Baylor Basketball set for Big 12 titles

BEN EVERETT

Sports Writer

With Baylor's men's and women's basketball teams being ranked No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, each team is in the conversation for a Big 12 conference title and potentially a national championship.

If either team is going to accomplish such feats, they will have to get through Big 12 conference play with minimal losses.

Baylor Men's Basketball

The Bears (15-1, 3-1) suffered their first defeat of the season Tuesday at West Virginia but remain tied for second place in the conference standings just behind Kansas.

The Mountaineers forced the Bears to commit 29 turnovers, stifling an offense that had only been turning the ball over 12 times per game on the season.

"They just took us out of everything," Baylor head coach Scott Drew said. "We weren't overconfident. They just kicked our butt."

Baylor continues its road trip Saturday when it takes on 25th-ranked Kansas State. Following are games against Texas, TCU and Texas Tech before the Bears head to Oxford, Miss., to play Mississippi in the Big 12/SEC Challenge.

After the one-game break from Big 12 play, the Bears travel to Kansas in a showdown that will have major conference title implications.



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UP FOR GRABS Junior forward Jo Lual-Achul Jr. (left) and senior guard Ishmael Wainright (right) go for the rebound against the Oregon Ducks on Nov. 15. Baylor won 66-49.

Baylor's February schedule also features road games at Texas Tech, Oklahoma State and Iowa State, as well as a highly anticipated home game against Kansas. The Bears wrap up the regular season with a senior night contest against West Virginia and a road test at Texas.

Baylor will continue to lean on junior forward Johnathan Motley, who leads the team in scoring and rebounding at 15.3 points and 9.1 rebounds per game and also leads the Big 12 in double doubles, posting six so far.

The Bears also expect to look toward senior forward



Liesje Powers | Lariat Photo Editor

TAKING CHARGE Redshirt senior shooting guard Alexis Jones looks to start a fast break on her way to the basket against the UCLA Bruins. Baylor won by a final score of 84-70 on Nov. 14.

Ishmail Wainwright for leadership and poise down the stretch as his Baylor career comes to an end.

Drew noted Wainwright's importance to the team before the season at Big 12 Media Day.

"He's somebody that is really a special teammate and

leader," Drew told reporters. "He's been around and awaited his turn, but somebody that really exemplifies what you want in a leader and a teammate, especially a senior."

The Bears look to bounce back from their loss at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Kansas State. Lady Bears Basketball The Lady Bears (16-1, 5-0) have yet to lose in conference play, riding a 14-game winning streak following a loss in Connecticut on Nov. 17.

Baylor is off to its most dominant Big 12 start in program history, beating each of its first four opponents by 30 or more points and then beating TCU by 23.

Starting Jan. 21, the Lady Bears have a stretch of three straight games against currently ranked teams as they take on No. 18 West Virginia and No. 22 Oklahoma at home and No. 25 Kansas State on the road.

Baylor will continue to use its size advantage to wear down Big 12 teams. Sophomore forwards Kalani Brown and Beatrice Mompremier, along with senior guard Alexis Jones, and senior forward Nina Davis are putting up double figures so far in Big 12 games.

"We have so much depth it's almost impossible to know who to stop," Davis told KUsports.com after a win over Kansas. "You can start Mompremier, Kalani, Khadijiah Cave, Lauren Cox — you can pretty much start any one of us. But just having that person you know is going to come off the bench and go to the offensive rebounds hard, it's good to have."

The Lady Bears continue their Big 12 stretch at 1 p.m. Sunday at Kansas.

Baylor wins Motel 6 Cactus Bowl: What does it mean for football?

JORDAN SMITH
Sports Editor

The Baylor Bears football program ended its 2016 campaign on a high note and send off the seniors and coaches with a smile on their faces and a trophy in their hands. They defeated Boise State 31-12 at the Motel 6 Cactus Bowl on Dec. 27 in Phoenix at Chase Field.

Former Baylor head football coach Jim Grobe was excited about what was going on with the players during the game.

"The one thing that was really fun for me tonight is our kids enjoyed it," Grobe said. "You know, a lot of smiles on the sideline. A lot of kids playing hard and enjoying being out on the field. Our guys looked like kids out there playing, and that was fun."

For a lot of the seniors and the coaching staff, this was their last game as Baylor Bears. However, there is a healthy number of starters that are freshman. In fact, freshman quarterback Zach Smith is one of those players as he started the last half of the season after senior quarterback Seth Russell suffered a season-ending ankle injury.

Smith said he believes the bowl win will give the team a much needed boost of confidence heading into next season

"To go out and lose the last six games and then come in and win this game, I think it's huge going into next year," Smith said. "We're going to have a lot of confidence knowing what we can do. And we just showed a little bit of what we can do tonight. So, that's huge going into next year, and we're going to build on it."

Smith played in 10 games in the 2016 season, throwing for 1,526 yards and scored 13 touchdowns with seven interceptions. He started in four games during the regular season, including the Cactus Bowl.

Grobe finished the 2016 season with a record of 7-6, good enough for seventh place in the Big 12 as Baylor went 3-6 in conference play. As Grobe looks forward to retirement, he complimented Baylor Athletic Director Mack Rhoades on the hire of new Baylor football head coach Matt Rhule and said he believes that the program is in great hands.

"I don't think Mack could have hired a better guy than Matt Rhule. I think Matt Rhule's going to do a great job here. He's going to do great things," Grobe said.

Baylor starts its 2017 season against the Liberty Flames on Sept. 2 at McLane Stadium. No time has been announced for the game yet.

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"I can do both," Jackson Baylor. I was just told Coach said. "I kind of did it at (Carlisle) likes that I can



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PROSPECT TO BE During his time in the NBA, Jackson has averaged 21.4 field goal percentage with 1.8 assists per game in just an average of seven minutes per game.

score. So, I'm going to try to take advantage of that and just make the right plays. You know, just be a professional."

Jackson played point guard for the Baylor Bears from 2011 to 2013 after playing two seasons at the College of Southern Idaho.

During his junior season at Baylor, Jackson led the Bears to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight while averaging a team best 13.8 points and 5.9 assists per game.

Despite the team not

being as successful in Jackson's senior year, he picked up accolades such as All-Big 12 First Team and the Bob Cousy Award Finalist for leading the Big 12 in both scoring and assists, averaging 19.8 points and 7.1 assists per game.

Additionally, Jackson led the Bears to the National Invitational Tournament title in the 2013 postseason and was named NIT Most Outstanding Player after posting 17 points and 10 assists against Iowa in the championship game.

Five games into his career with the Mavericks, Jackson has averages of 3.0 points and 1.8 assists in 7.0 minutes per game.





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GOING LONG New York Jets quarterback Bryce Petty looks for a receiver under pressure from New England Patriots defensive end Chris Long during the first half of an NFL football game, Dec. 24., in Foxborough, Mass.

Petty finds success in limited 2016 action

NATHAN KEIL Sports Writer

Former Baylor quarterback Bryce Petty just completed his second season in the NFL. After watching his rookie season from the sidelines, Petty got his feet wet with six appearances, including four starts in 2016.

Petty opened the season as the third-string quarterback for the New York Jets. After a lack of production on the field and in the win column by quarterbacks Ryan Fitzpatrick and Geno Smith, Petty stepped into the limelight and was named the starter for the remainder of the 2016 season.

Petty got the opportunity to start in week 11 against the Los Angeles Rams. He threw for 163 yards with one touchdown and one interception. However, it wasn't until the Jets' trip to San Francisco that Petty became the everyday starter.

Petty got off to a slow start but helped rally the Jets past the 49ers 23-17 in overtime. He completed 23 of 35 passes for 257 yards in his first appearance since being replaced by Fitzpatrick following the loss to the Rams.

Petty credits his teammates for sticking with him and overcoming early adversity against San Francisco.

"I felt pretty good all week. Had good practices all week and then for whatever reason, just had to settle down," said Petty at his post-game press conference. "Hats off to the team for just sticking with me, and we just kept fighting and plugging away. The end result is a win, and that is all we care about."

Despite starting the following two weeks, Petty saw limited success, experiencing more injuries than touchdown passes. First, against the Miami Dolphins, he was hit on both sides by seventh-year defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh and eighth-year defensive end Cameron Wake early in the fourth quarter.

He left the game and received x-rays, which came back negative, leaving Petty sore but not done yet.

"I'm good," Petty said in his post-game press conference. "I'm a little sore right now, but I'll be fine."

The following week, he sustained a shoulder injury in the first quarter of a lopsided 41-3 loss to the New England Patriots. This injury ended Petty's season prematurely. He finished the season completing 75 of 133 passes for 809 yards with three touchdowns and seven interceptions.

Entering the 2017 season, the quarterback job will be wide open. The Jets signed Fitzpatrick to a one-year deal last summer and have been unhappy with his production on the field most of the year. Smith just finished the final year of his four-year contract, so he could test the free agency waters along with Fitzpatrick this summer.

According to Spotrac, Petty is signed through the 2018 season. The only other quarterback under contract other than Petty is rookie Christian Hackenberg.

Tyler Calvaruso of Jetswire believes that Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo, if Dallas was willing to part ways with him, would be a good fit in New York.

"Romo would bring some leadership to what has been an interesting Jets locker room dynamic in 2016," Calvaruso writes. "The Jets need a quarterback like Romo who will put his own ego aside for the sake of the team and provide some muchneeded veteran leadership."

Other sources, including the New York Daily News, have reported that the Jets may be interested in drafting Mitch Trubisky, the junior quarterback out of the University of North Carolina.

Regardless of what the Jets do during the draft and through free agency, Petty will be right in the thick of the quarterback race.

A look at the new staff of Baylor football for 2017

BEN EVERETT

Sports Writer

Baylor football ended the 2016 season on a high note with a 31-12 blowout win over Boise State in the Motel 6 Cactus Bowl, and the Bears will have much to look forward to in the coming years with the staff which head coach Matt Rhule is putting together.

Rhule convinced defensive coordinator Phil Snow, Rhule's defensive coordinator at Temple University, to follow him to Waco. Snow has coaching experience with eight other college programs, as well as four years of NFL experience with the Detroit Lions.

Snow will attempt to translate Temple's defensive success to Big 12 play. The Owls' defense ranked third in the country last season in yards given up per game, surrendering just 275.9 yards each contest.

Joining Snow on the defensive coaching staff are Francis Brown, Elijah Robinson, and Mike Siravo – all following Snow from Temple. Brown, who will serve as the defensive backs coach, has three years of coaching experience at Temple and played cornerback at Western Carolina from 2005 to 2009.

Brown expressed his gratitude for Temple and excitement for the upcoming season in Waco in an interview with Philly.com.

"Temple did one heck of a job, and this time I will try to go on and try to win a championship at Baylor," Brown said.

Defensive line coach Robinson played defensive tackle for Penn State from 2004 to 2008 and served three years as Temple's defensive line coach following a coaching stint with his alma mater. Siravo will be the Bears' linebackers coach and has defensive coaching experience at both Temple and Boston College.

On the offensive side of

"This is a dream come true for me to come back to Baylor and coach and help build the program."

Denise Gay | Race Director

the ball, Baylor will be run by co-offensive coordinators Matt Lubick and Jeff Nixon. Lubick had previously accepted a job at Mississippi before Rhule lured him to Baylor. Last year, he served as offensive coordinator for Oregon, a team that ranked 15th nationally in total offense.

Nixon played collegiate

ball at Penn State and has spent the past nine years with various assistant jobs in the NFL – most recently as the tight ends coach for the San Francisco 49ers.

Joining Lubick and Nixon on the offensive staff is George DeLeone. DeLeone will serve as Baylor's offensive line coach after holding the same position at Temple last year.

Rhule has also hired three coaches with Texas ties whose positions with the team have yet to be announced. David Wetzel, head coach at Ronald Reagan High School in San Antonio and president of the Texas High School Football Coaches Association, will return to Baylor after playing wide receiver for the Bears under head coach Grant Teaff in 1990 and 1991.

Teaff, a Baylor coaching legend, was complimentary of Wetzel and his role with the program.

"He's a perfect fit for Baylor as a graduate and highly respected high school football coach," Teaff told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "You don't get to be president of the Texas High School Football Coaches Association without being highly qualified."

Rhule also hired Texas high school coaches Shawn Bell and Joey McGuire, each of whom will provide recruiting power in the lodestar state.

Bell, who played quarterback for the Bears from 2002 to 2006, said he was excited to be back in Waco.

"This is a dream come true for me to come back to Baylor and coach and help build the program," Bell said. "My goal is to get on board and do whatever they need me to do, and I will do that to the best of my ability."

Rhule has also announced hirings of Evan Cooper and Sean Padden as director of player personnel and director of football operations, respectively.



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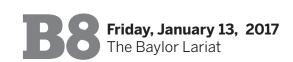


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