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Board to decide on student regents’ voting rights

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The Baylor Board of Regents will vote Friday on recommendations from a governance review task force.

Among these recommendations is that the current nonvoting regents representing the Bear Foundation, the Baylor “B” Association and the faculty should become voting

members of the board. If this suggestion is adopted, the two student regents will be the only non-voting members of the board.

While the task force specified that student regents remain the nonvoting members of the board, there was no explanation provided in the recommendations to justify this suggestion.

Bears for Leadership Reform

released a Governance Reform Plan on Jan. 18 and among its suggestions was that student regents should be full-voting members.

Liza Firmin, 2006 Baylor alumna and member of the Bears for Leadership Reform Board of Directors, said she believes student regents should have voting rights and executive session privileges because students are most directly affected by

the regents’ decisions.

“The faculty and the students are the ones that are living under the rules and policies that the Board of Regents are putting forth,” Firmin said. “The board is more accountable to the students and faculty than anyone else because, again, they are the most impacted by what is going on.”

Firmin said she believes that if

a group has a representative on the board, that representative should have full privileges and that there should be no nonvoting members on the board.

“If constituents are important enough to have a representative on the board of regents, they are important enough to have a vote. Whatever

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Baylor NAACP shares modern black history with hashtag

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Staff Writer

Videos of African-American students at Baylor are circulating on Twitter because of a hashtag that Baylor NAACP set in place called #myblackhistory.

The hashtag enables students to give diverse perspectives on their experiences and what being African-American means to them.

Houston sophomore Maryse Bombito, press and publicity chair for Baylor NAACP, films students answering questions about what they love about being black and posts the videos on the Baylor NAACP page with the hashtag. Bombito said she came up with the idea for the hashtag because she believes people should celebrate history in the making as well as the past.

“I wanted to do something where we were celebrating our present that will soon be history, not just looking back at the past, but celebrating who we are now,” Bombito said. “We all have different stories, but growing up, we focused on the main narrative and we missed so many different things.”

Houston junior Danielle Sherman, who participated in a video, said that since the shortest month of the year is used to celebrate black history, it should capture the fullness of history by including the beauty in every aspect of black culture.

“The phrase ‘black don’t crack’ was why I said I love being black,” Sherman said. “There are many people who go through procedures to look like us, yet shame us, and it is baffling. We should love being black always, not just in February.”

Not only is Baylor NAACP celebrating black excellence, but it also recently celebrated the 108th founders day of the NAACP on Sunday. The group gathered in the Bill Daniel Student Center for a viewing of “A Raisin in the Sun,” a movie about the struggles and victories of a black family during the Harlem Renaissance.

Houston junior Reginald Singletary, Baylor NAACP president, said he appreciates being able to be a part of a group that has endured opposition for so long.

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“YOU’RE JUST MY TYPE” New Braunfels junior Alec Bagwell and Atlanta, Ga., social work intern Jessie Deimler decorated Valentine’s Day themed cards on Tuesday as a part of the Counseling Center’s Hope Peace Love event in the Baylor Sciences Building.

Hope Peace Love

Counseling Center hosts Valentine’s Day event

RACHEL SMITH
Reporter

Baylor Counseling Center hosted its second Hope Peace Love event Tuesday with a fair in the Baylor Sciences Building and discussions and events across campus.

During the fair, students played Healthy Relationship Bingo, made Valentines Day cards and learned about mental health awareness. Along with educational resources, students received free prizes, merchandise and food from Pokey-Os and

Club Sandwich food trucks.

“We decided to do this on Valentine’s Day because we also want to encourage people to love themselves, and that means you take care of yourself, mental health included,” said Monique Marsh-Bell, senior psychologist and assistant director of community programming. “Then, we want people to love others, so you can make a valentine if you want.”

Marsh-Bell said the event is intended to educate students about mental health so they can be proactive in taking care

of themselves, whether or not their mental health status requires individual counseling.

“This is something we do on the front end to help students learn how to take care of themselves and love themselves,” Marsh-Bell said.

The fair consisted of booths from the Counseling Center as well as organizations that focus on mental health-related issues. Baylor Active Minds, an organization that

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DeVos’ confirmation causes concern

RYLEE SEAVERS
Staff Writer

Betsy DeVos’ recent confirmation as U.S. education secretary causes concern from educators all over the nation.

DeVos was confirmed on Feb. 7. Vice President Mike Pence cast the tie-breaking vote in the Senate in order to confirm DeVos.

In November, the president of the American Federation of Teachers, Randi Weingarten, issued a statement voicing his disapproval of DeVos’ nomination. DeVos’ positions on school choice and vouchers, inexperience as an educator and her family’s investments in education have raised questions about her qualifications to serve as U.S. secretary of education, according to Weingarten’s statement.

“Under her leadership, we will reform the U.S. education system and break the bureaucracy that is holding our children back so that we can deliver world-class education

and school choice to all families,” President Donald Trump said in a statement announcing his nomination of DeVos on Nov. 23.

The statement also said that DeVos is a “brilliant and passionate education advocate” and expressed her willingness to serve as U.S. secretary of education.

Throughout her confirmation hearing, DeVos was a vocal advocate for school choice. DeVos believes that parents are best equipped to decide where their children should go to school and that it should not be determined by zip code, DeVos said in her confirmation hearing.

“A blanket ideology that just says ‘just throw the doors open,’ and people just pick wherever they want to go [to school], there are some impracticalities to that. Space and buildings is one,” Program Director for the Doctor of Education in K-12 Educational Leadership Dr. John Wilson said.



Associated Press

EDUCATION President Donald Trump listens as Education Secretary Betsy DeVos speaks during a meeting with parents and teachers on Tuesday in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington.

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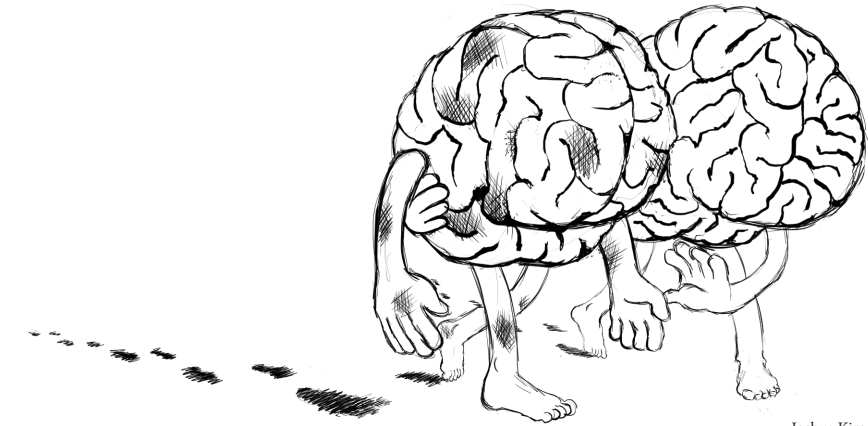
EDITORIAL

Mental health cannot be ignored anymore

When one thinks of the term “mental health,” a million psychological definitions come to mind. The stigma surrounding mental illness is one of good intention: the concept that if you tell a depressed or anxious person to simply get out of their heads, you can solve all of their problems. What many people forget is that mental health affects every single aspect of a person's life, and it is not as easy as just “getting over it.”

Because so many college students have an overwhelming amount of stress to deal with, it is easy to toe the line between fleeting anxiety or emotional ruts and actual mental health problems. Students: There are scientific studies and psychological research that proves mental health among college students is fragile and far too often sacrificed. Don't allow yourselves to put your mental health to the wayside in order to fulfill school duties.

Mental health is a monster of a subject — with all the different research areas, discussion areas and the overarching concern for those suffering from mental health issues, it can be overwhelming to even think about. However, for college students especially, mental health is a necessary area of focus. Out of all age groups, college students are most likely to set aside their personal health for other goals. According to Activeminds.org, a site that focuses on attempting to change the stigma surrounding mental health, “Almost one-third of all college students report having felt so depressed that they had trouble functioning.” Along with this, the site states that a major reason students have



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

a higher likelihood of mental health problems is the pressure put on them to maintain a GPA or work toward future goals. Emory University's suicide awareness page says that nearly 1,000 students commit suicide on college campuses each year, and this is backed up by research from the American Psychiatric Association and the Suicide Prevention Resource Center.

These are not just statistics on paper. These are actual people, and these are actual problems we face as students at a competitive university. The pressure to compete with each other, to achieve personal goals or to please parents can be causes of serious mental illnesses, such as depression, anxiety and even mental breaks. It is understandably difficult to be a student — trying to maintain your grades, social life and prepare for a future career all at once. However, it is also understandable that in dealing

with these stressors, some students develop unhealthy outlooks on life. If you are suffering from anxiety, depression or any other mental disorder and are struggling to make it through the day, you are not alone. Emory's fact sheet also said that one in 10 college students has considered suicide. That means that on Baylor's campus alone, there are approximately 1,598 students struggling to make it through the day.

It is OK not to be OK. It is OK to struggle, and it is OK to think that you are alone. But in that, you are wrong — you are not alone in your worries and fears. Speaking from experience, at some point in our college career, most of us have been extremely afraid of not reaching whatever expectations we set for ourselves. And with that fear comes self-deprecation, self-criticism and feelings of isolation.

There are many options to work through

these issues, such as the Baylor Counseling Center, which is run by 12 licensed counselors and doctors who are there to simply listen to you. The walk-in clinic doesn't even require an appointment. For more information on hours and services, you can access their website at http://www.baylor.edu/counseling_center/. As they say on their page, they are there to help.

So to those who are struggling to maintain their mental health or are facing a mental disorder: We understand, we care and we want to let you know that you are not alone.

To those who have friends or loved ones fighting mental disorders: Reassure them that you are there, but do not try to fix them yourselves. It is just as unhealthy to take on someone's issues as it is to be facing those issues, and mental health is not something that you can just fix.

People with mental health issues cannot just get up, dust themselves off and walk away. Fighting this fight is like dragging yourself through quicksand, and as soon as you think you have escaped, something happens and you fall right back in. Support, love and encouragement are all things you can offer to a person struggling with mental health disorders, but you cannot offer a solution.

Mental health is the monster under the bed that college students face. We fear failure, we fear judgment and we fear inadequacy. However, what we really should fear is forgetting to live while we fight to survive.

COLUMN

We believe you: the #Big12Together movement

Dear Big 12 community,

After years of reading headlines across the country and hearing heartbreaking stories from our peers, Big 12 student governments decided it is time to unite in our efforts and speak boldly against sexual assault. Although there has been an increase of awareness and resources in recent years, it is evident that there is still a lot of work to do on our campuses. As we work for a better future, we hope this message is very clear to the survivors of sexual assault today — we believe you, it's not your fault and we are here to help.

This past November, Big 12 student government leaders attended a conference in Morgantown, W. Va. Every year, this conference is held at rotating campuses to come together and share ideas from our respective universities. During this year's conference, we received in-depth education from the West Virginia Title IX office, shared best practices offered at each university and filmed a video to unite our platforms and voices to create a stronger message than what we can offer as individual campuses. Although our initial goal is to further the awareness of sexual assault on our campuses, we must not stop there. Our #Big12Together collaboration focuses on two things: sexual assault prevention and survivor support.

Although each student government has established priorities and agendas for this school year, the collaboration keeps us, as student leaders, accountable to prioritize sexual assault. Each university is offering programming this semester to bring tangible actions back to our campuses. They are as listed:

Baylor: Baylor University will be engaging our student body about these efforts through our social media platforms. During the It's On Us month in April, we will be partnering with our It's On Us Student Advisory Council to host relevant speakers and programming that communicates our efforts to prevent sexual assault from occurring and to show support for our victims. In addition to this, the Student Body President Lindsey Bacque, Internal Vice President Joel Polvado and External Vice President Amye Dickerson will be advocating on these issues in the State Capitol.

Iowa State: Iowa State will be actively engaging campus and its students through social media awareness from the It's On Us campaign. We will also be providing resources for students to access and learn about and most importantly the commitment of unwavering support for victims that Iowa State has. Our student body president, senior director of governmental affairs and our director of legislative ambassadors will be advocating sexual assault prevention and awareness to state legislators for action and representation throughout Iowa.

Kansas University: Many groups on the University of Kansas campus will be collaborating on a variety of programs during the month of April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This year's theme is “Engaging New Voices,” so each week will focus on engaging specific types of students in conversations about sexual violence. Events will include tabling, Bringing in the Bystander sessions, flags on the Watson lawn, Take Back the Night, Brown Bag Drag, Dry Bar for Consent and many others.

Kansas State: Kansas State University will be hosting events

during the week of Feb. 13-18 in support of #Big12Together. Our Student Governing Association is collaborating with our university's Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education (CARE) Office to host events that will educate students further on the resources our campus provides to support individuals in our community. Another event we will be promoting is an event hosted by our university during #Big12Together week that is providing students information on Title IX and the reporting process of sexual harassment and sexual violence cases. We will also be engaging in social media aspects of the week to promote our conference's united front against sexual assault.

Oklahoma University: Here at Norman we offer resources through both our Gender and Equality Center (GEC) as well as our Title IX office. Our GEC offers many programs around Gender-based violence prevention including our one-hour interactive workshop titled Step in, Speak out. The workshop focuses on the power of bystander intervention and what we can do as a community. Our OU Advocates is a group of staff advocates on-call 24/7 to respond if any person in the OU community experiences stalking, relationship violence, harassment or sexual assault. The phone number is 406-516-0013.

Oklahoma State University: Safety is a priority on the Oklahoma State University campus. During the #Big12Together week, our Student Government Association will be engaging our student body through social media about the efforts put forth by this conference to ensure that the message of awareness and prevention of sexual assault violence will be heard. We will be promoting the events put on by the Title IX office on all of our social media outlets as well as in our senate, executive and constituency meetings. Furthermore, we will be showcasing the It's On Us collaboration video in the OSU Student Union.

Texas Christian University: We will host a week long launch of the It's On Us campaign, incorporating all relevant stakeholders within the university, including Title IX Office, campus life, campus police, counseling center, health center and wellness center; screening of “The Hunting Ground”; all day tabling day, Social Media Awareness of the It's On Us campaign along with other resources for students to reach out to. Our student body president, senior director of governmental affairs and our director of legislative ambassadors will be advocating sexual assault prevention and awareness to state legislators.

Texas Tech University: Safety remains one of our No. 1 priorities for all student, faculty and staff. In addition to providing year-round programming through the Student Government Association, the Office of the President, the (Risk Intervention and Safety Education) R.I.S.E. Office, the Fraternity and Sorority Life office, the Clay R. Warren Risk Management Series and the Center for Campus Life, we will be participating in multiple social media campaigns, tabling events and programs throughout the month of April, in coordination with multiple offices on campus. We would encourage all students to follow our social media pages at sga.ttu.edu, and follow our journey during sexual assault awareness month. Make sure to stop by our spring break survival pack passout on March 6, 7 and 8 in the free speech area. Texas Tech University will be participating in the #Big12Together

campaign and will be focused on this topic as the Student Body Officers visit lawmakers in Austin and Washington, D.C. As West Texas hospitality holds true, we are all there for one another. We encourage students to share their story with us and visit our dean of students with any concerns. For more information on the Texas Tech #Big12Together initiative, visit our Facebook page.

The University of Texas: During the week of March 20, the IPV Prevention Coalition will be facilitating workshops at student organization meetings. The IPV Prevention Coalition was created by Student Body Vice President Binna Kim as a space for student organizations focused on this work to strategically collaborate hand-in-hand with school administrators as well as develop university policy. The Coalition is currently made of Voices Against Violence, Texas Blazers' MenCanEnd Campaign, BeVocal Bystander Prevention, Steps for Survivors, Women's Resource Agency, Not On My Campus, Texas Orange Jackets and Student Government. The Coalition is advised by Voices Against Violence and the Title IX Office with the support of the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs. The purpose of this week of workshops is to dive into deeper conversations around WHY sexual assault happens on our campus. The week will kick off with an open viewing of "The Hunting Ground" in front of the Tower on at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 20 and close with the Steps for Survivors walk, which benefits our Survivor's Emergency Fund on Thursday.

West Virginia University: We will have a week of programming in coordination with our Title IX Office and the It's On Us event schedule during the week of April 3 - 8. We will be hosting events such as tabling in our student union with support from our Peer Advocates program who will run the events the majority of the week. During the programming, the Peer Advocates will promote education about confidential reporting and the Title IX office and the services they provide.

If you have any suggestions for what resources you want to see brought to your campus, please contact your Student Government directly. The more we invest in learning about sexual assault, we have become more aware of the complexities that come with this issue. We are eager to gain more understanding. Sexual assault impacts one in five collegiate women and one in sixteen collegiate men. These are our friends, our roommates, our coworkers. These are our classmates and our teammates. These are our peers. We must do everything in our power to prevent these cases from occurring in the future and to uplift those who have survived something so tragic. This is much bigger than just one university, and we cannot do this alone.

We are proud to be a part of a conference that is supportive of one another, regardless of the final number on the scoreboard. This #Big12Together collaboration is the start of a collective effort to communicate that we are truly better together. While we may be an athletic conference based on the idea of competition, we now have the opportunity to be more than that: We have the opportunity to be the voice of change for students across the country and show that working together is more effective, more efficient and more impactful. We hope you will join us.

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STUCK IN A BOOK Lago Vista senior Joshua West attended Phi Alpha Theta’s #LoveHistory book sale on Tuesday to celebrate Valentine’s Day.

Phi Alpha Theta hosts #LoveHistory book sale

FAITH MILETELLO
Reporter

Some of the most epic love stories are found on the pages of history books, and Phi Alpha Theta hosted its Valentine’s Day book sale to share those tales with Baylor’s campus.

“We are the history honors society. It is a national organization,” Kaufman senior Stephen Gentzel said. “We try to promote history and the academic life, so part of what we do is work with our professors, and majority of the books are donated by professors.”

Gentzel said many of the members are history majors, minors and also professors. Joining the honor society makes you a

lifelong member, he said . Some students join because of an interest in history; the society only requires members to have four history credits.

The event was held in the lobby of Tidwell Bible Building, and books were all priced cheaply for students’ convenience. The sale was dubbed #LoveHistory in honor of Valentine’s Day, according to the group’s Facebook page.

“The sale was to raise money for Phi Alpha Theta,” Kleinburg said. “We like to use this as our main fundraiser to fund our spring cookout and our student-led initiatives across campus, like sending a student to an academic conference.”

Lampasas senior Emily Kleinburg shared her favorite

historical love story, the relationship between Mughal emperor Shah Jahan and his wife Mumtaz Mahal.

“His love for Mumtaz was legendary,” Kleinburg said. “Unfortunately, she died giving birth to their 14th child, and he was in an insane amount of grief. He commissioned the Taj Mahal as a mausoleum to her memory.”

Gentzel also mentioned his appreciation for the love story of George and Martha Washington. The Adams’ relationship was also “pretty sweet,” Gentzel said.

Those who purchased books from the sale received a memoir of history to enjoy and helped support the history society.

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“This [organization] has seen so many things throughout the history of America, and it’s amazing that it has survived this long when organizations that fought against the norm and fought for justice were often taken down and broken apart,” Singletary said. “It’s amazing to be a member of an [organization] that has had so many heroes that have went against all odds for what they believed in. It gives us, the youth, a platform

for continuing to do the work that our community and this nation still needs.”

Baylor NAACP will continue celebrating black history by supporting events through the department of multicultural affairs such as the Black Heritage Banquet with Malcolm X’s daughter coming to speak, the Coalition of Black Ambassadors’ All For One Soiree event and the Asian Student Association fashion show.

All students are welcome to attend these events, and information for them can be found on the Baylor NAACP Facebook page.

“We need to get out into the community more, develop ourselves more as growing leaders and become more connected and intentional about creating change on campus and within the community,” Singletary said. “I’m excited for where this organization will go.”

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Wilson said people like to have a choice in matters like education, but the limitations placed on schools based on factors such as facilities and teachers make something as simple as ‘school choice’ very difficult. There may be a great school in an area that many students want to attend, but that school is limited by the number of students that they can take, he said.

“I think [school choice] sounds really ideal,” Georgetown senior Audrey Hamlin, a special education major, said. “Unfortunately, the reality of that situation is that you have a lot of white middle class parents and families taking their children out of lower income school, which means that they are taking their tax dollars away from that school, and that school essentially ends up with a [lack] of resources.”

Hamlin said lack of resources leads to lower test scores and less funding. She said that, in turn, the higher income schools receive more resources and better teachers and become great schools, while the lower income schools that are often serving children living in poverty are unable to provide quality education to their students. Those students are in need of a quality education the most to escape poverty, Hamlin said.

DeVos’ possible conflict of interest due to her investments in education have also caused concern among educators. According to DeVos’ paperwork, released by the U.S. Department of Ethics, she has connections to several for-profit colleges and a company, Performant Business Services, Inc., which the U.S. Department of Education contracts to collect defaulted student loans. Some also see DeVos’ comment, obtained exclusively by Politico, that she will use school reform to “advance God’s kingdom” as a conflict of interest relating to her religion.

“I don’t think that one can look into the face of a child and choose to turn [their] back on that.”

Audrey Hamlin | Georgetown senior

“As a Christian, I would like to advance God’s kingdom too, but I also recognize that, in our world of public education, it’s not there to advance a religion of any kind, whether it’s Christian or Muslim or any other group. That’s not [its] role,” Wilson said.

Hamlin said she is concerned that the initiatives DeVos has supported in education have only benefited students in higher income areas.

“[These initiatives] particularly have not benefited the students that, I think, need and deserve a voice. That would be students in low income areas, minority students, students of immigrants, my students - students with disabilities. She definitely doesn’t stand for them,” Hamlin said.

Hamlin also expressed concern about DeVos’ foundation in money and believes that DeVos has only been an advocate for people who

don’t need advocates, for parents of students who are able to send their children to private schools. She is also discouraged by DeVos’ lack of knowledge regarding the Individuals With Disabilities Act.

“I have a hard time finding something positive to say about her. However, I’ve read that she has been visiting public schools. I hope that in visiting public schools, she sees what I see on a daily basis. I don’t think that one can look into the face of a child and choose to turn your back on that,” Hamlin said.

Hamlin said she hopes that DeVos will become an advocate for students in public schools by gaining experience in the classrooms.

At a meeting on Tuesday with DeVos and educators, Trump said that education is a priority.

“That is why I want every single disadvantaged child in America, no matter what their background or where they live, to have a choice about where they go to school,” Trump said at the meeting.

Trump also said that school choice has worked very well in areas where it was properly implemented and that it is an “amazing thing”. Trump congratulated DeVos on being successfully confirmed after a “very unfair” confirmation process and said that the real winner will be the children.

“I am very honored to have the opportunity to serve Americas students and I’m really excited to be here today with parents and educators representing traditional public schools, charter public schools, home schools, private schools, a range of choices. And we’re eager to listen and learn from you; your ideas for how we can ensure that all of our kids have an equal opportunity for a high quality, great education and therefore an opportunity for the future,” DeVos said at the meeting.

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promotes mental health awareness and reduces stigmas surrounding mental health, offered stress-management tips.

Dallas sophomore Emily Apt, who is involved in All-University Sing, said she came to the fair because she was stressed.

“I wanted to find some stress-relieving options,” Apt said. “My favorite part of the fair is all the interactive parts.”

At a neighboring booth, Yoshiko Hall, psychologist and coordinator of multicultural services, discussed the Mobile Mind Body Lab, a feature of the Counseling Center that offers devices such as GSR2, RESPeRATE and Muse to teach stress-relieving techniques such as breathing more slowly.

“Mobile Mind Body Lab is a room that we’re trying to finish and starting to open where people can learn to relax using these devices,” Hall said. “[Stress relief techniques are] just a really good skill to have. It’s a skill that people can learn.”

Elsewhere on campus, students attended a showing of the movie “Inside Out,” signed up for a raffle and attended discussions about mental health, anxiety, minorities and prayer.

“We just want students to take care of themselves and take care of one another,” Marsh-Bell said. “Baylor is a community and a family, and part of what we do at the Counseling Center is helping students succeed here. To do that, we all need to be helping one another.”

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Baylor constituency you represent, you represent a demographic for a reason,” Firmin said. “I don’t think one group should be held over another. Each group brings their own perspective to the table and brings diversity, which is very important.”

Firmin said Bears for Leadership Reform’s main request of the Board of Regents is transparency and that allowing students to be fully-privileged members of the board is a step toward that goal.

Jake Torres is the student trustee on the Southern Methodist University Board of Trustees. SMU added a full-voting student representative after its athletic scandal in 1986, which caused its football program to receive the death penalty, suspending the program for over a year.

Torres said he believes the student perspective on the board is an extremely valuable asset to the university.

“I think every university would benefit from allowing students to have a seat at the table, and more importantly, to vote.”

Jake Torres | Student trustee at SMU

“The student vote provides a very strong diversity of experiences on the board,” Torres said. “It’s not just people that graduated from SMU decades ago on the board. It really does represent a good cross section of the university. The student perspective is critical for the board to understand how their decisions impact students on the ground.”

Torres said he thinks students having an equally weighted voice in what happens at their university helps them trust the governance of the university.

“I think every university would benefit from allowing students to have a seat at the table and, more importantly, have a vote. I think it makes our student body feel more connected and have better faith and confidence in the board knowing there is a student on the board representing their interest,” Torres said. “I think it makes it more transparent and makes the board function better by having a student on there. I really hope Baylor strongly considered adding that voice.”

Thursday, Baylor Student Senate passed a bill requesting that the regents grant student regents full-voting rights and executive privilege. Currently, student regents must leave the room when meetings go into executive session.

Cypress senior Chris Seals, author of the bill, said allowing students to vote will only helps further the regents’ goal of diversifying the board.

“Having a vote and being able to influence and having executive privileges really lets your voice be heard more than someone who does not have those rights,” Seals said.

Seals said he thinks the Board of Regents is making good changes and that giving students a vote would help the board strengthen ties with the students and allow the university to move forward together.

“I think if we can get a full-scope view of campus, we can continue to grow and become even more close-knit with all of our departments and all of our sections. I personally believe that,” Seals said. “I am hoping that the student regents will be granted those voting rights and executive privileges, but by doing that it lets our students see and feel that they are represented in our highest governing body and that we can Effect changes to campus that we feel would better campus.”

The task force has also recommended changes regarding input for regent selection, selection of board leadership, changes to the removal process for regents, greater regent emeriti involvement, rotation off the board of the past chair after one year, reorganization of committee responsibilities, and streamlining of committee meetings, according to a previous Baylor Lariat article.

Sweet tooth



Dayday Wynn | Lariat Photographer

SATISFY YOUR CRAVING Students and Wacoans visited Hey Sugar on Austin Avenue on Tuesday to stock up on Valentine’s Day goodies.

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WILD AND CHEAP Tribe Boutique is a new Waco store that offers trendy styles for affordable prices. It is located near The Mix on Bagby Avenue and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Affordable and Trendy

‘Fast fashion’ arrives in Waco

KASSIDY WOYTEK
Reporter

The sign outside Tribe Boutique this week reads, “Everything \$15,” and sales like this are not unusual for the store.

Store owner Clifton Fadal said the affordable prices are what make Tribe a smart alternative to other women’s clothing stores in Waco that sell similar styles.

“First and foremost, it’s our prices that set us apart,” Fadal said. “We have the best prices in town. There’s absolutely no doubt about that.”

No matter what sales are happening inside, Tribe always features a \$10 rack of clothes on display outside the store.

Tribe’s current sale will continue

through the end of March and promises that none of the store’s merchandise will be priced higher than \$15. Some accessory items and candles cost as low as \$10.

Fadal opened the store in September after the owner of the Dallas store Milk and Honey told him she had storage units full of extra clothes from her store.

“She had accumulated a lot of excess clothing over the years,” Fadal said. “So I bought that from her at a discounted rate and decided to open another store.”

Coppell junior Megan Moore has been working at Tribe since October. She said some of her favorite outfits have come from the store at a low cost, thanks to her employee discount.

“I was actually able to get two

pairs of jeans, a shirt and a dress for \$60,” Moore said.

Tribe Boutique is located on Bagby Avenue in the Campus Centre, taking the place of the old UBS bookstore. According to Moore, the store’s proximity to campus has been bringing more and more students to the store.

“I think that people are starting to become more aware of it,” Moore said. “Usually when you tell people where it is, you have to say it’s by The Mix.”

Fadal said that because of the store’s location, many customers first learn about Tribe when they see it on their ways to and from class.

One of those customers, Georgetown junior Jonna Hardy, said that’s exactly how she first learned

about the boutique. Now, she often shops at Tribe for events such as football games and vacations.

“I was walking home one day, and I saw their big opening sign and just thought, “That’s calling my name,” Hardy said.

Hardy, an apparel merchandising major, described Tribe as a “fast-fashion” boutique, where styles move quickly from the runway to the shelves in order to keep styles current.

Fadal agreed that despite the low prices, Tribe’s clothing is fashion-forward. According to him, Tribe’s clothing is based on the styles worn by models in Europe.

“It’s almost too fashionable for Waco,” Fadal said. “It’s kind of ahead of its time.”

This week in Waco:

>> Today

10 a.m.-5 p.m. — OZ and L. Frank Baum in Literature. Mayborn Museum Complex.

2-3 p.m. — Holly Tucker performs. VFW Post 8564, 702 N. 18th St.

7-9 p.m. — An evening of Jazz with Michael Incavo. Dichotomy Coffee & Spirits.

>> Thursday

10 a.m.-5 p.m. — OZ and L. Frank Baum in Literature. Mayborn Museum Complex.

10:30 a.m.-10:15 p.m. — Deep in the Heart Film Festival. \$5 student admission. Downtown Waco.

5-7 p.m. — Design Den. Mayborn Museum Complex.

7:30 p.m. — Open Mic. Tea2Go.

7:30 p.m. — Concert Jazz Ensemble performance. Jones Concert Hall.

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>> Friday

10 a.m.-5 p.m. — OZ and L. Frank Baum in Literature. Mayborn Museum Complex.

10:30 a.m.-11:45 p.m. — Deep in the Heart Film Festival. \$5 student admission. Downtown Waco.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. — Homespun Quilter’s Guild Show: Threads in Red. Waco Convention Center.

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For today’s puzzle results, please go to
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Today’s Puzzles

- Across**
- 1 See 1-Down
 - 5 Risk taker
 - 10 Minimally
 - 14 He sang about Alice
 - 15 Ooze with
 - 16 Bond’s first movie foe
 - 17 Word with interest or service
 - 18 Lavin of “Alice”
 - 19 Water retainer
 - 20 *More than is wise
 - 22 River racers
 - 24 Rose of Guns N’ Roses
 - 25 Poetic pair
 - 26 *Luxury resort chain
 - 31 “__ to leap tall buildings ... “
 - 32 “David Copperfield” villain
 - 33 Cain, to Abel, informally
 - 36 *Dominated the election
 - 41 Teachers’ org.
 - 42 Sufficient, to Shakespeare
 - 43 Working hard
 - 44 *Complete with ease
 - 48 Descends, as a rock wall
 - 52 Fluke-to-be
 - 53 Worried
 - 54 Farewells ... or, homophonically and read top to bottom, what the first words of the answers to starred clues represent?
 - 59 Fly in the ointment
 - 60 Fly-fishing catch
 - 62 Tennis score
 - 63 Floor piece
 - 64 “Maybe, just maybe”
 - 65 Big name in furniture
 - 66 Clairvoyant
 - 67 Got by
 - 68 See 58-Down
- Down**
- 1 With 1-Across, Whoppers and McRibbs, e.g.
 - 2 Embossed cookie
 - 3 Southwestern clay pot
 - 4 Remove respectfully

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- 5 First-class
- 6 Armpit
- 7 Squirt
- 8 Teacher’s deg.
- 9 Thought (out)
- 10 Make sense
- 11 Composer’s embellishment
- 12 Bracelet spot
- 13 Biblical verb
- 21 Toy inserts usually not included
- 23 Crescent points
- 25 Either “The Man Who Wasn’t There” director
- 26 Doe’s dear
- 27 Wind in a pit
- 28 Arm bone
- 29 Bull Run soldier
- 30 Over-the-shoulder garb
- 33 In __: as placed
- 34 “Understood,” in hippie-speak
- 35 “Little Women” sister
- 37 Verbal nods
- 38 Kind of geometry
- 39 “The Giver” novelist Lowry
- 40 Thai language
- 45 Entertainers on the road
- 46 Partner of hollered
- 47 Wine choice
- 48 Reddish-brown colors
- 49 Singer Lennox
- 50 “Positive thinking” advocate
- 51 “Your table’s ready” signaler
- 54 Sticky stuff
- 55 Radar dot
- 56 Team connection
- 57 All tied up
- 58 With 68-Across, “Milk” Oscar winner
- 61 Letter after pi

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Selman finds confidence in the circle

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

The 2017 softball season is young-one weekend tournament deep to be exact. But despite the new season, senior pitcher Kelsee Selman is already beginning to find her groove in the circle for head coach Glenn Moore and the Lady Bears.

The LSU transfer appeared in three games in the Hillenbrand Invitational last weekend, starting two of them. She finished 1-1 with a 1.85 earned run average, tossed one complete game shutout and allowed three earned runs on just nine hits all weekend.

Her lone loss was to No. 10 Arizona. Her one real mistake was a ball left out over the plate against Wildcats' senior third baseman Katiyana Mauga. The ball found its' way to the seats in the left center field in the bottom half of the fourth inning. Other than this mistake and scattered hits here and there, Selman was able to keep the Wildcats' potent offense in check.

Moore said he was extremely impressed with Selman over the weekend and her ability to battle against great competition.

"Kelsee had a great weekend," Moore said. "Very happy that she gave us a chance to win that [Arizona] ball game. We measured her against the top teams, so that kind of sent the message of what kind of confidence we



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

IN THE STRETCH Baylor senior RHP Kelsee Selman winds up for a pitch against McNeese State on Feb. 13, 2016, in Waco. Baylor lost the game 3-1. Selman transferred from LSU and made her Baylor debut last season.

had in her."

The number that won't jump off the stat sheet but just might be the most important to her is zero, representing the number of walks she posted last weekend. For Selman, control has been her biggest

obstacle since coming to Baylor. She allowed 36 walks in 48 1/3 innings pitched in 2016.

For Selman, it wasn't a mechanical issue or any discomfort in the circle. It was more of a mental block.

"I struggled with my

control last year," Selman said. "My mindset this year is to go at them, give them strikes and give them something to hit. My big thing has been just to work on my control and just go out at the hitters."

Moore said Selman's

effort against Arizona and her approach in the circle, including her ability to throw strikes, was pivotal in giving them a chance to win against the strongest competition.

"We pitched her against the strongest lineup that we

saw against Arizona," Moore said. "Last year she struggled a little bit with control, but she didn't walk a batter. She didn't have a ton of strikeouts either but gave us a chance to win the ball game."

Selman's composure and competitive edge stuck out to her teammates last weekend. Sophomore outfielder Kyla Walker said the team is extremely confident with her in the circle and that her arsenal is good enough to get anybody out.

"We're very confident with her," Walker said. "She came out in Arizona and only gave up a couple of hits. She kept us in the game long enough. We're really confident in what she can do. She spins the ball really well and keeps in low in the zone or high enough where they can't touch it."

Moore said he was unsure whether Selman or sophomore pitcher Gia Rodoni would get the start on Thursday against the University of Texas San Antonio, but he said Selman would get a lot of work this coming weekend.

Even though she won't be facing an offense quite like Arizona's, Selman insists that her mindset will be the same, and it all starts with control.

"My big focus now is just to throw strikes," Selman said.

Selman and the Lady Bears return to action starting at 6 p.m. Thursday against UTSA in the 16th Annual Getterman Classic.

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No. 4 Lady Bears Basketball vs. Oklahoma State Lady Cowgirls- live from the Ferrell Center

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