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## NO HARRY POTTER?

MCKENNA MIDDLETON  
Opinion Editor

**S**ince the first Harry Potter book was released 20 years ago, more than 500 million books have been sold all over the world in 80 languages. The series has been further expanded with the Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find them series, of which the second film came out Thursday night. However, many children who grew up in conservative religious families were not allowed to read one of the most popular fictional stories ever written.

Dr. Greg Garrett, professor of english, teaches a class on the Harry Potter novels and said religious objections to the books surfaced because of their association with witchcraft. “It immediately sort of grated on people from really religious communities who think of witchcraft and sorcery as satanic,” Garrett said.

When the seventh book came out, Harry Potter series author J.K. Rowling revealed that Christianity largely inspired her narratives at a press conference to mark the beginning of her Open Book Tour in 2007.

“To me, the religious parallels have always been obvious,” Rowling said. “But I never wanted to talk too openly about it because I thought it might show people who just wanted the story where we were going.”

The seventh book demonstrated the ways Potter served as a Christ figure and made direct references to Christianity, particularly through the inclusion of two Bible verses on the tombstones of Harry’s parents, Garrett said.

“That whole idea that [Rowling] was playing out the Christian gospel, the narrative of the Christian gospel actually became clear for people. But the trappings, the magic wands and the robes and the sorcerer’s hats still were a big distraction for a lot of people, because it does say in the Old Testament, suffer not a witch to live,” Garrett said.

Garrett said witchcraft serves as a literary tool to tell the story of Harry Potter. Rowling



Liesje Powers | Multimedia Editor

**NOVELTY** Many Christian families haven’t allowed their children to read J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter series as well as watch the movies because of the controversy surrounded witchcraft. However, on Rowling’s book tour she emphasized the intentional, biblical parallels she placed within the storyline. She also made sure to include Christian themes such as friendship and forgiveness.

was a classicist and a medievalist, and her studies informed her genre elements through her understanding of Latin and history.

“I always tell people that you could make Harry Potter with ray guns and spaceships. You could make it in a lot of different ways. Those are genre elements to the story because it’s a fantasy story,” Garrett said. “What I like to tell people is if you can get past that nervousness, that it’s an incredibly well-told version of the Christian story. And sometimes I like to talk about it as being maybe the best —

certainly the most popular — retelling of the Christian myth in the contemporary world.”

Memphis junior Michael Agapos said growing up in an evangelical Christian family, his parents did not allow him to read or watch Harry Potter because of its connection to witchcraft. His freshman year of college, he finally sat down over winter break and read all seven novels in three days — though he hasn’t seen the movies yet.

“I got that my parents wanted what was best for me and they didn’t want me

being exposed to the devil or whatever. So I understood sort of where they were coming from. I thought their reasoning was poor. They definitely didn’t read the books themselves to evaluate whether or not it would be appropriate for a Christian youth. I felt that they were. And when I read them, there were a lot of themes that support Christian values or even just decent moral values,” Agapos said.

Graham senior Alyssa Ray said she

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## OR CHRISTIAN-INSPIRED NARRATIVE?

### ALL UNIVERSITY THANKSGIVING

BRIDGET SJOBERG  
Staff Writing

Cold weather? Fear not! The Baylor community gathered on Wednesday for a night of Thanksgiving food and fall festivities in three campus dining halls — Penland, Memorial and East Village. The event typically occurs on Fountain Mall, but it switched locations to Baylor dining halls to accommodate for the cold weather.

This All-University Thanksgiving event serves as a popular campus tradition, allowing all students, staff, faculty and families to celebrate with free food and engage in conversation and fellowship.

Weatherford senior Emma Beaird is involved in planning the event as co-chair of Student Foundation’s campus and promotions committee. Beaird believed the last-minute change didn’t have a huge impact on the event.

“When the weather turned rainy and cold early this week, we had to make a tough call to move Thanksgiving Dinner indoors this year,” Beaird said. “Our main concern with moving it inside was to make sure that the event still had a fall atmosphere, and I think we definitely did everything we could to achieve that feeling. Our hope is that the sense of Baylor family was still felt by everyone who attended last night.”

Houston sophomore Vanessa Jessurun actually preferred the indoor location, believing it led to a more convenient setting and quicker food delivery.

“I think the event worked better in the dining halls this year since it allowed more people to come because of the convenient locations of dining halls,” Jessurun said. “The lines went faster since there were multiple lines and multiple halls. The food was also able to stay warm and we could hear the music

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**SRAT** Alpha Phi is set to join Baylor’s Panhellenic Council this January. Founded in 1872, Alpha Phi has Greek involvement in 171 campuses across the nation and over 200,000 sorority members.

## APLHA PHI JOINS BAYLOR GREEK

MAYA BUTLER  
Reporter



lpha Phi will be the newest addition to Baylor Greek life, as the Panhellenic Council voted to accept the national sorority on Tuesday.

Dakotah Lindsay, director of marketing and communications for Alpha Phi International Fraternity, responded in an email after being notified of the approval.

“Alpha Phi is thankful for the opportunity to join the established sorority community at Baylor,” Lindsay wrote. “These women have taken time to strengthen their community to prepare for a new chapter, and we look forward to our future partnership.”

Founded in 1872, Alpha Phi has Greek involvement in 171 campuses across the nation and over 200,000 sorority members. On its national webpage, the organization’s mission statement states that it is “a sisterhood of women supporting one another in lifelong achievement.”

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EDITORIAL



Rewon Shimray | Cartoonist

LOOKING FORWARD:  
INTERFAITH INCLUSIVE CULTURE

EDITORIAL SERIES: FINALE

While Baylor is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the university has provided programs and events to include other faith communities. However, there is always more that Baylor can do to promote religious inclusivity within the Christian college culture at Baylor.

Baylor’s “commitment to diversity and inclusion” states that the institution seeks “to embody Christ’s teachings of love and inclusivity across boundaries of racial, ethnic, gender, socio-economic, religious and other expressions of human difference.” This commitment expresses a desire for not merely toleration, but reconciliation.

The Campus Diversity Committee works alongside the Office of the President to promote policies and programs that embrace diversity on campus. The cooperation of the Office of the President and existence of such a group show intentionality of the leadership in Baylor.

Better Together, an on-campus interfaith group, helps facilitate inclusive spiritual conversations. The organization hosts Neighbor Nights, which act as arenas for cultural exchange. These conversations have no ulterior evangelistic agenda, but rather seek to increase mutual understanding.

Baylor Spiritual Life also supports people from other faiths through events like “Sacred Prayers, Holy Remembrance” in which students were encouraged to memorialize and pray for the Jewish Tree of Life Synagogue community in Pittsburgh

following the shooting in November. Having these events shows a commitment to care for others regardless of their religious association.

For all students, the Bobo Spiritual Life Center provides a homey place with free coffee. It is an open space for people to ask questions and pray in the chapel. Other non-religious affiliated universities have similar areas. Best Counseling Schools identified 50 of the best campus religious or meditation areas. Similar to the Bobo, none of these areas is restricted to specific beliefs. Having a welcoming, religious space for everyone is especially exemplary to have on a Baptist-affiliated university.

Chartered religious organizations include Anglican Student Ministries, Catholic Student Association and Lutherans Doing Life Together. While the inclusion of these denominations is a step in the right direction, there are still more religious groups yet to be recognized. According to Baylor Institutional Research and Testing, 26.2 percent of undergraduate students of fall 2018 are Baptist-affiliated. A reported 129 Hindus, 109 Muslims and 559 nonreligious students are without a Baylor-approved religious student organization to meet with and feel welcomed by.

Better Together and Spiritual Life events could further welcome people of different faiths by providing meals that accommodate their dietary restrictions. Aramark provides vegan and gluten-free options. Having kosher and halal meal options would be a helpful addition.

Baylor has clearly made intentional efforts to include people of other faiths. Underlying Baylor’s Pro Futuris vision to become a tier-one research university is a need to welcome all students to broaden scholarship and bring in the best thinkers. Growing in religious inclusivity helps us grow as not only a loving Christian community, but also a research institution.

COLUMN  
HARRY POTTER CONTINUES TO INSPIRE

**BROOKE HILL**  
News Editor

Harry Potter is undeniably one of the most widespread phenomenons in literature among millennials and continues to grow in popularity with younger generations.

While I studied abroad in London this summer, I took every chance I could get to do anything even slightly Harry Potter related. I stood in a very long line to take a picture at Platform 9 & 3/4 at King’s Cross station. I passed an entire day at the Harry Potter studio tour fan-girling over the unreal number of props and rooms that were used to film the

movies I cherished so much. I also spent a little too much of my savings on tickets to see “Harry Potter & The Cursed Child.” My friends may have wanted to spend a little more time shopping or exploring the more urban, trendy parts of London, but nothing made me happier than seeing the spots that I had read about and seen in movies for so long. It made me feel like maybe a little bit of the magic I dreamed about was actually real.

Harry Potter is ultimately a story about growing up, and as children grow up alongside Harry, they become attached. Part of the reason we all love Harry Potter so much is because it reminds us of our own childhood — we remember what it was like to be starting out on new adventures, discovering who we are and how we feel along the way. Harry, Hermione and Ron each have little bits of their personalities that readers can aspire

to, and they become like our friends while reading about them.

The mythical battle of Hogwarts was set 20 years ago this May, but Rowling is obviously still milking the franchise for all that it’s worth with the creation of the “Harry Potter and the Cursed Child” play and the Fantastic Beasts movie series. The peek into the golden trio’s adult lives is a way for Harry and his friends to still be relatable to the original audience that fell in love with the franchise, as the original readers are now nearing the age Harry and his friends are in the play. While this fan base will probably still never get enough of Harry and his wizarding world, the magic of Harry Potter will continue to live on through its readers for generations to come.

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GUEST COLUMN

CALLING BU  
HOME AS  
AN ATHEIST

**MATTHEW MUIR**  
Contributor

If you had told me four years ago that I’d be attending Baylor University, I would have said you were crazy. It had nothing to do with sports teams, or what schools my parents went to; it’s deeper than that. Going to Baylor would run contrary to who I knew myself to be — an atheist.

I was raised in a house where religion was never discussed, so I wasn’t exposed to it at the same young age most people at Baylor were. My dad is nonreligious, and I still don’t really know what my mom believes. By the time I learned what religion was, I already had a decent understanding of how the world worked. In my view, religion relied on getting five from adding two and two, and it was easier for me to believe the math was wrong than to justify why a piece was missing.

In other words, it always seemed more logical to me that there was no higher power at all.

This belief, or lack of belief, always put me in awkward situations. I went to high school in Robinson, a small town a few miles south of campus. Many people there were accepting, some of my friends even shared my views, but it’s hard not to be the outsider when Christianity is so deeply woven into the local culture. Well-intentioned prayers before band competitions left me awkwardly staring at the ground, and it wasn’t uncommon for me to explain my views to someone only to hear “I’ll pray for you” or “bless your heart” as a response.

Baylor was on my list of colleges for a few reasons: It’s a great school, my ACT score was high enough for a scholarship, and being close to home meant I’d still be around many of my friends. But there were other schools that fit what I was looking for, and the promise of a “Christian education” was a turn-off. I still don’t know exactly what made me decide to go here.

My first Baylor experience was Line Camp, and it exemplified everything that I would come to expect from Baylor. Everyone was friendly, and I could not have felt more welcome.

But that feeling of being an outsider still crept in. The trip to Independence was a reminder that religion would be inescapable. Standing in rows with all of the other camp attendees as seemingly everyone else sang along to hymns and other Christian music, all I could do was awkwardly glance around waiting for it to be over. It’s my only uncomfortable memory from Line Camp, but it was enough to make me second guess my decision to come to Baylor.

That doubt persisted into my first year. In a way, I already knew what to expect: two semesters of Chapel and a semester each of Christian Scriptures and Christian Heritage. What I didn’t know was what those classes would be like. I’d heard from older students that Scriptures and Heritage would feel like history classes instead of sermons, but that was from the perspective of Christians.

Thankfully, my doubts proved unfounded. Christian Scriptures and Heritage both delivered on the promise of feeling like the history classes I’d excelled at in high school, and I was extremely impressed by the time and respect that was given to studying other religions towards the end of the semester in Christian heritage. Both classes helped me feel comfortable at Baylor.

Classes in other subjects aren’t free from religion, but it’s never interfered with academics. I’ve never felt unsafe contributing my views to class discussions.

At times, the way professors have woven their own Christian perspectives into class has felt beneficial. During a mass communications lecture on advertising, the professor took a minute to talk about how advertising contributes to anorexia and bulimia, getting choked up as he told 200 students that he believed that God had made them perfect. Three semesters at Baylor, and no moment has better shown how Baylor handles Christianity: as a way to include, not exclude.

There are still times when Baylor’s religious focus makes me feel like an outsider, but those are rare. I always feel welcome and I never feel like my beliefs aren’t respected. My decision to come to Baylor may have made no sense, but I don’t regret it.

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News

# OFF TO THE RACES

## ATO AND CHI O TO HOST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



Photo courtesy of Alpha Tau Omega

**FUNDRAISE** ATO and Chi O will host their annual chili cook-off and bed races to raise money for Make-A-Wish. Each year, the fraternity and sorority sell t-shirts and chili, in addition to registering teams for a fee - all to raise money for the children. The hosts even removed their Greek letters to put complete focus on their inspiration for the event.

**MAYA BUTLER**  
Reporter

### FRATERNITY AND SORORITY JOIN FORCES

Students will soon help the Make-A-Wish North Texas Foundation in the most unexpected way—by racing each other on hospital beds.

This year's Bed Races and Chili Cook-Off, cohosted by fraternity Alpha Tau Omega and sorority Chi Omega, will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Fountain Mall.

The popular all-university event began over a decade ago and has since become an annual tradition between the two Greek organizations.

The Make-A-Wish North Texas Foundation serves as the national philanthropy for Chi Omega and grants wishes to children suffering from life-threatening medical conditions. All proceeds earned at the event will go toward the philanthropy.

Dallas junior Blake Arnold, ATO co-chair of the event, described the outcome of combining two events in one night.

"I think it's a really cool combination," Arnold said. "They're two basically separate events, but we're bringing [it] together as one unique, cohesive event."

Students eager to race on a hospital bed can register in teams of five for the Bed Races. Barrels of hay will form two racetracks for the bed races before teams reach an inflatable obstacle

course for a chance to cross the finish line first. Teams will compete in either the female or male brackets, with \$150 awarded to first place, \$75 to second and \$25 to third for each bracket. If they desire, team members can even dress up in costumes for some added fun.

Those not inclined to race the track can choose to face off against other participants in a chili cook-off, if they feel their cooking is worthy of winning over the crowd. There will be five judges, including Baylor women's basketball head coach Kim Mulkey. The first-place chili will earn a \$100 visa gift card, with second and third place getting a \$50 visa gift card and a free T-shirt. Attendees wishing to warm up during the cold weather can purchase a \$5 ticket to receive unlimited chili at the event, along with Jason's Deli and Tiff's Treats.

Austin senior and ATO member Chad Brown, co-chair, listed the atmosphere as his favorite part about the event, besides its philanthropic purpose.

"You got a lot of stuff going on," Brown said. "You can get food and then come watch the races. Everybody shows up, and we all know we're there supporting Make-A-Wish. [It's a] fun environment for a good cause."

Both organizations have been selling T-shirts priced

at \$15 throughout campus, with "2018 Bed Races Chili Cook-Off" printed on the back and "Benefiting Make-A-Wish" right below. Brown explained the difference in the design for the T-shirts this year.

"We took our [Greek] letters off the shirt completely because we wanted to shift the focus away from the fraternity and sorority and make it more on Make-A-Wish," Brown said.

Sherman junior Kacie Smith, marketing coordinator for Baylor Activities Council, explained how BAC's partnership with ATO and Chi O has contributed to making the event a success in the past.

"We have three different organizations," Smith said. "Having everyone's input really just helps us give kind of an overarching reach and ultimately draw more people to come to the event and raise more money."

Last year the Bed Races and Chili Cook-Off raised around \$27,000 for the families involved in the philanthropy, with around 1,000 people in attendance. Three families affected by the Make-A-Wish donations will be at the upcoming event.

"We see it directly impacting these families," Arnold said. "This is a big part of their children's lives. It's something they're going to remember forever."

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# PASSWORD CHANGES SUPPORT SECURE ACCOUNTS

remember passwords while also keeping their account secure. Password managers create strong, unique passwords and store them in one secure location. They also often offer a free version, but also have upgrade subscription options as well. These password managers will create long passwords with random characters that users can organize by later copy and paste to access their credentials by utilizing one master password. Commonly used password managers include LastPass and KeyPass.

Although it may seem risky to keep all your passwords consolidated in one place, CNET explains that these services often come with two-factor identification, "limiting the ability for someone across the world to gain access to your information."

Some websites even offer their own form of two-factor identification, including Baylor's own two-factor identification system called Duo, which provides an extra layer of protection for accounts. Since Baylor introduced Duo in summer 2016 for Bearweb and expanded the two-factor authentication to other services like Outlook, Telfer said cybersecurity of accounts has improved drastically.

"Our compromised accounts — where people were giving away their credentials in phishing emails — we were seeing over 100 a week; we've

seen two this month," Telfer said.

Another method Castillo and Telfer recommend for creating secure passwords is using a phrase, song lyric or quote. In that way, passwords will be long, include capital and lowercase letters and end in punctuation, meeting most of the criteria for secure Baylor passwords. Castillo suggests substituting some numbers for letters like "3" instead of "e" or "i" to include numbers in the password, further complicating it and protecting it from potential threats.

"Then your password becomes longer, which is always a stronger password, but it's also easy to remember," Telfer said.

At the same time, Telfer said sometimes changing passwords too frequently can make the account less secure.

"So one of the reasons why we've gone with a longer time frame is, if you make people change their passwords frequently, they're more apt to write it down and leave it in an insecure location because they don't remember it ... You don't want to change your password everyday. That's going to make it too hard to remember. But if you want to change your password more frequently than every year at Baylor, you can. You're more than welcome to. Whatever system works for you is fine," Telfer said.

websites may warrant more frequent password changes than Baylor requires.

"It depends on the network you're in and the data you're dealing with. So if you're dealing with highly sensitive systems, I've seen that every three months is too long," Castillo said.

Not only does Baylor's system require users to change their passwords every year, it also specifies that the password be unique. Castillo said people tend to use the same password from site to site with small variations, but these can still be easily hacked as easily as accounts that don't change passwords at all.

"The root of the password is still there so it's easy once you crack 90 percent of the password," Castillo said.

Castillo said the longer the password, the more secure. With longer passwords, however, users run the risk of forgetting them. Many internet users opt to let their browsers remember their passwords and autofill their login information for various sites. Telfer said that despite the benefits of this service, it can run its own risks for users.

"It does make things very convenient, but it also means if someone sits down at your computer, they can log into your sites. That password is stored in a file somewhere in a cookie," Telfer said.

There are a few strategies users can utilize to

**MCKENNA MIDDLETON**  
Opinion Editor

very year, Baylor students, staff and faculty are required to change the password they use to log into sites like Bearweb, Outlook and Canvas. Changing passwords so frequently may seem like a hassle, but Baylor ITS information security analysts say it can help boost the security of your accounts — not just at Baylor, but on all online platforms that require a login.

"We tend to reuse passwords from site to site. And so if, say, Amazon were to experience a breach, and you're using the same password at Baylor and you never change it, then it's very easy for that password to get traded online and for people to break into different accounts," information security analyst for Baylor ITS, Will Telfer, said. "Because we have so many usernames and passwords now, people tend to reuse them. So it's a good idea to change them every once in a while on any site."

Ruben Castillo, senior information security analyst for Baylor ITS, said different types of

Claire Boston | Multimedia Journalist

**CATCHWORD PASSWORD** Ruben Castillo, senior information security analyst for Baylor ITS and information security analyst for Baylor ITS, Will Telfer, encourage using phrases, songs, or anything that will require more specific characters to ensure a more unbreakable password.

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was allowed to read Harry Potter despite her parents’ initial concerns with the contents of the novels.

“My parents were scared because of what everyone was saying about the books, so they read the first couple chapters, loved it, and we read the rest of them out loud before bed or on car trips. It was a great bonding experience and killed a lot of time on our annual

car trip to Arizona,” Ray said.

Garrett said despite the Christian parallels in Harry Potter, some religious individuals had a hard time getting past the fantasy elements of the story.

“There are all of these powerful themes, but they’re not as obviously apparent. And so I think that’s one of the things that draws more conservative Christians to the work of C.S. Lewis, when they don’t necessarily

like the J.K. Rowling novels. Because they can see the Christian subtexts much more obviously, and you have to read a little more deeply and pay a little more attention to see them in the Harry Potter novels,” Garrett said.

Baylor was one of the first, if not the first, American university to offer a course on Harry Potter novels, Garrett said.

“It is really exciting to teach this class at Baylor. And

the fact that we were, I think, the first university in America to offer it says something about what Baylor is and what Baylor isn’t. People always have these very stereotypical ideas of Baylor as being conservative, and there is, I think, a lot of educational chance-taking that goes on in our classrooms and our laboratories,” Garrett said.

Garrett said he dedicates time on the first day of his Harry Potter class to have each

student talk about why Harry Potter has been so important to them. He said most students emphasize the books’ morals of friendship and courage and even Christianity.

For students who were not allowed to read Harry Potter as children, Garrett said, it’s never too late to pick up a copy and start reading.

“I think like any great books, they speak to you in different ways at different times in your life. And so you

might have gotten something out of it if you had read it when you were 10 years old. And the 10-year-old you would have thanked you for that. But the 18-year-old you, or the 28-year-old you or the 48-year-old you is also going to thank you because it’s a great story. And great stories speak to us over and over again, and they’re worth coming back to over and over again,” Garrett said.

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and see the performers better. And of course, the cozy, warm atmosphere of the dining halls helped me enjoy the delicious dinner.”

McKinney freshman Reagan Yablon also appreciated the location switch, as it made the event easily accessible to freshman living in dorms and others present on campus.

“I probably wouldn’t have gone if it was outdoors,” Yablon said. “Since I live in Penland, the location made it very convenient and easy, so I’m glad they decided to change it.”

Kalamazoo, Mich., junior Ailina Plemmons still enjoys the fall atmosphere created by the event’s previous location on Fountain Mall, but thought the community’s enthusiasm for the event helped make it special regardless of the change.

“The event was a bit cramped, but the energy was high. The dining halls made it seem like any other regular night, but there was something special about

the purpose of everyone’s attendance, being there to celebrate thankfulness and community,” Plemmons said. “It wasn’t the same fall atmosphere but was definitely better than freezing outside in the thirty-degree weather. I also got a hug from President Livingstone!”

This was Houston junior Karin Simpson’s first time attending All-University Thanksgiving, and she saw the event as one that unified the Baylor community.

“I heard that the event is normally outside, but I personally enjoyed it inside because I don’t know anything different,” Simpson said. “People were waiting a long time to get in there, and they were all excited and talking with each other. It’s great to see everyone join together to get ready for the holidays.”

As a senior, Beaird experienced her last All-University Thanksgiving as a Baylor student, and said the event caused her to reflect on other memories from university traditions.

“This is such a special tradition to the Baylor family and I wanted to soak it in as a senior,” Beaird said. “Even amidst the business of the event and working to coordinate all of the event volunteers, I knew it was important for me to take time to stop and enjoy the event myself. I was able to take a brief break from working to have dinner with one of my roommates, listen to the student performers in Penland and reflect on the past three Thanksgiving



MJ Routh | Multimedia Journalist

**THANKFUL** Two students feast on a tasty Thanksgiving meal while sharing good conversation. All-University Thanksgiving typically takes place on Fountain Mall but due to cold weather, the tradition moved inside to various dining halls.

dinners we’ve been a part of. Nights like last night remind me of just how special Baylor is.”

Jessurun values the event as one that not only brings together Baylor students, but also faculty, staff and their families and members of the Waco community.

“Students within the Baylor

community were able to grow friendships and relationships with faculty over a delicious free meal,” Jessurun said. “Both also had the opportunity to converse with Baylor and Waco families who came to the event. It’s a great way to unify the community and gave us all the perfect opportunity to rest from our

busy lives and spend time with one another.”

All-University Thanksgiving was planned through a partnership of Student Foundation, Student Government and Chamber of Commerce and was made possible through Baylor Dining Services, who hosted the event.

## ALPHA PHI from Page 1



Ashley Fitzpatrick, assistant director of Greek life at Baylor, explained the qualities the extension committee which was formed by the Panhellenic Council.

“It was a pretty extensive process to determine qualities that met both a national standard and also aligned well with Baylor’s mission and values in the community,” Fitzpatrick said. “Alumni engagement and involvement is really important, so that’s an area that we focused on — ensuring that any group that we invited to present had a strong

alumni basis, either in Waco or in the surrounding community, so that they could have a support system.”

The approval was a long time coming for the Panhellenic Council, the governing body in charge of the current eight sororities at Baylor. They began searching for a new sorority last spring after five years of close adherence to the National Panhellenic Conference guidelines, including a chapter needing to match a specific quota and College Panhellenics sponsoring only one recruitment per academic year.

Student Activities and the Panhellenic Council began the lengthy process with the formation of the Panhellenic Exploratory Committee, composed of a student and adviser representative from

each of the eight organizations that make up sorority life on campus. The committee compiled research to determine the necessity of a new sorority and cited the overwhelming number of members in the existing chapters as one of the reasons for expansion.

“We want to really focus on that value of sisterhood,” Fitzpatrick said. “The more members that you have in your new member class, the harder it is to really create that sisterhood and get to know everyone, and so having more options can help adapt to that.”

The creation of the Extension Committee this fall led to the next step. Eleven chapters visited campus and met with Fitzpatrick; nine of them later submitted applications for consideration as a candidate, with

three eventually chosen to present: Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Phi and Kappa Delta, which had previously been a Baylor organization until its disintegration in 2010 due to low membership.

Besides the approval of Alpha Phi, this fall semester has seen the return of some familiar faces. Interfraternity Council fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon returned from suspension and the National Pan-Hellenic Council reinstated sorority Sigma Gamma Rho since its deactivation 15 years ago.

Dr. Matt Burchett, director of student activities, revealed the common goal behind all the different Greek organizations.

“One of our aspirations is to create opportunities for students

to connect,” Burchett said. “One of the things that make any Greek community on the college campus, but ours in particular, is the diverse opportunities to be involved in any number of different types of organizations that...you believe in. Our hopes is to continue to expand our community to meet as many students’ needs as we possibly can.”

Starting in January, Alpha Phi will join the ranks of the eight organizations currently under the Panhellenic Council: Alphi Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi and Zeta Tau Alpha.

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# Review: 'The Crimes of Grindelwald' deviates from roots

MOLLY ATCHISON  
Editor-in-Chief

The much anticipated sequel to "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," an expansion on the Harry Potter wizarding world, premieres today, and an early screening Thursday offered a special view of the wild world of monsters, muggles and magic.

"Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" is the newest in a line of author J.K. Rowling's creations, which began with a feature film released in November 2016. The release of the second installment in what is predicted to be a lengthy series, "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald," brought background and much-needed context to the series, but may have introduced too many convoluted concepts for fans of the original series to appreciate it fully.

For fans of the seven-book series and its matching eight-movie franchise, "Harry Potter" is incredibly special — it has sparked

imaginations for years. However, with a very active author who is constantly expounding on her massive wizarding world, fans will inevitably be surprised once in a while. Rowling intermittently shares juicy facts about the series, with some notable commentary regarding the sexuality of famed character Albus Dumbledore, the head of the wizard school in the original series, as well as several suggestions about historical events she has created as part of that world.

Rowling, who helped create the concept for the "Fantastic Beasts" franchise, certainly expanded on these facts in the film, as well as answered some questions viewers had about the original "Fantastic Beasts" film. Complete with plenty of fantastical special effects and adorable beasts, the second film was visually appealing, but what was perhaps most interesting was the continued mystery surrounding the main character, wizard and beast enthusiast Newt Scamander.

Scamander, who is the clear protagonist but

whose backstory is elusive, pours his time and energy into his motley crew of wizards and muggles, and his beasts. In the second film, his crew grew to include new characters, such as his golden-boy brother, Thessius, and the story expanded on the back stories of some of the returning characters. The woefully misled pawn in the first film, Credence Barebone, re-appeared in search of his true family, as well as Leta LeStrange, a witch from a very famous bloodline who was mentioned but never shown in the first film.

Along with some pleasant twists, the plot seemed to be setting up a larger storyline, but focused on revealing the intentions of the evil mastermind Gellert Grindelwald, a dark wizard with puritanical intentions. Grindelwald and Scamander, and by extension Dumbledore himself, clash in Paris. Sides are chosen,

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line. However, the film fails to tap into the nostalgic tone and feel of the "Harry Potter" books and films.

loves are lost and in the midst of it all, Scamander is able to save some beloved beasts. The film also expanded on Scamander's own relationships with the beautiful American witch he met in the first film, Tina Goldstein, his childhood friend, LeStrange and his own brother, Thessius.

While the film had raw emotional depth, fantastical elements and plenty of action-packed twists and turns, it still seemed to come up short. Perhaps it's due to the fact that Rowling's previous work was so intricately and delicately written, the "Fantastic Beasts" franchise simply lacks the written work to back it up, or it may be because fans have a harder time getting behind new characters after following Harry Potter and his friends over the course of 10 years. Whatever the reason, there was something that no amount of special effects, witty lines or gripping emotional scenes could overcome — the spirit of Rowling's wizarding world didn't shine as bright as it used to.

The film had plenty of subtle political undertones and catered wonderfully to the 20-something audience that grew up in Rowling's world. However, it seemed like the film was missing the nostalgic playfulness that was constant in the Harry Potter series.

All in all, "Fantastic Beasts: Crimes of Grindelwald" was a solid sequel to an epic first movie. Rowling simply seems to forget that when we think of Hogwarts and Harry Potter, we want to be transported back to our 12-year-old selves, reading under the covers and being completely engulfed in a shiny, brilliant, unique world all our own.

WITCH'S AND  
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WEEKEND IN WACO

Friday, Nov. 16

Jack Frost | 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. | Bill Daniel Student Center | The Student Union will hold its weekly Sundown Session. This week will feature two showings of the animated film "Jack Frost" at 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Black light bowling and the game room will also be open.

Baylor VirtuOSO | 7:30 p.m. | Jones Concert Hall | \$5 tickets | The Baylor a capella group will offer an on-campus performance, featuring contemporary pop music.

"Once" | 2:30 p.m. | Waco Civic Theatre | \$18 tickets | This is the second and final weekend of the local show. The story follows a vacuum salesman and a Czech immigrant as they pursue their mutual love of music.

Saturday, Nov. 17

Downtown Waco Farmers Market | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | McLennan County Courthouse parking lot | The weekly event features a wide variety of vendors and goods.

Heart of Texas Poets Society | 2 - 4 p.m. Cultivate 7twelve | The monthly gathering offers an opportunity for poets in the area to share their craft.

"Once" | 2:30 p.m. | Waco Civic Theater | \$18 tickets

## Whimsical Wit of the Week:

My obsession with Harry Potter is absolutely RIDDIKULUS!

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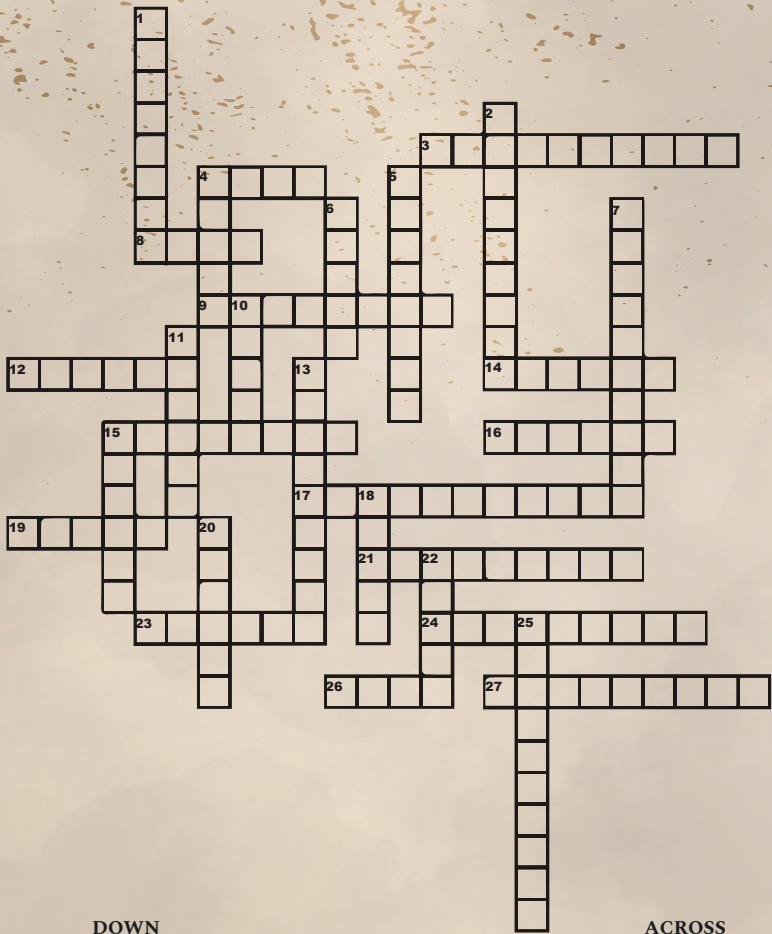


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15. BELMONT LOG VIOLENT \_\_\_\_\_
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1. Lupin had to leave Hogwarts when it was discovered he was also this.
2. Voldemort had seven of these.
4. What legendary Gryffindor item presents itself to Harry in the Sorting Hat?
5. Defensive spell against Dementors.
6. Girl Harry falls in love with.
7. Non-alcoholic wizard drink found at bars and Moody Library.
10. How many movies are in the Harry Potter series?
11. Boy from Hufflepuff representing Hogwarts in the Triwizard Tournament.
13. Popular game in the wizarding world.
15. The gamekeeper of Hogwarts.
18. Defense Against the Dark Arts professor during Harry's third year.
20. Voldemort's pet.
22. The boy who \_\_\_\_\_.
25. A follower of Voldemort.

ACROSS

3. The Nimbus 2000 is a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Dobby is freed when Harry gives him a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Powder used by wizards to teleport from place to place.
9. Watch out for their kiss!
12. Non-wizard.
14. With his aunt and uncle, Harry lived under the \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Type of dragon Harry must face against his fourth year.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ of fire.
17. Dumbledore's last gift to Ron.
19. Voldemort's Horcrux destroyed in The Chamber of Secrets.
21. Shapeshifting potion.
23. Win Quidditch by catching this.
24. He who must not be named.
26. Of the three Deathly Hallows, Dumbledore had the \_\_\_\_\_.
27. Hogwarts house known for their wit, learning, and wisdom.



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RIVALRY WEEK >> Baylor football faces TCU on Saturday. Full coverage of the game at

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**LINE IT UP** Baylor and Oklahoma State line up before the snap on Nov. 3 at McLane Stadium. The Bears are one win away from bowl eligibility and face TCU at 11 a.m. Saturday at McLane Stadium. The Horned Frogs need to win both of their remaining games in order to make a bowl game.

# FOOTBALL FIGHTING FOR BOWL BID

**ADAM GIBSON**  
Sports Writer

**A**fter a tough 28-14 loss at Iowa State, Baylor football returns home to face TCU for Senior Day at 11 a.m. Saturday at McLane Stadium.

Heading into their final home game, the Bears are one win away from bowl eligibility. Baylor had over 500 yards against the Cyclones but could not find a way to put a complete drive together. Head coach Matt Rhule said despite the fact that Iowa State is a good team, the Bears hurt themselves by not being able to finish off drives with a score.

“We played a football game versus a very good team where we had more explosive plays and more yardage than them and we had a shutout in the fourth quarter,” Rhule said. “We did all the things right to win, but we beat ourselves against Iowa State. It was a tough environment and a tough atmosphere versus a tough team. We are now looking ahead to a tremendous opportunity this week.”

Baylor led in passing yards, rushing yards and time of possession but were only able to score on two out of the seven times they made it to the red zone. Iowa State, on the other hand, was able to convert on all five of the times they made into the red zone. Sophomore quarterback Charlie Brewer said the Bears will have to finish

drives in order to beat the Horned Frogs this weekend.

“

I’m only worried about the seniors going out on Senior Day the right way. That’s always been a really big deal to me, that they walk off the field as winners.”

**MATT RHULE | HEAD COACH**

“We just have to finish in the red zone on offense,” Brewer said. “Win the turnover battle. Coach talks about that a lot. In a game like this,

a rivalry game, emotions will be high. Just stick to what you’ve done this far.”

Being at home gives them a little bit more of an advantage being in front of a friendly crowd. Rhule said with bowl eligibility looming, he is more focused on playing well on Saturday and having the seniors go out on a high note.

“I’m only worried about the seniors going out on Senior Day the right way. That’s always been a really big deal to me, that they walk off the field as winners,” Rhule said.

Rhule said he would love nothing more than to get to a bowl game for seniors like Ira Lews, Greg Roberts, Patrick Lawrence, Blake Blackmer, Josh Malin and Chris Platt.

The Horned Frogs are coming off a 47-10 loss to No. 9 West Virginia and have lost four out of their five past games. The offense only put up 222 yards in the last game and has had its struggles just like the Bears have. One player on the offensive side of the ball that Baylor will have to keep an eye out for is sophomore wide receiver Jalen Reagor. Through the 10 games he has played this season, he has 60 receptions for 884 yards to give him an average of 88.4 yards a game along with seven touchdowns. Rhule said Reagor is “a dominant receiver” and is “someone you have to account for.”

Another player Rhule is looking out for is sophomore quarterback Mike Collins, who has started the last three games for TCU. The past two games, he has attempted over 30 passes,

completing at least 51 percent of them.

For the Baylor special teams, they failed to make as big an impact as they had in other games this season. Junior kicker Connor Martin missed two field goals in the second quarter of the game which would have sent Baylor into the half down 11 and with some momentum. Despite him missing the kicks, Rhule said he has complete faith in Martin and is willing to send him out on the field with the game on the line.

“I can tell when Connor’s confident. He goes out there like, ‘I’m going to kick this ball through.’ And I think we’ll get him there by Saturday,” Rhule said. “He’ll go out there on Saturday and with the game on the line, we’ll put him out there knowing he’s going to nail it through the uprights.”

Returning home after a physical loss where the team made several mistakes and a fight broke out resulting in players getting ejected is going to be a time for the Bears to regroup before facing one of their biggest rivals. As both teams are still in the hunt for bowl eligibility, senior wide receiver Chris Platt said they are expecting a hungry TCU team that is going to be ready to take the senior day win away from the Bears.

“I expect them to go out there and give it their all,” Platt said. “If they lose this game they won’t be bowl eligible, so I know that they are going to come out full force and give everything they have.”

# LOOKING FOR CONSISTENCY, BEARS FACE NICHOLLS STATE

**BEN EVERETT**  
Sports Editor

**B**aylor men’s basketball closes out its four-game home stand with a matchup against Nicholls State at 11 a.m. Friday at the Ferrell Center.

The Bears (2-1) have won back-to-back games after dropping their season-opener 72-69 to Texas Southern. Despite posting two wins in the past two weeks, Baylor has played inconsistently. The Bears played Southern and Prairie View A&M close before pulling away in the second half for the win. Junior forward Freddie Gillespie said most of the team is still getting used to playing high-level opponents on a nightly basis.

“I think for our new guys, the issue is that a lot of them were really good in high school or [junior college] and it didn’t really matter who they were playing against. They could just go out there and beat them because they were so athletic or had good instincts,” Gillespie said. “I think now it’s the realization that [no opponent] sucks. Everybody can play basketball. You have to know your opponent and understand the mental side of it.”

The Bears have been without senior guard Makai Mason and sophomore forward Mario Kegler for the first three games. Mason is

dealing with an ankle injury while Kegler was suspended for the team’s first six games due to a violation of team rules. Mason is a game-time decision for Friday’s contest. Senior guard King McClure said playing without two of the team’s best players has been a challenge, but they have seen others step up in their place.

“Whenever you’re missing two potential starters, it definitely hurts,” McClure said. “Especially two players that are as good as those two. I think this is really good for the new guys. It gives them a chance to play in tough games.”

One of those players is freshman guard Jared Butler. Butler started in his collegiate debut, but only scored two points. In the win over Prairie View A&M, Butler notched a career-high 22 points on 7-for-10 shooting, including 3-for-5 on three-pointers. Baylor head coach Scott Drew said Butler has caught on quickly.

“He’s a much different player than he was the first game,” Drew said. “He’s much better than he was in our scrimmages. He’s getting more comfortable and more relaxed out there. At the same time, defensively he’s picked up things pretty quick which has been helpful.”

Against the Panthers, the Bears were faced with full-court pressure defense. Baylor managed to break the pressure to pull away in the final 10 minutes. Drew said Nicholls State will apply that same defensive technique, so the Bears will be ready.



Jason Pedreros | Multimedia Journalist

**SURVEY THE FLOOR** Baylor freshman guard Jared Butler takes the ball up the floor against Prairie View A&M on Monday at the Ferrell Center. Butler scored a career-high 22 points in the Bears’ 91-80 win over the Panthers. Baylor faces Nicholls State at 11 a.m. Friday at the Ferrell Center.

“As far as offensive execution and handling pressure, we got better as the game went on,” Drew said. “That’s going to be important because Nicholls likes to press as well. They’ll press after dead balls. They’ll press after made buckets. They gave Louisville some problems in their first game.”

After three games, the Bears are led in scoring by junior guard Devonte Bando, who has put up an average of 17 points per game on 47 percent shooting from three-point range.

Sophomore forward Tristan Clark is putting up 15 points per game on 86 percent shooting and also has nine blocks to lead the team.

The Colonels (2-2) are led by senior guard Jeremiah Jefferson, who played high school basketball with McClure. Jefferson is putting up 21.5 points per game through the team’s first four games.

The game will serve as “I’m Going To





Jason Pedreros | Multimedia Journalist

**CHECK IT UP** Baylor sophomore guard Didi Richards looks to make a play against Southern on Thursday at the Ferrell Center. Richards scored six points as the Lady Bears won 94-49 to remain undefeated on the season.

# LADY BEARS STAY PERFECT

ADAM GIBSON  
Sports Writer

No. 4-ranked Baylor women's basketball fought through a game riddled with fouls and missed free throws to grab a 94-49 victory over Southern Thursday night at the Ferrell Center.

Baylor was without one of its most dominant players, senior center Kalani Brown, after she sprained her ankle in practice on Wednesday. It the first game Brown has ever missed and snapped a streak of 64 consecutive starts and 113 games played for the senior. She should be available for the trip to Las Vegas next weekend, head coach Kim Mulkey said.

Coming off the comeback 65-59 win over Arizona State, the Lady Bears got to the free throw line early in the game, making all five of their free throw attempts, four of which came within the first minute. Six minutes into the game, Baylor was up 24-7, making 9-of-10 from the field.

The defense for Baylor held Southern to making only two of its seven attempts, while out rebounding the Lady Jaguars 5-1. To close out the first quarter, the Lady Bears made five of their final eight field goal attempts while holding the Lady Jaguars to no field goal in the closing three minutes, taking a 32-14 lead into the second quarter.

The Lady Bears ended the half 59-27

and making five of their five field goal attempts to spark a late first half run. Baylor refused to let up on the boards, tripling the number of rebounds Southern had 24-8. Not only did they control that part of the game, but the Lady Bears also had complete control over the paint where 30 of their total 59 points came from. The Lady Jaguars did lead in three-pointers made with three compared to the Bears' two but had to shoot 14 times to get those four.

Baylor freshman guard Honesty Scott-Grayson led both teams in scoring with 13 points, shooting 6-of-6 from the field. The leading scorer for Southern was senior guard Skylar O'Bear, who had seven total points.

The game began to get more physical through the beginning of the third quarter as Lady Jaguar senior center Sarai Blissett was disqualified after being called for a flagrant two foul. Both teams ended the game in double digits of personal fouls, but Southern had double the amount of Baylor with 32 compared to 14.

Junior forward Lauren Cox had 10 points in the game, and while she did not go to the free throw line, said it was important to help the younger players keep their composure.

"We have to keep our composure in situations like that," Cox said. "Us upperclassmen, we have to remind them that it's not worth it because if you get into something with the other team you're going to have to sit out a game ... I think it did a little bit, especially in the second

half we couldn't really get into the flow of things."

To end the third quarter, Baylor had its best free throw percentage, making 83.3 percent, but had its worst field goal and three-point shooting percentages with 55.6 percent and 33.3 percent, respectively. Both teams had their lowest-scoring quarter in the third quarter, Baylor with 16 points and Southern with 10.

The Lady Bears ended the game 94-49 holding Southern to a final shooting percentage of 31.4 percent and shot 63.5 percent from the field itself. Baylor struggled from the free throw line after being given 40 attempts and only making 24. Despite getting to the line so often, Mulkey said not being able to finish at the line is something the team will have to work on going into the next game.

"We'll start with free throws again," Mulkey said. "We just seemed, for whatever reason, to miss free throws. We're getting to the line, I thought the game was physical. You saw the ejection by the Southern player. I thought our kids were good in keeping their composure. We just have to keep plugging away."

Scott-Grayson ended the game as the leading scorer with a field goal percentage of 85.7 percent for 15 points, a career-high, and also led the team in steals with two. Leading the defense was Cox with five blocks.

The Lady Bears hit the hardwood next in Las Vegas at 9:30 p.m. Nov. 23 as they take on South Dakota State.

# SOCCER HOSTS SECOND ROUND

FRANCESCA MAIETTA  
Reporter

No. 2-seeded Baylor soccer hosts Vanderbilt in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at 7 p.m. Friday at Betty Lou Mays Field. The Bears defeated Abilene Christian 2-0 in the first round on Saturday at Betty Lou Mays Field. Head coach Paul Jobson says the Commodores are a step up in the competition.

"They're a really good team," said Jobson. "They're SEC regular season champions. They got their conference and freshman of the year. They're more of a tactical team. They're good at moving the ball. They're very intentional with what they're trying to do with the ball. Pretty good soccer players overall. They're very opportunistic in front of the goal and they find ways to score. Sometimes not the most beautiful goals, but they all count."

Jobson said he is also looking forward to his team playing at home in their comfort zone.

"Because we've had so much success here [at home] it's obvious to kind of look at that and say, 'Wow, we haven't lost here all year,'" Jobson said. "Obviously that doesn't guarantee a victory so the girls have to do the work, but I think because we did travel so much this year, just the appreciation of being at home in front of our fans and sleeping in our own beds and eating our own food is something that they really value and have taken advantage of."

Freshman forward Kayley Ables said she is eager to play on their home turf this weekend.

"It's very exciting," Ables said. "We're comfortable where we're at right now but we're not too comfortable to get into a routine. So right now we're just trying to work as hard as we can, train harder than we normally would and just kill it on Friday. We always try to do our best, but certain games just don't always go our way. But, we can't get mad over the things we can't control so this is something we can control, we're in our home environment so we're taking advantage of it."

If the Bears win, they will face the winner of Texas Tech and Virginia at 3 p.m. Sunday at Betty Lou Mays Field.

# BASKETBALL from Page 7

College Day" as 5,000 tickets were given to local elementary and middle school students. Gillespie said the students will provide extra fan support since the game is early in the day.

"Last year when they came it was a really cool atmosphere," Gillespie said. "Last year ... I didn't expect it. I didn't know it was going to happen, but it was cool because they don't stop screaming. They're about the best fans you can come by."

Following the tilt against Nicholls State, the Bears will take a week off before facing Ole Miss at 8:30 p.m. Nov. 23 in Niceville, Fla.



# FANTASTIC BEASTS OF THE



BRUISER



MOUNTAINEER



HEIGHT: 5'11  
WEIGHT: 160  
LAST SEEN:  
PETITIONING TO  
OUTLAW RAZORS

BOOMER



HEIGHT: 6'0  
WEIGHT: 1,500 LBS  
LAST SEEN:  
BETTING PAYCHECK  
ON KENTUCKY DERBY

BEVO



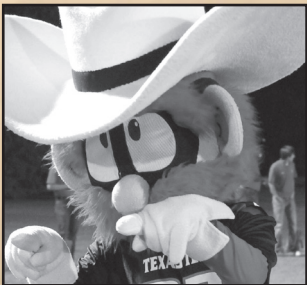
HEIGHT: 4'5  
WEIGHT: 2,000 LBS  
LAST SEEN:  
RE-WATCHING THE  
2006 ROSE BOWL

CY



HEIGHT: 0'9  
WEIGHT: 1.5 oz  
LAST SEEN:  
AT LOUISVILLE

RAIDER RED



HEIGHT: 6'2  
WEIGHT: 210 LBS  
LAST SEEN:  
MAKING FRIENDS WITH A  
TUMBLEWEED

SUPERFROG



HEIGHT: 0'4  
WEIGHT: 2 LBS  
LAST SEEN:  
PUMPING UP AN EMPTY STADIUM

PISTOL PETE



HEIGHT: 5'5  
WEIGHT: 150 LBS  
LAST SEEN:  
LOSING TO OKLAHOMA

WILLIE



HEIGHT: 2'5  
WEIGHT: 15 LBS  
LAST SEEN:  
GETTING HIS HEAD IN THE GAME

BIGJAY



HEIGHT: 1'7  
WEIGHT: 2.4 LBS  
LAST SEEN:  
AT A BASKETBALL GAME