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EXCLUSIVE

NO HARRY POTTER?

MCKENNA MIDDLETON

The first Harry Potter book was released 20 years ago, more than 500 million books have been sold worldwide in 80 languages. The series has been further expanded with the Fantastic Beasts films. Dr. Greg Garrett, professor of English, teaches a class on the Harry Potter novels and religious objections to the books surfaced because of their association with witchcraft.

“I immediately sort of got saved on people from really religious consumers who think that witchcraft and sorcery as satanic,” Garrett said. “I thought it might show people who just wanted to read or want 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 hadn’t seen any movies yet.

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THANKSGIVING

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EDITORIAL

While Baylor is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the university has provided programs and events to include other faith communities. However, it is always more than 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 charity across boundaries of racial, ethnic, gender, socioeconomic, religious and other expressions of human difference.” This commitment expresses a desire not merely to tolerate, but to transcend.

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 shows the accountability of the leadership at Baylor.

Better Together, an on-campus interfaith group, helps facilitate inclusive spiritual conversations. The organization hosts Neighbor Nights, which is an event for cross-cultural exchange. These conversations have an alternative evangelical agenda, but rather seek to include spiritual aspects.

Baylor Spiritual Life also supports people from other faiths through events such as the “Sacred Path, Holy Ancients” in which students were encouraged to meditate and pray for neighbors. The cooperation of the Office of Spiritual Life and the involvement of alumni, students, faculty and staff can be essential tools in creating a welcoming, religious space for everyone.

Baylor also has better shown how Baylor handles Christianity: as a welcoming, religious space for everyone is especially exemplary of Board of Regents, the student body or the guests. Lariat letters are not guaranteed to reflect the views of the Baylor Lariat editorial board. Lariat letters are not necessarily those of the Baylor Lariat editorial board.

Looking Forward: Interfaith Inclusive Culture

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GUEST COLUMN

CALLING BU HOME AS A THEIST

MATTHEW MUIR

If you had told me four years ago that I’d be attending Baylor University, I would have thought you were nuts. I was planning to go to school in Dallas, and then something happened. I was feeling the need to broaden my horizons to see what the world was like outside of Dallas, so I went to Baylor University, and I’m glad I did.

I was raised in a house where religion was not something that was practiced or discussed in it at all. In fact, I can’t even remember a time when I was actually taught about it, except for the Easter egg hunt. Going to Baylor would ruin exactly that, I think it would have ruined my childhood.

In what I’ve written, it always seemed as though I am trying to come to the higher power, whatever it is. I don’t think that there is a higher power at all.

This belief, or lack of belief, always put me in awkward situations. I would be at a party in high school, in a small town a few miles south of campus. Many people there were accepting some of my friends even shared my views, but it was hard to be out because when Christianity is so churchy, even one person who actually that fit what I was looking for, and the promise of a “Christian education” was a turn-off. Part of the reason we all love Harry Potter is because it reminds us of our own childhood — we remember a little too much of my savings on tickets and souvenirs, but I don’t regret it.

My decision to come to Baylor may have made no sense, but I don’t regret it. Going to Baylor would run contrary to what I thought I wanted as an adult.

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At times, the way professors have woven their own religious discussions. I had heard from older students that Keurpers and Hewitts would have fit what I was looking for, and the promise of a “Christian education” was a turn-off. Part of the reason we all love Harry Potter is because it reminds us of our own childhood — we remember.

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Harry Potter continues to inspire

BROOKE HILL

News Editor

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OFF TO THE RACES
ATO AND CHI O TO HOST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

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

This year's Red Racer Chili Cook-Off, cohosted by Panhellenic Alpha Tau Omega and sophomore Chi Omega, will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Armstrong Mall.

The popular all-activity 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 Brown, 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. “You have two basically separate events, but we’re bringing them together in one unique, cohesive event.”

Students experience a hospital bed and can register in teams of five for the Red Races. Barrels of hay will turn two racetracks for the bed races before trains such as trolley obstacles come for a chance to zoom the finish line. Teams will compete in either the female or male bracket, with $150 awarded to first place, $75 to second and $25 to third for each bracket. If there are more than four members competing, some will have to be eliminated.

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 worth of winning over the crowd. There will be five judges, including Baylor women’s basketball head coach Kim Mulkey. The first-place team will win a $500 gift card, with second and third place getting a $100 gift card and a free T-shirt.

Student senior Austin Bajaj, ATO member, said, “You get a lot of staff going out, Brown said. “You can get food and then come watch the races Everybody shows up, and we all know who’s 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 Red Racer Chili Cook-Off” printed on the back and “Supporting Make-A-Wish” right below. Proceeds will also go to the Make-A-Wish.

“Having everyone’s input not only does Baylor’s system require users to remember passwords while also keeping their location. They also often offer a free version, but also 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 password more often, but users frequently use the same password for multiple accounts. “Our compromised accounts — where people were giving away their credentials in phishing emails — we were seeing over 100 a week; we’ve seen a dramatic decrease,” Castillo said.

“Changing passwords so frequently may seem like a hassle, but Baylor ITS explains that these services often come with two-factor identification, including Baylor’s own partnerships with ATO and Chi O has contributed to making the event a success in the past.

“We have these different organizations,” Smith said. “Having everyone’s input really just helps us give kind of an overarching 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 $47,800. The foundation involved in the philanthropy, with around 1,600 people in attendance. Their donations collected 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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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. During the event, two students share a meal as others enjoy the festivities in their own way. 

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Two students enjoy a book-themed All-University Thanksgiving dinner, with one student reading Harry Potter aloud while the other enjoys a meal. 

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Ashley Fitzpatrick, assistant director of Greek life at Baylor, explained the qualifications and considerations for Panhellenic Council. 

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"Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," an expansion on the Harry Potter wizarding world, premiered today, and an early screening Thursday offered a special view of the wizarding world all our own. Potter is incredibly special — it has sparked its matching eight-movie franchise, "Harry fans of the original series to appreciate it fully. But what was perhaps most interesting was the film's focus on revealing the intentions of the evil bloodline who was mentioned but never shown in the first film. The woefully misled wizarding world all our own. However, with a very active author who is constantly expanding on her creation, the world of monsters, muggles and magic is the newest in a line of author J.K. Rowling’s works.

Rowling, who helped create the concept for the "Fantastic Beasts" franchise, extensively explained in the film how the world of "Fantastic Beasts" was created. Completing with plenty of fantastical special effects and adorable beasts, the second film was visually appealing, but what perhaps most interesting was the film's focus on revealing the intentions of the evil bloodline who was mentioned but never shown in the first film. Along with some pleasant twists, the plot was constant in the Harry Potter series. Whatever the reason, there was something that no amount of special effects, witty lines or groundbreaking special effects could overcome — the fact of Rowling's wizarding world didn't stand as strong as it used to.

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2. Voldemort had seven of these.
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7. Non-alcoholic wizard drink found at bars and Moody Library.
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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!
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.
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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Baylor football faces TCU on Saturday. Full coverage of the game at BaylorLariat.com.

FOOTBALL FIGHTING FOR BOWL BID

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MATT RHULE | HEAD COACH

"We just have to finish in the nil mile off offense," Berenson said. "We've corrected those things. In a game like this, a rivalry game, emotions will be high. Just stick to what we've done for the last two weeks."

"We played a football game versus a very good team where he had more explosive plays and more yards than them and we had a deficit in the fourth quarter," Rhule said. "We did all the things right, but he wasn't against them here. We had a tough atmosphere and a tough atmosphere versus a tough team. We're now looking ahead to a tremendous and a tough atmosphere versus a tough team.

"We led in passing yards, rushing yards and time of possession but were only able to make into the red zone. Sophomore quarterback Mike Collins, who has played in the last two games, he has attempted over 30 passes, competing at least 51 percent of them.

"I expect them to go out there and give it everything by going in to be a time for the team 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 facing a hungry TCU team that is going to be ready to take the senior day win away from the Bears.

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LADY BEARS STAY PERFECT

The Lady Bears ended the half 59-27 and took a 32-14 lead into the second quarter. Baylor relied on its aggressive defense, recording a total of 34 steals and 11 blocks. The Lady Bears outscored Southern 26-4 in the second quarter, with senior guard Skylar O’Bear leading the way with 16 points. Southern struggled from the field, scoring only 10 points in the second quarter. Baylor capitalized on its opportunities, shooting 6-of-6 from the field and making five of its seven three-point attempts. The Lady Bears dominated both the paint and the perimeter, holding Southern to just 14 points in the second half.

Baylor sophomore guard Didi Richards looks to make a play against Southern on Thursday at the Ferrell Center. Richards scored 20 points as the Lady Bears won 94-40 to remain unbeaten on the season.

**Fantastic Beasts of the Basketball Court**

- **Brutus**
  - Height: 7'0
  - Weight: 250 lbs
  - Point guard for the 600 lb Brutus. A powerful player with great anticipation.

- **Willie**
  - Height: 6'3
  - Weight: 195 lbs
  - Forward for the 9 lb Willie. Wheat colored with a distinctive mustache. Known for his quick moves and ability to get to the basket.

- **Boomer**
  - Height: 7'1
  - Weight: 240 lbs
  - Center for the 60 lbs Boomer. Known for his shot-blocking ability and ability to传出 long passes.

- **RAIDER RED**
  - Height: 6'0
  - Weight: 150 lbs
  - Forward for the 5 lb RAIDER RED. Known for his defensive play and ability to guard multiple positions.

- **Patches**
  - Height: 5'11
  - Weight: 195 lbs
  - Center for the 12 lb Patches. Known for his height and ability to box out for rebounds.

- **FANTASTIC BEASTS OF THE BASKETBALL COURT**

**BASKETBALL**

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College Day at BB&T tickets were given to local elementary and middle school students to encourage more students to attend basketball games. BB&T tickets will be available for the game against Ole Miss and will be given to local elementary and middle school students.

**SOCCER HOSTS SECOND ROUND**

FRANCESCA MAIETTA

Baylor will host the second round of the NCAA Tournament against Vanderbilt. The Lady Bears will play on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Ferrell Center. The first game is scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m. The Lady Bears have a strong record against Vanderbilt, having won all three previous meetings.

**ADAM GIBSON**

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