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CAMERON STUART

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The game took place in the Bear Pit, an area on campus that has seen many games. In the Bear Pit, the fans are seated near the dugout, allowing them to hear every pitch. The fans are passionate and loud, creating an atmosphere that makes it difficult for the players to hear. However, the fans are also vocal and supportive, giving the players the energy they need to succeed.

The Baylor baseball team has had many ups and downs. They have had some great moments, such as when they won the regular season championship in 2018. But they have also had some tough moments, such as when they lost to their rivals, the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Despite the ups and downs, the Baylor baseball team has shown great resilience. They have continued to work hard and improve, and they have shown that they are capable of competing at the highest level.

There is a saying that goes, “When you believe in something, you work hard to achieve it.” This is true for the Baylor baseball team. They believe in themselves and their ability to succeed, and they work hard every day to make that belief a reality.

Support the Baylor baseball team. They are a talented and hardworking group of players who deserve our support. Let’s come together as a community and show them that we believe in them. Together, we can help them achieve their goals and make Baylor baseball proud.
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Waco employee looks back on city's segregated past

EMMA WHITAKER

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In the movie, Mahershala Ali plays a talented black musician who hires a white driver to escort him on a tour in the South. Filled with segregation laws and deep segregation, Ali’s character Don Shirley was forced to stay in black-only establishments, which included establishments such as the College View Court-Hotel on Elm Street.

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Additional Waco establishments recommended in Green Books included Malmo's at Clay Street, and Edna's, at 1029 Elm St, and the list continues.

Maxine Luther King Jr. was assassinated during Barber’s junior year of high school. In college, Barber said he had to stand for the teachings of Malcolm X. Barber graduated college in 1974, and said he had to stand for what was right.

“We were timed of being oppressed by the white man,” Barber said. “I could say I was a soldier of the civil rights movement. I saw what was happening in Waco, where, on Fifth Street, a white person would walk towards you, and you had to step off the sidewalk and into the streets, because you were black.”

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Baylor moves toward sustainability

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Staff Writer

Baylor University’s increased focus on environmental sustainability is rooted in a desire to push people to care not only about the environment, but also about their neighbors not only down the hall, but also across the world, that are being impacted by the destruction of the environment.

“The second greatest environment Christ gave us is to love our neighbors as ourselves and what better way is there to do that than thinking about the way we consume is impacting the person across the world that we’ll never see,” Getterman said.

Tangible goals for creating a greener culture at Baylor were established in 2015 with the “Sustainable 2020” plan. Baylor’s aim is to increase localized foods for dining services, divert waste and reduce greenhouse gas emissions are all outlined by the plan. Success in these areas is measured by an increase or decrease in the amounts listed: the university has already met one of the four goals by decreasing water usage by 215 percent in 2016; a higher percentage than the planned 17 percent reduction reached by 2020.

Students at Baylor can do their part to go green by completing simple, everyday tasks such as unplugging unused electronics, refraining from using disposable cutlery or using reusable drinking cups, skipping meat once a week, using a refillable coffee mug or water bottle and walking instead of driving around campus. These small actions, if done on a large scale, can have significant impact both environmentally and personally. As Matthew Coogan, a lecturer in the environmental science department, supports students in an organization called Students for Environmental and Wildlife Protection, a new organization on campus that focuses on raising awareness of environmental protection through education and action, while providing students with opportunities to become involved with the environment issues about which they find passionate. She said caring about the environment is important even while in college and challenges students to find a way they can take part in cultivating and advocating for the natural world.

“As I walk around Baylor, I see our future leaders. We are fortunate to have a beautiful campus, bright and passionate students, as well as faculty who care about encouraging students to become global leaders who truly care about protecting life. The college years can be transformative, and students need to make that even small contributions to healthy environments can make powerful effects,” Coogan said. “It would be difficult not to find issues upon which we can make positive impacts, so I challenge Baylor students to choose one thing they can commit to that will move us forward in a more healthy and concerned environment either on campus, in the Waco community, or even on a global scale.”

For more information about Baylor Sustainability, visit their website. If you are interested in joining or learning more about SSWE, you can email Coogan at mmcoogan@baylor.edu or attend their first meeting Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 pm in the HSB 125.

Baylor hotel moves toward sustainability

MATTY MUIR
Staff Writer

Hend Indigo Waco-Baylor on Clay Avenue recently announced Charity of the Month partnership program will work with 12 nonprofits through 2019.

The “Charity of the Month” program seeks to highlight a charity every month to help raise money and give back to the Waco community. The partner charities for 2019 are Caritas, CASA of McLennan County, Bethany’s Closet, EIDEN Autism Network, Fuzzy Friends, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas, Talleria Kray Basketball, Rainbow Roots, Waco Habitat for Humanity, Susan G. Komen, Shepherd’s Heart Food Pantry and Toys for Tots.

These charities represent goals as varied as helping cancer, fighting hunger and helping underprivileged youth. This is the first year for the Charity of the Month partnership, but it isn’t Hend Indigo’s first foray into charity work in the Waco community. Many of the groups chosen for the 2019 program have worked with Hend Indigo before, said Jacqueline Baumann, Hend Indigo’s director of sales.

“Hend Indigo’s partnerships with nonprofits have reached out to nonprofits in the area over the last seven years that we’ve been with Hend Indigo,” said Coogan. “We’ve made a lot of donations over the years, but this is something that we wanted to do based on who is really helping the community in unique ways.”

Shepherd’s Heart Food Pantry is one of the organizations on the 2019 list that Hend Indigo has worked with in the past. In addition to the food pantry, Shepherd’s Heart provides classes on cooking, personal finance, and entrepreneurship, and organizes the Things From The Heart truck sales to raise extra funds for food. Robert Gager, the executive director of Shepherd’s Heart, shared some of his previous experiences working with Hend Indigo.

“They’re collected food, they’re called and said ‘Hey, we got this food for you!’ That’s how we created a friendship in the first place,” Gager said. “They like us and want to help our people. We work with a lot of other businesses and individuals in the community and that’s how we get by. This is all volunteers and donations.”

Although 2019 is only three months old, Hend Indigo is already looking toward the future. New organizations have already applied to be a part of next year’s program, and Baumann says Hend Indigo’s management company is building four new hotels in the future. New organizations have already applied to be a part of next year’s program, and Baumann says Hend Indigo’s management company is building four new hotels in the future.

“It’s important that people want to do what they can to make an impact, to do good, to give back, to become an active community we’re in and this is one way of genuinely trying to give back,” Baumann said.
"On behalf of the entire student body, thank you for your Roberto's. We feel it's going to be worth it by while our parents, classrooms, and classmates, and we hope you can share your thoughts is this year. We can't wait to hear more about your upcoming preparations for finals and your plans during the winter break. Parents and students, you're going to have a lot of conversations in the next few days. Parents, you might be wondering how to make sure your kids are prepared for some on-campus activities. Many parents are wondering what to do about the spring break, especially for seniors. Some students are considering staying home, while others are planning to go on a trip. Seniors are feeling nervous about the upcoming final exams and the uncertainty of their future. Parents are worried about their children's well-being and the challenges they may face during this time. The spring break provides an opportunity for students to relax and spend time with their friends and family. However, it's important to remember that the spring break is not just a time for fun and relaxation. It's also a time for students to reflect on their academic progress and make plans for the future. As you think about what you want to do during the spring break, consider the following ideas:

1. Stay home and connect with friends: Spring break is a great time to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. You can do this by organizing a virtual gathering or planning a trip together. This can be a great way to stay connected and enjoy each other's company.

2. Travel: If you're planning to travel, consider going to a new place or revisiting a favorite destination. This can be a great opportunity to explore a new city, try new foods, and experience new cultures.

3. Participate in community service: Many students choose to volunteer during spring break. This can be a great way to give back to your community and make a positive impact.

4. Reflect on your goals: Use spring break as a time to reflect on your goals and aspirations. Consider what you want to achieve in the next few years and how you can work towards those goals.

5. Stay healthy: Spring break can be a time of indulgence, but it's important to remember to stay healthy. Make sure to eat well, exercise, and get enough sleep.

As you think about what you want to do during the spring break, remember to stay safe and have fun. Good luck!
No beach? No problem.

Bayor Lariat Staff Picks for best spots for a Waco staycation

They have a degree in what!?
THOMAS MORAN
Arts and Life Editor

How long have you been interested in music?

I've always loved to sing. Music has always been a part of my life. Growing up, my family and I would go on cruisers, and I always sang karaoke. Literally, every night I would have dinner easy to go to karaoke.

What was the most difficult thing you had to do to get to where you are today?

The first thing I thought of doing as a career was when I got my first ukulele for my 16th birthday. I tried playing guitar in middle school, but that did not work out. I saw that surprisingly, I picked up ukulele really fast but just ran with it. Thanks to the internet, I taught myself basic chords and punch if by myself if I still had questions. I started posting covers on SoundCloud and got really good feedback. From there, I carry on working on perfection the ukulele figuring out the kind of sound I wanted to share with people.

On my 18th birthday, I decided I wanted to try playing a guitar again. You can only try and learn and write so much with a ukulele. I went with my heart to Guitar Center, and I picked out a Martin Concert X Series. I surprisingly picked up guitar just as fast as I did with ukulele. I just looked at it and told myself: “Yeah, it’s only two more strings and a lot more notes, you can do this.” I went straight to the internet to teach myself chords and different songs. From there, I started playing in local coffee shops.

Music has always been something I’ve been passionate about. I’ve learned so much, and I still have so much more to learn.

Do you have any advice for other aspiring artists?

I always ask this question whenever I meet my favorite artists. One of my favorite responses I’ve gotten from Jeffery Jordan, a member of The Band Camino. He said, “If you know what you want, go for it. Don’t let anyone tell you what you should do.” If you know what you’re passionate about, run with it. Keep going and chase your dreams. Even if it seems like there are roadblocks. It can be hard to be a college student to sit in class knowing that you don’t need to change your major to pursue what you want to do. The point is, you’re the only one that can say you want to follow your passion. You must believe in the music you make and not care about what other people think, because the only one that matters is you. You must be passionate about it to reach as many people as possible.

What is the message/inspiration behind the song?

The first song I ever wrote was called “Island Time.” I had just gotten off of a cruise and was missing the ocean. I just grabbed my first person who had realized I had created something of my own to show people how I was feeling and was so grateful for wherever I end up when I get there. I’m so excited to be in the waiting because I know that I will be so much more grateful for whatever I end up with.

Tom Ketcham

The Baylor Lariat

Friday, March 8

Owling Pianos with David Morris and Mark Johnson

Thursday, March 7 @ 9:00 p.m. | $8 | Waco Hippodrome Theatre

The music includes breakfast, a cereal bar and showings of the movie.

Saturday, March 9

Waco Downtown Farmers Market | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | McLennan County Court House parking lot

Sunday, March 10

Space Jam | 11:00 a.m. | Waco Hippodrome Theatre

Kick of March Madness with this basketball flick.

Monday, March 11

Brain Awareness Week | 10 a.m. | Mayborn Museum Complex

The museum will feature hands-on activities with professors from the psychology and neuroscience departments.

Wednesday, March 13

Christian Writers Workshop | 6 – 7:30 p.m. | First Baptist Church

This group will gather to share projects and promote community among writers.

Thursday, March 14

Jazz/Funk Night | 7 p.m. | Chotomity Coffee and Spirits

The local shop is bringing back jazz night, featuring artist Sebastian Fotouhi.

Thursday, March 15

Spring at the Sites | 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. | Magnolia Market

First Fridays from across the country will be gathering at the Sites for a vendor fair where they will offer a variety of goods.

Visit wacoheartoftexas.com for more information.
Kalani Brown paved her own path to become a Baylor legend

The Baylor Bears are accustomed to seeing Kalani Brown on the court as often as she has a uniform. She is the team’s leading scorer, rebounder and was a co-captain of the team, which will take on Oklahoma State in the Big 12 Tournament.

Brown is a player who has helped her team to success, but she is also a student, a leader, and a mentor to her teammates. She has a passion for basketball and for helping others.

Kalani Brown
Senior Center
Sports Writer

"I know a lot of people think, "Oh, your mom played for Baylor, so you’re going there," and it was like, "Nah, forget it for my mom, but just for myself."

"It's a huge thing for me, but I don't want to get ahead of myself. I want to make sure that when I'm 50 years old, I'm proud of the things that I've accomplished on the court and in life."

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Lady Bears look to continue dominance in Big 12 tourney

BEN EVERETT
Sports Editor

On Wednesday, Cox was named Big 12 Defensive-Player of the Year for the second consecutive season. Additionally, senior center Kalani Brown and sophomore guard Dijon Richards were named to the All-Big 12 Defensive team along with Cox. Cox said the Lady Bears have a lockdown all season long.

"It means a lot and it shows a lot about our defense," Cox said. "All four of our starters could be on that team. Any of us could have won Defensive Player of the Year. I think we're just playing really good team defense and the state will show us too."

"The Lady Riddlers and Soupser each finished with 4-16 in conference, but Texas Tech holds a 13-16 overall record while Oklahoma sits at 8-21. The Lady Bears sweep both teams in the regular season, but Richards said that doesn't mean Baylor can carry it on.

"It doesn't make it easier, but at least we know what to expect now that we've played them twice and we're getting ready to play them a third time," Richards said. "Some for them too, though. We're still going to have to execute and run our plays to T."

One of the strengths of the Lady Bears' defense is Cox's ability to play with her teammates. She has been playing for eight years with Cox, and they both know how to execute.

"I don't plan to lose," Milkey said. "We play to win and we do understand that there are tens of teams that will be there that the need to win the Big 12 (Tourney), to get in the NCAA Tournament, and we can't allow them to break harder because that's what they're out to do."

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KIM MILKEY | HEAD COACH

Sports

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have the resources or they aren't really any great people," she said. "So maybe going back to those type of communities and talking to kids and saying, "Hey, you can make it in Louisiana." People don’t have the opportunity to be recruited. So I think you can make it and if you make the right decisions, then you

know, you can do anything." As Brown's college career comes to an end, but future aspirations are just beginning, Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey had the opportunity to reflect on the legacy she said Brown has created.

"She is up there with the greatest of greats that have played here, could be a three-time All-American," Mulkey said. "Everything people do revolves around Kalani Brown, unforgiving and defensively. She does everything we ask her to do. She's had a good year in the league with a rotation by great players and she makes those players around her even better. She's just special."

DEFENSIVE FORCE
Baylor sophomore guard Dijon Richards showed he had talent against Oklahoma State on March 2 at the Ferrell Center. Richards, junior forward Lauren Cox and senior center Kalani Brown were named to the All-Big 12 Defensive team on Wednesday. The Lady Bears compete in the Big 12 Tournament starting Saturday in Oklahoma City.

Lady Bears host Nebraska for weekend series

DI RAMEZ

Instead of heading north to 26-degree weather, Baylor baseball will host Nebraska this weekend to kick off a winless home stretch at the Baylor Ballpark. The Bears are ready to get back on the field after putting to rest Tuesday night's gates against CU. In their last few games, they've been able to dominate.

Baylor will have to continue the rest of the season without junior left-handed pitcher Calvin Slay. The 2018 Big 12 Pitcher of the Year was diagnosed with career-ending elbow ligament issues.

"I think any time you can have a kind of adversity like that, you've got to see what the make-up in all about. You've got to see good opportunities for other kids to be able to step up and keep you in the lineup. Why, 'I want a chance to play. I want my own opportunity,'" Rodriguez said. "So the announcements about it is that you're always digging for kids to get a chance and an opportunity. You never want to happen to another person just because of that, but it's an amazing opportunity for our team to overcome something."

Despite losing their last six games against Nebraska, Rodriguez believes they're still getting energized this season with news of other programs from any big Power Five conference, or really any program from any big Power Five conference, or really any program who's had a good year in the conference. According to Rodriguez, junior righty Hayden Kettler and junior third baseman Davis Wendzel expressed their excitement as they grew up watching the former Los Angeles Dodgers star, two-time Major League All-Star and three-time Golden Glove winner, Angel play, basically from their backyards.

While it will be a tough week for the Bears, they look to take advantage of this weekend series to gain some momentum. Cox said the Lady Bears have a win in every game this season.

"Any team’s going to go through adversity. For us to go through it at an early stage this season, I think is probably the best situation, just so that when we get a little healthier, we have a good stretch going into the post season," Simmons said.

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