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Easy as Pi

Shae Koharski | Multimedia Journalist

IN YOUR FACE Brentwood, Tenn., freshman J.T. Wood participates in Beta Theta Pi's annual Pi Day pie-eating contest on Thursday evening on Fountain Mall. The event also featured pie-baking and pie-throwing competitions.

Beta Theta Pi hosts Pi Day events to raise funds for Mission Waco

MADALYN WATSON
Staff Writer

The men of Beta Theta Pi celebrated Pi Day a week early this year on Thursday evening by holding several pie-themed competitions on Fountain Mall.

The fraternity invited all students to celebrate with them by competing in pie-eating and pie-throwing contests, as well a homemade pie competition.

All of the proceeds of the event will go to the fraternity's philanthropy, Mission Waco,

specifically their children's robotics program.

Pi Day, which is March 14, celebrates the symbol Pi used in mathematics to represent the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter.

Spring junior Shawn Risdal, philanthropy chair for Beta Theta Pi, said the change in date did not change their pie-centric celebration.

"It's usually supposed to be on March 14 because the date spells out 3.14 but that's over spring break so we couldn't do that this year," Risdal said.

Risdal said Pi Day gives people the

opportunity to recite as many of the infinite numbers of Pi that they can remember and enjoy pie.

In addition to being a holiday for math and pie, Risdal said it's celebrated by members of Beta Theta Pi because the Greek letter is part of their name.

The pie baking contest was judged by three special guest judges that were announced on the fraternity's Instagram throughout the week: first gentleman Brad Livingstone; Dr. Burt Burleson, university chaplain/dean of spiritual life and the winner of last year's pie baking contest, Katie

McIntosh.

In addition to competitions, there were free cookies from Tiff's Treats, Pokey-O's cookies and ice cream sandwiches and a booth for Mission Waco.

"Any sort of money we raised goes to them, all of it goes to Mission Waco," Risdal said.

Mission Waco's website says their mission statement is to provide Christian-based programs and to motivate middle-class Americans to help the poor and to find ways to

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Grotberg leaves lasting legacy at Baylor

Arrest made in hit-and-run case that killed honors student

CAMERON STUART
Radio Director

Almost two and a half years after a hit-and-run accident killed former Baylor student David Grotberg, his legacy lives on strongly at the school he only attended for 14 months.

51-year old Tammy Blankenship Harlan was arrested Tuesday and charged with failure to stop and render aid in the accident that resulted in Grotberg's death. Waco police were tipped off to Harlan by an anonymous letter and she was released Tuesday night after making a \$20,000 bond. Police were able to obtain her cell phone records to locate her to the area where Grotberg was hit around the time of the crash and found blood on the inside of the passenger side mirror.

During his brief time at Baylor, Grotberg was involved in various campus activities. He was in the Golden



Photo Courtesy of Baylor University

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN David Grotberg, 19, was a sophomore at Baylor and had been riding a bicycle in October 2016 on Franklin Avenue around 10 p.m. when he was struck by a car, which fled the scene. Waco Police arrested Tammy Blankenship Harlan, 51, on Tuesday and she has been charged with failure to stop and render aid in the hit-and-run accident that killed Grotberg.

Wave Band as well as being a member of the Honors College and the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core.

Joy Moton, who covered the accident and the Grotberg story as a staff writer for the Baylor Lariat in 2016 and 2017, got to experience his legacy through her coverage of him.

"His story is the most important one I've written," Moton said. "I feel honored to have been able to share his legacy through writing. I hope that others continue to share his legacy in their own unique ways."

One of Grotberg's professors, Dr.

Stacey Hibbs, said she shared a special bond with Grotberg through a family connection. Not only did she have Grotberg in two of her classes, but Grotberg's mother was a student of Hibbs' husband, Thomas Hibbs, while she was at Boston College. Thomas Hibbs is now the dean of the Honors College.

"The loss was acutely felt by everyone," Stacey Hibbs said. "It was only lessened by the great grace of his family – they visited my classroom and sat

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Student posts video after being removed from Chapel session for speaking out

MORGAN HARLAN
Staff Writer

Kathy Khang, an Asian-American writer and speaker, was presenting at Chapel on Feb. 28 when Denver freshman Joe Napierkowski stood up to correct Khang on what he viewed as an inaccurate statement. Napierkowski was then removed from Baylor Chapel's audience.

A video was posted by Baylor's Young Conservatives of Texas on YouTube on March 4, where Napierkowski tells his side of the story about Khang's speech.

"While I disagreed on some of the points she made, I felt no need to object. That is until she began relaying a recent news story out of Florida," Napierkowski said.

On Feb. 4, an 11-year-old boy in Florida was arrested for not standing during the Pledge of Allegiance. Khang said in her speech that the boy was unjustly arrested for exercising his First Amendment rights. Napierkowski stood up and said, "That's not what happened. He was making terroristic threats to his teacher."

Young Conservatives of Texas is a non-partisan conservative youth organization that fights for conservative values and publishes ratings of the Texas Legislature.

"Joe spoke out against blatant lies at a recent edition of Baylor's mandatory freshman Chapel sessions. This is his story," read the caption of the video published by the YCT.

Napierkowski said in the video that he was then taken out of Chapel after his comment and told to wait for the Chapel director.

"He began bombarding me with questions and accusations of disrespect," Napierkowski said. "I wasn't going to let the entire student body be lied to. No one has a monopoly on the truth, except the truth."

Napierkowski then finished his testimony with a direct message to the Chapel director and entire Baylor administration.

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EDITORIAL

Support BU baseball

Baylor is a university well known for its school spirit, traditions and pride most evident in its athletic events. While football and basketball games and even the occasional soccer match have become seminal Baylor social events, baseball games at Baylor Ballpark are gems that largely remain untouched by the student body.

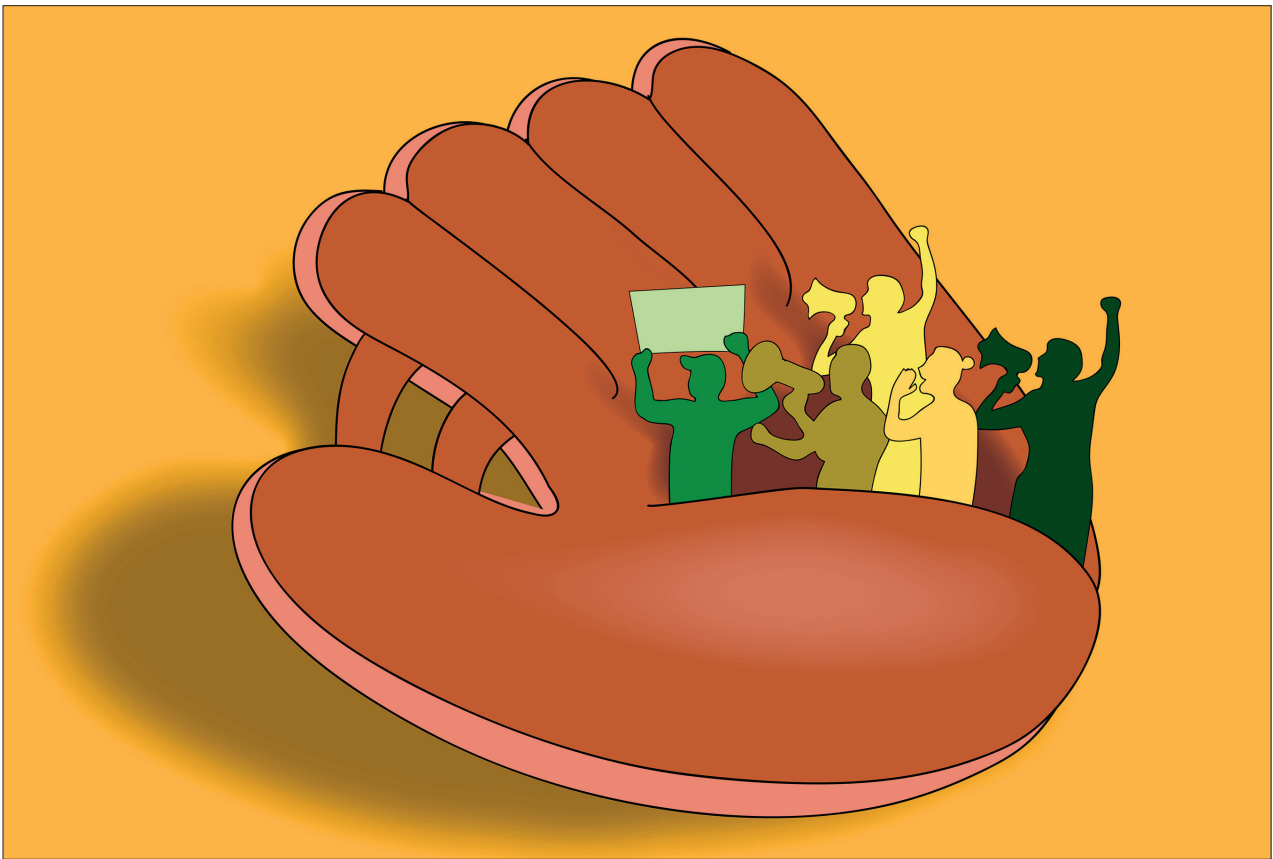
While the Bear Pit and the Baylor Line provide a cauldron of support for the basketball and football teams respectively, the baseball team has had no such fortune. In fact, those of us who do go to games regularly would be hard-pressed to tell you what sections students should be sitting in.

While not a traditional powerhouse, Baylor has had its fair share of good baseball in the past. Most notably, the Bears have made it all the way to the College World Series three times, including twice in the 2000s (2002 and 2005.) Comparatively, the men’s basketball team has only made it to the Elite Eight twice in the same span of time. Most recently, the baseball team has made the postseason the last two years, including punching its ticket last season with a dramatic walk-off victory over TCU to win the Big 12 tournament championship.

Through the first two series of the season (both at home), Baylor steamrolled Holy Cross and Cornell en route to seven straight wins, outscoring their opponents 73-18. Unfortunately for the players, however, only a few dozen students were applauding the onslaught as the first base bleachers were home to hundreds of empty seats. It begs the question: just how good does the baseball team have to be to get students to come support them?

As the weather gets warmer, there is nowhere better to be than Baylor Ballpark. Overlooking the Brazos River and with McLane Stadium in the backdrop, there are few places on campus that are more quaint or with a better view than the ballpark, and the structure of the building allows for shade and a cool breeze to come through on a hot day. Almost all of the baseball games are on the weekends as well and are early enough to not interfere with late-night plans. Friday games are usually in the early evening with Saturday games played in mid-afternoon, and the Sunday finales are typically at noon. Unlike the schedules of football and basketball with a slew of night games, baseball always has consistent and convenient game times.

Most importantly, a great student crowd at baseball games



Rewon Shimray | Cartoonist

can make for new traditions and an atmosphere that can alter the outcome of the game. You need not look far to see the effects of a good college baseball atmosphere. At Blue Bell Park in College Station, Texas A&M fans have one of the most popular fan traditions in college baseball. After a pitcher throws a four-pitch walk, every succeeding ball prompts the entire crowd to chant about it until a strike is thrown. Any pitcher who has to hear “ball five” or “ball six” over and over by thousands of fans is bound to get rattled. The chant is so popular that a video of it goes viral seemingly every year and can change the way the opposing

pitcher approaches the Aggies.

So, as a proud group of student fans, we need to figure out how we can make Baylor Ballpark an excruciating place to play for opponents. What will be our ball five chant like Texas A&M? What will be our beer shower after home runs like Mississippi State? What will be the song we take ownership of like Florida State’s fans have done with “O, Canada?” Whatever it may be, we must first give this team our support because you never know how far they’ll take us, or vice versa.

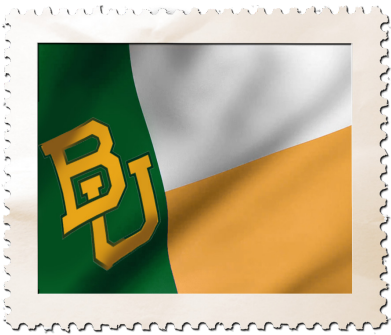
LARIAT LETTER

Coalition of Asian Students responds to Chapel incident

Kathy Khang, speaker, activist, former director of campus access initiatives with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA, and author of the book “Raising Your Voice: Why We Stay Silent and How to Speak Up,” was recently invited to speak in Chapel on Feb. 18. She is also one of the few Asian-American speakers we have ever had on campus. Her sermon text was Mark 5:21-33, the story of Jairus’s daughter and the bleeding woman. She shaped the sermon around the idea of having privilege and using such advantages to help those who are not as fortunate. She used several examples to highlight recent issues one might want to confront.

Unfortunately, a student in the audience did not take lightly to the use of one example and decided that it was an appropriate time to disturb Chapel by interrupting Ms. Khang while she spoke. Ms. Khang ignored the remarks during the talk, and the student was removed from Waco Hall. Ms. Khang was left with two more Chapel services and no assurance of her safety. Instead, questions were raised directly to her about the validity of her use of the example, which she discussed in her blog. More embarrassingly, the Baylor Young Conservatives of Texas took to Twitter, praising the student for his actions because Chapel had “neglected biblical truth” and encouraged others to join their organization. To this date, no known action has been taken against the organization.

The Coalition of Asian Students responds in two-fold. First, it responds to the student and the organization claiming his representation. Second, it responds to Baylor Student Life culture as a whole. We understand that sometimes emotions and feelings can get the best of us, especially regarding topics about which we are passionate. That being said, the



way the student and the organization treated Ms. Khang is unacceptable. Capitalizing on someone’s moment of fear instead of finding a way to approach the situation through dialogue and discourse is in no way representative of a caring Christian community.

Baylor YCT, we ask you this: Do your actions support biblical truth? Is encouraging students to disrupt Chapel guests, particularly picking on one who is a woman of Asian descent, your version of biblical truth? Perhaps you have forgotten what Jesus taught and did. We enjoyed reading your tweet because it showed that you missed the point. It wasn’t a racially charged Chapel session. She actually discussed and referenced the Bible more than a lot of speakers.

You may think the Asian, Asian-American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities are weak and mind our own business. Maybe that is why you decided to pick on one of the few Asian-American speakers we have ever had on campus. Perhaps you chose to pick on her because she was a woman. The generic stereotype of the quiet Asian woman may be something you were banking on. Well, we are here to tell you that you are sorely mistaken if you believe this community isn’t strong and willing to stand up to such actions. We are the

second largest minority group on campus and we stand together. There are approximately 1,300 of us here, and our goal is to provide people a place that can feel like home. Our goal is to help educate fellow students and faculty on the AAPI culture. We are here, and we belong.

There is a clear message that was attempted to be made: Speakers of color are not welcome here unless they support your exact opinions, worldview or experiences. Whether or not that is the intent of the message, that is the impact felt by other student organizations on campus. There is a time and a place for such deliberative discussions to occur. Baylor hosts public deliberation forums and Neighbor Nights that help to foster discussions on controversial topics. We should be able to disagree, but you discounted your fellow students’ ability to listen and think critically and tried to shut down the authority of a woman of color to speak to us in that space. As she has publicly addressed her concerns for safety, we refuse to allow your actions to interfere with our chances of bringing more speakers that represent our diversity to Baylor, and that is about your actions as well as the environment of our campus as a whole.

In a recent study done by the university, Asian students at Baylor scored the lowest among all minority students (already scoring low in general) on inclusion and a sense of belonging on campus. We even had a seminar discussion about why this is so and ways that this can be improved; yet, even for that seminar, only one Student Life administrator came. This attitude of not caring shines brightly to potential students that are interested in attending this university. There is no point in boasting about “our lights shining bright” when the lights in our own community are being put out by fellow students.

Perhaps it is time for the university to take us seriously. We hold many events on campus reaching hundreds, if not thousands, of students on campus and off campus. We host cultural events (Autumn Moon Festival or Gateway to India, for example) that bring in hundreds of students from outside of the university. We host luncheons, dinners and speakers consistently at different times of the day and year. We do all these things and more, and yet we get very little recognition or support from the university.

We urge you to look at this with the same lens you look at all racially biased cases. If you think this isn’t racially charged, you are equally at fault in this scenario. Asians may be known not to fight back, to be the “model minority,” or to be the quiet ones. Well, you are sadly mistaken. We will not sit here and be bullied any longer. We will not be bullied by student organizations that believe they have more rights than we do. We will raise our voices, and this will not be the last time you hear from us.

When Kathy Khang was here in the fall, most of our administration missed out on a chance to hear from her, and in the student session, it was again primarily AAPI students. But from her book she taught us: People on the margins and in the intersections need to see themselves and their stories in the conversation, but they also need to learn to tell those stories.

We are learning. We are raising our voices. We are Baylor.

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Waco's 'Green Book'

Baylor employee looks back on city's segregated past

EMMA WHITAKER
Reporter

Since “Green Book” won Best Motion Picture, Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role, and Best Original Screenplay at the Oscars, the film has sparked serious conversation nationwide about segregation.

In the movie, Mahershala Ali plays a talented black musician who hires a rough, white driver to escort him on a tour in the South. Filled with Jim Crow laws and deep segregation, Ali’s character Don Shirley is forced to stay in black-only establishments, mentioned in the “Green Book.”

Waco itself had a “Green Book,” which included establishments such as College View Court-Hotel on Elm Street. Jackie Barber, who works at Penland Crossroads Dining Hall and was raised within segregated Waco, lived near Elm Street and recalls the inhuman treatment of the black community during this era.

The College View Court-Hotel on Elm Street was an overnight inn listed for years in “Green Book” guides. Waco’s “Green Book” lists show Waco’s pre-interstate era, the black only areas centered mainly around or on Elm Street. Barber lived near Elm Street and said it was a popular road for the black community.

“Elm Street was the popping street in Waco,” Barber said. “There was an all black theater, there was the all black grill, all black cafes, shoe shops, barber shops, juke joints and funeral homes. East Waco was where people congregated for community.”

Additional Waco establishments recommended in Green Books included Malone’s at Clay Street, and Edward’s, at 1029 Elm St, and the list continues.

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

“We were tired of being suppressed 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.”

Barber lived through numerous landmark events, including the Waco tornado of 1953. He said his grandma lived through lynchings and hate crimes and that segregation was his childhood reality. As a child, Barber said white men would spit on their shoes in the street just to order Barber to shine them.

“White bathrooms, colored bathrooms. Colored water fountains, white water fountains. We accepted that. We knew what we had to do. We knew how to play the role,” Barber said. “But once we were not working for that white man, we went back into our own side of town. We had our own churches, our clubs, our meetings. This is where black people could be black people.”

Most students have no idea that

the ideas shared across the big screen in movie “Green Book” would reflect the not-so-distant past of their beloved Waco community. Barber said that if they truly looked, they would see that the community is still often divided.

“Racism will be around for a long time. It’s the teachings that somehow linger on,” Barber said. “Yet why would you treat anyone less than yourself if you’re a Christian? When you look down on someone, you are falsifying your own beliefs.”

Barber challenges white people to question what they have been taught, or better yet, what they have not been taught. Dillion, Mont., junior Gunnar Maisch said the thought of segregation is shocking.

“It’s really sad to think about segregation. It’s weird, being in Baylor’s atmosphere where it’s so nice, to think about what’s happened outside,” Maisch said.

Barber said he loves to watch his students in Penland Dining Hall. He loves to see friendships forming and black students thriving.

“I don’t blame these kids for not knowing, because their parents beat around the bush. They didn’t tell their children the full truth,” Barber said. “If you don’t change with time, you’re still going to be living from behind.”

Barber said he wakes up every morning and prays to God. He blesses those for him, and those against him.

“We are truly blessed,” Barber said. “God didn’t have to give us another day, but he did. So regardless of my circumstances, I am truly blessed.”

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with David’s classmates, they established an endowed scholarship in his honor, and they have kept in close contact with David’s friends.”

The David Grotberg Golden Wave Band Endowed Scholarship is awarded to Baylor students who attend the Honors College and had been home-schooled, like Grotberg had.

Stacey Hibbs still remains close to the Grotberg family, even with the nearly 1,200-mile



Harlan

distance between the Grotberg’s home of Fergus Falls, Minn., and Baylor.

“The family has told me they actually hope some of their other children will attend Baylor,” Stacey Hibbs said. “There is a legacy that could potentially live on through other Grotbergs too.”

Monday, March 11, would have been Grotberg’s 22nd birthday.

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Shae Koharski | Multimedia Journalist

THIS TAKES THE PIE Dr. Burt Burleson, University Chaplain, digs into pies for Beta’s Pi Day pie judging contest on Thursday evening.

overcome “the systemic issues of social injustice which oppress the poor and marginalized.”

Temple sophomore Sergio Mendoza, the vice president of communications for Beta Theta Pi, said he volunteers with Mission Waco outside of the fraternity as well.

“We had always been partnered with Mission Waco because that is like a philanthropy that like a lot of the members here are closely tied to, whether through volunteering or just like knowing some of the people that work there,” Mendoza said.

Mendoza also said Beta Theta Pi not only inspired him to give back, but also pursue leadership roles.

“Our fraternity does develop leaders like as soon as they are able to rush the fraternity. It’s a leadership fraternity and then they use the five core values to build men of principle,” Mendoza said.

The five core values of Beta Theta Pi are mutual assistance, intellectual growth, trust, responsible conduct and integrity.

“We use that to build leaders, starting from freshman year and then so on, by being able to give them positions as soon as they join if they prove that they are able to handle it and can handle the commitment,” Mendoza said.



Courtesy Photo

WACO'S 'GREEN BOOK' The College View Court-Hotel was listed in Waco’s very own “Green Book.” Jackie Barber, who works at Penland Crossroads Dining Hall, said he remembers when Elm Street, where the hotel was located, was popular. The film “Green Book” just received multiple awards at the Oscars and has connections to the city of Waco.

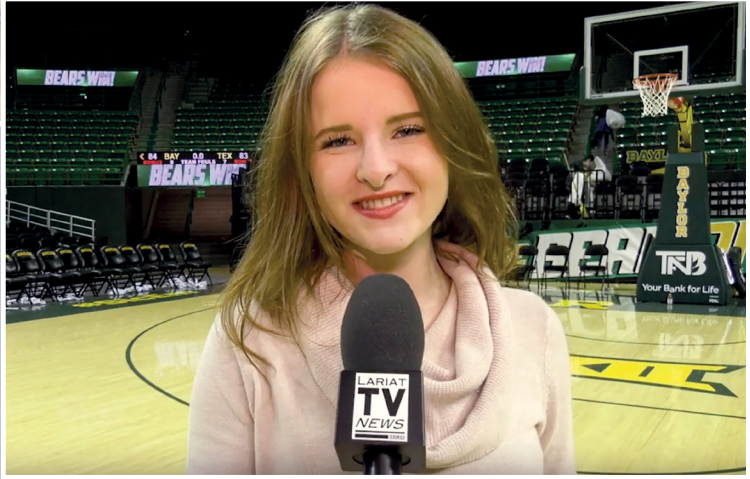
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BAYLOR GREEN Baylor is putting an increased focus on 'going green.' Director of Sustainability Smith Getterman, encouraged students at Chapel to care more about the environment.

Baylor moves toward sustainability

RAEGAN TURNER
Staff Writer

Baylor University's increased focus on environmental sustainability is rooted in a deeper goal than just being considered environmentally efficient it comes from Christian conviction. As a Baptist institution, Baylor is inclined to incorporate the Christian faith into programs and courses on campus, including those that involve "going green."

Director of Sustainability Smith Getterman makes it a point to encourage students to care about not only the environment, but people and God as well. Presenting information during Chapel as well as in multiple classrooms across campus is part of Getterman's agenda each semester. The knowledge he conveys is not only meant to be informative but convicting; he says implementing sustainable practices is a natural response to taking care of the Earth as well as following Scripture.

"When we talk about stewardship, we generally see the 'tending the garden'— that's the kind of thing people think of, like we've been told to tend the garden. While that's correct, it doesn't go far enough, and I think that people need to start looking at how we consume and how we use our resources as loving our neighbor," Getterman said.

He urges Baylor students to think about their neighbors not only down the hall from them, but also across the world, that are being impacted by the

destruction of the environment.

"The second greatest commandment Christ gave us is to love our neighbors as ourselves, and what better way is there to do that than be 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 to use more locally sourced 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 used; the university has already met one of the four goals by decreasing water usage by 21.5 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 vehicular idling, going paperless, turning the lights off, using plants over air fresheners, recycling ink cartridges, using reusable dining boxes, 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.

Dr. Melinda 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 feel 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 University, 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 transitional and transformative, and students need to realize that even small contributions to healthy environments can have 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 would encourage 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 SEWP, you can email Coogan at melinda_coogan@baylor.edu or attend their first meeting Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 pm in the BSB E.125.

Baylor hotel to host Charity of the Month

MATTHEW MUIR
Staff Writer

Hotel 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, Esther's Closet, H.O.T. Autism Network, Fuzzy Friends, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas, Talitha Koum Institute, Rainbow Room, Waco Habitat for Humanity, Susan G. Komen, Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry and Toys for Tots. These charities represent goals as varied as battling cancer, fighting hunger and helping underprivileged youth.

This is the first year for the Charity of the Month partnership, but it isn't Hotel Indigo's first foray into charity work in the Waco community. Many of the groups chosen for the 2019 program have worked with Hotel Indigo before, said Jacquelyn Baumann, Hotel Indigo's director of sales.

The organizations and nonprofits have reached out to us to partner with us for events over the last seven years that we've been open. We've really kept everyone's information on file," Baumann said. "We've made a lot of donations over the years, a lot of in-kind gifts, 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 Hotel 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 operates the Things From the Heart resale store to raise extra funds for food. Robert Gager, the executive director of Shepherd's Heart, shared some of his previous experiences working with Hotel Indigo.

"They've collected food, they've called and said 'Hey, we've got this food for you.' That's how we created a friendship in the first place," Gager said. "They like what we're doing and we enjoy their help. 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, Hotel Indigo is already looking toward the future. New organizations have already applied to be a part of next year's program, and Baumann says Hotel Indigo's management company is building four new hotels in Waco, and the partnerships with nonprofits will expand in tandem.

"It's important that people understand that we really do respect and love the neighborhood we're in and the community we're in and this is our way of genuinely trying to give back," Baumann said.

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“On behalf of the entire student body, we are done accepting the propaganda that is force fed to us on campus. We will no longer stand idly by while our peers, our classmates, and our friends are indoctrinated with your subjective view of the world,” Napierkowski said. “We will call out your speakers when they lie and we will make our voices heard when we disagree.”

Khang has been publicly speaking and preaching for 21 years.

“This wasn’t about being afraid of someone disagreeing with me. I have never had someone in the audience yell at me until the incident at Baylor. It was rude, and it was unnerving,” Khang said.

In addition to the video Baylor YCT posted, the organization has been active on Twitter in regards to Khang’s speech. Tweeting on March 5, “Imagine being a racist liar that deliberately attempted to mislead hundreds of college students and then playing victim when you’re appropriately called out on it.” The tweet was in response to a now deleted tweet from Khang.

Khang said several of this young man’s peers and one adjunct lecturer have made it clear they agree with his behavior, and she would hope Baylor in the future would let invited guests know to expect students yell out their own opinions, corrections and disagreement.

On Feb. 25, in response to the incident at Chapel, Khang wrote a blog post on her website named, “Split Second Decisions.” Khang wrote that she talked about a few things that are broken in this country, things that break her heart and make her desperate for Jesus. She mentioned the mass shooting that had just occurred in Aurora, Ill., and the arrest of an 11-year-old boy in Florida who had refused to stand for



Josh Aguirre | Multimedia Editor

OUTSPOKEN Kathy Khang, author of “Raise Your Voice: Why We Stay Silent and How to Speak Up,” speaks at Baylor Chapel on Feb. 18. In the middle of her speech, freshman Joe Napierkowski spoke up in disagreement of a point Khang made and was removed from the audience.

the Pledge of Allegiance.

“Then things got intense,” wrote Khang. “I did not know where the voice was coming from or if that young man was going to approach the stage. It didn’t matter which school it was, which state I was in, what the laws are. I didn’t know.”

According to her blog, Khang has been asking for the past 10 years for an additional plane ticket to public speaking events so that she does not have to travel alone. She wrote that would’ve loved having a friend or her

husband with her to pray with and cry with after this was all over.

“I held it together like a professional Christian and waited until my husband greeted me at the curb and then I cried,” wrote Khang.

Gilbert, Ariz., senior Samuel Lin, chair of the Coalition of Asian Students, said there are plenty of times where Chapel speakers may say things that get students to think and wrestle with but that does not necessarily merit speaking out at that exact time.

“After reading the passage more carefully and listening to her talk on the Chapel online services, the message she was trying to convey was one that was reflective and challenging. Sometimes these things combined are difficult to understand, but I think that was the point,” Lin said. “There are times where difficult issues and situations occur, but as Christians, these are all challenges that the Bible talks about and other ministers have talked about. It is during these times that if we have

more privilege or are better off, we need to step up, be there for those in need.”

Lin said he suggests a method to speak to the speakers afterwards or a simple Q&A would also work and that promoting healthy dialogue at Baylor is key, as it fosters the growth of the community.

“This is an incident that some people may view as small but this is a situation and concern that has been building for a number of years,” Lin said. “Baylor culture has ignored us for long enough and as a coalition, we are not going to stand by and let this go unnoticed. Not anymore. We are Baylor and we belong.”

Dr. Ryan Richardson, associate chaplain and director of worship and chapel, better known at Baylor as “Chapel Ryan,” declined to comment on the incident.

Baylor YCT sent a statement to the Lariat by email, saying Chapel can be improved in two ways to promote balance among speakers and students.

“If partisan people must come to chapel, then there is a simple solution if Chapel’s goal is to avoid people interrupting the speaker: have a Q&A session for the last 10-15 minutes,” the statement from Baylor YCT reads. “This will allow people to address falsehoods in the speakers speeches more respectfully. Secondly, if leftist speakers are invited, we should have conservative speakers as well.”

Khang is the author of “Raise Your Voice: Why We Stay Silent and How to Speak Up.” The book is meant challenge and encourage everyone to find and use their influence to bring about the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. According to Khan’s website, she has spent 20 years in para-church ministry working with college students and training organizational and church leaders.

Spring Breakers

Students look forward to spring break trips with friends

SAVANNAH COOPER

Reporter

Spring Break is a highly anticipated time for college students across the country and seniors are enjoying the last moments of it while freshmen are looking forward to what’s ahead of them.

From late February to mid-April, millions of college students across the country partake in an allocated break from their academics. Some go back home and Netflix and chill it all week, some splurge on an international adventure, some even serve through a missions trips, but many pile up in a car with their closest friends and road trip to the nearest destination with the hottest beach and/or a lively nightlife.

Spring break is a loved tradition that is much needed after a grueling week(s) of midterms. Unlike breaks growing up, collegiate spring breaks allow students to really have freedom to do whatever they want for a full seven days.

For freshmen, this will be a step into a new realm of independence that’s exciting, but slightly anxious for the unknown they’ll experience. For seniors, this will be their last time experiencing a built in vacation with close friends.

Orange County, Calif., senior Zoe Nervo is graduating this semester and is aiming to have full-time employment within the business side of film production industry by the end of May. Nervo is going to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico with a group of ten friends for the full seven days. With this being her last break before adulthood hits, Nervo is going to fully enjoy herself.

“This is the last time my friends and I, all my friends are seniors, are really going to be able to take a trip like this because we’re going to make the most of it before



Photo courtesy of Lauren Milner

HEALTHY AMOUNTS OF FUN After surviving midterms, many students will take trips with their friends over break.

getting jobs by the end of May,” Nervo said. “We won’t have any time to take off and can do a vacation like this with no consequences or anything or not having to worry about paying any bills. We also don’t know where anyone of us will be in a year from now since we’re from all over.”

Houston freshman Johnathan Ashe will be going back home for the first time since winter break and will take part in one of his hometown’s annual traditions: The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. At the rodeo, Ashe will meet up with friends and easily spend the entire day riding carnival rides, enjoying the atmosphere and eating turkey legs and funnel cake.

Ashe is staying home and will go to Galveston during one of the weekends, but he can already tell there will be a difference from high school breaks.

“I’ll enjoy this spring break because I haven’t been back home at all this semester,” Ashe said. “In high school during spring break it’s more of just doing your regular routine. You might just go out, but in college you have way more freedom to go to Padre, go to Austin, stuff like that.”

Dallas senior Lauren Milner is also going to Cabo San Lucas thanks to

a graduation gift from her parents and a desire to go somewhere warm. This will be Milner’s last spring break, so she’s doing all she can to make it most memorable.

“I’m making sure to take lots of pictures, focus on relaxing and having fun and making sure to take it all in as it is the very last college spring break,” Milner said.

Milner thinks spring break is the perfect time to build on true friendships that can last a lifetime, especially for your first one.

“These trips are a good time to become closer with friends and make new one,” Milner said. “Especially freshman year, when people are still building friendships. Use this as a great opportunity to have fun with those around you and become closer friends.”

Nervo advises freshmen who will be traveling for spring break for the first time to document it well and fully enjoy the company you’re with.

“Have a ton of fun. Take a lot of pictures,” Nervo said. “Definitely be careful because you’ve never done it before. Enjoy it. Have so much fun with your friends because your friends change from year to year and I think it’s very special to do something fun like this with your really good friends.”



Shae Koharski | Multimedia Journalist

THE SMART KIDS Miller Carbaugh, a senior University Scholar, works on her senior thesis in Moody Library. Senior theses are coming to a close after a year and a half of research.

University Scholars, honors students finish their senior theses

GRETA GOULD

Reporter

Seniors in the Honors College are hard at work completing their theses for graduation. For the past year and a half, seniors have been writing and perfecting their theses in order to defend them and present them this spring.

The Honors College is home to two programs, Baylor Interdisciplinary Core (BIC) and the Honors Program, and two majors, Great Texts and University Scholars, according to the Honors College website.

Students in the Honors Program and University Scholars are required to write a senior thesis in order to graduate. The goal of the thesis is “providing students with deep and sustained research and writing opportunities appropriate to the discipline,” according to the University Scholars website.

Great Falls, Va., senior Miller Carbaugh is a student in the Honors Program and University Scholars. According to Carbaugh, students are required to choose a topic for their thesis during the fall of their junior year. Then they work to complete chapters of their thesis throughout the year in order to have a complete thesis by the spring of their senior year.

Students are able to work

with an advisor, who will help them throughout the process of picking a topic, finding sources to help narrow down the topic and help keep students on track in the research and writing process, Carbaugh said. She said these advisors are chosen by meeting with professors in order to determine who would be the best fit for what the student intends to write about.

“He or she gives you a reading list for initial books to research and narrow down a topic, and then you can start narrowing your topic down to a more specific idea,” she said.

Carbaugh started with the “broad topic” of ethical usages of nuclear weapons and then narrowed it down after reading about Augustine’s just war tradition to ethical use of nuclear weapons based around Augustine’s just war tradition, she said.

Each thesis ranges from around 40 pages to over 100 pages, depending on the topic, Carbaugh said. The topics and concepts behind each thesis also range from things such as novels, a series of paintings, poems or anything else which may pertain to a student’s desired concentration of study.

Students are advised to work on their theses for at least one hour a day every day in order to stay on top of their research and writing for due

dates.

“It’s difficult to set aside time because things are due in your classes and those things tend to take priority, so it takes a lot of motivation and devotion,” Carbaugh said. “It’s interesting researching it though. That’s why they encourage you to write about something that you won’t get bored by during the year and a half that you’re writing it.”

Ogden, Utah senior Aimee Seale is also a University Scholars major who is working to complete her senior thesis.

“It’s a unique experience that challenges your critical thinking and dedication to a project, but as the pages start to build up it’s really satisfying,” Seale said. “There are no doubt long nights and some tears shed during the busy weeks, but I’m so grateful for the chance to conquer a thesis as an undergraduate.”

Carbaugh said, the final aspect of writing a thesis is turning it in to a committee that includes the student’s thesis advisor and two other professors. The committee will read over the thesis and then the student will present their ideas and discoveries.

“They’ll ask you questions and give you critiques, and then you can edit your thesis before submitting the final draft to the Honors College,” Carbaugh said.

MIND FOR MUSIC

Learn about the new artist in the Baylor community who's making big moves.

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WHAT TO DO

Check out some of the activities happening around Waco this break.

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"I've always loved to sing. Music has always been a part of my life... I just make music because I love it."

Tori Templet **pg. 7**

HERO: Marvel's "Captain Marvel" hits theaters today and received an 82 percent on Rotten Tomatoes.

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No beach? No problem.

Baylor Lariat Staff Picks for best spots for a Waco staycation

THOMAS MORAN
Arts and Life Editor

With spring break just around the corner, students are solidifying their plans for the cherished week with no classes. Some go on cruises, head home or work throughout the break. However, some students stay in Waco, which might be seen as uneventful or boring. But the Lariat staff members have plenty of ideas of things to do in Waco to make this spring break a "staycation" worth remembering.

The Lariat Editor-in-Chief, Phoenix senior Molly Atchison recommends taking advantage of the free local resources like Cameron Park.

"I love hiking, and Cameron Park has some awesome trails," Atchison said. "So I'd say pack a picnic and hike to Lovers' Leap."

If you're looking for an activity that will revamp your wardrobe, one Lariat staff writer, Anaheim Calif., sophomore Madalyn Watson, suggests visiting a hidden gem down I-35 that not many know about.

"I really like going to Style Station, which is a vintage clothing store, because it allows me to explore my style, try on new clothing items," Watson said. "It also takes up a lot of time because the owners talk to you about the history of Waco and other fun things every time

you visit. They have clothing from all sorts of eras. All those kind of styles are in now so it all works with modern fashion."

Glendale, Calif.

senior McKenna

Middleton is the

Lariat opinion

editor, and she

suggested using

spring break explore

Waco's artistic side.

"There are so many

talented artists and cultural

arts centers in Waco like

Cultivate 7twelve and the Waco

Art Forum that always have unique,

local shows that I wish I had more time

to visit," Middleton said. "A staycation would

be the perfect time to support

local artists while also having a fun day."

For the more athletically inclined

students participating in a Waco staycation for

spring break, Lariat sports editor, Monroe, La.,

senior Ben Everett, suggested enjoying some of Baylor's upcoming games.

"It's March, so that means

non-stop basketball on

TV," Everett said. "The Baylor men's

and women's teams

play in their respective

Big 12 Tournament over

spring break as each try

to cement their NCAA

Tournament seeding. If you

want to enjoy some nice Waco

weather, Baylor baseball embarks

on a seven-game home stand at Baylor

Ballpark, so go out and cheer on a Top 25

baseball team."

Rockland, Mass., senior Cameron Stuart,

the Lariat's radio director, recommends

taking advantage of the upcoming

live filming of "The Price is Right

Live" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

in Waco Hall.

"The Price is Right' is one

of the longest-running game

shows in TV history," Stuart

said. "It's not often you get the

opportunity to be a

part of something

like that."

Denver, sophomore

Sarah Asinof

is the news

editor at that Lariat,

and she has a simple

recommendation

that, if all other plans

fail, will leave you feeling

rejuvenated and ready to

take on the rest of the semester —

sleep.

"After this week, I think I want to go into

a year-long coma," Asinof said. "So take some

time to sleep off the stress of midterms and

come back from break looking and feeling your

best."

Waco has countless activities

to make this spring break a

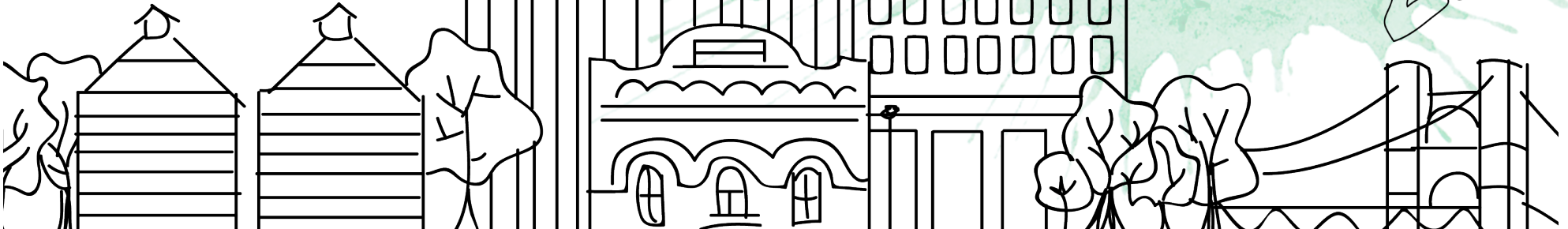
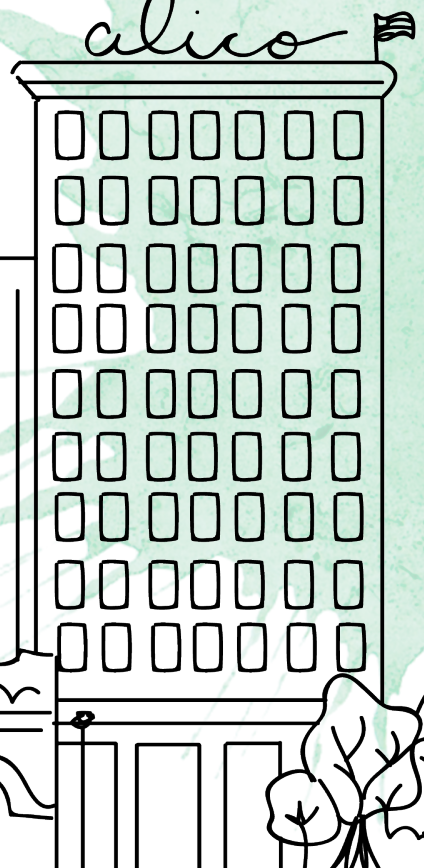
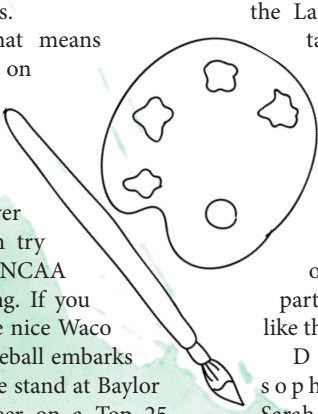
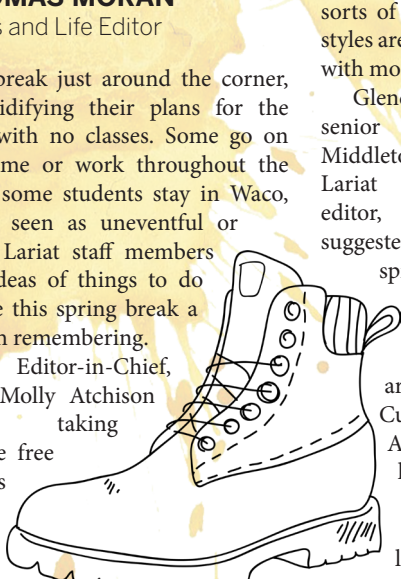
memorable staycation. For

more ideas, check out this

week's 'What to do in

Waco' on the arts

and life page.



Thomas Moran | Arts and Life Editor

They have a degree in what!?



Gabrielle Union
Sociology
University of California Los Angeles



Kourtney Kardashian
Theater Arts
University of Arizona



Lisa Kudrow
Biology
Vassar College



Natalie Portman
Psychology
Harvard University



Rashida Jones
Comparative Religion
Harvard University



Rebel Wilson
Law
University of South Wales



Ken Jeong
Medicine
Duke



Ashton Kutcher
Biochemical Engineering
University of Iowa

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Arts & Life

Q&A: Artist Tori Templet shares journey with music

THOMAS MORAN
Arts and Life Editor

Atlanta freshman Tori Templet released her new single “Hypocrite” on March 1.

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 cruises, and I always sang karaoke. Literally, every night I would leave dinner early to go to karaoke.

The first time I thought of singing as a career was when I got my first ukulele for my 16th birthday. I tried playing guitar in middle school, but it did not work out. I was so bad. But surprisingly, I picked up ukulele really fast and just ran with it. Thanks to the internet, I taught myself basic chords and used YouTube if I was still confused. I started posting covers on Twitter and got really good feedback. From there on, I kept working on perfecting the ukulele and 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 play and learn and write so much with a ukulele. I went with my mom 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, “okay, it’s only two more strings and a lot more frets, 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.

What compelled you to first start recording/writing your own music?

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 a notebook and started writing down my feelings. I recorded a crusty voice memo and put it on Soundcloud. Ever since then, I’ve been posting covers on Soundcloud and some originals. I remember that first moment where I had realized I had created something of my own to show people how I was feeling and what was on my mind. It was incredible.

What does your writing process look like?

I am constantly writing. When I’m inspired, I go straight to my notes in my phone and jot down whatever is on my mind. Sometimes I get lucky and a whole song just flows out of me. I immediately pick up my guitar after I have a verse or so down, and I try to find a chord progression that fits the mood of the song. I always ask myself, “What kind of message am I trying to convey?” Once I find that message, I roll with it.

Once I have a song that I am absolutely in love with that I want to share with the whole world, I get in the studio.

The only difficult thing is that the studio is in Atlanta, 13

hours away from Waco. Sometimes I have to be patient with the song until I get home for a weekend. I recorded “Hypocrite” over winter break.

My friends from my church own their own studio, and I work with them. They are complete goofballs but geniuses when it comes to music. They truly see my vision for the song and create it exactly how I would want it. My producers are the backbone of the whole recording operation. I’m just the girl with the voice and the chord progression. We first figure out the basic chords, and I start recording vocals. From there, they build a track off of it with all the little details that make the song incredible. After the song is completely mixed and sounds just right, I upload it to a digital music distribution site. I choose which day I want the song to be released. After that, we just wait until it is finally out for everyone to hear.

What is the message/inspiration behind the song?

This is my favorite song I’ve ever written. There’s so much passion and frustration and anger in it. I was in a really hard relationship, and it got to the point where it just felt toxic. I was seeing a completely different side of the guy I had fallen for just a few months before. He looked like this strong, incredible guy on the outside, but he seemed insecure on the inside. He wasn’t the same person he was when I had met him, and it was frustrating. I couldn’t handle it anymore, and I finally realized he didn’t deserve me.

There isn’t any underlying message of the song. It was truly written out of anger and frustration and how I had felt at the time. This song is for any girl or guy that’s been cheated on, that’s in a toxic relationship, or for someone that just needs a song to scream in the car. That was my goal through all of this. I wanted to reach those people that are going through something I went through. It sucks, and I want people to know that they’re not alone.

Has the song had any success so far?

The song has only been out for a week, but it already has over 2,000 streams, and that number keeps climbing. I’m very thankful for the people in my life that have constantly been promoting it and sharing it with their friends.

Do you have any advice for other aspiring artists?

I actually always ask this question whenever I meet my favorite artists. One of my favorite responses I’ve gotten is from Jeffery Jordan, a member of The Band Camino. He said, “If you know what you want, go for it. Don’t let anything hold you back.”

If you know what you’re passionate about, run with it. Keep writing, keep chasing your dream. Stick with it even if there are roadblocks. It can be hard as a college student to sit in class knowing that you don’t need a degree to pursue what you want to do with your life. Be patient. For some, the music industry is easy to just hop into, and I envy those people. But, it’s also important to recognize the journey of it all. All things tke time. I’m so excited to be in the waiting because I know that I will be so much more grateful for wherever I end up when I get there.

WHAT TO DO IN WACO

Friday, March 8

Dueling Pianos with David Morris and Mark Johnson | 7:45 p.m. | \$8 | Waco Hippodrome Theatre | Pianists David Morris and Mark Johnson will go head to head.

Saturday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10

Despicable Me: Pajama Party | 10 a.m. | Waco Hippodrome Theatre | \$5 | The event includes breakfast, a cereal bar and showings of the movie.

Monday, March 11

Space Jam | 11 a.m. | Waco Hippodrome Theatre | Kick of March Madness with this basketball flick.

Tuesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 14

Jazz/Funk Night | 7 p.m. | Dichotomy Coffee and Spirits | The local shop is bringing back jazz night, featuring artist Sebastian Fotouhi.

Thursday, March 15

Spring at the Silos | 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Magnolia Market | Free | Artisans from across the country will be gathering at the Silos for a vendor fair where they will offer a variety of goods.

Visit wacoheartoftexas.com for more ideas.

COMICS

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PUZZLES

Amazing Spiderman

By: Stan Lee



Dennis The Menace

By: Hank Ketcham



PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

STICKY

SITUATIONS ACROSS

- 1 Plates, e.g.
- 6 “Star Wars” villain — the Hutt
- 11 Longtime fashion mag
- 16 “Got it!”
- 19 Muslim god
- 20 Has left the office, say
- 21 Bilbao locale
- 22 “Whether — nobler ...”
- 23 Sudden-death extra in a golf tournament
- 25 Supermodel Klum
- 26 Hi-fi platters
- 27 Cook gently
- 28 Behave obsequiously
- 31 Secretive U.S. org.
- 32 Redding of song
- 36 Opp. of horizontal
- 37 Film preview
- 38 Sort who’s at hand whenever needed
- 42 Part of a hunting outfit
- 43 Lucy of “Kung Fu Panda”
- 44 French painter Rosa
- 45 Narcissists
- 48 Bone: Prefix
- 50 Insult, informally
- 51 YWCA part
- 54 Yule, briefly
- 57 Small Vlasic offering
- 63 Domestic
- 67 Explorer Ericson
- 68 Glossy surface
- 69 “As above,” in a footnote
- 70 Morning joe, maybe
- 75 Tear to bits
- 76 Gambols
- 78 Inventory
- 79 Board, as a ship
- 81 One who’s distraught with feelings
- 86 1/16 ounce
- 87 Perfectly
- 88 “— aboard!”
- 90 Baker’s unit
- 94 Pec-building exercises
- 98 Tilling tools, to Brits
- 101 King, in Caen
- 102 Old Peruvian
- 103 Connections making people feel close
- 108 Big name in hygiene products
- 111 “QED” part
- 112 Beneficiary
- 113 Certain PC readout
- 114 Purplish fruit spread
- 117 Male ducks
- 120 — Lingus
- 121 Rivulet
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- 127 Giant in life insurance
- 128 Televised
- 129 “... and vice —”
- 130 Hip-hop “Dr.”
- 131 Hide, as loot
- 132 Old Russian dynasts
- 133 German city

DOWN

- 1 Does a fist bump, colloquially
- 2 Chicago’s home
- 3 Close loudly
- 4 The Caribbean’s — Islands
- 5 Slipper, e.g.
- 6 Peanut butter brand
- 7 Volcano stuff
- 8 Startling cry
- 9 Light source in a socket
- 10 Had dinner at a friend’s house, e.g.
- 11 Note equivalent to 66-Down
- 12 Not necessarily against
- 13 Spoke
- 14 In the — of (during)
- 15 In readiness
- 16 Map-filled references
- 17 Most with it
- 18 Alleges
- 24 Ice-cream alternative, for short
- 29 “Scream” director Craven
- 30 Sitarist Shankar
- 33 Weight unit
- 34 With a sharp picture, briefly
- 35 Shrek creator William
- 38 “Gigli” co-star, familiarly
- 39 Certain nuclear weapon, for short
- 40 “Be silent!”
- 41 Adolescent
- 46 Country’s econ. measure
- 47 Suffix of medical conditions
- 49 Free (from)
- 51 Plump bird
- 52 “— From Muskogee” (1969 hit)
- 53 Annoys
- 55 Circle part
- 56 Ionian, e.g.
- 58 Upper crust
- 59 Purity of a color
- 60 Razor-sharp
- 61 Advanced
- 62 Lead-in to skeleton
- 63 Give a job to
- 64 Former Laker Lamar
- 65 Office letter
- 66 Note equivalent to 11-Down
- 71 Do a tax task
- 72 J.D. Salinger title girl
- 73 “— be my pleasure”
- 74 Baby of a boomer
- 77 In — (as first found)
- 80 Big name in beer brewing
- 82 “Alley —!”
- 83 Condé —
- 84 Mall lure
- 85 Spill clumsily
- 89 Guitar’s kin
- 91 Con artists
- 92 Abridge
- 93 Took cover
- 94 Patchy horse
- 95 Vague
- 96 Plague
- 97 Fit as a fiddle
- 98 Sound of falling hail
- 99 F-J link
- 100 One of two in “crocodile”
- 104 Wading birds
- 105 R&B singer — Badu
- 106 — Mahal
- 107 Accuses
- 109 PLO head Mahmoud
- 110 Brimless cap
- 115 “The Godfather” score composer Nino
- 116 Some med. scans
- 118 All-night bash
- 119 Comic Laurel
- 123 Eon subunit
- 124 Bonn article
- 125 TSA requests

TOURNEY TIME >> The Lariat is headed to Oklahoma City for the Big 12 WBB Tournament. [BaylorLariat.com](#)

Kalani Brown paved her own path to become a Baylor legend

JESSIKA HARKAY
Sports Writer

2018 WBCA All-American and unanimous Big 12 player of the year Kalani Brown is coming to the end of her four-year tenure at Baylor.

Brown is a four-time Big 12 regular-season champion and is one of six Baylor athletes to reach 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds — the most recent achievement in her record-holding Lady Bear career. Brown described her success in the Big 12 as the best part of her career.

“It gets competitive playing two people at a time, and just to win, I’m four-for-four, and so I got all four rings,” Brown said. “That was goal of mine, just to win consecutively. It never gets old, and just receiving the ring, that alone never gets old.”

Basketball is something that’s been in Brown’s blood since the day she came out of the womb. With her father playing 16 years in the NBA and her mother playing as a Lady Bear, Brown has been playing since the age of 6 and even attended Baylor basketball camps in middle school.

Although always exposed to the sport, Brown said the decision to pursue basketball, especially at Baylor, was solely hers.

“I know a lot of people think, ‘Oh, your mom played for Baylor, so you’re going there.’ I was like, ‘Nah. Not for my mom, but just for myself.’”

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“Believe it or not, my mom didn’t push for that either. She was like, ‘This is your recruiting process. You go where you want to go,’” Brown said. “And I was like, ‘Eh, there isn’t really anything better than Baylor.’ I know a lot of people think, ‘Oh, your mom played for Baylor so you’re going there.’ and I was like, ‘Nah. Not for my mom, but just for myself.’”

Independence and creating her own name and legacy are things Brown is passionate about. Noting advice her father gave to her to make her own path, Brown said she’s taken that advice personally in every aspect of her life.



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STORIED CAREER Baylor senior center Kalani Brown watches her video tribute on senior day after the Lady Bears defeated Oklahoma State at the Ferrell Center. Brown is a two-time All-American selection and three-time All Big 12 selection in her four-year Baylor career.

“I have taken that initiative, not just with basketball, but with being a person as well trying to build my own name and trying to go my own way,” she said. “People will always be like, ‘Oh you have some big shoes to fill,’ you know? I just didn’t let that get to me. I’m doing this for me.”

As most Lady Bears fans have seen on the court, Brown’s independence and self-focus is seen in her appearance. On the court you can always catch No. 21 in a bright nail color and tightly braided hair. Brown said she wants to show basketball is more than masculinity.

“There’s a lot of stereotypes going around about women’s basketball, ‘Oh, they want to be men. Oh, they want to look that way,’” she said. “People talk about my nails and my lashes and my hair all the time and I take pride in that. I think it shows girls that you can still be pretty and play basketball at the same time.”

With high hopes of being drafted in WNBA and eventually becoming a motivational speaker or basketball reporter, Brown was able to reflect on her time at Baylor. Brown described how the program has brought her closer to faith, taught her how to speak and conduct herself, and most importantly, taught her how to be a woman. With that in mind, Brown had a few pieces of advice to her younger Lady Bears.

“Just yesterday, I was moving into the Texana dorms and now I’m about to be a grown-up and go to the next level,” Brown said. “For the younger Lady Bears, I say take every season seriously. Say we are to lose, they say, ‘Oh, we’ll have another season,’ but there will be a time that you won’t. And you can’t think like that; you have to take everything seriously.”

Brown also had advice to her future self and something she wish she could’ve told herself when she was younger.

“I’d tell my younger self that your time is coming just wait your turn and work hard,” Brown said. “And I’d tell my future self that the sky’s the limit for you, so keep going.”

Brown hopes that in the future, after her basketball career, she can be a voice for the community and leave a mark by inspiring others.

“I know being from Louisiana, New Orleans has a lot of great athletes that never make it out because they just don’t



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WALKING DOUBLE-DOUBLE Baylor senior center Kalani Brown lines up for a free throw against TCU on Feb. 9 at the Ferrell Center. Brown is averaging 15.4 points and 8.1 rebounds per game this season.

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Golden Girl shines on and off the court

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The Baylor Golden Girls are often seen showing off their talents at Baylor sporting events, but the average fan might not know that some of them also hold national titles, such as San Antonio senior Caroline Carothers, who was Miss Texas 2016.

Carothers began twirling when she was only 6 years old. She came from a military family, so baton-twirling was a talent she could work toward while also staying grounded in the sport. Carothers said at first she was just twirling for herself, but once she moved to Texas, she realized she wanted to twirl at a major university in Texas.

Before Carothers arrived at Baylor, she was involved in competitive baton-twirling, which required hours of practice every day and many detail-oriented corrections. Once she got to Baylor, she said she had to make the transition from being a competitor to a performer.

“Whenever you’re performing for Baylor fans, it’s all about the fun. That’s what they like,” Carothers said. “They like you to take risks. They like you to show them that you’re really having a blast with it. That’s something I’ve

really had to learn how to navigate.”

During the summer of 2016, Carothers’ world flipped upside down as she won the Miss Texas title. She had to withdraw from school for an entire year and travel around the country as Miss Texas. When she competed for Miss America, she was one of the top seven contestants. She said that one of the most valuable things she gained from the experience was the platform she had where she was able to share not only herself, but the sport of baton-twirling.

“It was the biggest honor that I ever could’ve received. I loved it,” Carothers said. “Being able to be on that stage and represent the sport of baton-twirling, showing them what baton-twirling has evolved to be ... it was an awesome experience.”

Carothers is one of four of the Golden Girls – Carmel, Ind., senior Adaline Bebo; Santa Ana, Calif., sophomore Jillian Taylor; and Gonzales sophomore Paige Glass. Bebo currently holds the title of Miss Dallas 2019 and is also the College Miss Majorette of America.

Carothers said the sisterhood of the twirling world is one of the best parts, and Taylor and Glass agreed. Taylor said that because the sport is unique, it allows them to



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ALL SMILES Baylor senior Golden Girl Caroline Carothers performs at the Baylor men’s basketball game on Wednesday at the Ferrell Center. Carothers won Miss Texas 2016 and placed in the top seven of Miss America.

have a special bond where they can encourage and push each other to be the best they can be.

“Because there are only four of us, the Golden Girls are so much more than a team,” Taylor said. “I’ve always considered them a family.”

Taylor said she looked up to Carothers even before she came to Baylor, and since joining her on the team, she’s been able to bond with her on and off the field, since both of the women are business majors.

Glass said she and Carothers met

a while before she came to Baylor because they were in competitive twirling together. She said that having her by her side since the beginning of her journey with Baylor helped her transition into college.

“We borrowed each other’s twirl shoes and practiced together for years,” Glass said. “Seeing her the first day of practice really relieved any nerves I would have felt about the new experience.”

As Carothers finishes up her final semester at Baylor, there are a

lot of lasts in proximity. Wednesday night was her last time performing at a Baylor basketball game, and she said it’s bittersweet to leave since twirling at these events has been such an incredible experience. She said overall, even though sometimes the practices are long and oftentimes the games are hot, it’s an honor to perform for the Baylor fans.

“There are no fans like Baylor fans,” Carothers said. “I’m really proud to get to perform for them.”



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DEFENSIVE FORCE Baylor sophomore guard DiDi Richards drives the ball 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 look to continue dominance in Big 12 tourney

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No. 1-ranked Baylor women's basketball opens the Big 12 Tournament with a game against No. 8-seed Oklahoma and No. 9-seed Texas Tech at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Oklahoma City.

The Lady Bears (28-1, 18-0) are the No. 1 seed in the tournament after running the table in the Big 12 regular season and claiming their ninth straight Big 12 title.

Junior forward Lauren Cox said the Big 12 Tournament is a chance to cement their status as a dominant force in the conference.

"If there were any doubts about us being a No. 1 seed, that's a way that we can prove it is going 3-0 in the tournament and winning," Cox said. "Just proving to everyone that we're legit and you need to take us seriously."

The NCAA Tournament committee currently pegs the Lady Bears as the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament, and Baylor has a chance to lock in that seeding by going 3-0 this weekend. Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said there are multiple Big 12 teams still fighting for NCAA Tournament positioning, so the conference tourney will be no joke.

"We don't plan to lose," Mulkey said. "We play to win and we do understand there are teams that will be there that need to win the [Big 12 Tournament] to get in the NCAA Tournament, and we can't allow them to play harder because of

that. We're not going there to go through the motions. We're going there to win."

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KIM MULKEY | HEAD COACH

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 DiDi Richards were named to the All-Big 12 Defensive team along with Cox. Cox said the Lady Bears have been a lockdown team all season long.

"It means a lot and it shows a lot about our defense," Cox said. "All five of our starters could have been 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 stats will show it too."

The Lady Raiders and Sooners each finished with 4-14 records in conference, but Texas Tech holds a 13-16 overall record while Oklahoma sits at 8-21. The Lady Bears swept both teams in the regular season, but Richards said that doesn't mean Baylor can take a night off.

"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. "Same for them too, though. We're still going to have to execute and run our plays to a T."

One of the strengths of the Lady Bears is their depth. Baylor has eight players averaging over 10 minutes per game, including two freshmen: forward NaLyssa Smith and center Queen Egbo. Cox said the consistency of the bench unit and the freshmen will help the team throughout its postseason run.

"We have a lot more depth this year with the freshman coming in," Cox said. "I don't think we have a dropoff either. They've learned a lot this year and they've come a long way. Whenever they get in, they know what to do, and that helps us out a lot."

Texas Tech and Oklahoma play at 6 p.m. Friday. If Baylor wins its first game, it will face the winner of No. 4-seed West Virginia and No. 5-seed Kansas State at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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have the resources or they're not around great people," she said. "So maybe going back to those type of communities and talking to kids and saying, 'Hey, you can make it being from Louisiana' ... People don't really look at Louisiana to be recruited. So I think you can make it and if you make the right decisions, then you

know, you can be anything."

As Brown's college career comes to an end, her 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, offensively and defensively ... She's done everything we've asked her to do, she's had a good year in the league. She's surrounded by great players and she makes those players around her even better. She's just special."

Injury-riddled Bears host Nebraska for weekend series

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Sports Writer

Instead of heading north to 20-degree weather, Baylor baseball will host Nebraska this weekend to kick off a weeklong home stand at Baylor Ballpark. The Bears are ready to get back on the field after having to postpone Tuesday night's game against UT Arlington due to cold temperatures.

Baylor will have to continue the rest of the season without junior left-handed pitcher Cody Bradford. The 2018 Big 12 Pitcher of the Year was diagnosed with thoracic outlet syndrome, which happens when the nerves and blood vessels in the neck and shoulder areas become compressed by surrounding structures. Head coach Steve Rodriguez said Bradford's injury will allow some of the new guys to step up for the team.

"I think any time you can have adversity kind of hit your team, you get to see what the make-up is all about. You get to see great opportunities for other kids to be able to step up, and kids who want to say, 'Hey, I want an opportunity.' Well now's your chance," Rodriguez said. "So the awesomeness about it is that you're always begging for kids to get a chance and an opportunity. You never want it to happen at another kid's injury, just because of that, but it's an amazing opportunity for our team to overcome something."

Despite losing their ace for the year, and with junior backstop Shea Langeliers still sitting out the next few weeks with a wrist injury, the Bears are keeping up that "next man up" mentality.

According to Rodriguez, junior righty Hayden Kettler will continue as the Friday night starter and junior transfer Paul Dickens will be pitching on Saturday. Either sophomore lefty Tyler Thomas or true freshman Anderson Needham could have the start on Sunday to close out the series. Senior second baseman Josh Bissonette said he's glad the team is facing these challenges early in the season rather than later.

"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 have our guys healthy, we'll have a good stretch going into the post season," Bissonette said.

Aside from getting to play in warm weather this weekend, Baylor is looking forward to facing the team coached by two-time Major League All-Star and three-time Golden Glove winner Darin Erstad. California natives Bissonette and junior third baseman Davis Wendzel expressed their excitement as they grew up watching the former Los Angeles Angel play, basically from their backyards.

The Huskers have not played a game at home. They began their season in Riverside, Calif., where they took the season opener against UC Riverside 21-6 on Feb. 15. After taking the series from the Highlanders, the Huskers were swept by No. 7 Oregon State in the Big 10/Pac-12 Challenge. They held No. 3 Texas Tech to one run with a 2-1 victory on the first night of the Frisco College Baseball Classic last Friday.

Senior center fielder Richard Cunningham said the team is excited to play against the Huskers, who were part of the Big 12 until 2011.

"Any time you get to play a program like Nebraska, or really any program from any big Power Five conference, or wherever it may be, when they got some pedigree to them, some tradition and history to them, it's a lot of fun for us," Cunningham said. "You know when Baylor squares off against Nebraska everyone kind of wants to see the outcome cause it's two big dogs going at it, so we're excited about it."

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