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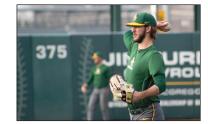
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**MILITARY MISSION** Soldiers from the U.S. Army Medical Recruiting Brigade participate in a training to set up a U.S. Army Forward Resuscitative and Surgical Team exhibit Oct. 22 at Fort Knox, Ky. to showcase Army Medicine capabilities across the country with a mobile operating room exhibit. FRSTs consist of 20 members and carry enough supplies to treat 30 casualties or to last 72 hours to provide trauma care in contingency and humanitarian missions worldwide.

# Army to showcase mobile operating room at BSB

#### MEREDITH PRATT Staff Writer

The U.S. Army Forward Resuscitative and Surgical Teams (FRST) will be showcasing one of their mobile operating rooms at the Baylor University Pre-Health Symposium from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Baylor Sciences Building.

The exhibit will be hosted by the 5th

and responsive. Having the opportunity to showcase this and teach others what we do is a great experience," Graf said. "The Army professionals and recruiters will demonstrate live tourniquet applications and other medical techniques that the Army utilizes to save lives on the battlefield."

"The procedures they employ are vital to the success of contingency operations and global humanitarian missions and ensure trauma patients receive the care they need," Graf said. "The Army today maintains over a 90% survival rate for wounded soldiers, compared to a 76% survival rate during the Vietnam War, largely due to changes in the immediate lifesaving care and emergency transportation of the wounded." There are currently 16 FRSTs, four of which are U.S. Army airborne qualified. The teams are typically made up of 20 members, including Army surgeons, critical care nurses, CRNAs, combat medics and administrative personnel. The teams can be split into separate 10-person teams when needed.

"FRSTs are modular and scalable, offering the Army greater mission flexibility," Lt. Col. Brian Cooley, commander of the 745th FRST, said in an article about the recent transition of many Forward Surgical Teams to Forward Resuscitative and Surgical Teams.

Each FRST has the ability to set up two operating rooms. A six-bed emergency room and eight-bed recovery room can be deployed anywhere in the world in one to two days. Their mobile operating rooms have supplies that can last for up to 72 hours. "FRSTs demonstrate how the Army continues to evolve with the expeditionary battlefield by caring for casualties closer to the point of injury," Lt. Col. Mary I. Rivera, commander of the 5th Medical Recruiting Battalion said. "This is just one example of how the Army continues to enhance our ability to fight and win our nation's wars."

### Accusations of bias follow Chapel speech

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MATTHEW MUIR Staff Writer

The Chapel guest speaker Wednesday sparked controversy with a speech some in the Baylor community have criticized for being political and un-Christian.

Kaitlin Curtice, Christian, author and member of the Potowami Nation, spoke on politically charged topics. In her speech, Curtice said fighting for "true justice" means undoing the historical effects of colonialism.

"For the world to survive, for true justice to take place among us, decolonization must be a goal," Curtice said. "We must fight against systems of oppression, systems like toxic patriarchy and capitalist greed that give no care to the land, and we must do it for the sake of all of us."

Curtice also addressed her prayers during chapel not to God or Jesus, but to Mother Mystery.

In response, Baylor Young Conservatives of Texas (YCT) issued a statement lambasting Curtice and the Chapel organizers who invited her.

The statement said Curtice's understanding of Christianity was "surface level at best" and said Baylor allowed "a speaker with pagan sympathies to mislead students." The YCT statement also said Baylor Chapel pushes a left-wing agenda.

"It has once again come to our attention that Baylor's university chapel has taken on the political agenda of the progressive wing of the Baylor Faculty," the statement said. "This morning, several of our members attended university Chapel and were met again with the liberal agenda."

Reflective of the political tone of Curtice's speech, Baylor Democrats conversely issued a statement defending Curtice The statement said inviting a speaker with different views of Christianity could help students grow in their own faith. We support Baylor's decision to have the inclusion of someone who shares a view of Christianity that is strongly shaped by the cultures and ideals of the Potawatomi Nation of which she is a member of, and providing a new perspective for students to have a personal relationship with their own faith," the Democrats' statement said. Denison sophomore Jake Neidert, vice president of Baylor YCT, said he was particularly offended by the apparent lack of Christianity in Curtice's prayers. "I have no idea what she was talking about but it seemed to be very pagan, not very Christian, and I really had no respect for it whatsoever," Neidert said.

Medical Recruiting Battalion and will feature experts from the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center and the Fort Hood Medical Simulation Training Center.

Jacqueline Graf, officer-in-charge of the Dallas Recruiting Station for U.S. Army Healthcare, said she hopes Baylor students can explore the educational and career opportunities that are available in the U.S. Army Medical Department after visiting the exhibit.

"Army medicine is agile, adaptive, flexible

# Lecture series discusses impacts the West, women had on 19th century China

### SARAH PINKERTON

Staff Writer

Dr. Daniel Barish, assistant professor of history at Baylor, and Dr. Kate Merkel-Hess of Penn State University spoke in a series of lectures, discussing the role of the Western world in China and the role of women on Chinese political life during the 19th century.

The event, hosted by the Institute for Studies of Religion at Baylor, was entitled "Building a New China: Between Empire and Communism", and was presented Thursday in the Armstrong Browning Library.

Barish first spoke about "English and Evangelism at the Late Qing Court" and discussed the way this has impacted China.

He discussed the prevalence of young emperors in China during the 19th century and the role that missionaries and diplomats played in promoting a Western lifestyle. Barish said they desired to have influence over the emperor's education with English and Christian readings.

"There are lots of people around the country who say, 'Wait a second, there's this kid at the center who's a blank slate, we can convert him to our cause,' and in my book, those causes are Confucian classicism, Western learning and the Manchu way," Barish said. Those are the groups of officials who are engaged in this fight."

Barish also described how this western presence has impacted China throughout its history. He said he emphasized the Westerners who came in the 19th century used these past ways as a model for their own influence.

"Oftentimes we speak or we act in ways we think we know how people will hear," Barish said. "But we don't spend enough time thinking about their history, cultural context, lived experience. That really shapes how they hear what we say."

Merkel-Hess' section of the lecture, titled "Rebellious Devotion: Love and Patriotism in the Life of Traitorous General Zhang Xueliang," focused on the way women impacted political life during that time, specifically the life of Zhang Xueliang, ruler of Northeastern China during the 19th century.

"I think the story of Zhang Xueliang and the women around him exemplifies the way that political reunification of the country became mapped on top of familial and romantic devotion, and loyalty to the state and the ways that all of these things were interwoven with allegiance to the family," Merkel-Hess said.

Women had a strong impact on these

warlords, Merkel-Hess said. Zhao Yidi's relation to Xueliang as his mistress, then wife, and said Yidi acted as a companion to him during five years of house arrest.

Merkel-Hess said Yidi also acted as a catalyst for transforming his image from playboy to noble.

Merkel-Hess continued to say Soong Meiling, first lady of the Republic of China, and her relationship to Xueliang as a cross-gender friendship in addition to their complicated familial and political relations.

Merkel-Hess said through their relationship, Soong helped him recover from his opium addiction and helped convert him to Christianity.

"Participation in the family, friendship, love, marriage, brother and sisterhood, those quite literally domesticated those who were engaged in them," Merkel-Hess said. "In terms of their image-making, in terms of how they were presented, made them less of a threat."

Barish and Merkel-Hess have both received many awards and grants for their studies and have released several books on the topic of Chinese history. Neidert also said he likely would have "just laughed about" the political aspects of Curtice's speech had her prayer followed a more conventionally biblical template.

Shreveport, La, freshman Veronica Penales, Baylor Democrat's vice president, said she didn't see anything wrong with Curtice's prayer.

"I think she was right in praying the way she wanted to pray, it was her chapel service to lead. I don't think she crossed the line in that sense," Penales said. "I support her, everything she did in that Chapel service including praying to Mother Mystery."

In a response to parents concerns, Baylor said instances such as this can be seen as "problems – or as learning opportunities."

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**EDITORIAL** 



Hannah Holliday | Cartoonist

### **Celebrate female performers**

The female body has always been something society views as taboo. In the past, it was evident in the strict concealment of collarbones and ankles. Even now, in the 21st century, these prudish restrictions on women linger within the remarks about female performers.

Judging women for the way they choose to present themselves is antiquated. Some may believe they are advocating on behalf of women by demanding more modesty. This side argues that women are exposing themselves to be objectified when dressed scantily. Yet it is precisely because of the way women's bodies have been used to justify harassment that it is all the more important that women have the opportunity to put themselves on stages.

Hiding women's bodies under heavy clothing keeps them captive to the

rules and standards of their oppressors. When women get on a stage dressed in the clothes and performing the dances they have chosen for themselves, they are reclaiming power over their own bodies.

Critics said the Superbowl halftime performance by J.Lo and Shakira was too scandalous. Phil Mushnick, a columnist for the New York Post, described the show as "highly inappropriate, female-objectifying."

"Sunday's halftime, by design, objectified women as hot, barely dressed, crotch- and rear-endthrusting, unescorted boobs-bobbing sex kittens," Mushnick said.

J.Lo and Shakira, ages 50 and 43 respectively, danced with the vivacity of the athletes on the field in their prime. These women have trained consistently to stay in shape and maintain their ability to perform as

they did at the halftime show.

Reducing J.Lo and Shakira's performance to simply a flaunt of their bodies neglects to recognize the incredible display of their abilities and hard work. Their dances, while involving hip-shaking and pole dancing, are technically very difficult to do well. A woman dancing is a display of skill and strength [not to mention, it was done while also singing]. The ability for two Latinx women to draw 103 million total viewers on Fox, according to Variety, is a testament to the fact that people enjoy this form of entertainment.

Our society has come far enough to recognize that a woman's ability to have autonomy over how much and the manner in which her body is displayed is a beauty in itself. Let women have control over the form in which they inhabit.

### LARIAT LETTER

### Minority quotas needed within Student Senate

Each Senator is allowed to write a 500-word opinion within a week of any bill being voted on by the full senate body. The six Senators listed below chose to combine efforts for their dissenting opinion on the failure of Senate Enactment (SE) 67-10. This bill aimed to restructure Student Senate into a more representative body by creating seats reserved for each academic and college program, valuable student populations such as First In Line or Multicultural Affairs Coalitions, as well as five at-large seats per class.

As we stand in solidarity with those whose voices are not welcomed at the table of opportunity, we desire to stress our frustration with the outcome of the vote of SE 67-10, the principal bill to restructure Student Senate into a more diverse body.

We do not believe that the discussion and the result of the debate accurately reflect the passions and ambitions of this year's Student Senate. Through the debate's evolution, there developed a pattern of concern addressing the college and program seats. The two components of this plan work simultaneously and cannot be disassociated from each other.

We hold two objections to these detrimental opinions.

First, eliminating the college and program seats inherently discredits diversity of experience and intellectual training. It communicates to students their only value of difference is considered in their ethnic background. Furthermore, it fosters the belief that the academic college entrusted with each student's education cannot do a sufficient job in diversifying an individual's ability to contribute to the quality of conversation Student Senate seeks to cultivate each Thursday evening.

Secondly, we are striving to correct and limit the daunting barriers of contested popularity that accompanies running for at-large seats. Creating specified spots for students conveys Student Senate, which was created to serve them, not only values their voice but is searching for an individual of their exact caliber to provide insight which would otherwise be mute under the confines of the at-large system.

We have seen through numerous legislative examples the entire student body cannot be properly advocated for if their experience is not present. This is fundamentally antithetical to the mission of Student Senate as we "represent the student body... and seek to enrich the quality of student life."

While we understand the concerns of voting through identifying personal groups, which leaves room for voter dishonesty, we cannot acquiesce to these qualms. Every governmental system is flawed, but our overarching goal is to consider the people. Consider the students whose voices feel stifled, whose perspectives are not the majority, whose lack of privilege does not guarantee success based on work ethic; it is unacceptable to deem our current system as adequate.

Ultimately, we aim for the day when we can look to our peers sitting to our left and our right in Student Senate meetings and we see not only an accurate representation of our student body, but also a reflection of the kingdom of God.

Jackson McNeece, Operations and Procedures Committee Chair Gracie Kelliher, Sophomore Senator Carleigh Allan, Campus Improvements and Affairs Committee Chair Piper Latham, Sophomore Senator & Legislative Secretary Katy Crawford, Sophomore Senator Baylor Payne, Junior Senator

### Column Chapel welcomes minority speakers, but do students?

#### **MEG PECK**

Contributor

On Wednesday, progressive Christian author, poet and storyteller Kaitlin Curtice spoke during Baylor's chapel.

As a multiracial woman and citizen of the Potawatomi Nation, Curtice centered her talk



around decolonization and balancing her Native heritage with her Christian faith. She began by performing a land acknowledgment to recognize the indigenous people of this area. From there, Curtice explained her upbringing as a biracial

person in the Midwest and evangelical church and how she reconnected with her Potawatomi culture later on in adulthood. She discussed how colonization and the removal of the Potawatomi Nation from the Great Lakes to Oklahoma [or the "Trail of Death"] still has repercussions on her people today because of how their history, beliefs and practices have either been erased or stolen.

Not only did Curtice touch on the work of decolonization, but she also commented on topics such as white supremacy and toxic patriarchy. In regard to the latter, Curtice stated, "In the church today, women are not seen as equal to men," to which a student in the 9:05 audience shouted, "no one even thinks like that!" At that, my heart stopped. It was like Kathy Khang in the spring 2019 chapel all over again [during which a student yelled as she spoke on privilege].

Throughout the course of Curtice's entire talk I was on my toes; for while topics like racism and sexism may seem like common knowledge to some, many Baylor students, particularly upper or middle class, may not have had as much exposure to these very real issues.

With bravery, Curtice maintained her composure and continued on with her sermon. She discussed how connecting with God through nature is important to her both as a Native woman and a Christian, and concluded by expressing how we all can do the hard work of decolonizing both with each other and with all of creation, as it is both a communal and individual practice.

At the conclusion of chapel, Ryan Richardson, associate chaplain and director of worship and chapel, reminded students they need to be respectful and if they had comments or concerns they could come talk with chapel staff. He also later tweeted, "Our university supports exploration of faith and life which certainly includes your opposition," in response to a tweet from Baylor's Young Americans for Freedom group criticizing the sermon.

After the service, I was able to connect with Curtice, since we had met earlier in 2019. While I was excited to see her, I was also very disappointed with how my fellow students had treated her. Curtice was obviously shaken up, stating, "That's never happened to me before." I was devastated to hear that after speaking at countless universities and conferences, Baylor was the first and only place Curtice had experienced disrespect during a talk.

This incident is uncannily reminiscent of last year around this time when Kathy Khang spoke on privilege. In February of 2019, Korean American author and speaker, Kathy Khang, preached from Mark 5 on how the government official Jairus had to wait while Jesus healed the bleeding woman whom he later refers to as "daughter." The point of Khang's message was to recognize the varying levels of privilege we each have and how to use it to stand up for the marginalized and oppressed.

In her concluding prayer, also during the 9:05 service, Khang prayed about current events that broke her heart and made her more desperate for Jesus, including the incident where an 11-year-old was arrested for not standing during the pledge, which is when a student heckled her. The student was removed, not because Baylor does not foster free speech, but simply because it is disrespectful to shout at someone when they are speaking, let alone praying.

On its website, Chapel states that it seeks to provide worship and to engage important issues which, at times, can be uncomfortable, but that is no excuse for microaggressions to occur. Disagreeing with a speaker is one thing, but heckling them during their talk is another.

I understand many Baylor students have

been brought up in the evangelical church, myself included, but that is simply a way of knowing God, not the way of knowing.

The following morning, in President Livingstone's weekly email, she commented, "Civil discourse requires mutual respect and objectivity without hostility, while demonstrating an appreciation for the experiences of others even if they do not align with our own personal or institutional values or perspectives. This topic is vitally important for higher education – and especially at Baylor either in Chapel or during class presentations."

I know both Kaitlin Curtice and Kathy Khang personally, and they are two of the bravest and strongest people I know. It took courage for Curtice, one of the few speakers of color in the past year, to still come knowing what happened with Khang. For this blatant disrespect to occur in almost the same way as before is beyond disgraceful. This should not have happened and cannot happen again.

This has never happened when a white male was speaking. This has never happened when a white woman was speaking. Regardless of the topic. The common denominator in the equation? Both speakers were minority women. This is white supremacy occurring in the exact place it should be combated, and this record of how Baylor students treat women of color who come to speak is not only shameful, but it says, to all speakers of color, they are not welcome here.

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### **News**

# Legal crash courses are a force for public discourse

#### MATTHEW MUIR Staff Writer

People's Law School will bring bite-sized legal classes to the Waco community from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the Baylor Law School.

Baylor Law School hosts the annual event focused on educating members of the community on common or public interest legal matters. Sessions are taught by law school faculty who volunteer to teach on topics ranging from property law to presidential power.

The event consists of three one-hour long sessions and is open to anyone who wants to attend. Pre-registration is encouraged but can be done on-site Saturday morning.

Patricia Wilson, a law professor at Baylor, organized the event. Among the classes offered, Wilson said, is a core group of perennial offerings that always draw a crowd.

"We regularly offer a course in wills and estate planning as well as elder law. We always have, I think every year, offered a course in family law," Wilson said. "Those always draw people because there's always someone who is facing for the first time the fact that they probably need to have a will or they are planning for themselves or for their elderly parents. We have a core group of courses."

This year's slate has 20 different classes, seven of which are new. Ed Nelson, a spokesman for Baylor Law, said he finds interesting classes each year and that introducing new classes keeps the experience fresh for repeat attendees.

"For a lot of people, the concept of the law can be scary, and there are so many laws and rules and regulations depending on what the issue is," Nelson said. "I'm not a lawyer myself, and there are so many things I don't understand, so I look forward to the People's Law School every year because I personally learn something new each time."

Courses are selected to cover a wide variety of topics and to appeal to a wide swath of people. Baylor students may take a particular interest in "Law School: How to Get In." Nelson said he's excited for a class with a unique pop-culture angle.



Photo courtesy of Baylor Law **HISTORY OF LAW** Baylor Law School, which has been accredited since 1931, is the oldest law school in Texas.

"This year the course that I am most looking forward to is titled 'Don't Learn Your Law From the Movies' where snippets of movies will be played that make for great cinema but doesn't make good law, doesn't make real good legal sense," Nelson said. "We have a Baylor lawyer explaining where they got it wrong in the movies."

Most lawyers presenting the classes are from the Waco area, though efforts are made to bring in outside experts when topics require them. Wilson said lawyers who make time to teach the classes see it as a way to reach out to the community.

"They see it as a way for them to give back to the community," Wilson said. "It gives them an opportunity to talk about what they do and to answer questions that they get frequently from people who have an interest in understanding that area of the law."

Wilson began organizing Baylor's first People's Law School in 2005 and every subsequent edition since. Wilson said the program stemmed from a request by the State Bar of Texas to emulate other versions of the event.

"We're not the first one to offer the People's Law School and in fact the consumer law section of the State Bar of Texas asked us to do one," Wilson said. "The University of Houston has been doing one, and they were hoping that we would do something akin to what they were doing in Houston in Central Texas."

### Her Campus chapter brings female empowerment to Baylor

LUCY RUSCITTO Staff Writer

Her Campus, an online magazine geared towards women, came to Baylor this fall as part of a worldwide publication. Her Campus began in 2008, when three women from Harvard





pitched their lifestyle online magazine at the school's business plan competition.

Her Campus has around 300 to 400 other chapters both national and worldwide, and Baylor was just recently added to this list. A student can bring a chapter to their campus by becoming the "Campus Correspondent."

McKinney junior Chantal Canales said Baylor's chapter of Her Campus began after she brought the online magazine to campus. According to the Her Campus website, Her Campus Media is the "#1 media portfolio for college and GenZennial women."

Canales said Baylor Her Campus posts articles featuring topics like friendship, relationship advice, book and movie reviews, wellness and lifestyle articles — all geared toward the female population at Baylor.

"Everything that we write and do is for women empowerment," Canales said. "I think it's a big thing to have here at Baylor just because it's been an unspoken voice for a very long time. We have a lot to say."

Canales said that since her junior year of high school, she had dreamed of bringing Her Campus to whatever college she would eventually attend. The addition of Her Campus completed her years-long goal, and Canales soon became president of the organization.

"My freshman and sophomore year, I had a lot of self-doubt in my mind about my skills and how I could lead a chapter here," Canales said. "But this [past] summer, I decided to send out a Facebook message, asking people what they thought about this idea and who was interested in joining. The feedback was phenomenal."

Waco freshman Saphiana Zamora said she found out about Her Campus recruitment through Canales' post. Zamora is now a member of the marketing team at Baylor's Her Campus chapter.

"I specifically work with designing merchandise or stickers," Zamora said. "I do a lot of logo work and help make the image of HC available and digestible to everyone learning about us."

Within Baylor Her Campus, five leadership teams exist: the marketing team, the editorial team, the event planning team, the social media team and the "Her Time" team, the group that plans for "Her Time," an upcoming event hosted by the organization.

"This is basically a large conference for female empowerment," Zamora said. "We will have plenty of successful women come, tell their stories and offer advice and mentoring." Photo courtesy of Her Campus **EMPOWERMENT** Her Campus, a magazine that seeks to uplift female college students, was founded in 2009.

Canales said they have specifically planned to have women from male-dominated fields attend and speak at the event to encourage Baylor women to believe they can do anything they want.

Canales said she is currently attempting to make the chapter an official university organization, and is going through the application process with Baylor Student Activities.

Baylor Her Campus is still recruiting more new members, and Canales said the process is simple, just a "get-to-know-you-style" application, where applicants identify their intentions and what team they would like join.

"You don't have to be an English or journalism major. We have a variety of people on the team," Canales said. "We have about 20 members and I love each and every one so dearly. They put such enthusiasm and passion in too."

Canales said Her Campus is unique at Baylor because it is the first of its kind— a media source for college women.

"Her Campus is a voice that is unlike any other publication on campus," Canales said. "It definitely allows [girls] to speak their mind about issues that are very meaningful to them."

Zamora said she wants to continue to emphasize the positive experience she has gained and believes others will gain by being a Her Campus member.

"No matter how far we've come as a gender on campus, I think it's important we have an opportunity like HC to always be available for girls to voice their concerns, excitements, dreams, etcetera," Zamora said. "Because female empowerment is the best way to ensure a strong tomorrow."



# Baylor's Valentine's Day 5k set to promote healthy relationships

### TYLER BUI

Assistant News Editor

The Baylor Wellness Department is hosting the fourth "Love the Run You're With 5k" to promote healthy relationships and celebrate Valentine's Day at 5:30 p.m. today.

The race is open to the Baylor and Waco community, and will begin outside the Baylor Sciences Building and feature a 3.2-mile track on the Bear and Cub Trail. The Wellness Department is expecting 300 to 500 attendants, and will provide snacks, tabling and music for participants.

Van Davis, assistant director of Wellness and FitWell programs at Baylor, said the main purpose of the race is to unite the community through the topic of relationships.

"We came together and thought about an event where we can promote healthy relationships around Valentine's Day," Davis said. "It's an annual event that we have built as a great place for the community to come together more than anything. This year, the race lands exactly on Valentine's Day. We want our students, faculty and staff to [unite] to talk about healthy relationships."

Davis said the race not only promotes healthy relationships, but also supports American Heart Month. The event will start with a speech before the race begins to touch on the theme of relationships.

"We give a speech about healthy relationships, then we start the race. The race is on campus, most of it will be on the Bear Trail," Davis said. "We will take one lap around the Cub Trail then run on the Bear Trail. The biggest benefit for your body are the cardiovascular benefits—in February, it's American Heart Month. Even if you're just walking, it's still promoting hearthealthy activity for you."

Kelsey Stevens, FitWell yoga instructor at Baylor, said the 5k promotes the importance of all healthy relationships, not just romantic ones.

"The 5k is to promote healthy relationships, bring the community together and promote self-love," Stevens said. "It's called 'Love the run you're with', but it's not meant to be exclusive to [romantic] relationships—it's open to friendships, and we have even seen families do it together. It's about loving the people you're with and promoting overall love."

Balee Schwalb, graduate apprentice for the Wellness Department at Baylor, said the 5k also recognizes the importance of physical wellness.

"With something like a 5k, it's about what are bodies can do," Schwalb said. "We want everyone to come out whether you can run the whole thing in 20 minutes or if it takes you an hour and a half to walk—whatever you need to do we would love to see you guys there. Bring your significant other or bring your best friend, we want to spread awareness about healthy relationships and celebrate what our bodies can do."

Davis said her favorite part about the event is its ability to bring the community together in a unique setting.

"We get to see families coming out, we get to see moms pushing strollers, students that are runners as well as people that are walking," Davis said. "It's faculty, staff and students mixed together and that's really cool to. There's not a lot of events that everyone can come to and be at the starting line together, so it's fun to see. It's good to see the people coming year after year."

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to convey," the response said. "When this

happens, we address the matter with our Chapel

students and invite them to come talk to us after

# Baylor shows heart for history with fair Friday

#### VIVIAN ROACH Staff Writer

The Heart of Texas Regional History Fair will return to Baylor Friday, hosting the event that has been held for more than 30 years.

The fair is sponsored by the Texas Collection at Carroll Library and will be held in the Bill Daniel Student Center. It is a non-ticketed event with free admission to the public. Judging will begin around 9 a.m.

Students from fifth to 12th grade can participate with project mediums ranging from papers to websites, performances, documentaries and exhibits.

There are three categories at the regional level, the youngest being the fifth-grade contestants who will not advance in the competition, but will instead have a way to get familiar with the competition. There is the junior category, which includes students in sixth through eighth grades and finally the seniors in ninth through 12th grades.

Rachel DeShong, special event coordinator and map curator, works in the Texas Collection and helps organize the annual history fair.

"Since 1986, Baylor has always been associated with [the fair]. It was its own thing for while in association with Baylor, though, a lot of Baylor staff are the ones who pushed to get it started," DeShong said. "Over the years, it has evolved to where Baylor has put it under its wing. So we're an official department at Baylor."

The first and second place in each category advance to state Texas History Day. The first and second-place finishers at state will then advance to the national competition which has participation from all 50 states and overseas territories.

The Heart of Texas Regional History Fair has sent participants to nationals since 1998.

Each year a theme is set in place for the fair. This year, it is breaking barriers in history, which could be a physical barrier or cultural barrier.

"Anyway that the kids can connect it, so they can pick any topic they want in history as long as it meets the theme," DeShong said. "It's pretty open, so we get lots of diverse topics all over the place."

The idea of the fair is to teach the students to distinguish between primary and secondary sources, and conduct primary source research. DeShong said it is also a



Darby Good | News Editor

HISTORIC SCENES A display about Harriet Tubman's contributions to the underground railroad sits in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

good opportunity for students to learn what plagiarism looks like too.

"This is also a really good learning opportunity, because we touch on plagiarism, for them to engage with sources and historical research in a different way."

There are around 60 judges, many of them Baylor professors and graduate students. The Waco Museum community and library employees volunteer to judge too.

Steven Sielaff, president of the board of trustees for the Heart of Texas Regional History Fair, has been on the board since 2013 and has been president for three years. He got engaged with the fair as a Baylor undergraduate judge.

"It is a very Baylor heavy fair. A lot of the judges are faculty, staff and graduate students on campus. Other judges are from the community, but most judges are the Baylor family," Sielaff said.

The presentations are open for those interested to look at the exhibits in the Barfield drawing room exhibit hall before they are closed off for judging.

### **CHAPEL** from Page 1

The university said while Baylor works with its chapel guests to plan material ahead of time, speakers may go off-script on occasion.

"Every Chapel speaker works with us ahead of time on what message they will be sharing, but on occasion, a speaker may veer away from

### DAILY CRIME LOG

### Feb. 10-13

This list is mandated by the Clery Act and is a compilation of all criminal incidents, alleged criminal incidents and fires reported to the Baylor Police Department or received by BUPD from an outside source. Crimes on this list are reported, but not all confirmed and may be pending an investigation. For definitions of listed dispositions and Clery Act information, go to www.baylor.edu/dps. Information may be limited because of federal guidelines.

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Date reported: 2/11/2020 Location: Speight Parking Facility **Offenses: Failure to stop and identify** Date Occurred: 2/11/2020 Disposition: Closed

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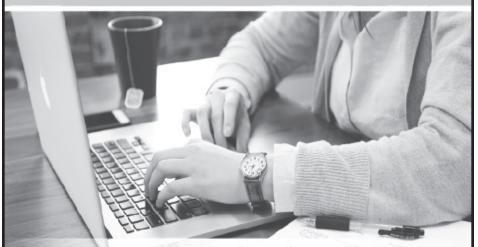
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**CHORAL COMMUNITY** One of the Brazos Theatre of Waco company's upcoming events is "Death by Chocolate: A Murder Mystery Dinner Event" at 7:30 p.m. Today and Saturday.

# Waco theater company emphasizes fun

CLAIRE VAN ZEE Reporter

With over eight theater companies throughout the area, the theater scene in Waco is alive and well. Or at least it is according to Beth Richards, director and owner of the Brazos Theatre of Waco.

Richards said she decided to open the theater back in 2013 in hopes of creating a space for fun and carefree entertainment.

Growing up in Temple Richards went on to study vocal performance with a minor in theater at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.



Roach has been a member of the group since its inception in 2013. She said she loves working with the company due to the interactive audience atmosphere and the fact that the group acts as a family and is genuinely invested in one another's lives.

"Beth [Richards] will stretch your acting abilities to places you never thought it could go. She really has a vision to see abilities in yourself that you don't necessarily believe you can do," Roach said.

The theater has grown a lot since its inception seven years ago, back then they didn't even have a space for themselves. At that time, they would travel from space to space, or restaurant to restaurant providing quality entertainment during meals.

Ever since, she has been involved in theater. Up until seven years ago, she worked mostly as a volunteer until she decided it was time to branch out on her own.

"There are lots of really great theaters in the Waco area, but you often see these huge productions and serious works," Richards said. "I just wanted a place where people could come to laugh and have a good time, and hopefully leave feeling better than when they arrived."

This emphasis on fun is exactly what makes the theater stand out among the eight other companies in Waco, Richards said. "We just want to create a fun atmosphere with good quality entertainment."

The Brazos Theatre of Waco

Photo courtesy of Marcel van Es

PLAY PRETEND The Brazos Theatre of Waco company produces a range of shows from murder mystery to improv.

will host a Valentine's Day Murder Mystery event titled "Death by Chocolate: A Murder Mystery Dinner Event" at 7:30 p.m. tonight at 7524 Bosque Blvd.

Murder mystery events are just one of the many types of productions the theater puts on. As a repertory theater, they produce two to three different pieces a month ranging from comedic improv sessions to murder mysteries to fun melodramas.

Richards directs the productions herself and pulls talent from a troupe of actors who have auditioned for the company. The company is open to the community, and experience isn't necessary.

"I would say the ratio is about 70 to 30% of those who have acting experience as opposed to not," Richards said.

Inaugural troupe member Melora

Eventually they found a space downtown, until 2016 when they quickly outgrew it and moved to their current location on Bosque Boulevard.

"I just love the wide variety of things that I am able to do with my own space. It's never boring and always different," Richards said.

Richards said she wants the Brazos Theatre of Waco to give their audience an escape from their stresses.

"I just a place where people can come and have fun, forget about their work week or problems at home, and just make new friends," Richards said.

# WHAT TO DO IN WACO: VALENTINE'S EDITION FRIDAY SATURDAY

**Paranormal Cirque** | 7:30 p.m. | 1400 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. | \$10 to \$50 | Children under 17 are not allowed unless accompanied by a parent or guardian over 21.

World Cup Cafe Valentine's Day Dinner | 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. | World Cup Cafe, 1321 N. 15th St. | Meals range from \$18.49 to \$24.99

Lula Jane's Friday Night Dinner | Seatings at 5:30 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 7 p.m. & 7:45 p.m. | Lula Jane's, 406 Elm St. | \$55 per person **Death by Chocolate Murder Mystery Dinner** | 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. | Brazos Theatre, 7524 Bosque Blvd. | \$42.50

**Date Night Paint Night** | 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. | Kieran-Sistrunk Fine Art Gallery, 2120 Washington Ave. | \$95 per couple

The Mortician's Valentines Day Party | 7 p.m. | Waco Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave. | \$10 to \$32 **Downtown Farmers Market** | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 510 Washington Ave., across the street from McLennan County Courthouse | Free

### **Espresso and Flow**

| 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Common Grounds, 7608 Woodway Drive | \$10 gets you a drink and yoga class

**Death by Chocolate Murder Mystery Dinner** | 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. | Brazos Theatre, 7524 Bosque Blvd. | \$42.50 **Paranormal Cirque** | 6:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. | 1400 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. | \$10 to \$50 | Children under 17 are not allowed unless accompanied by a parent or guardian over 21 with a valid ID.

### Cupid is Stupid: Anti-Valentine's Day Party

| 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. | The Hightop at the Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave. | Free



# Trends emerge through fashion week

#### **ANDIE CHILSON** Reporter

New York Fashion Week is a long-standing tradition, but this year the emergence of new sartorial trends created major shifts in the fashion industry.

Hundreds of designers and fashion labels debuted their fall and winter collections from Feb. 6 to 13 at New York Fashion Week.

Memphis, Tenn., senior Kennedy Johnson, an apparel and merchandising major, said some of the most prominent trends she observed during the week were exaggerated shoulders, Renaissance-inspired pieces, color-blocking and mixing patterns.

Renaissance-inspired garments are a popular theme among the collections of many prominent designers, such as Jason Wu, Ulla Johnson and Brock Collection. Designers executed these romantic styles with the use of high collars, ruffles and corsets.

Some of the more predictable trends that appeared on the runway this year included the resurgence of the grunge aesthetic, as well as the use of ponchos for layering and chains for accessorizing.

Another major trend that surfaced during the week was unrelated to the clothing on display altogether. A number of prominent designers opted to exhibit their collections



GLITTER AND GOLD The newest Michael Kors collection of metallic colors and cozy silhouettes was modeled Wednesday for the fall and winter New York Fashion Week.

at locations outside of New York - a major departure from years past.

Designer Tom Ford led the way when he announced that he would be showcasing his fall and winter 2020 collection in Los Angeles on the first day of New York Fashion Week.

Other big names like Jeremy Scott, Tommy Hilfiger and Baja East opted to follow Ford's lead and show their collections in Paris, London and Los Angeles, respectively.

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Still other designers either canceled their shows altogether or changed the medium in which they participated in fashion week, such as St. John, which debuted its collection over social media.

"I think it's really interesting to see different shows in different places," Johnson said. "And with social media now, different people can see what these designers are doing."

Johnson said diversity of race and body type on the runways is another trend that is on the rise.

"It's really cool to see [designers] being inclusive of everyone. I think that's going to be a trend that we see a lot of people embracing," Johnson said.

Some of the designers, known for their diversity in casting, include Tommy Hilfiger, Prabal Gurung and Michael Kors. This season, some of the labels that were praised for their inclusivity include Christian Siriano, Todd Snyder and Tadashi Shoji.

However, the avant-garde stylings of some of the designers at fashion week have been regarded as unwearable or impractical by some critics, but San Antonio junior Chloe Trollinger said fashion "is a really unique way for someone to express themselves."



Associated Press PINK BIG BIRD Bella Hadid models Oscar De la Renta's red and pink feathered dress for Monday during Fashion Week.

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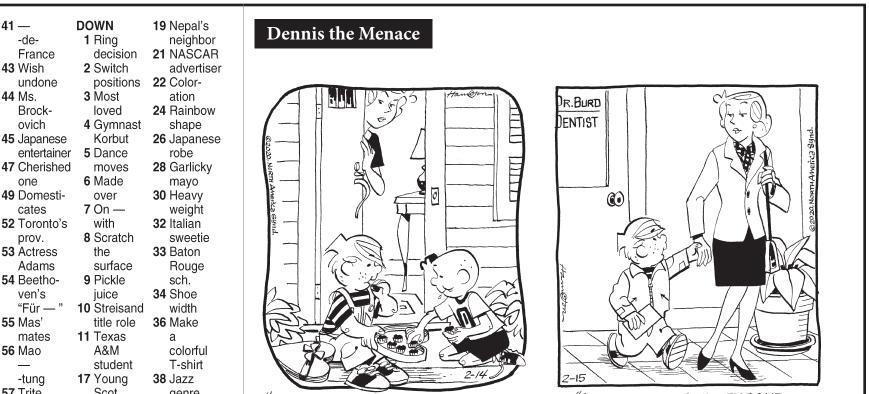
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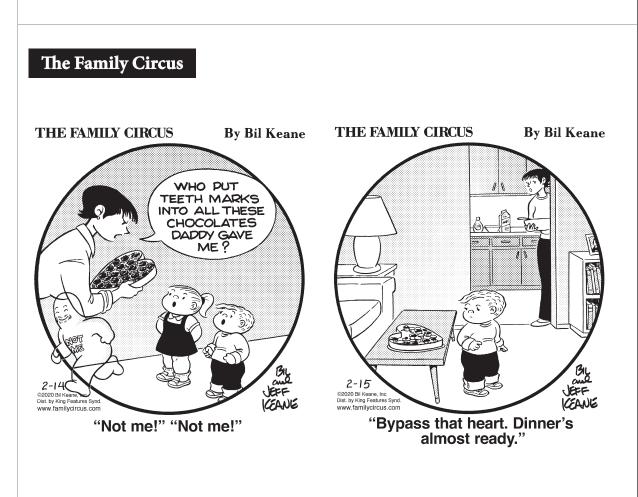
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DJ Ramirez | Sports Editor

**READY FOR THE REMATCH** Graduate transfer Ryan Dickerson prepares for his singles match against the University of Pennsylvania on Saturday at the Hawkins Indoor Tennis Center. Dickerson defeated Aditya Gupta 6-3, 6-0 on court four. Dickerson and the Baylor men's tennis team will face Wake Forest in a rematch to open the ITA Indoor Championship in Madison, Wis., this weekend.

# No. 12 Bears hunting for hardware

### Baylor men's tennis set to compete in ITA Indoor Championship

#### BRADEN SIMMONS Reporter

Reporter

Baylor men's tennis heads to Madison, Wis., today to compete in the indoor tournament championship. The Bears open up the tournament as the eighth seed with a rematch against ninthseeded Wake Forest today at 6:30 p.m.

Coming off a dominating opening weekend in the tournament in late January, Baylor punched its ticket to the indoor championship with wins over Gonzaga by a score of 4-0 and Louisville 4-1. The Bears are also coming off a strong performances last week, going 2-0 with wins against sixth-ranked Wake Forest and Penn State.

Head coach Brian Boland said he is excited to see where his team measures up in its rematch with Wake Forest team.

"We certainly know a little more about Wake Forest after competing with them last week," Boland said. "That was a close match and we are going to have to work hard and be ready to go Dickerson said he knows it will be a tough matchup due to the program Wake Forest has instilled under head coach Tony Bresky.

"They are always a tough team," Dickerson said. "Coach Bresky has done a great job since he took over. I'm impressed at how he has recruited and has his guys playing at the highest level competing for a national championship every year."

Boland said the team will rely on their depth with injuries still a factor for the team.

"You can't just depend on the starting line," Boland said. "You need everybody, and with these guys getting opportunities to be put under pressure, that perhaps, some of them would not have been if everything was smoother in terms of our health, helps create an opportunity."

Dickerson said with the depth on the team, he feels like he is in a "professional academy" environment to train every day. With the amount of depth, great players are sometimes left off the court but Dickerson said every player is supportive regardless of their role. "You learn a lot about your team by how they lose together and it's a testament to the guys in how they push each other."

According to Boland, some of the players are getting "close to being fully healthy" but they aren't quite there yet. The player's recovery process has gone better than expected. Boland also said he is optimistic that sophomore Adrian Boitan could be back in action this weekend and he feels "readier than ever."

The Bears beat Wake Forest 5-2 in a competitive matchup in Waco. The rematch being in Wisconsin will make it harder away from the fans, according to Boland.

"We have the best fans in the country," Boland said. "The number of fans coming out to support us and for many of them, for their first time, are coming back and enjoying it."

The lineup for the team was set Monday before the tournament schedule was announced. Boland said the match against Wake Forest will look different from Thursday's match, but there will also be some of the same matchups as well.

"I'm confident, but Wake Forest is going to give it their all,"

for this one."

Graduate transfer Ryan Dickerson said he thinks the rematch against Wake Forest will be beneficial to both teams.

"I think it helps us because you know the lineups a little better," Dickerson said. "It helps both teams but we know what we're getting into and know the kind personnel they have." Boland said he believes after the loss to Arkansas, the team has built momentum heading into this weekend's tournament.

"We came away from Arkansas with a good amount of pain, but our guys were ready to get back on the court," Boland said. Boland said. "They are a competitive group and they gave us all we had here at Baylor and they will be excited to play us again."

Baylor is appearing at the tournament for the 10th time in program history. The Bears won their first indoor championship in 2005.

### **Bears in the National Rankings**

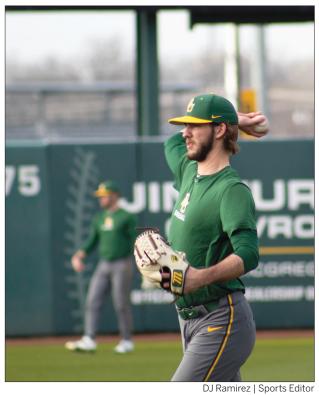
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No. 25 Sven Lah No. 67 Matias Soto No. 82 Constantin Frantzen No. 102 Adrian Boitan

### **Doubles:**

No. 17 Sven Lah & Constantin Frantzen No. 23 Matias Soto & Ryan Dickerson

## Baylor baseball opens 2020 season vs. Nebraska



**DREAMING OF FRIDAY NIGHT** Junior right-handed pitcher Jimmy Winston warms up for practice Thursday at Baylor Ballpark. Winston will start for Baylor in the opener.

#### **DJ RAMIREZ**

Sports Editor

Baseball's in the air as the Baylor Bears open the 2020 season against Nebraska tonight, looking to go 3-0 this weekend after dropping the series to the Huskers 2-1 in last year's meeting.

Head coach Steve Rodriguez said the team is healthy and full of excitement to start the season after a long winter of work.

"I think these guys have been working really hard for a lot of months now and tomorrow is just a fun day, it really is," Rodriguez said. "It's really nice [to play in front of a home crowd], especially if we can get great weather."

The starting rotation has been set for the Bears and redshirt junior Jimmy Winston gets the ball on the bump tonight. Senior lefty Paul Dickens will have the start on Saturday and senior righty Hayden Kettler were close things out on Sunday. Winston said having an experienced pitching staff will be a great benefit for Baylor.

"It's going to be crucial," Winston said. "We have a lot of guys coming back and a lot of guys in the pen. So to have those guys that know what they're doing and to teach the younger guys when they get into the game, it's going to be awesome to have."

What the lineup will look like is still in question, but Rodriguez said the first few weeks will allow the players to fill into their roles and to find their identity as a team.

The Cornhuskers return to Waco for the second-straight year as last season's match-up, which was supposed to be an away series for the Bears, was played at Baylor Ballpark due to inclement weather in Lincoln, Neb. And it won't just be the first series of the year for Nebraska, but also the first series under firstyear head coach Will Bolt after the departure of Darin Erstad.

"They have the element of surprise now in regards to what kind of team they're going to be, what kind of offense they're going to run," Rodriguez said. "Any scouting reports we had from previous years are kind of irrelevant just because you don't know what they're going to be doing or how they're going to do it."

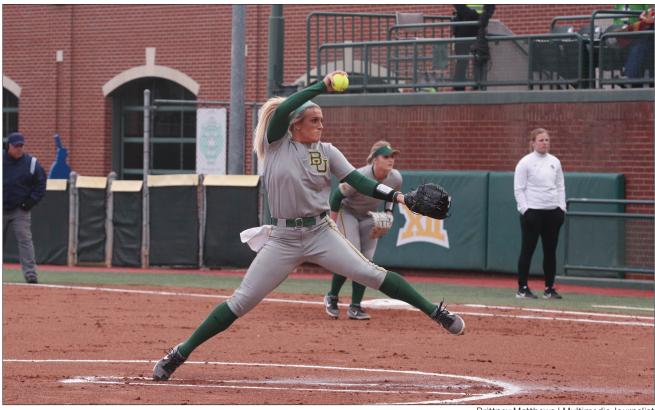
The key for the Huskers this year will be their pitching, however, as they've had to completely rebuild their starting rotation. Gareth Stroh, who transferred to Nebraska after two years at Purdue and sat out last season, will be the Friday starter for the Huskers. The native Nebraskan went 10-6 while at Purdue with a 4.34 ERA in 32 appearances and 86 strikeouts in 159.2 innings.

After earning Freshman All-American honors as the Huskers' closer in 2019, sophomore righty Colby Gomes will take a starting role on Saturday. Sophomore transfer Cade Povich, who went 10-1 with eighth complete games as a JUCO freshman, will round out the rotation for the Huskers in the Sunday spot.

The Bears will be tested throughout the first few weeks of the season, not only by the teams looking to bring them defeat on their home turf, but also as they serve the suspensions announced last Friday by the university.

"I got three weeks to deal with it and I'm going to deal with it accordingly," Rodriguez said. "Whatever the university said were going to be the consequences we were going to deal with it, it's just that simple. But being able to stagger them just allows us to make sure that nobody gets hurt and we're able to put a team out there that can compete."

Baylor and Nebraska face off in the first game of the series at 6:30 p.m. today at Baylor Ballpark.



Brittney Matthews | Multimedia Journalist

**THE ACE IS BACK** Redshirt senior pitcher Gia Rodoni had eight strikeouts during Baylor's 10-1 win to open the season on Thursday night at Getterman Stadium. It was Rodoni's best start since returning from injury, throwing four innings and only allowing one run.

### Softball cleans up in home opener

### MATTHEW SODERBERG

Sports Writer

Baylor softball opened its 2020 home campaign with a 10-1 win against Abilene Christian Thursday night. Redshirt senior righty Gia Rodoni pitched her best game since coming back from injury.

Rodoni started the first inning with two groundouts followed by a home run, the only run she allowed in her four innings on the mound. She struck out eight of the next 10 batters she faced, shutting down ACU until sophomore lefty Madison Lindsey took over in the fifth. Head coach Glenn Moore said after the game that Rodoni went above and beyond his expectations Thursday.

"Coming out here and throwing in this cold, gives up the home run and then I think that triggered her adrenaline, and she pretty much dominated after that," Moore said. "We wanted to push her a little bit tonight, let her go a little bit further than we might need her just to kind of get her in shape, and she did an outstanding job."

The Lady Bears tied up the game after hits from senior second baseman Nicky Dawson and senior first baseman Goose McGlaun with help from a wild pitch by the Wildcats. Two more outs in the first inning brought Rodoni back out to pitch, but she said the success of the offense pushed her performance higher.

"After my first inning, I felt pretty comfortable," Rodoni said. "Once we scored it back to 1-1, I was like, 'We got this.' And they just kept exploding, so the offense was phenomenal tonight." After tying up the ballgame in the first, Baylor's offense exploded in the second, scoring six runs before even registering an out. The Lady Bears followed up their crooked second with three more runs in the fourth inning. Freshman shortstop Emily Hott (1-for-2 with a double, two RBIs and a walk) said postgame that the team knew to be patient at the plate.

"We were very selective at the plate when we saw at first she was kind of getting a little wild out of the zone," Hott said. "We were definitely making sure we got our pitch before we went out and attacked."

The Lady Bears stayed hot through the end of the game despite the cold weather, as the temperature had dropped to 42 degrees. Hott said postgame that with the stadium design and a strong mental presence, it's possible to stay warm.

"It's hard, but it's all mental," Hott said. "If you tell yourself it's sunny and 70, that's what it feels like. So we have a great facility, and it kind of blocks all the winds. It's really not that bad."

The Baylor softball team will get to stay home for five games this weekend with matchups against Prairie View A&M at 3 p.m. and Grand Canyon at 5:30 p.m. tonight. The Lady Bears then play Western Illinois at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. The semifinal for the Getterman Classic is scheduled for Saturday afternoon and the final game will be played Sunday. All games this weekend can be streamed on ESPN+ through the ESPN app.

### **Sports** -

### Weekend Home Schedule

### Friday:

Softball vs. Prarie View A&M 3 p.m. at Getterman Stadium

Softball vs. Grand Canyon 5:30 p.m. at Getterman Stadium

Baseball vs. Nebraska 6:30 p.m. at Baylor Ballpark

### Saturday:

Softball vs. Western Illinois 12:30 p.m. at Getterman Stadium

Baseball vs. Nebraska 2 p.m. at Baylor Ballpark

MBB vs. West Virginia 3 p.m. at the Ferrell Center

Getterman Classic Semifinals 3 p.m. at Getterman Stadium

#### Sunday:

Getterman Classic Finals 10 a.m./Noon at Getterman Stadium

Women's Tennis vs. Illinois 1 p.m. at Hawkins Indoor Center

Baseball vs. Nebraska 1 p.m. at Baylor Ballpark

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Brittney Matthews | Multimedia Journalist **TRIUMPH TOGETHER** Junior doubles partners Mel Krywoj (left) and Alicia Herrero Linana share a hug after grabbing the doubles point for Baylor against Nebraska on Saturday at the Hawkins Indoor Tennis Center.

### **LOVE AND BASKETBALL**



Brittney Matthews | Multimedia Journalist SHE SAID YES! Staff Sgt. David Punch proposed to his girlfriend Faramielis Garrido during the Baylor men's basketball game on Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

