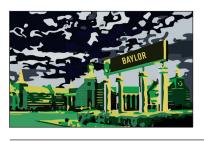


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FACILITY OF HEALTH Baylor Scott & White President, Glenn Robinson, leads the opening ceremony for the Ted and Sue Getterman Sports and Orthopedic Center Thursday. The freestanding sports and orthopedics facility has 106,000 square feet and four stories and will open March 2.

New sports and orthopedic center opens in Waco

PHOEBE ALWINE Reporter

Baylor Scott & White Health held the grand opening of the Ted and Sue Getterman Sports and Orthopedic Center Thursday, designed to advance sports medicine and promote injury prevention.

The building is the new home to the Baylor Scott & White Southwest Sports Medicine & Orthopedics team of physicians along with physical therapists, state-of-the-art imaging equipment and orthopedic surgery.

Senior officials from Baylor Scott & White and Baylor Athletics all spoke at the grand opening, including Glenn Robinson, president of Baylor Scott & White Medical Center Hillcrest. executive officer at Baylor Scott & White Health, said. "There will be zero harm to our patients in the provision of that care, and

We are going to near-perfect all clinical services that we provide. There will be zero harm to our patients in the provision of that care, and we will follow evidence based protocols in everything we do. brings to students and athletes at any level. "There certainly lies a great opportunity in a state of the art facility such as this, the opportunity to bring elite sports medicine care at all phases of the injury, all under one roof," Boyd said.

This innovative center provides advanced technology and equipment to the entire community, Boyd said. With the focus on injury prevention, the center is equipped with a resistance training system that provides aqua-therapy to patients, allowing for less damage to an athlete's body.

The center also offers an antigravity treadmill and the Fusionetics Performance Health System, a sports science clinical program that focuses on decreasing injury while enhancing performance.

Professors preach caution as healthcare drives primary

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MATTHEW SODERBERG Reporter

In the upcoming Texas primary, healthcare is set to be a hotly contested issue as voters head to the polls.

In a Gallup poll from April 2019, 80% of people polled said they worry a "fair amount" about healthcare availability, and in the recent Nevada Caucuses, CNN said over 40% of people polled said their biggest concern going in was healthcare.

The Hankamer School of Business features many economics professors who study the healthcare industry.

Dr. Michael Richards and Dr. Mark Kelly are two associate professors in the department that have researched the area, and Richards said a main problem is the rising prices people are spending as a whole.

"A lot of individuals are not seeing a lot of wage growth, so their take-home pay is not increasing over recent years," Richards said. "But at the same time, the amount that they're spending on their health insurance is, and it's outpacing inflation. Affordability is kind of what's on everyone's mind, and that's ultimately going to shape how we think about health policy reforms."

According to a Forbes article from December 2018, Americans spent about \$3.5 trillion on healthcare in 2017: about 17.9% of GDP, and prices on healthcare rose about 1.6%.

"One of the issues that we have is it's very fragmented," Richards said. "Depending on small changes in individuals' or households' circumstances can dramatically change if they can access health insurance, and if so, what type. Is it Medicaid or is it privately insured? Is it through their employers or through the individual market? You turn 65 and we throw you in a Canadian system." The "Canadian system" is Medicare, a program for individuals over the age of 65 that pays for basic medical expenses. It can also be supplemented with private plans such as Parts A, B and D, which cover hospital expenses, medical expenses and prescriptions, respectively. Both Richards and Kelly said they expressed concern in any sort of Medicare for All plan's feasibility, while Richards said Joe Biden's plan to bolster the Affordable Care Act would only take "incremental changes." Richards also said the plan for a public option, supported by Mike Bloomberg, Pete Buttigieg, Amy Klobuchar and Tom Steyer, is more feasible due to other states already implementing that sort of plan.

"This facility allows us to add 3T MRI care for our patients and imaging for our patients, as no one can deny the increase in rehabilitation capabilities that you see in this room," Dr. David Haynes, orthopedic surgeon at Baylor Scott & White Southwest Sports Medicine said. "It's really fantastic and I'm very excited that all of you get to see it and what's available to our patients in Central Texas."

This center offers orthopedic services and surgeries in the community. The four floors are composed of rehabilitation and sports therapy, 48 exam rooms, advanced imaging, procedure rooms, an outdoor sports performance area and classrooms.

"We are going to near-perfect all clinical services that we provide," Jim Hinton, chief

JIM HINTON | CEO, BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE HEALTH

we will follow evidence-based protocols in everything we do."

Kenny Boyd, senior associate athletic director for Baylor Athletics, said during his career he has seen the difficulty injury "We would not have been able to do this facility, this project without the support of these amazing physicians," Hinton said.

Specialists at Baylor Scott & White Sports and Orthopedic Center also offer patients surgical and nonsurgical options for injuries involving the elbow, hand/wrist, ankle/foot and spine and total joint.

"This building is a sign of the commitment to excellence in healthcare that's necessary not only to support campus students but also a community of future, current and former athletes," Boyd said.

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Baylor ASL fundraiser hopes to raise money through 5K

LUCY RUSCITTO

Staff Writer

The Baylor American Sign Language Club will host its second "Striding for Signing" 5K, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday starting at the Baylor Sciences Building Fields and continuing on to the Bear Trail.

Check-in for the race is at 9 a.m., and registration costs are \$10 for adults, \$5 for 12-year-olds or younger and an additional \$5 to bring your dog. Registration will still be open the morning of the event.

Sherman senior LaVonda Lewis, president of the Baylor ASL Club, said the main goal of this 5K is to gain more sponsors in the Waco area, as well as to gather beginning funds for their main fundraising event held later on in the semester.

"The 5K is a fundraiser for another event that we host in April, called 'Open Light Night," Lewis said. "[It's] a spin on open mic night. It's basically poetry storytelling and it's all done in sign language."

Weatherford senior Erika Corsair, Vice President and event coordinator of Baylor ASL, said that last year's 5K "came together pretty well. We're trying to improve upon that."

The purpose of Baylor ASL Club's is self-described as to promote unity, diversity and cultural awareness of deaf and hard of hearing individuals, their language, and culture on the Baylor University campus as well as to provide opportunities for students to increase their knowledge and experience with American Sign

Language.

Lewis said she believes the presence of ASL at Baylor is prevalent, but still not as impactful as it has the potential to be.

"The minors here [in ASL] are accessible for some, not all," Lewis said.

Lewis and Corsair said they believe that because ASL isn't considered a "foreign language" and more of a "modern language," students who aren't directly affected by it in their field of study can take it, but will not receive core credit.

"It's just kind of hard when you're a student and it's like, 'Oh, I can take this but you're not going to give me credit for it," Lewis said.

Corsair said the one argument she could think of for ASL not being an accredited "language" at Baylor is because of the dialects being different everywhere in the world. Corsair said this point can be made about all languages.

"It all changes no matter what language you're talking about, because it depends on which region of that country you're from, because everyone speaks it differently," Corsair said. "I think it's really, really disappointing that they don't accept it as a language. I don't know why."

Lewis said that oftentimes, the opposition to the integration of ASL as an official "language" is that people are uneducated.

"They're uninformed. And they often think that ASL is just foolish when on your hands, that each sign has the English equivalent and that's not the case," Lewis said.

After the 5K, Corsair said, she wants students to walk away



Photo courtesy of Baylor ASL Club

SIGNING SUPPORT The 5K will start the fundraising process, with later events to be undertaken in April, with 'Open Light Night'

with a better understanding for ASL.

"Just a realization that you can communicate with anyone, no matter what kind of culture, language, no matter what background, because there's always a way," she said. "Especially with ASL, because you don't even have to be proficient in the language, and gestures help," she said.

Both Corsair and Lewis said they advocate for ASL and can





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EDITORIAL



COLUMN Disability services lack Southern hospitality

STASYA HOPP Reporter

Every year Texas has performed poorly in the national ranking of developmental disability services called the Case for Inclusion report annually released

by United Cerebral Palsy and the ANCOR Foundation.

In 2019, Texas ranked 49th among states in efforts to serve individuals with disabilities. ANCOR Foundation's press release addressing the issue said, "Texas has taken no significant steps to improve policies that help individuals with intellectual and developmental

disabilities lead more independent and productive lives, resulting in a continued poor showing in state rankings."

My sister has intellectual and developmental disabilities, and my family has struggled to find and maintain the services she is entitled to and deserves.

Medicaid cuts across the nation impact the quality of healthcare she receives. In December 2016, Texas implemented \$350 million in Medicaid cuts to speech, occupational and physical therapy, two of which my sister currently participates in.

The Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership determined my sister's condition didn't meet the criteria of being medically dependent, according to a Medicaid waiver offering services called the Medically Dependent Children's Criteria Program.

Despite having epilepsy, a seizure condition, being unable to walk independently, having intellectual and developmental disabilities and brain damage that has caused cerebral palsy, they determined she didn't meet the criteria anymore because she stopped having seizures frequently enough.

Thankfully, my sister's case was appealed, and the judge overturned the denial and she is still receiving services. Other children are not so lucky. The criteria and the Texas healthcare system make it extremely difficult for children deserving of these services to prove medical dependence.

According to ANCOR, this ranking is essentially unchanged from the 2016 report. The foundation said Texas has ranked 49th or 50th in every Case for Inclusion Report since it began publishing.

Baylor has a hazing problem

Hazing — the culture that normalizes forced activities, partying and drinking to prove yourself — needs to end. Since 2019, there have been six reported cases of hazing by Baylor, those being by: Baylor Baseball, Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Omega Tau, Delta Tau Delta and Kappa Kappa Psi. Hazing is by no means an effective way of creating group bonds and ultimately causes more harm than good.

Baylor University defines hazing as "any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization."

Student groups at universities, especially fraternities, are notorious for using acts of hazing to initiate new members. Whether groups use hazing as a method of bonding, tradition, humor or a way of establishing a hierarchy among members, when you force individuals to do something that is unsafe or unsanitary you cross a line where people can get seriously hurt.

With six reported cases at Baylor within the past year, there is clearly a hazing problem putting students in danger. Not only are there physical dangers of hazing when alcohol, drugs and dangerous settings are involved, long-lasting psychological trauma is at stake as well.

Those who experience hazing can

suffer from continuous health and mental illnesses, post traumatic stress disorder, a loss of control and trust and a decline in their grades or work. Hazing can also affect the relationships of people involving those who have endured hazing. While students may not realize it, hazing is insensitive to the mental health of your peers, especially toward those who have gone through previous trauma.

In May of 2019, the Texas Legislature passed a new law that requires colleges to publish a list of organizations convicted or disciplined for hazing either on or off campus within the past three years along with a general description of the incident and sanctions.

With the other four cases occurring prior to Sept. 1, 2019, Baylor was not legally bound to disclose more than the organizations' names.

This new law allows the specificities of hazing reports to be public. Since this new law was passed, there have been two acts of hazing that have been publicly displayed by Baylor. Because of the new legislation, the public has more details on the incidents than what would have formerly been released.

Fourteen members of the Baylor baseball team were suspended based on a hazing incident that occurred in February 2019. While Baylor Athletics stated that there were no alcohol or drugs involved, there was no further details regarding the act of hazing itself. These 14 players will be suspended for two games during a threeweek period beginning with their first game of the season on Feb. 14.

In fall 2019, fraternity Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) was placed on probation after an investigation that found that new members had been forced to consume food, alcohol and/or drugs, according to Baylor's official hazing report. Additionally, 15 members were removed from active membership, four resigned national affiliation and the fraternity was placed on probation for a year.

Each of the reported cases show that there not only physical and psychological dangers to hazing, but institutional sanctions as well. Hazing jeopardizes a sports team's ability to play or a Greek organization's eligibility to participate in activities.

Instead of hazing, use normal, healthy methods to bond new members. There are so many ways to create new relationships with your peers that do not involve potentially harmful or demoralizing acts. Try to create new traditions that will make them feel welcome and comfortable, rather than forcing them to do things that may make them uncomfortable or put them in physical or psychological harm. Organize events like game nights, sports events, movies and other fun things that can bring people together.

Be mindful of those who may have had difficult experiences in the past, and work toward creating a culture that is inclusive and safe for everyone.

Enjoy the season of singleness

ELISABETH GEORGE

Reporter

In the middle of "cuffing season," Valentine's Day and the good old Ring



by Spring pressure, singleness can feel a bit overwhelming. As soon as that graduation date starts approaching and people start asking about your future plans, the conversation inevitably turns to your dating status.

The pressure is

especially heightened in culturally Christian circles. There's a heavy push against divorce while simultaneously pushing 21-year-olds to find and marry their soul mates before they head off into the "adult world."

But what if you don't have that special someone? My response is, to paraphrase Ru Paul, if you can't love yourself, how are you supposed to love someone else?

I used to love time alone. Thirteenyear-old me would be thrilled to hear that in a couple years she would be living in an apartment with roommates who love to hang out elsewhere, so she usually has the house to herself. But recently, loving my time alone hasn't been the case.

I stopped reading as much for pleasure because I had reading for my classes. I didn't make it a priority to spend time writing for fun or playing the piano because I had projects, papers and assignments. I told myself I was better off going to hang out with friends or going to an event because I could always just spend time by myself.

By putting off time to be alone, I slowly grew to hate it. I felt guilty and neglectful if I spent the afternoon binge-watching "The Office." I refused to buy myself books because I hadn't read the ones I'd bought a couple years ago, and I got distracted trying to read because there was a voice in the back of my mind telling me that I wasn't being productive.

Then one afternoon while I offered to do the dishes for one of my roommates, a thought struck me. Why was I willing to do things for others that I wasn't willing to do for myself? I realized I was in a neglectful relationship with myself. If you wouldn't put up with a friend who doesn't make time to hang out with you, why would you put up with it in yourself?

Whenever I make myself eggs I always think of the scene in "The Runaway Bride" where Julia Robert's character makes herself eggs in a variety of different ways. She had spent so much time focusing on her partner in her relationships that she didn't know what she liked. She had to take the time by herself to figure out what she wanted.

Even if you don't end up with a significant other, or you end up not wanting one, learning to be kind to yourself and creating boundaries will only help you flourish in your personal life. But don't expect your tastes and needs to always stay the same. Routines from two years ago, even six months ago, may become burdensome and even harmful.

Give yourself permission to change and adapt. I've had to branch out in my reading to find books that I really enjoy again, and I had to stop setting a "social quota" for time spent with people each week.

Taking care of yourself emotionally and physically gives you the resources to have healthy relationships without burning out, and that includes a relationship with yourself.

Elisabeth is a senior journalism major from New Braunfels.

There are five categories that impact rankings of the states that best serve people with disabilities: independence promotion; tracking health, safety, and quality of life; keeping families together; promoting productivity; and reaching those in need.

ANCOR's press release details the factors impacting Texas' poor performance. The percentage of people served through Medicaid-funded waivers in Texas is 10 percent less than the national average. Intellectual and developmental disability funds allocated for supporting individuals in home and community environments were 68 percent in Texas versus 85 percent nationally. Seven percent of individuals with I/DD in Texas live in large, state institutions compared to 1.7 percent across the country. Texas spends more than the national average to keep families together but saw just 26 percent of individuals with I/DD living in a family home, 36 percent lower than the average.

Texas had, in 2019, the longest waiting list for Home and Community-Based Services in the country. As written in the press release, the state would have to "expand its existing service offerings by a whopping 535 percent in order to match current levels of demand."

It is unethical, unfair, and damaging to the quality of life for Texas to progress in the way it has been when it comes to disability services. A society is measured by how it treats its most vulnerable members. Texas does not measure up.

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News

First family, friends feast on food and faith

MATTHEW MUIR

Staff Writer

Baylor's first family invited parents and students into their home for a potluck dinner with a side of prayer on Thursday night.

Baylor University president Dr. Linda Livingstone and husband Brad Livingstone hosted this month's Waco Parents in Prayer meeting at the Allbritton House. The roughly 50 Parents in Prayer groups each meet monthly across the country to support each other, their students and the university through prayer.

President Livingstone said the local group pitched the idea of a potluck at last month's meeting and Baylor's first family was happy to host.

"We were happy to volunteer to host [the potluck] this evening," President Livingstone said. "We love inviting people here. It's one of the benefits of having a home right here on campus is you can do a lot of entertaining and bring people here, and it's especially special that we have groups like this that will come and pray together for our campus and for our students."

Gail Offringa is the director of the Baylor Parents Network, which works to connect Baylor parents with the community. Offringa said the Parents in Prayer meetings are unique to Baylor and elicit very positive feedback.

"As far as I know, we're one of the [only] universities that has this type of program... throughout the country," Offringa said. "It's just wonderful. Parents will tell me that it is the most rewarding thing that they get involved in while their students are at Baylor... we're very grateful for their prayers and I know that they love the support that they get from each other."

Offringa said typical meetings range from just two people to upwards of 35. Thursday's potluck at the Allbritton House was on the high end, and Linda Livingstone said the on-campus location provided a unique opportunity to involve students.

"[Parents] take turns hosting it at their homes, but we certainly would be open to doing it another time," President Livingstone said. "I'm thrilled. It's a great turnout and because we're here on campus we have quite a few students with us and so it's fun to have them with us."

One of those students was Hewitt junior Casey Strauss, who came to the potluck with his mom, Nikki Strauss.

Casey Strauss said he appreciated the Livingstones welcoming the Baylor community into their home.

"Honestly it's just really cool to see it. I mean, I don't know how many presidents of universities just open their house to the people at their school," Casey Strauss said. "It makes me happy to see Mr. and Mrs. Livingstone do this for everyone else that wanted to come."

Nikki Strauss, who had attended one



Matthew Muir | Staff Writer FIRST GENT Brad Livingstone interacts with parents and students at the Parents in Prayer meeting on Thursday at the Allbritton House.

previous Parents in Prayer meeting, said the potluck was a great way to get involved with the Baylor community in Waco. "We've lived here for five years and just always finding ways to be involved at Baylor and in the Waco community, and just saw this as an opportunity to be around other Waco area families," Nikki Strauss said.



CAPITAL CATHEDRAL Washington National Cathedral, located in Washington, D.C., was chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1893 and established in 1907.

Baylor professor to lead movie, race discussion event in Washington, D.C.

MEREDITH PRATT Staff Writer

Baylor University will be sponsoring the annual film series "A Long, Long Way" today at the Washington National Cathedral.

The event will feature film screenings of "Glory" and "Harriet," afternoon workshops and panel discussions that Korva Coleman, screenwriter Rev. Janet Broderick, composer Joshuah Brian Campbell and historian and associate professor at Morgan State University David Taft Terry.

Other speakers are NPR newscaster

"The basic premise of the film festival is that we choose an older film and a contemporary film and put them in conversation with each other," Garrett involving race in film."

"Racial representation in movies has been a hot topic for as long as movies have existed," Furney said.

Spring senior Lauren Domino is attending the event, and said she looks forward to watching the films in the cathedral.

Domino said she plans on "just soaking up as much knowledge as [she]

ALEKs exam places students in math courses

PRANAY MALEMPATI Staff Writer

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Most Baylor students have to take one or two math classes in order to fulfill their degree requirements, which often include having to pass Calculus 1.

However, before students start taking math, they have to place into either Pre-calculus or Calculus.

If a student meets a certain score requirement from the SAT or ACT, he or she can place into Pre-calculus or Calculus. However, students who do not meet the score requirement must take the ALEKS math placement exam, which "uses adaptive questioning," in order to qualify.

Houston senior Hadee Zabad, who took the exam as a freshman, said that he felt the ALEKS exam was not representative of the material he needed to know in order to succeed in the calculus class it placed him in.

"Whenever I had to take the ALEKS in order to see if I qualified with all the lesson plans, I didn't feel like any thoroughly examined before it was put to use.

"I joined the math department at Baylor last August, at which time the ALEKS exam was already in place as an established University policy," Mitrea said. "My understanding is that it is the result of a joint effort at various levels on campus."

A student who gets an 80 or above on the exam can take calculus, while a student who gets at least a 61 can take precalculus. If a student scores below a 61, he or she must take the exam again, up to four more times, in order to place into a math class. Before each attempt, students have to work on a provided "Prep & Learning Module" for at least three hours.

Mitrea said the math department believes that while this might seem like a lot of work, "dedication and hard work before enrolling in Precalculus or Calculus 1 will greatly increase your chance at success in these courses."

Zabad however, said that he felt the exam and course were too long

aim to explore topics such as race, prejudice and faith in films.

Baylor English professor and published author Greg Garrett is a cofounder of the event, which is in its third year, and one of several speakers who will be involved in the various discussions.

Garrett said that when he first came up with the idea for a program on race and film, "the cathedral was the obvious choice" for the event.

"It's the nation's house of worship," Garrett said.

The other co-founders of the film series include feminist theologian Kelly Brown Douglas and Michelle Dibblee, the cathedral's program director.

Garrett said that months of emailing, calling and organizing go into planning the event every year. Together, the cofounders select the films that will be shown and reach out to speakers for the discussion panel.

said. Past showings have included "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," "Get Out," "Do the Right Thing" and "BlacKkKlansman."

"This year, we chose two historical films about racism and slavery — one told primarily from the point of view of a white male, one from the perspective of a black female," Garrett said. "We also had the luxury of knowing some of the filmmakers, so one of the writers of 'Glory' and a man who won an Oscar for Sound Editing for 'Glory' will be part of our conversations, and the co-writer of 'Rise Up,' Oscar-nominated for Best Original Song, will join us to talk about Harriet."

Frisco senior Meghan Furney is one of Garrett's students who will be traveling to Washington, D.C., for the event.

Furney, a film and digital media major, said she feels "excited to experience an event that presents active discussion possibly can in those three days."

Students participating in the Baylor in Washington program are currently taking a course on race and film coordinated by Garrett and will also be attending the film series.

Garrett said that bringing Baylor students together to "dive deep" into discussion is one of his favorite parts about the event.

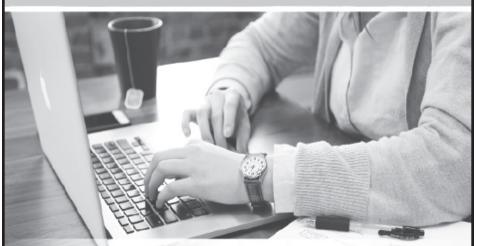
"Films offer a quick way to jump to deep conversation about race and prejudice because they let us identify with characters both like and unlike ourselves, and it's been a joy to help plan this program and others like it," Garrett said. "What I'm looking forward to is seeing old friends I love and admire, learning alongside my students and sparking dialogue on what I think may be the most important issue we face - regarding all of God's children as fully human." of those were really relevant to my understanding of the subjects I needed to know," Zabad said.

Baylor math department chair Dorina Mitrea said that while she was not a part of the implementation process, she believes the ALEKS test was "I definitely felt the amount of time needed to take the course was a bit lengthy," Zabad said. "The full length of everything I needed to do was about two to three weeks on top of my class schedule at the time. It felt pretty lengthy to me."



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Truett conference brings together Baptist women

SARAH PINKERTON Staff Writer

The George W. Truett Theological Seminary will host the annual Texas Baptist Women in Ministry Conference, titled "Woven Together," from 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Friday at Truett Seminary.

The Texas Baptist Women in Ministry Conference is hosted every other year at Baylor and aims to spark discussion among individuals about women in ministry.

Dr. TaNikka Sheppard, president of Baptist Women of North America, will be the keynote speaker and will be speaking at two large group sessions throughout the day.

Sheppard represents over four million women in the United States and Canada in her work at the Baptist Women of North America, and has spoken across North America and in Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Germany and India.

Sheppard took over the role as president of from Moreen Sharp, now executive director of global work.

"She is an excellent speaker and you are blessed to get her because she is a very busy woman," Sharp said.

Sheppard's large group sessions will be followed by a breakout session, a networking lunch and women in ministry discussions. Two more breakout sessions are set to follow this, ending the day with one final large group session. Topics for the breakout sessions will include subjects such as mental health, expectations of female pastors, social media, co-ministering as a married couple, financial wellness, chaplaincy, conflict resolution and more.

Jo Ann Sharkey Reinowski, director of academic services at Truett and Donna Bowman and assistant to the dean at Truett, stated that around 200 individuals are expected to attend the event.

Dr. Todd Still, dean and professor of Christian Scriptures of New Testament at Truett, said many people who have not registered will show up also, making the number of participants as high as 250.

"We hope [attendees] will feel affirmed in their call and that they will feel more equipped to do that which they sense God has grasped them to do," Still said. "So this is both an equipping event and an encouraging event."

The event is hosted at Truett Seminary every other year and the seminary coordinates with Hardin-Simmons University and Logsdon School of Theology to host on the other years.

However, as Logsdon School of Theology no longer exists, Truett Seminary is discussing the possibly of hosting the event annually.

"We want to be supportive as we're able," Still said. "We really do want to, at Baylor Seminary, encourage and equip men and women in their calls, their ministry preparation," Still said.

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personally relate to the language, because of their passions for communication as well as strive to make it known that it is worthy of being educated about.

"I really enjoy signing, learning sign language and being able to communicate with people. [ASL] made me realize that... everybody in the world has some form of interlocking, some form of relation that they can find a way to relate to everyone," Lewis said.

Corsair said she respects and loves ASL

because of the possibilities it presents to have open communication with all kinds of people.

"When you talk to any physician or any medical somebody in the medical field, they use deafness as just not a good thing," Corsair said. "It's actually another opportunity to give language and communication for within your family and with other people. It's just another avenue to connect to people that you love."

HEALTH from Page 1



MEDICAL MINDSET The Democratic primary has focused on a variety of topics, including healthcare. Ideas from Medicare for all to a public option have been shared on the debate stage.

Kelly said Americans should be cautious of jumping into a drastic change without realizing the consequences.

"You pay a copay or some sort of coinsurance rate like you would under normal kinds of health insurance, and then the government covers the rest," Kelly said. "If they are literally saying we want to just do Medicare, but for everybody, then that's what that would look like, and so ... since I'm the macroeconomist in the room, my perspective would be how are you going to finance that, and what kind of impact would that have on the rest of the economy?"

This is the big question many Americans have for candidates like Sen. Bernie Sanders whose rallying cry for Medicare for All is the sounding board for his candidacy. Sanders has been transparent with his plan to raise taxes for both the wealthy and the middle class, but Kelly says there are side effects for taxes other than just financial cost.

"Taxes, depending on the types of taxes you use, have a major impact on how people make decisions," Kelly said. "From how much time do I spend in the labor force, to how much do I save and invest, whether it's businesses investing or households saving money in the stock market and other areas, which has longrun ramifications."

Kelly said there are also downsides to using a government-funded system such as price caps, maximum prices the government will pay for a procedure.

"If you're putting price caps, then you're not really allowing the market to work," Kelly said. "The kick out there is if you're reducing prices to help control your costs ... then I think the issue that you would see is a shortage of healthcare." Kelly said the American system works because there is competition and price flexibility. Richards said if that is taken away, it risks the forward progress that has driven America to the forefront of modern medicine.

"We can do things that we could not do before," Richards said. "We're able to cure things that were incurable before, and so innovation is something to be celebrated, but at the same time, we see other price trends that don't seem to reflect underlying innovation and scientific discovery, things like anticompetitive practices."

Richards' said he has his own hesitations towards a public option. Richards said that would add one more player into an already crowded system, potentially leading to more inefficiency.

"It actually just balkanizes health insurance delivery one more time," Richards said. "So we're already this fragmented system where if you lose your job, you lose your insurance. If you change jobs, you've got to get new insurance. If you're a seasonal employee, you're going to cycle in and out ... and so the public option is just layering one more element to that, which creates all sorts of complications."

There is never an option that is going to satisfy everyone. That's the nature of a healthy political atmosphere. Richards said, in the end, it's about finding out who is being honest and upfront with their plan and how to enact it.

"It is never more effective to talk the numbers," Richards said. "I think it's up to the American public, to put more and more pressure on candidates from either party or from no party at all to state clearly and pragmatically what it is they want to do."



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Awareness week aspires to destigmatize eating disorders

ANDIE CHILSON Reporter

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, this Monday through March 7, serves as a time to highlight the dangers of eating disorders and the stigmas attached to them.

Spreading awareness this week is particularly important on college campuses, because they are some of the most common places to find eating disorders.

According to the National Eating Disorders Association's website, this week is a time to raise awareness about eating disorders and support those who suffer from them.

Erin McGinty Fort, the coordinator of eating disorder services at the Baylor Counseling Center, works alongside her team of eating disorder specialists to highlight the risks of eating disorders and the resources available to those affected.

McGinty Fort said college-aged students are among the most at-risk demographics to develop eating disorders.



People who suffer from eating disorders can live in large or small bodies, they can be black or white or rich or poor. the disease, but there many other variations that people suffer from.

The Baylor Counseling Center celebrated NEDA Week by hosting a "Movie Monday" at the Waco Hippodrome Theatre downtown where they screened the documentary film "America the Beautiful," which examines messages in the media concerning beauty standards. There was a discussion panel following the film.

McGinty Fort said the Counseling Center is planning a bigger event for NEDA Week 2021 called "Celebrate Every Body," which will endeavor to educate people about eating disorders and serve as a chance to discuss the stigmas around different body types. The event will also offer a yoga class where participants can feel free to move their bodies in a judgementfree zone.

Like Mastin, McGinty Fort believes the biggest issue plaguing the eating disorder community is the false perception that eating disorders are unique to one demographic-young,

"The most common age of onset for eating disorders is between 18 and 21 years of age, which means that a lot of college students do struggle with them," McGinty Fort said.

Two major issues the eating disorder awareness community is working to highlight during this week is that anyone can develop an eating disorder-they are not limited to a certain race or gender, and size is not indicative of health. You cannot determine if someone is suffering from an eating disorder based on their physical appearance or their body size alone.

Regina Mastin, a certified eating disorders registered dietitian at the Baylor Counseling Center, said eating disorders do not discriminate, and anyone can fall victim to them.

"You cannot and should not judge a person's health based on

REGINA MATSIN | EATING DISORDERS REGISTERED DIETITIAN

the size of their body. Health does not have a size. People who suffer from eating disorders can live in large or small bodies, they can be black or white or rich or poor," Mastin said.

Eating disorders are incredibly diverse. Anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa are the most highly publicized forms of

white women.

"If you're a human being of any gender, race, ethnicity, size and sexual orientation, then it's possible for you to develop an eating disorder. We have to have a broad idea of the people impacted by eating disorders, otherwise people get missed and don't get the help they need," McGinty Fort said.

If you or someone you know is suffering from an eating disorder and is ready to seek help, the Baylor Counseling Center offers free assessments, short-term treatment and group therapy sessions.

If you would like to seek outside assistance, the NEDA offers extensive resources and a list of treatment centers across the country.

^{REVIEW} **'Love is Blind' gives reality TV fans temporary fix**

BRIDGET SJOBERG Editor-in-Chief

After the popularity of Netflix's "The Circle," reality lovers were looking for something new and interesting to jump into. Although the show is not nearly as thought-provoking or surprisingly meaningful, "Love is Blind" became the go-to for those still getting over "The Circle."

The two shows have been compared to each other frequently, and for good reason. Both came out on Netflix around the same time and feature contestants that communicate with each other without face-to-face contact. However, "Love is Blind" and "The Circle" are also incredibly different.

"The Circle" focuses on contestants communicating with one another and forming friendships via a social messaging service while "Love is Blind" is solely focused on fostering romance. With elements of shows like "The Bachelor," "Married at First Sight," "The Circle" and "Love Island," "Love is Blind" is becoming a Netflix fan favorite.

On "Love is Blind," contestants begin meeting and "dating" one another while in pods — they can speak, but can't see each other face-to-face. After contestants begin connecting, several of them couple up and get engaged, again, without seeing each other.

After the engagement, the couples are revealed to each other for the first time. Although this all seems incredibly dramatic up to this point (and it is), the real fun begins afterward. Typically in reality shows, the viewer watches couples on their screen but needs to check up on them afterwards via social media or recap shows to see if they stay connected in real life. On "Love is Blind," viewers get an in-depth look into this adjustment.



Photo courtesy of Netflix

TAKE OFF YOUR BLIND FOLDS The new Netflix original series "Love is Blind" helps people find love without ever seeing it.

After the couples get engaged, they all go on a vacation together to Mexico, and then travel back to Atlanta (all of the contestants live in the Atlanta area). There, they meet one another's families and friends, as well as move in together. This adjustment needs to happen quickly because on "Love is Blind," the couples get married 30 days after getting engaged.

If this sounds ridiculous, that's because it is. The concept of the show is to see whether couples are able to foster a relationship from forming an emotional connection before a physical one. While some couples feel the same toward each other after seeing one another face-to-face, others face challenges, whether it be unreciprocated physical attraction or lifestyle differences.

The concept is interesting, but the quick turnaround to get married within a 30-day time period causes obvious concerns. While the show is not as thought-provoking as "The Circle," which causes the viewer to contemplate social media's role in first impressions and communication, "Love is Blind" is incredibly entertaining and offers a unique look into life in the "real world" apart from an isolated show scenario.

Although you shouldn't expect a thoughtful masterpiece from "Love is Blind," it's a great show to watch if you're a reality TV lover or just someone looking to be entertained. The 10-episode series finale which features the weddings of each remaining couple was released Thursday on Netflix.

Next week's episode will feature a live reunion show with updates on each couple's current status, which is interesting as the show was filmed back in late 2018.

Due to the in-depth look into life after a "show" setup and quick turnaround resulting in drama and difficult conversations, "Love is Blind" is gaining quick popularity and may soon reach the influence of "Love Island" or even "The Bachelor" if it continues to catch on.

BEARS BREAK OUT



Emileé Edwards | Multimedia Journalist JUMP (SUIT) INTO WEEK TWO Members of Delta Tau Delta strut their stuff on stage during their performance "Delt Jailbreak."

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Emileé Edwards | Multimedia Journali: NIGHT OF FRIGHT The ladies of Alpha Chi Omega performed a Ghostbusters-inspired act called "The Ghouls Next Door."

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B.T. & Bob Lauver in Concert | 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. | Silo District Comedy Club, 324 S. 6th St. | \$24.95

Thoroughly Modern Millie, Jr. | 7 p.m. | Waco Civic Theatre, 1517 Lake Air Dr | \$10 - \$12

McLennan Theatre presents "Chicago" | 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. | Ball Performing Arts Center, McLennan Community College Music & Theatre Arts Building, 1400 College Drive | Tickets range from \$8 to \$10.

Charlotte Daniel (flute) and Kae Hosoda-Ayer (piano) Concert | 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Roxy Grove Hall, Waco Hall | Free

Diamond Rio Concert | 8:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. | The Backyard, 511 S. 8th St. | \$25 - \$30

Wall of Fiction Concert | 9 p.m. - 11:59 p.m. | The Warehouse, 727 Austin Ave. | Free

SATURDAY

Downtown Farmers Market | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 510 Washington Ave, across the street from McLennan County Courthouse | Free

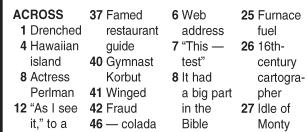
Espresso & Flow | 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Common Grounds, 7608 Woodway Drive | \$10 | Includes yoga class and a free drink

JD Hicks and the H.O.T. Road Gang | 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Rocky's Roadhouse, 926 Lacy Drive | Free

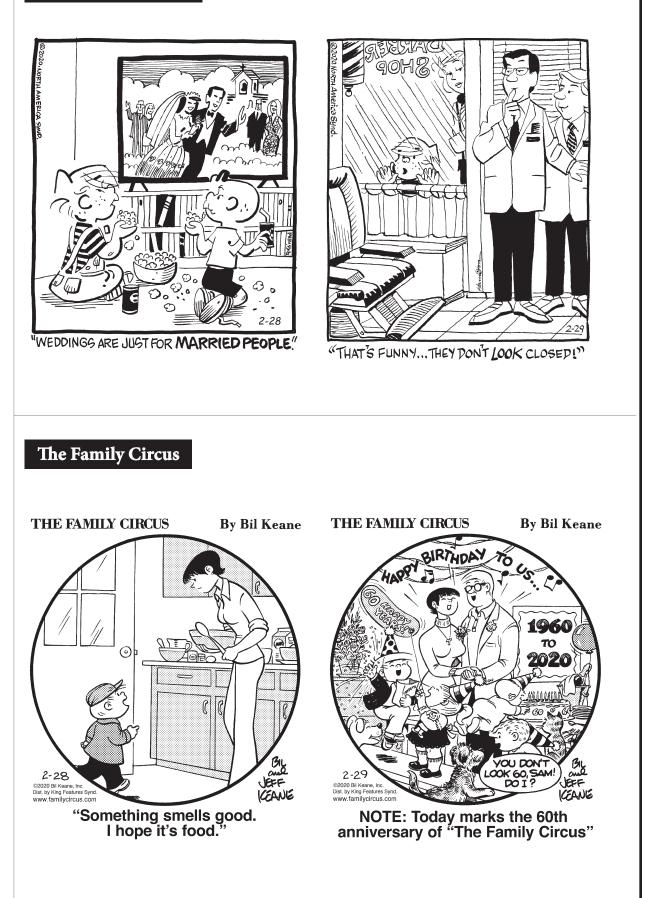
Rad Dragon "Hindsight" Album Release Party | 7 p.m. - 11:59 p.m. | 11001 Tree Lake Drive | \$5 at the door

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BAYLOR FOOTBALL IN NFL COMBINE Six former Baylor football players are participating in this week's NFL Combine in Indianapolis. All six have pledged their combine drills to Uplifting Athletes.

NFL Combine: Stage for awareness

Six former Baylor football players raise money for Uplifting Athletes

PRANAY MALEMPATI Sports Reporter

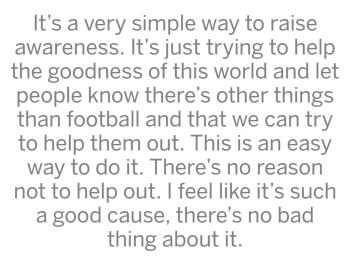
Six former Baylor football players are participating in this week's NFL Combine in Indianapolis. All six of them are pledging one of their combine drills to Uplifting Athletes, a foundation which "shares the platform of sport with the rare disease cause and raises it as a national priority."

James Lynch, an All-American defensive lineman this past season, dedicated his bench press to this cause and has helped raise approximately \$2,180 so far. He said that this is an easy way to raise funds, and awareness, for a good cause.

"It's a very simple way to just help raise awareness," Lynch said. "It's just trying to help the goodness of this world and let people know there's other things than football and that we can try and help out. This is an easy way to do it."

Levi Norwood, a former Baylor wide receiver who started the organization's chapter at this university, is now an ambassador for Uplifting Athletes. Norwood said that they are trying to use the platform that athletics provides to help people in tough situations.

"We use fundraisers throughout sport," Norwood said,



JAMES LYNCH | FORMER BAYLOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN with hope through the power of sport."

Lynch said the diseases this organization tries to help combat are ones which, although not very common or widely known, often put their victims in bad situations. He called on the Baylor community to help spread awareness and raise funds for this cause.

"The easiest way [to help out]," Lynch said, "is to find an athlete like me or any of the other athletes from Baylor that are doing it and to pledge money to our foundation. Or they could start up their own fundraiser and help the spread the word about it and help raise money for it."

Norwood said that the organization grants some of the money it raises to researchers who are working to further knowledge and treatment of rare diseases.

"One of the ways that we fund rare disease research is through a grant program," Norwood said. "In two weeks in Philadelphia, we have our young investigators draft, so we will give five researchers grants to further their research and help make an impact in the rare disease community. We've seen that research make a difference for rare diseases.

Lynch will participate in the combine with the rest of the defensive linemen on Saturday. To pledge money to the rare disease campaign based on how many bench press reps Lynch performs, and to help raise awareness for rare

"to raise money for rare diseases and rare disease research. That goes from kids all the way up to adults. The mission of Uplifting Athletes is to inspire the rare disease community diseases, visit Lynch's Uplifting Athletes page.

"There's no reason not to help out," Lynch said. "I feel like it's such a good cause, there's no bad thing about it."

Track & Field in store for rocky weekend

MATTHEW SODERBERG

Sports Reporter

Baylor track and field will head north for the Big 12 Indoor Championships on Friday and Saturday. Both the men's and women's squads finished sixth in the conference last season.

The Bears won six events out of the 38 at last year's championships, and they return eight athletes from those wins. Head coach Todd Harbour said they have tempered expectations heading into this weekend.

"We don't have enough firepower to go up there and really realistically say we can try to win this thing, but we can still go up there and have a great meet," Harbour said. "We've got some athletes that are ranked high in the Big 12, come back with a few Big 12 titles, and still try to get a few qualified for the NCAA meet."

Some of those individual events where the Bears will be competitive are men's and women's pole vault, as well as the men's 4x400 relay. Junior sprinter Tre Fields said he feels ready going into his meet this weekend.

"I'm feeling good. I ran two 400s this year so far in Indoor," Fields said. "So coming in this meet, I'm just really confident in making sure I get the top-five time in the NCAA 400-meter."

The Big 12 Indoor Championships are one of the biggest meets of the season, and the team recognizes that as they prepare to compete against the rest of the conference. Baylor won the women's 4x400 last season, and junior sprinter Sidney Washington said that's something this squad is trying to follow up on.

"The women that won last year set a really good tone for us that we all try to follow, and we're all trying to live up to that expectation," Washington said. "But at the end of the day, we can only focus on one thing at a time and just focus on your heat and focus on the people you're competing with."

Even though this is a championship, it's only halfway through the track and field season. After Indoors finish up, the team will be moving to the Outdoor half, and then after that prepping for Olympic trials. Harbour said that he has to remind his athletes to pace themselves with over three months until the biggest meet of the season.

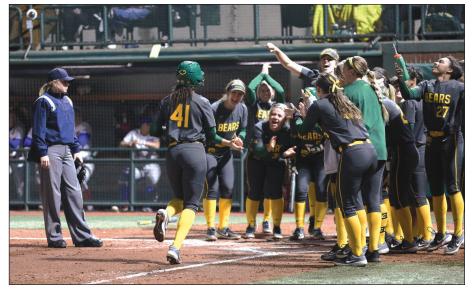
"This is our midterm," Harbour said. "That's kind of how you look at the Indoor season ... It's a very important midterm, but we're going to be measured, but still man we've got all the way to June to go, and this is an Olympic trial year. So for our sport ... this is one of those times you want to do your very best. You want to be measured in a good way, but at the same time, we come back and we start Outdoor in two weeks."

The Big 12 Indoor Championships will begin on Friday and continue into Saturday in Ames, Iowa at the Lied Recreation Center.



Photo courtesy of Baylor Athletics

BIG 12 INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS Baylor track and field is set to compete on Friday and Saturday in the Big 12 Inoor Championships. Bears won 6 out of 38 events at last year's championships and finished sixth in conference.



Emileé Edwards | Multimedia Journalist

BEARS TAKE DOWN RAZORBACKS No. 19 Baylor softball defeated No. 21 Arkansas 3-2 on Thursday night after a comeback in the seventh inning initiated by third basemen Lou Gilbert.

Softball earns 13th straight win on season

MATTHEW SODERBERG

Sports Reporter

No. 19 Baylor softball defeated No. 21 Arkansas 3-2 Thursday after a late comeback powered the team over the Razorbacks. Sophomore third baseman Lou Gilbert went 3/3 at the plate and scored the game-tying run in the top of the seventh.

Redshirt senior Gia Rodoni earned the start for the Lady Bears and pitched five innings of two-run ball. Rodoni's only runs allowed came off a two-run shot launched in the bottom of the fourth. The senior also threw seven strikeouts with three hits allowed and no free bases.

After Nicky Dawson came out of the game early, Baylor was stuck with the lower production of junior outfielder Alyssa Avalos in the two-hole. Even with just one extra-base hit in her time at Baylor, Avalos notched her first career home run in the third inning with a solo shot over center field. The junior's bomb was Baylor's first run of the day, and the only one they would score until the seventh.

Rodoni's damage came an inning and a half later as the Razorbacks took the lead with zero outs on the board. Junior outfielder Hannah McEwen singled her way up the middle, and junior infielder Braxton Burnside launched the second bomb of the day up and over left field to take the lead. The Lady Bears went three up-three down the next two innings before a massive, rankingsaving seventh inning. Gilbert opened the inning with her third hit in as many at bats, and senior first baseman Goose McGlaun doubled to left center on the next batter to put runners in scoring position.

Senior catcher Taylor Ellis pinch hit for sophomore catcher Casey Shell, and she singled in her first RBI in the last five games to tie it up. The next batter, redshirt junior outfielder Madison Kettler, doubled over the center fielder's head to score McGlaun, the goahead run. The Razorbacks brought in their third pitcher of the inning, and she cleaned up, but the damage was done.

Freshman Aliyah Pritchett was tapped to pitch in the sixth inning and made it through with minimal trouble. By the time she stepped onto the mound in the bottom of the seventh, the Lady Bears had the lead and the pressure was on her to perform. Pritchett forced two flyouts to deep center before allowing her first hit of the evening as junior catcher Kayla Greene singled up the middle. The freshman put out the fire on the next batter with her only strikeout on the day, pushing Baylor's win streak to 13.

The Lady Bears will get back to work at 10 a.m. Friday against their highest-ranked opponent of the season thus far, No. 8 Florida State.

Sports Baylor baseball to face SEC teams in classic

DJ RAMIREZ Sports Editor

Last time the Baylor Bear baseball team walked into Minute Maid Park, it saw the end of their early season winning streak with a 5-2 loss to Texas A&M in the opener of the 2019 Shriners College Classic.

Hitting the road for the first time in the 2020 season, the Bears are hoping to carry on the momentum from Wednesday's 2-0 victory over UT Rio Grande Valley into this year's Shriners Classic as Baylor faces a stacked field of SEC teams.

With some younger faces in the infield who aided the Bears with three double plays against the Vaqueros on Wednesday, Baylor will be glad to have the veteran experience going into a big league ballpark. Senior catcher Andy Thomas said that while it's exciting to play at Minute Maid, the team will have to keep its head straight facing good competition.

"I think the number one thing we have to focus on is keeping all of our young guys in check," Thomas said. "The stage does get a little big for some people when they're first down there but that experience with me, [Nick] Loftin, Chase [Wehesener], we've all played down there ... We can take that to our young guys and say, Hey it's no different than playing at Baylor Ballpark, it's just a little bit of a bigger crowd."

In what is basically a Big 12 vs. SEC challenge, the Baylor, along with Oklahoma and Texas, will take on Missouri, No. 11 LSU and No. 6 Arkansas throughout the weekend.

The Bears open the tournament against former Big 12 foe Mizzou at 11 a.m. Friday, facing the Tigers for the first time since April 2012. Baylor leads the all-time series 33-26-1. The Bears swept Mizzou in the Tigers' last Big 12 season. Houston native and redshirt junior Brandt Belk is the driving force behind Missouri's offense as the Pepperdine transfer leads the Tigers with a .480 batting average, two homers, eight RBI and three stolen bases.

Baylor then takes on the 11th-ranked Bayou Bengals at 3 p.m. Saturday. LSU, currently on a three game winning streak, is 4-2 in the Shriners' Classic and got the win over the Bears in 2017. Head coach Paul Manieri is three wins away from the 600 mark as the Tigers' 14th-year head coach and has 1,461 wins over a 38-year career. The Bears' pitching staff will have to execute against sophomore first baseman Cade Beloso who leads LSU



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2020 COLLEGE CLASSIC Baylor Baseball to return to Minute Maid Park in the 2020 Shriners College Classic facing a stacked field of SEC teams. Baylor will face Missouri, LSU and Arkansas throughout the weekend.

with nine RBI, six of which he roped in last weekend against Eastern Kentucky.

Baylor will then close out the series facing the No. 6 Razorbacks at 7 p.m. Sunday in what might be its toughest game yet. The last time the Bears played Arkansas was in a heartbreaking, extra inning 1-0 loss in the Waco Super Regional on June 11, 2012. The Hogs took two games of the postseason series to advance to Omaha that year.

Arkansas enters the weekend undefeated 7-0, hitting the road for the time this year, after a four-game sweep of Gonzaga in Fayetteville, Ark. The Bears will have their hands full with a stacked lineup and will face junior righty Kole Ramage who holds a 3.86 ERA and made two appearances against the Zags this past weekend.

Baylor head coach Steve Rodrigiez said the competition in Houston this weekend gives the tournament Omaha-level vibes.

"I wouldn't be surprised if we see any of those teams in Omaha," Rodriguez said. "We have to go and we have to play well. We have to pitch well and execute. We have to play good defense. To be honest, I think we're going to see a lot of low scoring games and it's going to be a matter of execution at the end of the game that's going to determine who wins and who loses."

All three games can be streamed on AT&T Sportsnet and MLB.com.

