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Travelling sessions cater to alumni input

By Nick Dean
Staff writer

After several on-campus listening sessions for faculty, administrators, students and staff, the presidential search committees are traveling around the state of Texas in May to hold alumni listening sessions.

The first alumni meeting will be held 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in Houston at Tallowood Baptist Church located at 555 Tallowood Road.

“It’s an opportunity for the alumni to express their priorities and their primary areas of interest for the future of Baylor,” said Baylor alumna and President-Elect of the Baylor Alumni Association Emily George Tinsley.

“It should have a positive effect and the committee should be commended that they are

interested in the alumni of Baylor and what they think.”

The feedback from the alumni will be the most crucial part, and is the main focus of the sessions said Baylor Alumni Association President David Lacy.

“I hope (alumni) speak openly and honestly and tell the Baylor leadership what they are looking for,” Lacy said.

The opportunity to provide feedback to the search committees is a commendable chance, Tinsley said.

“The search committee is there to serve and they should be commended for going through the trouble or traveling around,” Tinsley said. “It is all about communication and I think (the session) will be a good thing.”

Lacy said he is looking for alumni to step up and provide open advice for the committee. The feedback from alumni

could alter the committees presupposed positions or it could provide new insight, Lacy said.

“I think it is always good to have alumni being very candid with members of Baylor’s leadership,” he said. “In some respects it could underscore opinions (committee members) already have and in others it could open their eyes to new perspectives.”

Alumni attendance is a major concern for Lacy. With a membership of nearly 19,000, the alumni association is aims to have large turnouts at each of the alumni-specific sessions.

“We just have to have people show up,” Lacy said. “There will be other listening sessions in other parts of the state, and it is my hope that we would have as much heads-up as possible in order to generate the notice as

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Five students set to travel for Fulbright

By Sommer Ingram
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Five Baylor students have been selected to serve in various countries around the world as Fulbright Scholars. Ashley Killough, Charlie Manzanares, Alex Nix, Aaron Reynolds and Megan Rizos are the recipients of the award.

The Fulbright, a highly competitive program that operates in over 155 countries, provides government-funded grants for graduate research or English-teaching abroad assistantships. Scholars are chosen for their academic merit and leadership qualities, and will have the opportunity to conduct research and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

Come-and-go seminars

Monday and Tuesday 2-5 p.m.
205 Morrison Hall

Monday: general award information
Tuesday: focused on upper-level awards.



Killough



Reynolds



Nix



Manzanares



Rizos

“As Fulbright representative for Baylor, I was exceedingly proud of all the students whose applications were sent forward,” said Dr. Elizabeth Vardaman, associate dean of the college of arts and sciences. “The students will represent America and the Fulbright program exceedingly well and will build positive relationships within all the communities where they will serve, teach and pursue research.”

Baylor had a record number of applicants for the Fulbright program this school year, with a total of 20 students completing the application process which includes writing two essays, getting professor recommendations, becoming proficient at a new language and proposing a project.

Killough, a senior from Plano, will be in Armenia working as a

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Twist, twirl and swirl

Ballet Folklorico does a traditional Hispanic dance to “La Negra” Thursday night on Fountain Mall for the Fiesta celebration. The event was sponsored by the Hispanic Student Association and featured free Mexican food, live music from Mariachi Las Margaritas, Sigma Alpha Epsilon’s Salsafest, a traditional fashion show and a jalapeño-eating contest.

Dorm clean-out means donations

Baylor, Caritas partnership hopes to gather unwanted dorm goods

By Sean Doerre
Reporter

A year of living in a small confined space can produce a large quantity of clutter in a dorm room, but students now have an option to donate this accumulated material rather than shoving it to the curb.

Baylor Housekeeping is partnering with Caritas of Waco for a “Take It or Leave It” campaign, as students prepare

to move out of residence halls. From May 6 to 15 students will have the opportunity to donate non-perishable food items, gently used clothing and other items such as carpeting, lumber and medicine to the Caritas organization that provides needy community members with food, clothing, prescription medications and transportation said Vicki Pierce, Baylor housekeeping’s operations manager.

Pierce said the program was started six years ago when she realized that quality items were being throw away by students who could not transport the items back home.

“There has to be a way to stop this from happening,” Pierce said. “There needed to be a way to get some of these items that students could not take with them for whatever reason to people that needed it.”

Students can deposit their donation items next week in boxes which will be located in the lobby of all Baylor residence halls. The “Take It or Leave It” program is not only for students on campus, as Pierce encourages all students to donate their unused and unwanted items.

Once residence halls have been vacated, the housekeep-

ing staff will make a sweep to locate any and all left over items.

“Hangers are a great thing to donate, because not many people take their hangers with them,” Pierce said. “Sometimes the girls can’t carry the carpet down the stairs or get it on the elevator and so we will try our best to get it down there.”

The donations are taken by Caritas and processed at their distribution warehouse. Next, the items go to one of Caritas’ three resale stores in the area that offer items for a reduced cost to individuals who can

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Unity at heart of worship service

By Brittany McNamara
Reporter

The worship service, “Lift Up Your Hearts”, invites Baylor students, faculty and staff to unite at 11 a.m. Monday in Truett Chapel.

Aside from bringing together the Baylor family, it will be the last speaking engagement for Vice President for Student Life Dr. Samuel “Dub” Oliver.

“This is the first time in a good while we’ve tried to do a

campus-wide worship service,” Dr. Burt Burleson, university chaplain said. “It will be a time to come together, be grateful to God and pray for each other and for the world.”

The service will consist of prayer, music and a brief sermon on Psalm 33 given by Oliver, Burleson said. He said this is one of the community’s last opportunities to hear Oliver speak on campus before he leaves to become president of East Texas Baptist University.

“We’re excited for him but his absence will be felt in so many ways,” Burleson said. “He’s had such a (connection) to Baylor and our unique culture and has become a respected leader in higher education.”

Sponsoring the event is the Spiritual Life office, the provost’s office and the religious affairs committee.

Planning for the service began at the beginning of the semester.

“We knew we wanted to put

a spiritual wrap on the semester just as finals wrap up the academic semester,” said Dr. Jeter Basden, director of Ministry Guidance and a member of the religious affairs committee.

Kathy Hillman, director of special collections for the University Central Libraries and chair of the religious affairs committee, said they didn’t know while planning this event how crucial its timing would

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Dr. Dub Oliver, vice president for Student Life, and his wife, Susie Oliver, greet McKinney sophomore Varun Joseph at a reception honoring Oliver Thursday afternoon in the McLane Student Life Center.