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Ken Starr's five best contributions outlined as he celebrates five years in Baylor office

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■ **President and Chancellor Ken Starr is heading into his fifth year in his role at Baylor University. In a short amount of time, Starr has drastically affected campus life and been part of taking the university to the new places. Here are five of the greatest contributions that have occurred since Starr arrived on campus.**



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AMONG GREATS President and Chancellor Ken Starr hosted a 2011 On Topic event featuring former U.S. Secretary of State Dr. Condoleezza Rice to discuss her childhood and the post-9/11 Bush administration.

1. **McLANE STADIUM**

The brand new venue has been described as the "Palace on the Brazos," and has completely changed the perception of Baylor as a football program.

As previously reported in the Lariat, Baylor football coach Art Briles had been pushing for a new stadium almost since the moment he arrived on campus. With the success of former Baylor QB Robert Griffin III in 2011, Starr helped green-light Briles' vision and make it a reality.

"Between 44 and 60 million people drive down I-35 every year," Briles told the Lariat in July 2014. "I imagine some eight-year-old girl and boy is going to look out the window to the right or left and say, 'Momma, man, look at that place. That place is beautiful. Where is that?' And she's going to say, Baylor."

"For the rest of their lives, they're going to associate Baylor with excellence."

Since construction opened on the stadium, Baylor football has won back-to-back Big 12 championships and the stadium has sold out almost every game since then.

2. **ON TOPIC**

Since Starr arrived on campus, On Topic lectures have become must-watch events. Starr has attracted such power names as former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day

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BUSINESS SCHOOL

Classes begin on new campus

Paul L. Foster Campus for Business, Innovation opens for fall premiere

STEPHANIE REYES
Staff Writer

The Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation is nearing its completion, just in time for the fall semester.

Today the new business school will welcome more than 3,300 undergraduate and graduate students in addition to 200 staff and faculty members.

In addition, the school will measure 275,000 square feet, which expands the current size of the Hankamer School of Business by 40 percent.

Among the students taking classes in the new school will be Harker Heights senior Carina Yebra, a public administration major.

"I'm just excited because it's a new building and hopefully it will be better because most of our classes were so filled up that we all had to squeeze in them," Yebra said.

El Paso businessman Paul L. Foster, B.B.A. '79, provided a \$35 million gift to support the Baylor's \$100 million campaign to build the new structure.

More than 530 other donors contributed to the new building as well.

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According to the Foster Campus fact sheet, the campus is designed to accommodate innovation, flexibility and interaction. Features of the building include 41 classrooms, 36 team rooms and seminar spaces for students and faculty.

In addition, it hosts a 10,000 square-foot atrium with a café, which will provide an area for students to collaborate and socialize.

Yebra is excited for the new spaces and features the new building will provide for all business students.

Yebra, who switched over from being medical humanities and pre-med major hopes the future is bright for the new business school.

"I hope it expands the business school. [There are] a lot of great programs that a lot of people are nervous to do because they don't know much about business," Yebra said.

She said she believes the school will provide not only ample study space, but collaboration, innovation and working with colleagues with thrive there as well.

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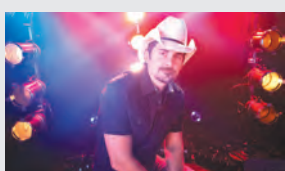
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BAA UPDATE

BAA-Baylor feud continues to boil amid lawsuit trial

REUBIN TURNER
Senior Staff Writer

A trial in the trademark infringement lawsuit between Baylor University and The Baylor Alumni Association could be nixed if the university's motion for summary judgment is granted by the court.

The motion, filed in the 74th Judicial District Court of McLennan County on July 22, is a common legal procedure that outlines the argument for either the plaintiff or the defendant and why the court should rule in their favor while forgoing a trial.

This is the first time the university has laid out explicitly its argument in the case Baylor University v. The Baylor University Alumni Association.

The case stems from the university's termination of the association's right to use the Baylor trademark.

Lori Fogleman, vice president for media communication, said nowhere in the bylaws

or the constitution of the BAA does it mention that they are to be an independent voice for alumni of the university. She also said the university leaders believe the BAA is no longer effective in engaging alumni.

"University leaders have longed recognized the need to interact and engage with alumni for decades," Fogleman said. She said the university began publishing Baylor Magazine in 1983 as an effort to reach out to alumni.

"Regardless of the statements of the BAA, we're reaching out to alumni, and we're doing it successfully."

Indefinite duration of the contract between the two entities, vague terms and the fact that the BAA is under no obligation to perform, are all reasons cited in the motion as to why the university was within its right to terminate their original license with the association on Sept. 8, 2013.

According to the court document, "the agreements have an indefinite duration and are

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Out with the old, in with the news

Lariat seeks campus connection through redesign, refocus

TAYLOR GRIFFIN
Editor-in-Chief



The fall semester inevitably brings about fresh starts and new beginnings, especially for students. Here at the Lariat, this semester is also an optimal opportunity for much needed newness and refocusing.

Through months of research along with trial and error, this semester

for the Lariat is unlike anything we've done in the past — a page turn, if you will. With a brand new print redesign, updated smart phone application, fresh website layout and much more, our collective mission as a team is to provide our audience, the student body, the news they need.

This modern print design offers more color and creativity to the pages each day while maintaining a clean, crisp style for the more traditional news consumers. Our app allows for on-the-go information as you head to class with direct links to video, audio and web content.

To accommodate the vivacious student experience here at Baylor, the traditional Arts and Entertainment section has transformed into Arts and Life, which will further encompass interests in food, fashion, travel and campus happenings.

Now as an online-first publication, our goal is to constantly generate quality content throughout the day, rather than just a regurgitation of the print version's stories and photos. This fall, BaylorLariat.com will host a multitude of blogs, podcasts, broadcast news and other innovative avenues of storytelling.

Our Web team has developed social media and online strategies catered to the busy college life. For example, the "Got a Minute?" section online will feature listicles, short pieces and plenty of cat GIFs for when you've got time to spare before class begins.

Love newsletters like theSkimm to start the day? Check out Morning Buzz, our daily email with the top stories of the day and links to a few anecdotal bits like the Spotify playlist that helped make today's issue happen.

But our refocus goes much further than our appearance. We've learned from the mistakes of the past, listened to our readers and are now ready to begin the semester with a refreshed purpose. Our consciously renewed commitment to producing quality, balanced journalism will be highlighted through relevant stories on issues that matter to students.

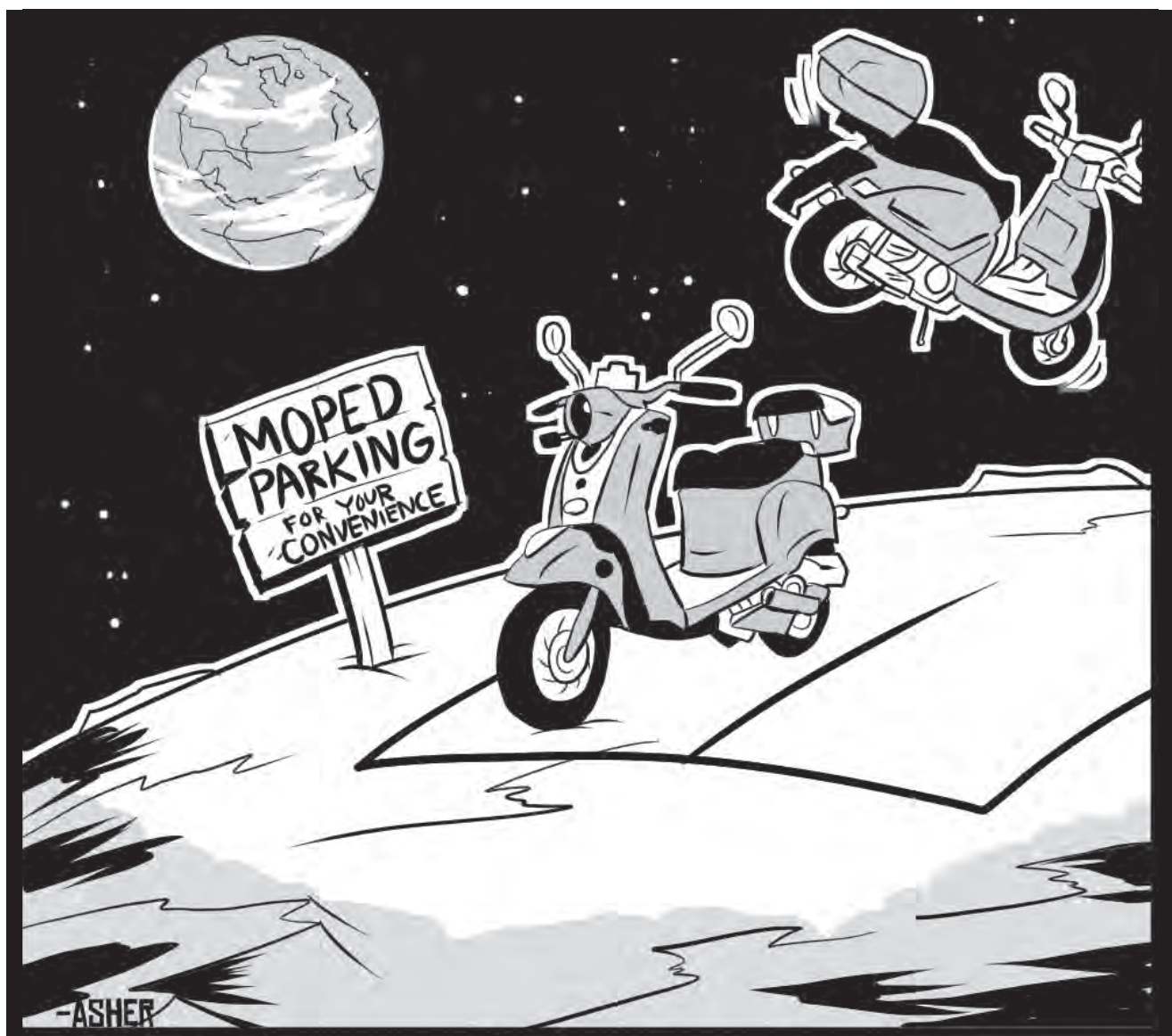
Now more than ever we encourage your feedback. The Lariat always welcomes letters to the editor as well as social media commenting and sharing. We are initiating the conversation between the newsroom and student body and hope to forge that relationship in the coming months by bridging that gap.

In short, the Lariat is more than a content driver or platform; we're a group of students serving students. We've been given the unique opportunity to act as a source of information as well as advocates for the voiceless. As editor, I take this seriously and will strive with the team to make each issue thoughtful, relevant and well done.

On behalf of the whole team, we welcome you home to Baylor in the best way we know how: serving the student body through storytelling.

Start fresh with us. Engage with us. Connect with us. This is your campus paper; what's your story?

EDITORIAL



Mopeds, mo' problems: New parking rules damper students' daily commute

There are few things more coveted at Baylor than a good parking spot. Like most college campuses, parking is at a premium and finding a location close to your classes is worth its weight in gold.

In fact, in search of the perfect parking opportunity, dozens of Baylor students have taken the plunge and bought or rented mopeds to get to class. The draw was simple: buy a simple \$75 parking pass, and parking is virtually anywhere around campus.

But now the rules have changed. Baylor recently rolled out its new parking regulations, which feature a special section for mopeds.

Rather than parking anywhere like in the past, moped drivers must buy a designated

parking spot at \$125. Each pass will only buy a spot in one of four parking lots; a moped driver will not be allowed to park any other place on campus.

There have certainly been several reasons over the past few years to penalize moped riders. Many riders ignore traffic laws, disrupt foot traffic and inhibit entrances to buildings.

But while this plan is well intentioned when it comes to managing campus traffic, the policy goes too far.

Moped riders have made a significant financial investment for the sake of convenience. Taking this away not only takes away the biggest draw for mopeds, but actually makes mopeds less convenient than even cars.

Moped riders get to pick

from one of four spots: a block south of the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation, across Bagby Avenue, from the Baylor Sciences Building, near the Bill Daniel Student Center and near the Wiethorn Visitors Center.

Once a rider picks one of these spots, they are allowed to park only there. If a business major lived in Penland Hall, how can they be required to pick one spot? C Lot is right by their dorm, but A Lot is right by most of their classes.

With a car-parking pass, students are allowed to park in any garage other than the Fifth Street Parking Garage. There is never a guarantee there will be spots, but the options remain open.

Without question, the mo-

ped system from last year was an issue. Entrances to buildings became congested. Students who did not ride mopeds were inconvenienced by the ones who did.

However, there is a way to do this without inconveniencing riders. The designated parking areas are not in themselves a bad thing. The rules could easily be changed to allow riders to float between spots. Just like cars, if a lot is full, a rider must find another.

But taking the most convenient mode of transportation on campus and completely stripping it of its purpose undermines the investment of many students. The rules are well intentioned but need to be tweaked to meet the needs of students on campus.

A welcome note from student body officers

We can only hope that your summer has been filled with family, friends, adventure and rest to get you geared up for the new school year. Whether you are new to Baylor or are entering into your final year, we are here to serve you.

The mission of the Baylor University student government is to represent the student body, with respect to our Christian commitment and the ideals of Baylor, through shared governance, as we seek to enrich the quality of student life.

It is because of our mission that we hope to set our focus on the reason that we are here: to bring glory to God. There is nothing that we can do this year that is worth doing if our



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all that Baylor has to offer. Each of us has grown to want nothing more than incredible success for Waco and for Baylor University.

The upcoming year is unpredictable, but remain confident in the Lord's plan for your life and have fun! Baylor has been home to the greatest years of our lives, and we hope it is the same for all of you.

Blessings,

- Pearson Brown**
Student Body President
- Lindsey Bacque**
Student Body Internal Vice President
- Steven Newcomb**
Student Body External Vice President

intent is not to glorify God and to spread His kingdom across Baylor's campus. The three of us have been given a unique position of leadership this year, and now it is up to us to take what we have been given and pour it back out across Baylor into students like you. Please reach out to any of us if there is any way

we can help to enhance your experience during your short time at Baylor.

Baylor is indelibly tied to the city of Waco. During your experience here at Baylor, venture into the community. The city we call home is developing quickly and its future is bright. Find your home in the city and



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Throughout **Welcome Week**, thousands of new Bears moved into their new Baylor homes while Move2BU crews stood by willing to make it happen.



Admin defends sexual policy update

No change on biblical stance about marriage, Starr says

REUBIN TURNER
Senior Staff Writer

A change to the university's sexual conduct policy made national headlines this summer after it dropped the phrase "homosexual activity" from its text.

Baylor regents, who approved the change in May, also changed the name of the policy from the "sexual misconduct policy" to the "sexual conduct policy."

In the old policy, homosexual acts were listed as a misuse of God's gift of sexuality, and were included among sexual assault, adultery and fornication.

While some publications such as the Fort Worth Star-Telegram lauded this as a victory for gay rights advocates at the largest Baptist university in the world, many neglected to mention the revised policy's direct reference to the Baptist Faith and Message of 1963.

The message explicitly recognizes marriage as the unique uniting of one man and one woman for a covenant commitment before God.

"It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church, and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel for sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race," an excerpt from the document reads.

In an email sent to the Baptist Standard, President and Chancellor Ken Starr said while the media has sensationalized changes to the sexual conduct policy, there has been no change to the university's policy regarding sexual

conduct.

"Baylor's articulation of its policy required updating. Previously, this policy had been called a 'Sexual Misconduct Policy.' As we do not identify other policies similarly—we have no 'misconducting' policy, for example—we thought it wise to make language changes to the existing policy, which also included the elimination of an extensive but incomplete list of prohibited sexual behaviors and crimes," Starr wrote in the email.

While there was widespread media speculation that the changes were made as a response to the U.S. Supreme Court's June decision to legalize gay marriage nationwide in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the university said this is not the case.

Lori Fogleman, assistant vice president for media communications, said university officials regularly review university policies to ensure that they comply with both legal and ethical standards. In this case, Fogleman said officials felt the need to articulate more clearly the university's position in a manner more consistent with the mission of the university.

"These changes were made because we didn't believe the language reflected Baylor's caring community," Fogleman said.

She wrote in an email to the Lariat that since the board's decision to update the policy's language was decided on May 15, it "was not made then or in conjunction with" the court's ruling in late June.

Baylor 2014 alumnus Trenton Garza said although the university's stance on homosexuality may be the same, this is still a progressive step forward for the university.

"Under the old policy, certain

acts were prohibited to homosexuals that did not apply to heterosexuals," Garza said.

With the new language, both heterosexuals and homosexuals are held to the same sexual code of conduct, Garza said.

Garza was a student senator during the 2013-2014 academic year, and sponsored a bill to have the phrase "homosexual activity" stricken from the sexual misconduct policy.

The bill passed "with flying colors" in an executive session, Garza said, but was vetoed by former student body president Wes Hodges, as previously reported by the Lariat.

Garza said the policy change is nondiscriminatory in two ways since it strikes offensive phrasing from the original text and changes the policy from "sexual misconduct" to "sexual conduct."

"The term sexual conduct gives it a more positive approach because it shows what is accepted by the university rather than what is prohibited," Garza said.

There were several alumni, however, who expressed frustration with the change by voicing their opinions on various social media websites, as well as the website for the Baylor Alumni Association.

One alumnus, Rex Carey, wrote on the website a quote by W.R. Inge that states, "The Church that marries the spirit of the present age will find itself a widow in the next." He then also referred to a scripture from the Bible located in Judges.

Despite these concerns, Starr reiterated in his email to the Baptist Standard that there was no change to the university's policy regarding sexual conduct.

POLICY UPDATES BY DATE

Previous Policy

Updated Jan. 15, 2007

"Baylor will be guided by the understanding that sexuality is a gift from the creator God and that the purposes of this gift include (1) the procreation of human life and (2) the uniting and strengthening of the marital bond in self-giving love. These purposes are to be achieved through heterosexual relationships within marriage. Misuses of God's gift will be understood to include but not limit to, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, sexual assault, incest, adultery,

Current Policy

Updated May 15, 2015

Baylor will be guided by the biblical understanding that human sexuality is a gift from God and that physical sexual intimacy is to be expressed in the context of marital fidelity. Thus, it is expected that Baylor students, faculty and staff will engage in behaviors consistent with this understanding of human sexuality. This policy will be interpreted by the University in a manner consistent with the Baptist Faith and Message of 1963.

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O'Connor, former vice presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman and businessman T. Boone Pickens. But perhaps the most notable came in Nov. 2011, when former secretary of state Condoleezza Rice joined Starr in front of a packed house at Waco Hall. "The audience of more than 2,200 was so large that additional seating had to be set up onstage minutes before the beginning of the event, and anyone left without a seat was asked to leave the building in accordance marshal policy," then-Lariat staff writer Daniel C. Houston wrote about the event. Starr's pull on a national level has not only brought notable dignitaries to campus, but also taken Baylor's name to a national level.

3. PRO FUTURIS

After Baylor 2012 before it, Starr brought forth his strategic vision called "Pro Futuris" in Aug. 2012. The plan has five pillars: transformational education, compelling scholarship, informed engagement, committed constituents and judicious stewardship. "These five areas of improvements seek to create opportunities for students, such as an increase in openings for students to engage in research with faculty, more available service work and better scholarships for students to meet the university's rising costs," then-Lariat staff writer Amando Dominick wrote at the time.

Since then, Baylor has developed quickly. More money has been allocated for research. Starr's lead scholarship initiative raised \$100 million for additional scholarships. It has come together, pushing Baylor up to its highest ranking on the US News and World Report rankings this past year.

4. LARGEST FRESHMAN CLASS

There has perhaps never been a better time to be a Baylor Bear. Application rates are through the roof, retention rates are soaring and matriculation rates are as high as ever. Last year's freshman class decimated size records. "More than 3,600 college-bound students chose to call Baylor University home this fall, but there wasn't exactly enough room for all of them," then-staff writer Hannah Neumann wrote in an Oct. 2014 article. In the same article, Neumann reported Baylor had reached 102 percent capacity. To say the least, there was simply no room left at the inn. Under Starr, enrollment has jumped almost ev-

ery year. The school is rising nationally and people want to attend more than ever. For existing students, increasing the competitiveness of the school only increases the value of their degree. Everyone wins.

5. FUNDRAISING

Whether we like to believe it or not, money is the unequivocal lifeblood of a university. Starr has taken Baylor's fundraising capabilities to the next level. Under Starr, Baylor raised \$345.3 million between Feb. 2012 and 2014, the most over a two-year period in Baylor history. Forty thousand people contributed, including 18,000 first-time donors. Starr has pushed a great deal of money into his lead initiatives: development, renovation and scholarship. The projects have quickly exploded. "Starr announced that his goal of raising \$100 million toward scholarships by Dec. 31, 2013, had not only been met sooner than expected, but had been surpassed," then-Lariat staff writer Taylor Rexrode wrote in April 2013.

Campus has also undergone several major renovation projects in that time period. Just this year, Baylor is opening the Foster Campus for Business and Innovation, and opening newly renovated Russell dorms. With Starr at the helm, Baylor is poised to take steps forward as a campus and as a nationally relevant university.

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therefore terminable at will be either party." The document also states that because the contract does not specify a time period for the university to honor a license to the BAA, under Texas law, the contract is terminable at will be either party.

Baylor also states that because the terms of the contract are illusory, it is hard for the court to enforce its terms, which also makes it terminable at will by either parties. The court document cites several cases that have ruled in favor of the plaintiff on these terms.

One of the cases cited is one regarding the New Jersey Institute of Technology and its former alumni association. Breach of contract was cited as a chief complaint from the plaintiff (the alumni association in this case), and the state Superior Court Chancery Division for New Jersey ruled in favor of the university writing in a 46-page opinion that since the university owned the trademark and the terms of the contract were vague and unenforceable, they legally had a right to terminate the contract.

The original license was terminated on May 31, 2013 after a letter was sent to the BAA from the Baylor Board of Regents following a negotiation that had been reached between Baylor and the BAA.

The termination of this license was suspended, however, to allow members of the BAA to vote in favor of the transition agreement the following September.

On Sept. 7, 2013, the transition agreement failed to meet the supermajority it needed in order to become an entity that was not independent of the university. Todd Nesbitt, president of the BAA, said in an interview with the Waco-Tribune Herald that this supermajority was not required by their bylaws as many have been led to believe, rather this is "state law relative to the dissolution of a non-profit."

According to the agreement, The Baylor Line, a magazine published by the BAA, would have come under control of the Baylor Line Corporation, a new alumni association that would have been created by the university. The agreement would have allowed the BAA to transition leadership and employees over to the new association, as previously reported by the Lariat.

The university would have then granted them a new license to "provide an independent platform" to Baylor regarding its role in higher education by allowing it to continue to publish the Baylor Line.

While the transition agreement did not reach the required supermajority, 55 percent voted in favor of the agreement. It was also supported by a number of executives within the BAA, including then-president Collin Cox.

Nesbitt stated in the interview that while a majority did support the transition agreement, he feels as though the association was strong-armed by the university to support an agreement that didn't allow the BAA to remain a separate entity. He also stated that he believes a small number of regents and members of the Baylor administration helped to drive the fight between the university and the BAA.

Nesbitt was referring to the email released this summer by order of the court. The emails contained an exchange between Tommye Lou Davis, vice-president of constituent engagement, and Buddy Jones, then-president of the board of regents.

In the emails, Jones expressed that he hated the BAA, to which Davis responded, "that makes two of us." In the emails, there is also an exchange that suggests the university may not have been truthful in its intentions for tearing down the Hughes-Dillard Alumni Center. The center was the headquarters for the alumni association.

"Can't wait to tear that building DOWN!!!! If it is tied to the stadium, few will complain! :-:) How sweet it will be!" wrote Davis in an email to Jones. Davis was referring to the university's argument that the space the alumni center was occupying was needed for a plaza related to the new stadium.

In a guest editorial in the Waco-Tribune Herald, President and Chancellor Ken Starr wrote that despite what the email may suggest, university leadership remains committed to peace and finding a solution.

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News

Kolinek adds fresh support to Baylor PD

EMMA KING
Staff Writer

Over the summer, the Baylor Police Department created a new captain position and added six new officers to their force in order to improve campus safety and security.

The new captain, John Kolinek, formerly of the McLennan County Sheriff's Office, has already spent 25 years serving Waco and its surrounding communities and is now an official member of Baylor law enforcement.

Unlike captain Danny Knight, who oversees patrol, Captain Kolinek will be in charge of administrative support functions. These include: budget, dispatchers, equipment, evidence and security coordination for special events.

"John brings so much knowledge and skill, administrative skill, to the position," said Brad Wigtil, Baylor chief of police. "He's a real man of integrity and, I think more importantly than all that, is he has a servant's heart. He has a heart to serve this community and to also serve the

members of the Baylor Police Department."

In his time at the McLennan County Sheriff's Office, Kolinek worked as a patrolman, sergeant, lieutenant and captain. He oversaw the county jail, handled the office's budget, controlled the jail's budget, ran courthouse security and worked with the commissioners court.

Wigtil said Kolinek stood head and shoulders above his competition for the new captain spot and the decision was easy to make.

Wigtil will serve as Kolinek's mentor as he becomes acclimated to Baylor and begins to form his own vision for his division of the department.

"My heart is to serve John, and help him be successful in this new role for him," Wigtil said.

Previously, the support functions were divided between the patrol captain and Wigtil himself. Kolinek will assume responsibility for everything in time.

Per an outside security assessment company, Margolis Healy, Baylor needed to increase police numbers to meet the national average ratio of students to officers.

Wigtil said that it could take up to six months for Kolinek to learn and get used to where the Baylor Police Department is, compared to the sheriff's office Kolinek is so familiar with. Once he is accustomed to the department's vision, Wigtil said he wants to know what Kolinek's vision for his section will be.

"We're excited to have him," said Mark Childers, Baylor's associate vice president for public safety and security.

Childers said Baylor brought in a safety consultant company, Margolis Healy, about a year and a half ago to assess Baylor's existing programs.

"Baylor has grown so much and it was time to reorganize safety and security to better provide and protect Baylor students, faculty and staff," Childers said.

Childers' position was created as a result of the outside assessment, in order to unify all the safety and security groups. Campus police, emergency management, parking and transportation, fire safety and physical security all report to Childers.

The assessment report from Margolis Healy was also responsible for



Sarah Pyo | Lariat Photographer

STRAIGHT OUT OF WACO John Kolinek boasts 25 years worth of police experience in the city of Waco. In his new role as Baylor police captain, Kolinek will augment the precinct's administrative support capabilities.

the recent hire of Kolinek. The report suggested that Baylor Police add another captain, in addition to the patrol captain.

With that suggestion also came the recommendation to hire more officers in order to bring Baylor up to the national average ratio of officers to students. This fall, six new patrol officers will join the force to raise the numbers and keep the campus on

track.

Wigtil said Kolinek joining Baylor law enforcement will be an incremental process as he adjusts to the new environment and meets all of the current and newly hired officers. According to Wigtil, Kolinek is "quite a guy."

"He's a great catch for Baylor University and he will serve the community very well," Childers said.

Twin Peaks shooting left Baylor untouched

HELENA HUNT
Staff Writer

The fatal May 17 biker gang fight at Twin Peaks brought international media attention to Waco this summer, overshadowing efforts to improve Waco's image.

Members of the Waco Police Department were staged at the Central Texas Marketplace restaurant to intervene in the event of a fight. Their intervention, later praised in Waco

Mayor Duncan's related press release, limited the number of casualties to nine people. Approximately 170 suspects were arrested in relation to the fight.

Although Twin Peaks is six miles south of Baylor's campus, the Baylor Police Department was also alerted to the day's potential outbreak of violence.

"The Baylor campus itself was never in any danger, although additional officers were deployed," said

Lori Fogleman, assistant vice president for media communications.

Edmond, Okla., senior Sydney Gunderson, who was in Waco at the time of the fight, only noticed unusual activity when she and a friend drove back to the campus from Cameron Park.

"Police officers were standing outside the Convention Center with guns that looked like AK-47s," she said. "We got closer to ask what was going on but they waved us away."

On campus, Gunderson did not notice any signs of disturbance.

Although Fogleman is not aware of any students that were present at the scene of the fight, no innocent bystanders were killed or wounded. The only victims were members of biker gangs who had come to Twin Peaks for a scheduled meeting.

Although the fight drew attention to Waco and perhaps alarmed parents of Baylor students, both Fogleman and Waco Visitors Bureau Director

Liza Taylor are not concerned with any negative effects the event might have on Waco's image.

"We're not getting a sense from anyone outside Waco that's concerned or terribly concerned," Taylor said.


The Waco Visitors Bureau will continue to focus on positive developments already happening in Waco, like the revitalization of the downtown area. Both the Waco and Baylor police departments remain prepared for additional threats.


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Waco mammoth site named new treasure

STEPHANIE REYES
Staff Writer

The Waco Mammoth Site became a National Monument on July 10 after President Obama signs executive order.

This was made possible after various years of hard work from the City of Waco, Baylor University, The Mayborn Museum, Waco Mammoth Foundation and the Waco community.

Raegan King, the Waco Mammoth Site Program Coordinator for one year and a half insert comma said having the Mammoth Site become a National Monument site, is monumental for this.

"For the President of the United States to say yes this is significant, yes this deserves to be part of the Department of the Interior is validation of everything," King said.

The mammoth site has the nation's only nursery herd of Columbian mammoths that perished 65,000 to 68,000 years ago.

"That is our claim to fame. That's what makes this site so unique of a resource," King said.

At the mammoth site, 23 Columbian mammoths can be seen, 18 of which are females and babies that died simultaneously.

In addition, visitors can go on guided tours every 30 minutes, a free public dig, and a mobile dig program.

"Its just a way to immerse children and families in the science that we offer here so they

can get more from their trip and come back again and do something different," King said.

Baylor's Mayborn Museum, responsibilities include taking care of any bones that were found at the Waco Mammoth Site for study and safe keeping.

In addition to being responsible for the storage and care of the fossil materials, Rebecca Tucker Nall, the Assistant Director of Communication, said the Mayborn Museum also has a section in the inside devoted to the mammoth site.

"People can actually walk over a glass floor and see those bones," Nall said.

The future of the National Monument Waco Mammoth Site is looking bright.

"The potential that more can be found here is also something that excites the National Park Service and is something that Waco is proud of," King said.

The Mammoth Site is located at 6220 Steinbeck Bend Drive and is open from Tuesday through Friday from 11-5 p.m. every and on Saturdays from 9-5 p.m.

The Waco Mammoth National Monument serves as the 408th unit of the National Park Service and as the 14th im Texas.

More information about The Mayborn Museum can be found at www.baylor.edu/mayborn. To find out the details on the National Monument head to their website, www.waco-texas.com/cms-waco-mammoth.



Lariat file photo



Associated Press

RECENT GRADS U.S. Army First Lt. Shaye Haver, center, and Capt. Kristen Griest, right, pose for photos with other female West Point alumni after an Army Ranger school graduation.

Earning their stripes

ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

The first female soldiers to complete the Army's rigorous Ranger School pinned on their black-and-gold Ranger tab at a raucous graduation ceremony Friday, capping their history-making week and putting a spotlight on the debate over women in combat.

With family members, friends, an unusually large media contingent and an all-star cast of former Rangers looking on, First Lt. Shaye Haver of Copperas Cove, Texas, and Capt. Kristen Griest of Orange,

Connecticut, graduated alongside 94 male soldiers at a ceremony on the shore of "Victory Pond."

The women drew national attention for finishing the nine-week program designed to test young soldiers' leadership abilities.

Their success casts new attention on the obstacles that remain to women who aspire to join all-male combat units, including the 75th Ranger Regiment. Although Haver and Griest are now Ranger-qualified, no women are eligible for the elite regiment, although officials say it is among special operations units likely to be opened to

women eventually.

Griest, 26, is a military police officer and has served one tour in Afghanistan. Haver, 25, is a pilot of Apache helicopters. Both are graduates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Of 19 women who began the Ranger course, Haver and Griest are the only two to finish so far; one is repeating a prior phase of training in hopes of graduating soon.

Addressing the graduates, Maj. Gen. Scott Miller said no one should doubt that all 96 graduates met Ranger standards, regardless of their sex, and he congratulated them on proving their mettle.

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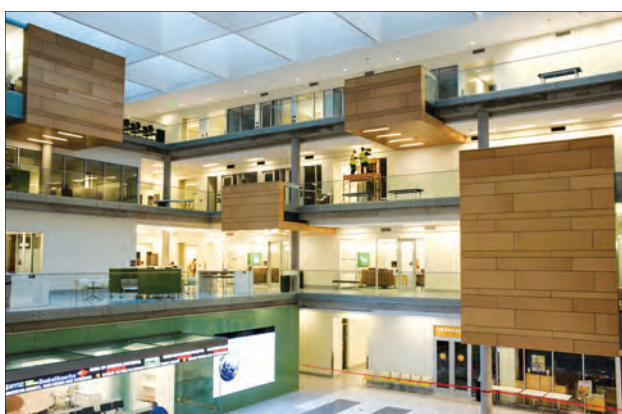
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BUSINESS from Page A1



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The Foster Campus for Business and Innovation will open to students for class on Monday.



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The new campus cost over \$100 million and is 40 percent bigger than the old Hankamer business school complex.



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The new campus is expected to serve 3,300 business students and 200 staff.

Board of Regents approves tuition hike, new renovations at quarterly meeting

HELENA HUNT
Staff Writer

The Baylor Board of Regents approved a 4.5 percent tuition increase for the 2016-17 school year during its quarterly meeting on July 24.

Other topics under discussion were the renovation of the Hankamer Cashion Complex, a \$10 million endowment for the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and the appointment of Sue Getterman as Regent Emerita.

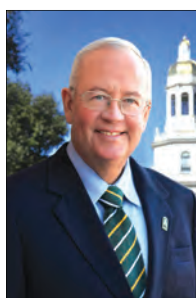
2016-2017 Tuition and Fees Determined

The Board agreed to increase tuition and fees for the 2016-2017 school year by 4.5 percent. This increase is lower than the expected 5 percent for the same period, making it the lowest percentage of increase in over 20 years. After the increase, 2016-2017 tuition will be \$37,996 for the 2016-2017 school year. Tuition for the 2015-2016 academic year is \$36,360.

“Our Regents are committed to reducing tuition increases, growing our endowment and doing everything they can to limit the financial burden on families and students who

wish to pursue a Baylor degree,” President and Chancellor Ken Starr said.

To that end, the Board of Regents has allocated an additional \$15 million to both merit and need-based scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year. The 4.5 percent increase will be allocated to create new research and hiring opportunities and foster the growth of Baylor’s campus.



Starr

Renovation of Hankamer Cashion Complex Approved

The renovation of Hankamer Cashion Complex, which formerly housed the Hankamer School of Business, will begin this fall. The building will now be dedicated to administrative needs, the department of communication sciences and disorders, the department of computer science and the Center for Global Engagement.

The allocation of space was determined by Provost Dr. Edwin Trevathan following consultation with high-growth departments in need of additional space.

Dr. Michaela Ritter, chair of the department of communication sciences and disorders, expressed her enthusiasm for her department’s

new space in the Hankamer Cashion Complex.

“The Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic and the research labs will be housed on the first and second floor of Cashion. Our plans are to double the number of treatment rooms, which will allow us to serve more clients,” Ritter said.

\$10 Million Dollar Donation to Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and Sue Getterman Named Regent Emerita

In addition to new space in Hankamer, the department of communication sciences and disorders will soon benefit from an anonymous \$10 million donation. At the meeting the regents celebrated this endowment and recognized the department’s ability to impact the treatment of communication disorders throughout Texas.

According to Ritter, the funding will provide for additional facilities and research faculty, as well as the department’s research needs. The gift will allow Baylor’s communication sciences department to lead the way in addressing the current shortage of clinical psychologists by preparing graduate students in world-class facilities.

“We are very appreciative of the endowment, which is allowing us to be transformative,” Ritter said.

The meeting was also the first for Sue Getterman, an esteemed Baylor alumna, as Regent Emerita. Although she has already served three terms as a Regent from 2001-2010, Getterman’s new role on the Board distinguishes her as one of Baylor’s foremost leaders and supporters.

“We are deeply grateful for Ted and Sue, and it is a great honor for us to recognize the remarkable service of Sue Getterman with the lifetime designation of Regent Emerita,” said Richard Willis, chairman of the Board of Regents.

Among her many roles at Baylor, Getterman has served as a member of the Judge R.E.B. Baylor Society, Old Main Society, the 1845 society and the Golden Bear Circle of the Endowed Scholarship Society. In addition, she has been a generous supporter of the Honors College, the School of Music, the School of Education and many other departments and programs at Baylor.

“It’s a lifetime honorary designation because of the service she’s done to the university,” said Lori Fogleman, Baylor University’s Media Communications representative.

Sue Getterman joins fellow Regents Emeriti Drayton McLane, Jr. and George C. Anson in the non-voting, honorary position.

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Title IX coordinator advocates for equal campus

STEPHANIE REYES

Staff Writer

With sexual discrimination on the rise on college campuses across the United States, Patty Crawford, Baylor's first Title IX coordinator, is taking steps to inform all students.

According to Baylor's Title IX page, Baylor University's

of Title IX.

Crawford pointed out that one in five women during their college experience have an attempted or completed sexual assault statistic.

"This data is highly researched and to make it even

"... It's important that we, as a community and a campus, that we're informed and engaged bystanders so that we can prevent discrimination from occurring on our campus."

Patty Crawford | Baylor's Title IX Coordinator



Courtesy photo

EQUALITY FOR ALL Patty Crawford is Baylor's first Title XI Coordinator, and works to ensure the campus is free of all forms of discrimination and harassment.

policy is to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. It prohibits discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence, based on sex in the university's educational programs and activities.

The Department of Education has issued the Dear Colleague letter to explain the requirements of Title IX that do cover sexual violence. It reminds schools of their responsibilities to take immediate and effective steps to respond to sexual violence in accordance with the requirements

sadder 80 percent of sexual assaults aren't reported," Crawford said.

Like various acts of crime and violence, Crawford said, sexual violence could happen anywhere and at anytime and perpetrators often know who their victims are.

"We know that 80 percent of perpetrators are acquaintances or friends of victims," Crawford said.

Crawford said incoming freshmen are the highest at risk in the category of sexual discrimination, especially in the first few months of their

freshman year.

She added that the Title IX office at Baylor makes it a priority to have equal opportunities for all students to be successful.

With social media on the rise on college campus nationwide, the question of how social media plays a part in sexual discrimination is one that

needs to be asked.

Gabrielle Lyons, Title IX Investigator, said social media has played a part in her investigations regarding sexual discrimination.

"It helps bring to light issues that have been happening in the shadows for so long and so it's been in my experience as an investigator that if a person

is exhibiting harassing behavior in person they will also likely exhibit that behavior online," Lyons said.

As a Title IX investigator at Baylor, Lyons job is to investigate the cases of sexual harassment or sexual discrimination that the Title IX office receives.

Lyons said having a community that is informed and

engaged is key to preventing any discrimination from happening on Baylor's campus.

"Something we talk about in our prevention and awareness training is that it's important that we as a community and a campus that we're informed and engaged bystanders so that we can prevent discrimination from occurring on our campus," Lyons said.

Lyon said advice she has for incoming freshmen and returning students in the fall is to know the rights they have as students when it comes to receiving an education free from sexual discrimination.

Crawford said the Title IX office is ready to open up training opportunities for any on campus clubs or associations and that the training consists of discussion and conversation based activities.

"It's all very much discussion based and conversation activities, so it goes really fast and its direct and impactful," Crawford said.

The Title IX office will host an event on Tuesday at Waco Hall for all new undergraduate students

In addition, this upcoming year the Title IX office is starting the "It's On Us" campaign on campus. This campaign hopes to spread sexual assault violence awareness and prevention.



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POWER UP U.S President Barack Obama delivers remarks on the Clean Power Plan at a White House event Aug. 3.

Power Plan will likely harm poor Americans

NICOLAS LORIS

The Heritage Foundation (TNS)

"We know that low-income, minority communities would be hardest hit."

That's Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy, speaking about the higher energy prices that would result from the Obama administration's recently announced climate regulations on power plants.

The Clean Power Plan, which will require drastic cuts in 47 states' carbon dioxide emissions - consequently shifting America's energy economy away from affordable, reliable coal - will adversely impact poor, minority families the most.

McCarthy downplayed that fact by saying any minimal higher prices would be offset by implementing energy efficiency measures that would save consumers money in the long run.

In fact, as part of the regulation, the EPA "prioritizes early investment in energy efficiency projects in low-income communities by the federal government, awarding these projects double the number of credits in 2020 and 2021."

But energy efficiency programs won't save low- and fixed-income families. While the median family spends about 5 cents out of every dollar on energy costs, low-

income families spend about 20 cents of every dollar.

And the economic pain from the regulations won't be simply the direct costs of higher energy prices. It will be the higher prices for all the goods we purchase. Energy, after all, is a necessary component to manufacture those goods.

Besides, federal and state programs already exist to promote energy savings for low-income families. Through the Department of Energy's annual budget, taxpayers fund a weatherization assistance program to make efficiency upgrades in homes, and many state programs exist doing the same. However, many of these programs overpromise and underdeliver on energy savings.

Sherzod Abdulkadirov, a research fellow on regulatory studies at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, writes:

One recent study examined the DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program, which helps low-income families improve energy efficiency of their homes by, among other things, paying for furnace replacement.

The study found that the DOE's models used to calculate the expected energy savings actually overestimated the savings 2.5 times.

Veteran celebrates 99th year

PENNYLYNN WEBB

Associated Press

William L. "Bill" Ward, a native of Anderson County and WWII Purple Heart veteran celebrated his 99th birthday on Aug. 17.

Ward grew up in Elkhart. He recalls his childhood as "normal" and "happy." Ward enlisted in the US Air Force during World War II and was a waist gunner on a B-17 aircraft that was called "The Spirit of America."

Ward would serve in two tours of duty and fly on 43 missions, crossing the English Channel 42 times. He

was stationed in several European counties, including Belgium, France and Holland. During WWII, Ward reports that he helped to shoot down many planes but got credit for shooting down one plane down solo.

Only July 4, 1943, Ward was wounded on his fifth mission when he was hit in the chest with shrapnel from a 20 mm but stayed at his post and kept on firing at the Germans. This would earn him a Silver Star, a Purple Heart and an Air Medal.

After retiring from the military, Ward became a lineman for Texas Power & Light. When asked if he liked his

job, he said, "I must have. I stayed with it."

Ward was married to his late wife, Maxine for 62 years. The couple was blessed with four children, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

When Ward was 95 he was interviewed with his longtime Air Corp buddy Herman E. Molen at a World War II plane display in Palestine. The two met in 1942 and have been friends ever since. Molen, who is from Mabank, was shot in the face during the war and was a POW. His POW experience was featured in the Hollywood movie "Stalag17" starring William

Holden in the role of Molen. That interview can be seen on youtube.com under the title "B-17 Display Reunites World War II Buddies."

Ward attributes his longevity to "clean living." His goal it to make it to the triple digits and is already planning his party for the "BIG 100."

Karen Coble, one of Ward's home health care aides, said that Ward is an early riser who enjoys reading the morning paper and watching Wheel of Fortune. He also enjoys going out to eat for a good homestyle hamburger and drives through town to reminisces about his life and the history of Palestine.

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Former football player convicted of sexual assault

RALPH RUSSO
Associated Press

Baylor University says it will conduct an investigation into the handling of sexual assault allegations by the school against a football player who was allowed to transfer into the program by coach Art Briles despite a history of disciplinary problems at Boise State.

Following the conviction of defensive end Sam Ukwuachu on sexual assault charges, Baylor President Ken Starr called for a "comprehensive internal inquiry into the circumstances associated with the case the conduct of the offices involved."

"Sexual violence of any kind has no place at Baylor University," Starr said in a mass email. "We do not need a jury verdict to inform a perspective of human dignity that is so germane to our Christian mission."

The review will be led by law professor Jeremy Counsellor, who is a faculty athletic representative to the Big 12 and NCAA and former assistant criminal district attorney.

The 22-year-old Ukwuachu was sentenced to six months in jail and put on 10 years of probation Friday in Texas district court for sexually assaulting a former Baylor women's soccer player last year.

The case has brought scrutiny to Baylor for its internal investigation of the allegations, which resulted in no penalties against Ukwuachu.

Briles said in a statement Friday that he spoke with then-Boise State coach Chris Petersen about Ukwuachu when the player was looking to transfer, but was never told of incidents of violence toward women. Petersen is now coaching Washington.

"I know and respect Coach Petersen and he would never recommend a student-athlete to Baylor that he didn't believe in. In our discussion, he did not disclose that there had been violence toward women, but he did tell me of a rocky relationship with his girlfriend which contributed to (Ukwuachu's) depression," Briles said. "The only disciplinary action I was aware of were team-related issues, insubordination of coaches and missing practice."

Briles also said he spoke with Ukwuachu's high school coach.

"As required with any transfer to Baylor, Boise State acknowledged that he was not suspended due to any institutional disciplinary reasons and further that he was eligible for competition if he chose to return to Boise State," Briles said.

After Briles spoke, the Washington coach released a statement.

"I thoroughly apprised Coach Briles of the circumstances surrounding Sam's disciplinary record and dismissal," Peterson said.

Dorm undergoes refurbishment

REUBIN TURNER
Senior Staff Writer

Freshmen began moving into North and South Russell Halls on Wednesday, after a year-long closure due to a \$28 million refurbishment that was part of a \$135 million master plan to refurbish residential facilities across campus.

North and South Russell, built in 1962 and 1967, respectively, will house over 600 students and now contain two new living and learning programs that are centered around academic programs of interest to the halls' residents.

Changes to the halls include increased study and lounge spaces and the addition of a large community kitchen, classroom and seminar room.

Curtis Odle, assistant director for facilities and operations, said the university decided to extend these areas to increase the number of locations students had to study.

"We really wanted to emphasize the academic setting of the residents who live here," Odle said.

One of the biggest changes to the hall is the fact that North Russell will now house men. In years past, both North and South Russell were available exclusively to females.

The total cost of refurbishment to these halls was approximately \$28 million, \$3 million less than proposed renovations to Penland Hall, which is currently being refurbished and will be closed for one year.

In addition, Odle said the new furniture gives students increased flexibility to arrange rooms to their liking, which will help students in the areas of space and organization.

Other than new furnishings in both the lobby and the residents' rooms, Tiffany Lowe, director for campus living and learning, said there were other goals they wanted to accomplish with the refurbishment of the halls.

This included bringing more natural light into common areas such as the lobby and hallways.

"Bringing in more natural light into the building serves a lot of purposes, namely creating a study-friendly environment and helping to generate a social setting for the students," Lowe



Stephen Nunnelee | Videographer

IN WITH THE NEW With the new setup of North Russell Residence Hall rooms, students will have more flexibility to arranging their living quarters.

said.

Dr. Jennifer Good, acting director of the University Scholars Program, will serve as faculty in residence for North Russell, while Dr. Mona Choucair, a senior lecturer in the English department, will serve as the faculty in residence for South Russell.

Choucair, who said she is affectionately known as Momma Mona to the residents, said having a position like faculty-in-residence helps to bridge the gap between students and faculty on a more personal level.

"I'm really honored and proud to be able to share this beautiful apartment

with students, and that actually is one of the greatest benefits of this job," Choucair said.

Lowe said thus far, receptions from former students who lived in North or South Russell and have seen the refurbishments have been positive.

Last year, she said, residents were able to vote on the furniture they wanted to see in the new residence hall. She said a majority of the students voted for the same furniture housed in East Village.

"Feedback has been very good so far, and it could be because we let students take an active role in deciding what they wanted to see in the new residence halls,"

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Bush competes for tea party support

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Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Casting himself as a tax-cutting, passionate government reformer, Jeb Bush drew merely polite applause Friday from thousands of the nation's most-active tea party conservatives gathered at the billionaire industrialist Koch brothers' summit.

Only when the Republican presidential candidate wrapped up his 20-minute speech by calling for a military buildup did the more than 3,000 conservatives from around the nation join in a sustained cheer for Bush, a familiar face in American politics but a newcomer in front of the tea party crowd.

"I promise you, if I'm elected president of the United States, I will restore the traditional role of the United States as a leader for peace and security," Bush declared at the annual summit of Americans for Prosperity.

He snapped a salute to the audience before he left the stage.

Industrialists Charles and David Koch have cracked open a door to tea party support for Bush, a welcome opportunity for the former Florida governor whose presidential competitors include several big tea party success stories.

He was addressing the Kochs' flagship conservative political organization's annual summit for the first time.

For most of his speech, even Bush's most impassioned lines were met with only applause during an event that has the feel of a rock concert, complete with pyrotechnics during the National Anthem and a Olympic-style torch inside the convention hall.

"We are going to win as conservatives if we solve problems by reforming things for everybody," Bush said, his voice echoing until applause began to trickle across the hall.

The Kochs introduced Bush earlier this month to some of the most generous donors in their political network. And about a month ago, Bush shared the stage with a top Americans for Prosperity official at a town hall in New Hampshire, the first primary state.

Such overtures are giving him a chance to develop goodwill among activists and donors aligned with the tea party, the limited-government movement that came to prominence two years after Bush left office in Florida in 2007. Supporters hope his performance in Columbus could help him poach some of the activists who worked to elect Sens. Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz and Rand Paul, and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, all of them now presidential contenders.

"There are some things in his record we like, and want to hear more about his economic agenda and how he's going to get this country moving," Americans for Prosperity President Tim Phillips said about Bush. "We're not endorsing anyone. But for those reasons, we're glad to have him at the summit."

Bush noted what he sees as a key difference between himself and tea party favorites Rubio of Florida and Cruz of Texas, who speak to the summit Saturday. "Talking about it is fine. But now we need leadership," Bush said.

Jindal addressed the convention Friday. Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry is also scheduled to speak Saturday.

Notably absent is Ohio's own Gov. John Kasich, whose office is less than a mile from the convention hall. Americans for Prosperity objected strongly to his acceptance of federal money in exchange for expanding Ohio's state-run health insurance program for poor people under the 2010 health care law.

Levi Russell, a spokesman for Americans for Prosperity, declined to say whether Kasich was invited.

Bush's record governing Florida for eight years beginning in 1999 holds potential appeal for tea party activists, Phillips said. Bush cut taxes and reformed health care and education. Yet some Florida spending grew under Bush's watch, a time of economic growth just before the recession began.

It's obvious, not everyone milling in the hallway before Bush's speech was ready to embrace him as their own.

"He's not part of my top three," said Kelly Gunderson of suburban Minneapolis before the speech. Although afterward, she said, "It was a really good speech, and I agreed with several points."

David White said Bush's last name still gives him pause.

"From what I know now, no," White, a southeast Ohio county commissioner, said about supporting Bush. "Some of that is the fact that he's a Bush."

Phillips indicated that Bush's perceived campaign strength — including his fundraising — is one reason some Americans for Prosperity supporters are taking a closer look at him. Bush and an allied super PAC raised \$114 million in the first six months of the year, giving him more than double the resources of any other GOP contender.

"There is no perfect candidate," Phillips said. "Losing on principle only goes so far."

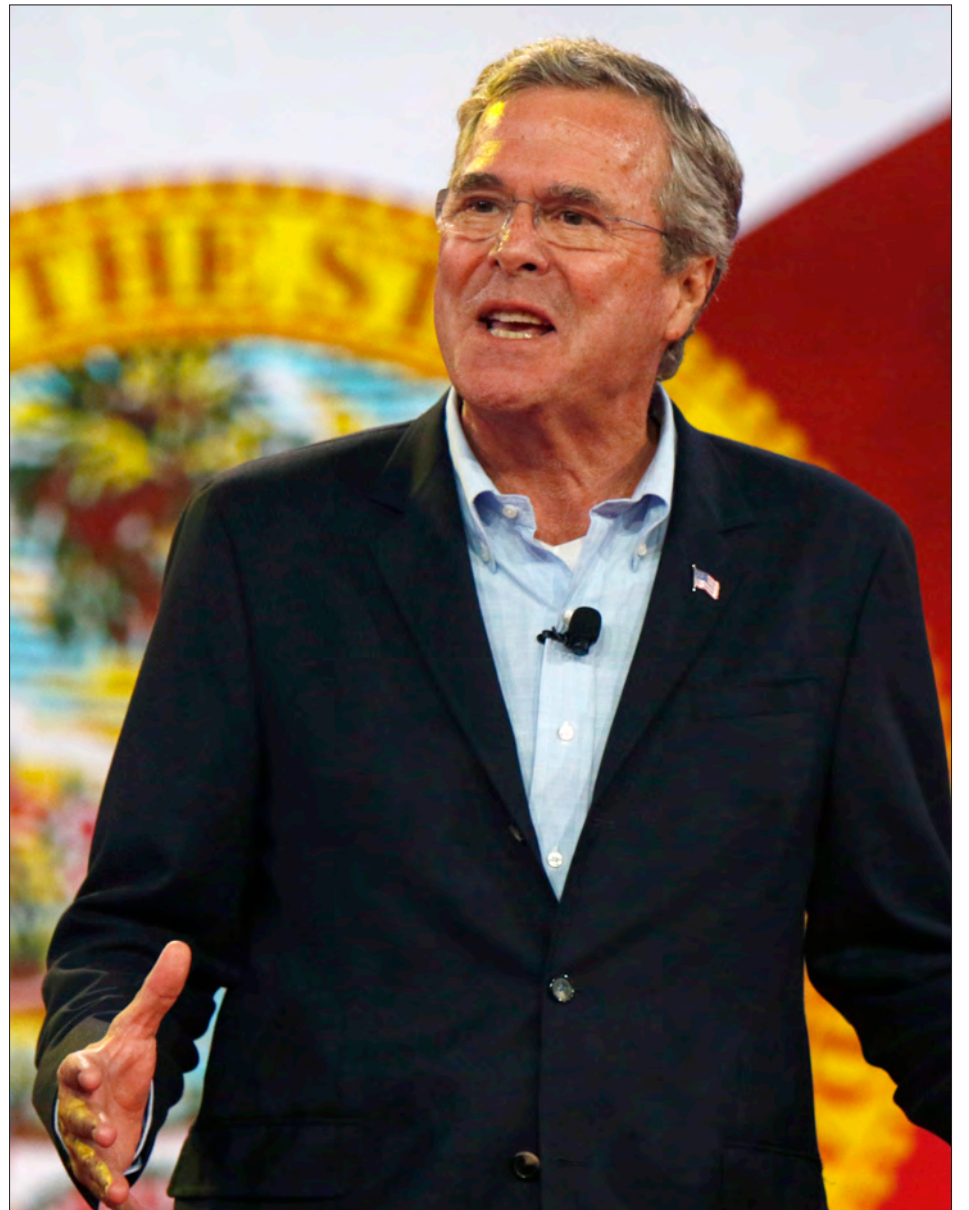
Bush's foray into the Kochs' political network holds a bit of irony: The brothers ramped

up their engagement in 2003 partly as a reaction to what they perceived as out-of-control government spending by President George W. Bush, Jeb Bush's brother.

At the beginning of the month, Jeb Bush became the first member of his family to speak at a Koch donor summit, this one held at a luxury resort in Dana Point, California. The 400 attendees provide funding for Koch-approved political

and policy groups and educational causes that will spend an estimated \$889 million this year and next, much of it aimed at the 2016 elections.

The donor group also heard from Walker, Rubio, Cruz and former technology executive Carly Fiorina. Bush was received warmly. One donor, Maryland automobile dealer John Pohanka, described himself as "a Jeb fan."



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Republican presidential candidate, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, speaks at the Defending the American Dream summit hosted by Americans for Prosperity Friday, Aug. 21, 2015, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio.



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Poll finds no minority gap in tech

AP Poll: No lag on tech use by black, Hispanic millennials

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A new poll finds African-American and Hispanic millennials are just as technologically connected and likely to get news through social media as regularly as their white counterparts, further narrowing the risk of people of color being left behind technologically.

Overall, 57 percent of millennials say they get news and information from Facebook at least once a day, and 81 percent say they get it from Facebook at least once a week. The poll also found that Hispanics and African-Americans are just as likely as any millennials to have a paid news subscription.

There was little differentiation between racial groups getting news from Facebook, the poll found. But about half of African-American millennials said they comment on news stories posted to Facebook, compared to about 3 in 10 whites and Hispanics.

The findings suggest that, despite fears that millennials — those 18-34 years old — may not be going to traditional sources for news, they are clearly getting news from social media.

"People of color are very wired and just as adept in using technology," said Tom Rosenstiel, executive director of the American Press Institute, which funded the study. "If you want a subject that hasn't been covered in the mainstream, millennials have found

ways to get at that information through community sharing more than traditional ways. The way they get news is heavily influenced by topic."

In general, 64 percent of millennials say they read and watch news online regularly, including 66 percent of African-Americans, according to the poll, which was conducted by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and the American Press Institute. Sixty-five percent of white millennials say they keep up with the news online, while Hispanics were slightly less likely to say so, at 53 percent.

In the 1990s, policymakers and advocacy groups expressed concern that minorities would have less access to technology than whites, a situation labeled the "digital divide." Over time, however, minorities emerged among the biggest users of certain forms of technology, such as smartphones.

The AP-NORC study found no evidence to suggest that African-Americans' and Hispanics' use of technology lags behind whites, with nearly all millennials using a smartphone and half using a tablet.

African-Americans are also more likely to use Facebook for keeping up with what's "trending" on social media — 41 percent of African-Americans compared with 29 percent of whites and 24 percent of Hispanics.

Those who are Hispanic or African-American are more likely than white millennials



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TECHNOLOGY In this Jan. 5, 2011, file photo, Tyrell Coley, 21, holds his iPhone displaying his Twitter account in the Queens borough of New York. A new poll finds African American millennials are just as engaged in getting news online as their white counterparts, further debunking a long-held belief that people of color are at risk of being left behind technologically. The AP-NORC study found no evidence to suggest that African Americans and Hispanics lag behind in terms of technology use with nearly all millennials across racial and ethnic groups using a smartphone, and half using a tablet.

to get news and information from YouTube (38 percent of Hispanics compared with 33 percent of African Americans and 20 percent of whites) and Instagram (30 percent of Hispanics compared with 45 percent of African-Americans and 19 percent of whites).

According to Rosenstiel, YouTube's popularity partially stems from users' ability to produce content without gatekeepers.

"We see topics that aren't mainstream finding a big

audience — a lot of gamers, comedy, news commentary. As something goes mainstream, young people look for new channels to exercise some control," he said.

Streaming music, TV or movies is the most commonly cited online activity among African-Americans, while keeping up with what their friends are doing is the most commonly cited online activity among Hispanics. For white millennials, checking and sending email was most

common.

"What we've seen is millennials' similarities are much greater than the differences people thought that there were going to be," Rosenstiel said of the online experience. "We've created new common ground."

The survey of 1,045 young adults, including 163 non-Hispanic African-Americans and 162 Hispanics, was conducted from Jan. 5 through Feb. 2, 2015. It was conducted by the Media Insight Project, a partnership between the AP-

NORC Center and the American Press Institute, which funded the study.

The survey was conducted using online interviews in English and Spanish done with a random sample of adults age 18-34 who were initially recruited and screened to take part in the survey over the phone. Results from the full survey have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points. The margin of error is higher for subgroups.

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