



BU selects first female president

George Washington University School of Business dean, professor named 15th Baylor president

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Staff Writer

Baylor has announced Linda A. Livingstone as the university’s 15th president. Set to take office June 1, she will be the university’s first female president. She is currently the dean and professor at the George Washington University School of Business.

Baylor Media reported in an email that Livingstone was the unanimous choice of the Board of Regents and was recommended by the Presidential Search Committee.

Before she was at George Washington University, she served as a dean of Pepperdine University’s Graziadio School of Business and Management and associate dean and associate professor in Baylor’s Hankamer School of Business.

“I am humbled and honored to be selected as the 15th president of Baylor University,” Livingstone wrote in the email. “I chose to begin my academic career at Baylor in significant part because of Baylor’s Christian mission. To return to Baylor to partner with the exceptional faculty, staff, students and administrators to fulfill the University’s vision to be a top-tier research institution, committed to excellence in all aspects of university life, while strengthening the Christian mission is an opportunity I look forward to with enthusiasm.”

In a teleconference Tuesday afternoon, Livingstone said she is honored to return to Baylor and said Baylor’s faith and superb academics are the reasons she started her academic career at Baylor in 1991.

“Baylor holds such a unique and significant place in higher education, scholarship, academics, all while maintaining their Christian commitment,” Livingstone said. “I am looking forward to the future of Baylor, we have a tremendous opportunity here. There is tremendous passion among the Baylor family and I look forward to working with the entire Baylor community.”

Livingstone and Ronald Murff, chairman of the Board of Regents, both acknowledged the significance of Livingstone being Baylor’s first female president, but Murff said the committee did



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IN WITH THE NEW Baylor University has selected Dr. Linda A. Livingstone, current dean and professor of management at the George Washington University School of Business, as the institution’s 15th president.

not seek out a women president in light of the recent sexual assault scandal but rather searched for the best person for the job. He is confident Livingstone is the best selection.

“This is not the first time in my career I have been the first women to do something so I am certain I can take that responsibility on,” Livingstone said. “I am the right person regardless of what my gender is. I take [issues of sexual assault] very seriously, and they are important issues for every person in the community. At Baylor, we are going to do the right thing, certainly according to the law but beyond that, and provide a safe and healthy environment for our students.”

















In the conference, Livingstone was asked point blank if every student found guilty of sexual assault would be expelled, and Livingstone said issues of sexual assault will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Livingstone’s time at Pepperdine University overlapped for almost six years with former Baylor President Ken Starr’s time as Dean of Pepperdine University’s School of Law.

When asked about new programs she would like to put in place, she said that before she decides anything she is going to do a lot of listening to and visiting with individuals on campus and across the university community.

“Foundationally and at the core of the university is the desire to strengthen the Christian mission and academia and to ensure the safety and security of

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* 1898: John C. Lattimore served as interim president
* 2005-06: William D. Underwood served as interim president
* 2008-10, 2016-17: David Garland served as interim president
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Organization hosts cross-cultural dinner

JOY MOTON
Staff Writer

Students gathered in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center for a Cross-Cultural Engagement dinner with the African Student Association on Tuesday evening. Students ate a traditional Ethiopian dinner as a panel of three students from various parts of Africa discussed their experiences

growing up in America as people of African descent.

Alexandria, La., senior Mima Fondong, president of the African Student Association, is originally from Cameroon and said it was hard for her parents to understand what she went through growing up in a new country because although they had been young once, they did not experience the struggle of growing

up in America.

She said that while other people live in large cities where there were subcultures of people from Africa, she lived in a small town where she only met one or two people from other countries. She tried to mask her culture because she did not have anyone to relate to, she said.

“That was kind of hard, but being at Baylor and having subcultures here

definitely helped me to embrace my culture and be proud of it,” Fondong said.

Little Elm senior Serra John said she grew up in a very traditional household. She said she had a tough time finding a balance because it took her a long time to learn English. Having to learn to assimilate into the American lifestyle was difficult, but she said her culture has remained a

strong part of who she is.

She explained that she loves attending traditional weddings, eating her mother’s cooking, not having to speak English at home, dressing up in traditional clothes and seeing her family.

“I absolutely love everything about my culture. When I go home I

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Seniors present theses during Honors Week

RYLEE SEEVERS
Staff Writer

The Honors College’s 25th annual J. Harry and Anna Jeanes Academic Honors Week is underway. During this week, undergraduate students present thesis research papers and attend a banquet.

Events began Tuesday and will conclude Friday with the academic convocation. Academic Honors Week is a recognition of the

opportunities provided to undergraduate students through the Honors College.

Throughout the week, all graduating seniors in the honors program will be presenting thesis research projects, said Dr. Thomas Hibbs, dean of the Honors College. The honors thesis is an opportunity for students in the Honors College to work intensively on one subject with the counsel of a faculty member that has knowledge on the subject,



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

MISCHIEF MANAGED Belton senior Melissa Rosario Montgomery shares her thesis on “Sociology Through Harry Potter” on Tuesday in 115 Alexander.

Hibbs said. These thesis projects sometimes lead to internships, graduate school admission and other opportunities, Hibbs said.

“It allows them to connect their career goals

with what they are doing academically,” Hibbs said.

Hibbs also said that the mark of a successful research university is one that provides opportunities and encourages undergraduate

and graduate students to conduct independent research.

Dr. Albert Beck, admissions and advisement

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Cherish the moments with family; they won't last forever

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Broadcast Managing Editor

This time three years ago, I was a senior in high school, and I was just itching to leave the town I grew up in and begin a new adventure. It felt like college couldn't come fast enough. Now that I am on the other end of my college journey and graduation is drawing closer, I have realized how much harder it is to leave home.



I love adventure, and my college years have been filled with it. I studied abroad in Italy; I spent a semester in Washington, D.C., during the presidential election; I covered the inauguration in D.C. and recently took a trip to New York City. I don't have any problems leaving home or trying new things. In fact, I thrive on it. But with only one semester left of college, I have realized that my few visits home will soon become even fewer, and my adventures away from my parents will last even longer.

When I graduate, I will be pursuing a career in broadcast journalism and will likely be moving around to different stations every few years. Right off the bat, I would love to leave Texas when I do get that first job. I have no idea where I will actually end up, but to me, the idea of exploring the world is extremely exciting and is something I have been looking forward to.

But now it is becoming real. I have registered for classes for the last time, I have been working on the resume reel I will use to apply for jobs, and I have really begun thinking about where I might want to live.

While part of me is excited for this new chapter of my life to begin, there is another part of me that wishes I could be a little kid still living at home. Deep down, I am a homebody and I love spending time with my family. They are the most important people in my life, and I always cherish the time I get to spend with them. It hit me this past weekend when I went home to celebrate Easter with them because this time next year I won't be able to just go home.

I have noticed that I have begun to appreciate my parents more and the little moments we share together. Whether it is getting a pedicure with my mom or just going on a long car ride with my dad, I have made sure to really enjoy each moment with them because I know those moments will soon become fewer and farther between.

I wish I could tell my high school self not to be in such of a big rush to leave the house, and to enjoy the time before college just a little bit more. I wish I could tell my college self that it was OK to go home a little more often. And I know I will be telling my future self to enjoy the moments I do get to spend at home, knowing just how much harder the goodbyes become.

I have realized that no matter how excited I am to pursue a new adventure, I will always miss my parents and the moments we share together.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome, President Livingstone

The state of Baylor's presidential office has had its share of ups and downs recently, to say the least. From Starr's firing to the limbo of Interim President David Garland's tenure — the position has been anything but stable.

But finally, after months of deliberation, the board has been able to report some good news to the Baylor family: They have found their 15th president of Baylor in Dr. Linda Livingstone.

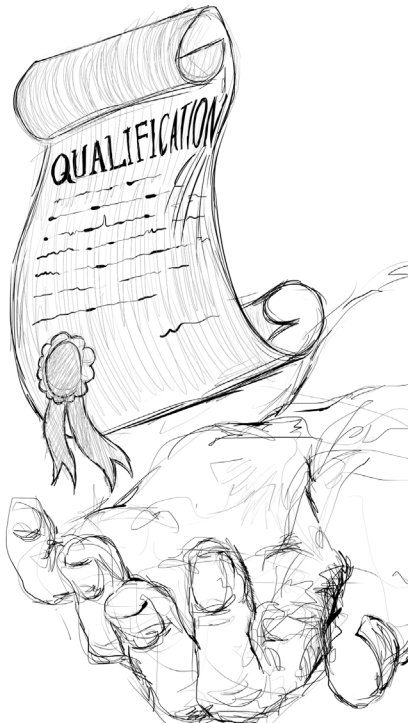
While there are plenty of reasons to celebrate this new hire, one of the biggest pieces of news is that Livingstone is the first woman president in the history of the university. There is reason to be excited about this historic moment, but placing our focus on her gender diminishes the importance of her hiring.

Bringing excessive attention to the fact that she is a woman overshadows all of her accomplishments as an individual.

She expressed this sentiment herself after the announcement of her presidency, saying, "I am the right person regardless of what my gender is. I take [issues of sexual assault] very seriously, and they are important issues for every person in the community. At Baylor we are going to do the right thing, certainly according to the law but beyond that, and provide a safe and healthy environment for our students."

Livingstone has proven herself to be an extremely qualified individual. A graduate of Oklahoma State University, Livingstone holds a bachelor's degree in economics and management, a master's degree in business administration and a doctorate in management and organizational behavior.

On top of her stellar academic resume, she has also taught in the department of management at Baylor University, has held the position of dean of the Graziadio School of Business at Pepperdine



Joshua Kim|Cartoonist

University and currently serves as the dean of the George Washington University School of Business. She is excellently suited for the position of president and has earned her position through experience as well as academic expertise.

We should expect nothing but the best from Livingstone, who is assuming her position at Baylor during one of the most tumultuous times in our history. We believe that Livingstone is more than capable of handling the current Title IX situation and improving the lives of sexual assault survivors along with the rest of the student body and the staff.

However, we sincerely hope that her gender has not put her at a perceived advantage because

we hold to the belief that any president who is elected to this office by the Board of Regents, regardless of whether they are male or female, should be able to handle this sensitive situation with grace and poise.

And with that said, Dr. Livingstone, we are excited to welcome you to the Baylor family. But as a university that is hurting and healing during a turbulent time, we have a high standard for someone that our community looks to as a leader.

We hope you will be someone who listens to your students and faculty, because have seen what happens when too many people turn their ears away from the people they represent.

We hope you are someone who maintains a presence on campus.

We believe it is imperative that the personalized experience at Baylor remains and that this is best done so through an active interaction with the students.

We hope you are a president who is unabashedly transparent — alack thereof has proven to be detrimental to this university's image and has taken a toll on the internal morale.

And lastly, we hope you are a president who will valiantly move to change this university for the better — that you will rebuild the compassionate atmosphere we all found when we chose to come to Baylor, that you will facilitate the change of the university itself and that you will revive the Baylor that has been hurt and humbled into a place we are all proud to call our alma matter.

COLUMN

Pepsi ad never aimed to incite protests

KASSIDY WOYTEK

Reporter

The infamous Pepsi commercial starring Kendall Jenner, released earlier this month, outraged many viewers by incorporating protest imagery and implying that social injustices could be solved by something as simple as offering a policeman a soft drink.

The video wasn't even online for 24 hours before Pepsi pulled the ad with an accompanying statement saying, "Clearly we missed the mark, and we apologize. We did not intend to make light of any serious issue."

I think it's a shame that Pepsi felt the need to apologize.

The majority of angry responses on Twitter stemmed from the false assumption that the commercial was specifically referring to violence between police officers and African-Americans.

The New York Times article on the advertisement even said it "borrowed imagery from the Black Lives Matter movement" and "trivialized the killings of black people by

police."

Further adding to the misconception was the comparison of a shot of Kendall Jenner to a photo of Black Lives Matter activist Ieshia Evans standing in opposition to police.

Bjorn Charpentier, the ad's director of photography, said in an interview with TMZ that the commercial wasn't an homage to the photograph of Ieshia Evans or by the Black Lives Matter movement at all. Instead, the inspiration came from photographs of Vietnam War protesters offering flowers to police officers.

While the commercial did feature African-Americans, it also represented people of a wide range of races, religions and sexual orientations.

Featuring nothing but vague signs such as, "Join the conversation" and "Love," Jenner and her horde of attractive young people could have been protesting just about anything. Ironically, the generic nature of the fictional protest was probably a deliberate attempt by Pepsi to be as inoffensive as possible.

Another concern many people had with the ad was that the lighthearted tone made important protests throughout history seem like trivial social gatherings rather than dangerous, risky work.

Among those who expressed this sentiment was Bernice King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr., who tweeted, "If only

Daddy would have known about the power of #Pepsi."

I think it's important to put the video in context before getting offended. First and foremost, the advertisement's purpose was to convince consumers to buy Pepsi because it's a drink that people of all backgrounds and beliefs can enjoy together.

Is the fictional protest in the commercial a realistic depiction of the struggles of different marginalized groups? Absolutely not. However, we have to remember that very few commercials are accurate depictions of reality. Pepsi employees are not truly suggesting that offering someone a soft drink can solve anyone's problems.

Some argued that the Pepsi ad failed because they didn't reference a specific movement or take a side. While it's true that many brands nowadays do make political statements in advertisements, they have no obligation to do so and shouldn't be punished for staying neutral.

While it's true that the commercial was cheesy, idealistic and a contrived attempt at pandering to the millennial generation, at least it had a positive message of unity. The Pepsi ad never pretended to be anything other than a soda commercial, and it's a shame that the brand now suffers for it.

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Students speak up

Texas college students weigh in on sexual assault, Title IX during Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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Staff Writer

For Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Lariat talked to students from several universities across Texas about what Title IX means to them.

What does Title IX mean to you?

Marburger: To me, I think Title IX is the equal opportunity for women and girls to have the right to not be excluded from activities or other programs. I think it's important to recognize and not discriminate people based on sex. I think now people realize that women see themselves differently but in a good way.

Parker: I think Title IX doesn't allow sex discrimination.

Godoy: Title IX means equality between all men and women and no discrimination between races and sexual orientation.

Rowton: Title IX is a law that stands up against sexual assault and discrimination.

Why is it important for colleges to recognize sexual assault awareness month?

Marburger: It's important for colleges to recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month because schools need to implement training and educational programs to help

make students more aware of the seriousness of this issue. I think it's important for men and women to be aware of the dangers of this and do their part in stopping it from happening. Of course I'm sure

many campuses haven't pushed the need to address this issue, but I think it's important that colleges enforce it.

Parker: It's important because sexual assault is becoming such a



Samantha Marburger
UNT freshman



Ashtlyn Parker
Texas State freshman



Saidee Godoy
Texas A&M freshman



Montana Rowton
UT Austin sophomore

“normal” situation, causing people to turn the other way and avoid it. If we are able to recognize it during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, then we should be able to help the people who go through something like that and help them find the support they need.

Godoy: Because there's higher numbers within college campuses of sexual assault because alcohol is very present and students are still pretty naive.

Rowton: Sexual assault happens a lot, especially on college campuses, and it's often overlooked. Sometimes it can be uncomfortable to talk about it, but we have to because it happens, and it happens more than we realize. Talking about sexual assault and educating students can be even more effective than laws like Title IX in my opinion. Sexual assault goes beyond reporting ,too. Survivors need to know about the resources after the report and that they have support from their classmates on campus too.

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coordinator for the Honors Program, wrote in an email to the Lariat that the thesis presentations are usually the culmination of two years of work for honors students and represent considerable time and effort.

“For the Baylor community, this is an opportunity for other students and faculty to see the fruit of the thesis process. For the student making the presentation, this is often great training for graduate or professional school where scholarship will continue to be shared with the larger academy,” Beck wrote.

There are over 100 students completing their honors thesis this semester, according to Beck.

A banquet will be held on Wednesday for all graduating seniors and their faculty mentors. Three previous honors program graduates will speak to the current seniors about the impacts their thesis projects had on their education and opportunities after graduation.

The academic convocation on Friday will recognize outstanding students from across Baylor, not just in the Honors College, Hibbs said. Each major from across the university nominates an outstanding student that will be recognized at the convocation.

Jolene Damoiseaux, Baylor alumnus and founder and executive director of Mother on the Move, will be speaking at the convocation.

Hibbs said that taking on a large research project for students who are often around age 21 or 22 is a very impressive achievement. Being able to present the project to other students and faculty and take questions also shows a high intellectual achievement, he said.

“It’s an opportunity for students to put together all the skills that they’ve learned, all the content that they’ve learned, into a large, focused project,” Hibbs said.

Academic Honors Week is named for J. Harry and Anna Jeanes, who supported the Honors Program when it was small and subsequently helped provide the resources it needed to grow, Hibbs said. Harry attended Academic Honors Week events every year until he was physically unable to, Hibbs said, and continued to watch recordings of Academic Honors Week after.

“It’s important that we express our gratitude to them for seeing the possibility of something that could be great when it was fairly small,” Hibbs said of the Jeanes.

Facebook killer takes his life during chase

MIKE HOUSEHOLDER
AND MARK GILLISPIE
Associated Press

ERIE, Pa. — The man who randomly gunned down a Cleveland retiree and posted video of the crime on Facebook killed himself Tuesday during a police

chase in Pennsylvania that began when a McDonald's drive-thru attendant recognized him.

It marked a violent end to the nearly 48-hour multistate manhunt for Steve Stephens, whose case brought another round of criticism down on Facebook over how responsibly it polices

objectionable material posted by users.

Acting on a tip from the McDonald's, state troopers spotted Stephens leaving the restaurant in Erie and went after him, bumping his car to try to get it to stop, authorities said. He shot himself in the head after the car spun and

came to a stop, police said.

“This started with one tragedy and ended with another person taking their own life,” said Cleveland Police Chief Calvin Williams. “We would have liked to have brought Steve in peacefully and really talked to him about why this happened.”



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Waco airport progresses infrastructure projects

MEGAN RULE
Staff Writer

A public information workshop last week updated the Waco community on the progress and direction of the Waco Regional Airport master plan.

“The master plan is literally a plan to help us identify what we need,” said Joel Martinez, director of aviation at Waco Regional Airport. “As the funds become available, that’s when we act on those project lists. So we’ll start as early as next year, but again the master plan is just mapping out the next 15 years’ worth of projects for how our facility will progress. It will be an ongoing thing.”

The meeting was held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at the airport terminal building. Martinez said the meeting focused on recommendations in terms of infrastructure for the airport. Martinez reviewed a list of about 30 various projects to consider for construction, as well as budgeting for the projects. Martinez said a major focus and the next project was to relocate runway 1432 by moving it to the north to eliminate a safety area concern.

“I’m currently identifying projects and securing funds to complete those projects, whether that is acquisition of properties or drainage plans and implementing that,” Martinez said. “Implementation is what my focus will be once the plan is complete.”

Martinez also said there has not been any imposing feedback that he is aware of up to this point. There has been a lot of public interest, he said. The meeting last Thursday had about 15 members of the general public present to



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

SEEKING IMPROVEMENTS The Waco Regional Airport held a public information workshop last week to update the Waco community on the progress and direction of the master plan.

participate, review and discuss sketches and recommendations, Martinez said. The target for finishing the master plan is still set for June.

“A big part of the master plan was to bring the community in on the planning aspect of the airport,” Martinez said. “I hope the community and those involved recognize going forward that this project was discussed, and they remember

why we need that.”

A representative from the Federal Aviation Administration was also present at the meeting and had no glaring feedback, so Martinez believes they are moving in the right direction.

“With upcoming construction and hopeful improvements, I’d definitely consider traveling via the Waco airport because I don’t have a car,

and getting a ride there would be a lot easier than commuting to Dallas,” Columbia, Tenn., freshman Micaela Freeman said. “Disregarding connecting flights, I’d be one to try out the Waco airport. I’ve heard nothing but positives about it in the past.”

In October, the airport announced the creation of the master plan in order to implement changes over the next 20 years. The master plan considers various ideas for construction, relocation and generating income from expanding the runway and parking area. Walker Partners, Coffman Associates, Martinez Geospatial and DKMG Consulting are all working on the project.

Jacob Bell, client manager for Walker Partners, told the Lariat in October about the creation of the master plan, a 20-year road map that looks at alternatives for the construction of the airport. Engineers working on the project plan to work with the Federal Aviation Administration to keep the Waco Regional Airport up to standard, in addition to related renovations. The master plan is done in five-year increments, with the next five years already planned. The project will move forward after the next five years, focusing first on safety, then expansion.

“As an out-of-state student, the Waco airport tends to be my first reunion with Baylor and Waco,” Peoria, Ill., freshman Lindsay Walton said. “It is currently very small and kind of dated. I am excited for it to be refurbished so that when my friends and family fly down to visit, the good impression of Baylor begins when they touch down.”

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our students, and those will remain top priorities,” Livingstone said.

Attorney John Eddie Williams, a member of Bears for Leadership Reform, issued a statement on behalf of the group, saying that they approve of the board’s selection.

“We believe Dr. Livingstone can play an instrumental role in that process,” Williams said in the statement. “We welcome Dr. Livingstone back home to Baylor where she was a beloved teacher, and we look forward to working closely with her to ensure positive reforms are made so that the Baylor Family can heal and move forward.”

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can truly be myself,” John said.

Cypress, Calif., sophomore Onyinyechi Ogomaka is an only child, and she said it is strange as a person of Nigerian descent. She learned about her Nigerian culture from the Igbo Catholic Church, while she learned about American culture from going to school every day.

“I feel like growing up, I had the best of both worlds. I still had my American culture, and I still had my Nigerian culture. My parents did a good job of not secluding me from one culture,” Ogomaka said.

This was the final Cross-Cultural Engagement dinner of the semester. The Bobo Spiritual Life Center will host a story slam on April 25 at 6 p.m. for students who are interested in sharing or reading poetry of their choice. Students who are interested in this opportunity can email Caitlin_Childers@baylor.edu.



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

NEW CULTURE The African Student Association held a cross-cultural dinner on Tuesday in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center. Those that attended were served a traditional Ethiopian meal, and then listened to three students share their experiences growing up in America as a person of African descent.

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Baylor alum releases 'Sordid' sequel

CAROLINE BENTLEY
Reporter

Baylor alumnus Del Shores, released his most recent movie, "A Very Sordid Wedding," on March 10, and it began showing at the Waco Hippodrome Theatre on Monday.

Shores is an award-winning writer and director of "Blues For Willadean," "Southern Baptist Sissies," "Queer as Folk," and "Sordid Lives." "A Very Sordid Wedding" is the sequel to Shores' series "Sordid Lives." He also served as entertainment editor for the Lariat from 1979-80.

"Not a day [went] by where someone didn't write me asking me for more 'Sordid Lives,' I wanted to contrast affirming churches and organizations like Faith In America with the hypocritical bigotry that is still being spewed," Shores, the writer, director and producer, said.

"A Very Sordid Wedding" brings back characters from the prequel, "Sordid Lives." Shot in Winters, Texas, just a few weeks after the Supreme Court on same-sex marriage, citizens of the city are not ready to accept the ruling. "A Very Sordid Wedding" premiered on March 10 in Palm Springs, Calif., at Camelot Theaters, where "Sordid Lives" showed for 96 weeks.

"The film received the highest per-screen box office gross, a stellar \$40,000, of any specialty film in the country," said public relations associate Brian Geldin. "A Very Sordid Wedding" is now making its way in limited release via The Film Collaborative in Waco, Austin and Dallas."

"A Very Sordid Wedding" makes its way through Texas while the Texas Legislature battles over Senate Bill 6, also known as the bathroom bill Geldin said. The bathroom bill is promoted as keeping bathrooms women and men, rather than allowing transgender people



Courtesy Art

A SPLENDID SEQUEL "A Very Sordid Wedding," the sequel to "Sordid Lives," was written, directed and produced by previous entertainment editor of the Baylor Lariat Del Shores. The film began showing at the Waco Hippodrome Theatre at 7 p.m. on Monday and explores heavy topics such as gay marriage and the acceptance and rejection that come along with it.

the right to choose.

The 32-person cast consists of Bonnie Bedelia from "Parenthood," Caroline Rhea from Sabrina the Teenage Witch, Leslie Jordan from "Will and Grace," Carole Cook from "Sixteen Candles" and Alec Mapa from "Ugly Betty."

The Hollywood Reporter said "A Very Sordid

Wedding" "offers some undeniably entertaining moments and its talented ensemble, clearly encouraged to pull out all the stops, and delivers their comic shtick with admirable gusto."

"Sordid Lives" dealt with coming out in a conservative and southern environment, while "A Very Sordid Wedding" explores the questions

that occur during the acceptance and rejection of gay marriage in conservative families. Shores uses comedy to approach the heavy topics and shows a "very real process of acceptance," Geldin said.



Courtesy of Netflix

AFTER THE STORM Netflix's original series "13 Reasons Why" tells the story of a 17-year-old girl, Hannah Baker, who commits suicide and leaves behind tapes for the people she deems "responsible" for her death.

'13 Reasons Why' should make you uncomfortable

KARYN SIMPSON
Copy Desk Chief

"Thirteen Reasons Why" is not a feel-good series. The Netflix original, which was released on March 31 and has almost instantaneously developed a cult following, will not leave you feeling happy or content, and that is part of what makes it so important.

The series is based on Jay Asher's 2007 novel of the same name and follows main character Clay Jensen, played by Dylan Minnette, as he listens to the tape-recorded suicide note of 17-year-old Hannah Baker, played by Katherine Langford. The show is broken up into 13 episodes that follow the events of Hannah's 13 tapes, each of which tell the stories of 13 interactions that led to her eventual suicide.

The show is an excellently produced, stark look at how our words and actions can drastically impact the lives of others. It speaks to the necessity of community and friendship in hard times, as well as the reality that incidents that appear isolated or inconsequential can work in conjunction to absolutely break a person. More than that, though, it holds up a very blatant mirror to some of the most egregious and painful acts that can be committed in our society, acts that we speak about in hushed voices as though they are something to be ashamed of, acts such as rape and suicide.

I applaud Netflix for tackling "13 Reasons Why," and I applaud creator Brian Yorkey for refusing to shy away from the toughest subjects. That said, this show is very graphic. Several of the episodes, particularly toward the end

of the series, feature trigger warnings for graphic depictions of sexual assault, abuse and suicide. It leaves little to the imagination, which might make this series unsuitable for the audience that needs it most, depending on how parents feel about sex, blood, alcohol and drug abuse. For me, though, censoring or softening acts such as rape and suicide would have been a disrespect to the subject matter: We need to be taken aback by the events portrayed in "13 Reasons Why" because these events are horrific. Rape is horrific. Bullying is horrific. Suicide is horrific. And the repercussions are enough to take anyone to their knees, as this show so poignantly portrays.

Yorkey stuck relatively close to the book's original plotline, something I, a self-proclaimed bibliophile who has read the book a handful of times in the past four years, appreciated. The main points and scenes remained the same, though Yorkey took significant liberty in expanding the background plot lines, building on sideline characters whose voices and perspectives were relatively absent in the book. Overall, the changes were wonderful and added dimension to many of the secondary characters and a subsequent weight to their actions.

The biggest change, though, and the one I liked least, was Yorkey's decision to draw the plot out over a series of days (weeks? It's difficult to tell). In the book, when Clay receives the tapes, he listens to them all in one night, though Netflix's version features an extremely hesitant main character who isn't sure he fully wants to discover the reasons his love interest committed suicide—or how he factors in. Though I understand

REVIEW

this choice from a cinematic perspective, it feels a bit improbable amid an unflinchingly realistic plotline. Any normal teen would have binge-listened to the 13 tapes in a single night, just as Clay did in the book and just as many of us have done with this series.

That aside, the cinematography in "13 Reasons Why" is fantastic. The producer experimented with camera angles, image layering and transitions that not only make it visually appealing, but also gives the show the same air of mystery, intrigue and suspense that was so prevalent in the book. In addition, the subtle camera differences between the scenes set in the present and the past helped make the constant timeline jumps easy to follow.

Overall, "13 Reasons Why" is, one of the most important shows on Netflix. It's beautifully executed in a way that serves to highlight its message: that how we treat others matters, that we never know what's going on in a person's life and that our actions, be they minute or truly egregious, have an impact far wider than what we can ever truly anticipate. In a homage to our society, "13 Reasons Why" refuses to allow any character, protagonist or villain, to be one-dimensional, offers an unflinching look at the immense sorrow that inevitably follows suicide and asks viewers to sincerely examine how they interact with the people around them. It serves as a much-needed reminder that people matter and that how we treat others can be the difference between life and death, between someone choosing to slit their wrists or to try another day.

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LOSING THE WEIGHT Byron Jackson lost 110 pounds in 15 months by working with trainers at D1 in Waco. In addition, Jackson was given the 2017 D1 National Athlete of the Year Award.

Man sheds 110 pounds at D1

CAROLINE BENTLEY
Reporter

At 39 years old, Byron Jackson never imagined he would be working out five days a week and trading in fried foods for soups and salads.

Weighing in at 340 pounds, it wasn't until Jackson and his wife had their first child that he realized it was time for a change. He wanted to be around for his family, and the only way he could do that would be by shedding excess weight.

After "almost dying" from his first workout, Jackson said, it took a few classes to not dread going.

"The trainers at D1 [Waco] make it easy on athletes to go at their own pace and do what they're comfortable with. They

continuously motivate you to keep going and push through each workout," Jackson said.

After going twice a week, Jackson increased to working out five days a week. When the six-month mark hit, Jackson was losing a pound a day, and inches were starting to fall off to the point that his clothes no longer fit him.

"Going from not being able to do a single pushup to being able to keep up with the younger athletes at D1 was a change," Jackson said. "I had always envisioned myself as a relatively tall and a lean guy but never thought it would actually come to fruition."

Brooke, Byron's wife, witnessed the transformation firsthand.

"Not many people can say they lost over 100 pounds without the help of

"I had always envisioned myself as a relatively tall and a lean guy, but never though it would actually come to fruition."

Byron Jackson | D1 Nation Athlete of the Year

pills or surgery, but Byron has. He has more energy than ever before, self-confidence, and his overall mood and outlook on life has made a complete 180," Brooke said.

D1 Waco general manager Kevin Engelbrecht presented Jackson with the 2017 D1 National Athlete of

the Year Award.

"Byron's incredible journey and extraordinary transformation was celebrated by every member and employee at D1 Waco and championed by the Waco Community," Engelbrecht said.

Each program stems from a core of faith-

based encouragement and direction—a structure not typically found at the average gym, with each trainer at D1 bringing a different perspective to the table.

"I hit some plateaus along the way, but I was losing inches in my waist, I was able to get o my medication, I was getting stronger, and other aspects of my body were showing drastic improvement," said Jackson.

A year and a half into his D1 experience, Jackson weighed in at 230 pounds. That is 110 pounds lost in the span of 18 months.

"D1 Waco has completely changed my life. People view you in a completely different manner—they are much more receptive to someone who looks and feels confident in who they are," Jackson said.

This week in Waco:

>> Today

11 a.m.-1 p.m.— Style show and luncheon: "Fashion with a Passion." \$45. Phoenix Ballroom, 401 S. 3rd Street.

3:30-5 p.m.— Bailey Family Lecture in Christian Ethics. Packard Hall, Marrs McLean Science Building.

7-9 p.m.— Michae Incavo performs. Dichotomy Coffee & Spirits.

8-10 p.m.— Nate Feurstein performs. \$22-\$72.50. Common Grounds.

>> Thursday

10 a.m.-6 p.m.— BFA Exhibition. Free admission. Martin Museum of Art.

11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.— Baylor Free Farmers Market. Fifth Street by Fountain Mall.

4-5:30 p.m.— This Matters: Hyped Up.

4:15-5 p.m.— Tom Bratcher Memorial Lecture. 301 Marrs McLean Science Building.

7-9 p.m.— Vanessa Silberman & Jimmy Dias perform. Dichotomy Coffee & Spirits.

7:30-8 p.m.— Open Mic. Tea2Go.

7:30-8 p.m.— Wind Ensemble Concert. Free admission. Ball Performing Arts Center/ McLennan Community College, 1400 College Drive.

7:30-9:30 p.m.— Beethoven, Mozart & Dvorak! \$20-\$50. Waco Hall.

8-11 p.m.— Bryce Meritt performs. \$5-\$7. Common Grounds.

9 p.m.— The Piano Man. Backyard Bar, Stage & Grill.

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- 17 "Droopy-eared dog
- 19 King Kong, e.g.
- 20 Home buyer's choice
- 21 Annoyed reply to "Are you awake?"
- 23 Hog fare
- 25 "Testimony preceder
- 28 Pan flying
- 30 Present mo.
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- 32 Quick snooze
- 34 "Darn it!"
- 37 Pop singer Grande's fragrance
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- 44 Like King Kong
- 46 Shepherd's dinner, perhaps
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- 57 Racer's swimwear brand
- 58 __ setter
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- 61 "Garment with a fitted waist and flared bottom
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- 7 "Well, looky here!"
- 8 Christian sch. in Tulsa
- 9 Vest fabric
- 10 It often has four doors
- 11 Some kitchen appliances
- 12 Bus stations
- 13 "Tommy" band
- 18 Pts. by Vikings
- 22 Irrelevant
- 23 Critter rescue org.
- 24 Big name in business jets
- 26 Electric guitar pioneer
- 27 Cave feedback
- 29 Like "Fifty Shades of Grey"
- 33 Golfer's four, often
- 35 Hosp. areas
- 36 Handle on many elevators
- 39 Bento box staple
- 40 Ingredient in some Asian soup,

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- 41 Facility
- 42 "Only Time" songwriter
- 43 A handful
- 45 Color named for a planet
- 46 In itself
- 47 Devours eagerly
- 48 Responds in court
- 50 Tool box item
- 53 Has too much of, briefly
- 54 Finnish tech giant
- 55 Flight stat.
- 59 On the sidelines
- 62 Legendary fighter
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- 65 Dallas-to-Houston dir.

Cardiac kids strike again on solo shot

BEN EVERETT
Sports Writer

The Baylor baseball team defeated Stephen F. Austin 2-1 Tuesday night at Baylor Ballpark in a thrilling bottom-of-the-ninth comeback.

The Bears (23-14) trailed 0-1 going into the bottom of the ninth where it scored on back-to-back home runs to defeat the Lumberjacks (22-17).

Despite struggling most of the game to find rhythm on offense, the Bears pulled away when it mattered most.

Baylor head coach Steve Rodriguez said it was nice to get the win in spite of the offensive struggles.

“Its frustrating,” Rodriguez said. “I know our guys were pretty frustrated. They brought in a closer [...] that no one hits well off of, so it was impressive that we were able to get two home runs off of him.”

Freshman pitcher Hayden Kettler made his first start for the team and got off to a strong start. Kettler allowed zero hits in the first inning and struck out two batters.

The Bears’ offense faltered in the bottom of the first, but Kettler recorded another strikeout in the second to retire the side and bring the Baylor batters to the plate.

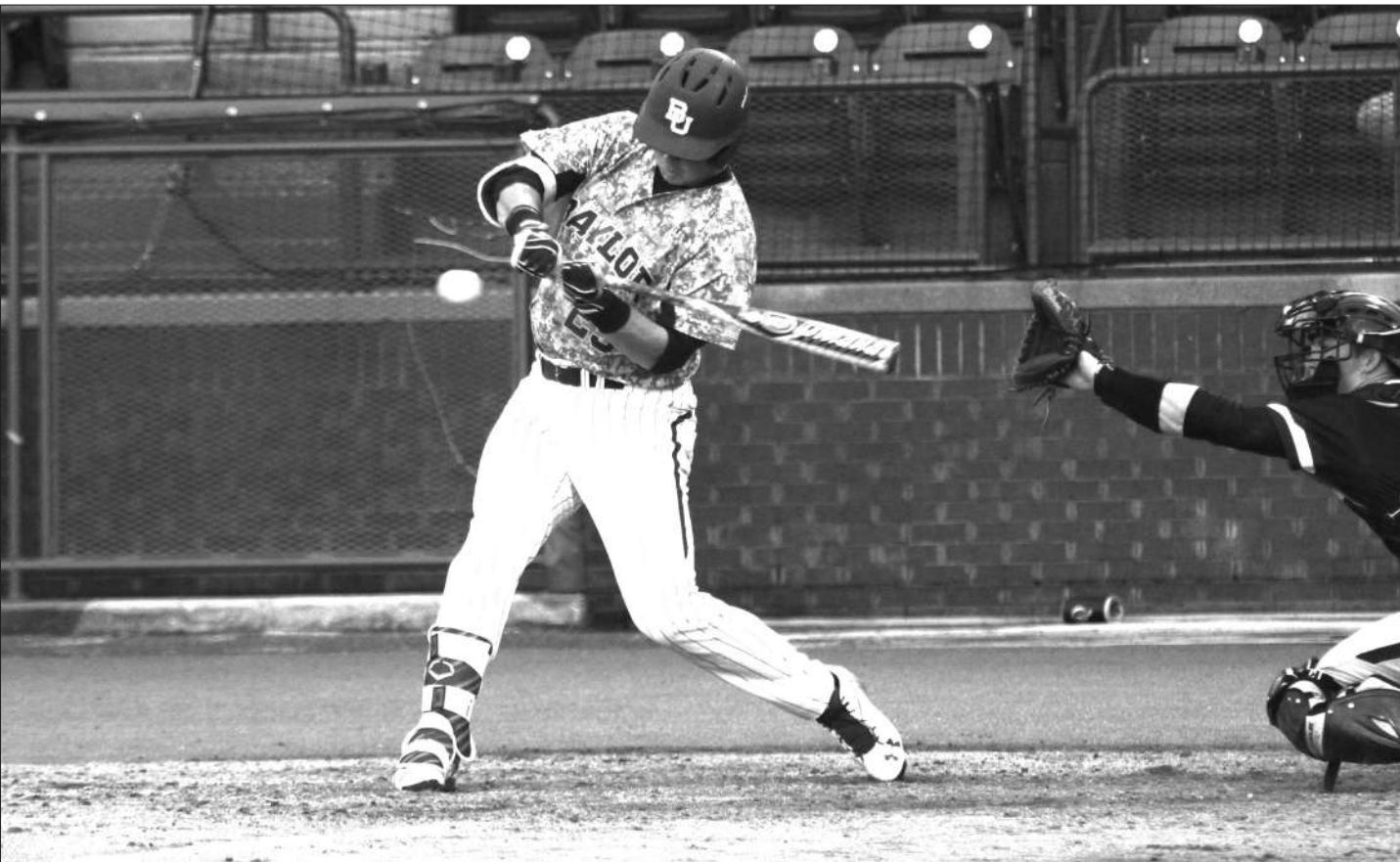
With one out in the top of the third, Lumberjacks’ catcher Will Foreman crushed a ball to left field, but freshman third baseman Davis Wendzel made a spectacular diving catch to snag the out as he received a round of applause from the Baylor fans.

In the bottom of the third, freshman catcher Andy Thomas launched a double and sophomore outfielder T.J. Raguse walked to put two on base, but the Bears got nothing else as freshman designated hitter Shea Langeliers grounded out to third to end the inning.

Junior reliever Joe Heineman replaced Kettler in the fourth inning. Kettler finished the night having given up no runs and no hits through three innings.

In the bottom of the fourth with two on base and two outs, Wendzel was caught leading off to third base by SFA pitcher Erik Nouis as the Lumberjacks again held the Bears to zero runs.

The Lumberjacks got on the board in the fifth after Zach Michener reached first on an error by Wendzel, and Josh Evans hit a line drive



Dayday Wynn | Lariat Photographer
TAKING A WHACK AT IT Freshman catcher Andy Thomas goes for a hit in a game against the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks Tuesday in Waco. Baylor won the game on back-to-back home runs to walk it off in the bottom of the ninth 2-1.

down the right field line to drive in Michener and give SFA the 1-0 lead.

Freshman pitcher Alex Phillips replaced Heineman at the mound with two outs in the fifth inning.

Thomas managed another hit in the fifth, but the Bears again were unable to make anything of it, leaving him on base as the Lumberjacks led 1-0 after five.

In the seventh, freshman Hunter Seay replaced Phillips on the mound to record one out before Seay was replaced with sophomore Kyle Hill as Rodriguez continued to churn through pitchers.

For the bottom of the eighth, Rodriguez put in pinch hitters Levi Gilcrease and Matt Menard who succeeded in a sac-bunt and sac-fly to get a walked Tucker Cascadden to third base.

However, Langeliers struck out swinging on the next at-bat as the Bears went to the ninth with zero runs.

Baylor closer junior Troy Montemayor came in to pitch the ninth inning for the Bears. Montemayor recorded two strikeouts to shut out the Lumberjacks in the inning, prepping the Baylor offense for a potential comeback in the bottom of the ninth.

In the first at-bat in the bottom of the ninth, junior outfielder Kameron Esthay launched a home run just past the right field wall to tie the game at 1-1. Immediately following the Esthay homer, Wendzel nailed a dinger of his own, this time to left field, as the Bears won 2-1.

Wendzel, who hit his second homer of the season, says he and Esthay knew they had to swing freely in the ninth to bring the team back.

“We were ready to pick out some pitches, and we knew once we got those pitches we were going to need to hit them,” Wendzel said. “Earlier in the game, I think we were swinging at their pitches, but later in the game we started swinging at the pitches we knew we could hit.”

Rodriguez says the midweek win is huge for the teams momentum going in to the weekend matchup versus rival TCU.

“Anytime you get a win going in to TCU it’s a great thing,” Rodriguez said. “The momentum shift is going to be great. Being able to get some wins last weekend against Texas and a win tonight going in to TCU, it’s just nice to be able to get those things done.”

The Bears start play against TCU at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Fort Worth.

Big 12 football coaches ready for rule change

STEPHEN HAWKINS
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen wishes he could add a 10th assistant coach to his staff right away. So does David Beaty at Kansas.

They will have to wait until after the 2017 season for another full-time assistant, but Big 12 coaches support the measure approved by the NCAA Division I Council and expected to get final approval from the Board of Governors next week.

“It’s going to make a big difference for a lot of different reasons,” Holgorsen said Tuesday during a spring teleconference with Big 12

coaches. “I just wish it was passed immediately.”

Another assistant is part of a package approved by the Division I Council last week. Other changes include allowing players to sign with schools as early as December and letting high school juniors take official visits from April through June. The signing period change is expected to take effect Aug. 1. But the coaching staffs wouldn’t expand until January, when teams start preparing for the 2018 season.

“We already have a plan for it, and I wish it would have gone into effect right now,” Beaty said. “There’s no reason to wait. I think our budgets would have allowed for it.”

New Texas coach Tom Herman said the expanded staff is long overdue and will be good for the sport, which he said has the worst ratio of coaches to student-athletes. The head coach and nine assistants of FBS programs generally can oversee 100-120 players during the fall.

“It will be a positive impact for all us, for everybody just with the number of players that we are responsible for,” Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said.

“For us, the biggest impact is being able to regulate our players, stay on top of their academics, their social lives, things like that, more so than anything,” Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said. “It

certainly helps to have coaches on the field, but for us, we spend a lot of time trying to regulate these guys in the different areas other than football.”

Several coaches indicated that they will utilize the extra assistant to even out their staffs on both sides of the ball.

Herman said his initial thought is to hire a special teams coach, someone whose responsibilities would include recruiting and helping on defense. The Longhorns currently have five offensive assistants and four on defense. Beaty already has a special teams coordinator who helps on the defensive side, so he plans to bring in somebody else to help with Kansas’

spread offense.

“Being able to have a guy to work with inside receivers and tight ends is something we feel like is a necessity for us,” Beaty said. “It just helps take a little bit of the pressure off of so many guys being coached on that side.”

Gundy is leaning to adding on defense, but will take time to put thought into the decision.

Second-year Iowa State coach Matt Campbell believes the impact of an additional coach with “extreme ownership” in their job and the lives of players can be monumental to programs. He already has several strong internal candidates to take a role overseeing special teams.

West Virginia’s staff currently has five defensive assistants and four on offense. Holgorsen plans to add a fifth offensive assistant, then split up special teams with him being the primary guy controlling that aspect of the game.

“It certainly can be beneficial in a lot of different ways. It depends on what your needs are as much as anything,” Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said. “Whoever it is, we hope it’s a quality coach and somebody that cares about young people and will do with right things. And if so, then they certainly will be a benefit.”

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No. 1 equestrian falls in Nationals

Baylor loses to No. 9 TCU in NCEA second round

JORDAN SMITH
Sports Editor

No. 1-ranked Baylor equestrian fell short of expectations over Easter weekend as they were defeated in the quarterfinal round of the NCEA National Championship 9-7 by the No. 9-ranked Texas Christian University Horned Frogs in Waco.

The Bears received a bye for the first round of competitions because of their No. 1 ranking during the regular season. Friday was their first day of competition with the first of the four events between the two teams with reigning. Baylor lost the event 3-1.

Senior hunter seat rider Savannah Jenkins said the outcome was especially disappointing because the team's full year season builds up to this competition all year long.

"We don't have a break. We don't have a season," Jenkins said. "It's all year round — for two days at Big 12 and two days here is what you really ride for all year. So it really does make it that much harder to know we did so much work all year to be able to ride one day, and now we're finished. Definitely is hard coming in No. 1 and going out the first round."

Baylor tied in the second



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

SLIDING INTO NATIONALS Senior western rider Elizabeth Shank rides in the reining event of the quarterfinals of the NCEA National Championships on April in Waco. The No. 1-seed Bears lost to No. 9-seed TCU 9-7, ending their run at a title short of expectations.

event of the meet, equitation over fences, with a score of 2-2, bringing the total tally to 5-3 in favor of TCU.

The format of the NCEA National Championship runs four riders as opposed to five riders that are used in regular season format. With this, it

gives each team less of an opportunity to make mistakes.

"TCU is a tough team to beat," said equestrian head coach Ellen White. "All of these teams out here are tough to beat. It's also a little bit interesting because all year, for whatever reason, we

compete with five [riders] in each event, and then when we get to championships, we come down to four. TCU is probably a very strong four-man team. So I think that's what necessarily makes them not come in their ranking like they necessarily ride. They are

a great group. We are a great group, too; we just didn't bring it today."

Baylor lost the horsemanship contest 3-1 in surprising fashion because of their success all season in the horsemanship event, dropping the score to 8-4.

The Bears lost the overall competition in the third matchup of the final event, equitation on the flat, giving TCU the overall victory by a final score of 9-7 and eliminating the Baylor Bears in their first meet of the National Championship.

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"I look forward to partnering with the exceptional faculty, staff, students and administrators to fulfill the University's vision to be a top-tier research institution, committed to excellence in all aspects of University life, while strengthening the Christian mission."

Dr. Livingstone is a native of Perkins, Oklahoma, and an alumna of Oklahoma State University, where she earned a bachelor of science in economics and management, a master of business administration and a doctorate in management and organizational behavior.

Among her many academic and professional accomplishments, Dr. Livingstone previously served as dean of Pepperdine University's Graziadio School of Business and Management from 2002-2014. She began her academic career at Baylor where from 1991-2002 she served as a professor in the department of management within the Hankamer School of Business. From 1998-2002, she also served as associate dean for Baylor's graduate business programs.

Led by a diverse, 12-member presidential search committee, the selection process involved screening more than 150 interested individuals, yielding 61 first-round interviews. The thorough process, begun in September 2016, concluded on April 17, 2017, with a unanimous vote by the Baylor Board of Regents to select Dr. Livingstone as president.



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