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Under Scrutiny

Baylor addresses criticism concerning sexual assault cases

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Baylor is facing several accusations of mishandling sexual violence cases involving a former football player now serving 20 years in prison.

In ESPN's "Outside the Lines," which aired Sunday, three alleged victims of Tevin Elliott spoke out. The former Baylor tight end was convicted in 2014 of two counts of sexual assault on a former Baylor student and sentenced to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The video features three women with their identity concealed from the camera. The women discuss the way they were treated by the university's faculty and staff when coming forward with a sexual assault complaint.

The ESPN report said that when one of the women went to the Baylor police department she said that she was told that they could not do anything because the assault happened off campus. When the victim went to the Health Center, she said she was told no one could see her and she should put her name on a waiting list or go see someone off campus. The victim's mother went to Baylor academic services group as a last resort, and she said she was told there were no resources for her daughter.

When another woman brought allegations against Elliott,



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SEXUAL ASSAULT According to the Association of American Universities, 23.1 percent of undergraduate female students experience some form of sexual assault during their college career.

she said she was sent to Baylor's Judicial Affairs Office and met with Bethany McCraw, the university's chief judicial officer. The woman said she was told by McCraw that she was the sixth woman to come forward with a sexual assault report against Elliott. When she asked McCraw if the football team knew, she said that McCraw said yes but they needed a court decision to act. She said McCraw said that was because it turns into a 'he said she said.'

The woman then asked for a restraining order and she said McCraw said it would just be a letter asking him not to come near her and she would just have to "hope for the best." The woman said McCraw offered to email the woman's professors

and help exempt her final exams because she was having trouble preparing. The woman said she felt like McCraw only did this because the woman was so close to graduating and McCraw just wanted her to graduate and be gone.

The university responded to ESPN's report by issuing a statement Monday.

"Above all, we are most concerned about the safety of our students and our campus," said Lori Fogleman, assistant vice president of media communications. "We are doing all that we

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Presidential candidates differ in campaign funding methods

GAVIN PUGH
Reporter

Campaign funding became all the more relevant after the Iowa caucuses Monday night with Sen. Ted Cruz's win and Sen. Bernie Sanders' virtual tie with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Sanders, D-Vt., has raised nearly \$75 million through crowd-sourced donations for his presidential campaign, with only \$25,000 in super PAC's. Cruz's, R-Texas, has raised \$47 million, with \$39 million in super PAC's.

"The Citizens United ruling in 2010 really was a major turn in how we do elections," said Dr. Patrick Flavin, a political science assistant professor and expert in the campaign

funding process.

Super PAC's became a means for individuals to raise money for or against a candidate in the 2010 ruling Citizens United vs. FEC.

The Federal Election Commission, FEC, is responsible for the regulations of campaign financing, especially when dealing with super PAC's.

The FEC website states that individual expenditures and super PAC's "may not be made in concert or cooperation with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, the candidate's campaign or a political party."

"[Voters] are being fed things that corporations are basically making up. Unfortunately that leads to a misinformed electorate,

which is even worse than an uninformed electorate," Fort Worth senior Laura Mahler said.

Though some believe the regulations are too vague, and candidates are still able to be bought out, Omaha, Neb. graduate student Jordan Cash believes there has been "Money in politics as long as there has been politics."

"This is just a new avenue for it -- it's not that different from the way things have always been. And if money wasn't affecting politics this way, it would affect it another way."

But super PAC's are not the only means of getting traction as a presidential candidate. Billionaire Donald Trump has paid for his campaign with his

own money.

"It certainly allows him to spend less time fundraising, and more time holding events where he tells people what he stands for," Flavin said.

Trump can speak freely on immigration and refuse to use a teleprompter without fear of losing donors because he funds his own campaign.

On the other end of the spectrum, Sanders relies entirely on crowd sourced donations. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, a research group that tracks campaign dollars, 73 percent of Sanders' funds have come from small donations.

"I really like Bernie's approach: asking people to

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Associated Press

CLOSE LOSS Sanders has raised nearly \$74 million through crowd-sourced donations for his campaign. He faced a narrow loss at the Iowa caucus on Monday to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

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St. Andrews offers global perspective

ASHLYN THOMPSON
Reporter

The Baylor in Saint Andrews program is only one of the many study abroad opportunities offered by the university, but this unique program is especially designed for "Baylor students who are interested in philosophy and religion and the intersection and manifestations in culture and history," according to the Baylor study abroad website.

Twice a year, Baylor faculty accompany students to Saint Andrews, Scotland to study within a small community, taking European-style courses and working alongside both Baylor

and local students. The elite program accepts only 20 students per semester and requires a 3.2 minimum GPA.

Ausitn junior Sarah Howard recently transferred from the University of Oklahoma, and said the Saint Andrews program was one of the leading reasons she came to Baylor.

"I knew that I wanted to focus on early and modern British history," Howard said. "It's harder to be a British history student [in America] than over there, so I knew I wanted to do it over there where the sources and the history is."

Howard, as well as the other



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TRAVELING AROUND The ruins of St. Andrews Cathedral, which was destroyed during the Protestant Reformation, sit near the town center.

students on the Fall 2015 trip, took one Baylor required course, and then was able to choose her other courses. Howard said she took a course over Tudor history, because that's what she wants to pursue after school. She said the program allowed her to study Tudor history,

as well as other types of British history, at a deeper level, and she was able to draw connections between what she was studying and what she saw in her day-to-day life in Scotland.

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EDITORIAL



Covering Culture

Shrouding nude statues in Rome sets bad example for other cultures

Last week, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani visited Italy and France. For the duration of his time in Rome, nude statues were covered up. Italian media reported that statues were covered to show respect and consideration to Iranian culture.

It is not clear if the shrouds were a request of Rouhani or an act of diplomacy from the Italian government. Either way, the choice was greatly criticized by Italians, prompting the hashtag #statuenude, in which people tweeted pictures of the nude statues without any cover. Some Italian politicians went as far as to call Prime Minister Matteo Renzi spineless. Rouhani addressed the criticism by saying he appreciated the hospitality, and he thanked the Italians for their efforts to “put their guests at ease.”

If the Italian government was responsible for the cover-ups, it should be recognized that this was a hospitable and kind gesture. However, it should also be noted that this act sets a dangerous precedent. Forza Italia lawmaker Renato Brunetta was among the critics of this act. He accused Renzi of selling out Italian values. This may be a little harsh considering it is still unknown whether Renzi called for the covering or not. Regardless, Brunetta made a valid point that diplomacy can be achieved without resigning identity. He pointed to the pope as an example, saying, “He didn’t cover the crucifixes when he greeted Rouhani.”

For many cultures, honoring guests is a high priority. This is commendable, but there is a line between being hospitable and bowing to another

culture. In the case of Rome, these statues are at the pinnacle of the city’s cultural identity. This is the American equivalent of covering up the Statue of Liberty.

The statue incident only occurred because Rouhani is a high-level diplomat. As such, however, Rouhani should be accustomed to traveling to foreign places and seeing things that don’t align with his own culture and belief system. Furthermore, part of being a good diplomat is having an understanding and knowledge of other cultures. This is impossible to gain if the culture is covered up. If the act was requested by Rouhani, he did himself a disservice; if by the Italian government, it did Rouhani a disservice.

When it comes to honoring cultures, it should be the visitor that makes allowances. This is not to say that honor should be disregarded by the host. During Rouhani’s visit, wine was also left off the official menu. This is yet another censored part of Italian culture. Ironically, the phrase “when in Rome, do as the Romans do,” loosely applies to how the situation should have been handled. The statues should have been displayed as usual and wine served, but that does not mean Rouhani should have been subjected to gawking at the statues and drinking wine.

The rule is simple: as a host, be proud of your cultural identity. As a visitor, be sensitive to that identity and recognize that you are the guest. Things will be different, but that is the beauty of it.

COLUMN

When going out, make sure to budget for tips

DIDI MARTINEZ
News Editor

Valentine’s Day is coming up. Yes, I know this column is already set up to look like a cliché that only a young blogger in romantic comedies would use to write about love. However, I aim to write about a subject that is not nearly as synonymous with the day: tipping.

From a business perspective, Valentine’s Day is a reliably profitable day for restaurants. Falling on Sunday this year, the holiday will predictably bring longer wait times. That’s not the problem, though. The issue is what a portion of diners will be tempted to do after they’ve eaten the last of their chocolate chip pizookie. Assessing the damage for the night, tipping might appear to unnecessarily add to the costs for the night. However, it is important to tip.

While it might be easier said than done, tipping isn’t just a common courtesy — it is doing what is right. Having a server attend to you at a restaurant is a service and like any other service it comes at a price.

According to the United States Department of Labor, the state of Texas requires employers to pay its tipped workers such as waiters a minimum of \$2.13 an hour. A pay like this leaves waiters completely at the mercy of those whom they serve for the night. While it is unlikely that a waiter will leave the night earning

just \$2.13 for every hour they worked on Valentine’s Day, keep in mind that they worked on one of the busiest nights of the year. On holidays especially, people want to have a good dining experience. Anyone who works in the restaurant business knows this and, for the most part, attempts to keep the increase in customer sensitivity in mind.

Some might desperately try to justify a low tip by attempting to remember a time during the dining experience that the service could have been better. Be sure to keep in mind that not all the money made from tips that night goes to the waiter. Depending on the restaurant, waiters are responsible for paying their busboys as well as a portion of the credit card fees accrued from each customer transaction. This adds up quickly. What had the potential to be a profitable night could easily leave the waiter exhausted and wondering why they bothered to come in if they received a series of bad tips for the night.

This is all to say that it is especially wrong not to tip a waiter at least 10 percent of your bill or, even worse, not at all. Effort goes into their work. How would you like it if you did not get paid for your work?

As tight of a budget as one might be in, any restaurant-goer should factor in tipping when deciding to eat out. If not, there is nothing wrong with getting a bit creative on Valentine’s Day or making the best of a stop at Whataburger for the night. After all, tipping isn’t always the first thing on a person’s mind, but paying everyone their just due is a what it means to be a responsible consumer.

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COLUMN

Major in happiness, even if it means switching career paths

PENELOPE SHIREY
Photographer

The first thing most people say to me when I tell them I switched my major from mechanical engineering to new media journalism is, “Wow! That is a big jump.”

To some, the idea of switching majors sounds ridiculous. For me, four semesters into college and completely burned out, it was exactly the change I needed.

Switching majors was not without its challenges. Graduating after my friends and being a junior in freshman-level classes became my new realities.

Rather than be stuck in a career that left me unfulfilled and craving more, though, I leapt at the opportunity to change my path now.

I did not want to walk across the stage in two years, burdened with the guilt that I only stayed in my major for the money or because I thought it was too late to switch.

What I have realized is that the happiness I have found in my new degree is worth so much more than the problems that taking more than four years to graduate presents.

To anyone currently facing the same decision that I was a year ago, do not feel

discouraged.

The most important lesson I learned in all of this is that college is about the journey. It is more than the piece of paper you receive at the end.

It means knowing enough about yourself to recognize what you want to pursue.

It means having the right motivations behind what you are studying so that your passion translates into a rewarding career.

One thing I wish I realized when I started the process of changing my major was how many supportive adults exist at Baylor.

Since I was 6 years old, I knew that I wanted to be an engineer. Once I left engineering, I had no idea what I wanted to pursue instead.

From the beginning, the Office of Career & Professional Development was incredibly helpful.

Over the course of several meetings, they led me through a series of tests that helped me recognize my strengths, weaknesses and the careers that people with those traits find fulfilling.

It was a combination of their guidance, meetings with CASA advisers who helped point me in directions of paths they thought I might enjoy, and conversations I had with different professors prior to declaring my major that led me to the journalism school, and I could not be happier to have found my home here.

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Elephant's death sparks investigation

SEATTLE — A Seattle-based advocacy group on Tuesday asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture to investigate the recent death of an Asian elephant at the Oklahoma City Zoo, saying it's concerned the zoo wasn't equipped to care for the animal.

Many zoos have closed their elephant exhibits in the past few decades, and new federal guidelines that encourage a herd of at least three elephants could require others to close by next year. At the same time, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums said, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service last week approved a permit allowing the Dallas Zoo, Nebraska's Henry Doorly Zoo and the Sedgwick County Zoo in Kansas to import a total of 18 African elephants.

Drug transparency bid hits roadblock

RICHMOND, Va. — A Virginia lawmaker is joining a chorus of voices across numerous states pushing officials to reveal the source of drugs used in lethal-injection executions.

But Democratic Sen. Scott Surovell's measure appears to have little chance of passing this year. Surovell introduced his bill in response to Virginia's use of pentobarbital from Texas to execute convicted serial killer Alfredo Prieto in October.

Oil industry makes cuts to offset prices

Oil companies are cutting investment, slashing jobs and selling off pipelines and other assets as crude prices plunge. "It's going to be a very turbulent year for our industry," says BP CEO Bob Dudley.

The latest warnings came from Exxon Mobil, which reported Tuesday that fourth-quarter earnings fell 58 percent in the oil giant's weakest quarter since 2002. The results were even worse at BP, which posted a 91 percent decline in profit. Those reports follow Chevron Corp.'s first money-losing quarter in more than 15 years and Royal Dutch Shell's warning that its 2015 profit fell sharply.

Syria allows aid into rebel-held area

GENEVA — The Syrian government allowed aid into a rebel-held area near Damascus on Tuesday in what appeared to be a goodwill gesture after U.N.-mediated indirect peace talks got off to a rocky start in Geneva.

The Syrian Arab Red Crescent delivered 14 trucks of aid provided by the International Committee of the Red Cross to the al-Tal suburb, said Damascus-based ICRC spokesman Pawel Krzysiek. He told The Associated Press the delivery included food and hygiene kits for some 3,500 families as well as 25 metric tons of bulk food.

Compiled from Associated Press reports.



Associated Press

WOMEN IN COMBAT Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Robert Neller testifies Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington before the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing to examine the implementation of the decision to open all ground combat units to women. Military leaders present said women should be required to register for selective service and that the military would not be lowering standards to accommodate women.

Generals suggest women also be included in draft

LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The top Army and Marine Corps generals told senators Tuesday that it will take up to three years to fully integrate women into all combat jobs, adding that women also should have to register for the draft.

The military service leaders repeatedly vowed that they will not lower standards to bring women into the more grueling jobs. But they warned that inherent physical differences and different injury rates between men and women will have an impact on how the integration moves ahead.

The selective service question revealed differences between the military chiefs and their political leaders. Army Gen. Mark Milley and Marine Gen. Robert Neller both flatly said that women should be included in the requirement to register for the selective service at age 18. But Navy Secretary Ray Mabus and Army Acting Secretary Patrick Murphy would only say that the issue should be discussed. Political leaders overall have so far been reluctant to endorse the draft requirement.

The sometimes contentious hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee laid bare the deep reluctance of Marine Corps leaders to bring women into certain demanding infantry, armor and special operations jobs.

After a lengthy review by the services and the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Ash Carter in December ordered all combat jobs open to women, but also

vowed that no standards would be lowered to make way for women.

The Marine Corps initially sought to keep certain infantry and combat jobs closed to women, citing studies showing combined-gender units are not as effective as male-only units. Allowing women to compete for ground combat jobs, it concluded, would make the Marine Corps a less-efficient fighting machine.

Both Mabus and Carter rejected that argument. In response, Marine leaders, including Neller, immediately began to lay out implementation plans, but they continue to make clear their reservations.

"We have a decision and we're in the process of moving out," Neller told the senators. "We will see where the chips fall. And, again, our hope is that everyone will be successful. But hope is not a course of action on the battlefield."

Neller said that Marine Corps testing revealed two significant differences between all-male units and those with men and women. He said all-male units were able to better march long distances carrying heavy loads and also were able to fire their weapons more accurately after marching over distance.

Being big and strong and having a "certain body mass give you an advantage," said Neller. He added that as women do more conditioning and weight training to meet combat standards, they have been more likely to be outside the required weight and size requirements for women. The Marine Corps, he said, is looking at that issue.

Mabus and Neller have deep differences on how the Marine Corps

should proceed, and provided their views in starkly different ways.

Mabus presented a lengthy opening statement laying out his views and why he disagreed with the Marine's recommendation, and had to be warned by McCain to finish up quickly. Neller, meanwhile, made no opening statement, provided short, clipped answers to questions, and avoided most direct disagreements with Mabus.

Asked to list his concerns, Neller said he's worried about retention, injury rates and unit effectiveness.

Milley said he fully supported allowing women to seek combat jobs, but cautioned that it should be done slowly and methodically because "we must not rush to failure."

The military leaders said that for the first time the services are developing standards that are specific to each job, based on the requirements and tasks that must be accomplished. Those standards, they said, will be applied equally for men and women.

Milley added that at this point he does not expect that women will be forced into infantry jobs. The Army, he said, doesn't involuntarily send men to the combat post right now and the service is meeting all its needs. But, he said, things could change in the future depending on the military's needs.

Carter's order to allow women to compete for combat posts opens the final 10 percent of military positions to women — a total of about 220,000 jobs. And it allows them to serve in the most demanding and difficult jobs, including as special operations forces, such as the Army Delta units and Navy SEALs.

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CREPE-ING AROUND



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Co-Town Crepes, a local business in Waco, Texas celebrates National Crepe Day at Magnolia Silos on Tuesday.

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Howard said one of the best things she gained from the trip were friendships that have lasted even after she returned home to Baylor. She noted that the British culture is typically less social, but found friendship in the British students she was studying alongside. She said her favorite story to tell is of one of her best friends from the trip, a Welsh student named Harrison and the importance he placed on cueing.

"Harrison told me on the move-in day, 'If you're going to be British you have to learn the art of cueing,'" Howard said. She laughed as she remembered the good times she had with Harrison and her other friends in Scotland.

Gabriel Pederson, a junior studying Classics at Baylor said he started considering the program last spring when he found out his advisor was going. He was encouraged to try the program out and think about Saint Andrews for graduate school as well.

"You only take three classes there over the semester, so I think most of all I learned to think more deeply about things," Pederson said. "It was nice to be able to think more deeply about only two classes."

Pederson noted that, because of the fewer classes, he spent a lot less time in class and a lot more time working on his own outside of class. He said the program was a lot

more hands-on than Baylor classes tend to be. But the largest difference he noted was that, while at Baylor you get to know your professors on a more intimate level, in Saint Andrews the teachers were far more distant. Pederson said students typically wouldn't go into office hours or spend time with their professors outside of class.

The Baylor in Saint Andrews program takes students to Scotland once a semester. Both Howard and Pederson said the experience is one they won't soon forget, and they were lucky to have studied in such a beautiful and cultured place.

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donate to his campaign," said Mahler, who is a Bernie Sanders advocate. "He is being supported by both individuals — people who can actually go out and vote — and he is being supported by things like labor unions, which are largely a voice for

the people rather than a voice for corporate interest."

"In terms of getting people involved in the democratic process, I think [Sanders] has shown that his supporters are the most excited," Cash said.

Though differing in finding funds, all presidential

candidates are striving towards the same seat.

Whether paid for by super PAC's or crowd funding, Baylor students, along with the rest of America, will decide who is best suited for the position come Nov. 8.

Zika virus recently confirmed in Texas

JAMIE STENGLE
Associated Press

DALLAS — Health officials on Tuesday reported that a person in Texas has become infected with the Zika virus through sex in the first case of the illness being transmitted within the United States amid the current outbreak in Latin America.

The unidentified person had not traveled but had sex with a person who had returned from Venezuela and fallen ill with Zika, Dallas County health officials said. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control issued a statement saying lab tests confirmed the non-traveler was infected with Zika.

The virus, which has been linked to birth defects in the Americas, is primarily spread through mosquito bites, but investigators had been exploring the possibility it could be sexually transmitted. There was a report of a Colorado researcher who picked up the virus in Africa and apparently spread it to his wife back home in 2008, and it was found in one man's

semen in Tahiti.

"It's very rare, but this is not new," Zachary Thompson, director of the Dallas County Health and Human Services, told WFAA-TV in Dallas. "We always looked at the point that this could be transmitted sexually."

The CDC says it will issue guidance in the coming days on prevention of sexual transmission of Zika virus, focusing on the male sexual partners of women who are or may be pregnant. The CDC has already recommended pregnant women postpone trips to more than two dozen countries with Zika outbreaks, mostly in Latin America and the Caribbean, including Venezuela. It also said other visitors should use insect repellent and take other precautions to prevent mosquito bites.

In the epidemic in Latin America and the Caribbean, the main villain identified so far is called *Aedes aegypti* — a species of mosquito that spreads other tropical diseases, including chikungunya and dengue fever. It is found in the southern United States,

though no mosquito-borne transmission has been reported in the continental United States to date. There have been about 30 cases in the U.S. in the last year, all travelers who brought it into the country.

The World Health Organization on Monday declared a global emergency over the rapidly spreading Zika virus, saying it is an "extraordinary event" that poses a threat to the rest of the world. The declaration was made after an emergency meeting of independent experts called in response to a spike in babies born with brain defects and abnormally small heads in Brazil since the virus was first found there last year.

The CDC said that in the recent Texas case, there's no risk to a developing fetus.

The most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain and red eyes. The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting several days to a week. Symptoms usually start two days to a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

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can to ensure that we have in place quality processes reflecting best practices nationally so that we might respond effectively and with sensitivity to those impacted by the terrible tragedy of interpersonal violence."

At the request of university President and Chancellor Ken Starr, an external investigation into the university's handling of cases of alleged sexual violence was launched in the fall of 2015. The investigation is being conducted by the nationally recognized law firm Pepper Hamilton.

Title IX Efforts

According to the Association of American Universities, 23.1 percent of undergraduate female students experience some form of sexual assault, and Baylor University is no exception. Not only are gender discrimination, sexual assault and rape all problems faced by Baylor, but a recent article by ESPN claims that Baylor has failed some of its students who were victims of sexual assault.

While gender discrimination and sexual assault are complex issues, the Title IX Office has made a great number of changes since August 2015. Title IX Coordinator Patty Crawford said she hopes it will lead to a societal shift and an overall decrease in the number of Title IX-related incidents.

Title IX is a national law written in 1972 that says any educational institution that receives federal funds cannot discriminate based on sex or gender. Originally, Title IX was primarily applied to equity and opportunity in athletics, but the federal government has

given additional guidance on what Title IX is over the years.

Since the law's inception in 1972, Baylor has always had a Title IX coordinator, but until 2014 this was not a full-time position. Before 2011, sexual assault cases were reviewed by Judicial Affairs. Now cases are reviewed by the Title IX office.

In 2014, Baylor hired Crawford as the first full-time Title IX coordinator. Since then, Crawford has built up the Title IX Office and worked to change the university's Title IX policy.

"The university developed an entirely new Title IX policy, and that policy was approved in August," Crawford said. "We will keep revising that policy. We're in the revision process right now, because once you live in a policy and work in it, you want to keep changing it and making it better."

Under the federal government's guidance, there are many categories of Title IX, Crawford said. The law covers issues including race and gender discrimination in admissions, scholarships, and financial aid. Students are not the only ones protected under Title IX, which also covers employees, faculty and staff. Title IX still protects against gender discrimination in athletics, which includes areas such as programming, athletic scholarships, access and equipment.

Additionally, Title IX prohibits universities from retaliating against people who report Title IX violations.

Baylor's Title IX Office consists of two different sides, which Crawford described as "proactive" and "reactive." The proactive side is focused

on spreading awareness, such as through the 2,000 Title IX posters around campus and the online course that all new freshmen and transfer students are required to complete before the semester.

"The critical thing about a social shift is building awareness around what something is," Crawford said. "So if there is a culture of interpersonal violence in a community, we have to first define it and talk about it. It is not easy to talk about sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual violence."

The reactive side of the office responds to complaints. The Title IX Office has two investigators, two adjudicators and a case manager. The investigators present the facts of each case to one of the adjudicators, who makes a decision, followed by an appeals process.

In the meantime, the case manager is responsible for creating interim remedies for both the complainant and the accused party. These remedies could include changing class schedules, providing escorts to classes, making housing changes, providing financial aid support, facilitating tutoring and other assistance necessary to create safety and success for the parties involved, Crawford said.

"That's what we call a trauma-informed model," Crawford said, "where you try to make it a process that we don't add more stress or triggers to the parties that would feel like they have to confront someone again or have to tell an experience again that they're not ready to tell. Also, the complainant does not have to participate in the hearing if they do not want to, and I can actually go

forward with an investigation and a hearing without the complainant."

"I can't do this work without students' voices," Crawford said, "and I can't do this work without knowing I'm aggressively working on prevention. Otherwise it's just a cycle of violence coming through, and I'm trying to remedy in a reactive way."

If a student goes to the Baylor Health Center with a sexual assault case, the center takes care of the student's medical needs and gives them a Title IX packet. If the assault was recent and the victim is considering pressing charges, the center advises students to go to an emergency room, and have an exam by a sexual assault nurse examiner.

In case of an assault

If the assault was not recent (within 96 hours) or the victim refuses to go to the emergency room the Baylor Health Center will do the testing and treatment. The center also recommends counseling and will refer them to the Baylor University Counseling Center.

As healthcare professionals, the health center is not allowed to report any cases of sexual assault. Everything will remain confidential unless a patient makes a request in writing that their information is to be shared.

"Our function is to serve the medical needs of Baylor University students," said Dr. Sharon Stern, medical director at Baylor Health Services.

"It is important for us to deal with students as quickly and compassionately as possible and that is what we strive to always do."

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Orchestra wins big

HELENA HUNT
Arts and Life Editor

The Baylor Symphony Orchestra has been named the American Prize winner in the college/university orchestra division for the second year in a row. Meanwhile, the Baylor Wind Ensemble took second among college and university wind ensembles.

The American Prize is a competition series that awards musicians in several categories, including conducting, voice and opera. The nonprofit organization awards cash prizes to its finalists along with its prestigious title. Baylor Symphony Orchestra placed above the acclaimed Peabody Symphony Orchestra and Western Michigan University Orchestra programs in the competition.

"It's kind of like winning the national championship for orchestra," said Stephen Heyde, the orchestra's director. "We're very gratified to win it back-to-back. It shows hard work pays off."

La Porte graduate student Lindsay Smith, who is working toward her master's in performance studies and plays horn in the orchestra, said she didn't even know the symphony had been entered in the competition.

"I only found out we'd entered when we won," Smith said. "Honestly, I wasn't surprised when I found out. We always have a high [performance] standard."

The Baylor Symphony Orchestra



Photo Courtesy of the Baylor School of Music

MAESTRO Stephen Heyde conducts the Baylor Symphony Orchestra during the Flemish Fortnight closing concert at Jones Concert Hall. The orchestra recently won the American Prize in the college/university orchestra division.

is the university's elite orchestral performance ensemble. Competitive auditions take place at the beginning of each semester, and members practice three times every week. They may rehearse a piece for six months before performing it.

"We're going to play [a piece] expertly, as the composers would have wished it to be played," said Waco senior Mia Orosco, who plays the violin and is the orchestra's concertmaster.

The orchestra performs extensively, in places as far as Belgium and Costa Rica and as near as Baylor's Jones Concert Hall. While

a part of the orchestra accompanied the Baylor Opera Theater in last week's production of "Die Fledermaus," the next performance by the full ensemble will be March 3 in Jones Concert Hall.

Heyde has been the symphony's director since 1984, when he stepped into the shoes of the program's founder, Daniel Sternberg. Heyde said he has seen the orchestra flourish tremendously since he began his directing role, in large part due to the support of university administration and the involvement of students.

"When I came, the orchestra

was much smaller and much less advanced," Heyde said. "It's been a team effort by students, teachers and administration over the years to make it successful, and we've made real progress in the last three to four years."

While effort and discipline have enabled the orchestra's successful American Prize bids, Heyde said what is more important than prizes and prestige is the camaraderie that develops among the orchestra's young musicians. Heyde recalled in particular the moment that he and his musicians heard of the Challenger disaster in 1986 while driving to a concert in Fort Worth. Before they took the stage, the students were able to reflect together on the deaths of those aboard the space shuttle.

Orosco said being part of the orchestra has been the most influential part of her career as a musician, in large part because she gets to perform alongside students who are equally as passionate about music as she is.

"The most significant piece is the relationships and friendships that we've developed with students over the years," Heyde said. "Dozens have written back about their experiences with the orchestra."

Smith said she has found a community in the collaborations with her fellow musicians.

"Music brings people together in unique ways. It's just an enjoyable experience being part of that community," Smith said. "I just love the orchestra at Baylor."

Fuzzy's Taco Shop to begin construction downtown

HELENA HUNT
Arts and Life Editor

Bangkok Royal and Bicycle World will be getting a new neighbor in their building at 215 University Parks Drive. Renovations will get started soon to add Fuzzy's Taco Shop, a Fort Worth chain specializing in Baja-style tacos and burritos, to the distinctive red building downtown.

With the permitting process beginning yesterday, franchise owner Casie Cernat said she expects work on the space to get started within the next 30 days. She said Wacoans and students can expect the new restaurant to open in May or June, just in time for summer.

In addition to renovating interior space for the restaurant, construction will extend the patio by 19 feet, adding outdoor seating to the building.

"Downtown, there's not a lot of outdoor seating," said Trent Weaver, who owns the building where Fuzzy's will be located. "We'll be adding 400 to 700 square feet of outdoor tables."



Charlene Lee | Lariat Photographer

WARM AND FUZZY A new Fuzzy's Taco Shop location will open in the building at 215 University Parks Drive in May or June.

The outdoor dining environment will complement the boulevard of food trucks located across the street from the new Fuzzy's location, turning the University Parks and Franklin Avenue downtown corner into an outdoor dining destination.

Cernat said the restaurant's signature Baja style, which

features tempura-battered shrimp tacos and blanco queso, and competitive price point help to differentiate it from nearby Torchy's Tacos. Fuzzy's also serves salads, sandwiches and breakfast tacos in addition to its Baja fare.

"It's a fast, casual, Baja Mexican restaurant. The price point and service offerings are quite a bit different," Cernat said. "It's wonderful food, and the average price point of \$9 for a full meal makes it a great deal."

After being refranchised in 2003, the Fuzzy's chain has expanded from Fort Worth to open 85 locations in 11 states, including Florida and Arizona. Weaver said Waco's expanding downtown area makes it a natural choice for a new franchise location.

Weaver said he is looking at other potential tenants for his building at University Parks, which, in addition to Bangkok Royal and Bicycle World, formerly housed the Wild West nightclub. He declined to say who is considering a lease. Weaver plans to name the space the Stone's Throw Building, a reference to its proximity to McLane Stadium, the Brazos River and the downtown area.

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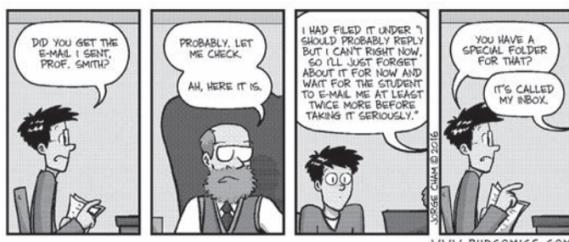
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Leading the pack

New NCAA law reveals Baylor return-to-play policy 'ahead of its time'

JEFFREY SWINDOLL
Sports Editor

The Power Five conferences passed new legislation one medical officer is calling the most important piece of safety legislation in NCAA history on Jan. 15 during the NCAA Convention in San Antonio.

The new law guarantees medical personnel job security in return-to-play situations.

In other words, team medical staff cannot be threatened or fired if they prohibit a player from returning to the game, despite a coach's desire for the player to return.

Although the law is being touted as a game-changer for the NCAA, Baylor athletics has had protection for its team medical staff since the 1990s, said Baylor head athletic trainer Mike Sims, calling the Bears pioneers when it comes to return-to-play policy.

Since the 1990s, Baylor has protected its athletic medical staff from an unwanted clash between coaches and medical staff in the case of player injuries.

Sims said Baylor athletics hires medical staff through the athletic department's administration, leaving the coaching staff with no control over any medical staff member's status.

"Our athletic training department has all been hired through the administration for about 20 years," Sims said. "We started doing it that way in about the mid-1990s, just slightly ahead of our time. I think for this dilemma it makes a big difference."

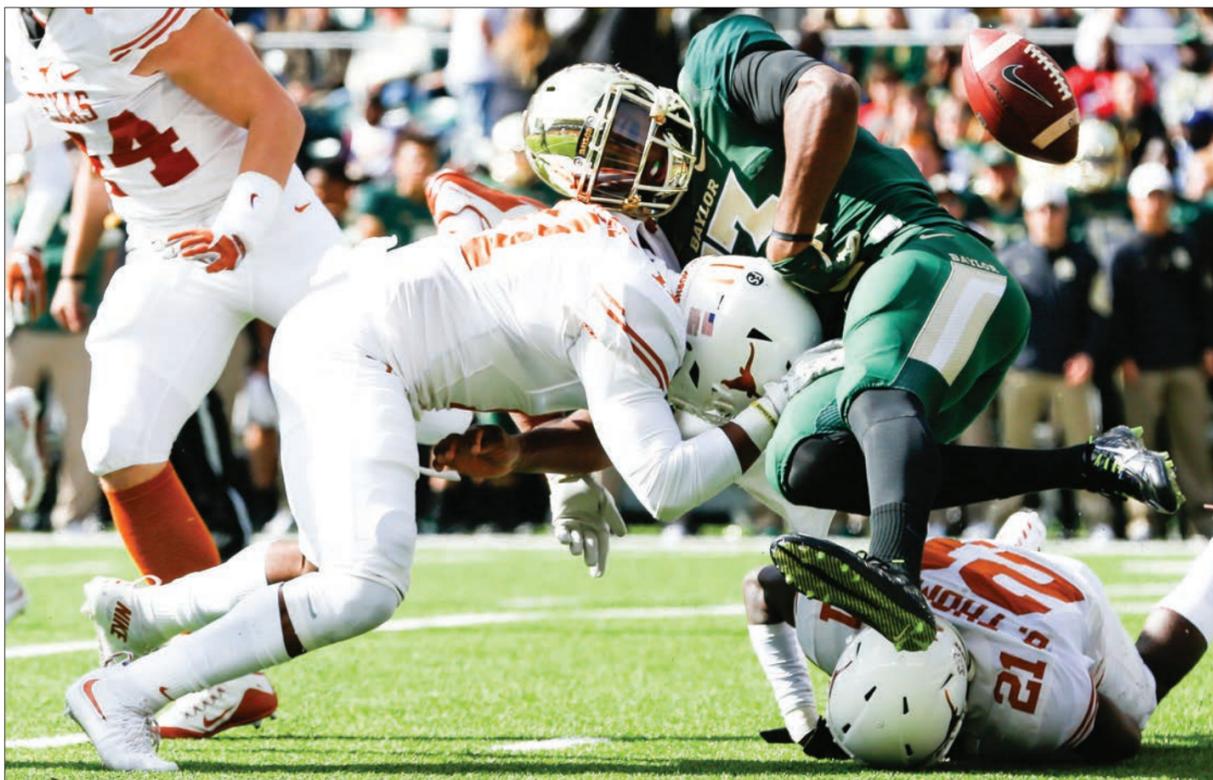
Oftentimes, there is uncertainty on whether a player is in a good enough condition to return to the game, specifically in the case of concussions.

"The issue of concussions remains a top concern for everybody involved with athletics at all levels, and this new legislation is another important step in the process that has made college athletics safer than ever," said National Football Foundation (NFF) President and CEO Steve Hatchell in a press release last Thursday.

In the situation that a player gets hurt, the Baylor coaching staff has no power to threaten medical staff or decide whether the player can return to the game.

The new law aims to remove the confusion and pressure put on coaches and trainers in this situation.

"The staff doesn't have to go through the emotional process anymore," Sims said.



Stephen Nunnelee | Broadcast Features Reporter

LIGHTS OUT Sophomore quarterback Chris Johnson receives a devastating hit from a Texas defender during the Bears' regular season finale on Dec. 5, 2015, at McLane Stadium. Johnson suffered a concussion on that play, was removed from the game and did not return to the game.

"Coaches get passionate and emotional during a game and they go to their medical staff and ask, 'Can my player play?' and the medical staff say, 'No,' and the coach says, 'But I need him to play. Let him play.'"

Current protocol leaves health and safety decision power exclusively with team medical professionals.

Team physicians and athletic trainers in the Power Five conferences (ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and SEC) now have "unchallengeable autonomous authority" in return-to-play situations.

Before this legislation, it was up to the universities themselves to implement policy regarding return-to-play situations.

"It's just these things were put in place a long time ago; different coaches running their

programs and different ways of doing things," Sims said.

Some universities, like Baylor, had already established their own policies long before the NCAA passed the law on Jan. 15.

"Many people overlook the role of our nation's athletic trainers who are out there every day for the good of the kids," Hatchell said. "This is an enormously important step in empowering the athletic trainers and team physicians as the first line in protecting our student-athletes."

Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby, a board member of the NFF, had a heavy hand in the effort ultimately resulting in the adoption of the new legislation.

Legislation regarding return-to-play situations had already been passed at the 2015 NCAA Convention, but Bowlsby and Oklahoma

senior center Ty Darlington were unsatisfied with it.

Bowlsby and Darlington said the 2015 protocol still gave the coaches too much power in affecting return-to-play decisions.

Taking on the issue personally, Bowlsby intensified the protocol in his own conference, the Big 12.

The Big 12 bolstered its own return-to-play protocol last year and is the same protocol being used across all Power Five conferences.

"We applaud the Power Five conferences for their leadership on formalizing the rules for protecting the safety of our nation's student-athletes," Hatchell said.

For Baylor and other Big 12 schools, there won't be much change. Baylor and the Big 12 were ahead of the game.

Lady Bears host K-State down Big 12 home stretch

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

Sitting at No. 4, the Lady Bears basketball team looks to continue to improve as it takes on Kansas State at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Ferrell Center.

The Lady Bears (21-1, 8-1), are coming off a road victory last Saturday against West Virginia and look to continue their dominant Big 12 campaign.

"We started the game turning it over a lot, but we got better as the game went on. I think we only had nine turnovers, but I was shocked we only had six assists," said head coach Kim Mulkey.

"And when you play a good team like we did West Virginia, you have to fight from start to finish. And to sneak out of there with a victory, it's tough."

The good thing for the Lady Bears is that their next battle will be at home. To possibly eight-game winning streak.

"We've got to get prepared and play a team that is going to spread you out and try and shoot the three ball. But hey we are home, it's good to be home," Mulkey said.

Historically speaking, the Lady Bears have had overwhelming success against Kansas State.

"We got out of there and now we are focusing on K-State and had to play those guys three times last year, if you count the conference tournament," Mulkey said. "Jeff Mittie is trying to get his players in there and you're going to see zone, you are going to see some of the Bill Finley stuff, from a triangle and two to a diamond and one."

Mittie is entering his second season as Kansas State's head coach and 24th overall as

a head coach.

Mittie and the Wildcats (14-6, 4-5) are coming off a loss at home and will be determined to get things going back their way.

The Lady Bears will need to stop junior forward Breanna Lewis, who leads the Wildcats with 16.8 points and 7.4 rebounds per game.

The Wildcats average .649 free throw percentage and 36.8 rebounds PER game.

Although the Wildcats record doesn't present a threat, senior guard Niya Johnson said no team can be overlooked.

"We can't look past those teams," Johnson said. "You have to play every game like it's your

last, especially in the Big 12 conference. That's what coach Mulkey tries to get in our heads, playing each game like it's your last game in this conference."

Halfway through conference play, every win matters. But with time, each team continues to improve.

"I think of how we started at Oklahoma State, our very first game of the year guys. Not many teams could respond the way this bunch has," Mulkey said. "They have won how many straight now, since that loss. I'm please that we responded that way. I wish we could go back and redo that Oklahoma State game and have Niya play, but you can't."

The Lady Bears, happy to be back home will need all the support they can get as they take on the Wildcats.

"It's good to be back, playing in front of our fans," Johnson said.

The Lady Bears are in a dead heat with Texas (20-1, 9-1) for the regular season Big 12 title. There is a lot at stake in each Big 12 contest for Baylor and Texas.



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