New Baylor lawsuit alleges 52 rapes over four years

KALYN STORY Staff Writer

A former Baylor player said that during his time on the team, he was sexually assaulted four times, the latest of which occurred in 2017. The lawsuit claims that Baylor failed to protect its students from sexual assault and retaliation.

The lawsuit alleges that 51 Baylor football players committed at least 52 acts of rape, including five gang rapes, between 2011 and 2014. In a Wall Street Journal article from October, Baylor officials said they were aware of 17 reports of sexual assault against 19 football players, including four gang rapes, since 2011.

“Baylor is committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for everyone,” the university said. “We are committed to preventing and responding to sexual assault.”

The lawsuit also states that Baylor’s response to the sexual assault allegations was “reprehensible and unacceptable.” The university “failed to take any action to prevent or address the sexual assault,” the lawsuit states.

“Any such acts are reprehensible and unacceptable. The university remains committed to preventing and responding to sexual assault.”

The lawsuit states that the 51 players accused, Baylor dismissed only two from the university.

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Don't muzzle democracy

JUNPENG ZHANG

The actions of former President Barack Obama before he was relieved of his White House duties and the words spoken by President Donald Trump in the first months of his term are astonishingly similar — they both have aimed at controlling and dominating the South China Sea.

In 2014, the conflict between China and the Philippines over the Scarborough Shoal strengthened the position of Taiwan, named Diaoyu Island by China. At that time, Taiwan was under the rule of President Ma Yong-chien. She said that her father would fight to defend Taiwan and the island, and the peace equal pay for women and access to quality education for their children.

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Retired professor honors Hall of Famers with book

JOY MOTON Staff Writer

As a young boy listening to the voice of an onsite announcer and the music mixing the World Series over the radio, John Wood would have baseball become one of his lasting passions.

"Once baseball gets in your blood, it's pretty hard to get out," Wood said. Wood is a retired professor of religion at Baylor and former professor of ethics. When suffering a heart attack two years before retiring, he decided to get started on his bucket list. One of the first things he wanted to accomplish was writing about his love for baseball.

This resulted in him writing a book titled, "Beyond the Ballpark: The Honorable, Immoral, and Eccentric Lives of Baseball Players.""Beyond the Ballpark: The Honorable, Immoral, and Eccentric Lives of Baseball Legends."

"I'm not really versed in human nature. But also since I taught ethics at Baylor, I was interested in their moral lives so not just what they did on the diamond in the ballpark, but what they did away from the pitch," Wood said. Wood's book discusses the character and lives of 50 Hall of Fame baseball players.

So personal needs can be met. This allows for tailored and individualized guidance. With Baylor Dining Services, encourages appealing healthy options that they should eat. "They do so by focusing too much attention on the treats that can't be eaten. Foods sets a person up for more success rather than focusing on the treats that can't be eaten."

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BASEBALL IS LIFE. John Wood combines his lifelong love for baseball and his passion for human relations in his new book, "Beyond the Ballpark: The Honorable, Immoral, and Eccentric Lives of Baseball Players."
PIPELINE PROTESTERS GATHER FRIDAY IN DOWNTOWN WACO

RYLEE SEAVERS Staff Writer

Wacoans gathered downtown to protest pipeline construction and draw attention to recent pipeline containment in the Keystone XL and Dakota Access (DAPL) pipelines. Protestors gathered outside the Waco office of Rep. Bill Flores to show their disapproval of the executive action regarding the pipelines.

Construction of DAPL was halted on Dec. 4, 2016, by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers after extensive protests over a press release from Flores’s office, but he said his solar array in the vicinity of the pipeline “[Flores] is not acting in a way that is in the best interest of Waco or the country.”

Farrar said she believes the construction of DAPL will provide temporary jobs for Americans, and Flores said the pipeline is a threat to the clean-energy industry.

Protestors also expressed concern about the pipeline’s potential environmental impact and the treatment that Native American tribes received. 

There are only certain ways to transport liquid or gas products,” Flores said. “You can do it by pipeline, and if you look at the safety records, there’s basically zero accidents.” 

Protestors also acknowledged opposition to planned complements, including the Dakota Access Pipeline. 

“We wanted to be the first to come to this, to have our voices heard,” one of the protestors said.

On Friday, DAPL did not cross any sacred grounds and that the pipeline will be halted until those Time comes up. According to the Dakota Access Pipeline Facts website, there are 10 sacred sites on the construction route.

The protest centered at Lake Ohia in the vicinity of the DAPL.

“We want Waco to be a welcoming city. We want people who are here... to feel like,” Ana Chatham (Member of Waco Immigration Alliance)

Chatham said that she and others have been protesting at the courthouse in an attempt to raise awareness about the recent immigration policies of President Donald Trump.

“I think it’s our responsibility to speak about the immigration policies of the federal government and to make it clear that some of the members of the Baylor community are affected and the executive order that could lead to deportations has no place in Baylor’s Global Engagement is monitoring the situation and will do all that may be to ensure that students have access to resources,” Chatham said.

On Wednesday, Chatham was granted a position in the College of Arts and Sciences as an associate director of programs in the Department of Foreign Languages.

“We have students who are already in the country who may have left school and for others who are already in the country who may have left school and for others who are already in the country,” Chatham said.

Alyssa Ramirez said, referring to recent executive action regarding the pipelines, “I think we need to move forward with clean energy.”

Flores said his community must maintain its focus on American immigration, and the congressmen apologized that they had been misinterpreted in their recent comments.

“These protests have not been called. We also said we favored clean energy solutions over pipelines on the grounds that clean energy does not have environmental repercussions and would create new jobs for American workers.”

Trump’s executive actions were also condemned by other citizens.

“The administration has made thus far, as they have done to increase sexual assault awareness and prevention fully on board with this,” Interim President David N. W. May said.

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A tale of love,oss and hope
Volunteer actors tell heart-warming, relatable story

KASSIDY WOYTEK
Reporter

The Waco Civic Theatre debuts the play “Almost, Maine,” a romantic comedy that gives audiences a window into the love lives of the citizens of Almost, Maine.

Director Todd Martin likened the play to the movie “Love, Actually,” saying fans of the movie will enjoy a similar style of storytelling.

“I think the movie is a little more romantic, and our show leans more towards comedy,” Martin said.

“Love, Actually” is a film about the complexity of love and relationships, something that Martin said he hopes to capture in “Almost, Maine.”

Martin said the show is unique in that it’s not narratively connected to the scenes it presents. Each scene is a standalone story, with some set in the past, some in the present, and some in the future.

“Each scene has its own emotional journey,” Martin said. “The audience is walking in and out of the show, sometimes facing similar situations, but the deeper meaning of the story is left for the audience to discover.”

According to Martin, the characters sometimes face similar challenges, but the deeper meaning of each scene will ring true for each audience member.

“I like it when there are common themes, but the deeper meaning of each scene will ring true for each audience member,” Martin said.

“E v e r y p o p y p y is dependent upon its own time. None of the actors are paid,” Martin said. “We’re trying to show the audience that love is possible, and audiences can relate to it.”

Martin himself has been involved in theater for many years, working with a diverse cast of characters that he says give them a unique challenge in their relationships.

“Every scene takes place at the same time on the same stage, and they all deal with different aspects of relationships,” Martin said.

“Even though the scenes are not necessarily connected to each other, they all fall under the theme of love and loss and hope.”

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“Almost, Maine” will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Waco Civic Theatre. Admission is $18 for Baylor students and $20 for non-students. Thursday through Saturday and $16 for Baylor students, $8 for non-students. Tickets can be purchased at: http://www.wacocivictheatre.com/maine/

For today’s puzzles, results are at BaylorLariat.com.
NATHAN KEIL

Senior guard Alex Jones is only playing her second season in the green and gold. However, she is already cementing her legacy as one of the great Baylor Lady Bears.

In Sunday’s 92-58 win over No. 20 Oklahoma, Jones orchestrated Baylor’s defense, completing the season’s outcome. and running once again.

The Bears are coming off an 81-53 win over Oral University, which is just a piece of what the Bears have been doing.

Senior catcher Matt Dodson said.

“It’s the first day; everyone appears to elevate their game one step higher in tough environments. Jones said.

“I had no idea that I was that close,” Jones said after her triple-double on Sunday. “I was just playing.

“I said if she didn’t get it, I just didn’t take a chance on a kid getting hurt, and I threw the ball in to Kalani (Brown), and Kalani made the move to the point and scored it. It’s a situation where I can control it, I will.”

The triple-double is another tally in an already impressive resume that Jones has put together since transferring from Duke for the 2013-14 season. She was an All-Big 12 first team player, Big 12 Newcomer of the Year, Most Outstanding Player of the Big 12 Championship and part of the Dallas Regional All-Tournament team in 2016.

This season, she leads the team in scoring, averaging 15 points per game. She is shooting 48 percent from the field, including 42 percent from the arc and 72 percent from the free throw line.

Jones always seems to able to elevate her game one step higher in tough environments away from the Ferrell Center. In her road games against ranked foes, she is averaging 21.5 points and six assists, including 20 points in the Bears’ loss of the season on Nov. 17 at Connecticut and 30 points in an 86-80 win on Dec. 5 at Tennessee. Jones fell one rebound short of a triple-double against the Lady Vols.

For Jones, it isn’t about building a career and establishing a legacy. She just goes out and plays as hard as she can and tries to win.

“She is the best player...” Jones said after her triple-double on Sunday. “I was just playing.”

Jones and the No. 2 Lady Bears return to action at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Iowa State.