Texas senator files five Title IX bills

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Texas State Sen. and Baylor alumnus Kirk Watson filed five bills related to sexual assault on March 13. Senate Bill (SB) 966 would require changes to Title IX policies, including an anonymous policy for sexual assault reports. SB 967 would allow anonymous reports and an electronic reporting system for sexual assault cases and would require reports to all students and employees. It includes standards for affirmative consent and must be available to any student or employee of the institution. SB 968 requires that universities have Title IX policies. SB 969 would require universities to amend policies related to sexual assault, and SB 970 would require universities to adopt a complaint resolution system for sexual assault cases and must include standards for anonymous reporting. "There’s little question that the scandal at Baylor has focused attention and highlighted issues related to sexual assault on our campus," Watson wrote in an email to the Lariat. "But this isn’t just about Baylor focusing attention on our mate and our nation are facing challenges related to sexual assault, and it’s time our state takes a step forward to enact meaningful, survivor-focused policy change." The bills will require higher education institutions to amend their Title IX policies. SB 966 requires that universities have an anonymous reporting system, allow anonymous reports and accept reports regardless of the location of the alleged event from SB 967 would require universities to give amnesty to any student who reports a case of sexual assault that they witnessed or were victim of, even if that individual was not registered with the university’s student conduct policy. SB 970 would require that all higher education institutions adopt a complaint resolution law that would apply to any student or employee of the institution. According to SB 970, the sexual assault policies must include standards for affirmative consent and must be available to all students and employees. It also requires that the universityBW

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Baylor offers veterans smooth transition

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Luis Villafranca said the experience a challenge as he transitioned to a new mission in the U.S. Air Force. She said she would have been able to use her college degree without the resources and support she received from the Veterans Education and Training Services (VETS) program. It was no surprise to Villafranca that Baylor was ranked sixth in the nation among large private schools for veterans by the G.I. Bill funding, Baylor will pay half of the cost of a Baylor education. Davis said Baylor opens up Yellow Jackets for each and every veteran, essentially covering the benefits counseling for veteran students. Senator Bill funding, Baylor will pay half of the cost of a Baylor education. Davis said Baylor opens up Yellow Jackets for each and every veteran, essentially covering the benefits counseling for veteran students. Senator Bill funding, Baylor will pay half of the cost of a Baylor education. 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Why Hugh Jackman is a total boss

Jack Parsley
Reporters

Hugh Jackman has had the most impressive of any superhero actors to date. Jackman has been the face of the X-Men franchise for 17 years, and many would say that "Logan," his final portrayal of Wolverine, is the film that cemented him as a superhero in the eyes of many. Although Jackman's 11-year run as Wolverine ended in 2019, it would still be a very impressive 11-year run, even after he was given the chance to play a solo superhero and take on a second role as the magnificent metal mask.

Young adults today have been dubbed the pill-popping generation, as named by Andrew Gregory in his article "Pill-Popping Generation," a title to add to the medifilms collection generation. My Priapogen generation, generation now. However, this label is more serious than most and harder to dismiss. About 40 percent of Americans are taking a prescription of some kind, with 15 percent of the population taking five prescriptions daily, according to the Huffington Post. The largest categories for those prescriptions are blood pressure, antidepressant, cholesterol and opioid painkillers.

These numbers are more than the roughly 30 percent of the United Kingdom population on prescription drugs, according to BBC News, and don't account for the medications being taken over the counter. Drug abuse can present itself in many forms, including the use of prescription drugs meant for another person, overdosing on prescription medications, overuse on over-the-counter medication or illegal substances, as explained by the Addiction Community. These medications are commonly prescribed, whether prescribed or not.

Over-the-counter drugs are readily available to anyone old enough to buy them, and they are available at over-the-counter pill once every day if faced with a small amount of pain or discomfort, according to Gregory. By using painkillers daily, the medicine loses its effect on the body and allows for the cycle of prescription abuse.

Tackling medication without a real need can cause the body to become dependent on it. Many forms of painkillers, if used daily, can cause the body to become used to the painkiller.

"I'm gonna pop some pills"
Campus Kitchen competes for hunger relief

RACHEL SMITH
Reporter

For the first time, the Campus Kitchen at Baylor University competed in “Raise the Dough,” an annual online fundraiser for the Campus Kitchens Project, a national nonprofit.

This fundraiser, which lasted from Feb. 17 to today, allowed Campus Kitchen at Baylor University to compete against 25 high schools and universities to raise money for local hunger relief efforts. College Station junior Rebecca Peirce, director of the Baylor organization, said the money would fund seeds and mulch for its community garden, cooking supplies and potentially a garden shed.

“Everything is online this year, so we have a website donors can go to donate if they desire,” Peirce said. “It’s basically to help us keep our kitchen running as it should and to get things that we need.”

The Craig Newmark Philanthropic Fund will match donations under $100 up to $7,500, and Campus Kitchens that raise the most money or involve the most individual donors will win cash prizes totaling $2,500. The national nonprofit will announce prize-winning kitchens Monday.

“Getting people engaged in helping others is a big deal,” said Craig Newmark, founder of Craigslist and the Craig Newmark Philanthropic Fund, in a Campus Kitchen press release. “It’s how we’ll change the world.”

The Campus Kitchen Project empowers students nationwide to fight local hunger and food waste. Campus Kitchen at Baylor University delivers meals to local nonprofit partners through recovery and delivery shifts, which utilize food left in dining halls after lunch times.

“We pick it up, and we take it to the Salvation Army,” Peirce said. “It’s one of my favorite things that I’ve done while at Baylor.”

Peirce started volunteering with the organization her freshman year, following in the footsteps of her older brother and sister, who also attended Baylor.

“I heard about it and thought I’d give it a try,” Peirce said. “I did it my freshman year and just really fell in love with the work that we do and the people that we help.”

During her sophomore year, Peirce joined the executive team, which she said has about 15 people, while there are about 50-60 additional volunteers. Students work cooking shifts in Penland Crossroads Dining Hall three times a week and run a community garden managed by Georgetown junior Madison Stewart.

“I’m really passionate about gardening,” Stewart said. “I don’t think anyone should go hungry, and I don’t think food should be wasted.”

The garden, located on the corner of Ninth Street and James Avenue, is just larger than an acre and grows produce to be used in meals for local nonprofit partners such as Mission Waco, the Cove, and the Family Abuse Center. Stewart said the garden has been her passion since she began volunteering with Campus Kitchen.

“Gardening is my hobby,” Stewart said. “Gardening with a purpose means a lot to me. Being able to see people eat something that is healthy and organic really makes a huge difference.”

The garden provides Campus Kitchen at Baylor University with produce and herbs such as kale, potatoes, broccoli, strawberries, olline and onions. Students work shifts in the garden Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

“It really means a lot especially because these people are here in this community,” Stewart said. “It’s just really meaningful.”

GIVE BACK: The Campus Kitchen at Baylor is competing in a competition to raise money for local hunger relief efforts. Leftover food from dining halls will go to local nonprofits.
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Massey said Waco Motorsports sales representative Anson has been cooking since the also a “forever chef,” one who has been a part of the Valley Mills H-E-B, leads the H-E-B team and is also a “fearless chef,” one who has been cooking since the start of the event.

“Competing and fundraising in the H-E-B Celebrity Cook-off is the most rewarding work I do all year,” Dixon said in an email to the Lariat. “While attendance to the event has become highly sought after, the unique things that will be handed out directly into the classrooms of WISD. This allows our students and educators to do things they otherwise would not have the funds to do.”

The event is really interactive, Jones said, and the fun is for a good cause as it supports children and local classrooms. Waco Motorsports representatives Amon Messey and Waco Motorsports have been involved in the event for a while, and this year it is giving away a few different units. Messey said he is proud that this event is beneficial to the community since Waco Motorsports is a community-oriented business.

“I’m excited about the food, but honestly, I’m most excited about getting to meet most other people that have the same idea we do about supporting the schools and supporting the community,” Messey said. “Most importantly, I’m excited to meet with people that want to support the schools just like we do.”

Gietzen said this year 24 grants will be funded through the $30,000 that has been raised. The grants supply money for what is not covered in the school budget such as supplies or a great speaker. Gietzen said the community responded in a phenomenal way after the first event with sponsorships, so they decided to keep it going.

The event will consist of not only the food that is being judged, but games and live auctions as well. Some of the games are Tops or Tail, Shopper Showdown and Bucket List. Tops or Tail is a game where a coin is flipped and the game players grab either their head or their tail, and after a few rounds, a winner is narrowed down. Bucket List is where participants enter for a raffle ticket to win prizes throughout the night. Shopper Showdown is where participants guess how much items cost at H-E-B.

“Really, it’s just a fun night for a great cause of helping the WISD continues on its great path to have innovative projects and thinking that help kids get the best education possible,” Gietzen said.

The event will sell out two months ago, Gietzen said. This year’s cook-off will feature approximately 10 chefs for whom Gietzen expressed extreme gratitude for, as he said the event would not be possible without them. The entire event and the people that are a part of it are unique and help provide the best educational experience for our Waco students, Gietzen said. Gietzen said Page Dimmitt, the day the great checks get presented to educators, is an emotional day that ties the whole event together.

“To see the excitement in the students and teachers is an emotional moment,” Gietzen said. “It makes you appreciate when you see where donations are going and the difference it makes for kids and classrooms. It’s a rewarding day.”
BILLS

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SB 966 - Would amended the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code to include provisions for minors in possession of alcohol not to be criminally charged if they report a case of sexual assault, sexual harassment, or a health care provider, law enforcement officer or Title IX coordinator.

SB 967 - Would amend the current penal code regarding assaultive offenses.

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SB 969 - Would require higher institutions to extend amnesty to a student that reports a case of sexual assault, even if the student is in violation of the institutions conduct code.

SB 970 - Would require public and private higher institutions to implement a sexual assault policy.

Proposed Bills:

most implement a public awareness campaign of the affirmative consent standard, education on the dangers of date rape drugs, and the importance of consent. Baylor's Title IX policy is already in compliance with many of the requirements in the new bills. "Baylor University took unaccepted corrective actions that led to sexual misconduct within their community, and atheists and department 105 recommendations that have to be implemented to strengthen the safety and security of our students," said Lott Ferguson, assistant vice president for media communications at Baylor, wrote in an email to the Lariat. SB 967 would amend the current code regarding sexual assault to include a substance that could be used to impair a person’s ability to consent to sex or enter an act. He also wrote that it would require that a person commits an offense if the offender “administers or provides them with a drug, otherwise known as a date rape drug, that makes it impossible for the victim to resist the commission of the offense.”

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Boogie with Buffalo

Students, Mayborn Museum staff record video for fourth annual dance-off contest

RACHEL SMITH

Reporter

Mayborn Museum Complex staff and graduate museum students met on Monday to begin planning their video for "When You Work at a Museum" blog’s fourth annual international Museum Dance-Off competition.

Their core team consists of graduate students in the museum studies program. The participation in the video is open to Mayborn staff as well as all Baylor students. Dr. Kim McCray, lecturer of museum studies and part of the core team, said they will film the video sometime in March to submit by the contest deadline on March 31.

"For me, it's a great opportunity to get the chance to work with everyone in this kind of collaborative format where we have the opportunity to create something together and to get to know each other during that process as well," McCray said.

After online voting, which began April 17, winners from nine global regions will compete in the final Thunderdome Round. Prizes include opportunity to create something together and a chance to work with everyone in this kind of contest deadline on March 31.

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"I'm always trying to tell people that you just have fun at a workshop," Clark said. "I think this is a good way to showcase that we have really fine jobs. I think that makes us see more of a fun place to visit." During its first planning meeting, the team discussed potential songs and themes for the video, which must last between two and five minutes.

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DANCE, DANCE: Graduate studies museum students are set to join Mayborn Museum staff to record a video at the Mayborn Museum for the "When You Work at a Museum" blog.

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Students who are interested in participating in the video can contact Clark at Emily_R_Clark@baylor.edu or McCray at Kimberly_McCray@baylor.edu.

"I'm excited to see everybody's energy level at it," Clark said. "I think that's going to be fun to see everybody. It's kind of a fun reason to do all this because I never thought I would use my dancing background in graduate school."
Soulful singer comes to Waco

Stan Wilkes met in front of Alexander Hall on a blind date. Reminiscing on that college time was up, it was hard for me to think that I could go on without wanting to be around him. Carolyn said. "Throughout the past 60 years, Stan and Carolyn's relationship has endured as they have gone on adventures, raised a family and shared moments together. Both agree they are each other's best friends.

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For today's puzzle results, please go to BaylorLariat.com.

This weekend in Waco:

>> Today
6:30 p.m. — All University Sing. Sold Out. Waco Hall. 7-9:30 p.m. — Sean McConnell performs. Waco Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave. 7:30-9 p.m. — "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" Ball Performing Arts Center: MMC, 3040 College Drive. 8-11 p.m. — Strahan performs. $10-$15. Common Grounds.

>> Saturday
9 a.m. — Waco Downtown Farmer's Market. 400 University Park Drive. 6-30 p.m. — All University Sing. Sold Out. Waco Hall. 8-11 p.m. — The Collection performs. $8-$10. Common Grounds.

Baylor couple head over heels after 60 years

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Rugby pounds the competition

DARRELL HARRIS
Reporter

The Baylor rugby team is aiming for in-season mindsets throughout the entire school year. The team’s members hope the successful season this year is to show the university that Baylor has a savage rugby team. Hamm said, “One who is here to make their mark on campus and represent Baylor in a positive light in the athletic community.”

Hering also discussed what sponsorship from Baylor would do for their program. “An official sponsoring of the organization from Baylor’s athletic department would help further legitimize the rugby team as well as benefit the university by having another championship-caliber athletic program,” Hamm said. The rugby team’s diligence and commitment to excellence could also be attributed to their head coach Mason Hering. “He dedicated a lot of his time to us,” Sophomore center Stewart Morris said. “He’s helped us grow as men, as Christians and as rugby players. He’s been the driving force for us.”

Hering played and coached professional rugby for over 10 years for the Austin Blacks, so he brings a lot of experience to Baylor’s rugby program. Hering and the rest of the squad are hoping to win Baylor’s first Rugby National Championship since 2001.
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