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Baylor handles more Title IX scrutiny

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Staff Writer

While students were away for Spring Break, Baylor’s situation regarding Title IX lawsuits and sexual assault scandals continued to unfold.

Officials from the Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights paid Baylor a visit.

Officials from the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights visited Baylor on Thursday and Friday as part of an investigation into a complaint filed by former Title IX coordinator Patty Crawford.

According to Lori Fogleman, Baylor’s Assistant Vice President for Media Communications, the Title IX Office’s office hours were for students, faculty and staff to meet directly with the Office of Civil Rights representatives to share their experiences regarding Baylor’s efforts to prevent and address sex and gender-based harassment and violence.

“The visit was a normal step in OCR’s process,” Fogleman said. “There was no new information or investigation.”

“The university remains committed to eliminating all forms of sexual and gender-based

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THE EDITOR IS IN New York Times Executive Editor Dean Baquet speaks at South by Southwest on Saturday about coverage of the 2016 election and other challenges journalists face today.

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The New York Times, praised by many yet called “the enemy of the American people” in a tweet by President Donald Trump, is at the center of a pivotal time for modern journalism.

The New York Times Executive Editor Dean Baquet and The New York Times Media Columnist Jim Rutenberg spoke to packed room at South By Southwest in Austin Saturday to discuss coverage of the 2016 election and challenges facing modern journalism.

Baquet said that the core values of the paper necessitate covering Trump without attacking him.

“Our job is not to be the opposition to Donald Trump; it’s to cover the hell out of Donald Trump,” Baquet said. “We’re supposed to cover the hell out of powerful people, and he’s the most powerful man in the world.”

Baquet also said that these next few years are vital for the life of

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Texas Senate passes new bathroom bill

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Staff Writer

The Texas Senate Committee on State Affairs passed Senate Bill 6 on Wednesday. The bill is referred to as the Texas Privacy Act and relates to regulations and policies for using bathroom and changing facilities. The bill has now been passed to the full Texas Senate, according to a

press release.

“My thanks go to the entire committee and all of the witnesses, who listened and contributed to the debate. Ultimately the Senate Committee agreed that we must put the safety, privacy and dignity of our children above anything else,” said Texas Senator and bill author Lois Kolkhorst in a press release.

The bill states that in public schools, public, single-sex, multiple-occupancy bathrooms and changing facilities may only be used by a person of the biological sex that the facility is designated for. In public buildings, a political subdivision or state agency with control over a multiple-occupancy bathroom or changing facilities must adopt a policy that would require those facilities to be designated for and used by only people of the specified biological sex.

The bill defines biological sex as “the physical condition of being male or female, which is stated on a person’s birth certificate.”

The state of Texas does issue birth certificates with updated gender if a court order is received indicating a sex change and after the proper application is filled out, according to the National Center for Transgender Equality.

The bill also establishes a penalty for school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, state agencies or political subdivisions that violate the policy. It also increases the severity of any offenses, such as murder, sexual assault or harassment that occur in a bathroom or changing facility.

Exceptions to this policy are allowed for custodial and maintenance purposes, medical emergencies, to accompany a person needing assistance and, in public buildings, for a child younger than 8 years old that is entering a bathroom for the biological sex opposite theirs.

Additionally, the bill says that a private entity that leases or contracts a building that is owned or leased by the state can not be required or prohibited by that state or any political subdivision from adopting a policy on the use of bathrooms in

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Jessica Green | Montgomery junior, president of Baylor Democrats

that building.

“We must provide clear direction to public schools and government buildings,” Kolkhorst said in a press release. “The Texas Privacy Act is non-discriminatory and inclusive because the act provides personal accommodations for special circumstances while also respecting those who do not consent to a man entering a female restroom.”

Jathan Young, chairman of Young Conservatives of Texas, is a supporter of the bill because he believes that it is meant to ensure that people are using the bathroom for the genitalia that they have, and to prevent men from saying that they identify as a female and using the women’s restroom.

“It doesn’t really matter what you feel at that point. For example, If I

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Dayday Wynn | Lariat Photographer

BATHROOM BILL Senate Bill 6 was passed on Wednesday by the Texas Senate Committee of State Affairs and outlines that bathrooms in public schools and public buildings should be used by a person of the biological sex that the facility is designated for.

Taxes play key role in where to retire

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Staff Writer

Although retirement isn’t on the radar for many college students, paying attention to the effects of taxes on retirement is something that should be in the back of everyone’s mind, as experts say state tax plays an important role in deciding where to live after a career is over.

“Save for retirement,” said Rocky Mengle, senior writer and analyst for Wolters Kluwer Tax and Accounting. “That’s not really a tax issue, but just save for retirement. Be careful how you spend your money so that when you do reach retirement age, your state tax liability won’t be such a large factor, and you’ll have more flexibility to live wherever.”

Tax liability is the total amount of tax on your income, and can also include self-employment tax, household employment tax and tax penalties, according to TurboTax.

The taxability of retirement benefits varies from state to state, according to a press release from Wolters Kluwer Tax and Accounting. This means that if someone is approaching retirement age, it is important to look at tax liability, especially someone thinking about moving to another state. In the mix of weather and proximity to family and accessibility to health care, state tax liability should be a factor as well, Mengle said.

More information about various taxes and the effects of them can be found on the Wolters Kluwer website. Wolters Kluwer is a company that provides tax law information to various tax professionals, and Mengle has been in the tax publication business for nearly 20 years.

Mengle also said the taxability of retirement benefits typically comes into play when someone is thinking about moving. There are seven states that do not tax individual income, and Texas is one of the seven. The other states are Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming. New Hampshire and

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Disney sparks some 'beastly' backlash

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Reporter



Although the new live-action “Beauty and the Beast” film doesn’t officially come out until Friday, one character already ‘came out’ to the public last week. The film’s most recent trailer showed Gaston’s sidekick LeFou dancing with another man, and the film’s director has since confirmed the character’s homosexuality. Many people have reacted by boycotting the film and encouraging others to do the same.

An Alabama couple that announced their refusal to screen the movie at their theater, citing their Christian beliefs as the main reason behind the decision. In a statement released by the Henagar Drive-In, the owners said, “If we cannot take our 11-year-old granddaughter and 8-year-old grandson to see a movie, we have no business watching it.”

According to the Henagar Drive-In’s website, they are currently screening the movie “A Dog’s Purpose,” which features several characters who abuse alcohol and one who physically assaults his spouse. I’m curious as to why the owners feel that these scenes are more appropriate for their grandchildren than a scene with two men dancing. If you won’t watch a movie with a gay character for moral reasons, you certainly shouldn’t watch a movie that features murder, lying, or adultery. To say that sins like these are excusable in fiction for the sake of an entertaining plot, but refuse to give the same pardon to a gay character is nothing but hypocritical.

Evangelist Franklin Graham expressed this concern in a recent Facebook post, saying, “They’re trying to push the LGBT agenda into the hearts and minds of your children. I hope Christians everywhere will say no to Disney.”

Disney has faced similar backlash in years past for hinting at same-sex relationships in “Finding Dory.” Graham’s claims that Disney has been supporting the LGBT “agenda,” but it seems to me that their only agenda is to be accepted and represented.

Disney has no need to normalize same-sex relationships because they’re already becoming a normal part of our culture although they are not nearly as common as heterosexual relationships.

The fact is that gay people exist, and, chances are, children will encounter them at some point in time, whether or not it’s through a Disney movie. If parents believe that homosexuality is immoral, they should discuss it with their children instead of attempting to shelter them from it.

Other parents have expressed concerns that seeing a gay character in “Beauty and the Beast” will encourage their child to be gay. The idea that a scene in a movie could shape the course of a person’s life seems extremely unlikely to me. Also, if parents are concerned about unorthodox onscreen relationships leaving an impression on their child, why aren’t they worried that seeing a woman fall in love with a beast will make children want to settle down with a nice buffalo?

LeFou’s sexuality is probably more of a publicity stunt to start conversations about the upcoming film than anything. However, assuming children even notice the dancing scene, I think the inclusion of a gay character emphasizes the film’s message about showing kindness to those who are different.

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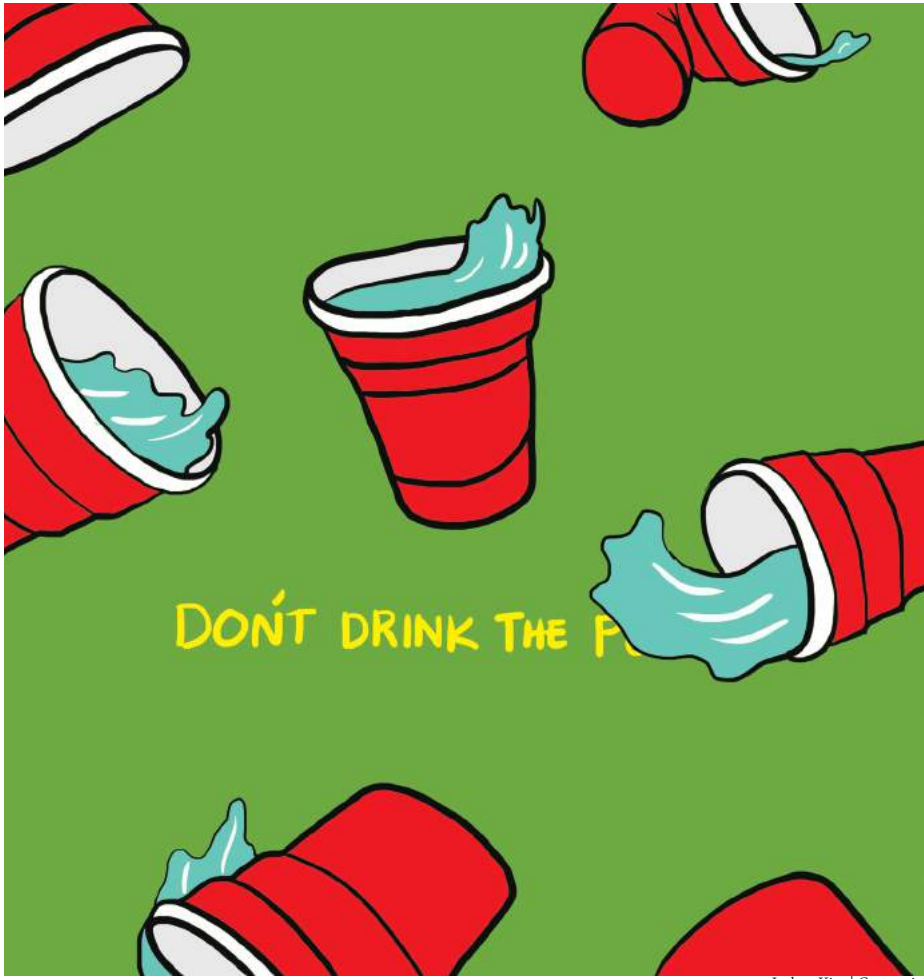
EDITORIAL

Don't drink the punch?

If you say “Don’t drink the punch” to any Baylor student, odds are his or her mind will race back to freshman orientation when the catchy, abstention-gear phrase was considered sufficient alcohol education for first-year students. As freshmen, students are briefed on the consequences of using alcohol, but the conversation fails to extend to future education and awareness for students who may face situations involving alcohol in the near future.

Based on research compiled by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, alcohol use can result in death, assault, sexual assault, academic problems and addiction. College students also have higher binge-drinking rates and a higher incidence of driving under the influence of alcohol than their non-collegiate peers. The research compiled by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and suggests the most effective method of addressing the potential negative effects of drinking lie in a comprehensive method of prevention that includes, first and foremost, education and awareness programs. Baylor should adopt a more open-dialogue approach to alcohol education.

According to the Baylor Policy Statement on Alcohol and Other Drugs, “It is also a violation of University policy for anyone to possess, use, or be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage on the campus or at a University-



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

related activity off campus.”

The university seeks “to provide an environment where the entire campus community is challenged and motivated to live a chemical-free lifestyle and to discourage by every means possible the use of alcohol.”

Because of this abstinence-centered policy, alcohol is often treated like a taboo subject among administration.

This all-or-nothing attitude toward alcohol consumption can have more negative effects than positive ones. This policy could be improved by promoting open and educated dialogue between peers and continuing to train Community Leaders to be helpful and constructive about alcohol

education while still following Texas law and Baylor’s rules. Some students may be afraid to speak to their CL for fear of being punished, and while Baylor policy clearly prohibits alcohol consumption on campus and that rule should be followed, an approach to alcohol education that truly seeks to educate students about safety rather than demonize alcohol consumption overall would prevent students from putting themselves at risk if they choose to drink because they are scared to approach authority figures.

The Baylor Counseling Center offers “addictive behavior services” which appear to focus on rehabilitation and resources for parents, from the looks of its

webpage.

The recent addition of the Beauchamp Addiction Recovery Center will “dramatically enhance Baylor’s efforts to foster the holistic well-being of its students in a manner that reflects the university’s values as a Christian community where wholeness, spiritual growth and academic success are priorities,” according to a statement from Baylor.

The Beauchamp Addiction Recovery Center will provide services for students in the stages of identifying an addiction. At the ceremony announcing the dedication of the center, Baylor Regent Bob Beauchamp said, “We believe Baylor, as a Christian university, should be the best in the world at supporting its students who are struggling. Removing the stigma of addiction

is crucial to ensuring that students feel they can seek out resources to help them overcome their challenges and fully realize all that God is calling them to become.”

While this recognition through the counseling center and the Beauchamp Addiction Recovery Center is a step in the right direction, students need a space to be able to have constructive conversations about how to deal with alcohol responsibly.

Baylor should adopt more open-dialogue practices in regard to alcohol rather than pretend it doesn’t exist at all, which can lead students to make uniformed and potentially harmful decisions.

COLUMN

The seven dirty words aren't so dirty now

MEGAN RULE
Staff Writer

In 1972, comedian George Carlin gave a monologue titled “Seven Words You Can Never Say on Television” that identified seven dirty words that were too taboo to share on American broadcasts.



In February of 2016, one of those seven words was said on “American Crime Story: The People v. O.J. Simpson” on the FX Network, breaking a major television barrier.

Surprisingly, this did not violate the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) regulations, because FX Network is cable, not a broadcast network. Cable channels have self-regulated content and aren’t required to follow the FCC decency guidelines that broadcast networks like CBS, NBC, ABC and Fox must follow.

Nearly 45 years later, the seven dirty words no longer seem to hold as strong of an impact, though as viewers of FX were surprised, it wasn’t anything people had never heard before. Even when I was a child, curse words had a

“shock value,” and hearing anyone say them was like a nuclear bomb going off.

When I was in fourth grade, a classmate dropped the f-bomb, and we all rushed to tattle to the nearest adult. Now, walking through campus I hear the f-bomb almost as much as any other “curse word,” and it no longer rings in my ears.

What was once a slew of slanderous words to offend someone is now a collection of casual filler words, as common in any sentence as words that aren’t considered “curse words.” Do they still have a shock value? Absolutely not.

I’ll be the first to admit that I drop words I was never allowed to say as a child when I’m driving and someone cuts me off, or when I leave my apartment in the morning and park on campus, running late already, and then realize I left something at home.

Granted, they’re not any of the seven dirty words, but they are words my mom gets after me about saying. It just feels so casual, and everyone around me everywhere says them.

But the other day, as I was merging onto Interstate 35, I encountered a driver who was on my tail and nearly ended up in my back seat when everyone in front of me slammed on the breaks.

I had a friend in my car and I said, “If this a-hole hits me, I’m not going to be happy.” She

scolded me and said I need to stop, especially because my Lenten goal is to use nicer words. My defense was, “It’s not like you’ve never heard it before.”

But then, that night I FaceTimed my family and told my mom about the experience, and my brothers laughed because I said a “bad word” My mom said, “Yeah, Megan seems to think that’s not so awful anymore.” I realized sitting there that I had fallen victim to the “curse word” epidemic that has taken over society.

Over the past 45 years since Carlin’s monologue, society has changed quite a bit, as evidenced by the words that no longer are considered taboo outside of my family.

Some friends say that my encounter on the highway was no big deal because that word is in the Bible.

But in my family, that type of insult isn’t encouraged. In this progressive society, what is considered a curse word — Especially considering those seven dirty words aren’t even earth-shattering anymore? I don’t think there’s a standard definition of “curse words” as times have changed so much.

However, there is a part of me that fears whether Big Bird will soon get in a fight with Mr. Snuffleupagus and call him an a-hole too.

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PIE FACE Round Rock freshman Juni Darling pies Pavo, Ga., freshman Alex Sparks in the face to help promote Beta Kappa Gamma's dodge ball tournament. Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

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[wanted the] senior discount at Chick-fil-A, I can't go up to them and say, "I feel like I'm 65 today. I'd like your senior discount,"" Young said.

However, Montgomery junior Jessica Green, president of Baylor Democrats, is opposed to the bill and believes that, if enacted, it would greatly affect transgender children in public school and make life more difficult for transgender people.

"Really, it's not an issue of safety. It's an issue of them existing in society and being present," Green said.

Green also said that, even though a transgender person can be issued a birth certificate with an updated gender after undergoing gender reassignment surgery, many transgender people are financially unable to have that surgery or choose not to. Therefore, it does not resolve the issue, she said.

"I think that it's dangerous for that to be part of the bill because it sets a standard for what makes a person trans and what makes a person acceptable that is too high," Green said.

McLennan County junior Jessica is a transgender woman. Jessica and Green both cited the high rate of sexual assault and abuse to transgender people. The Office for Victims of Crime reported that one in two transgender people experience sexual assault or abuse in their lives.

"I spent the first six months [of hormone treatment] voluntarily using the men's restroom to respect other people," Jessica said. "My fear was being sexually assaulted while using the men's restroom."

Former Penn State officials plead guilty to cover-up accusations in child-sex scandal

MARK SCOLFORO and MARC LEVY
Associated Press

Two former Penn State administrators accused of covering up child sexual abuse allegations against Jerry Sandusky pleaded guilty to reduced charges Monday, more than five years after the scandal rocked the university and led to the downfall of football coach Joe Paterno.

Tim Curley, a 62-year-old former athletic director, and Gary Schultz, 67, a one-time vice president, could get up to five years in prison for

misdemeanor child endangerment. No sentencing date was set.

They struck a deal in which prosecutors dropped three felony charges of child endangerment and conspiracy that carried up to seven years each.

Former Penn State President Graham Spanier, 68, was also charged in the scandal, and the case against him appears to be moving forward, with jury selection set for next week. His lawyers and the lead prosecutor had no comment.

The three administrators handled a 2001 complaint by a graduate assistant who said he saw Sandusky, a retired

member of the coaching staff, sexually abusing a boy in a team shower. They failed in their legal duty by not reporting the matter to police or child welfare authorities, prosecutors said.

As a result, prosecutors said, Sandusky went on to abuse more boys, one of them in the Penn State showers.

Sandusky was not arrested until a decade later. He was convicted in 2012 of molesting 10 boys and is serving 30 to 60 years behind bars.

Shortly after Sandusky's arrest, Paterno was fired over his handling of the matter. Paterno, one of the winningest coaches in college football history, died of lung cancer a few

months later at 85. He was never charged with a crime.

A report commissioned by the university and conducted by former FBI Director Louis Freeh concluded that the beloved coach and the three others hushed up the allegations against Sandusky for fear of bad publicity.

Robert J. Donatoni, a past president of the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, said state sentencing guidelines indicate the defendants could get probation or a jail term of several months.

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harassment and discrimination within our campus community,” Fogleman said. “We continue to outline the unprecedented actions that Baylor has taken in response to the issue of sexual assaults involving our campus community.”

Michelle Tuegel, the attorney for suspended Baylor defensive back Travon Blanchard, is questioning the claims of the woman who filed a protective order against Blanchard.

Last month, Blanchard was suspended from all athletic activities due to a protective order filed against him from the McLennan County District Attorney's Office.

According to the affidavit, Blanchard became upset at a restaurant after a waiter asked if he and the woman knew each other. The affidavit reported that Blanchard was verbally abusive toward the female and grabbed her when she tried to leave, injuring her finger to the point where it could not be stitched.

conflicts with this account.

According to the police event report filed after the incident, the woman told an officer that she and Blanchard argued about a woman contacting him. Blanchard took her car keys and walked away.

Blanchard's account was the same, but he told the officer he did not have the woman's keys.

After calling her mother for an extra set of keys, the woman said she had a small cut on her pinky finger from Blanchard taking away her keys.

The Baylor Athletics Department released the following statement in response to the order against Blanchard.

“The Baylor Athletics Department is aware of a complaint made against Travon Blanchard through the McLennan County District Attorney’s Office. Immediately upon notification on Feb. 7, the appropriate campus student-conduct process was initiated, and Blanchard was suspended indefinitely from all team-related activities, pending the outcome of the investigation,” the statement said.

The Texas Senate Committee on Higher Education is considering a bill that would require Baylor University and one other private university to hold meetings that are open to the public.

According to the Waco Tribune-Herald, the bill was written by Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and would require private universities receiving \$5 million or more in state tuition equalization grants to hold themselves to the same open meeting standards as public institutions' governing boards.

The bill also says that boards would have to publish governing documents on a website, including bylaws, codes of conduct, confidentiality agreements, conflict of interest policies or operating procedures.

Fort Worth senior Caroline Grace, a member of the Title IX's Student Advisory Council, said the bill seems like it stresses transparency and accountability.

Tennessee impose a flat tax (5 percent) only on dividends and interest, according to the press release. This means interest on a bank account or dividends from investments and stock are subject to tax.

“That means that those seven states have no personal income tax whatsoever, anyone living in those states will not have an income tax requirement at the state level, but they still have to file federal returns,” Mengle said. “The other two states tax interest and dividends, so wages are not subject to the income tax.”

The other 41 states tax benefits and income in different ways. Some states exempt pension income, some states exempt Social Security income and some states tax all retirement income, according to the press release. This is important to consider because taxes can add up. It may not seem important to save for retirement now, but in the future it will pay off.

a specific course about finances, you just eventually get thrown into the real world of paying them without any guidance. Learning taxes while you are still in college and before you begin to make money in a career can simplify everything.”

Mengle said that all taxes such as sales tax, property tax and state tax should be considered when moving after retirement. They all play a role in the grand scheme of things, especially once a person retires and has limited income. Mengle said people need to understand both the type of income in addition to the income tax rate in various states a person is considering moving to. He also emphasized the importance of saving for retirement and preparing early.

“Once you’re out and in the workforce, if a company has a 401K program, contribute to it, or contribute to IRAs or other retirement savings accounts” Mengle said. “Start early and keep putting money away; once you reach retirement age you’ll be glad you did.”

reporting, and consumers are beginning to grasp the importance of this era.

“In comes the most compelling presidential election of a generation,” Baquet said.

With today's political landscape where people are highly interested in current events, their digital-only subscriptions currently post record subscriber growth.

"We are preparing for the story of a generation," Baquet said. "I think the next two years are going to be a historic moment in the life of news organizations."

Even so, Baquet said the Times remains committed to their mission of covering the government intensely and thoroughly.

Doing this, he said, holds the government accountable as investigators for the benefit of the people.

He acknowledged that this extensive coverage comes at a fiscal cost, however. To counter this, he said that the importance of news makes journalism essential.

“I think you do it by continuing to report and break stories and make yourself indispensable,” Baquet said.

Rutenberg, serving as moderator for the informal interview, agreed with Baquet, speaking to the fact that the public is finally beginning to take notice of the cost of journalism.

“People understand now that real reporting takes money,” Rutenberg said.

This knowledge comes at a time when the business model for journalism is shifting away from the reliance on advertising of the previous century, Rutenberg said.

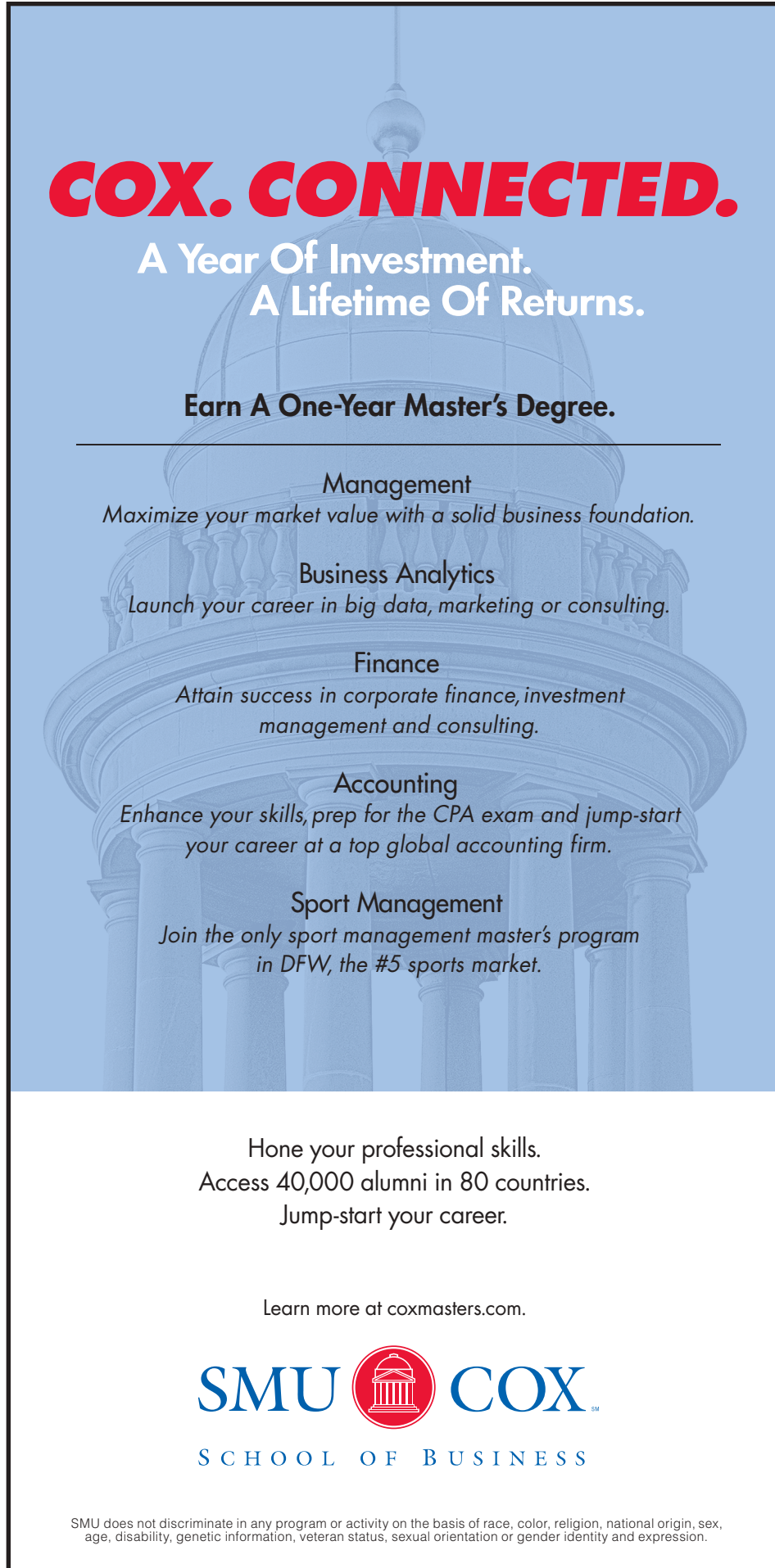
The Poynter Institute found in a study that between 2014 and 2015, advertising revenue for newspapers dropped 8 percent.

A decline in traditional advertising revenue for newspapers combined with a lack of news literacy in the younger generation puts newspapers in an unexpected position.

“One of the big shocks to the system is when you learn that people don’t understand that the dateline from Aleppo means that the New York Times journalist is in Aleppo risking her life to bring the news home,” Baquet said. “The next generation doesn’t understand the secret language of newspapers.”

Baquet said that at the center of all this lies the Times' mission to inform people. Despite the readership not always fully understanding the complexity and the fact that the Times sometimes makes mistakes, Baquet said that this does not negate their drive to produce quality media.

“You have to hold on to the fact that you are striving for truth and you are doing your g----- best,” he said.



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SXSW takes Austin by storm

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Each year, thousands of people come to South by Southwest to learn from professionals, create connections, share their experiences and enjoy film and music from artists around the globe.

This year, there are three sections of South by Southwest that attendees can enjoy: interactive sessions, film sessions and music sessions. This past weekend, which was the first weekend of the festivals, many of the attendees were interactive and film badge holders because the music conference did not start until yesterday.

Much of the first weekend was focused on speakers such as actor Nick Offerman, Executive Editor of the New York Times Dean Baquet, actor Rainn Wilson, Snapchat influencers such as Cyrene Quiamco and well-known businesses sharing their experiences.

On Friday, “Song to Song,” a film featuring actors Ryan Gosling and Natalie Portman, premiered at the Paramount Theatre in downtown Austin. Gosling attended the premiere, and on Saturday, director Terrence Malick and actor Michael Fassbender made an appearance at a discussion around the fast-paced filming of the movie and their experiences filming in Austin.

“Once we started going, there was no stop,” Fassbender said.

The film conference also featured movies film lovers around the globe will see later this year such as “Baby Driver,” which is set to release in August, “Life,” which premieres later this week and “Atomic Blonde,” which will be available in theaters in July.

Nick Offerman, an actor best known for his role as Ron Swanson on NBC’s “Parks and Recreation,” held a comedic session at the film conference, the line for which



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stretched across the fourth floor of the Austin Convention Center. Offerman was at the conference because he starred in two of the featured films: “Infinity Baby” and “The Hero.”

In his session, Offerman said that throughout his career, he learned many things, one being that he acts best when he is given roles that are similar to his real-life personality, such as Swanson. In addition to the character’s demeanor being similar to Offerman’s, both the character and Offerman have a strong passion for carpentry. Love the content of this last sentence, but it reads a little confusingly.

“It’s hard to hold Ron Swanson up to any other role I’ve done,” Offerman said. “I’ve never had such great writers write something for me.”

Overall, throughout the festival, volunteers and attendees alike were able to enjoy the conferences, music and films. Brandon Torio, a SXSW volunteer from Austin, said he loves volunteering at SXSW because of the opportunities it brings.

“It’s not a lot of work for a great perk,” Torio said. “After I’m done working on Tuesday, I get to go off and enjoy all of the music.”

Scotland Washington, a student at the University of Texas, said she

enjoys SXSW for its films, and she has enjoyed her experience thus far on this first weekend.

“It’s a cool experience,” Washington said. “There’s a lot to see, a lot to eat and a lot to learn.”

One of the interactive sessions on Friday was about how Snapchat is being used in marketing and how it is becoming a primary tool for personalization in businesses in order to reach out to consumers.

“It’s about getting your audience to interact,” said Shaun Ayala, Snapchat interactive storyteller. “Once you get them to communicate with you, you’re doing something special.”

This week in Waco:

>> Today

- 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**— Save a Spider Day. Free admission if wearing a Spider-Man costume. Cameron Park Zoo.
- 5-8 p.m.**— Spring Break Bayou Bash. Cameron Park Zoo.
- 6-7:30 p.m.**— Cross Cultural Engagement Dinner with Baylor & Beyond. Bobo Spiritual Life Center.

- 7:30-8:30 p.m.**— Graduate Recital: Brendan Boyle. Roxy Grove Hall.

- 8-10:30 p.m.**— Colony House performs. \$14-\$28. Common Grounds.

>> Wednesday

- 7-8 p.m.**— Sr. BM Recital: Eric Bowser. Roxy Grove Hall.

- 8-11 p.m.**— The Talbert Brothers perform. Free admission. Common Grounds.

>> Thursday

- 3:30-5 p.m.**— “Muslims and the Making of America.” McClinton Auditorium.

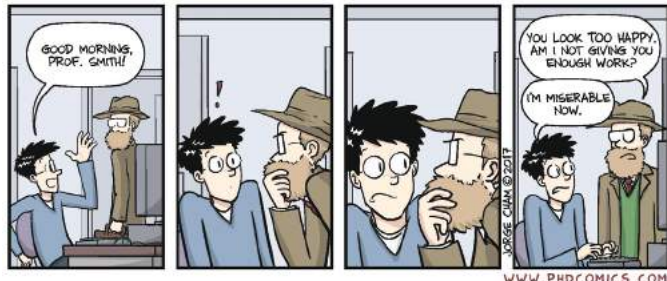
- 5-7 p.m.**— Design Den. Mayborn Museum Complex.

- 5-7 p.m.**— Jackson Edwards and Karen Jonas. Dichotomy Coffee & Spirits.

- 7:30-8:00 p.m.**— Open Mic. Tea2Go.

- 7:30 p.m.**— Jazz Ensemble Concert. Jones Concert Hall.

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For today’s puzzle results, please go to
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Today’s Puzzles

- Across**
- 1 Past due
 - 5 Place for a safe
 - 9 Connery and McCartney
 - 13 “Don’t rub ___”
 - 14 Geometry calculations
 - 16 Cool one’s heels
 - 17 *Performer’s exit direction
 - 19 Award for “Game of Thrones”
 - 20 Dangerous Amazon fish
 - 21 “Scotch” sealers
 - 23 See 47-Down
 - 24 *Immediately
 - 27 Handed out cards
 - 29 Oakland Coliseum player
 - 30 *High stadium tier
 - 34 Start of a choosing rhyme
 - 35 Step on it, quaintly
 - 36 Form 1099 ID
 - 37 President pro ___
 - 40 Stretchy bandage brand
 - 41 Damage
 - 43 *Sports bet based on total points scored
 - 46 Vote out of office
 - 49 Totally thrill
 - 50 *Like most TV dramas
 - 52 Speaks, biblically
 - 55 Texas shrine
 - 56 Almond or cashew
 - 58 Luke Skywalker, for one
 - 60 In advance, and where you might find both parts of the answers to starred clues
 - 62 “Absolutely!”
 - 63 Schussing spot
 - 64 Novelist Ferber
 - 65 Starts to blossom
 - 66 Watches
 - 67 Paper quantity
- Down**
- 1 Speak like Sylvester
 - 2 Storage space accessed via the ceiling
 - 3 Pageant accessory
 - 4 “Prepare to duel!”
 - 5 “Sour to the People” extreme candy brand

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- 6 “Carmen” highlight
- 7 A joker might pull yours
- 8 Christine of “The Blacklist”
- 9 Honey
- 10 “My parents are gonna kill me!”
- 11 Glass edge
- 12 Mess of a room
- 15 Drummer Ringo
- 18 Joins
- 22 Free TV spot
- 24 Fraud watchdog org.
- 25 Stolen jewelry seller
- 26 Onion ring maker
- 28 Jay with jokes
- 30 “Yup”
- 31 Steinway, for one
- 32 Convinced
- 33 “Hooked on Classics” co.
- 38 Crossword solver’s smudges
- 39 Change genetically

- 42 Small falcons
- 44 Really relax, with “out”
- 45 Reply to bad alternatives
- 47 With 23-Across, priced separately, on menus
- 48 Crypts, e.g.
- 51 December songs
- 53 Swap
- 54 Reddish-orange dye
- 56 “Don’t think so”
- 57 Red-coated cheese
- 58 Fast punch
- 59 Australian bird
- 61 Nemesis

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The Madness has just begun

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Sports Writer

On Sunday, the Baylor men's basketball team was selected as a No. 3 seed at-large bid for the 2017 NCAA March Madness tournament.

The Bears are slotted in the East Region with Villanova and Duke taking the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds in the region, respectively.

The selection marks the fourth year in a row that Baylor has been in the NCAA tournament, a school record.

Lone senior Ishmail Wainright said he is grateful to be back in the tournament but does not want to lose early like the past two years.

"I'm extremely excited to make it four years in a row. Not too many people can say that, especially at Baylor," Wainright said. "We want to go as far as possible. We've got to focus, lock-in, don't take anyone for granted. It doesn't matter who we play, we've got to play like it's our last game. We've got to play like our backs are against the wall. We've got to play like we did at the beginning of the season."

In 2015, the Bears, a No. 3 seed, lost to No. 14-seed Georgia State in the first round. In 2016, the Bears fell to No. 12-seed Yale, getting knocked out in the first round for the second year in a row.

Junior forward Johnathan Motley says the team is motivated to extend Wainright's Baylor career after failing to do so last year with



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

ROAD TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP STARTS NOW The Baylor Bears basketball team earned a No. 3 seed in the East Region of the 2017 March Madness tournament. The Bears will play their first game of the tournament at 11:40 a.m. on Friday in Tulsa, Okla.

seniors Taurean Prince and Rico Gathers.

"We just want to do this for Ish; it's his last run," Motley said. "I didn't like the way we

sent out Taurean and Rico. Those guys are real close to me and real good friends. Ish is our captain, and I'm going to do everything I can to make

sure we send him out in a good way."

The Bears' first-round game is against No. 14-seed New Mexico State in Tulsa,

Okla. Baylor head coach Scott Drew expressed his excitement about the location of the game following Sunday's selection show.

"I'm really excited about Tulsa," Drew said. "Whoever you play, you're not going to be as excited about. But the location, especially after going to Providence last year and Jacksonville before that, being closer so our fans can hopefully drive there, that's huge. I'm very excited about that."

New Mexico State has made the tournament five times in the last six years after having won the Western Athletic Conference Tournament. The Aggies have already accumulated a program-record 28 wins this season including wins over UTEP, New Mexico and Arizona State.

Drew says New Mexico State has lots of athleticism that he hopes his team can keep in check.

"You're going to see a lot of players that athletically do a lot of things that are very exciting," Drew said. "Hopefully, they see it in warmups and not in the game because we don't need any SportsCenter dunks against us. But this is a really talented team and Coach Weir has done a tremendous job this year."

If Baylor wins, they will move on to play the winner of No. 6-seed SMU or the winner of the No. 11-seed play-in game between Providence and USC.

The Bears and Aggies kick off the tournament at 11:40 a.m. Friday at the Pan American Center in Tulsa, Okla.

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ROUNDUP

Yearbook

Lady Bears get OKC region

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

The NCAA Tournament is heading back to Waco as the Baylor Lady Bears earned the No. 1 seed in the Oklahoma City regional and will host the first two rounds of the tournament at the Ferrell Center.

The Lady Bears finished the regular season 30-3 overall and 17-1 in Big 12 play on their way to a Big 12 regular-season championship. Baylor then finished second in the Big 12 conference tournament after falling 77-66 to West Virginia on March 6 in the final. However, the loss did not affect its seeding.

For redshirt senior guard Alexis Prince, the tournament marks an opportunity to get back to winning and put the distractions aside.

“I’m really excited. I’m ready to get going,” Prince said. “Waiting a whole week to find out who we play-I think everyone is focused and ready to play this first game.”

Baylor’s opponent in the Waco regional will be the No. 16-seed Texas Southern Lady Tigers at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. The winner will meet the victor of the No.8/9 game between LSU and University of California-Berkeley.

Baylor will be the heavy favorite to win this weekend, but senior forward Nina Davis knows no one can be overlooked as the stakes are now at an all-time high.

“It’s an exciting time of year. It’s March Madness,” Davis said. “Everyone elevates their play. It’s lose or go home. There is no second chance, there is no tomorrow, so it’s definitely always exciting.”

Getting to host the first two rounds doesn’t come without a price as Baylor’s regional is



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DANCING ON A LOCAL STAGE The Baylor Lady Bears were placed in the Oklahoma City Region of the 2017 Women’s March Madness tournament as the No. 1 seed. The Baylor Lady Bears will host first- and second-round games this weekend, followed by the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight in Oklahoma City and the Final Four in Dallas.

loaded from top to bottom, head coach Kim Mulkey. The region even consists of a few familiar foes from earlier in the season.

“We’ve seen Tennessee, OU and DePaul. So we’ve seen some of them,” Mulkey said. “This is a very challenging region. You’ve got some great teams; you’ve got some great coaches. If you go to fill out your bracket in this region, chances are you might get a lot of them wrong because this is a really good region.”

Joining Baylor on the top half of the bracket in the Louisville, Kentucky regional are No. 5 Tennessee vs. No. 12 Dayton and No. 4 Louisville

vs. No. 13 University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

The bottom half of the Oklahoma City regional consists of No. 6 Oklahoma vs. No. 11 Gonzaga, No. 3 Washington vs. No. 14 Montana State, No. 7 DePaul vs. No. 10 Northern Iowa and No. 2 Mississippi State and No. 15 Troy.

One of the key questions facing Baylor heading into the tournament has been the health of redshirt senior guard Alexis Jones, who missed the Big 12 tournament due to a knee injury. Jones averaged 13.9 points per game and 42 percent from 3-point range on the season.

According to her head coach, Jones will be just fine.

“She practiced full speed today, so she’s good to go,” Mulkey said. “She’s one of the top players in the country. We’ve only lost one game without her. I think we’re pretty good with or without her, but when you have all your parts, it should just go a little better. She’s out there going full speed today.”

Davis, Jones and Prince are all entering their final NCAA tournament and facing decisions beyond Division I college basketball. With their careers coming to a close over the next few weeks, regardless of results, Davis insisted the

focus is on the team and on doing whatever it takes to keep advancing.

“You don’t think about that,” Davis said. “Of course I know this is my last go round-I’m a senior. The obvious things-but I’m not really focused on that, just taking it game by game and being here for my team. Trying to give a freshman a better freshman year by trying to get them to the Final Four and don’t really try to focus on outside things.”

Baylor has had its season ended the last three years in the Elite Eight. The road to Dallas is not an easy one, but Mulkey believes this team is right there and needs to find

a way to make one more play than it has the previous three seasons.

“Keep doing what you’re doing,” Mulkey said. “Make one more bucket than you did last year. We’re right there. There are no secrets to what we do-one more defensive play, get one more rebound, make one more bucket. We just haven’t made what we need to do it.”

No. 1 Baylor will begin its march toward that coveted Final Four when it meets No. 16 Texas Southern at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Ferrell Center. The game will air on ESPN2.

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