Baylor handles more Title IX scrutiny

JOY MOTON Staff Writer

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

Officials from the 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 Fogelson, Baylor’s Assistant Vice President for Media Communications, the Title IX office’s 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,” Fogelson said. “There was no new information in the investigation.”

“The university remains committed to implementing all forms of sexual and gender-based Title IX reforms,” Fogelson said.

Texas Senate passes new bathroom bill

RYLEE SEAVERS Staff Writer

The Texas Senate Committee on State Affairs passed Senate Bill 6 on Wednesday. The bill is an update to the Texas Privacy Act and includes regulations and policies for using bathrooms 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 testimonies who listened and contributed to the debate. Ultimately the Senate Committee agreed that this was not just related to 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-occupancy, multiple-occupancy bathrooms or 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 private entity that leases or contracts with the state, a multiple-occupancy bathroom or changing facilities must be used by a person of the biological sex that the facility is 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 based on a person’s birth certificate.”

The state of Texas does issue both certificates with updated gender if a court order is issued due to 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 crimes such as sexual assault, sexual harassment or battery that occur in a multiple-occupancy 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 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 be required to provide a person of the opposite sex to get personal accommodations from adopting a policy on the use of bathrooms in dual 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 protect that people are using the bathrooms for the gender 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 identify as a female and using the bathroom, I’m a female, and I will not be bothered by the act,” said Young.

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MEGAN RULE 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 when to live after a career is over.

“Save for retirement,” said Rocky Mengle, senior writer and editor of Tax-Leaf Book and 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 are in your retirement age, your state tax liability won’t be such a large factor, and you’ll have more flexibility to live how you want to live.”

Tax liability is the total amount of taxes you pay on your income, and can also include self-employment tax, household employment tax and tax payments made to the IRS to fund Social Security and Medicare.

“While the Texas Senate passed a bill pertaining to bathroom facilities, there are several states that do not tax individual incomes, and Texas is one of them. The other states are Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming. The New Hampshire and...”

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Disney switches some ‘beastly’ backlash

KASSIDY WOYTEK

Although the movie’s new action “Beauty and the Beast” doesn’t officially come out until March 17, the Beast character already has gotten public backlash.

On Monday, March 13, the recent trailer showed Disney CEO Bob Iger and LeFou with another man, and Iger has since confirmed that LeFou is gay.

Iger admitted that announcement their release to the movie at its press conference, carrying their Christian beliefs as the main reason behind the decision. In a statement released by the Iger wrote, “We’re not going to make a movie about a gay character unless it’s about storytelling and the character and has said that Disney has no need to normalize homosexuality. Many people have reacted by boycotting the film and encouraging others to do the same.

An Arizona 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 couple, they wrote, “We cannot take our 13-year-old daughter and 4-year-old grandson to see a movie, we are not interested in the Beast.”

According to the Houston Chronicle, a new live-action trailer for the upcoming film than anything. The research compiled by the National Institutes of Health and The Alcohol and Drug Abuse says that potential negative effects of drinking lie in a comprehensive overview of prevention that includes, first and foremost, education, and comprehensive programs. Baylor should adopt a similar teaching to those who seek alcohol education.

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

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.

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“It’s an issue of safety,” Spanier said. “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 is a standard that 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.

“I grew up for six months of hormone treatment voluntarily using the men’s restroom to respect other people,” Jessica said. “My fear was being actually assaulted while using the men’s restroom.”

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.

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SXSW takes Austin by storm

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ALL EDITOR

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 screenings and music concerts. This past weekend, which was the first weekend of the festival, many of the attendees were interactive and film and music lovers. Because of this, the music conference did not start until yesterday.

Nick Offerman, an actor best known for his role as Ron Swanson in NBC’s “Parks and Recreation,” will be available in theaters in July. Offerman, who made an appearance at the University of Texas, said she was at the conference because he enjoys his experience thus far in Austin. “It’s hard to hold Ron Swanson up to any other role I’ve done,” Offerman said. “It’s not a lot of work for a great moment.”

Offerman is being used in marketing and how to interact, said Shaun Ayala, Snapchat representative. “It’s a cool experience, ” Ayala said. “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.”

Overall, throughout the festival, volunteers and attendees alike were able to enjoy the conferences, music and films, Brandon Tisch, a SXSW volunteer from Austin, said he loves volunteering at SXSW because of the opportunities it offers. “It’s not a lot of work for a great perk,” Tisch said. “After I’m done working on Tuesday, I get to go to and enjoy all of the music.”

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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 seeded in the East Region with Villanova and Duke taking the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds in the region, respectively.

The selection marked 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, block-it, 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 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. “Wherever 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 close so our fans can hopefully drive there, that’s huge. I’m very excited about that.”

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“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.

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The Madness has just begun

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 seeded in the East Region with Villanova and Duke taking the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds in the region, respectively.

The selection marked 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, block-it, 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 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. “Wherever 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 close 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 very 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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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 title. Baylor then finished second in the Big 12 conference tournament after falling 77-44 to West Virginia on March 6 in the final. However, the loss did not affect its seeding.

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

“I’m really excited. I’m ready to go,” Prince said. “Putting a whole week to get ready, 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 at 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

“The lady is our favorite to win this weekend, so we should all be excited,” Slipakoff said. “Davis knows no one can be overlooked as the stakes are now at all-time highs.”

“It’s an exciting time of year. It’s March Madness,” Davis said. “You’ve got to watch out for everyone; 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. 18 Dayton and No. 4 Louisville vs. No. 13 University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. The bottom half of the Oklahoma City regional consists of No. 4 Oklahoma vs. No. 1 G影像, No. 3 Washington vs. No. 14 Montana State, No. 7 DePaul vs. No. 12 Northern Iowa and No. 5 Troy.

One of the key questions facing Baylor heading into the tournament has been the health of redshirt junior 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’re only 100 percent one game without her. I think we’re pretty good with or without her, but when you have all year parts, it should just give a little better shot especially going full speed today.”

Davis, Jones and Prince are all returning from 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. This obviously things—but I’m not really focused on that, just taking it game by game and being here for my team. Trying to get a freshman, a better freshman year by trying to get them to the Final Four and doing the best I can. Making one more bucket. We’ve only lost one game this year. We’re right there. There are no secrets to what we do, but one more bucket makes one more rebound, make one more bucket. We haven’t really 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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