

Baylor weighs in on world refugee crisis

RYLEE SEEVERS
Staff Writer

The Baylor Interdisciplinary Core and This Matters hosted a panel on Monday in Alexander Hall to discuss the current refugee crisis throughout the world.

Dr. Mark Long, professor in the BIC and director of Middle East studies, and Dr. Candi Cann, professor in the BIC, spoke on the crisis and answered questions from students.

Cann discussed the difference between a refugee and an emigrant. A refugee is a person who was forced to flee a country and did not choose to leave, whereas an emigrant is a person who leaves a country voluntarily, she said. Some of the reasons people flee are war, ethnic cleansing, slavery and persecution, Cann said.

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, there were 65.3 million forcibly displaced people worldwide and 21.3 million refugees worldwide in 2015. Of the 21.3 million refugees, only 107,100 were resettled.

Cann said that refugee camps are not necessarily safer than the countries that people are fleeing due to poor sanitation and disease in the refugee camps. The process for a person to be resettled is also very complicated, she said, and only 50,000 refugees are allowed into the United States each year under the current administration.

Cann also talked about the Christian response to refugees, citing Leviticus 25:35 and Matthew 25:35-36 which mention caring for the “traveler” or the “sojourner.”

“I think part of it is understanding that our country was founded on the notion of religious freedom, and religious freedom actually means religious freedom for all religions, not just Christianity,” Cann said in response to a question about policy that upholds the values of the United States, while still being hospitable.

Long spoke about his experience

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ALL IN THIS TOGETHER Better Together BU is holding a prayer vigil for refugees and immigrants from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday in front of the Bobo Spiritual Life Center.

Sending Prayers

Organization to hold vigil for immigrants, refugees

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Better Together BU is holding “Baylor United: A Prayer Vigil for Immigrants & Refugees” from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in front of the Bobo Spiritual Life Center.

Better Together BU is an interfaith organization that gives students the opportunity to share their cultural experiences within their community and to get to know others. The purpose of the vigil is to bring positive awareness to issues such as President Trump’s proposed travel ban and the Baylor sanctuary petition, as well as make people of other cultures feel welcome at Baylor, said Plano sophomore Wafa Demashkiah, co-president of Better Together BU.

“Even though it seems like something that won’t affect college or [students] at this age, it already started to affect us,” Demashkiah said.

Demashkiah is Muslim and was born in the United States. Her parents are from Lebanon and became American citizens. When Demashkiah was a freshman, she had numerous disagreements with her roommates that led to three of them deciding that she needed to move out because of cultural differences. Demashkiah did move out, and the experience inspired her to get involved in Better Together BU.

“We should welcome everybody with open arms, no matter what [their] religion, race, culture, ethnicity,” Demashkiah said.

The Baylor Democrats assisted in planning the event, although they are not sponsoring it, said Montgomery junior Jessica Green, president of the Baylor Democrats.

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New study analyzes responses to adoption

MEGAN RULE
Staff Writer

Women who have placed a child for adoption now have a voice thanks to a recent study led by Dr. Elissa Madden, assistant professor in the Diana R. Garland School of Social Work.

Madden led researchers to survey, interview and analyze the responses of both birth mothers who had placed their children for adoption and the adoption professionals who work with expectant mothers. The study was then split into two phases, Madden said. The first phase provided survey results and analyses of 223 birth mothers and 141 adoption professionals. The second phase provided a deeper analysis of 20 of those birth mothers and 20 of those adoption professionals through interviews.

“Expectant mothers want to know that when they go to somebody to help them with this process, that entity is giving them all the information,” Madden said. “And anybody would want that. They want to make informed choices, and so they want to know that they’re getting all the information and that while they may not like the circumstances and they may grieve them, at the end of the day they truly know that they tried and weren’t sabotaged in that process.”

Many birth mothers expressed concerns of being judged and feeling shame, and also felt a lack of emotional support in the process of adoption, according to the study. Many birth mothers also expressed concern for financial stability, which was a big reason why adoption was first considered as an option and ultimately selected.

Results from the adoption professionals showed that the language used when referring to mothers at different points of the pregnancy process mattered, and adoption professionals prefer different terms for different phases.

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AMANDA HARGETT-GRANATO
Reporter

Continuing a tradition begun in 2010, Baylor Libraries will accept summer interns to work with the special collections housed on campus. The five internship positions are available to both graduate and undergraduate applicants from a variety of disciplines. The positions are paid, and applications are due by April 7.

Kathy Hillman, the director of the Keston Center for Religion, Politics and Society, has coordinated the internship program since its beginning. Hillman said the summer internship program gives students opportunities they would otherwise not get in work-study jobs at the libraries.

“It’s one of those win-win kind of situations,” Hillman said. “The



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CHECK IT OUT Baylor Libraries is searching for five summer interns to work with special collections on campus. Applications are due April 7.

libraries get wonderful interns, and the students get invaluable experience.”

Internship roles are dependent upon the special collection the intern is assigned to, but interns can be tasked with anything from processing, transcribing and digitizing documents to planning and setting up exhibits for the library for the Sue Margaret

Hughes Endowed Internship. The internship positions, Hillman said, will help prepare students for the future regardless of their field of study.

“These internships are very competitive, so future employers know that the position was earned and that we demanded a very high standard,” Hillman said.

In addition to the internship program, the libraries are also continuing their summer teaching fellowships. Library teaching fellows will spend one week during the summer paired with a librarian at one of the special collections to develop a curriculum that employs the collection’s materials.

The fellowships are open to faculty and graduate students who are teachers of record, and applications for the fellowship program are due April 7. Jennifer Borderud, interim

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COLUMN

Take time to fully prepare for your future career

FAITH MILETELLO
Reporter

“What do you want to do when you grow up?” This is a question asked of us since our earliest childhood years. The outlandish answers are cute when toddlers say them, but when teenage years arrive, the world expects more ambitious



and serious answers. Once students get to college, the question becomes ever more real and much harder to answer.

In his book, *Will College Pay Off?* Peter Capelli defines “The Home Depot Approach,” an idea that employers believe all employees fit a specific job for a specific purpose, just like a tool in a toolbox. Capelli says that this ideology is false – employees’ backgrounds, studies and experiences all primarily compose the value they contribute to the workforce. It has become an unrealistic expectation that those of us graduating college have to fit into a specific mold in order to achieve a worthwhile career.

At the start of our freshman year, we have a vague idea of what we want our future career to be, but this is often driven by future earning potential, others’ perspective of your major or hobbies that you once enjoyed in high school. Most people hardly know what they want to do even after all four years at college. Developing your passions and skills is the most valuable way to decide where you want to be after you graduate.

However, selecting the best major for yourself is the first step toward propelling yourself into a happy and successful career. According to the Washington Post, only 27 percent of college graduates have a job related to their major. This is proof that what you are studying doesn’t define your career — it defines your opportunity. Even more exciting, you can choose how to fulfill that opportunity. How you develop your character outside of your resume impacts your future career a lot more than how well you did on that Spanish test your sophomore year.

The National Association of Colleges and Employers conducted a survey of hiring managers about the most valuable skills in new employees. Written and verbal communication, effective leadership and knowledge of technology came up as the main ideas. This shows the importance of taking a variety of opportunities throughout your time in college. By allowing different skills to develop, you build yourself up as a quality candidate for multiple potential careers. It is important to create a package of skills which demonstrate that you are well-rounded.

During my freshman year, I felt unsure about what I wanted to do after college. I had a major and a course layout for the next four years, but I didn’t have much direction on what job title came with what I studied. Once senior year arrived, I realized that the compilation of classes, jobs and personal ventures I had accomplished had prepared me to begin my future career with promise.

Let’s start celebrating the unknown opportunities to come rather than fearing we won’t succeed in the step-by-step plan the world has given us. Spend time taking advantage of opportunities, enjoying the moments you are in and opening yourself up to experience.

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EDITORIAL

The early bird catches the worm

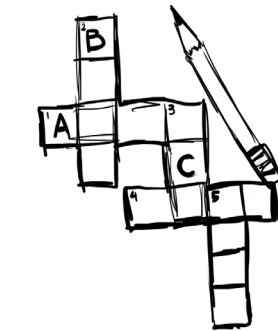
Many of us will be graduating in the next few months, reaching the finish line of one of the busiest times in our lives. We have lost more sleep than it feels like we will ever catch up on. Work scheduled on weekends and during spring break make the rest that we hope to get become muddled with the stress of actually having to complete assignments, to help other people check items off of their lists and to appease professors and schoolmates. A chronic sense of exhaustion is not uncommon.

Since so many of us end up staying into the early hours of the morning to finish assignments just in time to wake up at 7:45 a.m. and roll out of bed to make it to class, it can seem impossible to do anything when you first wake up. Maybe if we are feeling extra desperate, we’ll grabbing a cup of coffee off the Keurig and a Clif Bar.

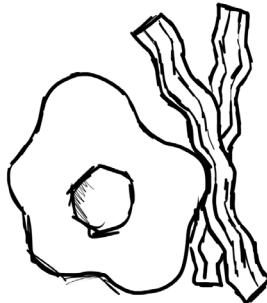
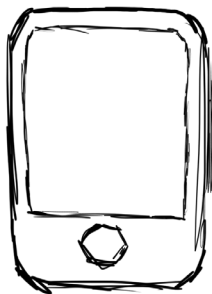
This being said, the benefits of having some sort of morning routine prove to be an excellent way to balance out the your hectic schedule during the day. Some people choose to do early morning yoga. Others pray and others journal — anything that gives you a second to breathe when you first wake up and allows you to have some sort of introspection or time set aside to be truly present — the benefits could surprise you. For those who don’t have extremely early classes, this is an excellent option.

For those who are less fortunate and only have time to change into somewhat socially acceptable clothes, your exhaustion and frustration do not go unheard. This is probably going to be one of the most hectic times of your lives, so no one expects you to lose an extra hour of sleep just so you can drink tea and think about your day.

This being said, there are some things you can do to maximize your sleep, so you can take 10 or 15 minutes extra in the mornings to breathe for a second. If you are one to finish off the night with an episode of one of your favorite shows on Netflix, shutting the laptop before you start the second



WHAT’S YOUR MORNING RITUAL?



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

episode could give you those vital 45 minutes that would give you the liberty to wake up earlier.

In a similar vein, if you like to fall asleep scrolling through Pinterest, Instagram or Facebook, it has been widely proven that the light coming off of your LCD screen proves to be a very inefficient way to actually fall asleep. According to Harvard researchers, LCD screens can change the way the melatonin — or the chemical in your body that influences sleep cycles — reacts to the rising and setting of the sun. Instead of throwing your

body clock off with bright LCD lights, read a book in some soft light and it is sure to put you to sleep early.

But when you do actually wake up, what activity is best suited for you? Some of the world’s top performers have a few set basic standards for their best morning habits.

Some of those are exercising, meditating or praying, and keeping a daily journal. But maybe you are someone who doesn’t like to exercise in the morning or doesn’t feel awake enough to actually

set aside time to think about the present or the day ahead. Simply making a cup of coffee or tea and sitting on the porch to sip it in silence rather than guzzling a Red Bull can offer the same benefits as some of the other listed items above.

We get it – your days are crazy. It seems silly to sacrifice precious minutes of sleep for something that doesn’t seem productive. But for some of you, having a daily constant like a morning routine may make your college schedule feel a little more balanced.

COLUMN

Do what you love and love what you do

JORDAN SMITH
Sports Editor

Leaving high school and starting college is a transition. For some people, it’s an easy transition. For others, it isn’t an easy one. However, one thing that isn’t easy for people to



know for certain heading into college is what they want to do with their career.

Finding a degree that is right for you is very hard to do, especially when an educational institution is making you plan the rest of your life at age 18. Most people at that age don’t know what they want to do as a career. I know that was the case for me.

I spent my first two years of college doing the community college route. During those two years at Community college, I flipped flopped between three degrees because I wasn’t sure what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. It was a lot of pressure to have to know what you want to do with your life at 18.

At first, I was a communications major. With that, I wanted to chase my childhood dream of being a sports journalist. However, that was short-lived, as I had people around me convince me that it wasn’t going to be a good career because of the money. I ended up switching my major to graphic design because I was good with computers and using different features on computers. I learned quickly that it was not the career for me because I did not enjoy it.

I then thought to myself that I would love to be a writer, preferably an author or poet. So I started on that journey and even self-published my own book. However, time went along and I realized something wasn’t right and something was missing from my life. That’s when I realized what it was that I wanted to do.

I have learned a valuable lesson from a self-taught philosophy; “If you don’t do what you love, then you won’t love what you do.” From the moment I learned that, I decided not to listen to what other people say about what I should do with my life and to switch out of both the graphic design major and the English major. If you let other people tell you how to live your life, then it isn’t your life.

That is when I decided to go back to what I originally loved to do — journalism. It was the thing that made me the happiest. It was the thing that made me the most comfortable. It was the thing that I enjoyed the most.

So, with that being said, I am currently a communications major looking to hopefully get into the sports journalism world as a sports writer or even a sports editor. I also do some play-by-play and would love the opportunity to do that as well.

I am in my third year of college and just figured out what I want to do with my life. It took a lot of time and effort, but I ended up figuring it out by just listening to my heart.

Some people are still deciding where they want their life to go. That’s OK. No one should be pressured to choose something they have to do for the rest of their lives before they figure out what they want to do for the rest of their lives.

When you are forced to choose what you have to do is when you make decisions that you regret for the rest of your life.

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COMPETITION FOR A CAUSE The photo is of the winning kickball team from the third annual kickball tournament Saturday, which raised money for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

Gamma Alpha Omega fundraises with spring kickball tournament

RACHEL SMITH
Reporter

Gamma Alpha Omega kicked off fundraising efforts Saturday during their third annual spring philanthropy event, Kick It for Kids.

The multicultural sorority raised money for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America during the kickball tournament, where six teams competed for a \$500 prize. San Diego, Calif., junior Ele Moroz, who serves as the chapter's president and new member educator, said she enjoyed publicizing the event and reaching out to sponsors.

"I really enjoy organizing it, actually," Moroz said. "I definitely enjoy watching it all come together."

Each participant paid \$10 to participate, and sponsors donated food and gift cards for the event.

"Nationally, our philanthropy is mentoring youth, so we try to find organizations that are kind of geared toward that," Moroz said. "There's not really a Big Brothers Big Sisters close to here, but sometimes we go to Dallas to help them out there."

In addition to raising money for Big Brothers Big Sisters, the sorority also visits middle and high schools to mentor and tutor youth.

"We do a lot a service," Moroz said. "We have our own Adopt-a-Highway."

Houston junior Fatima Chavez, the chapter's service chair, said the tournament draws different participants every year.

"My favorite part is honestly seeing the competition, seeing how people get out there," Chavez said. "I didn't think it would be so competitive."

Chavez said the sorority's emphasis on service has added to her experience.

"Our philanthropy is mentoring youth, so that's something that we're really big on," Chavez said. "Giving service is one of our purposes here on campus, too."

Gamma Alpha Omega's chapter began at Baylor in 2002, making it the first Latina sorority on campus, according to their website. Chavez said she needed a home away from home, and the sorority has brought her together with other women like her.

"[Joining Gamma Alpha Omega] was the best decision I've ever made," Chavez said. "I've been able to grow a lot since I joined the sorority."

Moroz said the sorority is not exclusive to Latinas and, in addition to service activities, also provides social events and opportunities to connect with other campus organizations.

"It's a fun group," Moroz said. "It's nice because it's small, so we know each other really well."

Dallas junior Amy Mpala, another member of Gamma Alpha Omega, is originally from Zimbabwe.

"One of the things I really like about our mission is fostering a sisterhood," Mpala said. "It's just nice to have a family here at Baylor. It's just a group of people you can trust and a place you can call home."

'Lunch and Learn' event to start discussions for Women's History Month

KALYN STORY
Staff Writer

In honor of Women's History Month, the women's and gender studies department and department of multicultural affairs are hosting a Lunch and Learn at 12:30 p.m. today in the Lipscomb Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

At the Lunch and Learn, participants will watch a TED Talk titled "Three Lessons on Success from an Arab Businesswoman" by Leila Hoteit. After the video, there will be small roundtable discussions led by Dr. Lisa Shaver, director of the women's and gender studies department.

"We hope this is a casual way of getting students and faculty to talk about women and gender issues," Shaver said. "It is important to be educated, but it is also important to celebrate the accomplishments women have achieved."

Shaver said she hopes students will attend with an open mind.

"Women were absent in so many areas of study for so

long," Shaver said. "We want to recognize the women that were ignored for so long but also recognize how far we still have to go for equality."

Shaver said students are sometimes surprised to learn that employment ads in the '70s were gender specific, and through the '70s and '80s some schools only allowed women to study certain subjects.

"We are fortunate to have come such a long way, but students now should know what their mothers and grandmothers went through not so long ago," Shaver said.

Shaver said there is still a lot of work to be done toward equality globally and within the United States. In regard to America, she specifically mentioned the wage gap, the low percentage of women in Congress and that women are still discouraged from studying certain subjects.

Shaver said she hopes men and women of all cultural backgrounds will attend the event and engage in dialogue.

Multicultural affairs graduate apprentice Sierra Valdivia said she believes open discussion is beneficial

to everyone and that anyone can come away from Lunch and Learn with new perspectives.

"We believe dialogue is one of the best ways to explore any topic because it allows individuals to share their stories and experiences with one another," Valdivia said. "Since we will be watching a TED Talk, we realize that each person will bring their own insight to the table and encourage that as we will be reflecting on how female roles differ in various cultural environments and professions."

Valdivia said she believes it is important for everyone, regardless of gender or cultural identity, to recognize Women's History Month.

"If you look at history, women have come a long way to give other women the freedom and rights we have today," Valdivia said. "I think it's essential to be aware of the important figures in history but also the current leaders in our society who are impacting the world on a day-to-day basis in their roles to create a better future."

Get to Steppin'



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

STEP OUT WITH STEPPIN' OUT Baylor Community Engagement and Service has sign-ups and information for the campuswide volunteer effort, Steppin' Out, in the Student Union building this week. Steppin' Out will be Sat., April 8, around the Greater Waco area.

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serving in the U.S. Air Force and his research regarding the Middle East. He said the Islamic State (ISIS) is watching the United States' response to the refugee crisis and is using it as a part of its message.

In an Islamic State publication, the group discouraged people from emigrating to the United States because their children may lose their faith, do drugs, have sex and learn about democracy, Long said.

Students were invited to discuss with each other and write questions for Cann and Long. The panel was moderated by San Angelo sophomore Kennen Dickens, academic chair of the BIC Leadership Council.

Dickens said it is wise for students to learn about their opinions and interests now, in a culture like Baylor's, to prepare for situations when they may have to advocate for causes.

"Our actions are directly affecting the future

policies of our nation and of our communities, so I think Baylor prides itself in the fact that we do inspire leaders to go out and not just be simple receivers of messages but to go out and be leaders within our communities," Dickens said.

Questions dealt with U.S. policy, the U.N.'s role in the refugee crisis, Christian behavior toward refugees and efforts to make Baylor a sanctuary campus.

"The planet is simply getting smaller and smaller. We're in a connected world, and what happens in some remote town or city in Pakistan or Myanmar or Morocco will have an impact on us. We're connected economically, we're connected technologically in every way, and some small ripple in some small corner of the world can have a direct impact on us," Long said.

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Organization advocates for children in foster care system

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Staff Writer

Children who suffer traumatic experiences often find themselves enduring the pains and struggles of being bounced around the foster system. In the midst of an environment that makes them feel unwanted and misplaced, children are able to find hope with an organization designed to assist them.

CASA (The Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) is an organization established to advocate for children who go through the foster system.

Because the foster system is so dense and Child Protective Services often works with a multitude of cases at a time, children can feel as if they are going through the process alone. CASA volunteers work with attorneys, social workers and child protective services workers to effectively find loving homes for children.

Volunteers also go through training and receive resources to build relationships with children, so they can communicate the child’s desires to officials that make decisions regarding the child’s future.

Mindi Masten, director of volunteers and community outreach, said volunteering provides the gift of being able to see children grow into successful adults.

“While the work is not always easy and not always sunshine and roses, the work you do as a CASA volunteer directly impacts what will happen in this child’s life as they navigate the giant, scary foster care system,” Masten said.

CASA volunteer Gracie Wood said volunteering has rewarded her with the opportunity to see life from other perspectives.

“It’s really valuable experience because it gives you a glimpse of a world that most of us were lucky to have never



Photo Courtesy of CASA

ADVOCATE CASA advocates for children that are going through the foster system, and their volunteers work to find loving homes for the children.

known,” Wood said.

“Volunteers often still hear from the children that they helped while they were in foster care- receiving graduation announcements, marriage invitations and just wanting to stay connected in a simple text message conversation,” Masten said. “We pride ourselves as being the constant person in a foster child’s life.”

CASA McLennan and Hill Counties will hold an interest meeting for students who are interested in making an impact on children’s lives as a volunteer. The interest meeting will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. March 28 at the CASA offices, 2223 Austin Ave., Suite D.

Wood, who has volunteered for three years, said college students should not

allow the fact that they might not spend their lives in Waco to keep them from making a difference in a child’s life.

“Even though most of us aren’t planning to stay in Waco, CASA is an organization where you can impact a kid for the rest of their lives,” Wood said.

For more information about CASA and its mission, visit www.texascasa.org or email mmasten@casaforeverychild.org.

“We have to step up for these children. They are our future, and they deserve the very best life has to offer,” Masten said. “Please use your voice, time and passion for children to make sure they get what they deserve.”

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“In my opinion, [the vigil] is a broad addressing of the issues because I feel like if you are silent on the issue you are just allowing it to occur, and you are supporting it,” Green said.

Green also said that, although Baylor Democrats is a partisan club, this is not a partisan issue. Green said that a person’s way of life and comfort in a country should not be political.

The event will feature speakers, and students will be invited to pray for immigrants and refugees, Demashkiah said. More

information regarding the event is available on the Facebook event page.

Demashkiah also said she thinks the refugee crisis is a bipartisan and human issue that should matter to everyone with a beating heart.

“Just bring people, even if you are just passing by,” Demashkiah said. “I know that it is a very tight time and that people might not be able to come, but if you can just pass by, any support is welcome, and we need all the help we can get.”

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director of Armstrong Browning Library, said she hopes the fellowship program encourages students and faculty to spend more time engaging with the rare artifacts housed at Baylor.

“The libraries have these great special collections with materials that are underutilized,” Borderud said. “Part of the program was to remind people that we have these great resources here that are available to them and that we want students in here utilizing these materials.”

Although each library has a focus, Borderud said applicants of any field are welcome. During the first year of the program, computer science professor Dr. Matthew Fendt’s fellowship at the Armstrong Browning Library resulted in two students developing a video game based on the love story of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning. Borderud said she enjoys seeing applicants from a wide variety of fields and hopes the program gives professors the opportunity to find new ways to approach their subjects.

“The libraries get wonderful interns, and the students get invaluable experience.”

Kathy Hillman | Director of Keston Center for religion, politics and society

“I think by having faculty and graduate teaching assistants develop assignments that utilize the materials in these different special collections on campus and then having the students come as a class, that’s an easier way for them to approach these kinds of materials for the first time,” Borderud said.

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The study also showed that a lot of the information adoption professionals discussed with the expectant mothers focused on adoption only rather than discussing other options. Many professionals felt that additional training was necessary for their work.

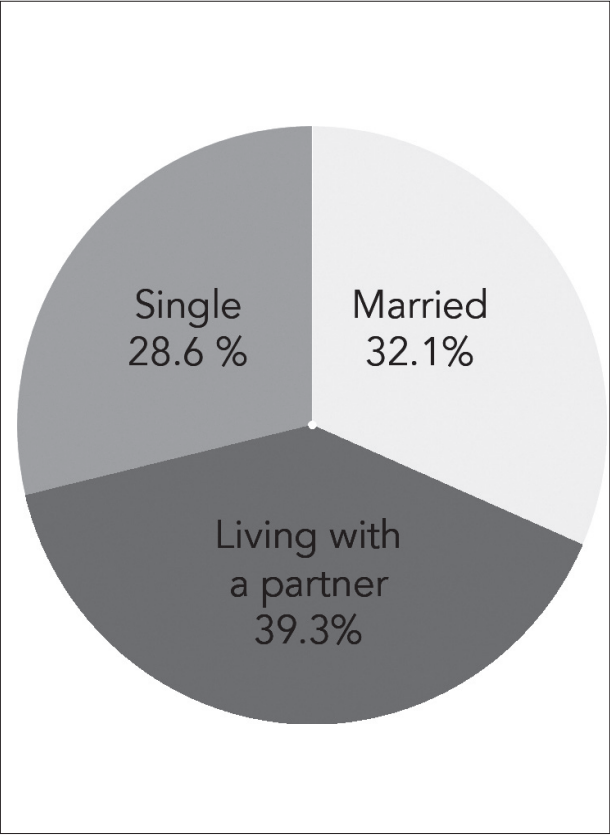
“We’d really like to see agencies be really intentional about providing resources to expectant moms about how they could parent,” Madden said. “And they’re not really in the business to do that because they’re adoption agencies, but that’s a part of the process. A critical part of the process is making sure your clients have really, truly gone through all the options they could and selected this, and they have an ethical obligation to do that.”

The study was funded by The Donaldson Adoption Institute and conducted in conjunction with the University of Arlington School of Social Work, according to the press release. The study included both results from the in-depth interviews and suggestions for policy changes. Laura Bruder, a Baylor alumna and executive director of BraveLove, which is a pro-adoption movement aiming to change the perception of adoption by acknowledging birth mothers for their bravery, said BraveLove is an organization that benefits from the information in this study.

“Because of the stories and experiences shared, the research reaffirmed the need to improve options, counseling and adoption practices so that expectant parents are able to fully explore all of their options on their own time and make the best decision for themselves and their child,” Bruder said in an email to the Lariat.

The study recommends mandating adoption agencies and attorneys to develop access to pre- and post-adoption services for expectant and birth parents and providing expectant parents with information that is standard and contains details of possible outcomes associated with relinquishing a child for adoption. The study also suggests increasing education for expectant parents and prospective adoptive parents about post-relinquishment contact and mandating ethics in adoption education for adoption professionals.

“It was evident the amount of thought, intentionality and respect that went into Dr. Madden’s research methodologies,” Bruder said in an email. “Making an adoption plan is a highly sensitive and inherently personal decision that impacts people’s



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

STATISTICS According to the Donaldson Adoption Institute, these are the recorded relationship statuses of birth mothers who put their children up for adoption.

lives and families forever. You could really feel the weight of those decisions in this study, which is why the call for change is important. People’s lives are forever impacted because of adoption. Moving forward, I’m interested to see how these recommendations and best practices will be implemented among adoption professionals.”

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Falling Starr: ‘Bear Country’ disappoints

KRISTINA VALDEZ
Copy Editor

Former Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr intertwines the history of Baylor with his own time serving as the university’s president from 2009 to 2015 in his new book “Bear Country: The Baylor Story,” in thumb-twiddling monologue for three-fourths of the book that leaves you wondering how many pages are left until the “exploding” end.

If you love Baylor or Starr, you can find an appreciation for this book. At times, it feels as if you are reading a well-written online description on a Baylor website about traditions and school history. You desperately want to flip to the end to get the inside perspective on the scandal that made Starr’s name the memorable one it is now. But you wait, satisfied with the pointed and deliberate jabs at the Baylor Board of Regents that Starr reflects on as being a relationship filled with discord from the beginning.

“My own time had come and gone, but the longstanding desire of the regents’ leadership had been achieved,” Starr wrote. “I would no longer serve as president of a great institution. But life marches on and so does that good old Baylor Line.”

Starr wrote that he was first charmed by Baylor’s rich history and had a desire to preserve the soul of the university.

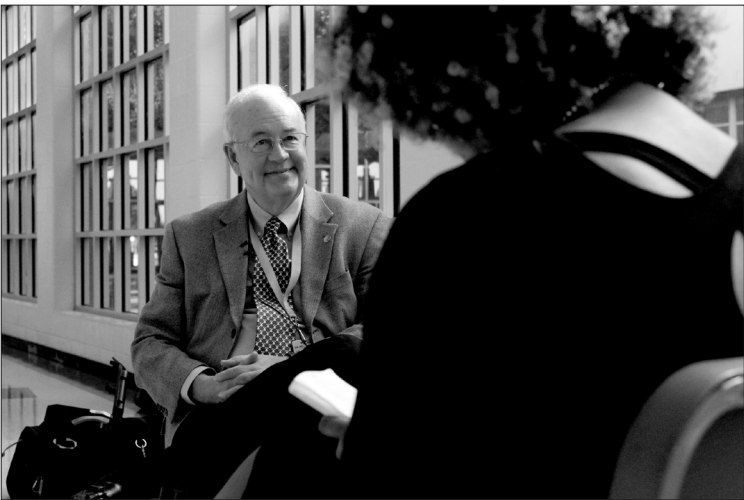
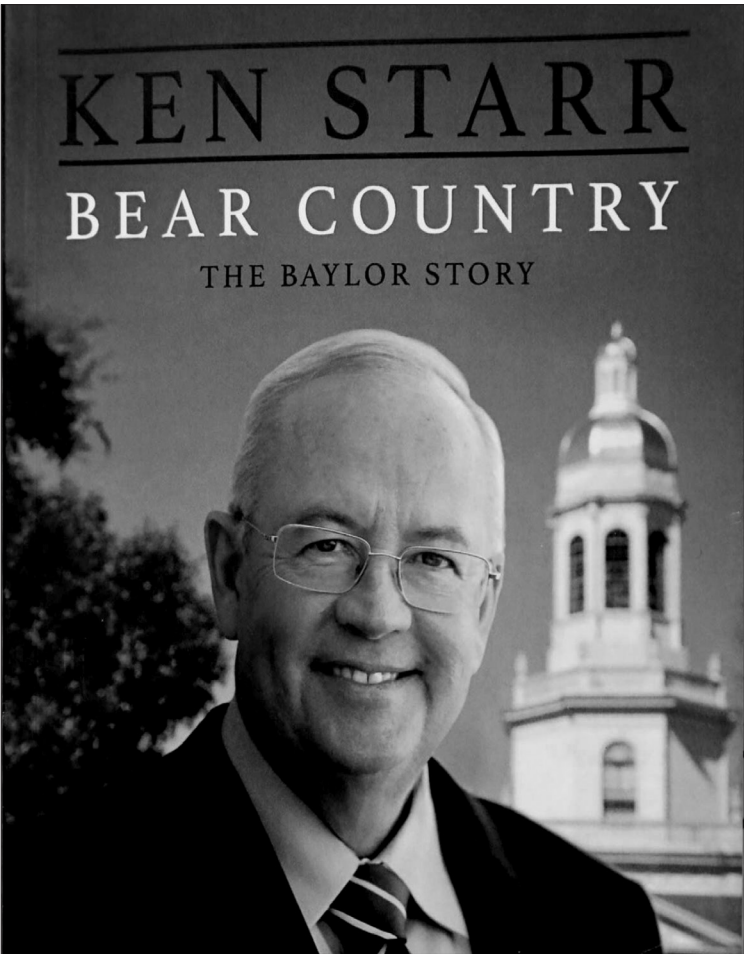
“For my part, I was now committed emotionally to the Baylor Project, but the leadership of Baylor’s Board of Regents wasn’t committed to me,” Starr wrote.

Starr works to push his love for Baylor into sentences that are packed and overexerted. However, the book creates an essence that anyone in “Bear Country” is a part of a something greater than just the school you go to or work for. Starr chronicles the rich history of Baylor as if he is building Pat Neff Hall from the ground up from the university’s beginning until the end of his time at the school.

“Baylor loves its students,” Starr wrote. “I love the students. We want them to not only to be safe but to flourish.”

Starr described intercollegiate athletics by equating them to Aldous Huxley’s ominous “Brave New World.” In his third chapter titled ‘Rookie,’ Starr wrote about how football is king and that an on-campus football stadium was a need for the program as said by former coach Art Briles.

“Little did I suspect that Coach Briles would bring unprecedented success to Baylor football, winning two Big 12 championships, recruiting



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

A STARR IN THE MAKING? Ken Starr’s book “Bear Country” was released last week, highlighting Starr’s time at Baylor and the scandal at the end of his time at Baylor.

future Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III, and building a top-ten program,” Starr wrote. “Ultimately, however, he along with Baylor’s fourteenth president would be sacked by Baylor’s Board of Regents.”

Starr credited a story in Texas Monthly and the rape trial against Sam Ukwuachu, a “super talented defensive end on Baylor’s football team,” for the national spotlight now placed on Baylor football “for all the wrong reasons.”

“Sam’s case provided the jumping off point for Texas Monthly’s provocative thesis that with all of its vaunted success, Coach Briles’

program was infected by a culture of violence against women,” Starr wrote.

Starr tries to prevent the book from being all about the scandal involving the athletic department and administrative “fundamental failure,” as the Pepper Hamilton review put it, but it is the most interesting part of the book. It’s about “Bear Country,” but I only wanted to hear about the explosion at Bear Country. Despite the love and admiration that Starr pours into more than half the book, it is the end that sticks. Doesn’t the end justify the means, anyway?

Starr presents what he subtitles “the other side,” or what was done on campus to promote awareness of

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sexual violence and interpersonal dating violence.

“Campus safety and the safety of our students in all respects, including freedom from interpersonal violence was a high priority throughout my years of servant leadership,” Starr wrote.

Candidly, Starr wrote that he “cheerfully accepted the regents’ death sentence.” Starr calls his departure ironic after desiring to leave the president’s office for a classroom in the law school only to be later exiled.

Starr revealed in his book that he threatened to leave as president and return to teaching law in October of 2011 after what he described as “unacceptably inappropriate conduct and comments by the board’s chairman, Buddy Jones.” Starr said the feud between the university and the Baylor Alumni Association, now the Baylor Line Foundation, had spilled over during homecoming celebrations which prompted strong language from Jones. Starr wrote that he refused to continue to serve as president for “principle” as the Board of Regents became adamant to overrule the Baylor Alumni Association. Starr decided to continue as president after a phone call from a leader of the board talked him off the ledge.

But what Starr described as the most dramatic episode was the prequel for the turmoil that fell over Baylor. In the summer and fall of 2013, the board had decided that Starr’s contract, with two years left in it, would not be renewed. Ultimately, the board decided to keep Starr as president.

“But, we’d entered a radically different phase in the president-board relationship,” Starr wrote.

Instead of renewing Starr’s contract, another two years were added. Starr was removed from the presidential office to chancellor, where he stepped down because of “a matter of conscience.”

“It’s wrenching,” Starr wrote. “It hurts.”

Starr maintains his innocence of having knowledge of sexual assault reports and wrote that he waits for the truth.

“Some day we may know the truth,” Starr wrote. “I desire and await the truth, along with any others in Baylor Nation and beyond. I advocated transparency from the very start of the investigation, as I was the one ultimately accountable. These former colleagues worked for me. The buck stops here.”

This week in Waco:

>> Today

3:30-5 p.m.— Women’s History Month Lecture. Morrison 100.

7:30-8:30 p.m.— Baylor Symphony Orchestra. Free admission. Jones Concert Hall.

7:30-9:30 p.m.— The Amish Project. Sold out. Mabee Theatre.

>> Wednesday

7-10 p.m.— Will Reagan and United Pursuit perform. \$19-\$22. Phoenix Ballroom, 401 S. 3rd Street.

7:30-9:30 p.m.— The Amish Project. Sold out. Mabee Theatre.

7:30 p.m.— Baylor Percussion Group performs. Jones Concert Hall.

8-9:30 p.m.— Self Defense Seminar. TBA.

>> Thursday

7-9 p.m.— La Terza Classe performs. Dichotomy Coffee & Spirits.

7:30-8:30 p.m.— Baylor Concert Choir. Jones Concert Hall.

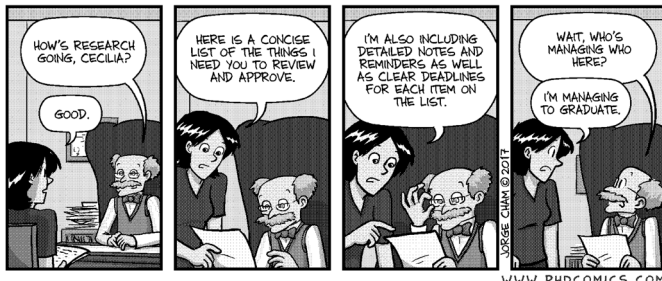
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7:30 p.m.— An Evening With Whit Stillman. Barfield Drawing Room, Student Union Building.

>> Friday

7:30-9:30 p.m.— The Amish Project. Sold out. Mabee Theatre.

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Today’s Puzzles

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 - 5 Gone from one’s plate
 - 10 “Eleni” author Nicholas
 - 14 Nailed, as a test
 - 15 Carne __: taco filling
 - 16 Loads (of)
 - 17 *Home of baseball’s Royals
 - 19 Online journal
 - 20 Terminate
 - 21 Sign light
 - 22 Dutch cheese
 - 23 Federal hush-hush org.
 - 24 *Diagonally
 - 27 Lament
 - 29 Clod
 - 30 “Silk Stockings” actress Charisse
 - 31 Wine collector’s datum
 - 32 Gumbo vegetable
 - 33 Laugh half
 - 34 *Large venomous snake
 - 39 Young fellow
 - 42 Opposite of spicy
 - 43 Nile wading bird
 - 47 Here, in Haiti
 - 48 Santa __ winds
 - 49 GI’s mess work
 - 51 *Hang out (with)
 - 55 X, in old Rome
 - 56 Cultural spirit
 - 57 Not on base when req.
 - 58 Org. whose awards ceremony Vince Gill hosted or co-hosted from 1992-2003
 - 59 Indian bread
 - 60 *Martial arts move
 - 63 Raison d’__
 - 64 Exchange suggestive glances, say
 - 65 Cub scout units
 - 66 Marries
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 - 68 Canadian tribe
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- 4 Passports, e.g.
- 5 Enter slowly
- 6 Foppish neckwear
- 7 Besmirch
- 8 Summer hrs. at Yankee Stadium
- 9 Thumbs-down vote
- 10 Eva or Zsa Zsa
- 11 Out for a midday meal
- 12 The one without the patch, for Bazooka Joe
- 13 Dueler’s cry
- 18 “Puppy Love” singer Paul
- 22 Excel in one’s career
- 25 Ono from Tokyo
- 26 Low-__ diet
- 28 Mork’s planet
- 32 Med. condition that may involve

- excessive hand-washing
- 35 Apple desktops
- 36 Bogotá boy
- 37 Glittery rock genre
- 38 Help
- 39 Refurbished
- 40 Protective plastic film
- 41 Fanatically devoted
- 44 Cleaver user
- 45 Agenda start
- 46 Neural transmission point
- 49 __ pine: paneling wood
- 50 Gomer of TV
- 52 Corn breads
- 53 “Les Misérables” city
- 54 Not clueless
- 60 Col. Sanders’ chain
- 61 __ carte
- 62 Atlanta-based public health org.

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Lady Bears advance to Sweet 16



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HOOPS HERO Freshman forward Lauren Cox comes up against a Cal defender in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at 8 p.m. on Monday in the Ferrell Center.

BEN EVERETT
Sports Writer

The No. 1-seeded Baylor Lady Bears basketball team defeated No. 9-seed California 86-46 Monday night at the Ferrell Center to advance to the Sweet 16.

The Lady Bears (32-3) used a balanced scoring attack and strong defense to oust the Golden Bears (20-14) and advance to the Oklahoma City Regional.

Cal went to star center Kristine Anigwe early, letting her drive to the basket and attack Baylor sophomore center Kalani Brown. Anigwe scored five of the team's first seven points as the Lady Bears and Golden Bears went back and forth in the opening minutes.

Senior guard Alexis Prince drained a corner three and senior guard Alexis Jones drove the lane in transition and scored to cap a 9-0 Baylor run as the Lady Bears went up 15-7 halfway through the first quarter.

A jumper from Prince with a minute left stopped a three-minute scoring drought for the Lady Bears, but Cal guard Mikayla Cowling knocked down a 3-pointer to make it a 17-12 Baylor lead at the end of one quarter.

Anigwe kept Cal in the game early in the second quarter, knocking down two free throws and scoring in the post to cut the Baylor lead to 22-16.

The Lady Bears then went on an 13-0 run that included back-to-back threes from freshman guard Natalie Chou as Baylor extended the lead to 35-16 with four minutes remaining in the half.

Jones' second 3-pointer of the game came with one minute left in the half as the Lady Bears took a 40-20 lead into halftime.

At the break, Jones led the Lady Bears in scoring with eight points while Anigwe scored 11 for the Golden Bears on 5-for-6 shooting from the free throw line.

The offense came alive for both teams in the third quarter with the Lady Bears and Golden Bears combining for 24 points in just the first six minutes of the quarter.

The Lady Bears continued to attack the paint, getting contributions from Brown and senior forward Nina Davis as they took a 50-22 lead. Anigwe refused to let up, scoring on an and-one opportunity while teammate Courtney Range drained a floater and a 3-pointer to make it a 54-30 game.

Prince leaked out in transition twice to get to the free throw line and get an easy layup to put the Lady Bears up 60-31.

The Golden Bears went in to Anigwe at the end of the quarter as she scored two more times, but the Lady Bears still held a 65-33 lead at the end of three quarters.

Baylor started the fourth quarter on a 9-2 run, forcing Cal head coach Lindsay Gottlieb to call a timeout just two minutes into the final quarter.

Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey put in senior post Khadijah Cave in the fourth quarter, allowing her to get minutes in her last game at the Ferrell Center.

Cave knocked down two jumpers, and Davis managed a steal and a floater to put the Lady Bears up 82-39 before Mulkey took out Cave, Davis, Jones and Prince to a standing ovation from the crowd.

Prince and Davis had 16 points each for the Lady Bears while Anigwe posted a double-double of 20 points and 11 rebounds for the Golden Bears.

Baylor will face No. 4 seed Louisville Friday in Oklahoma City.

Tennis wins BNP Paribas Challenge

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

With Baylor baseball off to its best start in years at 16-4 and ranked No. 15 in the country and softball opening the season 25-5 and shooting its way through the NCAA rankings, both teams have been focal points thus far in the spring.

However, the Baylor men's tennis team is putting together an impressive season of their own. The Bears are 16-4 and find themselves at No. 6 in the country.

Perhaps Baylor's most impressive feat of the season came over the weekend when it rallied to beat No. 7 USC 4-3 to claim the 2017 BNP Paribas Collegiate Challenge at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Palm Springs, Calif.

The Bears rallied from a 3-0 deficit to clinch the victory over the Trojans.

Baylor head coach Matt Knoll said this win shows the team's toughness and will be a great building block moving forward.

"It was a match that was really good for us, and I would have said that had we lost. I think it was a tough, hard-fought match," Knoll said. "I am really pleased with how much we are improving. I think we are a way better team than we were even a week ago. This has been a real good week for us in terms of our preparation before we came out here. I feel like we are heading in the right direction and continuing to improve."

USC claimed the point for the doubles competition as the No. 1 doubles team of sophomore Juan Benitez and redshirt sophomore Will

Little for Baylor were upset by the Trojans' freshmen Brandon Holt and Riley Smith 6-4. Baylor senior Max Tchoutakian and freshman Constantin Frantzen dropped the second doubles' set 6-4.

In singles play, Baylor once again found itself playing catch up against the Trojans. Both sophomore Jimmy Bendeck and Frantzen were defeated in straight sets, giving USC what seemed to be an insurmountable lead heading

"I am really proud of Max. It was his first time to clinch in that situation."

Matt Knoll | Baylor men's tennis head coach

into the final few matches.

Down 3-0, Baylor began to find its groove.

It started with sophomore Johannes Schretter downing Trojans senior Nick Crystal 6-4, 6-3. Benitez then put the doubles disappointment aside to take down Holt in three sets, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2. Little also got back on the horse after falling in doubles to put together a straight sets win over junior Thibault Forget 6-3, 7-5.

With the score now tied at 3, the tournament championship fell on the racket of Tchoutakian as he battled with the No. 45 singles player in sophomore Logan Smith.

Smith got an early break in the first set to cruise to a 6-3 win. Tchoutakian quickly evened the match, capturing a double break en route to a 6-1 win in the second. Tchoutakian then got the break of serve with the set tied at three games apiece. He was then able to hold serve twice to close out the match and complete the comeback for Baylor.

Matt Knoll said there was no greater feat for a senior to be able to close out such a huge match.

"I am really proud of Max. It was his first time to clinch in that situation. That is really special for any player," Knoll said. "We talk about that a lot. We want every guy walking up to every match hoping they get to be in that position. It is a really special thing as a college tennis player to be last match on with both teams cheering. I am really happy for Max that he got that opportunity as a senior and did a great job."

With the victory over USC, Baylor completed a sweep of three ranked teams in three days. The Bears defeated No. 13 California 4-0 and No. 33 SMU 4-1 to advance to the championship round.

Baylor was also able to avenge a 4-2 loss to USC back on Feb. 19.

The Bears will return home for a dual-match doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Hurd Tennis Center. Baylor will take on Memphis first at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. against Prairie View A&M.

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