



The Calm Before the Storm



LET IT RAIN, LET IT POUR Storm clouds covered Baylor’s campus Monday night before the rain began. As of press time on Tuesday, Waco had a recorded 4.7 inches of rainfall on Monday evening and Tuesday morning, according to the Central Texas Weather Radar. Conditions should remain dry, albeit mostly cloudy, the rest of the week with slight chances of rain on Easter Sunday.

Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

Church to host discussion on special needs ministry work

JOY MOTON
Staff Writer

First Woodway Baptist Church is partnering with George W. Truett Theological Seminary to host a Special Needs Ministry Leadership Conference. The conference will take place from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on April 21 to 22 and will discuss the challenges of leadership in special needs ministries and how to be effective in spreading the Gospel.

Janice Stewart, senior lecturer in Baylor’s department of communication

sciences and disorders and co-director of Helping Hands ministry at Woodway, came up with the idea for this conference after attending a similar conference at Woodway five years ago.

She said she felt like that was helpful, and there were a lot of churches in the Central Texas area that were interested in learning more about special needs ministry.

Since then, she has been to conferences in other states and wanted to bring one to the Waco community.

“If there was any way we could do

it in Texas on a broader scope, maybe we could make a difference for a lot of different churches and a lot of different families,” Stewart said.

Stewart said many families who have children with special needs often sacrifice their own time and are unable to go to church because the church may not have a way to take care of the child. They might be short staffed, and Stewart said she believes families are often turned away because of those reasons.

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International BU students share stories over dinner

JOY MOTON
Staff Writer

Students and faculty gathered Tuesday evening in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center for the Cross Cultural Engagement Dinner with the Indian Subcontinent Student Association.

Students from the organization prepared a traditional Indian dinner called butter chicken, a spicy dish with white rice, chicken and gravy.

Springfield, Mo., junior Noah Ward opened the

dinner by explaining the purpose behind cross-cultural dinners.

He said the dinners are designed to strengthen the bonds of cultural humility and religious literacy at Baylor. Ward emphasized that part of Christianity is understanding our neighbors and loving one another.

The dinner featured a panel of three students sharing about their experiences in and outside of America. Waco junior

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Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

SHARE THE CULTURE Lynwood, Wash., junior Pavithra Srinivasan spoke on Tuesday at a cross-cultural dinner about how her family aims to keep culture alive.

Activities Council partnership applications now open

RACHEL SMITH
Reporter

Baylor Activities Council is accepting applications for partnerships to provide student organizations with funding, support and event planning expertise.

Baylor Activities Council is a student organization that partners with other student organizations to

put on campus events. Megan Harper, graduate apprentice for traditional programs in Student Activities, said Baylor Activities Council mostly works directly with student organizations to amplify their events.

“We are attached to Student Activities, so we have the funding and event expertise students are looking for,” Harper said.

The application is open to

all officially chartered student organizations, Harper said.

“We are looking for entertainment-based, innovative and engaged student organizations to partner and collaborate with to put on exciting campus events,” Harper said.

Harper said there are no other requirements, other than motivation.

“We don’t have a size or type or anything like that,” Harper said. “We

have organizations of all kinds that we work with.”

In the past, Baylor Activities Council has partnered with organizations to put on events such as Pi Beta Phi’s Howdy, Phi Gamma Delta’s Fright Night, the Asian Student Association’s Lunar New Year and the Indian Subcontinent Student Association’s Gateway to India. Harper said Baylor Activities

Council has partnered with organizations since 2003.

“This has been the first year in a number of years we’ve opened it to all of campus,” Harper said. “Our goal is to really have a campus event that’s welcoming to all Baylor students.”

Applications are rolling through

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Bridges connects international BU students

RYLEE SEAVERS
Staff Writer

Baylor Bridges seeks to provide a “community of friends” for international students, whether they are at Baylor for one semester or four years, Tulsa senior and Baylor Bridges co-founder Sarah Lesikar said.

Bridges is an international Christian organization that aims to serve, encourage social connections and provide a space for spiritual conversations among international students with the goal of creating student leaders, according to its website. The Baylor chapter of Bridges was started in spring 2016 and is still growing.

Lesikar was inspired to co-found Bridges after spending time abroad in Maastricht, Netherlands. She said

she loved meeting people from other countries and wanted to continue interacting with people from other countries at Baylor.

“You kind of learn the struggles of going to a new country and how it can be uncomfortable or strange or you can feel unwelcome and uninvited into the actual culture,” Lesikar said. “So being a Baylor student is getting to say to people, ‘You don’t have to just be friends with other international students. Welcome to Baylor life, welcome to my home and Waco.’”

Coming to a new country is difficult, Lesikar said. Bridges leaders lend a helping hand to international students by taking them to the grocery store, helping them become familiar with American products and

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Courtesy Photo

BUILDING CONNECTIONS Bridges leaders pose at a photo booth for the Chinese New Year celebration. The Bridges program aims to bring international students together during their time at Baylor.

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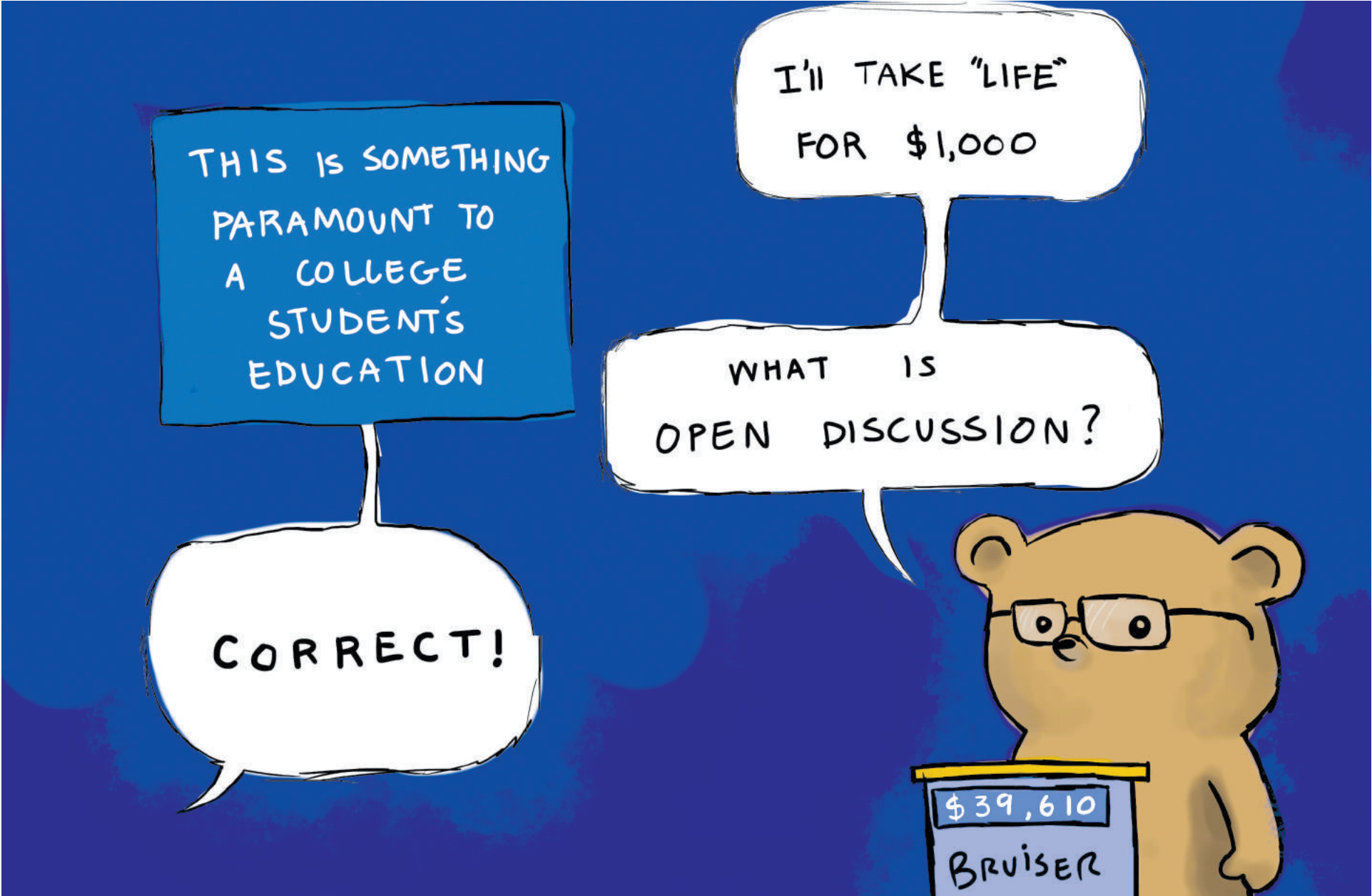
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EDITORIAL



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

'It's On Us' is moving toward openness

Last week, Baylor University took a significant step forward by initiating the conversation on sex. The series, which is hosted by the Title IX "It's On Us" Student Advisory Council, breaks down different aspects of sexual intimacy in four lectures and comes just in time to kick off Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The first lecture to take place was an obvious choice and, frankly, an important one for Baylor. Last Thursday, Dr. Ryan Richardson, associate chaplain and director of worship and chapel spoke at the lecture titled "Let's Talk About God & Sex," where he called sexual assault "a cancer brought on by the brokenness in society." While the lecture put the issue of sex within a biblical framework, the other three discussions will focus on sex and science, sex and society and a

final summary panel.

The way this series is divided is indicative of just how complex of an issue sex can be and how an individual's decisions are influenced by a variety of outside factors. Nevertheless, discussing sex in a way that doesn't limit it to one lens is key to talking about how it can be abused.

Earlier this month, student body presidential candidate and Old River Winfree junior Joel Polvado said the university needs to acknowledge that its students have sex, and to an extent, he was right. Discussing premarital sex for the purpose of increasing awareness and understanding is not the same as encouraging that type of behavior. Baylor University can still keep to its Christian identity and use discussions

about sex as learning opportunities for students. This can only be done if the university remains at the forefront of tough discussions and uses student voices to craft its responses.

The fact that these panels were made a reality also shows that the university is starting to pay close attention to students calling for change. The university's Title IX "Its on Us" Student Advisory Council helped organize and spread the word out about the event. One of the group's goals, according to Baylor's website, is "reducing the stigma around discussing and reporting sexual assault and interpersonal violence." Part of addressing the stigma of sexual assault is creating an environment that students feel is judgment free and avoids victim blaming based off an individual's actions. By providing

information on issues regarding sex — such as its relationship to science, society and religion — the university will empower its students to set their own boundaries and report abuse when these boundaries are broken.

These types of conversations were a long time coming for the university, which has been slammed by allegations claiming a lack of transparency and poor handling of sexual assault cases.

Our hope is that open and honest discussions like these will be an effective step toward ending the cycle of abuse that plagues Baylor and college campuses across the nation. We encourage students to show up to the Thursday panels and engage, ask questions and use the issues discussed as catalysts for change.

COLUMN

Volunteer at the Humane Society, because why not?

MOLLY ATCHISON
Opinion Editor

Every few weeks, I find myself thinking “Gosh, I would love to have a dog.” Then I’m reminded of the fact that I am a double major who works part time and is involved in several clubs, including a sorority. I have no time to feed myself, much less take care of a pet.

Despite my acceptance of this predicament, and at risk of losing the only sliver of free time I have left, I agreed to join my roommate when she suggested we volunteer at the Humane Society of Central Texas. Now I’m obsessed — Not only are the dogs the perfect fix for my cute animal addiction, but the staff and the facilities are amazing. The people at the Humane Society care so much about every animal they take in, and it shows through how spotless they keep their buildings and how attentive they are to each guest (and volunteer) that walks through their doors.

Not only do I encourage all of you dog lovers to go and love some dogs (and cat lovers — they take kitties too), but I encourage you to learn about the shelter, too.

I feel that the Humane Society is often passed over by

interested adopters in favor of more professional dog rescues such as Fuzzy Friends, and a lot of that may be because of the Humane Society’s possible status as a kill shelter.

While they have been fortunate enough to maintain a no-kill status for the past year, there is still the possibility that if they become too full, they would have to turn to euthanizing animals. This should encourage future pet owners to adopt from there, not dissuade them. A major difference between the Humane Society and rescues such as Fuzzy Friends is that the Humane Society is classified as an intake facility: Essentially, it is required to take in every animal that is brought to it.

This means that if a dog is found on the street and is taken to the Humane Society, it has to find space. Many times, they outsource dogs to rescues like Fuzzy Friends, but unlike the Humane Society, Fuzzy Friends can refuse a dog if they are short on space or if the dog does not seem adoptable.

Worse yet, about two-thirds of the Humane Society’s population right now is made up of pit bulls. Known for being one of the least-adoptable breeds of dogs, pit bulls are often labeled as aggressive, protective and violent.

There are many pit bull lovers trying adamantly to change that reputation, but when it comes to adoptions, the stereotype seems to impact their chances at finding a forever home. From personal experience, every pit bull I have interacted with at the Humane Society has been sweet a gentle creature.

Just today, I had a pit bull stick his sopping wet head in my lap while he was getting a bath because he was scared of the water. If more people volunteered or visited with these animals, not only would it help the dogs learn how to act toward humans, but it would also prove that these lovable dogs are pets, not monsters. The Humane Society of Central Texas needs all the help it can get. Many people sign up to volunteer and then only participate once or twice.

I get it — life is crazy, and sometimes you just can’t make the time to get out and volunteer, but the employees and the animals at the shelter really value the time volunteers spend there. It makes the employees’ lives much easier, and it gives the dogs the consistent love and attention they deserve. Even if it’s for a short time span, it’s still better than no time at all.

You get to love on puppies and receive some love in return, and you get to help an organization that truly needs assistance. The Humane Society of Central Texas and all its workers are truly dedicated to saving the lives of abandoned and abused dogs.

They can’t turn a dog away and I don’t think they want to. So go pet a puppy — it’s helpful and therapeutic, too.

For more information about how to get involved, visit the Humane Society’s website at <http://humanesocietycentraltexas.org/about-us>.

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the end of the semester but will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the Baylor Activities Council online application form. Atlanta junior Lilla Dorvee, who serves as president of Baylor Activities Council, said the organization can help other groups starting new events.

“It’s kind of hard to start an event from scratch,” Dorvee said. “Having [Baylor Activities Council] there probably makes it 10 times easier to set out tables or chairs or even serving food. We’ve done that before, too.”

Dorvee said Baylor Activities Council pairs a programming coordinator group with each event to help with such elements as catering, facilities, contracts and marketing and to function as a liaison between the organization and Student Activities.

“We also give our support in our physical presence there at the event,” Dorvee said.

Harper said the Baylor Activities Council is looking to continue former partnerships while expanding to create new ones.

“I would say our goal in [Baylor Activities Council] is to work with student organizations to amplify their events, and when we feel like they have their own knowledge within their student organization, to go off on their own and bring in new student organizations,” Harper said.

“Our goal is to really have a campus event that’s welcoming to all Baylor students.”

Megan Harper
| Graduate apprentice for traditional programs in Student Activities

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food and understand American culture. Bridges leaders are also available to talk to international students about faith and answer questions, Lesikar said.

Baylor Bridges participates in international dinners at the Bobo Spiritual Life Center on Tuesdays and hosts movie nights and dinners at leaders’ homes, Lesikar said.

Bridges leader and Baylor master’s candidate Marcos Luna Hoyas is an exchange student from Spain. He said the biggest struggles coming to the United States are transportation and adapting to the food. Luna Hoyas said the large amount of processed foods in the United States is very different from other countries.

Luna Hoyas said food is a big part of Bridges because it brings everyone together.

“We try to provide a community for them, especially exchange students that are only here six months,” Luna Hoyas said.

Community is the key word for Bridges. Luna Hoyas said that the ultimate purpose of Bridges is to share God’s love. Sometimes that is through faith conversations, he said, and sometimes that is through just being friends. Lesikar and Luna Hoyas said that many of the students in Bridges are from Latin countries, but there are students from countries all over the world, such as China, Lebanon, Peru and Germany.



CRIME INSIDE An advocacy group said the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s internal watchdog fielded more than 1,000 complaints of sexual assault or abuse from people in custody at immigration detention centers.

Homeland Security fields 1,000 sexual abuse reports

ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — An advocacy group said Tuesday that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s internal watchdog fielded more than 1,000 complaints of sexual assault or sexual abuse from people in custody in more than two years.

Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement is the latest group in recent years to document allegations of abuse at immigration detention centers, based on information obtained from public records requests. It comes as President Donald Trump seeks to deport more people.

The numbers obtained by the group don’t provide details on individual cases or a full accounting of how the complaints were addressed, but they suggest complaints are common.

Homeland Security inspector general’s office disclosed that it received 1,016 complaints from detainees reporting sexual abuse or assault from May 2014 to July 2016. More than 90 percent involved Immigration and Customs Enforcement, an agency within Homeland Security with more than 30,000 beds at detention facilities nationwide.

“While ICE’s goal is to prevent all sexual abuse among its custody population, given the volume of individuals who annually pass through its detention system, the agency believes the overall incidence of such activity is very low,” said Gillian Christensen, a Homeland Security spokeswoman.

What’s Happening on Campus?

- Thursday, Apr. 13** | Baylor Art Student Exhibition
- All day.** This is the last day of the exhibition, so come view works of art from the creative minds of current Baylor art students. Admission is free and open to the public. Learn more at baylor.edu/martinmuseum.
- Thursday, Apr. 13** | Baylor Baseball vs. Texas
- 6:35 p.m.** Baylor Baseball will take on the Texas Longhorns at the Baylor Ballpark. Admission is free with student ID!
- Thursday, Apr. 13 – Saturday, Apr. 15** | 2017 NCEA Championship
- Various.** Baylor Equestrian, Big XII Champions, will compete in the 2017 National Collegiate Equestrian Association [NCEA] Championship at Extraco Events Center in Waco. Admission is free! Follow [@BaylorEQ](https://twitter.com/BaylorEQ) on Twitter for the latest schedule and bracket information.
- Friday, Apr. 14 – Monday, Apr. 17** | Easter Break
- All day.** Enjoy a safe and restful Easter with family and friends, Bears!

“He is not here,
for he has risen,
as he said. Come, see
the place where he lay.”

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- Tuesday, Apr. 18** | Dr Pepper® Hour
- 3 p.m.** A Baylor tradition since 1953, enjoy a Dr Pepper® float and catch up with friends in the Barfield Drawing Room or at Robinson Tower on the 6th floor.
- Tuesday, Apr. 18 – Friday, Apr. 21** | Carter Blood Drive on Campus
- 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.** Visit the Carter Blood Drive truck outside Bobo Spiritual Life Center to donate blood. You’ll be donating life and hope for patients in need.

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Sessions outlines immigration plan

ASTRID GALVAN
Associated Press

NOGALES, Ariz. — Attorney General Jeff Sessions toured the U.S.-Mexico border Tuesday and unveiled what he described as a new get-tough approach to immigration prosecutions under President Donald Trump.

The nation’s top law enforcement official outlined a series of changes that he said mark the start of a new push to rid American cities and the border of what he described as “filth” brought on by drug cartels and criminal organizations.



Associated Press

BUILD THE WALL? Protesters gather outside of a news conference where Attorney General Jeff Sessions spoke after he toured the U.S.-Mexico border with border officials on Tuesday in Nogales, Ariz.

The tour included visiting a port of entry, where Sessions exited an SUV in a white shirt and baseball cap before entering a restricted area.

Sessions has been steadily expanding the Justice Department’s role in the anti-immigration agenda of the Trump administration, but the border trip offered the most comprehensive look yet at his plans.

During his visit, he urged federal prosecutors to intensify their focus on immigration crimes such as illegal border crossing or smuggling others into the U.S.

Such prosecutions are already happening on a large scale. They made up more than half of all federal prosecutions in fiscal year 2016, according to the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at

Syracuse University. But prosecutions were slightly down from fiscal year 2015.

In a three-page memo, Sessions told U.S. attorneys to prioritize immigration prosecutions by appointing a border security coordinator who can oversee investigations, keep statistics and provide legal advice and training to prosecutors. The coordinators would meet regularly with federal immigration authorities.

In addition, Sessions said federal prosecutors must consider bringing

felony charges against those who have illegally entered the country more than once as well as those who marry to evade immigration laws. He also urged prosecutors to consider charging those illegally in the country with felony identity theft and document fraud.

“This is a new era. This is the Trump era,” he said. “The lawlessness, the abdication of the duty to enforce our immigration laws, and the catch and release practices of old are over.”

Sessions defended Trump’s proposed border wall, saying it

will be another tool to fight illegal immigration amid efforts within the Justice Department and other branches of government to punish and deter border crossers.

He also returned to a common theme from the Trump campaign by saying drug cartels and criminal gangs are turning American cities into “war zones” by raping and killing innocent people.

“It is here, on this sliver of land, where we first take our stand against this filth,” he said.

Critics blasted the initiatives announced by Sessions as fear-mongering and anti-immigrant rhetoric not rooted in facts.

“Once again, Attorney General Sessions is scaring the public by linking immigrants to criminals despite studies showing that immigrants commit crimes at lower rates than the native born,” said Gregory Z. Chen, director of government relations for the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Sessions made the announcement in Nogales, a border city that has witnessed a dramatic drop in immigrant and drug smuggling in recent years as more people enter the country in Texas, many of them Central Americans fleeing violence in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

“The spiritual walk of any person in the family can be limited because there’s not a place for them to all go to worship,” Stewart said. “So I think when you make a difference there to prepare a place and have volunteers who are trained and able to take care of the individuals, all of the other family members can attend together as a unit, and it just makes a huge impact on their lives.”

Stewart said the conference is open to any individual working in a church, as well as parents, faculty and students. She expressed a desire for students in particular to attend because they have the ability to make a change.

“I feel like if they can hear more training, get more info about special needs ministries, then as they go in their walk, they might be able to participate in starting that,” Stewart said.

Registration costs \$10 for students and \$50 for adults. For more information, contact Julie Covington at Julie_Covington@baylor.edu.

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Steve Kemgang asked the students questions about cultures, traditions and pressures since moving to America.

Carrollton, Texas junior Zaayan Tharwani from Pakistan said his parents came to America because he had asthma and pollution was bad in Pakistan.

He said he appreciates honesty, integrity and the way everybody is working hard to do something with the American dream.

Since he has been at Baylor, he feels more responsible than he was freshman year, and he said he has learned how to manage his time better.

“I have the mindset where if I need to make a sacrifice for my family, I’m willing to do that. They’ve put me in a position to succeed,” Tharwani said.

Pavithra Srinivasan Lynwood, WA junior said her family works hard to keep their cultural traditions from India going.

A major difference between America and India

is that India gives people days off to participate in cultural traditions.

“We used to get days off for Diwali, a festival of lights and we would get up at 4 a.m. and burst fire crackers,” Srinivasan said.

Srinivasan said she is an only child and her parents miss living with a large family. Her grandfather had eight children, and when they all grew up and got married, they stayed together in the same home.

“Family is really close and parents are involved in your life until you’re married. Until you’re financially stable, they’ll do everything they can to make sure you’re set,” Srinivasan said.

She said she moved to America because her dad got a job offer, and she felt that she was the driving force for him coming to America because he wanted her to get the best education she could. She said her parents have always been supportive of her, and their protectiveness has been a blessing.

“When it comes to kids, parents sacrifice a lot, and we don’t notice it,” Srinivasan said.

Since she has been at Baylor, she said she feels that she has grown a lot, she is stronger and she knows her priorities.

“I started realizing a lot of things based on college experiences, and I feel like a better version of myself than freshman year,” Srinivasan said.

Plainfield, IL junior Greeshma Chilukuri said her parents stress putting education and school before everything since her mom never finished college because she got married early.

Although they want her to do well, she said has not been under pressure from her parents and she wants to make them proud.

“Being away from home helps me realize how much I don’t do for myself,” Chilukuri said.

Cross-cultural dinners take place every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center.

“It is the first time since I have been at Truett Seminary and Baylor that I have seen so many Baylor entities-departments, schools, institutes-join in a collaboration with a congregation, and I have to credit the great ministry of First Baptist Woodway and her wonderful leaders for that,” said Dr. Ronald Cook, associate professor of Christian scriptures and director of the Center for Ministry Effectiveness. “It is a natural fit of a Baptist university and a leading church to collaborate in a significant ministry conference. I hope we see such rich collaborations continue and flourish.”

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April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month

For information about upcoming events, visit baylor.edu/titleix

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To Prevent To Care To Intervene

When faced with an unclear situation, ask yourself “if someone I love were in this situation, would I want someone to check in or to intervene?”

Ways to Intervene in a Volatile Situation

1. **Direct**

Engaging in the situation, to prevent a problem from happening or becoming worse.

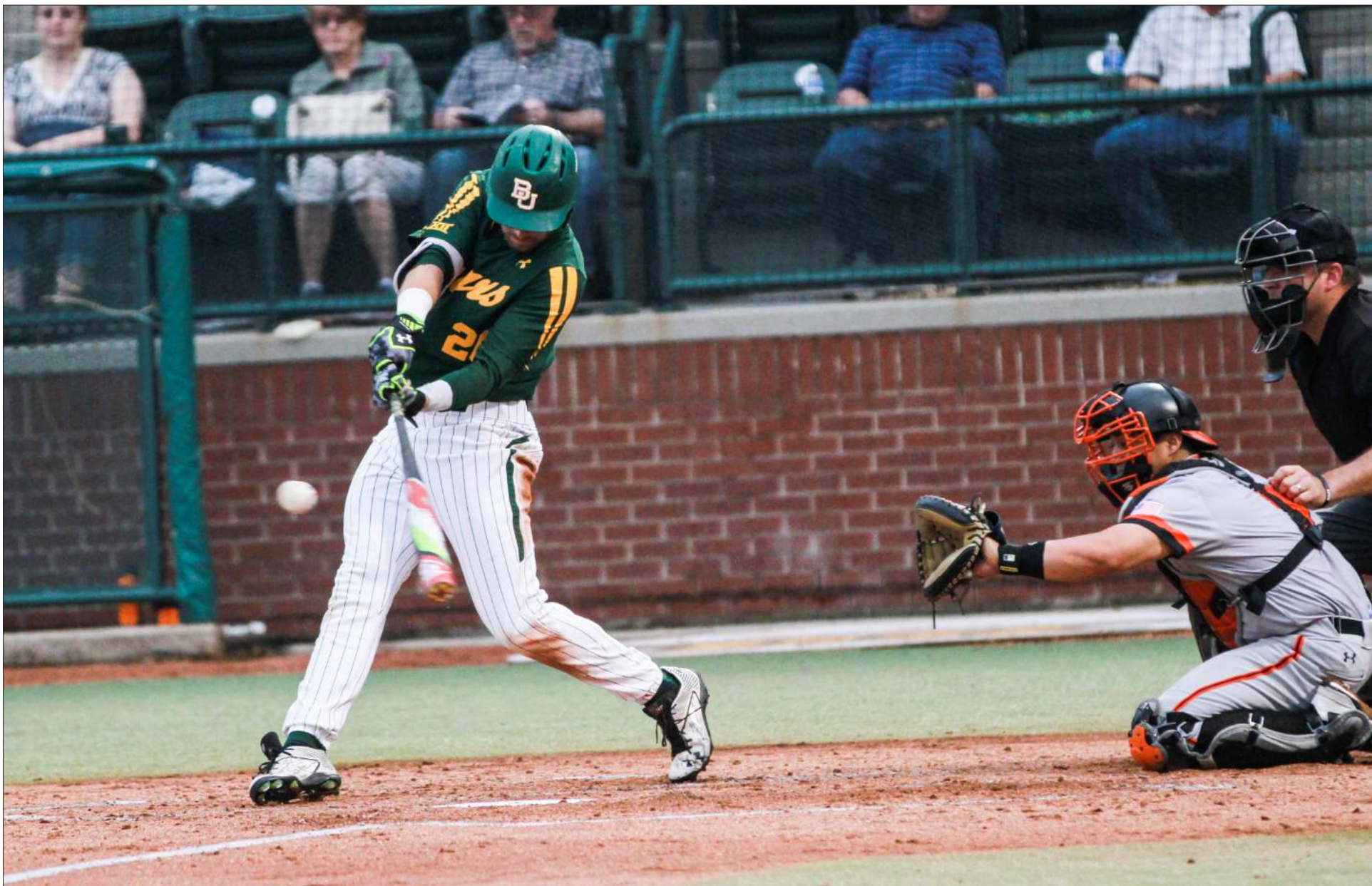
2. **Delegate**

Seeking help from someone else, such as a friend, police officer or campus official.

3. **Distract**

Interrupting the situation without directly confronting anyone involved.

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DayDay Wynn | Lariat Photographer

TRYING TO SWING FOR SUCCESS Sophomore outfielder T.J. Raguse swings at a pitch in a game against the Sam Houston State University Bearkats. The Bears lost the game 7-4.

Bears baseball falls at home

BEN EVERETT
Sports Writer

Baylor baseball fell to Sam Houston State 7-4 Tuesday night at Baylor Ballpark. The Bears (20-13) had more hits in the game with nine than the Bearkats did with eight. However, Baylor failed to convert them to runs in the loss. Junior pitcher Kyle Ott, usually utilized as a reliever, started on the mound for the Bears but struggled early. Ott gave up a single and a double on the first two at-bats of the game, and both runners scored after a groundout and a sac-fly, giving the Bearkats a 2-0 lead.

The Baylor offense started strong with sophomore outfielder T.J. Raguse reaching first on a shot down the middle. Senior designated hitter Matt Menard's potential hit was snagged at the mound by Sam Houston State pitcher Dominic Robinson, who initiated the double play to retire both runners. Ott allowed zero hits in the second inning before being replaced by freshman Alex Phillips in the third. In the bottom of the third, sophomore second baseman Josh Bissonette reached second base on a single and a sac-bunt but was called out after Sam Houston State second baseman Lance Miles

utilized the hidden ball trick to tag him. Baylor head coach Steve Rodriguez walked out to the umpire to protest the call, but was unsuccessful. In the bottom of the fourth, senior first baseman Aaron Dodson attempted to score on a double from freshman third baseman Davis Wendzel, but was stopped just short of home plate by Sam Houston State catcher Robie Rojas as the Bearkats preserved their 2-0 lead. Junior reliever Joe Heineman came out to the mound to replace Phillips in the fifth. The Bears failed to convert hits into runs once again in

the fifth inning, this time with junior shortstop Tucker Cascadden on third and Raguse on first. Menard flew out to end the inning with Baylor still down 2-0. In the bottom of the sixth, junior outfielder Kameron Esthay hit a single down the middle and Dodson followed it up with a double down the right field line to put a runner in scoring position. Esthay scored on a wild pitch to put the Bears on the board. Wendzel walked at the next at-bat, and Dodson scored on a single from sophomore outfielder Richard Cunningham to tie the game at 2-2. With two on base,

Cascadden launched a pop-out to right field that was dropped when two Sam Houston State players ran into each other, scoring both runners to put the Bears up 4-2. After the Bearkats put two on base in the seventh, Rodriguez put in sophomore reliever Kyle Hill to replace Heineman. With the bases loaded, Hill walked the batter to drive in a run for the Bearkats and make it a 4-3 game. Hill proceeded to walk the next batter as the Bearkats tied the game at 4-4. Rodriguez replaced Hill with freshman pitcher Hayden Kettler. Kettler managed one out but walked another batter to

give Sam Houston State the 5-4 lead. Kettler then recorded a strikeout to end the inning with no further damage. In the eighth, Sam Houston State's Robie Rojas singled and scored on the next at-bat off a long single from Lance Miles to put the Bearkats up 6-4. In the ninth, Rodriguez sent in senior reliever Drew Robertson. Robertson managed two outs before giving up a solo homer to Clayton Harp that put Sam Houston State up 7-4. The Bears look to bounce back as they take on Texas in a weekend series. The first game is 6:35 p.m. Thursday at Baylor Ballpark.

Romo's honorary day turns into national spectacle

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DALLAS — Tony Romo couldn't say no when Dirk Nowitzki asked the retiring Dallas Cowboys quarterback to join the Mavericks as an honorary teammate for a day. Now it's turned into a scene, with dozens of media members showing up for a morning shootaround before a meaningless final Dallas home against Denver on Tuesday night, with both teams eliminated from the playoffs. Romo's "Mav for a day" experience came exactly a week after it was announced that he was leaving the Cowboys and joining CBS as the No. 1 NFL analyst. He lost his job as the Dallas starter to Dak Prescott last season and chose TV over pursuing a starting job with another team with his 37th birthday approaching next week. "At first, I was just feeling like I didn't deserve any of that," Romo said of his initial first reaction to the offer. "Standing here today, I feel a little embarrassed to be honest in the sense that you're lucky enough to be in position, that someone cares enough to do something to honor you." But Romo said it was a "no-brainer" to accept the offer of a tribute from Nowitzki and Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle. He will be in uniform in his football No. 9 and go through pregame warmups and introductions. Carlisle said Monday that



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NEW HORIZONS Tony Romo stands with Rick Carlisle in a press conference talking about his short-lived NBA career. Romo wouldn't play. When the shootaround was over, a member of the Mavericks staff whistled a circus theme song while walking past reporters. On the court, Romo was playing with his youngest son, Rivers. A long line of media members followed Romo off the court, then filled the room where Carlisle does his game-day interviews. "I had close to 600 text messages that I'm still working on," said Romo, the all-time leader in yards passing and touchdowns for the storied Cowboys franchise but lacking a Super Bowl title. "And 100-some calls and a bunch of other stuff. I guess it just makes you feel that you accomplished something in some ways. I feel like I left something out there that I always wanted to accomplish. I've got to live with that and that's part of playing sports." Carlisle said Romo would be in the group text that sends pregame shooting times to all the players, and the plan was to include Romo in at least one team photo since his honorary day was also the team's picture day. He also has a locker. "He has stood for all of the things that great Dallas athletes stand for," Carlisle said. "Great competitor, winner, plays hurt, the whole thing. And he's been a great supporter of the Mavericks and a good friend. We wanted to see if he would be willing to do this."

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Softball veterans, freshmen rise to challenges

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

Baylor softball has tied its best start in program history. The No. 13 Lady Bears are 35-6 overall with an 8-1 record in Big 12 play.

Head coach Glenn Moore has relied heavily on his seniors to set the pace for the team this season. Pitcher Kelsee Selman has been tremendous for the Lady Bears this season in the circle. She has posted an 18-3 record with a 1.32 earned run average (ERA) in 127 1/3 innings of work. Opponents are hitting just .182 against her and she has struck out 126 to just 23 walks.

Infielder/outfielder/positional savant Lindsey Cargill has been nearly unstoppable at the plate for the Lady Bears. She is hitting .484 and leads the team in on-base percentage at .529. She leads the offense with three triples and 38 runs scored, eight more than sophomore outfielder Kyla Walker's 30.

Cargill is also problematic for defenses because she doesn't get herself out and is incredibly hard to strike out, only going down on strikes in 124 at-bats.

Cargill, who recorded six hits in last weekend's sweep of Iowa State, has currently hit safely in 19 consecutive games, which is tied for most in school history.

Cargill insists she is just trying to do her part in moving runners around for the bases and providing opportunities for the team to score.

"There's no holding back," Cargill said. "I'm just trying to move runners, get on base and do everything I can to help the team win."

But it isn't just the seniors who have elevated their game to get Baylor to this point, but also the work of several important freshmen: pitcher/



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IMPRESSING FROM THE BEGINNING Baylor freshman right-handed pitcher Shelby McGlaun has started her first season off with a bang, hitting eight home runs, and has a 6-2 record with an earned run average of 1.95.

infielder Shelby McGlaun, infielder Taylor Ellis and outfielder Maddison Kettler.

McGlaun leads the team with eight home runs and is second with 28 runs driven in. She is hitting .286 on the season, but Moore believes that her average is not an accurate indicator of how good a hitter McGlaun has been this season.

"She can do a lot of different things," Moore said. "She hits the ball hard and

is probably one of the most snake-bit hitters that we've had in a while. I'm a big believer in the law of averages, and they'll start falling more often for her."

McGlaun has also served as the team's No. 3 starter in the circle. She has posted a 6-2 record in 16 appearances with an ERA of 1.95 in 57 1/3 innings.

Ellis' versatility has been on display this season for Baylor. She has seen time mostly at

shortstop but also at second base and as catcher for the Lady Bears. She is hitting .278 in 72 at-bats, contributing 20 hits, three doubles, driven in 11 runs and scored 16 times.

Moore said Ellis has matured immensely as a player throughout the course of the season and is playing excellently in Baylor's recent stretch.

"Every game, you see the kid grow. She plays hard," Moore said. "She is playing

very mature ball right now. I certainly like what she's doing. We're asking a lot out of her."

Kettler, who has started all but one game in left field for Baylor, has been extremely efficient offensively. Kettler is fourth on the team in batting average, hitting .370 with 44 hits, nine extra base hits including one home run, and she has driven in 15 runs for the Lady Bears.

As the Lady Bears hit the home stretch of their season,

which includes weekend series against the top two teams in the Big 12, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, and push for postseason play, Moore will need both his veteran leaders and his young talent to be hitting on all cylinders.

Baylor will take on Texas State at 6 p.m. today in San Marcos. They will then be off this weekend before hosting a midweek doubleheader with Houston beginning at 4 p.m. next Tuesday.





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