



Texas Senate passes sexual assault bills

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The Texas Senate passed three bills regarding sexual assault on college campuses this week.

Senate Bill 968 would require all colleges and universities to have a link on the school website's homepage

that allows students to report sexual assault, harassment, stalking and dating violence anonymously.

Senate Bill 969 would require colleges and universities to grant students who report assaults, as well as witnesses, amnesty from punishments for breaking other university rules, such as underage

drinking.

Senate Bill 970 would require colleges and universities to have policies on sexual assault that define prohibited behavior, list punishments and explain standards for responding to reported assaults. It would also require schools to educate students and employees about the policies

through a handbook and at freshman and transfer student orientation.

If the bills are passed in the House, they will take effect Sept. 1.

All three bills were filed by Texas Sen. Kirk Watson, a Baylor alumnus. In an email to the Lariat in February, Watson said recent incidents at Baylor affected these bills.

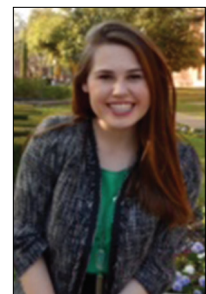
"There's little question that the scandal at Baylor has focused attention and highlighted issues related to sexual assault on campuses," Watson wrote in the email. "But this isn't just about Baylor. Institutions across our state and our nation are facing

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Larson triumphs in runoff election

THOMAS MOTT
Reporter

Fort Worth junior Elizabeth Larson was elected internal vice president Wednesday, defeating her opponent, Nashville, Tenn., sophomore Baily Dahl, in a runoff election.



Larson

In the original election, Larson received 1,656 votes to Dahl's 1,222, according to student government. However, there was a third candidate in the running, which created a plurality of votes that was not larger than 12 percent. The student body governing documents require a

runoff between the two highest candidates when such a problem occurs said Cypress senior Chris Seals, senate parliamentarian.

Both candidates campaigned on Fountain Mall on Wednesday morning, trying to help gain runoff votes.

Dahl, who originally had received 44.53 percent of the votes, congratulated Larson in a message to the Lariat and said she looks forward to seeing what Larson can accomplish as internal vice president.

"Even though the results did not turn out as I had hoped, I can promise you to keep striving to empower the student body by bringing attention to your thoughts, concerns, issues to your voices," Dahl wrote in a message to the Lariat. It has been an honor and joy being considered for the position of Internal Vice President. Congratulations to my running mate Elizabeth Larson - looking forward to seeing what you accomplish during your time in office."

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Student Debt

Baylor weighs in on future of debt, loan forgiveness

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Staff Writer

The fate of student debt just got a little darker due to recent actions by the United States Department of Education.

With a program started in 2007 called Public Service Loan Forgiveness, student loan borrowers were told their student loan balance would be forgiven after 10 years of on-time payments and qualifying work in the public sector, according to a National Public Radio (NPR) report. Eligible work includes nonprofit, federal, local, state or tribal government.

Because it is a 10-year program, this

coming fall would be the first group of student debts to be forgiven. However, last year a small group of student loan borrowers enrolled in the program learned their eligibility had been revoked, even after closely following all the necessary steps, according to NPR. The group fought in a lawsuit, saying their status should not have been revoked, but the Department of Education responded saying that even for all the years certification forms were submitted, there were not any promises about debt forgiveness.

"This is sad that it was revoked because you could have potentially ruined someone's career because they spent 10 years striving for something that was never going to come true,"

Chesapeake, Va., junior Blake Robertson said. "For some people, it could have been a giant waste of time and effort."

NPR reported the Department of Education is only responding to the question of whether or not the organizations that had their eligibility revoked are considered public service. Paperwork should continue to be filed and payments should be continued, but there is a possibility that Congress may eliminate the program, according to NPR.

"That's very misleading and disrespectful," Los Angeles, Calif., senior Rachel Toliver said. "It's a lesson learned as it should prepare

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Mayborn Museum enters dance competition

RACHEL SMITH
Reporter

Dancing in the rotunda of the Mayborn Museum to '80s music might not be a typical Sunday morning student activity, but that didn't stop museum staff and graduate museum studies students from filming their video entry for When You Work at a Museum blog's Museum Dance-Off competition.

Voting for videos by geographic region will occur in rounds leading up to the Thunderdome round. Voting for Western U.S. Group 1, which includes the Mayborn Museum's entry, will begin April 20 on the blog's website. Jess Outten, Mayborn Museum visitor services manager, said the museum's social media accounts will post the link to vote when it opens.

"We're trying to get everyone in Texas behind us," Outten said.

Outten said the planning committee considered several songs for the video before choosing "Should I Stay or Should I Go" by The Clash.

"It's kind of like the life cycle of a visitor," Outten said.

Baytown graduate student Sarah Miller said the video shows a storyline of a Mayborn visitor debating whether to stay in the museum or go.

"It's kind of showing his internal struggle," Miller said. "We all dance around and show him what's in there. Throughout the song, he starts dancing a little bit."

The video showcases parts of the museum as the visitor experiences them. Miller said one scene includes the Mayborn Museum staff's children.

"The best part of the video is the kids dressing [the visitor]," Miller said. "By the end of the video, he decides that he should stay, and he's dancing, too."

Reading, Pa., graduate student Matt Doyen played the role of the visitor.

"The most challenging part of filming the video was just trying to go around and have a serious face while watching all these people dance like goofballs," Doyen said. "I had to be



Courtesy Photo

DANCE-OFF In this screenshot from the Mayborn Museum's dance-off video, Reading, Pa., graduate student Matt Doyen, who plays a reluctant visitor, receives a museum T-shirt.

the stoic visitor that kind of wants to go. I just want it to be known that I was not in on the voting of making me the visitor."

Doyen helped the committee plan the video, and he said he thinks making the video has brought the

students and staff closer.

"We've watched these videos for three years now," Doyen said. "It always seemed like so much fun. It makes you love where you are more."

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COLUMN

Journalism isn't dead, it's just evolving

KARYN SIMPSON
Copy Desk Chief

When people ask me what I'm majoring in, I tend to pause a heartbeat, a breath, before replying. I never know quite what the response will be when I explain that I want to be a journalist, and I can't help but feel that in opening that door, I must prepare my defenses.



Not all the responses I receive are negative. Friends who know me well smile and nod like it was inevitable — my immense love for writing has defined me since grade school — and professors assure me that journalists, at the very least, tend to lead very

interesting lives.

Some of the responses are cringeworthy, like the old men at the grocery store who look me up and down once, twice, before commenting that Fox News only hires blondes but that I'll probably suffice, and who say women are pushing men out of the news industry. But it's the people who scoff, who look away uncomfortably, who try to explain to me that I'm boarding a sinking ship, that journalism is dying if not dead, that irritate me the most.

Journalism is not dying. Journalism is not dead. Yes, print newspapers are not as ubiquitous as they were, but evolution is inevitable in every industry, and as print popularity has diminished, other modes of dissemination have emerged. Photojournalism, video journalism, online news ... reporting certainly looks differently now than it did 20 years ago, but that does not mean it is any less important than it has ever been.

Journalists pride themselves on being the watchdogs, the investigators, the men and women who hold the higher-ups accountable. They are purveyors of information, writers with the sole purpose of bringing light to important issues and ensuring that the public has the facts it needs. Without journalism, we would be limited to receiving only the information deemed acceptable by each organization.

The public would not be given the facts with which to make their own opinions, but instead would be fed censored, softened versions of the truth. As long as there are organizations pushing their own agendas, there will be a need for journalists to pursue the truth.

But more than that, though, journalism is about telling stories. More than safeguarding freedom and disseminating information, journalism is about finding and passing on the stories of people across the globe — stories of terror and suffering, as well as stories of ingenuity and survival and joy.

This practice, steeped in tradition, is vital to our global society. It is what connects us and binds us together as humans despite our differences and the distances between us.

It is what reminds us that we are not alone, that there are people who deserve our attention and issues that matter and are greater than our personal desires.

It offers us a community larger than our immediate sphere and helps us grow both as individuals and as a larger whole.

The world always has and always will need its storytellers. Tell me that there is no future in journalism, and I will show you a story that needs to be told.

Karyn Simpson is a senior journalism and environmental studies major from Fair Oaks Ranch.

EDITORIAL

We should 'step out' more often

The Waco community is in need, with numerous opportunities to volunteer. The Baylor student population adds approximately 16,959 people to the Waco area, and the community should be able to reap the benefits of having such a large young adult population. Students must realize the power that volunteering has and how much one individual can help the community around them.

Each sorority and fraternity has specific organizations that they support throughout the school year, and Baylor hosts events like Steppin' Out, our bi-annual outreach day, each semester. These efforts are good — they make a difference and encourage students to be selfless for a day or month of their lives. However, the system used for "off and on" volunteers tends to reassure a compulsory volunteer mindset instead of instigating a sense of need in students to continue doing charity work throughout their college careers and beyond.

Those who are in large organizations tend to volunteer in massive groups, making change quickly. These projects make a difference but don't take advantage of having a large group willing to do work.

Instead of one or two larger projects, it would be more beneficial to have the group split into smaller clusters.

Each smaller group could then focus on a specific organization in need and become more involved, possibly by having weekly activities or long-term projects in the works.

In addition to the impact



Joshua Kim[Cartoonist]

that outreach can have on a community, it can affect the volunteers themselves. According to research from the Corporation for National and Community Service, those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability and lower rates of depression later in their lives.

It is unclear whether more active people tend to volunteer more or if volunteering helps cause fitness, but volunteering does lead to improved mental health in most cases, according to the study. While those who are older demonstrate higher health benefits from volunteering, it

is understood that it is because it gives purpose to those going through a social change in their lives who need a purpose. Younger volunteers have less of a need for a purpose, but volunteering could help with social needs during the transition to a college lifestyle.

Students can be busy creatures, but finding the time to volunteer is easier than it may seem at first. Many service opportunities are available for a level of ages and skill sets and range in hours.

The city of Waco offers many day-to-day and weekly service opportunities. These are listed on their website and often require

little to get started. Waco is not the only place that could use a hand, but finding a way to connect in the community that is called home for three to six years is important. This can also impact the choice to find service opportunities in future locations.

When students choose to be involved of their own volition, without the pressure of a resume filler or service requirement, there is room for a greater change.

Hopefully this change will impact those who receive and create it, allowing for volunteering to be a part of their future as well as their present lives.

COLUMN

Your opinion is the only one that matters

JOY MOTON
Staff Writer

I once dated a guy who, four months into the relationship, proceeded to tell me that he was never physically attracted to me. He said my body did not appeal to him and my face "kind of" did. He proceeded to tell me how he had hoped my personality would make me more physically appealing to him, but it did not. He concluded by telling me he lied about his attraction to me for the entire four months and stamped it with an "I'm sorry I hurt you."



I have no idea why he would lie about being attracted to me or if he was even telling the truth at all, but there are a few lessons I would like to share from this experience.

Develop a firm definition of who you are physically and personally that will stand regardless of what people have to say.

If he had said these words to me my freshman year, it's very possible that I would have ended up harming myself physically as well as emotionally. Over the span of my adolescence, I have grown to love myself regardless of what people may think or say. I know that I am fearfully and wonderfully created in the image of God, and although I'm not perfect, my personality is one that you won't find anywhere else. This maturation (and my religion) is what kept me from reacting angrily. Everyone should develop

a sense of satisfaction with who they are inwardly and outwardly as a person. People will say what they want, but you have a say in what you think about yourself, and that should be the opinion that counts. If you develop a perception of yourself that you are confident in, you won't shatter when people attempt to tear you down with insults.

Watch your words.

Although I have had a foundational sense of confidence since birth, I was in utter disbelief to hear that the person I was dating did not find me attractive and thought it well to specifically list what was and was not appealing about me. Even though I felt the same way at the beginning of the relationship, I never would have taken the time to tailor the words I knew could cut someone so deeply.

Regardless of your gender, relationship status or religious affiliation, understand this: when you take the time to insult someone's physical appearance or personality, you are tearing down something they cannot change about themselves. This can lead to a person feeling trapped in their own skin and possibly harming themselves. This is where eating disorders, depression and even suicides often originate.

We do live in a country that supports freedom of speech, but as my political science professor used to tell my class, "There is no such thing as an unlimited right." For you to take the time to use words to tear someone down because they do not fit your preferences is despicable and dehumanizing. Everyone has flaws and everyone does not have the capacity to handle negative commentary about themselves well.

God took the time to carefully tailor each human being on this planet so that no one is alike. Humans are God's masterpieces, and when you insult something he created, you are also insulting him.

Remember who you are when words cut.

As I quoted from my father in one of my previous columns, "It's OK to bleed when you've been cut." Words can hurt, especially when they come from the people you least expect. Instead of trying to figure out why someone chose to cut you down, turn to the only true opinion that really matters.

You must have a solid foundation so that you can get back up when people try to cut you down. It's OK to fall as long as you get back up. God created you the way he did for a reason. In his eyes you are beautiful, and if someone doesn't agree with that, then that's their problem. As I weather the hurtful effects of this experience, I want to encourage anyone else who may have been hurt or insulted in a similar manner: We cannot continue to allow people's perceptions of us to define us. We are all beautiful simply because of the fact that we are human and have the opportunity to live life in the image of a God who loves us.

Surround yourself with people who emphasize your strengths, and get away from people who consider themselves high enough to critique God's work. We are too young to add onto the struggles of college life by keeping those people around us. Free yourself and walk in the assurance of the beauty of God.

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Bloomin’ Sales

Honor society plant sale to bring life to students’ day

AMANDA HARGETT-GRANATO
Reporter

For students with the proverbial “green thumb,” the annual Beta Beta Beta plant sale will take place from noon to 4 p.m. on April 23 in the patio area outside of the Baylor Sciences Building.

Beta Beta Beta, the National Biological Honor’s Society, started its Beta Tao chapter at Baylor in 1931 and remains one of the oldest organizations on campus. Its plant sale is one of two annual events that help raise funds for the organization. Sugarland junior Brittney Crenshaw, Tri-Beta media chair, said the sale benefits the new plant parents as well.

“It definitely teaches students responsibility to have something to take care of,” Crenshaw said. “For fellow biology students, they get to help other students out and learn in their experience while they do it.”

The plants for the sale are grown entirely by the members of Beta Beta Beta in the biology department greenhouse. Members go twice a week year-round to plant seeds and provide care for their plants, which take up



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

BUY ME Students can purchase plants from the Beta Beta Beta plant sale on April 23 in the Baylor Sciences Building.

two of the greenhouse’s three rooms. Plano senior Annie Kwok, president of Beta Beta Beta, said the experience of working in the greenhouse helped her appreciate a different side of biology.

“I’m not really much of a plant person, but after taking part in the greenhouse, I enjoy gardening,” Kwok said. “It brings a really close sense of community when you work

with other people taking care of something and trying to work together for a common good.”

In addition to work in the greenhouse, the organization puts on speaker meetings, does volunteer work and helps clean the creek that runs behind the Baylor Sciences Building. Generating up to \$700 each year, the money from the plant sale is used to

help fund the roughly \$3,000 in scholarships and grants Beta Beta Beta members can apply for.

“We understand the importance of being able to afford a quality education and being able to afford research, too,” Kwok said. “We try to give our members as many opportunities as possible to fund those endeavors.”

Peacekeepers as predators: A UN child sex ring left victims, no arrests

PAISLEY DODDS
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — In the ruins of a tropical hideaway where jetsetters once sipped rum under the Caribbean sun, the abandoned children tried to make a life for themselves. They begged and scavenged for food, but they never could scrape together enough to beat back the hunger, until the U.N. peacekeepers moved in a few blocks away.

The men who came from a far-away place and spoke a strange language offered the Haitian children cookies and other snacks. Sometimes they gave them a few dollars. But the price was high: The Sri Lankan peacekeepers wanted sex from girls and boys as young as 12.

“I did not even have breasts,” said a girl, known as V01 — Victim No. 1. She told U.N. investigators that over the next three years, from ages 12 to 15, she had sex with nearly 50 peacekeepers, including a “Commandant” who gave her 75 cents. Sometimes she slept in U.N. trucks on the base next to the decaying resort, whose once-glamorous buildings were being overtaken by jungle.

Justice for victims like V01 is rare. An Associated Press investigation of U.N. missions during the past 12 years found nearly 2,000 allegations of sexual abuse and exploitation by peacekeepers and other personnel around the world — signaling the crisis is much larger than previously known. More than 300 of the allegations involved children, the AP found, but only a fraction of the alleged perpetrators served jail time.

Legally, the U.N. is in a bind. It has no jurisdiction over peacekeepers, leaving punishment to the countries that contribute the troops.

The AP interviewed alleged victims, current and former U.N. officials and investigators and sought answers from 23 countries on the number of peacekeepers who faced such allegations and, what if anything, was done to investigate. With rare exceptions, few nations responded to repeated requests, while the names of those found guilty are kept confidential, making accountability impossible to determine.

Without agreement for widespread reform and accountability from the U.N.’s member states, solutions remain elusive.

Here in Haiti, at least 134 Sri Lankan peacekeepers exploited nine children in a sex ring from 2004 to 2007, according to an internal U.N. report obtained by the AP. In the wake of the report, 114 peacekeepers were sent home. None was ever imprisoned.

In March, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres announced new measures to tackle sexual abuse and exploitation by U.N. peacekeepers and other personnel. But the proclamation had a depressingly familiar ring: More than a decade ago, the United Nations commissioned a report that promised to do much the same thing, yet most of the reforms never materialized.

For a full two years after those promises were made, the children in Haiti were passed around from soldier to soldier. And in the years since,

peacekeepers have been accused of sexual abuse the world over.

In response to the AP’s investigation, the U.N.’s head of field support said Wednesday the international body was aware of shortcomings in the system.

“We believe we are advancing in the right direction, especially with the secretary-general’s new approach,” said Atul Khare who heads the U.N. department in charge of peacekeeper discipline and conduct. “Improving the assistance provided to victims, who are at the heart of our response, is fundamental.”

Khare also said the organization was working with member states to hold perpetrators to account.

In one particularly grim case in Haiti, a teenage boy said he was gang-raped in 2011 by Uruguayan peacekeepers who filmed the alleged assault on a cellphone. Dozens of Haitian women also say they were raped, and dozens more had what is euphemistically called “survival sex” in a country where most people live on less than \$2.50 a day, the AP found.

Haitian lawyer Mario Joseph has been trying to get compensation for victims of a deadly cholera strain linked to Nepalese peacekeepers that killed an estimated 10,000 people. Now, he is also trying to get child support for about a dozen Haitian women left pregnant by peacekeepers.

“Imagine if the U.N. was going to the United States and raping children and bringing cholera,” Joseph said in Port-au-Prince. “Human rights aren’t just for rich white people.”



DayDay Wynn | Lariat Photographer

SERVICE AT A CEMETERY Church Under the Bridge will be gathering in the Fisher Cemetery on First Street from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. today.

Church Under the Bridge to hold service in cemetery

JOY MOTON
Staff Writer

As church communities gather to celebrate and reflect during Holy Week, Waco’s Church Under the Bridge has always been known for celebrating in unique ways.

Jimmy Dorrell, pastor of Church Under the Bridge, said Palm Sunday is his second favorite day to celebrate, following Easter.

“For many, the power of it is the humility of Christ and that you begin Holy Week off with a sense of if God comes in on a donkey, how much more should we be humble for him?” Dorrell said.

The ministry celebrated Palm Sunday by having the congregation lay palm branches on the ground to reflect on Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. They also washed each other’s feet and took part in communion.

“Washing one another’s feet is such an unusual thing for most people, but there’s nothing like that sense of servanthood that you get from it,” Dorrell said.

Church Under the Bridge will continue to celebrate Holy Week by gathering together in silence from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. today at Fisher Cemetery on First Street to reflect on the night of Gethsemane, the suffering of Christ and to receive communion.

“We do it in a cemetery because Jesus suffered. Jesus suffered more than we can imagine and in the midst of a cemetery, people who have lost loved ones suffer,” said Cindy Julian who works part-time for Church Under the Bridge.

Dorrell said modern churches tend to skip the death of Jesus and skip right to the resurrection out of excitement while celebrating Holy Week.

“Growing up in the Protestant tradition, we don’t focus on the suffering of Christ. We want to get to Easter pretty fast because that’s the fun part,” Dorrell said.

However, Dorrell said the Catholic church emphasizes the significance of the death of Christ, which can be helpful during seasons like this.

“The icon of Jesus is more pronounced, and I think that’s something that has become special to be able to remember the reality of how much Christ went through for us physically, mentally and emotionally,” Dorrell said.

The church will conclude Holy Week with an Easter service, worship, baptisms and a picnic on Sunday at the riverbank of Camp Hope. People who attend are encouraged to bring a dish to contribute to the picnic. The church will provide meats.

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Jimmy Dorrell | Pastor

“It creates a family atmosphere that’s kind of unique to the bridge because a lot of the folks down there don’t have as much family as other churches,” Dorrell said. “It’s a place to laugh and enjoy one another to celebrate the kingdom. We’re not really a liturgical church, but I think getting out of the box and doing some of the things that make us prepared for the resurrection makes the whole experience so much better.”

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Engineering, nursing students unite to build swing

AMANDA
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Reporter

Baylor engineering students have teamed up with the Baylor Student Nurses Association to design and build a special swing for the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas, an organization that provides families a place to stay while their children are in the hospital or receiving treatment.

The “Swing ‘Em Bears” project began last fall, and served as the senior design project for several Baylor engineering students this semester. League City senior Heather Foskit is the team lead for the six engineering students working on the project. Foskit said the goal of the project was to build a swing that can be utilized by kids who can’t use traditional playground equipment.

“One of the main reasons I went into engineering to begin with was

to get into a field where I could help people with the skills that I was given,” Foskit said. “Working on this project has been a cool way to see that really come to life.”

The swing is intended to be used by children who have special needs and was designed to be light and easily movable for use in different areas of the Ronald McDonald House. It also requires no assistance from volunteers or family members as the swing has a motor to power the motion.

“This will help multiple families, volunteers and children, and I think that’s absolutely amazing,” Foskit said. “Everyone on our team is extremely motivated about this project.”

The president of the Baylor Student Nurses Association, Fulshear nursing senior Kaitlyn Po, said the collaboration began when the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas reached

out to the Baylor Student Nurses Association after hearing about the swing Baylor engineering students completed last year for Dr. Jason Whitt’s daughter, Camille, who has special needs. Po said the Baylor Student Nurses Association helped with the funds for the project, raising more than the needed \$2,000 through fundraising activities and donations.

“They’re still kids. They want to have fun and play and engage in typical childhood activities,” Po said of the children who will use the swing. “This swing is one way we can give back.”

According to a press release by the Baylor Louise Herrington School of Nursing, the green-and-gold swing will be presented to the Ronald McDonald House in June. The team is currently in the process of building and testing the swing. Po said the Baylor Student Nurses Association collaborates often with



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LENDING A HAND Members of the Baylor Student Nurses Association pose for a group photo. These students, along with Baylor engineering students are working to build a swing for the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas.

the Ronald McDonald House and said she enjoyed getting to partner with Baylor engineers to help the organization.

“It’s been a cool thing to get

involved with students here on the Waco campus. We’re pretty detached up in Dallas,” Po said. “Any way that we can connect has been a really great opportunity.”

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challenges related to sexual assault, and it’s time our state takes a step forward in protecting survivors/victims’ rights.”

Watson said he is aware of recent changes at Baylor to prevent this kind of scandal again but he still believes these bills are relevant and necessary. Baylor spokeswoman Lori Fogleman addressed Baylor’s partnership with legislators in the Title IX process.

“No other university in the country has responded as aggressively and decisively as Baylor regarding incidents of sexual assault on our campus,” Fogleman said. “We are working alongside our legislators, including Senator Watson, and sharing what we have learned from the actions we have taken to improve and strengthen our response to interpersonal violence.”

San Antonio junior Paige Hardy read about Watson’s bills in the Lariat and reached out to him to thank him.

“I contacted Senator Watson to thank him... as a survivor of sexual assault, I think it is very important that we have legislators, especially Baylor grads and especially men, speaking out and doing what they can to help,” Hardy said.

Watson contacted Hardy and invited her to speak at the Texas Senate Higher Education Committee Hearing and give an oral testimony as a survivor of sexual

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Paige Hardy | San Antonio junior

assault.

“A little over a year ago, I was sexually assaulted by a guy I had just met,” Hardy told the committee. “My friends, my family and society have all told me that this was my fault. That because alcohol was involved, I deserved it. That “maybe” means yes and “no” means convince me. That if I didn’t call the police within minutes of my attack, I must be lying.”

Hardy described how the assault has affected her emotionally, spiritually, academically and physically. She urged the committee to vote in favor of Watson’s bills.

“Perhaps sexual assault has never affected you or your family. Perhaps it has never even crossed your mind,” Hardy told the committee. “I was there

once, and I miss [not thinking about sexual assault] more than you could ever know. But I will tell you this affects your constituents. On every college campus, there are women and men fighting to get an education while a bureaucratic and social structures protect those who caused them the most pain.”

Hardy recognized that the things mandated in these bills are already in effect at Baylor, but she said she will continue to advocate for survivors for sexual assault all over Texas and the country.

“I don’t want my daughters and sons to have to think about which college treats victims of sexual assault the best,” Hardy said. “I want them to know that they will be protected everywhere.”

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The Lariat reached out to Larson for a comment on her win but received no response.

Student body officers and newly-elected positions

will be sworn in at the first meeting of the 65th Legislative Session. Current officials will continue to serve until June 1, when the new term begins.

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us for the future- to not just take something on the surface but read the fine print.”

Amine Qourzal, associate director of counseling for the Baylor Student Financial Aid Office, said the office is committed to helping students manage loan debt. This is done primarily through scholarship opportunities, one-on-one financial counseling and several online tools on the website to help students maximize financial aid resources, Qourzal said. The financial aid office at Baylor aims to educate current and new students on loan borrowing in order to invest in their education in the best way possible, Qourzal said.

“The Baylor Financial Aid Office is always looking for ways to educate students and help them recognize their responsibilities as borrowers,” Qourzal said. “We want to educate them to make best possible decisions.”

Brian Remson, a certified financial planner with Ferguson-Davis Wealth Management Group in Waco, emphasized the importance of paying attention to various aspects of student loans and how to pay them off. Remson said two things come to mind when giving advice to students. First is to always be careful of consolidation, and second is to not postpone retirement savings just for student debt.

“When young professionals come out, I say don’t get petrified by the amount, just start paying it down, but be careful,” Remson said. “Don’t consolidate, and don’t forget about the other financial things you have to do as an adult in addition to paying down debt.”

Remson said some companies allow people to consolidate student loans, which simplifies payments but also results in a loss of benefits. According to Federal Student Aid, a direct consolidation loan allows you to combine multiple federal education loans into one loan, resulting in a single monthly payment instead of multiple payments. However, consolidation results in more payments and paying more in interest, according to Federal Student Aid. Remson said to make sure you know the finer details.

“It’s hard to do things in school to get the financial gears going before you’re in the real world,” Remson said. “Once you’re there, you’re better prepared for decisions to make if you take a numbers course and pay attention.”

Remson also said that as a financial adviser, he has many young people come out of school overwhelmed by loan amounts and focus on just paying that off rather than paying some off and saving some for retirement. Remson said depending on the situation, some companies have match policies so they will match a certain amount contributed to the retirement plan, or sometimes it’s best to pay the regular payment and contribute a little to a 401K. A lot of people are scared of saving because they don’t know how, but it is simpler than they think, Remson said.

“Another big piece of advice is as soon as you graduate, be careful of right-after-graduation spending,” Remson said. “You think you can afford big fancy things, but my rule is, if you couldn’t share it on social media, would you still actually do it or buy it?”

MAYBORN from Page 1



Courtesy Photo

FEEL THE BEAT In this screenshot from the Mayborn Museum dance-off video, Reading, Pa., graduate student Matt Doyen dances in the middle of a circle of museum studies graduate students and Mayborn Museum staff members.

Miller said it was fun to see everyone come out of their shells.

“The most memorable part was probably all the wild dance moves we were coming up with,” Miller said. “It was fun to see the video come together. It makes you proud of the organization that you’re in, how we can partner together and do really cool things.”

Outten said many museum studies graduate students

work at various museums in the area, so she does not work with them as much as she would like.

“It was really nice to have that collaboration across different departments because there’s a lot we can learn from each other,” Outten said.

Outten said the Mayborn Museum has been busy with renovations and changes throughout the fall and spring, so filming the video was a morale booster.

“It was kind of nice to take a break and do something fun and silly and get to know a little bit more about your coworkers and your fellow students,” Outten said. “You get to see a side of people you don’t usually see at work.”

Outten said she tells people her job is like a permanent field trip, and she has fun at work every day.

“I think it just kind of goes to show, it doesn’t matter how old you are, you can have fun

here,” Outten said. “We will not yell at you if you have fun.”

Doyen said he hopes the video will promote the Mayborn.

“I just hope people come here and realize it’s a fun place, especially Baylor students,” Doyen said. “It’s promoting that we’re not just a museum for children, and we’re not just a museum for old people. We have fun here, too, and so can you.”

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Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

A PIECE OF CAKE (OR PIE) Pie-A-President is a fundraising event that Zeta Tau Alpha held on Wednesday to raise money for philanthropies and breast cancer awareness. Participants paid \$5 to throw a pie at the face of the president of any organization, and participating presidents paid \$10 to have the opportunity to be pummeled in the face with a pie.

I pie with my little eye

Pie-A-President raises money for philanthropies

KASSIDY WOYTEK
Reporter

Members of more than 25 student organizations showed up to Fountain Mall Wednesday to enjoy an ice cream sandwich from Pokey-O's and watch their president take a pie to the face. Students who attended Zeta Tau Alpha's event from 6:30 to 8 p.m. could pay \$5 to press a pie into the face of the president of the organization of their choice.

Many fraternities and sororities participated, as well as organizations such as the Baylor Chamber of Commerce, student government and the Noble NoZe Brotherhood.

Pie-A-President also included a competition, with each participating organization racking up points based on how many members showed up to throw a pie. The winning fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, received a \$200 donation to their philanthropy.

The remaining funds raised from Pie-A-President, close to \$1,000, went towards Zeta's philanthropy, breast cancer education and awareness. Zeta has partnerships with the American Cancer Society, Bright Pink and the National Football League.

Anaheim, Calif., junior Olivia Borba, Zeta's director of philanthropy, organized Pie-A-President with the help of a committee.

Borba said she applied for the position after her cousin died from breast cancer. She hopes people understand that early detection and learning how to lower risks of breast cancer can save lives.

"One in eight women, in their lives, are diagnosed with breast cancer," Borba said. "In most of those cases, if caught early, they are able to remove it and their lives are back to normal."

Wednesday was Zeta's first Pie-A-President event, but Borba said she hopes it will become an annual occurrence.

Pineville, La., junior Eileen Eichenauer, president of Alpha Delta Pi, said she would love to return next year to pie her successor.

"I love this idea," Eichenauer said. "It's so cool seeing everybody and having an event that really can help bring everyone together by involving somebody who's known in the organizations."

Participating presidents paid an entry fee of \$10 to cover the cost of



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

NOT JUST FOR BAKING Students create pies to smash into the faces of presidents of various Baylor organizations at Zeta Tau Alpha's Pie-A-President fundraiser.

supplies and received a rain poncho to protect their clothes. Eichenauer said the pies were painless and delicious, though extremely messy.

Katy freshman Parker Moon said he was glad to see many of his friends from Delta Tau Delta present at the

event. He said one member of his fraternity bought 10 pies in a row to use on their president.

"I took out all my frustrations from this week out on him," Moon said. "It was definitely worth \$5."

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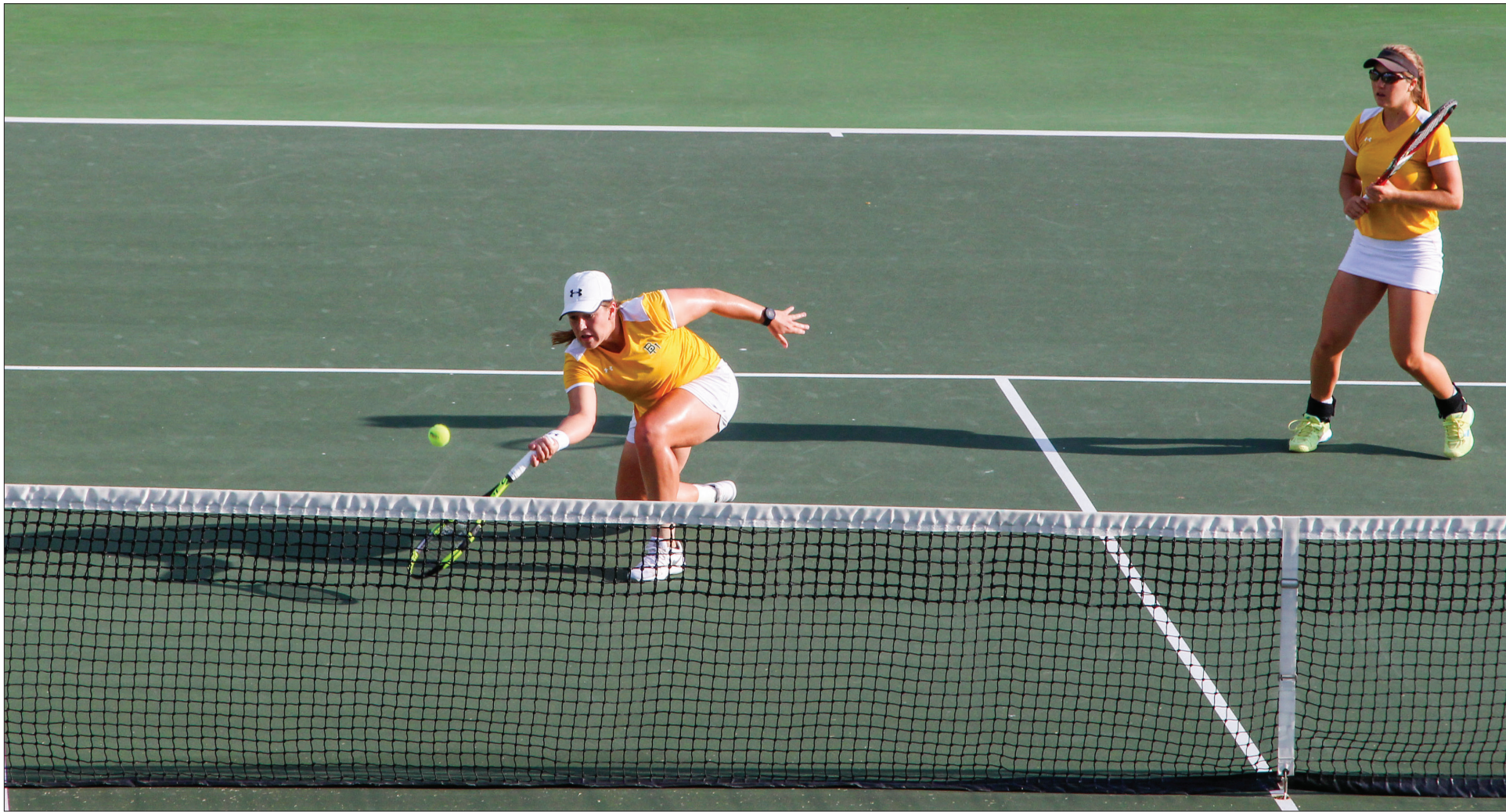
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SERVING UP SUCCESS No. 15-ranked Baylor Lady Bears tennis improves their record of 17-5 on the season with their win against No. 24 Texas, continuing their dominance in the Big 12 conference.

Lady Bears tennis serves up a win

BEN EVERETT
Sports Writer

The No. 15-ranked Baylor women's tennis team defeated No. 24 Texas by a score of 4-2 Wednesday night at Hurd Tennis Center.

The Lady Bears (17-5, 4-2) extended their win streak to four games with a hard-fought win over the Longhorns (10-7, 4-3).

In doubles play, senior Blair Shankle and sophomore

Karina Traxler jumped out to a 3-0 lead against Petra Granic and Bianca Turati, but the Longhorns fought back to make it a 3-2 game in the No. 1 pairing.

Meanwhile, freshmen Angelina Shakhraichuk and Jessica Hinojosa defeated Daniella Roldan and Dani Wagland on Court 3 by a score of 6-2.

Shankle and Traxler finished off Granic and Bianca Turati by winning three

straight games as the Lady Bears clinched the doubles point to lead 1-0.

In singles action, Hinojosa took the first set against Roldan 6-2 on Court 6.

Sophomore Elizabeth Profit struggled in the first set against Neda Koprcina, losing 2-6 in the No. 2 slot. Shakhraichuk saw similar results against Anna Turati at the No. 4 slot, dropping the first set 2-6.

Down 1-5 in the first set against Bianca Turati, Shankle

fought back to make it 4-5, but lost a close game, dropping the first set 4-6 at the No. 1 spot.

Senior Rhiann Newborn scored a 7-5 opening set victory at the No. 3 slot after a back-and-forth battle with Granic. Junior Theresa Van Zyl also found success against Wagland at No. 5 with a 7-5 first set win.

Hinojosa finished off Roldan, winning in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4 as the Lady Bears took a 2-0 lead.

Shakhraichuk dropped the second set to Anna Turati 1-6 as the Longhorns got on the board with a win to make it 2-1.

Van Zyl flew by Wagland 6-1 in the second set to pick up another point as the Lady Bears led 3-1.

Shankle bounced back with a 6-2 second set win to force a third set on Court 1.

Newborn rallied in the second set but was unable to overcome an early deficit,

losing 6-7 as Granic forced a third set on Court 3.

On Court 2, Profit faltered 6-7 in the second set, losing to Koprcina as the Lady Bears still held on to a 3-2 lead.

Shankle clinched the match for the Lady Bears with a 6-4 third set win over Turati as Baylor won 4-2.

The Lady Bears look to continue their winning ways as they face TCU at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Hurd Tennis Center.

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KEEPING HER EYE ON THE BALL Senior infielder Riley Browder swings at a pitch in a game against Sam Houston State. The Lady Bears won the game 4-1.

Softball loses to walk-off finish against Texas State

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

No. 13 Baylor saw its eight-game winning streak snapped Wednesday night in a 1-0 walk-off loss to Texas State.

Senior pitcher Kelsee Selman allowed two singles and a walk to load the bases in the seventh inning with just one out. Freshman infielder Christian McDowell then grounded out to second base, bringing in the game's only run.

Baylor head coach Glenn Moore said the game was a preview of what postseason play will be like with two good teams and pitchers going head-to-head.

"That was a postseason ballgame being played in the middle of our Big 12 schedule. That's two postseason teams

going head-to-head in a classic pitchers' duel that you don't usually see anymore. It's hard to point fingers and be upset. It was a great ballgame and we just happened to be the team that came up short."

Hits were at a premium in the matchup as Selman went toe to toe with Texas State junior pitcher Randi Rupp. Selman went the distance in the circle for Baylor, dropping to 18-4 in the circle this season. She allowed just five hits but did walk four while striking out eight Bobcat hitters.

Rupp, who was just named ESPNW's National Player of the Week this week, was just a little bit better than Selman. The junior allowed just three hits without a walk while striking out four. The win was her 20th on the season.

One of those hits was

a bunt single in the fourth inning to senior third baseman Lindsey Cargill, giving her the Baylor record for longest hitting streak at 20 games. She advanced to third base in the inning but was stranded there on freshman infielder Taylor Ellis' fly out to center field.

Ellis singled with two outs in the second before being stranded and junior infielder Shelby Friudenberg led off the seventh inning with a single, but freshman outfielder Madi O'Neal, who came in to pinch run, was caught stealing.

Baylor falls to 35-7 on the season and still sits in third place in the Big 12 as it will be idle this weekend. The Lady Bears return to action for a doubleheader against Houston beginning at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Gettman Stadium.

Officers arrest three more students in high school hazing scandal

**LAUREN CARUBA
AND CALEB DOWNS**
Associated Press

Three more students from La Vernia High School have been arrested in connection with a hazing scandal that officials say has involved three of the school's athletic programs for several years.

Colton Weidner, 18, Christian Roberts, 18, and John Rutkowski, 18, were arrested Tuesday on a charge of second-degree felony sexual assault, bringing the total number of arrests to 13.

According to a complaint filed by Texas Ranger Joel Kite, the three and an unnamed juvenile attacked a 15-year-old in February at a home near La Vernia, sodomizing him with a flashlight. The youth cried out and struggled, but he was overpowered and couldn't stop the assault, the complaint alleges. Weidner, Roberts and Rutkowski are all seniors who play basketball.

The Texas Rangers took over the investigation April 3, and the state Attorney General's office will be prosecuting the cases. Local officials, who have said there are at least 10 victims, turned over the investigation and prosecution to ensure impartiality since many know the victims and the accused in this small town, about 30 miles east of San Antonio.

So far, six adult students and seven juvenile students have been arrested.

Arrest affidavits for the three other adult students, all football players Alejandro Ibarra, 18, Dustin Norman, 18, and Robert Olivarez Jr., 17 allege the students sodomized a 16-year-old teammate with the threaded end of a carbon dioxide tank as part of a so-called initiation into the varsity football team.

A federal lawsuit filed Tuesday makes similar accusations and alleges that coaches and officials at La Vernia High School were aware of the rituals and allowed them to continue. The lawsuit alleges that a student who enrolled as a freshman at the school in fall 2015 was repeatedly subjected to physical and sexual abuse from 2015 to 2017, as part of a pervasive rape culture in the school's football program.

La Vernia Independent School District Superintendent Jose Moreno, who was named in the suit, said in an emailed statement Wednesday that the district would continue working closely with the authorities as they conduct a full and thorough investigation.

Meanwhile, also Wednesday, the Cabañas Law Firm of San Antonio, representing Norman, accused La Vernia ISD of expelling the senior March

31 without due process and sending him to the district's alternative school without a disciplinary hearing.

Moreno has said that all the students who had been arrested had received a hearing, but he declined to say the results of those proceedings.

The La Vernia ISD Student Code of Conduct states that a student can be immediately expelled if the administrator reasonably believes the emergency expulsion is necessary to protect persons or property from imminent harm.

Students also may face mandatory expulsion for committing sexual assault at a school-related activity or discretionary expulsion for sexually assaulting another student, regardless of location.

The Code of Conduct outlines that students alleged to have committed an expellable offense will have a hearing before the superintendent and can appeal an expulsion within 15 days of the decision.

According to La Vernia Police Chief Bruce Ritchey, the hazing practices affected the school's football, baseball and basketball programs and could have begun as far back as the 2014-15 academic school year.