Students hold vigil to demand victim justice

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At 10 p.m. inside the gates of the Allbritton House, a large number of people gathered for a candlelight vigil in an effort to support those in the Baylor community who have been victims of sexual violence. Those present mixed in a ring with candles in hand and listened to statements by the organizer of the vigil, Stephanie Mundhenk, near Baylor graduates, sexual assault survivors, and their sympathizers were invited by Mundhenk to attend the vigil.

“We hope to show as a way just how much rape affects us, those we hold dear, and our community in a peaceful effort to incite change,” read a handout distributed at the event.

Mundhenk, the main organizer of the event, said she has gone through the process of reporting sexual assault to Baylor’s Title IX office. She said she hoped she has gone through the process of reporting sexual violence. “Please keep the same quiet, reverent attitude as you walk,” Mundhenk said.

A printed mission statement of the service was given to those present by volunteers and read: “Because rape afflicts us, those we hold dear, and our community to peacefully incite change.”

According to the headquarters, the event organizers feel Baylor has mishandled sexual assault cases and failed to offer proper protection to victims in its Title IX policy. The handmade mentioned president and chancellor Ken Starr’s multiple efforts to address the leadership at Baylor to fulfill the request for a large percentage of students, alumni, parents, and faculty and staff.

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Students react to Super Bowl ads

HEATHER TROTTER
Reporter

The Super Bowl is known for hosting some of the most memorable commercials of the year. If the game isn’t entertaining enough, the commercials should be. Companies pay millions of dollars to advertise their brand or product for just 30 seconds.

This year’s Super Bowl, which aired on CBS, added up to 15 minutes.

Companies, depending on what they are advertising, can take different approaches to fit the audience. Most choose humor, some use celebrities and yet others choose to take a more serious approach.

Hummer commercials included those from Bumble’s, Hanes and Duracell. Honda advertised their new truck with stadium, and Buck reported Diesel’s Buckman famous hand-crafted watch with a woman catching the bouquet at a wedding.

“I always like the hand-crews, with the little puppy. It was a bad way of advertising handies,” said Aurora Saturnino. “A advertised handies more than ketchup. It gives the wrong message.”

There were a multitude of commercials featuring celebrities including Kevin Hart and Jerry Seinfeld.

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A FEELING TO THE MASSES: Super Bowl spot on Sunday.

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EDITORIAL

Questions regarding sexual assault cases

Last Sunday, ESPN's "Outside the Lines" presented multiple accounts against Baylor regarding the way sexual assault cases were handled. Since then, the university has been under intense scrutiny. Questions have been raised by students, faculty and Baylor fans.

"The Baylor Lariat was not consulted from this frustration. As journalists, we advocate for a better Baylor, we want to see our university ripped down. All Athletes, students, faculty and administration. We demand for all parties. With that in mind, we decided to share the questions we want answered.

What’s going on with the internal investigation?  

The reports following ESPN's accusation of Baylor's sexual assault scandal. As part of the response to these allegations, President and Chancellor Ken Starr's letter was pointed to an investigative-place looking into the case. In his latest email to the student body, Starr has pledged to continue the "comprehensive investigation" that he initated in an attempt to fully support and have access to the helpful information that we can provide.

In addition to the media coverag of this review, you may have seen or heard recent news reports that focused on the issue of student claims of sexual assault. We were deeply saddened to learn about these survivors demonstrated by coming forward to share their experiences. Their stories continue to raise consciousness and awareness about sexual violence. Some of you have even praised vigilance, innovation, and the push for new regulatory enforcement, and we are committed to continuing this work. We will continue to do so without compromise. We have requested, and we expect, a frank and unbiased investigation that both allows the campus to progress and offers forward-looking recommendations.

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From the President

Starr addresses external investigation, student frustrations

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Correction

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The article “Having a Ball” listed the instructors at the event as Craig Woodgap and John Abbott-Kirk. This is incorrect, the instructors at the event are Craig Woodgap and John Abbott-Kirk.
Flint lead contamination draws multiple lawsuits

ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT — One lawsuit alleging lead-laced water lines at no cost to consumers. Another seeks money for thousands of Flint residents who unwittingly drank toxic water. A third complaint has been filed on behalf of people with Legionnaires’ disease.

While officials scramble to rid Flint’s water of lead, victims are suing Gov. Rick Snyder, the former mayor, rank-and-file public employees and anyone else who may have had a role in supplying the tainted tap water, causing water-related illness for 18 months. The lawsuits accuse them of violating civil rights, winning property values and enhancing themselves by selling a contaminated product.

“The time has long since come to look at themselves in the mirror,” asked New York attorney Hunter Shields, who filed the latest lawsuit Monday on behalf of 2,000 suing Sophia Watts, “Is there an enforcement for government officials to take the safety of their citizens so lightly?”

Shields, father of Lake Ward, said he feared losing his son. He and a friend were riding bikes last year when a pickup truck swerved into their path. Both men were done long before Flint’s water was restored as the city’s supply was found to be contaminated with lead in July 2016.

The damage is extensive, especially in children aged 6 and younger and can cause learning problems and hyperactivity.

“She constantly on edge,” said Jodi Waid, whose daughter, Miranda, is exposed to lead, has been diagnosed with ADHD.

Her lawsuit, which seeks unspecified financial recovery, is among a rare wave of complaints involving Flint in state and federal courts.

On the first by Shields and Detroit court of complaint in 2015, the lawsuit that Simulator/Michigan’s lead in its water lines at no cost to the public.

The city’s supply was bad from Flint to Detroit as a cost-saving measure in 2014, when Flint was under non-emergency management.

While key facts are undisputed — the contaminated water came lead to health risks and — these cases are no slam dunk for lawyers, specializing in personal injury.

More government officials have lawsuits and, especially those with long-recognized cloak of immunity, are now facing.

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Paul W. Waves, who teaches at Western Michigan University Cooley Law School.

“Lawyers aren’t going to come in and say this case doesn’t have any merit based on the facts,” Hastings said. “They’re going to come in with narrow technical defenses that seek to reestablish of those issues. Courts are good at setting the merit bars and finding the facts.”

In both, he said, victims can point to “gross negligence” as a path around governmental immunity.

Complied from Associated Press reports.
Rep. Flores meets with public in midst of reection

SAWYER SMITH

A large crowd showed up at the Heart of Texas Builder's Association in Waco on Thursday for a town hall meeting hosted by congressman Bill Flores as well as other members of the public. Many people from McLennan County and Waco also attended. The Young Conservatives of Texas group were there to support Representative Flores, and one of the attendees, Colon Fox who is running as a candidate for Republican Chairman of the McLennan County Party.

Most of the night was focused on a short speech from Flores, followed by a question and answer session. The Young Conservatives of Texas group led the university to expand their Title IX coordinator. The group believes that the problem is making responsible decisions," Ker said. "A female in an all-volunteer force and the-facts that the Doritos baby keeping something from you. They won't believe the survivors because it does not constitute a waiver of the torture. The fact that said, this is an important moment in time for American higher education. The Doritos baby is a signature of your support and is a sign of your support, and to that, the Doritos baby is a signature of your support and is a sign of your support.

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On-the-Go Happenings:

**— “Mary Stuart” at the Mabee Theatre. $16 for students, $18 for the public. 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday-Sunday 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

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6 p.m. — Rising Sons at the Waco Hippodrome. Free.

7:30 p.m. — “Song for Coretta” at the Waco Civic Theatre. $16 for students, $18 for the public.

>> Saturday

7:30 p.m. — “Mary Stuart” at the Mabee Theatre. $20.

>> Sunday

2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Mabee Theatre. $20.

>> Monday

— Open Mic Night at Common Grounds. Free.

— “Mary Stuart” at the Alhambra, Calif., senior Devin Perry plays the title role in the new Baylor Theatre production of “Mary Stuart,” which is set at a contemporary political convention.

HELENA HUNT

**Arts and Life Editor**

The stage is set for a political convention, and the candidates prepare their final speeches before the nation listens. The people will choose between the candidates who tell us what is needed and the candidates who tell us what is right.

"Mary Stuart," originally written by Friedrich Schiller and performed in 1980, shows the legendary standoff between Queen Elizabeth of England and her cousin Mary Stuart, the Catholic queen of Scotland and predecessor to the English throne. Elizabeth holds her cousin under house arrest to prevent her from seizing power and troops. By the play's end, decide her cousin's final fate.

Directors David Jortner, associate professor of theatre, decided to move the events of the plot from the 16th century to the present day, featuring Elizabeth and Mary into force political roles in the midst of election season.

"The questions it asks about who should lead, why they should lead and what we want in a leader seemed very contemporary," Jortner said. "I thought we could bring it to the 21st century and explore the idea of public performance versus private women's lives in a little mirror." The conflict between practical, powerful Elizabeth and passionate, impulsive Mary is reimagined in the context of a contemporary political election. Live video and Twitter feeds of the candidates' speeches, establishing parallels between the political women onstage and their real-life counterparts. Practical Elizabeth is outfitted in power suits like Hillary Clinton's and Condoleezza Rice's. Mary, meanwhile, wears costumes designed by costume shop supervisor Sylvia Fuhrken modeled after pieces worn by modern royals.

Jortner said this production of “Mary Stuart” brings the famously powerful Elizabeth into question. Can she truly be the candidate who will make our nation strong, with the ability to lead the nation? Is she a woman capable of leadership? Does she take time to consider her actions? Does she care about her people? Does she truly want to do what is necessary and the candidate who will do what is right.

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Ward said, "I wish that we saw more dynamic, multi-dimensional female characters in the play. Elizabeth is a character who is strong, women are intelligent, and women are worthy of respect," Perry said.

For today's puzzle results, please go to BaylorLariat.com.
Runner from United Kingdom fights through injury, homesickness

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