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Baylor campus reacts to ongoing sexual assault investigation

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CALL TO ACTION Participants gather during the candle light vigil held on Monday night in front of Allbritton House. The demonstration was called in response to Baylor's ongoing sexual assault investigation by the Pepper and Hamilton law firm. Victims were honored at the vigil as well.

Students hold vigil to demand victim justice

KALYN STORY & LIESJE POWERS
Staff Writers

At 9:30 p.m. inside the gates of the Albritton 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 stood in a ring with candles in hand and listened to statements by the organizer of the vigil, Stephanie Mundhenk, recent Baylor graduate. Sexual assault survivors and their sympathisers were invited by Mundhenk to attend the vigil.

"We hope to show in a visible 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 to communicate how large of a problem sexual assault

is at Baylor.

A chorus of "This Little Light of Mine" began shortly after Mundhenk spoke to the crowd.

The group was then invited to service at Powell Chapel.

"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 we love Baylor, we hope to show in a visible way, just how much sexual assault affects us, those we hold dear, and our community to peacefully incite change."

According to the handout, the event's organizers feel Baylor has mishandled sexual assault cases and failed to offer proper protection to victims with its Title IX policies. The handout mentioned president and chancellor Ken Starr's multiple efforts to address

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Petition gets over 1,400 signers

JESSICA HUBBLE
Staff Writer

In response to the allegations of mishandling of sexual assault cases, a group of alumni have created a petition titled "An Open Letter on Responses to Sexual Assault at Baylor University." The letter already has more than 1400 signatures from Baylor students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends.

Faculty and staff, who do not wish to be named in the petition, are able to be counted as supporters of the letter and their identity will be concealed.

Dr. Laura Seay, Baylor class of 2000 and assistant professor of government at Colby College, has been involved in and volunteered herself to be a spokesperson for the petition. She said that a group of alumni from across the country began communicating through text and email after seeing the ESPN "Outside the Lines" report over mishandling of sexual assault cases at Baylor and after reading a personal account by Stefanie Mundhenk, a former Baylor student, of how the university handled her sexual assault. The idea of an open letter soon emerged.

"I hope that the petition will help President Starr and the leadership at Baylor to realize that a huge percentage of students, alumni, parents,

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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, sold ads for up to \$5 million.

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

Humorous commercials included those from Butterfingers, Heinz and Doritos. Honda advertised their new truck with singing sheep, and Buick recreated Odell Beckham's famous one-handed catch with a woman catching the bouquet at a wedding.

"I didn't like the hotdog one, with the little puppies. It was a bad way of advertising ketchup," said senior Saxton Sims. "It advertised hotdogs more than ketchup. It gave the wrong message."

There were a multitude of commercials featuring celebrities including Kevin Hart in a Hyundai

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Associated Press

A-PEELING TO THE MASSES Squarespace ran an ad starring Jordan Peele and Keegan-Michael Key as characters Lee and Morris in the company's Super Bowl 50 spot on Sunday.

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EDITORIAL

Questions regarding sexual assault cases

Last Sunday, ESPN's "Outside the Lines" presented multiple accusations against Baylor regarding the way sexual assault cases were handled. Since then, the university has been under fire nationally. Frustrations have been voiced by students, faculty and Baylor fans.

The Lariat editorial board is not removed from this frustration. As journalists, we endeavor to remain unbiased. As students, we don't want to see our university ripped down. Above all, as humans, we want to see justice for all parties. With that in mind, we decided to share the questions we want answered.

What's going on with the investigations?

The reports following ESPN's accused Baylor of being silent to the point of stonewalling. As part of the response to these allegations, President and Chancellor Ken Starr both pointed to the investigations taking place. In his latest email to the student body, Starr wrote, "It is vital to the integrity of the ongoing review by Pepper Hamilton that we refrain from comment and observations about policies and practices until their review is concluded." While that is a reasonable response to the silence regarding the external investigation, it does not speak for the internal investigation that was held in the fall in response to the Sam Ukwuachu case. Where are those results? Why have they not been made public? Jeremy Counsellor, professor of law and faculty athletics representative, led the internal review. Upon the investigation's completion, Starr wrote on August 28, "After reviewing the results of his internal inquiry, I am recommending that our Board of Regents retain the services of outside counsel to investigate thoroughly these matters and recommend continued improvements." What did Counsellor

find that led Starr to advocate for an external investigation?

How much evidence does it take in order to conclude that a sexual assault case took place?

In an email sent out on Wednesday, Starr went into brief detail on the preventive and reactive measures that the school has taken in the face of sexual assault allegations. Among them, Starr wrote that when a student is found to have committed an act of sexual violence the school has a way of making sure that disciplinary action is taken. Although Starr explained that the person who determines responsibility between parties is ultimately left to an "experienced external professional," the email leaves readers to question the evidential factors that go into making a decision like this. The answer to this is important in finding out just how consistent the criteria for resolving sexual assault cases really are. If the point of hiring an external professional is to prevent any potential bias from affecting the outcome of an investigation, there should be a way to ensure that no one piece of evidence is significantly weighed more than the other in reaching a conclusion until a holistic image of the situation is formed. The question remains, however, when exactly does the case reach this point?

After Pepper Hamilton makes its recommendations to the university with the conclusion of the investigation, will the university take any sort of action to reach out to those who claim they have been wronged by the system in the past?

In Starr's most recent email sent out Sunday night, he expresses his sympathies with those who have been affected by sexual violence.



While he did state that the university is currently reaching out to "current and former students who have expressed concerns," there was no indication made as to the future remedies Baylor will take to care for these students. Starr wrote that the university will determine how to implement the firm's recommendations. What if the firm's recommendations do not suggest any specific action to be taken to deal with these students? If so, will Baylor still make independent efforts on its own to address those who feel the university did not respond appropriately to their claims? While it might be too early to tell, in the meantime Starr did attempt to acknowledge the group of individuals who have publicly come forward with their stories by commending them for their courage

in light of the situation.

The questions listed above are not intended to place blame on any one party. But rather, we ask these questions to see that the integrity of the situation is upheld. Since the ESPN report, Baylor has been put under a spotlight. And while opinions on the matter have indeed been plentiful, we find that there is no place for speculation on an issue as delicate and serious as sexual assault - there is only room for facts. This is all to ensure that any valid claims of wrongdoing do not lose their credibility and that the efforts of those who have worked to keep Baylor a safe environment do not go unnoticed in the midst of the ongoing investigation.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Starr addresses external investigation, student frustrations

Note: Below are excerpts from president and chancellor Ken Starr's email. To view the entire letter, go to baylorlariat.com.

Dear Baylor Nation,

Greetings from Baylor University, where the spring semester is in full swing...

Our hearts break for those whose lives are impacted by execrable acts of sexual violence. No one should have to endure the trauma of these terrible acts of wrongdoing. We must never lose sight of the long-term, deeply personal effects such contemptible conduct has on the lives of survivors. Let me be clear: Sexual violence emphatically has no place whatsoever at Baylor University.



Last fall, Baylor University's Board of

Regents initiated a comprehensive external review of the University's response to previous reports of sexual violence. Pepper Hamilton, one of the nation's most experienced law firms with expertise in the institutional response to all aspects of sexual misconduct, is conducting this review. Members of the Philadelphia-based law firm were on our campus throughout the fall semester. This spring, they are continuing their work, meeting with administrators and students and conducting an extensive review of University documents. Baylor has provided unfettered access to Pepper Hamilton to any information requested, and we will continue to cooperate fully with their comprehensive review. We have requested, and we expect, a frank and candid assessment that both addresses past practices and offers forward-looking recommendations. We trust that this report will serve as a beacon for self-awareness on our continuing journey toward an even stronger and safer community.

When Pepper Hamilton's review is complete, we will determine how best to share the firm's recommendations...

In addition to the media coverage about this review, you may have seen or heard recent news reports that focused on Baylor's response to incidents of student-involved sexual assault. We were deeply saddened to learn about these instances of interpersonal violence; we acknowledge and commend the great courage these survivors demonstrated by coming forward to share their experiences. Their stories continue to raise consciousness and awareness about these critically important issues.

Some of you have voiced frustration, inquiring why Baylor has been silent on the University's handling of response to specific reports of sexual assault. As I briefly suggested above, student information is scrupulously protected by FERPA student-privacy laws. These federal measures prevent universities, including Baylor, from speaking publicly about particular incidents. Reports of sexual violence necessarily involve intensely personal and deeply private matters. Even when students choose to come forward to share details publicly about their experiences, the U.S. Department

of Education has been clear that that action does not constitute a waiver of FERPA student-privacy laws. The fact that information is a matter of general public interest, as it manifestly is, does not provide an educational institution with permission to release that information. While Baylor can speak generally to policies, procedures and practices, we cannot speak to individual cases and remain within the confines of governing law.

In addition, it is vital to the integrity of the ongoing review by Pepper Hamilton that we refrain from comment and observations about policies and practices until their review is concluded. Although it is difficult for us, we are constrained to show restraint as we allow the firm's review to proceed to completion in an orderly manner. In the meantime, please know that we are meeting with current and former students who have expressed concerns, and are exploring how we can best ensure that they are fully supported and have access to the helpful resources of the University's Title IX Office...

LARIAT LETTER: Questions about the external review

President and Chancellor Ken Starr made it a point in his letter last Wednesday to the student body to point out the "comprehensive external and completely independent" review of Baylor's handling of sexual assault cases by the law firm of Pepper Hamilton. In light of such review, according to Starr, and in "deference" to its "integrity...any observations about policies and practices would be premature." Additionally, federal laws protecting student privacy prevents "Baylor from speaking publicly about particular incidents."

In light of both of Starr's comments regarding the independent review and federal law, I'd like to know what Baylor is able to reveal

to Pepper Hamilton and what, if anything, Baylor is prevented from revealing. Does privacy law simply prevent public disclosure of information regarding Title IX but enable disclosure of information relating to particular sexual assault cases to outside parties who, I'd assume, are themselves bound by certain rules of confidentiality? Are there facts and evidence Baylor is prevented from disclosing, even if it wanted to, to outside parties? Are victims consulted when determining what information is disclosed to Pepper Hamilton? Should future victims be made aware that their cases could be disclosed to parties not affiliated with local law enforcement?

The protection of student privacy — and the privacy of victims of sexual assault especially — is of the utmost importance in creating a safe community for all; yet given reports and stories circulating about Baylor's handling of sexual assault cases in the past, it does not seem unwarranted to inquire into the nature of such privacy protections and the ways in which Baylor might be able/required to withhold certain information from Pepper Hamilton because of these protections.

Bradley Varnell
Carrollton
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CORRECTION

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The article "Having a Ball" listed the instructors at the event as Craig Waldrop and Jane Abbott-Kirk. This is incorrect, the instructors were Kay and Craig Waldrop.

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GLOBAL BRIEFS

Americans asked to fight Zika at home

SAVANNAH, Ga. — The mosquitoes that spread the Zika virus are among the hardest species to fight because they live and breed in tub drains, dog bowls, buckets, flower pots and other spots where water collects inside the houses and yards of the people they bite, insect experts noted Monday.

Because they stick close to home, Zika-carrying mosquitoes are hard to target with larvicide and insecticide sprays, they said.

“You’re not going to find them in roadside ditches or in swamps,” said Mark Cothran, mosquito control director for Gulf County, Florida. “You’re going to find them in dog food bowls or in 5-gallon buckets. It almost requires going door-to-door to dump out containers.”

Americans’ backyards tend to offer plenty of dank breeding spots, from crumpled tarps to children’s toys. And while mosquito control officers said they are prepared to spread the word for residents to clean up standing water in their yards, it’s very tough to get homeowners to act, said Harry Savage, chief entomologist with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Fracking chemicals remain a mystery

HOUSTON — Researchers have been hampered by what critics describe as a “loophole” in a state law requiring companies to publicly disclose the ingredients in their hydraulic fracturing fluid.

The Texas law allows companies to withhold specific chemicals by labeling them as proprietary. Operators in Texas have invoked the exemption to shield, at least partly, the identities of more than 170,000 ingredients from when the law took effect in February 2012 through April, an analysis of the disclosure records shows.

Texas officials say the hydraulic fracturing fluids aren’t making it into the groundwater.

Fracturing generally occurs a mile or more below aquifers, with thousands of feet of rock serving as a buffer between fluids and groundwater, TRC officials say.

Biochemist Zac Hildenbrand has come across more “exotic” molecules in his research of the links between unconventional drilling and water quality, he said. But his efforts to identify some of them have been hampered by what critics describe as a “loophole” in a state law requiring companies to publicly disclose the ingredients in their hydraulic fracturing fluid.

Pope’s trip to Mexico draws eyes to ills

ECATEPEC, Mexico — Pope Francis’ decision to visit this sprawling, disastrously mismanaged Mexico City suburb shines an uncomfortable spotlight on the government’s failure to solve entrenched social ills that plague many parts of Mexico — inequality, rampant gangland killings, extortion, disappearances of women, crooked cops and failed city services — even as President Enrique Pena Nieto has sought to make economic reform, modernization and bolstering the middle class hallmarks of his administration.

Known for his work ministering to slums as a cleric in his native Buenos Aires, the Argentine-born pontiff is no stranger to places like Ecatepec.

A number of victims’ groups have requested meetings with Francis, though none have been confirmed. The Mexican Bishops’ Council has not ruled it out but says his schedule is very tight.

Compiled from Associated Press reports.

Flint lead contamination draws multiple lawsuits

ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT — One lawsuit seeks to replace lead-leaching water lines at no cost to customers. 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 tap water of lead, victims are suing Gov. Rick Snyder, the former mayor, rank-and-file public employees and almost anyone else who may have had a role in supplying the troubled city with corrosive river water for 18 months. The lawsuits accuse them of violating civil rights, wrecking property values and enriching themselves by selling a contaminated product.

“How can they look at themselves in the mirror?” asked New York attorney Hunter Shkolnik, who filed the latest lawsuit Monday on behalf of 2-year-old Sophia Waid. “It’s an embarrassment for government officials to take the safety of their citizens so lightly.”

Sophia’s father, Luke Waid, said he feared losing custody of his daughter when blood tests revealed she had elevated levels of lead. Those tests were done long before Flint’s tap water was identified as the culprit in 2015.

Lead affects the central nervous system, especially in children aged 6 and younger, and can cause learning



Associated Press

LAWSUITS Flint, Mich., resident Luke Waid watches his 2-year-old daughter, Sophia, and infant son, Luke Jr., in their home. Waid’s daughter is just one who has been affected by elevated lead levels in the water, and numerous victims have filed lawsuits.

problems and hyperactivity.

“She’s constantly on edge,” Waid said of his daughter. “It’s almost like she’s suffering some kind of anxiety.”

His lawsuit, which seeks an unspecified financial award, is one of at least seven complaints involving Flint in state and federal courts. It’s the first by Shkolnik and Detroit co-counsel Brian McKeen, but the lawyers plan more. Separately, 1,700 households have contacted Michael Pitt’s Detroit-area firm about joining the class-action case he filed in

November.

The city’s supply was switched from Detroit water to the Flint River as a cost-saving measure in 2014, when Flint was under state-appointed emergency management. While key facts are undisputed — the untreated river water caused lead to leach from old pipes — these cases are no slam-dunk for lawyers specializing in personal injury.

State government has defenses, especially a long-recognized cloak of immunity in certain lawsuits, said Chris

Hastings, who teaches at Western Michigan University Cooley Law School.

“Defense lawyers aren’t going to come in and say these cases don’t have any merit based on the facts,” Hastings said. “They’re going to come in with narrow, technical defenses that exist regardless of those issues. Courts are good at setting the emotions aside and looking at the law.”

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

Federal judge again blocks Texas’ move to deny refugees

PAUL J. WEBER
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A federal judge Monday again ruled against Texas in its efforts to stop the resettlement of Syrian refugees, saying that while it would be foolish to deny there are risks following the Paris attacks, state officials have never shown an imminent danger to the public.

The decision by U.S. District Judge David Godbey is another setback for Republican leaders in Texas, which was the first state that sued the Obama administration over resettling families from Syria but has failed to halt or even slow the arrival of any new refugees.

Godbey, who in December knocked Texas for offering “largely speculative hearsay” about extremists possibly

infiltrating Syrian refugees, seemed to wink this time at the state demanding action from a judicial branch that GOP leaders often accuse of overreach.

“Somewhat ironically, Texas, perhaps the reddest of red states, asks a federal court to stick its judicial nose into this political morass, where it does not belong absent statutory authorization,” wrote Godbey, who was appointed to the Dallas court by former President George W. Bush.

A spokeswoman for Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said the Republican is evaluating his next options.

“At a minimum, Texans deserve to know if the people moving into our communities and neighborhoods have a history of providing support to terrorists,” spokeswoman Katherine

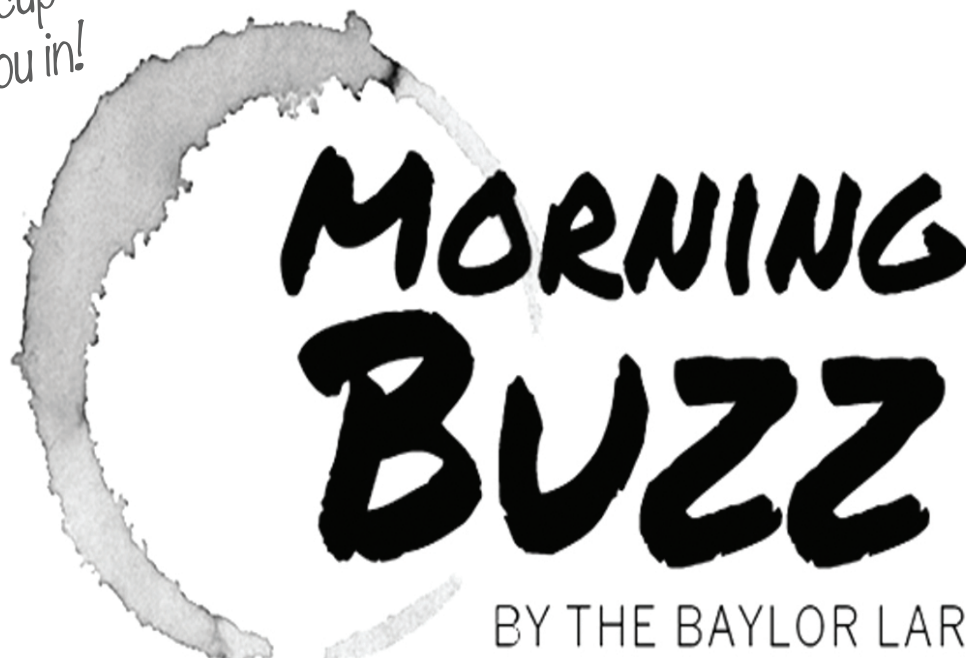
Wise said.

Nearly 30 states vowed to ban Syrian refugees following the Paris attacks, which occurred in November and have been linked to the Islamic State group operating in Syria. Texas mounted the most aggressive campaign from the start by suing the federal government, which failed to halt the arrival of 21 Syrian refugees in December.

The Obama administration says refugee vetting is rigorous and can take up to two years. In an 11-page ruling, Godbey wrote that “it is certainly possible that a Syrian refugee resettled in Texas could commit a terrorist act, which would be tragic.”

But he said it is up to the federal government — and not courts — to decide that level of risk.

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Rep. Flores meets with public in midst of reelection

SAWYER SMITH
Reporter

A large crowd showed up at the Heart of Texas Builders Association on Monday night for a meet and greet with congressman Bill Flores as well as other members of the public.

Many people from the McLennan County GOP and Baylor Young Conservatives of Texas group were there to support Representative Flores who will soon be up for reelection, and Colonel Jon Ker who is running as a candidate for Republican Chairman of McLennan County.

Most of the night was focused on a short speech from Flores followed by a question and answer session. The U.S. Representative of Texas' 17th District took on questions about the Congress' latest omnibus spending bill, national security with regard to illegal immigration, government mandates for ethanol and if women should be forced to register for selective service in the military.

"I enjoyed hearing congressman Flores talk about his plans for the House if he is reelected, and I felt that I got to know him better from listening to him speak in person" said Petaluma, California sophomore Brittany Gamlen.

"I was very interested in hearing his reasoning for supporting the omnibus bill. I appreciated the details he gave about why he voted yes, in favor of it" said Baylor Young Conservatives President and Cisco senior Whitney Mechling.

Representative Flores didn't do all the speaking however. Army Green Beret and Special Forces Colonel Jon Ker voiced his opinion against putting women in the position of being drafted to combat roles in military. Ker, who served more than thirty years in the armed services and completed several tours of duty in Vietnam and Iraq, also said that women who wish to volunteer for supportive roles in the military are much needed.

"We cannot allow political correctness to get in the way of making responsible decisions," Ker said, "A female in an all-



Associated Press

MEET UP U.S. Rep. Bill Flores says national security, tax reform and health care are on the agenda. The congressman appeared at a meet and greet on Monday at the Heart of Texas Builders Association.

male unit breaks cohesiveness and preparedness for reasons due to human nature. War should be no matter of social experimentation.

The Texas congressman agreed with veteran Ker saying that he believed women should not take on combat roles in the Army, Navy or Marines. Flores endorsed Jon Ker for his election later this year.

The Baylor Young Conservatives are excited to continue being involved in the community and will pay attention to events like Monday night's in the future.

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the issues regarding sexual assault on campus, but regarded them as ineffective.

"Baylor University's Administration repeatedly promises justice to students raped at Baylor and fails to provide it. Ken Starr repeatedly issues emailed platitudes while students still suffer," the handout said.

Lizzie Davis, dual master student in divinity and social work, was a volunteer at the vigil.

"I think [the vigil] says that we as Baylor community hold sexual assault and rape to be important not just in word but in

action," Davis said.

The service in Powell Chapel began with a series of prayers.

"May sexual abuse survivors become a sign of your glory," a prayer said.

Following the prayers, a victim of sexual assault came forward and told an abridged version of her rape. The victim had kept the abuse silent for a year and nine months before coming forward.

"We are not here to investigate, or

prove the innocence of either me or my assaulter. We are here to support survivors of sexual assault and to ask for better from our beloved university and from our culture as a whole," the victim said.

Those who support the need for change are also able to read and sign an open letter on responses to sexual assault at Baylor. The letter currently is signed by 1,461 students, faculty, alumni, and community members.

Natalie Webb, an alumni of Baylor, is a signee of the letter.

"I think it is something that the whole Baylor community is concerned about and the letter draws attention to that," Webb said. "I trust that Baylor has the best intentions for moving forward on this issue."

FURTHER READING

Read excerpts from president and chancellor Ken Starr's second email on page 2.

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faculty, staff and friends care about sexual assault and care about how we as an institution react," Seay said. "It is not enough to just say we will work on it and make changes, we want to see transparency and real changes."

The letter outlines what they believe to be the "core problem" and what they believe the solutions are to this problem.

The group believes that the problem is repeated accounts of Baylor's mishandling and substandard management of sexual assaults on campus of involving Baylor students. Another issue the group believes is pertinent is they believe the University's Title IX policies are not consistently followed and sometimes ignored all together.

The petition presents four solutions that the group has put together. The solutions the group has created are to have qualified investigators that 'will not blame the victims', have the university better execute the services for the victims; refer victims to counseling immediately and make sure there are no income barriers and have stronger training programs for all students that will be repeated over the time the student spends on campus.

"Baylor's failure to adequately serve survivors of sexual assault compromises the University's Christian identity," the petition said. "Parents must know that their children will be safe at Baylor, and students must be assured that should the unthinkable happen, their decision to report sexual assault will be met with the University's full support and resources. We can and must do better, for the sake

of Baylor students, and for the sake of faithful Christian witness to the world."

Baylor president and chancellor Ken Starr sent out a second letter to students Sunday afternoon that provided more information on the external investigation as well as addressed silence on specific reports of sexual assault.

The first letter that Starr sent Wednesday addressed Title IX and allegations of mishandling of sexual assault cases at Baylor.

Last Fall, Baylor initiated an external review of the University's handling of reports of sexual assault. The Pepper Hamilton Law Firm is conducting the investigation. They claim experience in institutional responses to sexual assault. Starr wrote that the University is giving Pepper Hamilton unrestricted access to any information they request. Pepper Hamilton is also meeting with administrators and students to aid in conducting the review.

Starr addressed frustrations many people voiced about why Baylor has been silent on the handling of specific reports. Starr wrote that the university has been silent because of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which prevents universities, private and public, from speaking publicly about particular events. Even though many victims have come forward and are speaking publicly that does not constitute a waiver of FERPA student privacy laws Starr wrote.

Starr wrote that the university is willing to meet with current and former students who have expressed concern. He wants to meet with them to explore

how the university can make sure they are supported and have access to all the resources in the Title IX office.

Starr also provided some history of the Title IX office and policy. in April 2011, with guidance from the Department of Education, Baylor started to implement many Title IX initiatives. These initiatives included having senior level administrators take on Title IX responsibilities from 2011 to 2014 and having many working groups convene to talk about policy implications. The groups led the university to expand training and hire a full-time Title IX coordinator.

Starr wrote that the Title IX coordinator, Patty Crawford, works to ensure that her office is highly visible and accessible to everyone. He also mentioned that under the university's Title IX policy a "trained and experienced external professional" conducts investigations over the sexual assault cases that happen to Baylor students and meets with both parties and witnesses to create an impartial report.

"Needless to say, our work is not done," Starr wrote. "In this sensitive arena, it may never be.

"That said, this is an important moment in time for American higher education — and for Baylor. Here at Baylor, we have a unique opportunity to evaluate culture and climate to identify challenges and to model the faithful Christian community we continually aspire to be."

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commercial, Anthony Hopkins advertising TurboTax and the ever-mysterious Liam Neeson promoting an LG television. Beyonce surprised viewers by announcing her upcoming world tour during a commercial which aired right after her Super Bowl halftime appearance.

"My favorite one was probably the mini cooper one. I thought it was different because they used different characters to define the car," Sims said.

"The Kevin Hart one was funny," said Horizon City junior Erica Kearbey. "My dad put a tracking device in my car in high school, so it's definitely very relatable."

There can't be Super Bowl commercials without a few of them being odd or disturbing. Mountain Dew's "puppymonkeybaby" featured a CG combination of a pug head, monkey body, and baby legs to advertise their new energy drink. The Marmot clothing commercial featured a guy trying to kiss a groundhog, and Steven Tyler taught a talking Skittles collage of himself how to sing Aerosmith's hit song "Dream On."

"The Doritos baby commercial and the puppy monkey baby commercials were weird," said Lone Oak junior Alex Clement, "But I didn't think the commercials were as good as other years."

Two serious commercials were Colgate's campaign to save water, giving statistics about how much water Americans waste by leaving the faucet on while brushing teeth, and an advertisement promoting "No More" domestic violence, encouraging people to recognize the signs of harassment and abuse.

"The heartfelt felt ones, like the one about domestic violence, were really good," Kearbey said. "I really liked the inspirational commercials like Jeep with all the pictures of different people."

The Super Bowl commercials also included advertisements for popular television shows such as The Big Bang Theory and Criminal Minds, upcoming films such as Independence Day: Resurgence and events such as the Grammys and the Masters.

"For the most part, I honestly thought they weren't that good," Kearbey said. "I didn't laugh as much as I wanted to. Hopefully next year they'll be better, as far as the funny ones."

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Week in Waco:

>> Today

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

>> Wednesday

Noon — “Inside Out” at the SUB Den. Free.

6:30 p.m. — “The Marriage of Figaro” at the Waco Hippodrome. \$5 for students, \$8 for the public.

7:20 p.m. — JaZZ N' Stanzas in partnership with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority at the SUB Den.

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

8-10 p.m. — Open Mic Night at Common Grounds. Free.

>> Thursday

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

>> Friday

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

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

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

Fit for a Queen



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

ONE QUEEN TO RULE THEM ALL 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.

THE DETAILS

When: 7:30 p.m.
Today-Friday

2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday

Where: Mabee Theatre in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center

Cost: \$20 at baylor.edu/theatre

Baylor Theatre’s ‘Mary Stuart’ premieres tonight

HELENA HUNT
Arts and Life Editor

The stage is set for a political convention, and the candidates prepare their final speeches before they face the crowd. Tonight, the people will choose between the candidate who will do what is necessary and the candidate who will do what is right.

This week, the stage isn't in Iowa or New Hampshire. It's in Baylor's own Mabee Theatre, where Elizabeth Tudor and Mary Stuart will face off once again as rivals in a hotly contested political race.

“Mary Stuart,” originally written by Friedrich Schiller and performed in 1800, shows the legendary standoff between Queen Elizabeth of England and her cousin Mary Stuart, the Catholic queen of Scotland and pretender to the English throne. Elizabeth holds her cousin under house arrest to prevent her from seizing power and must, by the play's end, decide her cousin's final fate.

Director David Jortner, associate professor of theater, decided to move the events of the play from the 16th century to the present day, turning Elizabeth and Mary into fierce political rivals 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 anxieties a little more.”

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 flash on five screens behind the stage as the action unfolds. Alliances form and fail, the electorate is put to the test and the two women must come to terms with their relationship and their vying bids for power.

Jortner chose the play and began planning his adaptation a year ago. While the production was cleverly timed to coincide with this spring's political primaries, he didn't quite anticipate the many parallels that would arise between the play and reality.

“I knew that this would be going on during primary season and it would be a nice parallel, but we had no idea that primary season would be such a huge thing. Nobody saw the Trump thing coming, so it's great that we're doing this and we're having this national conversation simultaneously,” Jortner said. “There are moments where you'll be like, ‘Oh, that guy looks just like [a political figure].’ You can identify who they are.”

While the political elements make the play especially relevant, Jortner also chose “Mary Stuart” because of its combination of two strong female characters. He said many plays do not feature one, let alone two, women in starring roles. Jortner said Ward and Alhambra, Calif., senior Devin Perry, who plays Mary, had the rare opportunity to inhabit the roles of two powerful but deeply flawed women.

Ward said it was initially difficult for her to find sympathy for her character, who is frequently forced to make decisions that may seem heartless.

“It's the most challenging role I've played. I had to figure out how to make her act out of insecurity and not out of malice and spite,” Ward said.

Ward said this production of “Mary Stuart” brings the famously powerful Elizabeth's insecurities into focus. She can only do what her people want, and she wonders in the play whether she will ever be able to speak or act for herself. In the spotlight, she feels powerless, ruled by the public even from her place of power.

Perry said she had a different problem with the character of Mary Stuart. She had to find the character's strength, the sense of power she retains even when she opposed by the fearsome

Elizabeth.

“Something I really had to learn and prepare for is that she is a royal and she has power. I had to think about her posture and the way she relates to people. Initially, I wanted to make her act small around people, but she's a queen and she wouldn't do that,” Perry said. “She treats herself as a queen even when nobody else does.”

Perry said Mary's flaws come from her concern for other people and for what she considers to be right. She said even though Mary can act impulsively, she is always motivated by the desire for justice.

The characters wear their differences in the costumes designed by costume shop supervisor Sylvia Fuhrken. Fuhrken looked to different contemporary models for the candidates' wardrobes, establishing parallels between the powerful 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 ladylike dresses festooned in lace and pearls, modeled after pieces worn by modern royals.

“For Mary Stuart, I looked at Kate Middleton and the queen of Spain,” Fuhrken said. “I wanted to make it really modern, so I used neoprene fabric, which is used in scuba diving suits, but I put it in a more classic and feminine sort of style.”

While their differences are explored throughout the play, Elizabeth and Mary only meet on stage one time. The confrontation between Elizabeth and Mary forms the dramatic centerpiece of the play, and allows the strengths and flaws of these two women to come in direct conflict.

“I wish that we saw more dynamic, multi-layered, intelligent female characters in stories now. This whole play revolves around Mary and Elizabeth's lives and stories. I hope that with this play people will see that women are strong, women are intelligent, and women are worthy of respect,” Perry said.

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Today's Puzzles

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- 10 Sacred assurance
- 13 Sound from a lily pad
- 14 88 or 98 automaker
- 15 Give a ticket to
- 16 Birds on United States seals
- 18 Longing feeling
- 19 Old photo hue
- 20 Started the poker kitty
- 21 Explosion noise
- 24 Commonly multi-paned patio entrances
- 27 Hop out of bed
- 29 More like a cad
- 30 Send a racy phone message to
- 31 Changed into
- 34 Apt anagram of “aye”
- 37 Reptiles known for their strong jaws
- 40 Actor McKellen
- 41 Briefs, informally
- 42 50-and-over organization
- 43 Somber melody
- 45 Red-nosed “Sesame Street” character
- 46 Bank transport vehicles
- 51 Poetic nightfall
- 52 Quicken offerings
- 53 Reebok rival
- 55 ___ Spumante
- 56 Musicians found at the ends of 16-, 24-, 37- and 46-Across
- 61 Costa ___
- 62 Word for the calorie-conscious
- 63 Fertile desert spots
- 64 “I'm not impressed”
- 65 Arrived at second base headfirst, perhaps
- 66 Little songbirds

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- 2 Pitching stat

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- 3 South-of-the-border sun
- 4 Youngsters
- 5 Michael of “Caddyshack”
- 6 “Git along” little critter
- 7 Edgar ___ Poe
- 8 Pres. before JFK
- 9 Stubborn animal
- 10 Post-race place for a NASCAR winner
- 11 Catchall check box
- 12 Dandelions, e.g.
- 15 Kayak kin
- 17 Earth Day mo.
- 20 Poisonous snake
- 21 Low operatic voices
- 22 Sports venue with tiered seating
- 23 Versatile, as a wardrobe
- 25 Shipping container
- 26 Organic fertilizer
- 28 Fuel additive brand
- 31 ___-watching: TV viewing spree
- 32 Put the kibosh on
- 33 Movie SFX
- 35 Tremble-inducing
- 36 Trembling tree
- 38 Good vibrations, in the cat world
- 39 Sticky road stuff
- 44 Ancient Aegean region
- 45 Real-estate holding account
- 46 Smartphone wake-up feature
- 47 Riveting icon
- 48 Desert plants
- 49 Patronized a help desk
- 50 Big truck
- 54 Zoom up
- 56 Dr. Jekyll creator's monogram
- 57 Saudi Arabian export
- 58 “___ the Force, Luke”
- 59 Confident crossword solver's tool
- 60 Escaping-air sound

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Miles and miles away

Runner from United Kingdom fights through injury, homesickness

BRAUNA MARKS
Reporter

The Texas sun scorches the freshly installed track at Clyde Hart Track and Field Stadium.

Manchester, England, second-year middle-distance runner George Caddick, nearly 4,685 miles from home, struggles to finish his first workouts of the 2014-15 season.

Training sessions have become difficult. Personal interactions with teammates are who struggle to understand Caddick in conversation are also a challenge.

As he nurtures a recovering injury, there is also a striking pain in Caddick's leg that hinders his ability to run, the sole reason he came as far as he did.

Each day, Caddick contemplates packing his bags and going back to his home in the United Kingdom.

Such was the daily struggle for Caddick when he first arrived to Baylor on a track scholarship – an opportunity that did not exist back home.

A few weeks ago, Caddick, now a junior, was named Big 12 Athlete of the Week after running the best 400-meter time in the nation for the 2016 indoor season last week.

Caddick has come a long, physically and emotionally, to reach this point.

The pain in his leg during his freshman year, which limited him to about three races in his first season, was the result of a recoverable sciatic nerve injury.

Middle-distance running is



Charlene Lee | Lariat Photographer

TAKING THE LEAD Junior middle distance runner George Caddick (second from left) runs laps with his teammates at the Clyde Hart Track and Field Stadium on Monday. Caddick was awarded Big 12 Athlete of the Week honors after running the best 400-meter time in the 2016 indoor season.

a sports that demands a balance of speed and endurance.

Similar to the nature of the sport, Caddick pressed on, albeit conflicted with strife and longing.

His parents and coaches

encouraged him along the way, urging him to stay.

"[Caddick] got discouraged his freshman year because of the injury, not allowing him to run like he wanted to. He had thoughts of going home

and not coming back, but we showed him we can work through this and we did," said Clyde Hart, director of track and field at Baylor. Hart is also the coach for the 400-meter race – Caddick's event.

Hart was a major factor in Caddick's decision to come to the United States after presenting him a scholarship offer during a seminar in England.

Hart told Caddick that if he

was able to drop his time, the offer would become reality.

Caddick ended his 2013 season with a personal-best time of 46.77 seconds.

"I didn't really want to go at first because it was so far from home," Caddick said, "But it's definitely one of the best decisions I've ever made."

Caddick's teammates welcome him as one of their captains, a position that allows him to give back to the people who accepted him and helped him feel at home in those tough times, he says.

One of his teammates, Brandon Moore, has even earned the title of best friend.

Not only has track influenced his life at Baylor, but the idea of walking into a classroom where professors understand the student-athlete lifestyle has also given Caddick comfort.

Generally speaking, in the U.K., education is pushed as the top priority and sports rest on the back-burner.

"The best thing I like about Baylor is the opportunity it gave me," Caddick said. "I can't ask for anything more; it changed my life, really."

As the season continues, Caddick, with the continual help of his coach, will work toward qualifying for the British Olympic Team in the 4x400-meter relay or the open 400-meter.

Yet he has not forgotten the people that have brought him this far.

"To win a national championship in the 4x4 is one of my main goals this year," Caddick said. "For my team."

Weekend recap: Men's and women's tennis fall at home

HUNTER HEWELL
Reporter

Both Baylor men's and women's tennis teams slipped to lose two matches this weekend at the Hawkins Indoor Tennis Center on Saturday and Sunday.

MEN

The No. 4 Bears lost to No. 19 Ole Miss in a decisive 4-3 defeat on Saturday at the Hawkins Indoor Center.

The Bears (5-2) finish their four-match homestand on a two-match losing streak, the only two losses of the season.

Although senior Julian Lenz and redshirt freshman Will Little won their doubles match by a score of 6-2, the Bears' remaining doubles teams struggled. Senior Felipe Rios and freshman Jimmy Bendeck lost their match 6-4 after gaining an early lead.

Junior Max Tchoutakian and freshman Tommy Podvinski also gained an early lead, but couldn't keep the Rebels at bay and lost 6-3 to give Ole Miss the doubles point.

During singles play, Lenz and Little kept up their winning performances. Lenz won Baylor's first point after winning two sets 7-5 and 6-2. Little also contributed to Baylor's point total with a 6-3, 7-6 victory.

Tchoutakian also scored for Baylor after winning two out of three sets to round out Baylor's point total for the day.

Baylor head coach Matt Knoll was disappointed with the loss, but pleased with his team's effort.

"I was really pleased with how we did once we were down 3-1," Knoll said. "We really rose up and fought."

Baylor looks forward to its chance at the ITA National Team Indoor Championship in

Charlottesville, Va., which starts on Friday and ends on Monday.

WOMEN

The No. 15 Baylor women's tennis team stumbled Sunday in a 4-3 loss against Washington University at the Hawkins Indoor Tennis Center.



Knoll

Baylor failed to secure the doubles point as junior Blair Shankle and sophomore Theresa Van Zyl lost their match by a score of 6-3. Junior Rhiann Newborn and freshman Karina Traxler also struggled in their match and lost 6-4 to give the Huskies the point.

However, Baylor quickly tied the lead as Shankle won her singles match (6-3, 6-1) and scored Baylor's first point.

Senior Kiah Generette dropped her match after losing two sets (6-3, 6-4) and the Huskies regained the lead.

Newborn also scored for Baylor after winning the first and third sets of her match.

After being tied 2-2, Washington clinched the win with victories over Van Zyl and freshman Gabriela Ferreira. Freshman Karina Traxler achieved a victory after the match was decided to make the final score 4-3.

Baylor head coach Joey Scrivano was discontent with the energy he saw from his team Sunday and will look to improve that in the future.

"The bottom line is we just have to play with greater effort and greater energy," Scrivano said. "The players know that. They know where they came up short, but it all starts with effort and energy, and we have to improve with those."

The Lady Bears head to Gainesville, Fla., for a two-match road trip, beginning with the No. 3 Lady Gators at the University of Florida on Saturday.



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BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD Doubles partners Felipe Rios (left) and Jimmy Bendeck (right) return to watch their coach call out adjustments during their match against Texas A&M at Hawkins Indoor Center on Wednesday. Baylor lost its first dual-match of the season to the Aggies.

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