Community gathers for prayer service at Elliston

KALYN STORY Staff Writer

About 60 Baylor students, faculty and alumni gathered to pray for survivors of all types of abuse during A Space for Lament on Tuesday night at Elliston Chapel. Through prayer, songs, expressive writing and quiet participants shared a time of silent reflection.

Houston freshman, Setareh Shariati, came to the service with a personal background of abuse and domestic violence.

“It is so important to have people around that love you and care for you,” Shariati said. “Patience heals, I came around that love and care for you.”

The service, which is open to the community started a petition to allow more Syrians to enter the United States.

“Look at the range of this catastrophe that people have been subjected to in Syria,” Johnson said. “I needed to come to a place where I could sit and talk about searching for hope.”

Baylor students, alumni, parents and community gathered to pray for the Syrian refugees, particularly looking forward to A Space for Hope.

All services will be led by Baylor staff and counselors and will last about 45 minutes. The chapel will be open following the service and pastors and counselors will be available for prayer and conversation. All services will be held at Elliston Chapel at 8 p.m. Additionally, information can be found at A Space for Silence, A Space for Anger, A Space for Hope and A Space for Silence.

GATHERING TOGETHER Baylor Students meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Elliston Chapel to ensure other topics are A Space for Silence, A Space for Anger and A Space for Hope. March 29.

Revealing Funds

Congress asks private universities to release endowment spending information

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Republican leaders of Congress recently sought inquiries to private universities with endowments larger than $1 billion, requesting information on campus spending.

This list of private universities included Baylor University, Texas Christian University and Southern Methodist University. The colleges have until mid-March to respond.

The House Ways and Means Committee of Congress has been investigating college spending prior to the 2008 financial crisis, but the projects had mostly been put on hold until recently.

As nations of public institutions continue to move with the declining endowments, it appears that colleges may be using money they have to fund their charitable and educational purposes according to legislators.

Baylor reported an endowment of $1.17 billion in 2015, and has announced that the ratio and fees undergraduate students will increase by 4.5 percent in 2015-2016.

Baylor is working on collecting this information. "Baylor University is one of 56 private universities that received a letter from the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Ways and Means Committee requesting information on the university's endowment in 2015," the university said in an email statement. "We look forward to the opportunity to provide this information and to fruitful discussions about these important matters."
**N.C. equality law makes bathrooms battlegrounds**

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RALEIGH, N.C. — As bathroom battlegrounds become the latest front in the national debate over anti-discrimination laws, a city council's decision to protect the rights of transgender people in Charlotte, N.C., was cheered Tuesday by supporters but condemned by opponents.

Charlotte's ordinance is broader than just bathrooms, prohibiting hiring for example or firing for being gay. The ordinance applies to businesses that employ a single person, City Attorney Robert Higman explained.

“The ordinance has gotten an out-of-proportion response,” he said. “The primary aspect of what the council did is to prohibit discrimination in public accommodation. That’s not just bathrooms.”

A training point was Charleston, whose city council approved an ordinance similar to Charlotte’s after a campaign that involved concerns about bathrooms and transgender people over the last year, overwhelmingly enshrined the ordinance in referendum. It prohibited any business that had publicly stated it was discriminatory in any way from doing business in the city of Charleston.

‘It is absolutely not fair. That’s what they’re trying to do, to pick out some of the specifics of the program that the LGBT community as a whole has made over the last several years by targeting some of the most vulnerable — members of our community,” said Demoya Gordon, a Lambda Legal staff attorney who works on its Transgender Rights Project.

Charlotte’s vote opened an overflow crowd at a nearby elementary school. Supporters carried signs broadly asserting “This is our Charlotte” and “Yes on the Bathroom Bill.” But opponents said the vote was “Not on the Bathroom Bill.”

The ordinance was approved by a vote of 7-4, with an “absent” vote, “voting in abeyance” and “marring votes” as attributes prefixed from discrimination when it comes to public accommodations in restaurants, retail stores and other services.

The ordinance legalizes the ability of transgender people to use bathrooms based on the gender they identify with, even if it’s different from their anatomy at birth. The local law doesn’t define gender identity, but federal workplace guidelines suggest that transgender people should be able to choose either the men’s or women’s restroom, depending on which feels most appropriate or safest to them.

Violations could be treated as misdemeanors, punishable by fines of $100 or 30 days in jail, although the council staff noted that no one had ever faced such punishment, even as it adopted other aspects of the city’s existing anti-discrimination ordinance.

The ordinance does not add accommodations in public schools, another flashpoint in the national debate. In South Dakota on Tuesday, transgender activists were trying to persuade the governor to veto a bill requiring students to use bathrooms corresponding to their sex at birth.

With no criminal history or record of violence in his past that prevented him from owning as handguns and long guns, but there was nothing in his past that prevented him from owning a concealed weapon, Undersheriff Paul Matyas said.

“People will use whatever means are available to them to do evil,” Hoadley said of the Charleston shooter. “We have to keep innocent Americans safe. “ His gun-reform group, a South Carolina church, have been rebuffed by the South Carolina’s cities and counties serve as reminders of the state, and the General Assembly can enforce local ordinances.

House Speaker Tim Beauchamp, said gun violence is an issue that crosses party lines and is a big problem. "We [must] stop the violence before it starts," and "to correct this radical course" once the legislature convenes again in late April.

Charlotte's bathroom protections are overturned, Gordon said it would send a message that transgender people can't do “tie of the most essential things that people do every day ... except under really dangerous and menacing conditions.”

**NATIONAL BRIEFS**

**Sealía’s health issues led to sudden death**

DALLAS — Antonia Sealía suffered from coronary artery disease, kidney and diabetes, among other ailments that probably contributed to the octogenarian’s sudden death, according to a letter from her Supreme Court defense.

Francisco Tello, attorney for Rear Adm. Ponton, filed the letter Tuesday when he told the Associated Press there was nothing unusual about Feb. 13 death of the 79-year-old sailor. He said the long bout of health problems made an autopsy unnecessary.

Ponton had a copy of the letter from Rear Adm. Brian M. Visne, the attending physician for members of Congress and the Supreme Court. In the letter, Ponton listed initial tests, that a half-dozen ailments, including sleep apnea, degenerative joint disease, chronic pulmonary disease and high blood pressure. Sealía also was a smoker, the letter said.

**Officials investigate 14 Zika cases in U.S.**

NEWARK — U.S. health officials are investigating more than a dozen possible Zika infections that may have been spread through sex.

The 14 cases involve men who visited areas with Zika and who may have had sex with their female partners, who had not traveled to these areas. Zika virus is usually spread by mosquito bites, and sexual transmission has been considered rare. There have been two reported cases, including a recent one in Texas, and at least two other reports of the virus found in semen.

**Congress supports climate plan lawsuit**

WASHINGTON — More than 260 members of Congress are backing a court challenge to President Barack Obama’s plan to curtail greenhouse gas emissions.

A brief filed Tuesday with the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington argues that the Environmental Protection Agency exceeded its legal authority and acted outside the will of Congress by regulating carbon dioxide emissions.

The White House released the initial brief, describing it as a “pragmatic path forward” from the EPA’s climate change plan because “new science and technological advances... would undermine the EPA’s flawed analysis.”

**Gun laws questioned after Michigan attacks**

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Associated Press

PLAINVILLE, Mich. — A man accused of randomly killing six people in Michigan had a personal cache of weapons that included handguns and long guns, but there was nothing in his past that prevented him from owning a concealed weapon, Undersheriff Paul Matyas said.

“He was a law-abiding citizen up until he turned violent,” Matyas said.

Police said Dalton bought a jacket with an inside pocket designed for a handgun and a semi-automatic firearm for a few dollars at a local flea market.

“He called with my manager for a bit, was laughing and joking all the way, gave up one straw hand, then went back and ordered a drink,” another said. He was going to enjoy the weather,” Goodrich said Tuesday.

Dalton did not have a record to carry a concealed weapon, a police officer Paul Hanzlick said.

When Sourbeck later heard about the deadly attacks, it was “obviously a shock,” he said.

Dalton, 45, is charged with murder and attempted murder. He is accused of killing six people and injuring two more outside an apartment building, a restaurant and a car dealership, by framing door-to-door to make sales as an Uber driver.

Prosecutor Jeff Sefton said the weapons appeared to be a 9 mm semi-automatic handgun. Boston Bank, Obama, referring to the kaleidoscope of shootings, said “shady guys who are going to need to do more if we’re going to keep American citizens safe.”

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Creative Waco hosts arts workshop today

HELENA HUNT
Arts and Life Editor

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Room for improvement

No. 19 Bears stumble late at home against No. 2 Kansas Jayhawks

MEGHAN MITCHELL

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Hopes of a Big 12 title dip following the No. 19 Bears’/f_ingers Tuesday night at the Ferrell Center. No. 2 Kansas outlasted the Bears, 66-60.

“[We were] proud of how we competed and played for 36 minutes, but I wish we could make those last four minutes again,” said head coach Scott Drew. “But I can see a marked improvement from the first time we played them.”

The Bears anticipated a good turnout from Baylor Nation at the Ferrell Center as fans participated in a White-Out.

Play on both sides started off a bit chippy. Both teams struggled to get things going. Drew’s frustration showed when he was called with a technical foul within the first two minutes of play.

“[I didn’t cuss and I wasn’t] out of the box,” Drew said. “It had to be that I was being demonstrative.”

Kansas led for most of the first half, but the Bears kept the score close.

It wasn’t until the final seconds of the first half that the Bears were able to gain the lead, 36-33.

With one second remaining on the shot clock, junior guard Ishmail Wainright lobbed a full-court pass to senior forward Rico Gathers. Gathers separated from his defender and drained the fadeaway three-pointer as time expired.

“That was a tough shot that he made,” said Jayhawks junior forward Landen Lucas. “That gave them some momentum going into the half and we don’t like that.”

Early in the second half, a three-pointer by Wainright gave the Bears a 43-37 lead with 14:34 remaining.

Kansas head coach Bill Self promptly called a timeout to get his team regrouped after Wainright’s three-pointer.

Missed second chance opportunities proved to be costly for Baylor.

The Bears, after leading for most of the second half, eventually fell behind late in the game.

With 10 minutes remaining, the Bears found themselves down one, 48-47.

Although the Bears had a distinct advantage on the boards all game, it was with four minutes remaining that it seemed things flipped.

“They were killing us on the boards,” Lucas said. “Towards the end of the game, I was just trying to get more rebounding. I think things switched at one point and we were getting more offensive rebounds.”

Lucas came up with five big offensive rebounds to give Kansas the edge.

Once again, coming out of a timeout, the Jayhawks regrouped to drain two free throws and make a hoop the next time down.

“We were in the game the whole time, but the last four minutes of the game we just slipped up,” said senior forward Taurean Prince.

Down three with two minutes remaining, Prince nailed a jump shot to the Bears back within one.

With 1.05 remaining, the Jayhawks called their last timeout.

Lucas junior guard Wayne Selden Jr.’s dunk, followed by a missed jumper by senior guard Lester Medford, put the Bears down, 60-57.

However, another three-pointer by sophomore guard Al Freeman put the Bears within four, but with 0.8 seconds remaining, the Bears’ hopes of a Big 12 title quickly faded as the Jayhawks came down to nail free throws and take the game, 66-60.

Only two Bears scored in double digits and Baylor 36.1 from the floor overall. The Bears shot 28.6 in the second half as Baylor struggled to make the shots when they mattered most.

The Bears will look to bounce back at 7 p.m. Saturday at TCU.

ANYWHERE YOU CAN REACH

Senior forward Perry Ellis (right) competes with senior forward Taurean Prince during the Bears’ game against the Jayhawks on Tuesday at the Ferrell Center. The Bears ended up losing the game 66-60 after holding a 36-33 lead at halftime.