Panel discusses persecution, religious freedom abroad

Sawyer Smith / Photojournalist

ON THE COURT: Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Willett graduated from Baylor University with a triple degree in finance, economics and public administration. He has since worked under George W. Bush and was appointed as a Supreme Court Justice by former Gov. Rick Perry.

On Thursday, a panel consisting of Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr, alongside former U.S. representative Frank Wolf, Pastor Jalil Dawood, Rep. Frank Wolf, Pastor Jalil Dawood and Joan Peters participated in an evening panel on Thursday discussing the difficulties of addressing the persecution of Christians in the Middle East, northern Africa and other areas of the world occupied by extremist organizations.

“Where do you have to go?” asked Dr. David Corey, associate professor in the department of religion at Baylor University.

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BU to Bench

Alumnus talks about political career in Texas, Washington

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What are some of the highlights of your professional experience?

“I am the beneficiary of abundant blessings in my career. One day I received an offer to be a lawyer and I accepted it in Greenville, South Carolina. I did that for four years and then moved to his first presidential campaign. We won and I transitioned to Washington, D.C., and I was appointed as a Supreme Court Justice by former Texas Gov. Rick Perry.”

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EDITORIAL

Are nominations rigged or just confusing?

There has been an onslaught of state-registered, non-presidential nomination processes, particularly at the Republican side. The current frontrunner of the Republican race, Donald Trump, has been the catalyst for the complaints of an apparently non-transparent and unfair nomination process, in his words. Now before we continue any further, let us be clear that this is not an editorial designed to bring down Trump and portray him as one of the other candidates in the race. As Americans, working for a fair nomination process should be a concern for all of us involved in the election. However, Trump and his campaign in the media have ushered motives when they accuse certain states like Colorado of being rigged in favor of another candidate.

It is certainly not out of bounds to consider changes to the nomination process, so Trump, or anyone else for that matter, shouldn’t be discouraged if they espouse legitimate concern for the system being unfair.

The issue with those complaints is that they are delivered directly to the system as it currently is rigged, the only person for which it’s rigged to is Trump. But the only way for it just happens to be Donald Trump to the case.

MSNBC’s News Anchor Hallie缺坡 filed a striking story after the Colorado delegation vote was thrown, shining the front of the mainstream media campaign coverage. The series “Taken together, the data above Trump has been counted it probably wasn’t the only, but for the same rate of voter support”

The hard details of her findings can be found online and are quite remarkable, but the excerpt above is enough to give you the flavor of her findings.

To further discredit the Trump campaign’s complaints with Colorado, is the low other state that chooses to use the convention nomination system, that is their election is “vile” in case, Not true.

About a month before the Colorado Republican party’s state convention, voters gather in their congressional precincts and vote for who they want to represent them at the state convention. They vote their follows, regular, every-day citizens. The only thing that we did right, “goes the song, Connor or his jails.

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That increase promoted more "copycat" shooters to follow. It is not completely out of bounds to consider changes to the nomination process, so Trump, or anyone else for that matter, shouldn’t be discouraged if they espouse legitimate concern for the system being unfair.

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In 1978, sociologist Mark Granovetter argued how crowds escalate to riots. It is not individuals but the system that socializes the actors perform differently as a lot of people as they would act, Granovetter’s theory involved on thresholds, or “the number or proportion of others who must make an observation before” someone will follow.

The threshold of 100 people, anyone with a threshold of zero will throw a brick through a window without prompting, and once a brick is thrown, the crowd will often throw a brick only after using someone throw the first brick. A threshold of two requires two people to go before joining. All we need is to the threshold of 99 — a person who will only join if everyone else is thrown back.

In mid-August of 2014, we saw this unfold in Ferguson, Mo. People gathered in a publiczyed place for a skin shooter. The group, unfortunately, soon turned into a riot, with destruction, looting and grand arson.

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Prince dead after being found unresponsive in elevator

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Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Prince was unresponsive in an elevator when the musician was found by sheriff’s deputies who had been called to his suburban Minneapolis compound, a Minnesota sheriff said Thursday.

Carver County Sheriff Jim Olson said deputies responded to a medical call about 9:43 a.m. Medical personnel tried CPR, but were unable to revive the 57-year-old Prince, who was pronounced dead just before noon.

Prince died just hours after canceling two weeks of concerts in Atlanta because he wasn’t feeling well. He performed April 14 in Atlanta, apologizing to the crowd shortly after coming on stage.

Later on, while addressing the crowd between songs, he joked about having been “under the weather” giving a slight smile. His voice seemed a bit weak at times when he spoke, but he sounded fine when singing during the 80-minute show.

Following news reports that he had fallen ill while returning from Atlanta to Minneapolis, Prince hosted a dance party on April 16 at his Paisley Park compound in Minnesota.

Jonathan Aliperti, who ran the website drfunkenberry.com and has gotten to know Prince after writing about his events over the years, said he last saw Prince at the dance party. Aliperti said he believed Prince held the party to show everyone he was fine.

Freed didn’t have one-on-one time with Prince that night, but Freed made a brief appearance. Freed said the artist showed off a new purple piano he received as a gift, as well as a purple guitar, which seemed too pleased. It was kind of like, ‘I’m here. I’m good,’” Freed said.

The day of the advisor recognizes excellent staff

KALYN STORY
Staff Writer

Baylor’s advisors gathered to celebrate the Day of the Advisor on Wednesday to recognize the importance of academic advising and to show appreciation for the individuals who serve Baylor students as academic advisors. This year marked the 10th anniversary of the annual Day of the Advisor celebration.

This year, the Day of the Advisor added a new element to the celebration by giving Academic Advising Excellence Awards to the achievements of members of Baylor’s advising community.

The advisory position open, I knew I had to apply. “Jamshidi said.

Linda Johnson served as the chair for the Academic Advising Network and Recognition Group to help select the award winners from the nominations.

“Every single person we looked at was amazing and works so hard,” Johnson said. “These awards help us set a standard for what we should all strive for. These award winners open our eyes to all the things advisors should be doing.”

Ida Jamshidi, winner of the 2016 Outstanding Professional Academic Advisor of the Year award, had no intentions of becoming an advisor and even says the accident killed her career.

“I fell in love with advising and have a passion for the profession and want to pursue it as a career, not just my first job,” Jamshidi said. Jamshidi has been working as an advisor for the past five years. While she was at Baylor working on her master’s in higher education, she took an internship at Baylor working at a summer camp for juniors in high school interested in computer science.

I found myself putting everything I had into these high school students, ”Jamshidi said. “I was so fulfilled helping these students find what they’re passionate about. When I heard about an advising position open, I knew I had to apply.”

Jamshidi knew she was nominated for the award but was still surprised when they called her name on the broadcast.

“The whole advising community works so hard and care so deeply about the students, so to be honored and acknowledged in front of such an amazing group is a huge honor,” Jamshidi said.

Laura Scott, who recently received a lifetime achievement award from the Texas Academic Advising Network, was awarded for Contributions to the Academic Advising Profession.

“Laura has done amazing work for the advising department at Baylor,” Johnson said. “A few years ago she brought the Texas Advising Community to Waco for the first time ever. That was huge for us.”

Margaret Lemon and Donna Kennedy were recognized for their aid to the advising community through the Contributions to Advising Excellence at Baylor.

Lemon and Kennedy developed a unified advising system back in 2008 to help advisors link their information.

“It is so exciting to be able to play a part in what advisors do and how they help students,” Lemon said.

“The system they created eight years ago is still used today and was described by Johnson as significantly affecting all advisors in their day-to-day jobs. ”

“I love that we can help students and advisors, and this award means so much to us,” Kennedy said.

It’s on Prevention is possible APRIL 2016 National Sexual Assault Awareness Month

KALEY BOURNE
Staff Writer

Baylor University’s Office of Health Promotion is offering programming for National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which is April.

“We wanted to get involved with the It’s On Us campaign and the Student Advisory Council,” said Sarah McPherson, a junior public relations major.

Get involved with the It’s On Us campaign and the Student Advisory Council.

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News

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Pastor G’s launches street ministry through short film

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Staff Writer

Last summer, Waco native Gabriel Dominguez sold drugs and went in and out of the juvenile detention center. After his release from prison, Dominguez experienced difficulty readjusting to life on the outside. It was not until he discovered the love of God that the man he was known to by his gang name, Jesus, truly began to transform his life for the better, Dominguez said.

As a teenager, Waco native Jesus could transform his life with the help of his pastor, Gabriel. Dominguez discovered the love of God and passed the baton to Ramirez and Jesus who went on to become his mentor within the church. The short film centers around the story of a young boy who was killed in a drive-by shooting. “This is not your typical church film. There is substance, there is content in here that is a little on the edge, but it’s real and it involves things that are real and in the community where Pastor Gabriel is serving,” Urabe said.

“We mobilized 50 people and rounded up 50,000 worth of products and services,” Urabe said. “We spent five days and fed everyone here to Waco, which we called Windows before.”

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Put on your Black Glasses

Students show off their work in annual film fest

REBECCA FEDORKO

REPORTER

The Baylor film and digital media department will close out the fall semester with short films at the 17th annual Black Glasses Film Festival next week. The show starts at 7 p.m. Monday at the Waco Hippodrome and will feature 19 original films written, directed and produced by Baylor students.

"This year we are overwelming and record-breaking amounts of submissions, so we're going to have a really wide variety of really awesome films that I think people are going to really like," said Maverick Moore, a lecturer of film and digital media who is overseeing the fest.

"Thank's going to be something for everyone." Moore said each year's festival is consistently bigger than the year before. Last year the festival was completely sold out, and Moore said he expects the same for this year. Tickets can be purchased at the Hippodrome's website and are $15 for adults and $5 for students.

Moore said the experience and exposure to a wider audience that the festival gives Baylor students is often a bucket list item for bigger and better things.

"The cool thing is that we usually see promising student films that later go on to achieve pretty remarkable world situations," Moore said.

Moore himself is a Baylor graduate whose film "Skirtcut" won Best Feature at the Black Glasses Film Festival in 2016. That show saw his acceptance into several other film festivals.

This year's film festival is split into two parts, one for creative submissions and one for submissions to the 10 Below Short Film Contest.

"I think there are more parameters for the creative submissions, the 10 Below submissions must be based on a biblical passage and run under 16 minutes," Moore said.

On this year's cohort sophomore Christina Gray is entering the 17th Black Glasses Festival with a film titled "Background," a retelling of the parable of the 10 virgins. Drawing themes from the show "Backwards," Gray said she tried to focus on new perspectives on a story while keeping the overall message the same.

"I tend to stick to light-hearted films that are very lighthearted." Gray said. "One of my favorite quotes is from Ashley Tisdale, and she said her goal in life was very fun, "Gray said. "One of my favorite quotes is "Bachelorette," Gray said she tried to find a new way to interpret this story and use it for her own advantage.

"The premise behind "Recipe for Love" is a play on words between the parable and the literal. One is the idea of a woman man handling the man with the light, "Dickerson said.

Gray's second submission for Black Glasses, "Recipe for Love," on the other hand, is a much darker story about the intricacies of love and relationships shown through a lens of a horror.

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THAT'S A WRAP

Corpus Christi chemistry sophomore Christine Gray submitted two films, "Recipe for Love" and "Bridegroom," to the Black Glasses Film Festival, which takes place at 7 p.m. Monday at the Waco Hippodrome. Tickets for the festival are $3 for students and $5 for general audiences.

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While his 10 Below submission may be about a lighter story about the intricacies of love and relationships shown through a lens of a horror, Dickerson's second submission to the Black Glasses Film Festival, "Completionist," entertains much darker themes.

"Completionist" is a rather dark film, Dickerson said. "It's about a game of wits between the hunter and the hunted. Often the line between hunter and hunted is very blurred.

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Baseball travels to KSU

**BEN EVERTT**

Baylor baseball takes on Kansas State this weekend in a four-game Big 12 Conference road series.

The Bears (17-20, 4-8) are in the midst of a four-game losing streak after being swept by Oklahoma and then dropping a midweek game to Texas A&M. "We haven't won our games, but we've been playing really well," head coach Steve Rodriguez said. "That's been a lot of good things happening from an offensive standpoint and from a pitching standpoint."

The biggest factor in this week has been trying to eliminate some of the smaller mistakes that are costing us these games. Many of the Bears' recent losses have come in close games and have been a result of defensive lapses rather than a lack of offense or bad pitching.

"It's frustrating because it's really one of the things we like to pride ourselves on," Rodriguez said, "making sure we're able to pick the ball up and throw it across the diamond. We've made some mistakes. That's what frustrating and our guys know it."

The Big 12 is close in standings, with only two teams, Texas Tech and TCU, having less than five wins. Three through 10 in the standings are separated by only a few wins.

In Baylor's conference games, though, their record eerily been out of the contest, losing in the last few innings due to a few mistakes here and there.

"These are the things we're talking about with our guys is just making sure that we're finding a way to win these games," Rodriguez said. "Because literally within our conference we've one hit away from beating Texas Tech and we could have swept Oklahoma but we didn't and we had a couple games against Oklahoma State where we were one hit away from doing some pretty good damage."

The Wildcats (16-21, 3-9), meanwhile, are at last place in the conference, but have split their last six conference games with three wins and three losses.

"They've been playing really well," Rodriguez said, "so we just have to go out there and do what we're supposed to do." Rodriguez is led by senior outfielder Clayton Nafzgile, who leads the team in rate, stolen bases and batting average. Senior pitcher Lori McAlister who holds a number- best 3.19 era and boasts a 4-3 record.

The Wildcats have picked up the majority of their wins on their home field while they only have five wins on the road. "They're going to be aggressive," Rodriguez said. "Their starting pitching has been pretty good. We know intimately, especially at their halfpots, they're going to be aggressive."

The Bears will send out their cemented weekend win with their game this week was their first of the year. A game they want to end their weekend on a high note.

"I think big 12 play always prepares you for tournament play. One of the top conferences in year and year out, and we have not only quality opponents in the Big 12, but we have quality opponents to play mid-week," said head coach Glenn Moore. "We just played a strong Texas State team, but I think we are doing the things necessary to make us as competitive in postseason as possible."

"The Lady Bears (36-12, 7-4) are coming off a solid mid-week win with West Virginia over the weekend. in a midweek game before hitting the road with a couple games against Oklahoma State this weekend in a three-game Big 12 Conference road series."