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SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS In 2014, the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault reported that one in five female students experience sexual assault during their college career.

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Staying Aware

Sexual assault awareness key to understanding, lawyer says

KALYN STORY
Staff Writer

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and Baylor has held several opportunities for students to get involved and educated on the issue. Although the month is ending, sexual assault awareness remains relevant.

Justin Smith, 2010 Baylor Law School graduate and current partner at Sloan, Bagley, Hatcher & Perry Law Firm in Longview, has tried several sexual abuse and assault cases. Smith said he believes it is a much bigger problem than people realize.

"It is great that we have Sexual Assault Awareness Month, but we don't need a month, we need 12 months,"

Smith said. "We need 365 days of awareness and support for victims. Victims are affected for much longer than a month, and we need to be aware all the time."

Smith said he is glad America is recognizing sexual assault as a problem now, but he believes sexual assault awareness had been virtually nonexistent until recently. Specifically, he cites the realization of abuse within the Catholic Church and Boy Scouts as helping open up the discussion about sexual assault. Despite this, Smith said he doesn't want the conversation to stop there.

"Our culture is very reactive when

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Weekend event to focus on Texas Ranger history

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Staff Writer

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is hosting its third bi-annual Lone Star History Conference this weekend. The event will span over three days, from Friday until Sunday, and will include a multitude of speakers over the Texas Ranger's history and involvement, as well as two book debuts.

Following a welcoming at 5 p.m. Friday, Wende Wakeman, Texas Rangers Lt., will be speaking on her personal perspective as the highest-ranked woman in the Rangers.

Christine Rothenbush, marketing and development coordinator for the museum, has helped on advertising and publicizing the event. She is especially excited for Wakeman to speak.

"I've heard she's a good speaker and I'm really interested to hear the first lady of that rank — it's quite an achievement," Rothenbush said.

Kemp Dixon, adjunct professor of history at Austin Community College in Austin, will finish the

night by speaking on Texas Rangers and World War II. He has written on the topic in his novel "Chasing Thugs, Nazis, and Reds: Texas Ranger Norman K. Dixon."

Saturday will be an all-day event with breaks for lunch and dinner. Beginning at 8 a.m., Jim Willett, Director of the Texas Prison Museum, will speak on history and executions. He will be followed by a presentation on Cross-Deputation by Historian of the U.S. Marshals Service, David Turk. The morning session will close at 1 p.m. with a spotlight on legendary Texas Ranger Fank Hamer by John Bossenecker, San Francisco trail lawyer and former police officer, who will be previewing his latest book release at the conference.

"Exhaustively researched and action-packed, John Boessenecker's rendering of an extraordinary lawman's life will thrill casual readers and enlighten fellow historians about the winding paths to justice in the United States," Scott Zasz, author of The Capture: A Story of Abduction by Indians on the Texas Frontier, said of Bossenecker's previous work in a



Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

LOOKING BACK This weekend, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will host the Lone Star History Conference.

review.

The conference will reconvene for presentation by Dave Johnson, author of "The Horrell Wars," on The Horrell's and the feuds in Lampasas. Jim Dillard, author of "The Noble John Olive," whom he will speak on, will follow him. Bill Neal, retired

lawyer and author of many historical novels, will speak on the Wells Fargo Scam. The event will continue with "Walker's Creek Demonstration" by Doug Dukes and Glenn Haderler. Bob Alexander, retired special agent of the U.S. Treasury Dept. and board member, will also be debuting his

newest book and will speak on the life of Sgt. Baz Outlaw.

"Alexander should be praised for his balanced treatment of Outlaw as a good-bad Ranger."—Harold J. Weiss, Jr., author of "Yours to Command," Alexander said.

The afternoon portion of the event will close with a demonstration for the re-enactment group, Top Guns.

The evening portion will begin with Assistant Chief Frank Malinak presenting on the modern duties of the Texas Rangers. Bill O'Neal, State Historian of Texas, will hold the closing presentation over the Reel Rangers.

Beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, a writing panel made up of authors, publishers and researchers will be taking questions on a variety of topics, including how to become a published author and what steps may need to be taken.

Rothenbush is excited for the event and sees it as an opportunity for many.

"It's going to be pretty intense,

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Nonprofit focuses on Waco development

JESSICA HUBBLE
Staff Writer

Prosper Waco is hoping to end poverty in the area and is willing to partner with other programs around the city to achieve this.

Prosper Waco is a nonprofit organization that uses a collective impact initiative focused on improving education, health and financial security in the city of Waco.

A current project in the education initiatives is the push for families to use the free app "Vroom" to help children be ready for kindergarten. The app encourages families to use household items that families already own to teach children colors, shapes and other things of

that nature.

Within Prosper Waco's health initiative, the organization is looking for a community health worker. The community health worker would be a grassroots community member and not necessarily a healthcare professional. The worker would act as a healthcare liaison for the people of Waco and point them in the right direction toward information about healthcare.

Financially, Prosper Waco is working on a Campustown Waco initiative. The initiative aims to retain students from all three college campuses in Waco and provide high-talent jobs and internships for them.

A collective impact initiative is a model that brings together



Courtesy Photo

CITY EXPANSION Prosper Waco is a nonprofit that focuses on health, education and financial security in the city.

partners in five conditions. These conditions are a backbone organization, continuous communication, shared measurements and mutually reinforcing activities.

Prosper Waco serves as the backbone organization for the collective impact initiative.

Prosper Waco has several

goals within the group's three main initiatives of improving education, health and financial security. The two goals under education are increasing kindergarten readiness and increasing post-secondary school success. Under health, the goals

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EDITORIAL

New birth control law is a good step

At the beginning of April, California became the third state to allow the sale of over-the-counter birth control, after Oregon and Washington. This new system allows patients to get contraceptives pills, patches and rings from a pharmacy without a doctor's prescription. Instead, patients visit a local pharmacy at any time, complete a questionnaire with a pharmacist, get a pharmacist's prescription and then receive their birth control.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that birth control is used by more than half the women of reproductive age in the U.S. Despite the prevalence of contraceptives, birth control is not as easy to get in most states as one might think. For this reason, over-the-counter birth control should be offered in every state.

On the simplest level, the new system takes some of the headache out of the current process of getting birth control, especially for women who have been on contraception for a while. In most states, getting a birth control prescription involves contacting a doctor, waiting for an available appointment and then going to the office to talk with the doctor about options. While this can be helpful for patients who are using birth control for the first time or are trying a new one, the process is cumbersome for those who just need

to renew a prescription once their refills run out.

The system offered in California dramatically cuts down on time spent getting contraceptives. Rather than wasting time going to a doctor, patients can go to a pharmacy without an appointment, answer health questions to determine if birth control is safe for them, discuss options with a pharmacist and then receive their birth control. This system is perfect for women who just need a renewal.

Over-the-counter birth control also has the potential to be cheaper than using a doctor. Many patients have to pay some sort of fee when they visit a doctor, as well as another fee to actually get birth control from a pharmacy. At some pharmacies there is no fee to meet with a pharmacist, and if a patient's insurance covers over-the-counter birth control, it has the potential to be completely free. Even if it isn't free for other patients, the cost could still be lower than paying a copay in addition to the cost of birth control.

Finally, the new system would make birth control more available, especially in areas where it's needed most. If single, impoverished women had the same access to contraceptives as their wealthier counterparts, their birth rates would likely be reduced by half, according to a study done by the Brookings Institution. That's not to say poorer women should not

have children, but they should have the ability to regulate menstrual cycle as easily as women in wealthier demographics.

Doctor's offices and clinics are not always available in poorer areas of the U.S., and many of the people living in these places don't have access to reliable transportation. But these areas often do have pharmacies like Walgreens. Some birth controls can be purchased for less than \$10, so expanding over-the-counter birth control would make contraceptives and family planning a reality for patients in these areas.

Some people are concerned that cutting doctors out of the process can be dangerous for women who may not be healthy enough to use birth control. However, Dr. Daniel Grossman, vice president for research at Ibis Reproductive Health, told the New York Times, "There are studies showing that women can really accurately identify the conditions that make it appropriate to use certain contraceptives, using a simple checklist."

For those who still have concerns about the safety of over-the-counter birth control, future implementation of the system can require first-time birth control users to get a prescription from a doctor, but then allow renewal of that prescription at a pharmacy once the refills run out.

Other opponents to over-the-



counter birth control argue that the current way of doing things gets women into gynecologists' offices for yearly exams. But a study published by the National Center for Biotechnology Information found that women who received over-the-counter birth control from a pharmacy in Mexico were no less likely to visit the doctor annually than women who got a doctor's prescription.

The benefits of over-the-counter birth control far outweigh the concerns held for the new system, and changes can be made to make patients feel safer. Lawmakers in California, Oregon and Washington are moving in the right direction, though. The rest of the U.S. should follow suit and make birth control as accessible as it ought to be.

COLUMN

It will take more than meetings to remedy sexual assault issue

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Assistant City Desk

Former Baylor football player Tevin Elliott was arrested in 2012 on two counts of sexual assault. Sam Ukwuachu, also a former Baylor football player, was convicted of sexual assault last year. Shawn Oakman, another former Baylor football player, was arrested on allegations of sexual assault last week. And ESPN just released their second "Outside the Lines" feature on Baylor - naming two new players whose cases went under the radar. The words "sexual assault" and "Baylor University" are used in the same sentence now more than ever.



These cases are especially emphasized by April being Sexual Assault Awareness Month. President Starr used this opportunity to finally speak out on the topic. A columnist from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram questioned Starr's motive for not addressing the assaults earlier.

"That's a very, very fair question," Starr told the columnist, and went on to explain how the Philadelphia law firm Pepper Hamilton's evaluation

was still underway, and that he was advised not to say anything until it was through.

Though this investigation makes it seem like the university is making strides to stave off future assaults and mend mistakes from the past, it has become a crutch. Because the investigation is pending, the university can direct any and all criticism towards it. It is prolonging the justice and change students desire.

And people are getting fed up. Jasmin Hernandez filed a Title IX lawsuit in March against Baylor in its dealing with her sexual assault case. Other students have made blog posts and held vigils to bring to light how they feel the university has failed. The social tag "#itsonyouBU" has gained popularity - signifying a shift from the "It's on Us" campaign, which is promoted by the Title IX office.

So maybe Baylor messed up. does not look like any noteworthy changes will take place until the Pepper Hamilton investigation is over. In light of Sexual Assault Awareness month, let's be straightforward: sexual violence starts with the individual.

I spoke with a rape survivor and

Baylor graduate in February. I was writing a separate story about safety while studying abroad, and wanted to get her perspective. She got to the core of the issue. She made it clear that rape won't end when the Board of Regents addresses the most recent cases, or when the next

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wave of students are educated on sexual assault. Rather, rape ends when people stop raping people, and a Title IX session on sexual violence won't keep rapists from raping. No. A person prone to assaulting other people won't be changed by a mandatory meeting. The cognitive shifts have to start earlier than that.

Sexual assault is fostered in a culture of violence and gender inequality, as well as an outrageous tolerance for its perpetuation. Keeping perpetrators and their respective institutions accountable fights against this violence and inequality. This should be a universal value. And it really makes you wonder what are you capable of. And what will you do that Baylor can't?

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COLUMN

If you've never stayed in one place, where is home?

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Photographer

The hardest thing about writing my first column for the Lariat was not picking a topic or writing the paragraphs; it was when our editor-in-chief asked me what location I wanted to use as my home.

Since I was born, I have moved more times than I can count on my fingers. From Florida and California to Michigan and Connecticut, I have traversed the country.

Inevitably, I will stumble over the question, "Where are you from?" My typical response is, "I've moved a lot so I'm not really from anywhere." However, Taiye Selasi, a writer and photographer who graduated from Yale but describes herself as a local of Accra, Berlin, New York and Rome, presented a different way of thinking about home at the TEDGlobal 2014 conference when she told the audience, "Don't ask me where I'm from. Ask me where I'm a local."

I have never seen a lecture that resonated with me as much as her speech. Since watching a video of the presentation, every time



someone asks me where I am from, I debate the same question she asks, "How can a human being come from a concept?"

Rather than one house that I can call home, I look instead to the experiences that make up the feeling of home. Where do I know the most people? Where can I successfully navigate without a GPS? Where do I know the hole-in-the-wall locations for the best donuts or Thai food?

Selasi's three-step test for locality involves these same concepts. She calls them the three Rs: rituals, relationships, and restrictions. By defining locality as the places that we have habits, emotional connections, and the freedom to be ourselves, we are able to shape a more complete view of our past and identity.

My identity has been changed in some way by every location that I have experienced. Living in Alabama gave me an affinity for sweet tea while living in Michigan exposed me to brutal truths that accompany life in subzero temperatures.

While I love this life of change and new experiences, I sometimes wonder what I have missed by not living in same location for an extended period of time. I then realize that this unconventional transience has equipped me to adapt to a multitude of circumstances, and I'm grateful to have been shaped by Waco along the way.

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Associated Press

TEAMING UP Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, is joined by former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina during a rally Wednesday in Indianapolis, where Cruz announced Fiorina as his running mate.

Fiorina to run alongside Sen. Cruz

SCOTT BAUER AND STEVE PEOPLES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — In need of momentum after a five-state shutout, Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz on Wednesday tapped former technology executive Carly Fiorina — a woman he said has repeatedly “shattered glass ceilings” — to serve as his running mate.

The Texas senator announced his pick for vice president nearly three months before his party’s national convention, an unusual move for an underdog candidate that reflects the increasing urgency for the fiery conservative to reverse his downward trajectory.

Cruz praised Fiorina’s path from secretary to CEO and her past willingness to challenge GOP front-runner Donald Trump.

“Carly isn’t intimidated by bullies,” he declared at an Indianapolis rally, adding, “Over and over again, Carly has shattered glass ceilings.”

The 61-year-old Fiorina, a former chief executive of Hewlett-Packard, has been a prominent Cruz ally since shortly after abandoning her own presidential bid earlier in the year. She was the only woman in the Republican Party’s crowded 2016 field.

“This is the fight of our time, and I believe Ted Cruz is the man to lead that fight,” Fiorina said at the Wednesday announcement. “And I am prepared to stand by his side and give this everything I have, to restore the soul of our party, to defeat Donald Trump, to defeat Hillary Clinton, and to take our country back.”

Fiorina’s selection marked another extraordinary development in the 2016 Republican campaign, particularly for a candidate who is far from becoming his party’s presumptive nominee. Cruz was soundly defeated by GOP front-runner Donald Trump in all five primaries contests on Tuesday, and he’s been mathematically eliminated from winning the nomination before his party’s national convention in July.

Some Cruz allies praised Fiorina’s selection but privately questioned if it would change the trajectory of the race. Trump has won 77 percent of the delegates he needs to claim the nomination, and a win next week in Indiana will keep him on a firm path to do so.

Cruz appeared with Fiorina in Indiana’s capital city, having staked his candidacy on a win in the state’s primary contest next Tuesday. Fiorina’s California ties could also prove valuable in that state’s high-stakes primary on June 7.

“Carly has incredible appeal to so many people, especially in California,” said Doug De Groote, a fundraiser for Cruz based near Los Angeles. “She can really help him here.”

Suicide bomber hits Turkey

DOMINIQUE SOGUEL AND SUZAN FRASER
Associated Press

ISTANBUL — A female suicide bomber blew herself up in a historic district of Turkey’s fourth largest city on Wednesday, wounding 13 people, according to officials.

The assailant was “aged about 25,” and only fragments were left of her body after the attack in the city of Bursa, said Turkey’s health minister, Mehmet Muezzinoglu.

He said 13 individuals were wounded in the attack, but none of them were in critical condition. Another seven people sought medical attention over ear pain and hearing

problems as a consequence of the blast.

Turkey, which is facing growing blowback from the conflict in Syria and renewed conflict with Kurdish militants, has recently witnessed an uptick of such attacks. In the past year, more than 200 people across the country have been killed in seven suicide bombings, including Wednesday’s.

Bursa Governor Munir Karaloglu said authorities were still trying to determine the identity and affiliation of the attacker. He denied reports that two other accomplices were seen fleeing the scene, saying they were citizens fleeing in panic and that the woman acted alone.

The explosion ripped through

an area that is home to an Ottoman-era mosque and bazaar in the northwestern city, which is a popular tourist destination for both locals and foreigners. Turkish TV channels broadcast footage of people fleeing the area as police and ambulances rushed to the scene.

The attack occurred a day after the United States issued a new warning about “credible indications” of terrorist threats against tourist areas in Turkey.

Kurdish militants, who have been fighting state security forces in a renewed conflict in the southeast, have claimed two such attacks recently.

But the main perpetrator, according to Turkish authorities, has been the Islamic State group, which

controls territory in neighboring Syria and Iraq. The extremist group is known to have cells in Turkey but never claimed responsibility for any of the suicide attacks on Turkish soil.

Speaking in Ankara before traveling to Qatar, Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu stressed “these terror attacks will not cause Turkey to step of back from its resolute stance to fight terrorism.”

Turkey is a member of the U.S.-led coalition against IS, allowing allied jets to carry out bombing runs against the militants from its bases. Turkish tanks periodically fire at IS targets in Syria in response to cross-border missiles which have claimed 18 lives in the border town of Kilis this year.

What's Happening on Campus?

Hang out with your friends and get connected by attending these fun and free* events

*Unless otherwise noted.



Thursday, April 28 | **Campus Kitchen Garden Shift**

1 p.m. Volunteer at the Baylor Community Garden, located at 9th and James, with Baylor Campus Kitchen. Water, harvest, plant and prune vegetables that will be used to make meals for individuals in need at Mission Waco, the Family Abuse Center and Salvation Army.



Thursday, April 28 | **“Throwback” Movie at Common Grounds**

9 p.m. Watch *Space Jam* and enjoy free Cowboy Coffee from Common Grounds.



Friday and Saturday, April 29 & 30 **Free Movie Night at the Hippodrome**

6:30 p.m. Bring your student ID to the Waco Hippodrome for free showings of *Grease*. Snack packs with popcorn, candy and a drink will be available for \$5.



Thursday, Friday & Saturday, April 28-30 **Free Bowling Weekend**

8 p.m. Enjoy free bowling and billiards in the basement of the Bill Daniel Student Center until close.



Saturday, April 30 | **Mother Falcon Concert**

7:30 p.m. Enjoy a concert by Mother Falcon, John Griffin McKay, Dylan Washington and the Desert Cats on the Common Grounds stage. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit cgwaco.ticketfly.com.



Saturday, April 30 | **Human Race Waco**

5 a.m. Support Care Net of Central Texas by participating in the annual Human Race Waco 5K or triathlon at Indian Spring Park. For more information and to register, visit baylor.edu/baylorconnect.



Wednesday, May 4 | **Pack the Sacks**

7:15 a.m. Bring a friend and join dozens of Baylor volunteers to pack over 1,000 bags of nutritious food for students in McLennan County schools who are at risk of going without food over the weekend. Pack the Sacks takes place at WISD Child Nutrition Services Warehouse at 2025 S. 19th Street.

For more, join Baylor Connect at baylor.edu/baylorconnect

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Chapel encourages campus reflection

ASHLYN THOMPSON
Reporter

As the semester comes to a close, Chapel leaders Ryan Richardson and Burt Burleson took the opportunity to reflect on students' time at Baylor thus far at this year's last Chapel on Wednesday. Students in the audience were asked to move to the front section of the auditorium and engage in conversation with the two, answering questions about faith, their classes and their overall experience at a Christian university.

The team began by noting that they had led 56 unique services over the course of this year and 168 in total across the three Chapel times offered. Burleson laughed when the audience clapped at this being their last Chapel.

"I'm about ready for Chapel to be over too," Burleson said.

The first question was posed as a scenario to students traveling home over the summer. Richardson asked what students would say to friends who wondered what it was like to go to a Christian university. It took several minutes for anyone to respond, but a freshman named Jamie eventually stood to answer.

"I would emphasize that there are communities within the community," Jamie said. "It's a big school, but I've found a community within my department, my dorm, my major."

Another student said he was from China and came to the United States four years ago. He said he could immediately tell a difference in the friends he made at Baylor and the friends he had back home.

"My roommates here are all really faithful," he said. "It's nice for me that they are so positive. I can tell they have hope."

The second question was centered on Baylor's required



File Art

REFLECTION The last Chapel of the semester focused on various student experiences on campus.

religion courses, as well as other prerequisite courses. Burleson asked if students could see a faith aspect in their non-religious classes. The students who answered had differing opinions: Some said they had enjoyed teachers who had prayed before tests or influenced their faith in class, while others said they never felt pushed towards something they didn't believe.

"Coming to Baylor from Georgia, I was genuinely scared that religion would be shoved down my throat," one sophomore student said. "But after my freshman year, I realized that I never felt forced to believe something I didn't feel."

"What we have to remember is that it's not always the Baylor experience, but the Baylor experiences," Burleson said.

Jessica, a freshman from Fort Worth, said she found it refreshing that Baylor's claim to faith was a thing she actively felt on campus.

"I had seen the way TCU did things, and I figured a big-name Christian school wouldn't actually be Christian," Jessica said. "But this really is a very positive, faithful and accepting place."

One science major noted

that she was relieved when her professors talked about religion, while a second science major disagreed, saying his experience had been that professors never talked about their faith in class.

One student, who had moved to America two years ago from Syria, said he found Baylor's culture especially inviting and accepting. He said that although he is not a Christian, he has had positive experiences with the Christians at Baylor.

"I know the Muslim community loved when Baylor hosted that event recently," he said, referencing a vigil held to honor Baylor Muslims after presidential candidate Donald Trump said he would bar Muslims from entering the country. "The people at Baylor understand that in the end, we are more similar than we are different."

Richardson closed with a note about the Baptist culture being particularly welcoming to other denominations and religions.

"For me to be able to practice my own faith in an open way, I have to be willing to let those around me practice their's openly," Richardson said.

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are to have better access to care of citizens, decrease obesity, improve women's health and improve mental health. In the initiative goal of financial security, Prosper Waco wants to increase employment, increase income of citizens and improve wealth of citizens.

Prosper Waco hopes to achieve these goals by 2020.

"If you look at the overall goals, this is the most meaningful way we can impact the quality of life in Waco," said Malcolm Duncan Jr., Waco mayor.

Prosper Waco brings together many nonprofits in the Waco area that have already been doing good work and helps them work together to achieve these goals.

"In the community, for decades we've had this constant poverty issue, around 30 percent right now," said Christina Helmick, director of communication at Prosper Waco. "There are hundreds of nonprofits doing really good work, and the needle is just not moving. With this new way of thinking, we hope to move the needle by bringing everyone together."

Prosper Waco does not start programs or reinvent programs but simply reinforces work that is already happening.

To do this, Prosper Waco uses steering committees and working groups. Both groups are made up of community members,

and some people are in both groups.

A steering committee is a group of 40 community members. There are three steering committees each focusing on an initiative goal of education, financial security or health.

The working groups are groups of about 15 to 20 people. There are five working groups. The groups go out into East, West and South Waco and often find that each area has different needs or different solutions to their needs.

Prosper Waco also has a community engagement council that is full of community members. This group hosts small, intimate house meetings to help make sure the community voice is what drives the initiative forward.

Prosper Waco came to fruition after Baylor University's school of social work brought forth a proposition in 2010 that included steering committees and putting together groups of community leaders to steer the initiative.

On September 9, Prosper Waco will host an annual summit event where community members can come and be part of the conversation of how to improve Waco. The event will be at the Waco Convention Center from 4 to 8 p.m.

OVERFLOW



Trey Honeycutt | Lariat Photographer

The Waco Riverwalk is closed on Wednesday due to high water levels on the Brazos River. The flooding was the result of heavy rain in the city on Tuesday night.

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but it's going to be a lot of fun," Rothenbush said. "If someone only has an interest in a handful, they can come and go."

She also feels that the length of the conference helps draw in visitors from out of

town and state.

"A lot of the people that come to it are not local," Rothenbush said. "We'll have people that come in for it or fly in for it because they are so enamored with the history of the Rangers that they want

to come to this. It's kind of a one-stop-shop for everything Ranger related."

For more information on the Lone Star History Conference, visit www.texasranger.org or call (254) 750-8631.

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it comes to sexual assault," Smith said. "We wait for some big news scandal to happen, and then we'll talk about it. We never dare to take off our blinders and look outside the context it is presented to us in. We need to change from being reactive to being proactive, and we need to change now."

Smith said he believes that because sexual assault can be an uncomfortable and difficult topic, people don't talk about it, but he believes that talking about it is the only way to prevent the problem.

"The first step to solving the problem of sexual assault is recognizing that it exists much more than we think it does, and that it is a fundamental and pervasive problem in our country," Smith said.

Smith said it can be hard to prosecute a sexual offender because a vast amount of the trauma is psychological and there is often little to no physical evidence of the abuse. Smith stressed the importance of society to recognize that there can be an assault without physical evidence of one.

"Tissue may heal, but trauma remains," Smith said. "Sexual assault is a gross violation that leaves permanent scars."

The fear of there not being physical evidence and, in turn, the fear of not being believed creates a cycle of not reporting sexual assaults, according to Smith.

"It is terrible when a victim reports and they are essentially the ones put on trial," Smith said. "The standard response is sex is always consensual, but unfortunately that is not always the case. Girls are accused of lying and being too promiscuous. That is awful, and it only perpetuates the cycle."

According to a U.S. Department of Justice study, more than 60 percent of sexual assaults are not reported — making it one of the least documented crimes in America.

Smith expressed his dissatisfaction with the term "sexual assault" because he said it belittles the offense. He said the term covers a wide variety of offenses but does not encapsulate how terrible it is.

"A victim of sexual assault carries that weight with them through every stage of their life," Smith said. "It changes your identity, and it affects everyone around you. Essentially, it is a death. The life they would have

had is completely gone, and their trajectory has changed forever."

In 2010, the American Civil Liberties Union conducted a study and reported that 95 percent of sexual assaults on college campuses go unreported. In 2014, the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault reported that one in five female students experience sexual assault during their college career.

Comfort freshman Samantha Heczko said students should talk to each other more about sexual assault and the issue of interpersonal violence on campus. She said it's sad that it's an issue that keeps coming up at Baylor and on college campuses across the nation. She encourages students not to ignore it, but instead to talk about the issue in order to bring the problem to light.

"The only people who can change this campus is us," Heczko said. "We need to educate each other. We only really listen to our friends anyway, so for sexual assault awareness to be effective, it needs to come from us."

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Baylor Dance Company

A photo story by Penelope Shirey



The Baylor Dance Company poses after performing their competition contemporary piece at their 2016 Spring Showcase on April 16 in Jones Theatre. The piece won first runner-up at American Dance and Drill Nationals in Denton this year.



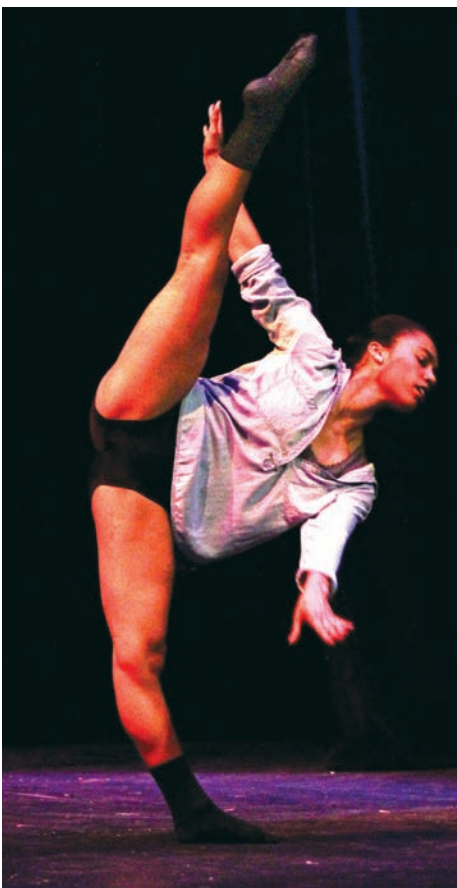
Woodlands junior Maggie O'Brien, Baylor Dance Company president, rehearses the showcase opening piece that she choreographed.



Lexington freshman Kristen Elam (left), Vista, Calif., freshman Ashlynn Gallacher (middle), and Austin freshman Melanie Ripple rehearse days before the showcase.



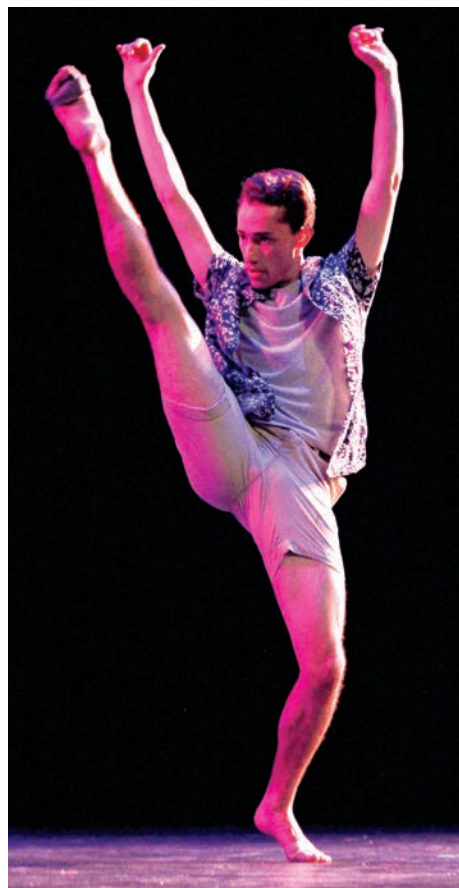
Lexington freshman Kristen Elam (top) and Beaumont sophomore Ariana Coleman (bottom) rehearse in the Marris McLean Dance Studio prior to the showcase.



Columbia, Md., freshman Danielle Moss performs her self-choreographed solo to a cover of Eminem's "Lose Yourself" by Andrea Day.



Peoria, Ill., sophomore Annie Wild performs a trio dance to the song "Simple Bliss," choreographed by Baylor Dance Company member Angela Zuniga.



Monrovia, Calif., junior and Baylor Dance Company officer Kevin Vogel performs a solo that he choreographed to the song "Out of Hiding" by Steffany Gretzinger.



Magnolia freshman Morgan Prejean performs her solo that she choreographed to the song "Last Love Song" by ZZ Ward.

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Week in Waco:

>> Today

5:30 p.m. — Baylor Bronze at Roxy Grove Hall. Free.

7 p.m. — Musician Larry Hooper at Dichotomy. Free.

7:30 p.m. — “The Story of a Marriage” at Mabee Theatre. \$20.

>> Friday

3:30-6 p.m. — Buttoned Pop-Up Shop at LL Sams Clubhouse. Free.

6:30 p.m. — Waco Civic Theatre presents “Grease” Sing-along at Waco Hippodrome Theatre. \$5 for students, \$8 for general audiences.

7 p.m. — Crawfish for CASA at Heritage Square. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.

7:30 p.m. — “The Story of a Marriage” at Mabee Theatre. \$20.

8 p.m. — Baylor Swing Dance Society presents An Evening on the River at Cameron Park Clubhouse. Free.

8 p.m. — Shane Smith and the Saints at The Backyard Bar, Stage and Grill. \$15 in advance, \$20 day of.

Creative Geniuses



Charlene Lee | Lariat Photographer

COLOR WHEEL Austin senior Avery Lill completed her honors thesis, “Around the Color Wheel,” this month. The children’s book tells the story of a girl who goes on an adventure to find the world’s missing colors.

Honors students get creative with final thesis projects

JACQUELYN KELLAR
Reporter

It’s the time of year again when honors students must present and defend their theses. Thesis papers have the reputation of thick stacks of paper, academic research and heavy eyelids. However, that isn’t always the case. An honors thesis at Baylor can be about anything the student takes an interest in, even if it is outside his or her area of study. The thesis doesn’t even have to be on paper. In fact, honors and University Scholars students are encouraged to choose thesis topics that will broaden their thinking, instead of boxing themselves into topics related to their majors.

Austin senior Avery Lill chose to write her thesis in the form of a children’s book with subtle philosophical themes, and Dallas senior Andy Nichols wrote the book for an onstage musical, complete with a script and lyrics. Although neither studies children’s literature or musical theater, the two chose subjects that excited their minds and piqued their interest.

Both students were mentored by Sarah Jane Murray, an associate professor of great texts and creative writing who’s done it all, from screenwriting to translating medieval literature. Murray uses her skills across multiple disciplines to advise students in telling meaningful stories.

She is now mentoring several students for the upcoming year, as she has become a popular mentor for her unique interdisciplinary style.

Nichols originally began a thesis in accounting, his major area of study. His project was cut short, however, when his mentor moved away unexpectedly. Nichols had to decide whether to continue with a thesis he didn’t feel passionate about or move on to a new one he found interest in.

He chose the latter and picked up his old dream of writing the book for a musical. His musical theater history inspired him to finish a project he had started in high school and create a musical of his own. The switch has served as a complement to his accounting work, giving him an occasional break from numbers and calculations.

“I’m not always in the right place to be writing creatively,” Nichols said. “I’m also not always in the right place to be memorizing things. I think there’s a good balance there.”

The musical, titled “Love, John,” is set to have a reading by Baylor Theatre actors before the end of the semester. The story is about a failed musician who is forced to return to his hometown and wrestles with feelings for his childhood best friend. Nichols said he hopes to find a collaborator to write music for the play. Potentially, with Murray’s help, he would also

like to stage it professionally.

While Nichols chose an alternative to his major, Lill chose to incorporate theories she’s learned in her philosophy classes in a format that was new to her.

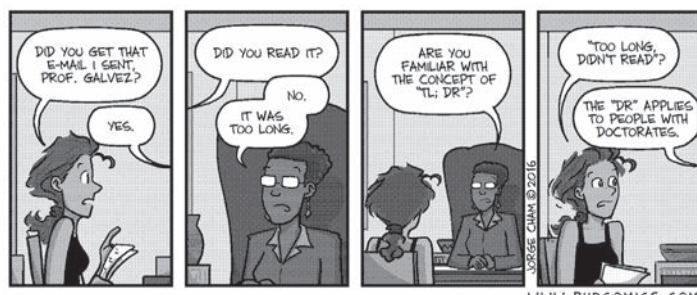
Lill said the idea of presenting complex ideas in a way that is easy for children to understand has always intrigued her. She incorporated many different theories, including the Hilbert’s Hotel Paradox, a theory that addresses the behavior of infinite numbers. These ideas were spun into a story about a children’s world. The book, titled “Around the Color Wheel,” is about a girl who lives in a world without colors and embarks on a hot air balloon journey to find them.

“Philosophy takes simple things and turns them on their head,” Lill said. “But that’s also how kids think. They take an idea and just ask, ‘What if?’ So the whole project was a good exercise.”

Lill is set to intern with National Public Radio in Washington, D.C., upon graduation, and Nichols will be working with an accounting firm in Dallas. Both students were able to create a unique thesis outside their area of study and projected career path, but on subjects that were deeply interesting to them. The Baylor Honors Program allows students to grow intellectually, not only through their classes, but also through projects they are passionate about.

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Today’s Puzzles

Across

- 1 Detergent with Oxi Booster
- 4 DVD precursor
- 7 Scout, to Tonto
- 12 “Face the Nation” group
- 15 “My mom’s gonna kill me!”
- 17 Uncle relative?
- 18 Golden Globe, e.g.
- 19 Nail care target
- 21 Congressional period
- 22 Vocal quartet member
- 23 Use WhatsApp, say
- 24 Junior nav. officer
- 25 Long time follower
- 27 Manipulator
- 29 Cut
- 31 Roll of dough
- 32 Popular weekend destination for many Northern Californians
- 33 Deceitful
- 37 Remove
- 39 Drop (out)
- 41 Russian lettuce?
- 42 Fog machine substance
- 44 Average
- 46 Ballerina’s hairdo
- 47 Prohibit
- 48 Offensive to some, for short
- 49 Rescue squad initials
- 50 ___ Fridays
- 53 Speak harshly
- 55 “Fine by me”
- 57 Salon piece
- 59 Swallowed one’s pride
- 62 Chinese cooking staple
- 64 “___ were the days”
- 65 Not working
- 66 “Lone Survivor” military group
- 67 Speak, old-style
- 68 Not strict
- 69 One of two in Pompeii

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- 1 “Paradise Lost,” e.g.

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- 2 Marinara brand
- 3 Singer whose last name is Pig Latin for a slang word for “money”
- 4 Workshop gadget
- 5 Derby or boater
- 6 Huge success
- 7 Toyota Center team
- 8 Laudatory verses
- 9 Tighten, as laces
- 10 Kept quiet
- 11 Paradises
- 13 Really bad
- 14 Victory for some ex-presidents
- 16 Good buys
- 20 Get rid of
- 23 Appears unexpectedly, and a hint to this puzzle’s circles
- 25 Knocked out
- 26 “Tootsie” actress
- 28 Co-producer of the art rock album
- “High Life”
- 30 Little, in Marseille
- 34 London locale that’s a music industry eponym
- 35 “America’s Got Talent” judge Heidi
- 36 Deep desires
- 38 Lust, e.g.
- 40 Weigh station unit
- 43 Praises
- 45 Pick out of a crowd
- 50 Spanish appetizers
- 51 Actress Scacchi
- 52 Birthplace of the violin
- 54 Peninsular capital
- 56 Icy Hot target
- 58 Supermodel Sastre
- 59 Longtime teammate of Derek
- 60 Nobel Peace Center locale
- 61 From Green Bay to St. Paul
- 63 Often rolled-over item

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Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

BRACE FOR IMPACT Junior pitcher Nick Lewis winds up a pitch during the Bears' game against Wofford University on April 7 at Baylor Ballpark. The Bears won 9-5.

Dream finish

Bears snag win with walk-off ninth inning hit

BEN EVERETT
Sports Writer

Baylor baseball defeated Incarnate Word on Wednesday night on a walk-off hit in the ninth inning.

The Bears (19-22) gave up a grand slam in the eighth inning after holding a lead most of the game but came back to beat the Cardinals (11-30).

"We were very consistent offensively, scoring a lot of runs," Baylor head coach Steve Rodriguez said. "We got punched in the face a little bit with the grand slam, but we were able to get hits in the end."

Senior reliever Kody Hessemer made his first start of the season and started off strong, allowing zero hits in the first two innings.

In the bottom of the second, Cardinals pitcher Denson Hull struggled, walking three of four batters before third baseman Steven McLean drove a single to left field to score two runs and give the Bears an early 2-0 lead.

To start the third, Hessemer walked Weston Pitts and then gave up a double to Trey Rodriguez, driving in Pitts to trim the lead to 2-1. Rodriguez then scored on a hit from Austin Hoffman to tie the game, but Hoffman was tagged out at second to end the inning.

In the bottom of the third, outfielder Darryn Sheppard hit a single up the middle on the first at bat. First baseman

Aaron Dodson walked, and Sheppard scored after a hit by catcher Matt Menard went through the legs of the infielder as the Bears retook the lead 3-2.

To start the fourth, junior Nick Lewis replaced Hessemer on the mound. Hessemer finished the day having given up two hits and two runs in 3.0 IP.

In the fourth, shortstop Josh Bissonette was walked on the first at bat. Bissonette stole his way to third before outfielder Kameron Esthay hit a single to bring in Bissonette and make it a 4-2 game.

Menard and second baseman Justin Arrington walked to start the fifth, and a single by Bissonette scored Menard to bring the Baylor lead to 5-2.

Sheppard launched a single to left field in the sixth before Dodson also hit a shot to left, this time a double, to put runners on second and third. Menard popped a sacrifice fly to allow Sheppard to come home, putting the Bears up 6-2.

Junior Drew Robertson replaced Lewis at the mound in the seventh. Lewis finished with 3.0 IP, giving up two hits and zero runs.

"He's been great the past couple outings," Rodriguez said of Lewis. "I really like what we're seeing out of him right now."

In the bottom of the seventh, Bissonette and outfielder Richard Cunningham hit singles, and Bissonette

scored when McLean launched a hit to right field, giving Baylor a 7-2 advantage.

To start the eighth for the Cardinals, Eddy Gonzalez sent a double down the right field line and scored a run on a double from Hoffman to make it a 7-3 game. Robertson continued to struggle, giving up a single and walking a player to load the bases.

As a result, Robertson was replaced by sophomore Joe Heineman. Heineman proceeded to give up a grand slam to Matt Morris as the Cardinals tied the game up 7-7.

Heineman recovered to end the inning and shut out the Cardinals in the top of the ninth, setting up the Baylor offense with a chance to win the game.

In the bottom of the ninth, Arrington hit a single to right field in the first at bat. Bissonette bunted to get pinch runner Ben Carl to second base.

Cunningham grounded out to first as Carl advanced to third base. McLean stepped up to the plate and delivered a hit to right to score Carl and win the game 8-7 for the Bears.

"I try to not put too much pressure on myself and understand the situation," McLean said. "I was able to get the pitch and put it down."

The Bears look to keep the momentum going as they hit the road this weekend to take on West Virginia in a three game conference series.

STAT OF THE GAME

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The combined number of ties or lead changes during Baylor baseball's game against Incarnate Word on Wednesday.

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HELLO HEISMAN Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel looks to pass against the Seattle Seahawks on Dec. 20, 2015.

Bond set for Manziel

Associated Press

A Dallas judge has set a \$1,500 bond for former Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel in his misdemeanor domestic assault case.



Manziel

Manziel's attorney, Robert Hinton, said Wednesday that the 23-year-old quarterback is expected to turn himself in for booking next week, though no date has been set.

The Heisman Trophy winner and former Texas A&M star was indicted by a grand jury this week after his ex-girlfriend alleged he hit her and threatened to kill her during a night out in January.

Manziel faces a Class A misdemeanor that carries up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine. Lawyers watching the case say the \$1,500 bond is consistent with the misdemeanor charge Manziel faces.

Manziel has been dropped by two agents and his endorsers.

Red, White & Rio

Griner among 12 named to Olympic team

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

Former Baylor Lady Bears basketball player Brittney Griner's latest achievement came Wednesday when the USA Basketball Women's National Team Player Selection Committee, chaired by Carol Callan selected Griner to be a member of the 2016 Olympic team.

Before the Phoenix Mercury and USA Olympic team, Griner was a standout athlete at Baylor. During her time at Baylor, Griner was a three-time All-American and two-time Wade Trophy winner. Griner holds the all-time NCAA Division I career record for blocked shots at 748.

Also adding to her achievements, Griner and her team earned the 2012 NCAA title

while going 40-0 on the season, and captured three Big 12 regular season and tournament titles while at Baylor.

Joining Griner on the 12-person roster are Seimone Augustus from the Minnesota Lynx, Sue Bird from the Seattle Storm, Tameka Catchings from the Indiana Fever, Tina Charles from the New York Liberty, Elena Delle Donne from the Chicago Sky, Sylvia Fowles from the Minnesota Lynx, Angel McCoughtry from the Atlanta Dream, Maya Moore from the Minnesota Lynx, Breanna Stewart from the University of Connecticut, Diana Taurasi from the Phoenix Mercury and Lindsay Whalen from the Minnesota Lynx.

"I think it's going to be great," Catchings said. "You look at the talent they have individually — Elena as the (WNBA)



Lariat File Photo

UNDEFEATED Brittney Griner bounces a layup shot off the glass during the 2012 NCAA women's basketball championship in Denver, Colo. Griner was named to the U.S. Olympic team.

MVP, Brittney Griner [as a] rookie, Breanna Stewart coming off such an amazing collegiate career and looking at the future of what she'll bring to USA Basketball — I'm just excited because they're such great people."

While the U.S. team looks to extend its Olympic gold medal streak to six, it will have to first get past Senegal to get things started on either August sixth or seventh.

University of Connecticut coach

Geno Auriemma will be leading the Olympic team and will be assisted by Doug Bruno from DePaul, Cheryl Reeves from the Minnesota Lynx and Dawn Staley from South Carolina.



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