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Staff Writer

After horrible beginnings growing up on a slum farm in Charlotte, N.C., no one could have predicted that William “Billy” Franklin Graham Jr. would become the most influential Christian evangelist of the 20th century. Remembered fondly by the Baylor community and millions of followers, Graham passed away Wednesday at the age of 99. Graham’s health had been declining for several years and he died from natural causes in his home in Montreat, N.C.

President Dr. Linda Livingstone released a statement, sharing her condolences with Graham’s family members and highlighting the close relationship between the university and the well-respected religious figure.

“We are deeply grieved to learn that the Rev. Billy Graham has passed away, yet we rejoice that he has been called home as a godly and faithful servant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,” Livingstone said.

“He spoke of the University’s commitment to faith and learning and to helping our student understand and live up to their responsibility to be the hands and feet of Christ and serve others throughout the world, a commitment to which Billy Graham remains faithful.”

According to his website, Graham first felt called toward evangelism at the age of 15 after attending a series of local revival meetings lead by traveling evangelist. After being ordained a Southern Baptist pastor and completing his education, Graham married his wife Ruth, with whom he would have five children. Graham pastored several different conferences and began to gain momentum as an evangelist, preaching throughout the United States and in Europe.

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Death to Life
Former student now faces life prison sentence

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Digital Editor

With the fate of an inmate on death row in his hands, Gov. Greg Abbott has decided to grant clemency to Thomas “Bart” Whitaker who was scheduled for execution Thursday.

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Sixteen defendants have been added to the lawsuit against a Baylor University fraternity regarding an alleged rape that occurred at an off-campus Phi Delta Theta party in February 2016.

The civil lawsuit, which now includes a total of 26 Phi Delta Theta affiliated members, was originally filed in the 44th State District Court on Feb. 8. That list includes the local and national chapters of the fraternity and students who were officers of the Baylor chapter.

According to the arrest affidavit, the victim, called Donna Doe in the civil suit, said she took a bath “to get a cut portion of the ground behind a tree in order to get some air — away from everyone else attending the party and sexually assaulted her.”

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As a private institution, Baylor’s obligations to Texas law differ from that of a public university concerning the rules and regulations that govern open meeting policies. This directly relates to Baylor’s Board of Regents, which is this body conducts its meetings behind closed doors. Just because Baylor’s Board of Regents is not strictly bound to Texas open meeting laws does not mean Baylor should not adhere to them, anyway.

The Board held its first meeting of the year last Friday in the Hankamer-Corbin Academic Center. Behind closed doors, the Board discussed the implementation of Phase II of Baylor’s Pro-Futures vision, which included the Academic Strategic Plan called “Illuminate” and President Dr. Linda A. Livingstone’s future goals for Baylor.

In contrast, a Baylor Magazine article outlined the Feb. 17, 2017 Board of Regents meeting, claiming the Board approved multiple measures for increased transparency. “The Baylor Board of Regents denied news before its February meeting that will improve University governance by increasing diversity among the Regents, provide voting privileges to a second-term student Regent and give the public a more complete view of Board operations and decisions.”

An assertion from then Board chair Donald D. Moffatt further captured the regents’ stance. “Once we move forward, the way we’ve already made, those actions today will make Baylor’s regent model one of the most transparent and transparent of any major private university,” it read.

In years prior, the transparency of the Board was a hot topic of dispute. In 2016, nearing the climax of Baylor’s sexual assault scandal, a perceived lack of transparency among the governing body motivated individuals to build a platform equipped to tackle and inspire change. The “Bears for Leadership Reform” board was motivated by the desire to release agendas prior to meetings. The Board also began to document minutes, recording and releasing transparency as a governing body, at least to a certain degree.

“Before Baylor, a private institution, can thus construct its guidelines for conducting meetings according mostly to its own standards and values for transparency.” Compared to UT, Baylor lags far behind the landscape of demands public institutions. “Section one of Rule 10403 of the UT Regents’ rules and regulations, which was approved 14 years ago in 2004, declares that “Meetings of the Board of Regents shall be open to the public, unless otherwise authorized by the Board in accordance with law.” In addition to transparency and accountability, section three of Rule 10403 allows members of the public to express their opinions during 30-second periods.

“Members of the public are allowed to present written and oral testimony for a reasonable amount of time as determined by the Chairman of the Board, on any topic listed on the agenda for a Committee or Board meeting that is open to the public.”

The Board does not intend solely to criticize the institution it aims to hold accountable. It may be a truly sad thing about something, they will want that something to be the best it can possibly be, to reach a higher standard than before. We care about Baylor we do; we care about Baylor we care. Let’s make it right. Let’s make it concrete. Let’s make it in the context of the current governance board standing firm in its decision to operate in a manner void of transparency and accountability. The minutes of the Board’s meetings, however, are distinctly vague. Outlined in numbered bullet points each category features a generalized and condensed version of that which can be read. “This is evident for, the minutes for Oct. 20, 2015, which might state the minutes for an early 2015 meeting or even later. With only eight bullet points highlighting the topics discussed in a nearly 3-hour meeting, few can argue the transparency efforts of the Board have adopted an open meetings policy, regents would still have the ability to adopt closed executive sessions, as they do now when discussing minutes, in order to maintain a balance between transparency and productivity.

The minutes of the February 2017 meeting did not mention an increasing number of the Board’s meetings, which generate larger lists of topics. “Adopt new bylaws” is often repeated, usually a request from Baylor alumni, faculty and students. However, the minutes did not. The “Governance Task Force recommends a student representative, in particular the election of the student Regent being given a vote on the Board.”

As we forward, the Board should make every effort to promote complete transparency by opening its doors to the public in a similar manner to that of a public university, such as the University of Texas at Austin.

The Constitution of the United States, which contains 10 amendments that safeguard for open meetings for governing bodies, states in clear terms: “The Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code, Title 4, Chapter 551) provides meetings of governmental bodies must be open to the public except for expressly nonpublic executive sessions.” Baylor is commonly exempt from these laws, as the act is “promised on providing full notice of public business.”

Baylor, a private institution, can thus construct its guidelines for meetings according mostly to its own standards and values for transparency. “Meet the Staff” Monday, Feb. 26, 2018
Global Baylor plan aims to encourage worldly students

THOMAS MORAN

Exciting initiatives designed to enhance Baylor’s global perspective will take shape this spring through a new Quality Enhancement Program. Dr. Wesley Null, vice president for academic affairs, and Dr. Peter Hamilton, vice president for educational experiences, will lead an effort to move forward on this plan.

Null and Hamilton hope that Global Baylor will have a lasting impact on Baylor University and that global engagement will become a more integrated part of Baylor’s identity.

Global Baylor has now been endorsed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Global Baylor will begin the evaluation process and preparation for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools next February. The first year of the new initiative is expected to be at the end of that period for Global Baylor. Null and Hamilton hope that Global Baylor has now been reviewed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to become a longitudinal program.

Whatever pertinent issues are present at the end of that period will be considered for the next emphasis.

The first initiative, Global Baylor: Addressing Challenges to Human Flourishing, is geared to highlight international events and opportunities on Baylor’s campus while supporting a greater understanding of global health.

The second initiative, Global Baylor: Enhancing International Travel Experiences, is based on the idea that while you’re abroad, whatever you’re abroad, whether it’s your own country or a faculty-led program in the summer, you want to experience the world while it’s happening. Null and Hamilton hope that Baylor will become a more integrated part of the world.

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Global Baylor: Facilitating Global Challenges

This fall, the Office of Intellectual Engagement engaged in the Global Baylor plan aims to encourage worldly students for all academic disciplines and international events and opportunities on Baylor’s campus while supporting a greater understanding of global health.

The new Quality Enhancement Program has been under development for the past several years. The Office of Intellectual Engagement chose the Global Baylor project as the topic. Hamilton launched the process of gathering a steering committee and drafting the Quality Enhancement Program plan for the 2017–2018 academic year. Global Baylor is one of many factors thatNull helped develop and coordinate in the broader Baylor University Quality Enhancement Plan.

The Global Baylor Quality Enhancement Program was designed to promote internationalization and global engagement among the Baylor community. Global Baylor is likely to reach these goals through four primary initiatives: Global Challenges, Enhanced International Travel Experiences, Enhanced Inter-cultural Competence and Global Baylor.

The first initiative, Global Challenges, seeks to increase student exposure to and understanding of global equity and human flourishing. The Quality Enhancement Program will focus on particular world-wide issues to promote student engagement with global challenges, starting with global health.

At Jeffery Hamilton, vice president for global engagement, we’ve always looked to the process. In fact, global health is one of the main topics for all academic disciplines and we want to promote student involvement in every direction.

“In fact, there were discussions that started with classes across campus and talk to a lot of different constituencies. It is something that fits into Baylor’s mission and excellence and learning and campus life,” Hamilton said.

Enhanced International Travel Experiences, the second initiative, will provide more travel and mission opportunities for students and will feature guest speakers in the second-floor lobby of the BDSC. Dr. Wesley Null, vice president for educational experiences, will lead a trip to Chiang Mai, Thailand, for an elephant population study.

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“Global Baylor is one of many factors thatNull helped develop and coordinate in the broader Baylor University Quality Enhancement Plan,” Hamilton said. “We want to provide collaborative, student- and faculty-led, global education experiences that go beyond academics.”

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Graham to continue the revival for a total of eight weeks.

“Tirelessly spreading a message of fellowship and hope, he shaped the spiritual lives of tens of millions of people worldwide,” Carter said in a release across national borders and racial barriers, surpassing generational boundaries and conviction has transcended the world of his life as an evangelist. His influence is not limited to denominations.

“Christ belongs to all people; anybody tell you that it's white South.”

That is one thing we've got to do a lot better in Spain, and that's to work with people, Graham said during the convocation. “Spiritual emphasis.” Graham referred to the spirit of the Texas.
Black Panther breaks box office

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"This review contains spoilers.

The box office numbers are in, and "Black Panther" has already established itself as one of the most anticipated films of the year. This Afro-futuristic superhero film, directed by Ryan Coogler, has captured the imaginations of audiences worldwide. Here's a breakdown of the film's success:

- **Breaks Box Office**
  - The film opened to a strong $131 million at the domestic box office, making it the highest-grossing film in the history of Disney's Marvel Cinematic Universe.
  - In its first four days, "Black Panther" has grossed over $250 million in the United States, becoming the third Marvel film to achieve this milestone.
  - Internationally, the film has already surpassed $300 million, launching in strong territories like China, where it opened with a massive $70 million.

- **Cultural Impact**
  - "Black Panther" has sparked a cultural moment, with many fans and critics relating the film's themes of identity, empowerment, and unity to their own experiences.
  - The film's success has also highlighted the importance of diverse representation in Hollywood.

- **Critics' Reviews**
  - Despite the box office success, "Black Panther" has received mixed reviews. Some critics praised its visual effects, performances, and cultural significance, while others found it lacking in storytelling and character development.

With "Black Panther" continuing to break records, it remains to be seen how long its impact will last. Will it stand the test of time, or will the hype fade as quickly as it rose? Only time will tell.

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**For more updates on "Black Panther" and other movies, check out our movie reviews section on BaylorLariat.com.**
The Portraits of the Century

Barack Obama being chosen to paint the portrait of his father, who was a Kenyan man named Barack Obama Sr., has discovered the death of his father at the time his son was 15 years old. "My father was a man who was deeply committed to his mission to disperse weapons across the world, and I remember him talking about his work back in Kenya," Obama said. "He was a man who was always fighting for justice and equality, and he was someone who inspired me to become the person I am today." Obama went on to say that his father's death was a turning point for him, as it motivated him to work towards creating a more just and equal world. "I speak from experience when I say that losing someone you love, especially someone who was so important to you, can be a very difficult experience," Obama said. "But it is also an opportunity to reflect on the importance of the work that we do and the impact that we can have on the world."
Hall of Fame finalist Mulkey reflects on career

BY BEN EVERTT
Sports Writer

Baylor women’s basketball head coach Kim Mulkey is one of the most decorated who are finalists for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame-Class of 2018.

Mulkey, who boasts 532 career victories as head coach of the Lady Bears, took a moment to reflect on her career after Baylor’s 80-51 win over Kansas State Saturday.

Mulkey won the NCAA Tournament title in 1982 as a player for Louisiana Tech, and again in 1998 as assistant coach. Mulkey said coming to Baylor was a carville at her after Louisiana Tech did not renew her contract.

“I came to Baylor to get a paycheck and to try to get them out of the cellar of the Big 12,” Mulkey said. “Remember the story about how I got here and Texas not giving me a 5-year deal? Life helps you walk and you either hold those carville or you adjust, and I’m not one that’s used to striking out.”

The Lady Bears won 234 games from 1999-2006, the season before Mulkey arrived, and had never made the NCAA Tournament. Mulkey led the Lady Bears to the NCAA Tournament every year that she’s become head coach.

Mulkey said the team boasts were on all time low when she showed up, but she didn’t lose a team that included a 2003 National Championship, the Bears won.

“I came here with a vision to build a program,” Mulkey said. “I had this vision of what I thought we would be able to build at as fast as we did and win a National Championship in this years. So then we had to keep leading people.”

Mulkey and the Lady Bears have continued to find the means, winning the 2012 National Championship and winning the Big 12 Conference eight times in a row.

Mulkey said she is not alone in making Baylor a powerhouse women’s basketball program.

“I couldn’t do it by myself,” Mulkey said. “I’ve been blessed with unbelievable coaches that have contained committed people. People see that this program is one that’s not going to go away. If I’m ever fortunate enough to make it to the Hall, I hope Baylor helps me pay for every kid I’ve ever coached to go there because I’m only as good as they are.”

At the end of the day, they make a coach, I’m humbled, I wish I was enough, all the things I can’t do.”

In addition to her potential Hall of Fame selection on Wednesday, Mulkey was named one of 10 semifinalists for the Women’s Basketball Coach of the Year.

Mulkey has won the Naismith Coach of the Year award once before (2012) and she won AP College Coach of the Year (2012) and USBWA Coach of the Year twice (2011, 2012). As for the Hall of Fame, Mulkey has said she isn’t sure if she’s deserving, but if she is, it’s because Baylor gave her the opportunity to coach.

“I’m worthy? I don’t know,” Mulkey said. “But I had a dream. It belongs to Baylor.”

Texas roots helps men’s golf team grow closer together

MAX CALDERONE
Sports Writer

When Mike McGraw took over as head coach of the Baylor men’s golf team, he set out to take the program to new heights.

Because of that, both McGraw and Bailey said they have seen improvements in the team chemistry, which translates to better results in team tournaments and events.

“When things are going well with each other, we are able to push each other to get better and see where we can improve,” said Bailey.

Mulkey has led them to the NCAA Tournament and has been for 45, 50 years. Waco is in the geographical center of Texas, so it made no sense not to recruit here.

“I grew up playing junior golf with every single one of these guys,” McGraw said. “I knew all of them before I even got to Baylor.”

Because of that, McGraw and Bailey have said they have seen improvements in team chemistry, which translates to better results in team tournaments and events. Bailey said this year’s team is unlike any other during his time at Baylor.

“We have more chemistry in this team than we’ve ever had,” Bailey said. “People love being from Texas and knowing each other before they got here is great for the program.”

McGraw said that recruiting locally has been a huge part of the team’s growing chemistry.

“My recruiting philosophy is that it’s so hard to recruit a player and then have to move the family,” McGraw said. “We don’t want them to move away.”

As for the Lady Bears, Mulkey said she’s deserving, but if she is, it’s because Baylor gave her the opportunity to coach.

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The Bears will send Baseball travels west to face UCLA Bruins

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“Going to be a matter of how he feels and what he’s doing,” Stricklin said. “Being able to come in at the start he made last year and go out doing what he did against Houston Baptist (Verminton). That’s really impressive. It shows you what kind of character and why he’s here.”

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**Track & field prepares for Big 12 Indoor Championship**

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**Baseball**

Baylor track and field heads north for the 2018 Big 12 Indoor Championship today and Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

**Power Your Leverage**

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**Baseball**

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"It's pretty close," McGraw said about the bond his team has off the course. "Every year we've added more and more Texas players, so I think that's part of it. Chemistry has improved as we've continued to recruit locally.

After coming off a second-place finish at the All-American tournament outside of Houston, all seven golfers who competed got to see their peers. McGraw said the upset was helped by the fact that he loves having so many people come out to watch his team play.

"All seven sets of parents were there, watching their kids play," McGraw said. "It was a big benefit. I would say Braden Bradley have put a damper on Baylor's title hopes. Bradley have put a damper on Baylor's title hopes."

Bradley has competed in Texas or Oklahoma, making it a short trip for family members who want to come watch the Bears in action. Bailey said the proximity of Baylor to his hometown made it easy a decision when deciding when he wanted to play college golf.

"That definitely was a pretty big factor," Bailey said.

"It was a no-brainer for me," Bailey said about the decision. "I love the weather we have here, it just didn't make sense to go to a northern school. With the weather we have here in Waco and the great facilities, it was a no-brainer for me."

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