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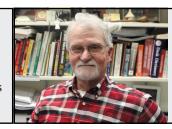


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Josh Aguirre | Multimedia Editor

NOT GUILTY Shawn Oakman hugs his uncle Kenneth Rogers on Thursday afternoon after receiving a verdict of not guilty in his sexual assault trial. Testimonies lasted a day and half, and the jury deliberated for over two hours.

Jury finds Oakman not guilty of sexual assault

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Staff Writer and News Editor

A McLennan County jury found former Baylor football player Shawn Oakman not guilty Thursday afternoon of sexual assault.

The jury deliberated for about two hours after listening to 10 state witnesses, including testimony from law enforcement, medical and psychological examiners, the alleged victim and of her friends. The defense called six witnesses to support their claim that Oakman and the woman had consensual sex. They included three friends the football player who saw him and the victim that night. The two and a half days of testimony included graphic images and text message logs.

The alleged victim testified during the trial on Wednesday, but Oakman did not take the stand. According to Hilary LaBorde, a prosecuting attorney on the case, the alleged victim did not make eye contact with Oakman during her testimony.

A friend of the victim started crying during her testimony. "It's very hard to see your best friend go from completely happy to not wanting to live anymore,"

Oakman's trial had been pending for over two and half years after he was charged with sexual assault.

Robert Moody, one of the prosecuting attorneys, in his closing statements asked the jury why the victim would go through the process of a trial, physical examinations and interviews if the claim wasn't true.

To demonstrate how the woman was penetrated by Oakman, Moody approached the jury box and hit the side of a table three times, saying that was how the woman was violated. Moody highlighted the large physical size of Oakman and his ability to physically harm and threaten others. He also told the jury they should show the

community that this act is not tolerated. 'She gets to carry that through her life because of you," said Moody as he pointed at Oakman towards the end of his closing statement.

Jessi Freud, one of the defense attorneys, answered the state's charges. She told the jury to look at the evidence and not to assume any guilt when deciding their verdict.

Freud said Moody was trying to guilt the jurors into a decision. Freud wrote out the six names of the witnesses who testified on the whiteboard in the courtroom, and said all of them testified the victim was not drunk enough to have any memory impairment.

Freud also focused on the semen found orally on the victim. She said the prosecution didn't want the jurors to know about that because it doesn't align with forced sexual conduct. Freud also said the victim's texts to her friends proved that it was a consensual act because she told her friends, who were at a nearby bar, to go home while she was at Oakman's residence.

"Do not let them guilt you," Freud

Waco police officer Danny Pilgrim who was a state witness, responded to the incident when it allegedly took

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BU admits tour guides removed newspapers



Shae Koharski | Multimedia Journalist

REMOVED PAPERS Campus tour guides removed the Feb. 8 edition of the Lariat from Penland Crossroads and the Foster Campus for Business due to front page headlines.

CAMERON STUART

Radio Reporter

Baylor student tour guides removed issues of the Baylor Lariat newspaper on Feb. 9 from newsstands at Penland Crossroads and the Foster Campus for Business and Innovation, according to eyewitness accounts that have been confirmed by the university.

Wexford, Pa., senior Ben Christie was eating lunch with friends at Penland Crossroads on Feb. 9 when a student tour guide took their copy of the Feb. 8 issue of the Lariat with a front page story titled "Fifth alleged rape reported."

"The girl who took the newspaper from our table, she told us her boss had told her to do it." Christie said. "Then they said it was something they didn't want students to

Dallas senior Hunter Meroney was also eating lunch with Christie when they saw the newspapers being removed from their stands.

"A female tour guide came up and grabbed my friend's newspaper, I imagine to hide it from guests," Meroney said. "After that, we saw her take the rest of the newspapers off the stands at Penland [Crossroads] and throw them away."

Jason Cook, Baylor's vice president for marketing and communications, explained in a statement that the removal of the newspapers was a miscommunication. He said the incident was an isolated one, vowing to never let it

happen again. "Campus Visits has never

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Professors offer guidance to students in Sing



Josh Aguirre | Multimedia Editor

BALANCING SING Sharon Gripp, senior lecturer of journalism new media and public relations and other Baylor professors are willing to work with students that participate in Sing so they don't feel like they are choosing between their

MADALYN WATSON Staff Writer

As the second week of Sing comes to a close, several Baylor professors share how they help their students involved in All-University Sing balance their academic workload with their rigorous rehearsal and performance schedules.

Sharon Gripp, a senior lecturer as well as the program undergraduate director for journalism, public relations and new media, asked her students if they felt conflicted between their obligation to their academics and their obligation to Sing.

"Many of them said, yes. One of the things that I have recently discovered was that some sororities and fraternities require you to participate, you don't have a choice," Gripp

Gripp said that this

bothered her because it puts the student in a place where they have to choose between their organization and their academics.

"I think they have to remember that sometimes they have to say no to someone in to an organization, if it's going to severely, negatively impact them in their academics," Gripp said.

Although a social life is an aspect of students' overall college experience, their academics are still their reason for being at Baylor, Gripp said.

Dr. Tony Talbert, professor and associate dean of strategic initiatives for the School of Education, previously taught undergraduate courses such as Social Issues in Education, where he taught students how to balance Sing and their

academics. "We talk about the Baylor experience, whatever that

means. It means different

things to different people," Talbert said. "I think there's something real about that."

Talbert said the overall Baylor experience is more than a major or a degree plan. School traditions and events, like Sing and Pigskin, are part of a Baylor degree.

"If I believe that my class isn't the end all be all, and that my degree plan isn't the end all be all, that Sing experience is something that I'm going to integrate into the schedule," Talbert said.

Although Talbert believes that these social commitments enhance a college education, he understands that too many commitments, social and academic, can cause problems.

"I think it's very important for people to be as involved as they can, from a time management standpoint. I also

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EDITORIAL



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More free food

Baylor could do more to fight food insecurity

Approximately half of the country's college students are food insecure, according to a 2017 study published in the Educational Researcher. Food insecurity is the lack of access to affordable, nutrient-filled food. Baylor's campus is no exception. In 2015, campus research showed that nearly 20 percent of the Baylor population is food insecure. That's roughly 3,000 students who don't know where their next meal will come from.

Baylor has been taking many steps to correct this issue, and it's made plenty of strides in that area — the creation of The Store and The Fridge are both effective ways to provide students with quick meals that will satisfy the grumbling in their stomachs. Last week, the Baylor Board of Regents decided to fund The Store on campus for the next year. Once a semester, the Free Farmers Market on campus also provides students with fresh produce that can round out their diet. However, while these are wonderful options, there are many ways Baylor can do more to help food insecure students on campus.

Part of addressing the problem of food insecurity is understanding where the issue comes from. For some students, it's a lack of money; for others it's a lack of transportation to and from grocery stores. For others, it's simply that the most affordable on-campus meal plan only feeds them three meals a week. Baylor has maintained that its goal is to get that 20 percent down to zero. We think there are several ways to do more and address each of these unique needs food insecure students may experience.

First, focusing on redirecting food waste to good use could be an effective way to help college students stay healthy and fed. According to Recycling Works, a government-funded research group in Massachusetts, the average college student throws away approximately 140 pounds of food waste each year. Baylor dining services says it is committed to waste reduction through reusing and recycling, but maybe they can continue these efforts in other ways. Further research into food waste management could lead to an adjustment in menus, the containers or serving materials

used to transport the meals or even just adjust the amount of food served to reflect the amount of food wasted. If the food was served at intervals and in amounts that facilitate students piling an appropriate amount onto their plates, students who were food insecure could come to the dining halls later without fear that there will be a lack of edible food available for them.

Along with that, the university could consider a hot meal night, where once a week students could come and get a hot meal without needing a meal plan. Even just one hot meal a week could be all the difference for a student who has been living off of crackers for the past three days. Yes, that would be expensive for the university, but with a self-conducted waste audit, Baylor could figure out how to serve their food in a more sustainable way. Even by spending the same amount on food, the university could have more resources to support the hungry student population.

Another area the school could improve on is transportation to and from campus. There is a free shuttle that leaves from the Fifth Street circle on campus and goes to HEB every Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. However, if students don't know about this, or have a class or extracurricular commitments at that time, they would completely miss the opportunity to get the food they need. If Baylor changed the schedule to include more times and dates students could access the shuttle or facilitated a student-oriented ride-share service to HEB, perhaps students without cars would be able to get to the store more often and more easily.

Finally, simply surveying the students to see what they need would enlighten the Baylor administration as to the best way to go about addressing food insecurity. Whether students say increasing the farmers market days or including rollover meal plans, or simply say they're fine, surveying is a way the student body's voices are heard on this issue. If Baylor wants to continue its efforts to stop food insecurity on campus, get the students involved too — they're the ones who experience it every day.

COLUMN

Take study breaks with time outside

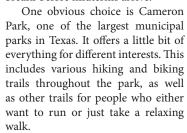
DARBY GOOD

Page One Editor

As midterms are approaching, students need to make sure to take care of themselves while preparing for their tests by taking time to get unplugged and outside.

Students will often lock themselves indoors to focus on their studies for long periods of time, which can actually end up being counterproductive. A study at the University of Michigan showed that a group of people who took a walk through a wooded area had 20 percent better shortterm memory than those who took in city-scape sights. In Waco, there are so many opportunities that students can

take advantage of during their study breaks before midterms arrive.



Another resource than can be really fun is playing outdoor games on Fountain Mall. Students can be commonly found playing Spikeball, Frisbee or fetch with their dogs on that stretch of land. Activities like these are much more enjoyable because they are group events that can be done as a part of a study group. It combines fun and spending time taking in fresh air, while also being the perfect distance from the library if you're just taking a quick break before going back to the grind.



Taking the time to step back and enjoy the outdoors doesn't have to take time away from studying."

If you're in a serious time crunch, a quick way to take in some sun rays is to eat meals outside. Doing this allows you take time away from the crowded libraries or lecture halls and focus on just doing one thing at time. It can also turn into a relaxing time with friends if you turn it into an outdoor picnic. The main point is just taking the time to realign yourself while also getting some fuel for your day.

Hammocking is another great option if students want to combine spending time outdoors, but you can also do it while studying. This idea is also highly versatile because you can hammock in Cameron Park, in the trees outside the Bill Daniel Student Center or anywhere with two tree branches to tie the ends of the hammock to. This option works great because it takes a step back to unplug from Wi-Fi, but students can still go over notes, read a chapter of their textbooks or just take a nap.

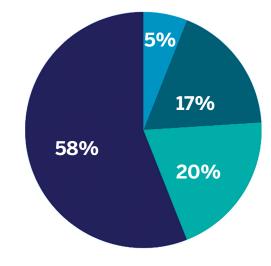
It's easy to over think midterm season as things start to stack up on everyone's plates. Taking the time to step back and enjoy the outdoors doesn't have to take time away from studying. I am able to focus a lot easier after getting out for a quick run or walk through the trails in Cameron Park. It's simply a way to get away from the screens and prepare our minds to take on long study regimens. Fresh air is needed to study just as much as it is needed to breathe. By taking the time to spend outside, we all can approach this season with a little more self-love.

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Baylor welcomes new university provost to campus

BRIDGET SJOBERG

Staff Writer

On May 1, Baylor will welcome Dr. Nancy Brickhouse as the university's new provost. The university provost is a chief academic officer that oversees university colleges, schools and works on furthering goals for faculty, staff and the student body.

Brickhouse is a Baylor graduate who served as provost at Saint Louis University in 2015 for the last three years and prior, spent the last 27 years at the University of Delaware as interim provost and deputy provost. Brickhouse said in a phone-in conference that she is excited for the opportunity to serve in a provost role at Baylor and anticipates being able to further the university's Illuminate strategic plan and include students in important

"Something that really touched me was the inspiration of Illuminate, and how that describes Baylor's aspirations for the future," Brickhouse said. "I think that the world needs Baylor to be a Christian voice to solve some of the most challenging problems of today. This can be a challenging time to build community, and I think Baylor has the opportunity to play a role in shaping that conversation. Our students are really the heart of this institution, and engaging them in these big questions of today and showing them an example of excellence Christian education is something I find incredibly inspirational."



She brings a wealth of background experience that is in line with who we are at Baylor"

LINDA LIVINGSTONE |

Brickhouse also hopes to use her role as provost to further diversity on campus, as well as to continue to promote Baylor's goal to become a R1 university -- which is a university that engages in extensive research activity.

"It's important that we have a strong and diverse hiring pool, and that we're taking diversity seriously. We'll make sure there's good training for search committees so they can conduct searches in ways that attract diverse candidates, and that we support them once they get here," Brickhouse said. "We have areas as a university to work on as described in Illuminate, and once we get into planning out fine details, new ideas will emerge that will help to drive the growth we need to become R1."

Baylor President Dr. Linda Livingstone expressed a similar desire to work with Brickhouse in shaping Baylor as a school that leads in research, diversity and furthering its Christian

mission. "We anticipate about 30 percent of our faculty will retire in the next five to 10 years, which allows for tremendous opportunity to really make progress on diversity in both the leadership of the institution as well as in our faculty ranks. The provost plays a very critical role in that, and Dr. Brickhouse is deeply committed and has shown evidence in past roles in helping enhance the diversity of campuses," Livingstone said in the conference call. "The metrics needed to become an R1 university are pretty clear, so we know where we are and where we have to be. Dr.

with those metrics and has worked on improving those metrics at previous institutions — that will be part of what Dr. Brickhouse and others do in the coming years."

Livingstone said Brickhouse possesses qualities that work towards Baylor's mission and sees her time as a previous provost, serving at a Christian institution and having attended Baylor as providing roles that will serve Baylor and its plan moving

"She brings a wealth of background experience that

Brickhouse is very familiar is in line with who we are at Baylor and what we hope to accomplish," Livingstone said. "She helped integrate research very effectively in ways that are important to us as we seek to fulfill the goals set out in Illuminate. We feel like she brings the full package of what we need in terms of understanding goals of becoming a preeminent Christian research university. Because she has Baylor ties, she also has a love and understanding of the university that is important and will allow her to have an



Photo courtasy of Baylor Uninversity

NEW PROVOST Baylor alumna Dr. Nacy Brickhouse will be the new university provost in May. Her role as provost is a chief academic officer who oversees colleges and schools to further the university goals for faculty, staff and the student body.

What's * Happening on Campus?

Friday, March 1

Deaf Missions Workshop

6 p.m. Spiritual Life invites you to Cashion 320 to learn how to communicate more effectively with deaf communities around the world. The workshop focuses on Cross Language Interaction: How to communicate with another person using different sign languages.

Men's Tennis vs. Illinois

6 p.m. Head to the Hurd Tennis Center to celebrate Hounds at the Hurd Day! Watch the Bears take on Illinois and take home used Baylor tennis balls for your pup.

Grace Group

8-9 p.m. A Christ-centered mental health recovery resource, the Grace Alliance is designed to empower you to manage mental health stressors, improve your daily wellbeing and renew your faith. The group meets every Tuesday at Beauchamp Addiction Recovery Center in East Village.

Sundown Sessions

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Head to the Bill Daniel Student Center for some late-night fun! Enjoy a movie night featuring Fantastic Beasts: Crimes of Grindelwald, the second movie of the prequel series to Harry Potter. If you're looking for more fun, head to the game room for blacklight bowling.

Saturday, March 2

Multicultural Women's Symposium 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Gather in Barfield Drawing room to hear from some of Baylor's women faculty and staff of color. Enjoy a time of fellowship with a complimentary continental breakfast and lunch and find inspiration from our shared experiences.

ᇌ Women's Basketball vs. Oklahoma State

> 1 p.m. Watch your Big 12 Champions take on OSU and celebrate Faith and Family Day at the Ferrell Center!

Sundown Sessions

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday's Sundown Session offers DIY terrarium making in Barfield Drawing Room and more blacklight bowling in the gameroom of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Sunday, March 3

JCPenney Suit Up

5:30-8:30 p.m. The Office of Career & Professional Development has partnered with JCPenney to provide professional clothing to students at a significantly discounted price. Head to JCPenney in Richland Mall at 6001 W. Waco Drive to shop the sale. Show your student ID for the extra discount.

Monday, March 4

Movie Mondays at the Hippodrome: FREE SOLO

> 7 p.m. This week's Movie Monday features the awardwinning documentary FREE SOLO. This National Geographic documentary follows free solo climber Alex Honnold as he prepares to climb El Capitan to its summit at 3,000 feet in Yosemite National Park. Admission is free. Tickets can be picked up at the Baylor Ticket Office or Hippodrome Box Office.

Tuesday, March 5

Neighbor Night

6 p.m. Join Baylor students, faculty and staff every other Tuesday night for unique cultural cuisine and fellowship in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center.

MLC World Cinema Series

6 p.m. The Department of Modern Languages and Cultures presents MLC World Cinema Night featuring the German film In The Fade in Bennett Auditorium.

Baseball vs. UT Arlington **6:35 p.m.** Join us for a night at the Baylor Ballpark as the Bears take on UT Arlington.

Wednesday, March 6

Curator Talks: Getting to the Bottom of the Neoclassical Gaze

5:30 p.m. Join guest curators Dr. Sean DeLouche and Dr. Nathan Elkins as they explore mythology and meaning in (neo)classical sculpture in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center, Allbritton Lecture Hall.

🗾 Men's Basketball vs. Oklahoma State

8 p.m. Join us in honoring our graduating studentathletes for senior night as the Bears take on Oklahoma State.

Thursday, March 7

Solving the Problems of Racial Inequality

> 3:30 p.m. Dr. Jason Shelton, associate professor of sociology and director of the Center for African American Studies at UT Arlington, will speak on "Solving the Problems of Racial Inequality" in Draper Room 152.



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New Student Programs bridges gap for transfer students

SAVANNAH COOPER

Reporter

Every fall and spring semester, the Baylor community grows with transfer students. No two transfer students are the same — some are freshmen who took a gap year; some are athletes who are eligible to practice in the spring; some are veterans here on the G.I. Bill; some are first-generation college students who needed to get their finances in order.

Five years ago, Transfer Student Success Center director Joe Oliver became the inaugural holder of the position. He saw a lack of support on campus for students after they matriculate through admissions and welcome weekend activities.

"I was the first person on campus to think through what does it mean to support and care for transfer students once they get here," Oliver said. "They're wonderful folks in admissions who focused on transfer students, but once they got here how are they supported, cared for and how do we help them out. That's my role."

Oliver said his personal affinity for transfer students is so strong because he transferred twice while pursuing his undergraduate degree. Through his experience, he said he knows firsthand how challenging it can be.

"My particular interest had to do with the fact that my personal experience as a transfer student. I transferred twice, so I went to three different schools. One semester at a large state university, another at a private Christian college and then I transferred again to another private liberal arts Christian college. So with that experience, I knew the challenges that came with that."

According to Baylor Institutional Research and Testing, there were 352 transfers in fall 2018.

Mount Pleasant senior transfer Rachel Fernandez first learned about Baylor when she was in eighth grade. She said the beauty of Baylor's campus instantly captured her and stayed with her all the through high school when it was time to apply for college.

As a first-generation college student, Fernandez said she wasn't fully aware of the requirements to apply to Baylor, such as taking the ACT and/or the SAT. With that lack of knowledge, Fernandez spent a year at Northeast Texas Community College and applied to Baylor as a transfer and was accepted. Her dream become reality.

Fernandez said she found herself in a place of isolation that she didn't see coming. It's called transfer shock, the moment when you can't connect with fellow first-year students because your age and stage in college aren't reflective of

their

"You can't connect with those who are doing the traditions for the first time because the people you were supposed to do it with have already done it," Fernandez said.

In Chapel, Fernandez said she couldn't find a familiar face. In the classroom, Fernandez she she was surrounded by jargon that recurring students wouldn't think twice about, like how to use GroupMe or what office hours are. With that disconnect, Fernandez said she felt isolated.

"Nobody there resonated with me because I was a transfer and because they'd all been there for a while," Fernandez said. "I was isolated in the classroom because I didn't know how to interact with them and it immediately affected my grades."

With the significantly drop in her grades, Fernandez said she went to Oliver's office toward the end of her first semester and asked if she made the right decision to come to Baylor. Oliver reassured Fernandez that all her feelings are typical of transfer students and to give it one more semester and report back. She said he also advised her to get involved in two things, something that will be her joy and help her professionally.

Due to the varied degree of difficulty of coursework for students, each department has a committee that determines whether a transfer students' previous coursework meets the standards on a similar class on Baylor's campus. Fernandez said she wasn't set back too much as she applied with 66 credits and was granted 36 of them at Baylor.

As the spring 2018 semester rolled around, Fernandez said she started getting plugged in with the pre-law society and got involved with the transfer student office. She said she also picked up on the lingo and started to flourish on campus.

In the spring 2018 semester, a new program started underneath the transfer student umbrella that's goal is to help students with each step along the way during their transition. There are three groups: transfer ambassadors, transfer mentors and transfer event team with three student leaders overseeing each respective group.

The transfer ambassadors represent Baylor on the front end. They reach out to prospective and incoming transfer students before they arrive, letting them know that someone is on campus thinking about them.

Transfer mentors meet one-on-one with transfer students once they get to campus and support them individually. They meet frequently in the first six weeks of the semester to answer any and all questions, offer help and be a familiar face to hear them out.



Photo courtesy of New Student Programs

TRANSFER While the majority of students join the Baylor Bear family as freshmen, there are many students who join later in their college journey. New Student Programs works to ensure everyone feels welcome and at home at Baylor.

Transfer event team plans events that help to transfer students with their overall transition to collegiate life.

Fernandez joined this team of volunteers and she she wanted to become the exact person she needed when she first arrived on campus. Through the course of her work, she said she now feels as though she's become a Baylor Bear.

"It's seeing my transfer ambassador kids who fully took my advice, got plugged in and are doing amazing, doing successful – that is the moment I was like, I'm a Baylor Bear, I was here for these students and I'm the reason that they are not having to struggle like I did," Fernandez

During the spring semester, the several hundred students reduces down to just around 150 transfers, depending on the year.

Oliver said he knows that some Baylor students might not be on the lookout for new students in the spring semester. However, he said he has worked to make their welcome worthwhile.

"In January, virtually no one is looking out for new students," Oliver said. "I don't mean that in a way that people don't care about them. I mean that everyone assumes that the new students come in the fall. When there's 150 new students in the spring, very few folks have new students on their radar. They're thinking, almost because it's true, that everyone is settled, knows their way around, knows how to finds their books, knows what is expected of them in the classroom"

Spring transfer students have a welcomeweekend run by New Student

Programs. The weekend starts on Friday and ends on Sunday. Within that short time frame, there's a lot packed in. Students meet their peers, learn from prominent university administrators like President Dr. Linda Livingstone and Vice President for Student Life Kevin Jackson, go bowling in the Bill Daniel Student Center and have a night out in Waco.

After that eventful weekend, spring transfers embark on navigating through campus for a full week of classes. Oliver describes such a shift like flooring the gas pedal.

"Once the school year hits, it's like going from zero to 60 miles an hour really quickly on a very short on ramp," Oliver said. "Sometimes they (transfer students) don't have all the information they need just because it's such a limited time. With all that transition comes a lot of missed communication or no opportunity for communication."

In spring 2017, one of the 150 new students to campus was Belleville, Ill. senior Alexandra (Lexi) Donnel. Donnel heard about Baylor through her now financé as they attended several football games. Her memories of transfer welcome weekend were chilly, 30-degree days filled with basketball chants and meeting tons of new faces, which for an introvert was extremely tiring but ultimately helpful.

Fernandez said she feels fully prepared for whatever step life takes her next thanks to her time spent at Baylor.

"The confidence Baylor has given me, now that I'm a fully accumulated student makes me unstoppable," Fernandez said.



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place. The alleged victim, according to text message logs used in the testimonies, texted Oakman and invited him to come to Scruffy Murphey's, where her and her friends had been dancing.

Prosecutor Robert Moody asked officer Pilgrim, "If the victim texted Oakman, does that mean he can't sexually assault her?"."No." Pilgrim

Hilary LaBorde delivered the final statement for the state. LaBorde said that there were significant injuries the victim sustained that did not align with consensual sex. The victim was bleeding for days after the incident and she suffered six vaginal tears.

"When you close your eyes, you know what she sees," LaBorde said.

After the not guilty verdict was read. Oakman's family and friends broke out in cries and screams. Oakman started to cry behind the defense table.

"Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Lord," said some of the people in the courtroom. Bailiffs had to silence the crowd before court could be adjourned.

Afterward, Oakman briefly expressed his relief outside of the courthouse.

"All the glory to God," Oakman said. "It don't matter anymore. We back."

Oakman, along with his family and friends, prayed outside of the courthouse in the parking lot.

"In the name of Jesus, we are family," said a woman praying in the circle.

Oakman's uncle, Kenneth Roberts, who helped raise him, said Oakman was robbed of three years of his life and now has the chance to do whatever he wants with his freedom.

The alleged victim did not attend the verdict reading, although, she was in the courthouse with her mother, according to Moody.



Josh Aguirre | Multimedia Editor

VERDICT Oakman talks to press after the verdict is read.

REMOVED PAPERS

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given blanket instructions to campus tour guides to remove papers from newsstands or to shy away from answering any question honestly and factually from prospective students and their families about our campus today and past issues," Cook said in the statement. "They were not asked to destroy or remove papers."

The statement explains that they want their student tour guides to express themselves freely and objectively, but also acknowledges that the staff members did remove newspapers on Feb. 9.

"We have learned there was a miscommunication at an event on Feb. 9, when an admissions staff member asked a few campus tour staff to move papers in the Penland Crossroads lobby and Foster," Cook said. "Unfortunately, papers in the Penland lobby were thrown away while papers in Foster were moved within the newsstand or recycled."

Feb. 9 was "Know Where You're Going Day" and the Baylor Media and Public Relations office estimated there were over 2,000 prospective students touring

campus that day.

According to the Lariat's pickup rates, which are recorded for each issue, 15 newsstands recorded a pickup rate of "zero," meaning no newspapers were left on the stand. Of those 15 empty newsstands, 14 are at locations where prospective students stop on a standard campus tour. There is no way of knowing how many of those papers were taken by regular Lariat readers or the visitors on campus that Saturday.

This semester, only six of those 15 newsstands had all their copies taken of any one edition of the Lariat.

Baylor is not the only school to experience the removal of newspapers with controversial headlines. In September, the University of Oklahoma's student newspaper, the "OU Daily," had an estimated 450 issues with a front page story regarding sexual assault allegations against a university professor stolen, according to the Student Press Law Center.

In total, the 15 Baylor newsstands with a reported pickup rate of zero accounted for 2,150 issues of the Lariat out of a circulation of 4,000.

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think it's important for people to run up against the realities of, 'I said yes too much," Talbert said.

Dr. Joshua King, a professor in the English department, said he typically does not see his students struggle to manage their time between Sing and his

"I've just been blessed with very good students who are doing their work, but they are quite tired at this time," King said.

King said his students reach out to him ahead of time when they have upcoming commitments like Sing or other time-consuming events.

"The good thing is they have been notifying me ahead of time, this is coming, and I will just give them advice about reading ahead and that kind of thing," King said. Gripp said she would prefer her

students to notify her at the start of the year about their involvement in Greek life or their position as a Sing chair.

"I would rather them come to me and talk about it as opposed to getting really behind or missing something and then not knowing what to do," Gripp

Gripp said that when she had students come to her at the start of class, it makes it easier for her to help them balance their time.

"I've had somebody come to me at the beginning of a previous semester, some say, 'I'm the Sing chair this semester. I feel like I'm already overwhelmed, and I just want you to know, I want to try and stay on top of all my classes and my studies and I may need help at a certain time and I will keep you updated," Gripp said.

This would open up an honest communication between the professor and the student that would prevent unnecessary stress during this time of

"Typically what I would say to students at the very beginning of the spring, 'If you're engaged in activities and organizations social, political, Greek [or] whatever it happens to be, talk to me about your schedule,"

Talbert said.

When Talbert talked to his students about time management, he would always ask them a question that he would touch upon in their classroom.

"I would always say, 'I need you to make a decision: Is this urgent or is it important?' And I talked with my classes frequently about urgency and importance. Let's not mix the two up. Now sometimes the two go hand in hand," Talbert said.

Talbert said his students would work out their time management and scheduling issues when it came to commitments like Sing or other Greek life activities and events.

"There's a consequence either way, and that's what we talk through. There's a grade consequence, but there also might be a social membership consequence," Talbert said.

"If we can't have those conversations, then the experience we have at Baylor is not fully humanizing education," Talbert said.

BAYLOR DAILY CRIME LOG Feb. 21-27

This list is mandated by the Clery Act and is a compilation of all crimes reported to Baylor authorities in specific categories named in federal guidelines. Such reports are investigated but not all confirmed.

Offenses: Assist Other Agency - warrant arrest, criminal trespass warning, suspicious person

Date: 02/27/19 Location: 900 block of S 5th St. Disposition: Cleared by arrest

Offenses: Disorderly conduct by breach of peace Date: 02/27/19

Location: Baylor Sciences Disposition: Active

Offenses: CSA- stalking (reported to Title IX Office) Date: 2/26/2019

Location: 1200 block of S 4th Disposition: Being handled by

Offenses: Burglary of Habitation

Title IX Office

Date: 2/26/2019 Location: 1900 block of S 5th Disposition: Being handled by Waco Police

Offenses: Criminal Trespass Warning Date: 02/26/19 Location: 800 block of N 35th

St., 1100 block of S 9th St. Disposition: Closed

Offenses: Assist Other Agency - warrant arrest, narcotics: poss Marijua

Date: 02/26/19 Location: Oso Verde Apartments, Disposition: Cleared by arrest

Offenses: Burglary of Motor Vehicle Date: 2/26/2019

Location: 1700 block of S 11th Disposition: Being handled by waco police

Offense: Theft of Property Date: 02/22/19 17:30 to: 02/24/19 14:15 Location: 700 block of MP Daniel Esplanade

Offense: Alcohol: Minor **Consuming Alcohol** Date: 02/24/19

Disposition: Active

Location: Martin Residence Disposition: Cleared by arrest

Offense: Trespass, Damage, Date: 02/24/19 01:00

Location: McLane Stadium, Disposition: Cleared by arrest

Offense: Burglary of Motor Vehicle

Date: 2/23/2019 Location: 1700 block of S 11th Disposition: Being handled by Waco Police

Offense: Burglary of a Vehicle Date: 02/23/19

Offenses: Theft of Property

Location: Penland Dining Disposition: Exceptionally Cleared

Date: 02/23/19 Location: Penland Dining Disposition: Exceptionally cleared

**Offenses: Motor Vehicle Theft Date: 2/23/2019

Location: 1500 block of Bagby Disposition: Being handled by Waco Police

Offenses: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Date: 02/22/19 Location: Baylor Police

Department

Disposition: Active Offenses: Criminal Trespass

Warning Date: 02/22/19 Location: 1700 block of S 8th Disposition: Closed

Offenses: Burglary of Motor Vehicle Date: 2/22/2019

Location:7 00 block of S 15th Disposition: Being handled by Waco Police

Offenses: Accident Failure to Stop and Identify Date: 2/21/2019 Location: 900 block of Daughtery Ave. Disposition: Being handled by Waco Police

Offenses: Fraud Date: 2/21/2019 Location: 800 block of S 8th St. Disposition: Being handled by Waco Police

Offenses: Assault Date: 2/21/2019 Location: 1100 block of Speight Disposition: Being handled by Waco Police

Offenses: Accident Failure to Stop and Identify Date occurred from: 02/21/19 Location: Speight Parking Facility

Offenses: Criminal Trespassing Date occurred from: 02/21/19

Location: 1100 block of S 5th

Disposition: Closed

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ARREST LOG Feb. 21-27

Provided by the Baylor Police Department

Assist Other Agency -**Warrant Arrest**

Arrest Date: 02/27/2019 Disposition: Released to Jail Stat Code: Booked Name: Scott, Rodney Derrell

Narcotics: Poss Marijuana Arrest Date: 02/26/2019 Disposition: Released to Jail Stat Code: Booked Name: Walker, Katherine Ann Assist Other Agency -Warrant Arrest Arrest Date: 02/26/2019

Disposition: Released to Jail Stat Code: Booked Name: Walker, Katherine Ann

*Trespass, Damage, Etc. (Ed Cod

Arrest Date: 02/24/2019 Disposition: Released Name: Stat Code: Citation Issued

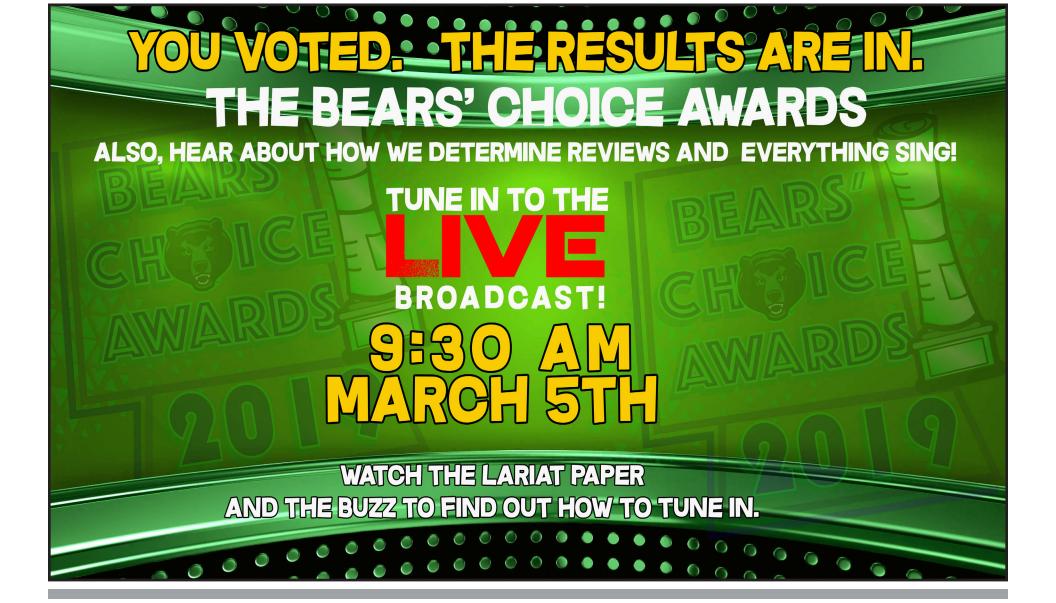
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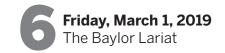
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*Alcohol: Minor Consuming Alcohol

Arrest Date: 02/24/2019 Disposition: Released Stat Code: Citation Issued Name: Welsh, John Terzich Arrest Date: 02/24/2019 Disposition: Released Stat Code: Citation Issued Name: Clorina, Miguel A

*Individuals were issued citations and not arrested, according to the arrest log.







R. KELLY TRIAL

Rapper's trial sparks conversations about fame and rape culture.

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WHAT TO DO

Here is where to be and when this week in Waco

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We just have to hold on to the happy memory of how important the show was in forming us as artists and as people."

Nicole Johnson

Slippin' into the lava>>> The Jonas Brother released a new single, "Sucker," Thursday night after a five year hiatus.

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Take the final bow

Baylor Theatre students share what it's like to say goodbye to a show

THOMAS MORAN

Arts and Life Editor

Often in life hard work pays off with some sort of reward. However, not all rewards are tangible or last as long as others. In the world of theater, casts and crews pour their hearts into shows for months with only a few showings to commemorate their hard work. When the curtain closes for the final time on a show, it can only take a few minutes to tear down the set, store the costumes and erase any signs showing the production ever happened in the first place.

Washington, D.C., senior Hanna Rose Hunt started participating in theater from a young age. Her passion for theater only grew as she aged and she decided to pursue it as her profession once in high school, Hunt said.

"I did a lot of extracurriculars, and I realized that theater just gave me this high that I couldn't get anywhere else,"

Hunt said. "It was so exciting to put myself into someone else's life."

However, despite years and years of theater experience, the sting of breaking down a set and saying goodbye to a role has never stopped hurting, Hunt said.

Unlike many other theater groups, the different elements of putting together a show are not independent from one another. It's not unusual for cast members to put in hours of work to help build the set, compose costumes and more, Hunt said.

"At Baylor, we do it all ourselves," Hunt said. "The costumes, the sets, we build it all ourselves. So, we are more attached to it than if someone did it for us."

With other forms of performance art, projects can be preserved with recordings. However, many theater shows have licenses and restrictions that prevent theaters from recording performances.

"That's the thing about live theater," Hunt said. "It's not like film where you can have it forever and replay it and replay it and replay it. Once you do it and you're done with it, you're done with it and that's it. There's pros and cons. The pro is that it becomes this amazing memory you have that will never be altered in your mind. No one else can understand other than you and the other people that worked on the project, which is cool because it's a bonding experience."

Houston senior Nicole Johnson took part in the most recent Baylor Theatre production, "Peter and the Starcatcher." Being a part of the show became an integral part of her day-to-day life, Johnson said.

"It's such a magical and fun show, and on top of that, the cast was amazing," Johnson said. "We just all bonded really well and had a really good time together every single day. It was pretty much the best experience ever."

Having had such a positive experience with the show and the cast, moving on wasn't easy, Johnson said.

"It's really sad," Johnson said. "We always have this joke about post-show

blues or post-show depression, and it's real. You know we spent from before Thanksgiving until February living with the show. For it to all of the sudden be gone, it feels like you're missing a part of your day, a part of something that you feel you've grown so close to."

Everyone has a different way of

Everyone has a different way of coping with the post-show blues. Hunt gave small gifts and notes to all of her castmates when Baylor Theatre's rendition of "Romeo and Juliet" came to a close. Johnson said she gives herself a day off from school the day after a show ends.

Fortunately for Johnson, she didn't have too much time to dwell on her post-show blues because she immediately hopped into a new production, Baylor Theatre's next show, "Mnemonic."

"It's definitely something that's really hard to part from," Johnson said. "But we just have to hold onto the happy memory of how important the show was in forming us as artists and as people."



The Little Lookbook

EMILIE FRUIN | SOPHOMORE | HUNTLEY, ILL.

"I would say my style is playfully poised — or I hope that it comes off that way. My goal is to have close to 75 percent of the outfit either thrifted or from an ethical & environmentally sustainable store. I love neutral colors with an accent color like red, blue or pink."

Turtleneck: Reformation

Camel Coat: Everlane

Jeans: Reformation

Boots: Everlane



R. Kelly trial sparks discussions about fame, wealth, rape culture

LINDSEY REYNOLDS

Reporter

Famed hip-hop artist and rapper Robert Kelly (R. Kelly) was arrested and charged with 10 counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse after turning himself in to a Chicago police district on Feb. 22.

Over a decade following child pornography indictment, a contentious sex-tape trial in 2008 and the indictments of four women's cases against the rapper, Kelly posted \$100,000 bail on Monday. The rapper appeared in court later that day and pleaded not guilty on all accounts.

Lifetime's "Surviving R. Kelly" docuseries, released in January, brought prominence to the victims' experiences with the rapper through individual interviews. The common thread among each victim was naivety.

In the early stages of their encounters with the rapper, the girls said they were seduced by the notoriety that came from spending time with a celebrity. At the time, the victims were still young teenagers and said they had little understanding of the manipulation that Kelly employed to isolate them from their families, the blackmail to keep them silent and the vast influence he had to keep himself out of prison.

One of the most known instances of Kelly's infamous behavior was when he married an underage girl. On Aug. 31, 1994 Kelly, 27 years old at the time, married 15-year-old rhythm and blues singer Aaliyah via a falsified marriage certificate. The marriage was annulled, and all evidence expunged after Aaliyah's parents sued Kelly. Illinois' age of consent is 17.

The seduction of wealth

Dennis

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By: Hank

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and women was easily marketed by hip-hop culture in the '90s, and many times encouraged even today. Reggie Singletary, special assistant to the executive vice president and provost, related the hyper-masculinity of these personalities as a response to times in America when the African-American man was completely demasculinized. He suggested that masculinity was redefined as having mass amounts of wealth, women and fame.

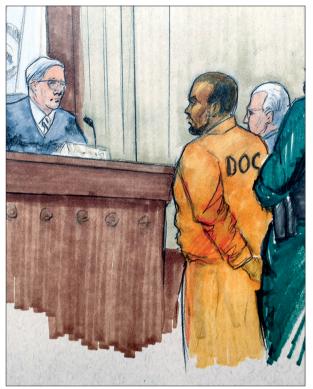
"The complicity of a lot of people around him and the community that supported him perpetuated his behavior," Singletary said. "They let his talent shine more so than his character and that removed a lot of accountability for the things he did."

In over two decades of Kelly's behavior, all allegations were settled out of court in efforts to protect the dignity of the rapper's persona. The settlements oftentimes stipulated a confidentiality agreement, legally forbidding the victims to warn against the rapper's repeated behavior and treatment of women.

In sexual assault cases such as Kelly's, legislation oftentimes serves the wealthy population, therefore perpetuating the rape culture in our society, Singletary said.

"The fact that we have these non disclosure agreements that keep information from coming out prevents and hurts future cases because we don't really know what's going on," Singletary said. "All we see is the settlement. We're perpetuating the same culture and not holding people accountable."

With the prominence of controversial sexual assault cases in the media, conversations have been sparked questioning whether



Associated Press

CONTROVERSY Famed rapper and hip-hop artist Robert Kelly, known as R. Kelly, is facing aggravated criminal sexual abuse charges, sparking dialogue about whether his fame and wealthy will influence the verdict.

this impacts a victim's decision to settle or not pursue charges. The rationale behind this decision is influenced by their lack of trust in the justice system, which propels the victims to take the money rather than taking a loss in court.

"This R. Kelly case speaks more to the societal implications that we don't even realize how many wealthy people are using these tools to evade responsibility and have no accountability to actually solving the problem," Singletary said.

When asked about the morality of a non-disclosure agreement in sexual assault allegations, San Luis Obispo, Calif., senior Shelby Rocco-Rubatzky, expressed her disdain for the stipulations of R. Kelly's past settlements.

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"There should be no loopholes regarding sexual assault and abuse," Rocco-Rubatzky said. "Sex isn't really the point here. It's about the emotional abuse. It's about the fact that he [Kelly] preys on these young girls who don't understand what a healthy adult relationship looks like."

Rocco-Rubastzky she believes Kelly is a master manipulator, and that because of his stardom, many people ignored and even supported his behavior.

With movements like #MeToo, #MuteRKelly and #TimesUp, many are asking whether Kelly's not guilty plea will stand up against the testimonies of his alleged victims?

If convicted, Robert Kelly could face up to 70 years in



Friday, March 1

First Friday Waco | 6 - 10 p.m. | Several business in the downtown area will participate in the monthly event with live music, snacks and more.

Gungor with The Brilliance and Propaganda | 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Common Grounds | \$28 tickets | Doors open at 7 p.m.

Improv Comedy Night | 8:30 p.m. | Brazos Theatre, Suite Q |\$10.50 student tickets | 7524 Bosque Blvd. | The Brazos Theatre Group will perform the comedy act, all made up on the spot.

Saturday, March 2

Waco Downtown Farmers Market | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | McLennan Country Courthouse Parking Lot | Local businesses and vendors will set up booths with a variety of goods for sale.

Quitters - Analog Waco storytelling event | 8 - 9:30 p.m. | Brotherwell Brewing | The event offers attendees the opportunity to share their personal stories involving quitting.

Billy Bone and the Nasty Habits | 7 - 11 p.m. | Mynar's Bar | The two music groups will perform sets at the local bar.

Sunday, March 3

U.S. Navy Concert Band | 3 - 5 p.m. | Jones Concert Hall | Free | Tickets are available in the McCrary Music Building lobby or over the phone at 254-710-3571 and are required for seating.

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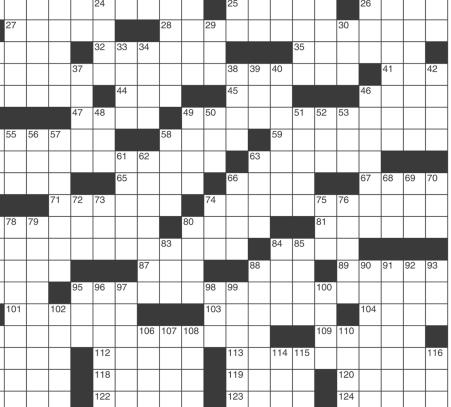
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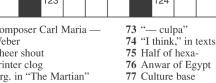
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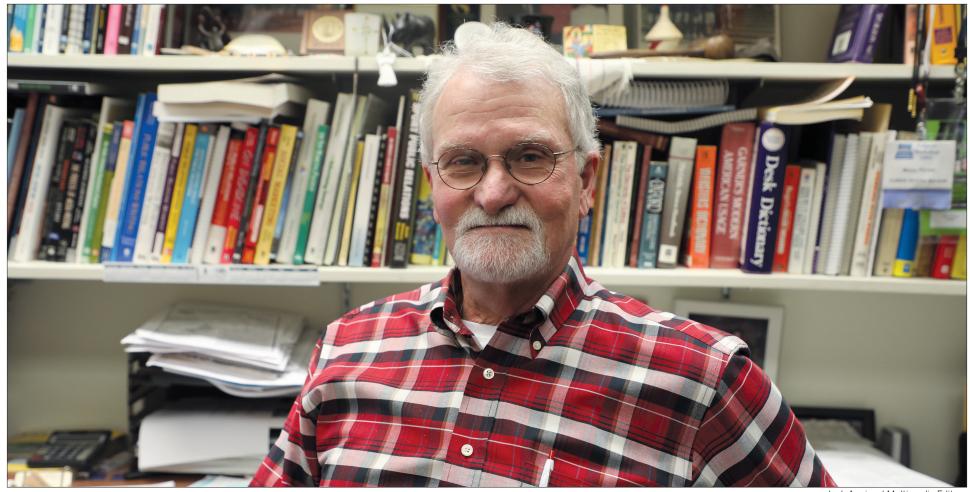
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SENIOR DAY >> The Lady Bears honor their seniors on Saturday against Oklahoma State.

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Josh Aguirre | Multimedia Editor

HALL OF FAMER Baylor senior lecturer Maxey Parrish was inducted into the CoSIDA Hall of Fame on Monday for his work as a Sports Information Director. Parrish ran track at Baylor and has experience working as an SID at SMU, Centenary College and Baylor.

Parrish inducted into CoSIDA Hall of Fame

KAITLYN DEHAVEN

Digital Managing Editor

Baylor senior lecturer in the department of journalism, public relations and new media Maxey Parrish received a huge honor on Monday as he was inducted into the College Sports Information Directors of America's (CoSIDA) Hall of Fame. Parrish is one of six new inductees

From the beginning of his life, Parrish has been well-versed and invested in the sports industry. Parrish says that in his family, there is a legend that when he was about eight or nine years old, he asked his dad who the men on the sidelines of the basketball game were. After his dad responded that they were the sports writers, Parrish asked who the one running it down there was. His dad responded that the man was the Sports Information Director (SID), and Parrish responded with: "I'm going to have that job someday."

After that point, Parrish dove headfirst into the sports world. He ran track for Baylor, became the assistant SID at SMU and then a few years later became the SID at Centenary College. Following that, he was the press officer at eight events for the United States Olympic Committee and staffed many professional sporting events, including 15 football bowl games.

Parrish said that he gives a lot of the credit for being in the CoSIDA Hall of Fame to his mentor, Bob Condron. He said Condron is the man who saw his potential early on and helped shape him into a professional.

"He not only taught me how to do the job, the technical stuff, but he taught me how to work," Parrish said. "He instilled in me an attitude that I try to bring to work every day. You show up, you do your best every day. You put your ego aside, you grind away and you do what needs to be done."

Another mentor who affected Parrish's life in a big way was Bill Little. Little was the one who originally inspired him to get involved with CoSIDA and become a member. From that, Parrish eventually became the president of CoSIDA, and now, CoSIDA Hall of Fame inductee.

Parrish said these mentorships influenced his life greatly and presented him with opportunities he wouldn't have had otherwise. He said one of the reasons he likes to be present and available for his students is because of the mentors he had in the



Have a passion for the profession and the job you do. Have a servant's heart because you're there to serve the media. If you can bring those things to bear, then it can be very rewarding.

> MAXEY PARRISH | **SENIOR LECTURER**

"Everybody needs somebody," Parrish said. "Everybody needs a teacher, a coach, a pastor, a parent, a professor ... Everybody needs somebody and I always tried to be that person when I

After working with Parrish, Condron moved on and began working for the U.S. Olympic Committee. Through this connection, Parrish had the opportunity to work at the Olympics, where he gained experience that would impact the rest of his life.

During the 1992 Olympics, Parrish had his most memorable moment while working with an intermediate hurdler, Kevin Young. One day, while Young was in training, Parrish asked the athlete how his steps were. Young was surprised at the question and quickly realized that Parrish knew what he was talking about. He told Parrish that he was running as fast as he could and his steps were perfect. Hearing this, Parrish told him that if so, he was going to set the world record in the finals. That year, Young set the world record, which still stands.

"To see that and know it was coming was astounding," Parrish said. "It was amazing in such a technical event, and because I was a track [runner], it was a meaningful thing to see."

Parrish said these real-life events and experiences he has while out in the sports world give him a unique experience to share with the students. He said when he tells his students how to run news conferences like he used to at the Olympics, it makes it interesting.

Dr. Sara Stone, the chair of the department of journalism, public relations and new media, said that Parrish has always been a hard worker and a great addition to the staff. She said his strong work ethic, humility and dedication to accuracy, paired with his ability to teach and grow his students, is what makes him such a valuable member of the faculty.

"His ability to transmit all of that information onto our students is such a gift," Stone said. "You can't buy that kind of expertise. His practical experience is without a doubt one of the greatest assets that he has in the classroom."

For students looking to go into athletic communications, Parrish offered said the best route to the industry is through internships. He said the hours are long, and the work can be hard, but in the end it's overwhelmingly rewarding.

"Have a passion for the profession and the job you do," Parrish said. "Have a servant's heart because you're there to serve the media. If you can bring those things to bear, then it can be very



Shae Koharski | Multimedia Journalist

UNDEFEATED Baylor sophomore first baseman Chase Wehsener steps up to the plate against Dallas Baptist on Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark. The Bears defeated DBU 10-4 to remain undefeated on the season. The Bears face Texas A&M, Rice and Texas State in the Shriners Classic this weekend.

Baseball faces tough field at Shriners College Classic

DJ RAMIREZ

Sports Writer

After a midweek test against Dallas Baptist, Baylor baseball is ready for its first road trip of the season. The Bears head to Houston to compete in the Shriner's College Classic, which will be hosted at Minute

The Bears are looking to extend their early eight-game winning streak, but to also have some fun visiting the children at the Shriner's Hospital. The team traveled straight to the hospital on Thursday before moving on to the park for practice. Head coach Steve Rodriguez said the service aspect of the tournament is just as important for the team as playing baseball.

"It's just such a special thing because you get a chance to see some of the gifts that we have as athletes and people, being able to be out here with some of the things that other people go through where you kind of go, 'Wow, those are real issues," Rodriguez said. "You might be in a slump or go 0-for-4 and think that's an issue, but there's some people who are battling some bigger things, and I just love the fact that our guys really embrace that ... and I'm really excited to see them get back down to the hospital."

Baylor will open the weekend against Texas A&M, which they faced last year in the 2018 Frisco College Baseball Classic, dropping the game 5-4. The Bears will have to prepare for strong pitching in Aggies junior lefty John Doxakis, who's made two starts for A&M so far this season and sports a 0.00 ERA with 20 strikeouts in 13 innings. He posted an 8-5 record and a 2.70 ERA in 2018 and was crucial to the Aggies' postseason run. Rodriguez said the Bears will have a challenge in A&M's team.

"They're a very talented team. Doxakis is a great pitcher that we're going to have to face on Friday," Rodriguez said. "We've got our work cut out for us, but I'm really confident in the way our guys are playing

The Bears are 8-0 going into the tournament. Baylor is hitting .375, slugging .584 and hold a .469 on-base percentage. Wendzel and Downey lead the pack with .516 and .418 averages respectively and have 10 RBIs each. Downey said the team is looking to carry the motivation form Tuesday into Minute Maid this weekend.

"This is a great motivation going into Shriner's this weekend," Downey said. "I

Softball heads to Utah for Red Desert Classic

JESSIKA HARKAY

Sports Writer

Baylor softball will travel to Utah for the first time for the Red Desert Classic to compete against Southern Utah, Notre Dame, Utah Valley and CSU Bakersfield this weekend.

In program history, the Lady Bears have only faced two of the four teams - Notre Dame and Southern Utah in 1997. Coming off a win against No. 10 Louisiana (4-3), Baylor improved to 9-7 on the year, and 2-2 against Top 10 opponents. Sophomore catcher Hannah Thompson said the team is building off the Louisiana win.

"That win got us going in the right direction and I feel like not too high and not too low, just going in a straight line," Thompson said. "I feel like [the offense is] coming. Our lineups were switched around a lot at the beginning and now we're getting a consistent one."

Head coach Glenn Moore described multiple lineups coming together and incorporating new players. Moore said junior infielder Nicky Dawson and freshman outfielder Ana Watson are two players to keep

In the Lady Bears, last win against Louisiana, Dawson had two RBIs and is hitting at a .357 average. Likewise, Watson is hitting at a .300 average.

This season the Lady Bears are 7-1 when scoring first, and are 6-1 when the opponent scores two or less runs. Knowing this, Moore said it is important going into the Red Desert Classic with momentum.

"We've got two wins right now against Top 10 teams at the time we played them," Moore said. "Having done that, although we've played poorly in other games, we know what we're capable of. If you go into this fourth weekend and you haven't played Top 25-caliber teams you might have a big record but you really don't know how good you are. As soon as you lose a game, all that doubt creeps in."

The Lady Bears look to hold an advantage with a one-game win streak and being the only team competing with an over .500 record (Southern Utah is 1-7, Notre Dame is 7-7, CSU Bakersfield is 5-7, Utah Valley is 3-7).

With a team full of freshmen, Moore also said the matchups this weekend aren't as challenging as the ones that the young team has been accustomed to so far and that it's a weekend to install confidence.

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"For three weekends now, we've played a pretty tough schedule and probably a little tougher than I would have liked with such a young team," Moore said. "Hopefully we can have a weekend that will allow us to build some confidence and do some things that we couldn't do against some other teams, including base running things that we weren't able to do because we're not getting as many baserunners on, which is kind of our forte."



UP-AND-DOWN START Baylor junior utility player Goose McGlaun takes a swing against Kent State on Saturday at Getterman Stadium. The Lady Bears are 9-7 this season but boast wins over two Top 10 teams. Baylor competes in the Red Desert Classic in Utah this weekend.

Men's basketball completes comeback against Texas



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ALL THE WAY BACK Baylor sophomore forward Mario Kegler goes up for a layup against Texas on Wednesday at the Ferrell Center. Kegler scored a career-high 24 points, including four 3-pointers, and the Bears erased a 19-point second half deficit to defeat the Longhorns 84-83 in overtime.

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believe we keep carrying the motivation from the dugout, and all the excitement and everything. ... [We want to] just treat every game the same, just keep the same energy and keep playing the game we

Tuesday saw junior first baseman Andy Thomas make his first start of the season. Thomas sat out the first two weeks due to illness but made his 2019 debut in the designated hitter spot. Rodriguez said Thomas could have been back on the field on Tuesday but that he wanted to be cautious and ease him back into the dynamic.

Baylor will kick off the Shriners Classic against the Aggies at 7 p.m. on Friday. The Bears play Rice in a 3 p.m. match on Saturday and will finish off the tournament against Texas State at 11 a.m. on Sunday at Minute Maid Park.

Weekend **Schedule**

Softball vs. Notre Dame

Friday, 5:30 p.m. St. George, Utah

Baseball vs. Texas A&M

Friday, 7 p.m. Houston

Women's Basketball vs. **Oklahoma State**

> Saturday, 1 p.m. Ferrell Center

Men's Basketball @ **Kansas State**

> Saturday, 7 p.m. Manhattan, Kan.

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