Alpha Phi looks toward the future

BRIDGET SJOBERG

After much anticipation, Baylor’s newest sorority, Alpha Phi, handed out bids of invitation to Baylor’s newest sorority, Alpha Phi looks

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MORGAN HARLAN

The Baylor campus and this log has reported two rapes, one sexual assault, and one case of fondling. One of the alleged rapes occurred in August 2017 at 1100 block of Speight Ave, and was reported in the crime log on Feb. 6, approximately a year and a half after the alleged rape occurred. The other alleged rape occurred in November of 2016 at 800 block of Jones Street, and was reported in the crime log on Feb. 6.

In addition to the reported rapes, there was a reported sexual assault and reported fondling incident entered into the crime log on Feb. 5. The alleged sexual assault occurred in August 2017, at 2000 Block S Fifth Street. The alleged fondling incident occurred in October 2016, over two years prior to the report.

The Clery Act defines sexual assault as an offense that involves the detention of rape, fondling, incest or statutory rape. Fondling is the touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim. The value of limitations for sexual assault for adults in Texas is 10 years after commission of the offense or if the crime is committed. There are two circumstances in which there is no time limit for an offense against an adult. One is probable cause exists to believe that the defendant has committed the same offense or a similar sexual offense against three or more victims. The second is, during the investigation of the offense biological sample is collected and subjected to forensic DNA testing and the testing results show that the matter does not match the victim or any other person whose identity is uniquely ascertainable.

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Read Responsibly

Don’t take headlines at face value alone

This past month has brought some dramatic stories to the Baylor Lariat. From the suspensions of former Baylor football player Shawn Oakman being tried to be free illegally reported on the Clery Crime and Fire Log, there have been shocking and dramatic headlines offered across the front page.

When writing sensitive headlines, such as “Three rapes reported at South Road,” we try to be sensitive and tastefully portray the story as clearly as possible in a small word count. The headline is intended to grab people to read the story, but in today’s hectic society, we tend to start based on headline alone. We operate under the assumption that the headline is supposed to be representative of the story. Well, in the case of a Lariat article written last week, titled “Baylor, almost ‘rape’ reported,” and many other stories like it, the headline only tells part of the story, and it is up to the reader to find out what the rest of the story is — especially before they share it with their hundreds of Facebook friends.

We report the news. And we try to report it as accurately as humanly possible, although sometimes we don’t report the story as fully as we would like to because of legal and ethical constraints of the various reporting systems, such as the Clery Act reporting and Title IX confidentiality. However, it’s still important that the reader absorb and understand what is going on in the text of the story, because oftentimes there are nuances that have to be read to be understood. For instance, in the article above, three reported rapes on campus, the Lariat wrote specifics in the text of the story, because oftentimes there are nuances that can’t be portrayed, or there may be issues in the story that won’t be apparent to the reader without careful examination.

In a society where journalism can be biased and not always trustworthy, it’s incredibly important for readers to take what they’re reading at more than face value. Read into it, check for subtext and compare the story with similar stories from other news sources. Read before you post, comment or share, because trustworthiness is at the forefront of our minds. We want to protect the victim’s name without their consent. We want to protect the identities of individuals involved in an incident that couldn’t be inferred simply from the headline alone. We want to report the story as fully as we would like to because of legal and ethical constraints of the various reporting systems, such as the Clery Act, Title IX, and the Clery Act. As could be expected, the reports and the stories we did based off those reports, didn’t give much detail to as the specifics of the cases at hand. Because of that, and the restrictions we face as a high-profile university, our ability to report on these incidents to the fullest extent has been limited. In the future, we hope to expand our efforts and work more closely with university administrators and students alike, so that we can deliver better content to our readership and the entirety of our journalism, and of our university policy. If there are any questions, the reader, the Lariat, the Baylor community, we always welcome your input and want to share your voice. You can email Lariatletters@baylor.edu to publish a letter or column with us, or simply email LariatLetters@baylor.edu if you feel there is something we should address. A letter is not guaranteed to be published.

In order to fully comprehend the situation at hand, and therefore to appreciate the story in its completion, you have to read the story as it is actually told. In a society where journalism can be biased and not always trustworthy, it’s incredibly important for readers to take what they’re reading at more than face value. Read into it, check for subtext and compare the story with similar stories from other news sources. Read before you post, comment or share, because trustworthiness is at the forefront of our minds. We want to protect the victim’s name without their consent. We want to protect the identities of individuals involved in an incident that couldn’t be inferred simply from the headline alone. We want to report the story as fully as we would like to because of legal and ethical constraints of the various reporting systems, such as the Clery Act reporting and Title IX confidentiality. However, it’s still important that the reader absorb and understand what is going on in the text of the story, because oftentimes there are nuances that have to be read to be understood. For instance, in the article above, three reported rapes on campus, the Lariat wrote specifics in the text of the story, because oftentimes there are nuances that can’t be portrayed, or there may be issues in the story that won’t be apparent to the reader without careful examination.

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Students talk gender gaps they experience in their majors

MORGAN HARLAN 10:30 a.m.

While many universities have reached an equal gender enrollment, many majors are still considerably top-heavy with one gender. For example, mechanical engineering is one of the classes that are dominated by males and nursing is one of the most female-dominated majors.

San Angelo junior Lanie Williams is a mechanical engineering major who is one of the 20 percent of females enrolled in the engineering department at Baylor.

"I never thought about being in the gender minority because that’s not my focus," Williams said.

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Geology Ph.D. candidate strikes gold with research

CAMERON STUART

Dr. Andrew Roberts revised Winston Churchill as the world's greatest leader when he was honored at Baylor with a lecture and book signing event.

"One of Churchill's greatest contributions to our understanding of the world was his ability to inspire people," Dr. Roberts said. "His leadership qualities are still relevant today in our current society."
Catch a falling star

Baylor Theatre shines with ‘Peter and the Starcatcher’

Orphans, mermaids, real mer and magic all collide in Baylor Theatre’s latest mainstage production, “Peter and the Starcatcher.” If you’re on the fence about whether or not to see the production, the show is certainly worth the watch. “Peter and the Starcatcher” adapts the story by Rick Elice from the book “Peter and the Starcatchers” with the origins of Peter Pan, the creation of Tinkerbell and even the mother of the Darling children.

The set design was simple and whimsical. Multuse structures constructed of bamboo-looking beams and platforms allowed characters to sneak on and off stage, adding a fun and dynamic effect to the performance. The production incorporated clever uses of props to complement the set and plot. Accompanied by creative lighting techniques, the show carried palpable creativity and undeniable visual appeal.

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The cast is performing every night at 7:30 p.m. through the Feb. 17 and 18 performances.

Thomas Moran | Arts and Life Editor

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common sand inside, the other with magical “star stuff.” Through a comical swap of the trunks, a spilling of star stuff into the sea and plenty of hilarious encounters, viewers watch as prevalent elements of Peter Pan story are given history, like Captain Hook’s lost hand, the naming of Neverland, the creation of Tinkerbell and even the mother of the Darling children.

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Lariat Staff Picks: Cutest Celebrity Valentines Day Posts

- Justin and Hailey
  Married since: Sept. 13, 2018
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- Kim and Kanye
  Married since: May 24, 2014
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Chosen by Molly Atchison | Editor-in-Chief

HOT NEWS >> Famed New York art dealer Mary Boone was sentenced to 30 months in prison for tax fraud.
Diana Castillo shared this story with Analog Waco attendees at their first event, which she called "Lost in Waco," and attended many more times. Analog is a confessional storytelling event — each event driven by a certain theme. The idea behind this storytelling group is to be open, vulnerable and authentic, with individuals, according to Adam Moore, carrier of the group. The personal storytelling is the piece conceived by Moore to describe the type of sharing presented at each event.

"The goal is vulnerability and authenticity in storytelling, rather than performance," Moore said. "There are storytelling groups that are more authentic and intentional with it. It was a platform for us to share our story, and to have other people that have experienced similar things know that they aren't alone in their struggle. They could have someone to talk to if they wanted.

Castillo graduated from Baylor and now works with Adam Moore in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core offices as an admissions counselor. "I shared a story that started off in France," Castillo said. "I took off paragliding in France while I was studying abroad there. I started off my story with that, but really to say that when I came to Baylor, I was very much expecting it to be fearless and for me to paraglide through college. But as life happens, there are less bumps in the road than anticipated. I'll always remember being up in the sky as hues of peach and rose dilute the horizon as the sun meets the sky. Although not her intended destination, Castillo had a front row seat to watch Analog Waco audience at their first event, titled "Lost in Waco," and attended an Analog event that would be around a Night of the Year. "The last one was 'The Darkest Night of the Year.' We had people share a lot of hard things and pieces of darkness in their lives, and again, it's not beautiful to connect in these hardships. Because a lot of times we feel as if we are all alone in our story. It's not always OK to share a story of a connection," Castillo said. People are invited to share their stories in whatever form feels most comfortable to them. Whether that be through speaking, painting, singing or playing guitar — various forms of expression come out when people tell their personal stories. Analog is a great place to meet and find a community of unique people, according to Castillo. Moors believes these events have benefited the Waco community really and truly, and to continue growing Analog by partnering with a group of people called The Cozy.

"The Cozy" hosts these community dinners, and the program is the idea of Stacie Ramirez, who hosted these storytelling events online, "We're invited Analog to continue growing Analog by partnering with a group of people called The Cozy."

The next Analog Waco event is at 8 p.m. on March 6 at the Waco Mall, Breeding at 400 E. Bridge Street. For more information about Analog Waco, visit their Facebook page.
Baseball opens season with four-game series against Holy Cross

DJ RAMIREZ 
Sports Writer

Baseball will face Holy Cross in a four-game series to open the season starting at 6:35 p.m. Friday. According to junior third baseman Davis Wendzel, the team is ready to face some new competition after scrimmaging against each other for most of the fall.

“I want to make sure that they go out there and execute regardless of who we’re playing. How we’re going to play is going to really determine how we execute.”

STEVE RODRIGUEZ | HEAD COACH

Following six-game road trip, softball hosts Getterman Classic

DJ RAMIREZ 
Sports Writer

The Lady Bears will debut its new turf field this weekend when it welcomes Sam Houston State, the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Texas-Arlington for the Getterman Classic.

“I think the future is bright. How quickly we get there is the big question.”

GLENN MOORE | HEAD COACH

Baylor Baseball Quick Facts

• Junior pitcher Cody Bradford was named Preseason Big 12 Pitcher of the Year by the conference office.

• Junior catcher Shea Langeliers is projected to be a Top 5 MLB Draft pick by MLB.com.

• The Bears are ranked No. 15 in the nation by D1baseball.com and were picked to finish second in the Big 12 behind No. 3-ranked Texas Tech.

Baylor Softball Quick Facts

• Baylor opened the season with a 4-1 upset of No. 9 South Carolina in the Puerto Vallarta Challenge.

• Star pitcher Gia Rodoni is sitting out this season due to knee surgery. Rodoni led the Big 12 in strikeouts in 2018 with 268.

• The Lady Bears are ranked No. 16 by the Coaches Poll and were picked to finish third in the Big 12.
LEADER ON AND OFF THE COURT Baylor senior guard Makai Mason surveys the defense on Feb. 2 against TCU at the Ferrell Center. Mason scored a career-high 40 points on 9-for-12 shooting from 3-point range. Mason has been dealing with a knee injury that kept him off the court against Kansas State on Saturday.

BATTLING INJURIES, MASON CRUCIAL TO BEARS’ SUCCESS

Since coming off a career-high game with 40 points on 9-for-12 shooting from 3-point range against TCU on Feb. 2, Baylor’s senior basketball guard Makai Mason has struggled due to a knee injury.

For the majority of the season, Mason has been a crucial component to the Bears’ offense, leading the Bears in points per game (15.6) and assists per game (3.2) while shooting 37 percent from 3-point range.

As a young team with only two seniors, Mason has become someone that younger players look up to. Junior guard Devonte Bandoo noted that it’s not only Mason on the court skill that helps the team, but his leadership.

“This placed in college for five years, so he knows the ins and outs.” Bandoo said. “The other team knows he’s such a dangerous threat out there. It does help. Teams really have to regard the tea—skilled skill that helps the team, but his leadership.

JESSICA HARKAY
Sports Writer

Mason recently returned from a knee injury, the Bears’ lineup has had a “step-up” mentality that every player has had to adopt. Players such as freshman guard Jared Butler and junior forward Freddie Gillespie are a few of the Bears who have been stepping up in recent games.

During the men’s basketball two-game losing streak, Mason either was substantially below his average numbers or not out. In the Texas Tech matchup, which Baylor lost 84-72, Mason only scored five points with two assists. His absence in the Kansas State game allowed Bandoo to score 15 points — but eliminated a scoring threat that his presence has given the Bears.

The struggling offense without Mason has been a recurring pattern. In five of the Bears’ eight losses, Mason’s statistics were below average or he didn’t play. Mason’s decreased statistics were absolutely average after returning from injury on Monday in the game against Oklahoma.

Mason switched out six innings, but it did not result in six runs, and played for 35 minutes of the 60-minute game. Baylor head coach Scott Drew said that Mason’s presence adds a special element to the team’s dynamic and is important moving deeper into the season.

“The eight assists and just managing the game and the tempo, I thought he did a great job,” Drew said. “As a coach, you love tough, hard-nosed guys, but you love guys that don’t mind playing when they’re not 100 percent to try to help the team win. And it says a lot about his character.”

Mason and the Bears embarked on a two-game road trip starting with a matchup against Texas Tech on 1 p.m. Saturday in Lubbock.