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**PRIEST** Dominican priest Robert Verrill will complete his doctorate in philosophy with a specialization in physics this semester. Verrill is from the Order of Preachers in England, and has already received a master's in philosophy and theology in 2016 from the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley.

## Priest, doctoral candidate cherishes time at Baylor

**CLARISSA POMPA**  
Reporter

There are thousands of people on Baylor's campus and it can be hard to recognize the different faces. That is not the case with this student. He is not the average age of a college student, but that is not what makes him stand out. He walks to his classes like most other students. The difference is that Father Robert Verrill is wearing his white religious habit.

Verrill is a Catholic priest of the Order of Preachers, also known as the Dominicans, and is a doctoral candidate in philosophy with a specialization in physics. Originally from England, Verrill is in his last semester of regular coursework before a year of further physics studies. After that, he will return to England for his dissertation.

Verrill's journey to Baylor started when his regent of studies asked if he was interested in continuing his education. Verrill had already earned a doctorate in mathematics before entering the priesthood but was ready for further education under a new title. He received his master's in philosophy and theology from the Dominican School of Philosophy

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**FATHER ROBERT VERRILL | DOMINICAN PRIEST AND BAYLOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATE**

and Theology in Berkeley in 2016. During that time he was studying with other priests of his order but coming to Baylor has been an interesting change he said.

“It's a very different atmosphere here because I'm the only Dominican living in Waco. So that's very different from all my Dominican life so far, me living in a religious community for the last 12 years,” Verrill said. “When you're living in community, you don't have your own bank account because they have everything in common. Whereas because I'm living on my own, I have my own bank account for the first time in 12 years.”

The Order of Preachers website, “[their] vocation has its roots in the conviction that love for God therefore demands a passionate commitment to making what sense we can of the truth revealed to us in faith,” according to the Order of Preacher's website. Verrill particularly enjoys the studies of Thomas Aquinas, noting that Aquinas was a Dominican as well. Verrill enjoys speaking about the intersection of physics, faith and linguistics. He finds physics a “beautiful subject” and interesting

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## More reported sexual assaults

**MORGAN HARLAN**  
Staff Writer

The Baylor crime and fire 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 to 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 2018 at 800 block of James Street, and was reported to 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. 8. 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 meets the definition 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 statute of limitations for sexual assault for adults in Texas is within 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 five or more victims. The second is, during the investigation of the offense biological matter 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 readily ascertainable.

According to Tonya Hudson, a Baylor media spokesperson, “While the University cannot speculate as to why a complainant decides when to report a Title-IX related offense, we urge

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Josh Aguirre | Multimedia Editor

**ZZZ** Members of Zeta Zigga Zamma handed out roses to various dining hall staff in honor of Valentine's Day.

## Alpha Phi looks toward the future

**BRIDGET SJOBERG**  
Staff Writer

After much anticipation, Baylor's newest sorority, Alpha Phi, handed out bids of invitation to the university's founding member pledge class on Feb. 6. Of the over 300 young women who entered Alpha Phi's recruitment process, 169 were officially invited to join after attending events between Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 and being interviewed by an Alpha Phi alumni.

Thus far, the sorority has had its first new member meeting and sisterhood event, and are organizing into committees, according to

extension team lead Deana Gage. The new members plan to operate in their committees until the end of March, when elections for officer positions will be held.

“We do not have a definite date for initiation and installation yet, but it will be this spring,” Gage said. “The members will be initiated and the chapter will be installed at the same time. The international president of Alpha Phi, Renee Zainer from Denver, Colorado, will be in Waco to conduct the initiation. It is very special for founding members to be installed by the international

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Photo courtesy of Baylor Alpha Phi

**ALPHA PHI** Founding members of Alpha Phi gather for the first time outside the Stacy Riddle Forum at their bid day. The group now looks to the future, and will elect officers at the end of March.



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EDITORIAL



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# Read Responsibly

## Don't take headlines at face value alone

This past month has brought some dynamic stories to the Lariat's attention. From the possibility of former Baylor football player Shawn Oakman's trial being moved to five alleged rapes on the Clery Crime and Fire Log, there have been shocking and dramatic headlines played across the front page.

When writing sensitive headlines, such as "Three rapes reported at South Russell," we try to be intuitive and nuanced to portray the story as clearly as possible in a small word count. The headline is intended to get people to read the story, but in our fast-click society, we tend to share 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 "Fifth alleged rape reported," and many other stories like it, the headline only tells part of the story, and it's 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 represent 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 about three reported rapes on campus, the Lariat wrote specifics of an incident that couldn't be inferred simply from the headline — specifically that all of the three cases were interconnected and involved the same individuals. Even today, the front page of the paper has a story about multiple rapes that have been reported to the Title IX office or the police department. There is much more

than meets the eye in these cases, just as in the previous ones.

In order to fully comprehend the situation at hand, and therefore to appreciate the story in its completion, you have to actually read it. It's not enough to skim and decide how you feel so you can post about it on social media, because as we learned on our own social media platforms, people who shared stories without reading tended to comment angrily about something that was clarified in the article itself. It was clear to us at the Lariat that people had not read an extremely short story — only 300 words or so — but had instead taken the headline at face value. Had they bothered to read the story, they would have understood the context of the case, and realized that it was not an epidemic problem, but rather an interconnected incident that the university was handling.

That being said, the Lariat serves as a watchdog publication for Baylor news. We will always fight to get stories that need to be told out to the public. We wouldn't have reported that story if it weren't important, and just because it wasn't as inflammatory as uninformed readers might have thought doesn't mean it wasn't worthy of the story. This simply means it's up to the reader to discern what the story is actually about.

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 there may be underlying context in the story that the headline can't portray, or there may be issues in the story that won't be apparent without careful examination.

COLUMN

# Why we write about rape cases

MOLLY ATCHISON  
Editor-in-Chief

Over the past few weeks, the Lariat has pursued stories for our cops and courts section that revolve around the touchy subject of sexual assault and the allegations reported in Baylor's crime log, which is mandated by the Clery Act. As could be expected, the reports and the stories we did based off those reports, didn't give much detail as to the specifics of the cases at hand. Because of that, and the restrictions we face from a legal standpoint, our ability to report on these issues to the fullest extent has been limited. I want our student body to know that we do

not take these issues lightly and that we are not trying to sensationalize such serious issues simply to get a reaction from our readership.



Our goal at the Lariat is never to incite any sort of fear or anxiety within our audience, but we do aim to report truthfully what is happening on campus. Sometimes that means writing stories that may not have much depth to them but that

give a general understanding of an issue that has arisen on or near campus. The stories we've written in the past few weeks fall along those lines. I want to explain that due to the guidelines of Title IX, as well as the Clery Act and police investigations, we are legally prohibited from sharing information that is not readily available in online reports from these offices. That doesn't mean that we can't write the story; it simply means that we are limited in what we can share and what we even know about the cases we discover in these reports.

With that in mind, one may ask why we would even report on these issues at all. The answer to that is simple: Because it's our responsibility to find the truth and make it known to the public. We owe it to you, our readers, to keep an updated, public and visual record of the happenings on campus. Sometimes, that's interesting speakers or exciting events, while other times it is just as I said — reports of interpersonal violence or crimes happening in our community.

At the moment, the university is still reeling from an overwhelming number of Title IX allegations, investigations and reform. When such a public catastrophe occurs, media outlets turn into watchdogs, focused on bringing light to the issue as much as possible until the issue is resolved. The Lariat treats the Baylor Title IX scandal with the same focus, and while many impactful changes have been made, we don't believe the issue is resolved. Therefore, we will continue to keep an eye on stories that revolve around this area of news, so that we can do our duty to keep our Baylor community informed.

Unfortunately, since the subject is so sensitive, and since there are so many restrictions on what information we are legally allowed to share, we may unintentionally bring discomfort the Baylor population affected by these issues. Let me be clear, it is against our policy to ever share intimate and personal information such as a sexual assault victim's name without their consent. We want to protect our peers, and we want those affected by this tragedy to be able to heal on their own terms. Sometimes, finding balance between our compassion and our duty is difficult, but that is why we have such dedicated and hardworking students on our staff, so that we can be as compassionate as possible in our reporting without sacrificing the facts. Not everyone will agree with our approach, but trust me when we say we are working our hardest to make sure the Baylor population has the best information possible.

In the future, we hope to expand our efforts and work closely with university administrators and students alike, so that we can all benefit from the transparency and clarity of our journalism, and of our university policy. If there is anything that you, the readers, feel the Lariat can do better, we always welcome your input and want to share your voice. You can email [LariatLetters@baylor.edu](mailto:LariatLetters@baylor.edu) to publish a letter or column with us, or simply email [Lariat@baylor.edu](mailto:Lariat@baylor.edu) if you feel there is something we should address.

I hope your semester is full of joy and success, and that you continue to invest in the Lariat as much as the Lariat invests in you.

*Molly is a senior international studies and journalism double major from Phoenix*

## Students, alumni love Dr. Beck

Readers respond to "First female faculty professor in religion department to retire"



"She was one of the last professors I had my senior year in 2013. Women & Religion. One of the best classes I ever took and learned that women have had a historical impact and a voice in religion. Congratulations to her retirement. Surely her legacy will live on at Baylor and all the students she taught."

NATALIA DENISE



Dr. Rosalie Beck



"Dr. Beck rocked my world 1990-1994. I'm better for it. I imagine countless others would say the same. What a legacy! Thank you, Dr. Beck!"

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"Dr. Beck is one of the most passionate teachers I've ever had. I enjoyed her Christian Heritage class. You will be missed!"

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# Students talk gender gaps they experience in their majors

MORGAN HARLAN  
Staff Writer

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 heaviest male concentrated majors and nursing is one of the most female dominant 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 think about being in the gender minority because that’s not my focus,” Williams said.

According to Data USA, 93.1 percent of mechanical engineers are male. In addition, 13.2 percent of mechanical engineering bachelor’s degrees in 2015 were earned by women, according to the American Society for Engineering Education.

“In my mind, I am as competent as the next student and every faculty member treats students equally,” Williams said. “I don’t enjoy it any more or less than if the ratio were equal.”

Williams said she loves mechanical engineering because of the way it trains her to solve problems, the curriculum challenges her, and the professors are passionate about their students and the work that they do. She said two of her mechanical engineering professors, Dr. Byron Newberry and Dr. Elon Terrell, have made engineering exponentially more enjoyable for her because they want to have genuine relationships with their students.

Sebastian Morales, a junior nursing major from Houston, is currently attending Baylor’s Louise Herrington School of Nursing. He said he has experienced many different emotions and encounters being the rare male in a nursing classroom.

“Having a majority female major was intimidating at first,” Morales said. “I’d be the only male in a lab of 20 students with two female instructors, the only male in a clinical group of eight, and one of the few males in lectures.”

Morales said he struggled to find a solid group of male friends. Many of the interests of his female peer group didn’t align with his own and he struggled to be himself. He also said that males stick out like a sore thumb because he is one of the eight or nine males in a cohort of 118 people.

“There are positives from having a major with a majority of the opposite gender, such as being able to really learn from the other perspective. There is also a lot of emotional support as well,” Morales said.

Seattle junior Diamond Brown is a health kinesiology major, but was previously a nursing major and plans on attending nursing school post-graduation from Baylor.

“It’s really weird being in a classroom of mainly females at first but you meet some of these girls and they are all really awesome and want to see you succeed,” Brown said. “In both of the anatomy and physiology classes I’ve been in, I have met a great group of young women who have gone to great lengths to help me succeed in the class.”

Brown said the class ratio is about four to one, for example 200 girls to 20 guys.

According to College Factual, there were over 120,000 women graduating with a bachelor’s in nursing

in 2016 and 87 percent of all nursing graduates are women.

The gender gaps in majors can sometimes offer unique experiences for those in the minority, but it can also be isolating when trying to form friendships.



Megan Powers | Multimedia Journalist

**GENDER GAP** San Angelo junior Lanie Williams stands in front of the computer science building where she is one of the few female mechanical engineering majors, a major that is 80 percent men at Baylor.

## What’s Happening on Campus?

### Friday, February 15

- Rising Up Against Injustice**  
**2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** Baylor Law School presents its third annual Making a Difference conference at Sheila & Walter Umphrey Law Center. The event aims to inspire and equip attendees to become servant leaders and to put their own passions into practice.
- Baylor Softball Getterman Classic**  
Support the Lady Bears in the Getterman Classic as they take on three teams this weekend.  
**3 p.m.** Feb. 15 vs. Sam Houston State  
**5:30 p.m.** Feb. 15 vs. Southern Miss  
**12:30 p.m.** Feb. 16 vs. UT Arlington
- Baylor Baseball vs. Holy Cross**  
 Baylor Bears Baseball kicks off its season this weekend against Holy Cross at the Baylor Ball Park.  
**6:35 p.m.** Feb. 15  
**1:05 p.m.** and **4:05 p.m.** Feb. 16  
**12:05 p.m.** Feb. 17

- Sundown Sessions**  
**9 p.m. to 1 a.m.** Head to the Bill Daniel Student Center for some late-night fun! On Friday, enjoy a movie night featuring *Ralph Breaks the Internet* in the Bill Daniel Student Center den and blacklight bowling in the game room.

### Saturday, February 16

- Watch Party**  
**1 p.m.** The Bear Pit will host Baylor Gameday at the SUB, a watch party in the Bill Daniel Student Center den, for the Bears Basketball Game against Texas Tech.
- Baylor Women’s Basketball vs. Oklahoma**  
**7 p.m.** Throw on your Baylor gear and cheer on your #1 ranked Lady Bears while celebrating Play 4 Kay and Family Day at the Ferrell Center.
- Sundown Sessions**  
**9 p.m. to 1 a.m.** Stop by the Bill Daniel Student Center for pottery painting in the Barfield Drawing Room and more blacklight bowling in the game room!

### Monday, February 18

- Bruce Hindmarch Lecture**  
**3:30 p.m.** Bruce Hindmarch will discuss “Can you be good without God?” a look at early evangelicals and their view of human nature against the Enlightenment background.

- Movie Mondays at the Hippodrome: Say Her Name: The Life and Death of Sandra Bland**  
**7 p.m.** This week’s Movie Monday features the documentary of Sandra Bland, a politically active 28-year-old black woman from Chicago arrested for a traffic violation in a small Texas town. Days later she was found dead in her jail cell. Her death sparked allegations of a racially motivated police murder and she became the example for activists nationwide. What really happened? Admission is free. Tickets can be picked up at Baylor Ticket Office or Hippodrome Box Office.

### Tuesday, February 19

- Watch Party**  
**1 p.m.** The Bear Pit will host Baylor Gameday at the SUB, a watch party in the Bill Daniel Student Center den, for the Bears Basketball Game against Iowa State.
- Centennial Lecture: Dr. Maria Franquiz**  
**5 p.m.** Dr. Maria Franquiz, Univerity of Utah College of Education’s nationally recognized scholar on bilingual education, will speak on “Illuminating the World through the Gift of Bilingualism” in Marrs McLean Science Building, room 101.
- 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.
- 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 BARC in East Village.

### Wednesday, February 20

- Texas Collection Spring Lecture**  
**6 p.m.** Dr. T. Michael Parrish, american history professor at Baylor, will discuss his book *On Changing Tides: Doris Miller, Pearl Harbor, and the Civil Rights Movement* in Foster 250.
- Baylor Women’s Basketball vs. Kansas**  
**6 p.m.** Come support the Lady Bears as they play Kansas in the Ferrell Center.



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how the philosophy of language can be seen in the Bible, referring to when Genesis says “in the beginning God said let there be light.”

“There’s a lot of interest in Aquinas and how he can help us engage with contemporary issues of faith and reason,” Verrill said. “I’m interested in accounts of physics in which we can reconcile with our recognition there is a sort of purpose and meaning to the world, and that we’re more than just collections of subatomic particles.”

Verrill’s appreciation for Aquinas is shared by Burke Rea, a fellow doctoral candidate in philosophy. Rea sees Verrill in many roles, some of which include friend, confessor and priest.

“We both have a great deal of interest in medieval philosophy, especially the great Dominican, Thomas Aquinas,” Rea said. “We often get into discussions of the finer points of what form is and how medieval theories can interact with contemporary philosophy.”

Beyond philosophy, physics and Thomas Aquinas, Verrill is an avid trumpet player. He began playing at

age 9. His first performance was with his church choir, and he continued to play with brass bands in England. Prior to entering the Order of Preachers, he would take yearly trips to New York to take trumpet lessons.

“When I entered the Dominican Order of course that had to stop because I was in England,” Verrill said. “Actually since I’ve been studying in the United States, it’s actually one of the cheapest ways to get back to England is through New York, so since I’ve been in the United States, I’ve picked up my lessons.”

Verrill’s time is not divided solely between various studies. He has made friends both in his department and in his church, St. Peter’s Catholic Student Center. In addition to game nights and dinners, he has presided over baptisms and weddings for his friends, soon to include Rea.

“It’s very special being able to do that. A great honor being able to share in these joyful moments in people’s lives,” Verrill said. “You have to give up certain things, obviously, to enter religious life and the priesthood, but you receive so much more in return.”

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students to report when they feel comfortable so that we can provide support and inform them of the numerous resources available such as the Counseling Center, University Chaplain, Title IX and the Baylor Police Department,” said Hudson.

The incidents were all reported through CSA, campus security authority. Campus security members include members of the Baylor Police Department, an official of an institution who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, any individual or individuals who have responsibility for campus security but who do not constitute a campus police department, and other figures in the Baylor community who have a responsibility for campus security. Some examples of campus security members include Moody Library Security Staff and Campus Living and Learning Safety Officers.

According to the Baylor University Compliance and Risk Services, “CSAs are only obligated to report, Clery

Act qualifying crimes which occurred on campus, in public areas bordering campus and in certain non-campus buildings owned or controlled (leased) by the University.” In addition, if the complainant does not wish to contact the police the CSA will need to complete a Baylor Police Department CSA report Form for all Clery qualifying crimes.

None of the reported incidents occurred on Baylor’s campus.

“We understand that the reporting party, or complainant, may need time to decide how to proceed whether that’s through a Title IX investigation, law enforcement involvement, counseling or other additional support options,” Hudson said. “The recovery and healing process is different for everyone. We want to be respectful as they decide the best path forward.”

All of the reported incidents are currently being investigated by the Title IX office, and the details of the cases are confidential.

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president.”

The chapter is also working to plan and set a date for their first philanthropic event, as well as partner up with other campus organizations for social events, according to Gage.

Exeter, N.H., sophomore Jessica Trumpler, a member of the new founding class, was inspired to join Alpha Phi after attending the first day of Baylor Panhellenic’s formal recruitment in January, which Alpha Phi presented at.

“They had a bunch of Alpha Phis from other schools come in and talk to us so we could get a feel for the type of girls that are in other chapters at other schools,” Trumpler said. “The girls were all so sweet and after visiting all of the other chapters, Alpha Phi genuinely stood out to me. Starting a new chapter on campus and being a founding member is a really rare opportunity, and it was something that I could see myself being a part of.”

Another aspect about Alpha Phi that stood out to Trumpler was the sorority’s involvement in philanthropy through the Alpha Phi Foundation, which supports women’s heart health and develops leadership, according to the chapter’s website.

“I feel like learning more about the Alpha Phi Foundation and how much it

has benefited women across the nation was something that really stuck out to me,” Trumpler said.

Granbury freshman Ashley Brooke Boyd also noted how Alpha Phi’s involvement in philanthropy stood out to her when attending the chapter’s recruitment.

“The thing that stood out most to me about Alpha Phi is that their philanthropy is focused on women’s heart health,” Boyd said. “I have a heart condition, so that is something that’s important to me.”

Boyd also appreciated that Alpha Phi’s recruitment process this year was separate from that of Baylor’s Panhellenic formal recruitment, allowing for the potential new members to focus on the chapter and get to know other students and Alpha Phi alumni better.

“Alpha Phi’s recruitment was different than formal recruitment in many ways, but the way girls were chosen— in my opinion— was very different,” Boyd said. “For formal recruitment, the sororities spent all of last semester figuring out who they did and did not want through sub mixers and Panhellenic Previews, whereas Alpha Phi had alumnae individually interview each girl that was interested in joining.”

Geology Ph.D. candidate strikes gold with research

COURTNEY DOUCET

Reporter

Geology Ph.D. candidate, Roy Bassoo, had his article published in the Brazilian Journal of Geology. The research published in the journal focuses on gold formation in Bassoo’s birth country Guyana.

The journal is titled “The 9 Mile Deposit of the Barama-Mazaruni Greenstone Belt of the Guiana Shield: Geochemistry, Geochronology and Regional Significance” and is based on Bassoo’s master’s degree research on a gold deposit in Brazil. Though he completed his master’s in 2016, his research into the gold deposit was so extensive that he kept working on it until it was perfected for publishing in Dec. 2018.

“I was very excited. It was a long time coming,” Bassoo said.

Bassoo said he was born and raised in Guyana near the gold deposit he researched. The area where the gold deposit lies is a particularly difficult area to study due to the density of the jungle that surrounds it. There is a certain gold deposit in this region called the nine-mile area that he was particularly interested in.

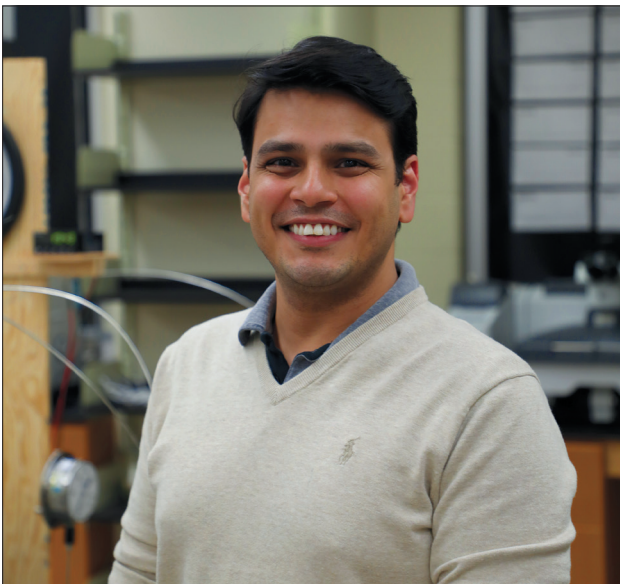
“I wanted to understand how the gold formed or what’s controlling the formation of gold there,”

Bassoo said. “Why that’s important is because it’s a remote area... it’s all jungle. So whenever you have a chance to examine rock there, you take the opportunity. This area, the Guiana Shield, is kind of a blank spot. So, any sort of data that’s coming out of here will add to the body of knowledge that already exists for this area,”

Bassoo collected gold samples from the deposit and studied them to determine when and why they were formed there.

“I was working for a gold exploration company. I’d wanted to do some research. While I was working with them, I started gathering data. Drill cores were used, and I decided to take measurements on those drills cores to kind of constrain how the gold got there, or where the gold is likely to be,” Bassoo said of his research methods in Guyana. Bassoo found that the gold in the area was structurally controlled, meaning it was formed along fractures in a layer of the Earth.

“You have this intrusion, it’s called a granite intrusion, and it’s like a plug almost. It comes up to the surface and as it does so, it deforms the rock around it to create fractures. Along those fractures flowed



Josh Aguirre | Multimedia Editor

**STRIKING GOLD** Ph.D. candidate Roy Bassoo had an article published in the Brazilian Journal on Guyana’s gold formation.

hydrothermal fluids, really hot fluids, and the gold was dissolved in those really hot fluids. We’re not looking at the gold, but the controls that govern how it got there,” Bassoo said.

Since conducting research about gold, Bassoo has moved on to another element for his doctorate research. During his time here at Baylor, Bassoo has focused on how diamonds are formed in Guyana. He sees the research he did while pursuing his master’s degree as a stepping stone to his current research. He works closely with Dr. Kenneth Befus of geosciences while

conducting his research.

“Roy is great. He is very enthusiastic. He also has a spark of charisma when he engages on just about any topic. That makes him very interesting to talk to,” Befus said.

Bassoo said he sees it as an honor to have contributed to the research of an area he grew up in. He is also a first-generation college student.

“I am the first person in my family to get a degree and to pursue a Ph.D. I’m very lucky, very fortunate to be at Baylor. I feel privileged to have contributed to this in a small way,” Bassoo said.

Starr interviews author at MCC about Churchill biography

CAMERON STUART

Reporter

Dr. Andrew Roberts revered Winston Churchill as the last great leader in the western world when he visited McLennan Community College on Wednesday in front of a nearly sold out crowd to talk about his book, “Churchill: Walking with Destiny”, thanks in no small part to the man who interviewed him after the presentation, former Baylor President Ken Starr.

Roberts, who is a visiting professor at the War Studies Department of King’s College, London, has written 13 books and has been traveling all over Texas promoting his Churchill biography this week. Roberts estimates that this is the 1,010th biography on the former British Prime Minister, according to an interview he did with the Waco Tribune-Herald.

“In the last 10 years, there have been an avalanche of new sources about Winston Churchill,” Roberts said. “One might have thought that everything that needed to be said about Churchill has already been said, but that’s not the case.”

Roberts’ book has reached worldwide critical acclaim and was a New York Times best seller. The Times also said the book “must surely be the best single-volume biography about Churchill yet written.”

Roberts attributed the success of the book in part to the fact that he was the first of the Churchill biographers to be granted permission by Queen Elizabeth II to use her father, King George VI’s, diaries documenting Churchill’s time as Prime Minister and their weekly conferences during World War II. Dr. David J. White, a senior lecturer in classics, noted the sources that Roberts used as a definitive point of emphasis in the

book.

“It was just so wonderful to hear his insight especially considering the historical sources that he has been able to read that had not been available,” White said. “It really gave us a fuller picture of Churchill and the war and Churchill’s conduct to the war.”

One of Churchill’s characteristics that Roberts pointed out was his connection to America. Born to an American mother, Churchill always had an affinity towards the United States, especially in wartime.

“He loved America,” Roberts said. “Once he visited ordinary Americans, he fell in love with ordinary Americans.”

Roberts stressed Churchill’s ties with America during World War II, calling him the “glue” of the so-called “Big Three” of the Allies, making him still relevant today to many Americans.

“Churchill, more than any other single individual, helped save western civilization from barbarism,” Starr said. “He is the greatest friend of freedom of the 20th century.”

Starr, who now assists the mock trial team at Waco High School as well as the Presidential Scholars program at MCC, still resides in Waco after being fired from Baylor in 2016.

“[My wife and I] love Waco and we love Baylor,” Starr said. “I was involved with MCC throughout my years at Baylor, so we’re community volunteers.”

Roberts also pointed out that Churchill’s popularity was actually aided by his up and down political career and how he recovered from many failures. Although Starr’s downfall at Baylor

was not directly comparable to Churchill’s missteps, he said he sees why the public respected Churchill more because of it.

“Well Churchill was a person of great moral courage,” Starr said. “He knew his duty was to stay firm, stand firm, and to be a voice in the wilderness.”

The presentation concluded with Roberts being presented with his very own cowboy hat as a memento for his trip across Texas.

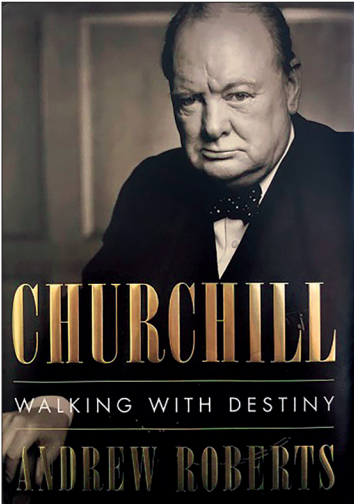


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**STARR** Dr. Andrew Roberts spoke on his book about Winston Churchill at MCC.

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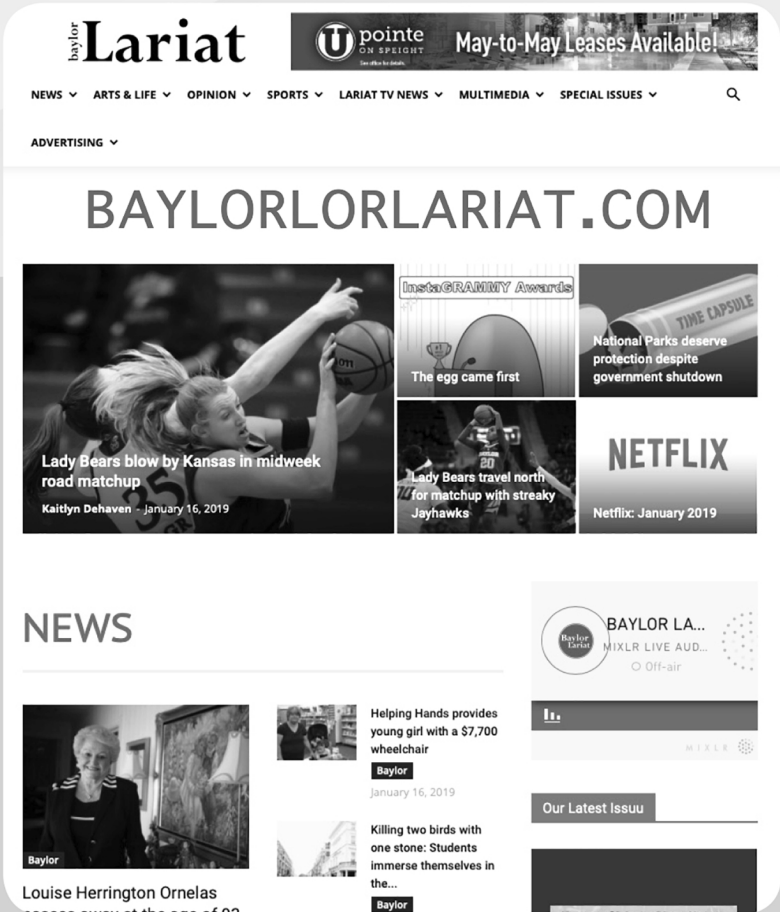


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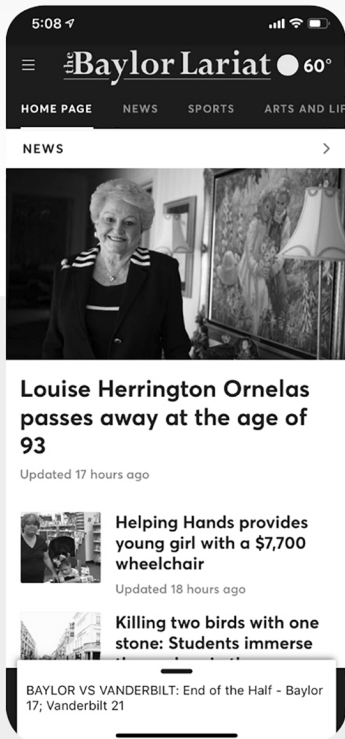
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**HOT NEWS>>** Famed New York art dealer Mary Boone was sentenced to 30 months in prison for tax fraud.

# Catch a falling star

Baylor Theatre shines with ‘Peter and the Starcatcher’

**THOMAS MORAN**  
Arts and Life Editor

REVIEW

Orphans, mermaids, mad men and magic all collide in Baylor Theatre’s latest main stage 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,” adapted for the stage by Rick Elice from the book “Peter and the Starcatchers,” tells the origin story of Peter Pan. The story follows two ships with two identical trunks, one with

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’s 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.

The set design was simple and whimsical. Multi-use 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.

The costume design matched the whimsy of the set. The disparate bunch of characters looked as though they’d been torn from the pages of a children’s book with kaleidoscopic colors, mismatched styles and, in some instances,

fantastical materials. The audience was in stitches at the sight of a



Aadil Sheikh | Roundup Photographer

**FANTASTICAL** Baylor Theatre’s latest production, “Peter and the Starcatcher,” was as colorful as it was bizarre. Despite the show’s lofty storyline, each element of the show came together in a cohesive and attractive way.

mermaid wearing a bra made from toilet plungers. Lead character Molly Aster’s outfit, complete with more layers and ruffles that one could count, complemented her youthful strength perfectly. Despite the uniqueness of each outfit, the costumes of the motley group of orphans felt cohesive and connected to the overarching aesthetic of the show.

But a show can still fall flat on its face if the impressive set, props, lighting, sound design and costumes are not matched with a similar caliber of acting. Fortunately, this show didn’t have that problem. Other than the occasional joke that fell flat or incoherent phrase on account of the faux British accents, most of the actors and actresses absolutely nailed their roles. Houston senior Nicole Renee Johnson perfectly embodied the sharp, witty, confident character of Molly Aster. Fullerton, Calif., sophomore Joshua Bates perfectly embodied the boyish

charm and sprightly air of Peter Pan. However, Waco sophomore Chris Coley and San Antonio junior Alissa Klusky, who played the villainous pirate Black Stache and his clumsy sidekick Smee, absolutely stole the show. Their on-stage chemistry paired with their hilarious antics had the audience in stitches whenever they delivered a punch line. The entire cast was a pleasure to watch.

All in all, Baylor Theatre’s take on “Peter and the Starcatcher” is well-worth the \$17 price of admission. The entire show felt cohesive in its whimsical portrayal of origin of one of the most beloved children’s book characters of all time — Peter Pan. Hats off to Director Lisa Denman and the rest of the designers, managers and cast.

The cast is performing every night at 7:30 p.m. through the Feb. 17 and will have two matinees on Feb. 16 and 17 at 2 p.m.

Thomas Moran | Arts and Life Editor

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# Locals tell stories at Analog Waco

MADISON DAY  
Assistant News Editor

Stuck in the top of 10-foot-tall trees in France after a minor paragliding crash, Diana Castillo watches the sun meet the horizon as hues of peach and rose dilute the sky. Although not her intended destination, Castillo had a front row seat to the most beautiful sunset.

Diana Castillo shared this story with the Analog Waco audience at their first event, titled “Lost in Waco,” and attended each meeting since.

Analog Waco 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 one another, according to Adam Moore, creator of the group. True personal storytelling is the phrase coined 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 performance oriented. This group is less about who can tell the best story and more about that kind of vulnerability in storytelling.”

In society today, people are so often lost in technology and distracted by superfluous things. Moore said he wants Analog to be a forum for people to stop and listen to one another and go back to our roots as humans. Diana Castillo said she believes Analog does just that.

She said she thinks Analog indeed does provide a space for people to open up among strangers and shows people they are not alone in their struggles of life.

“I think a lot of times in our daily life we just go and are not always as raw and vulnerable as I think we should be sometimes,” Castillo said. “So, I think its a great space to just have people be

OK with that and intentional with it. It was a platform for me to share my story, and to have other people that may 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 analyst.

“I shared a story that started off in France,” Castillo said. “I took up paragliding in France while I was studying abroad there. So I started off my story with that crash, but really to say that when I came to Baylor, I was very much expecting it to be flawless and for me to paraglide through college. But as life happens, there are lots bumps in the road, and sometimes I will be hanging — as I was hanging from 10-foot-tall trees.”

The theme of “Lost in Waco” really spoke to Castillo, and as she was thinking about what she would say at Analog, she said she realized that everyone is finding their way here in Waco together.

“Waco is so quirky in that you could do that — be lost in Waco and be OK,” Castillo said. “There’s that mural in downtown Waco that talks about how this is a city with a soul, and I think that the city really carries itself in that way. Where you can sort of be on this search in your own life and figure out, what is it that I’m doing? Why is it that I’m here? There’s still beauty in the ups and downs. It takes you two places where you truly find yourself.”

Castillo finds herself and other attendees captivated and engaged throughout the Analog events and sees that each person speaking or listening has something unique to bring to the table.

Moore wanted the storytellers and audience members to be a diverse group of people who would not have met otherwise.

“I think having a space where people from different backgrounds and walks of life can share stories from common experiences is valuable,” Moore said.

Moore said he noticed looking around the room, it was a group of people who would not all be in the same room for any other reason.

The themes for the Analog Waco events so far have been: “Lost in Waco,” “The Sound of Failure” and “The Darkest Night of the Year.” Each theme helped to set different tones for the events.

“The last one was ‘The Darkest Night of the Year.’ We had people share a lot of hard things and places of darkness in their lives, and again, it’s just beautiful to connect in those hardships. Because a lot of times we put on this façade as if everything is OK. When we get to unravel all the hard things, it really makes you have more 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. Moore believes these events have benefited the Waco community greatly and hopes to continue growing Analog by partnering with a group called The Cozy.

“[The Cozy] hosts these community dinners, and the person behind it is Natalie Ramirez. She’s hosted these community dinners at different places — some in homes and at Cultivate 7Twelve. We’ve talked about partnering for a small Analog event that would be around a meal,” Moore said.

The next Analog Waco event is at 8 p.m. on March 2 at 8 p.m. at Brotherwell Brewing at 400 E. Bridge Street. For more information about Analog Waco, visit their Facebook page.

## WHAT TO DO IN WACO

### Friday, Feb. 15

“Peter and the Starcatcher” | Jones Theatre | 7:30 p.m. | Baylor Theatre’s most recent production tells the story of Peter Pan and how all of his friends found their way to Neverland.

Dave Wild Trio | Klassy Glass Wine Bar | 8 p.m. | The group will perform jazz music at the local wine bar.

Moulin Rouge! shadowcast | Waco Hippodrome Theatre | 7 p.m. | \$10 | Watch the musical performed live in front of a showing of the film.

Ralph Breaks the Internet | Bill Daniel Student Center | 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. | The Union Board will host its weekly event with two showings of the film, one at 9 p.m. and one at 11 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 16

Waco Farmers Market | McLennan County Courthouse | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | The weekly event features vendors and business selling a variety of goods.

Heart of Texas Poets Society | Cultivate 7twelve | 2 - 4 p.m. | The group will meet in the local art venue to share and discuss poetry. All are welcome to attend.

“Peter and the Starcatcher” | Jones Theatre | 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Caldecott Book Illustrations | Mayborn Museum Complex | The exhibit features original illustrations from Caldecott Medal recipients.

# BIG NEWS

## Didn’t buy All-University Sing tickets?

The Waco Hippodrome Theatre will be live streaming the performances on March 1 and 2 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online through Student Activities.

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## Amazing Spiderman

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Ill will
- 7 Accepted blame humbly
- 14 Creatures
- 20 Mafia code of silence
- 21 Person of the hour
- 22 Bill Clinton's #2
- 23 Formalwear imparting a pleasantly optimistic feeling?
- 25 Flier Earhart
- 26 Tricky rascal
- 27 Some pipe shapes
- 28 Model of iPod
- 30 Weasel's kin
- 31 Room, in Spanish
- 32 G-men, e.g.
- 33 Appropriate underwear in a law court?
- 35 Gemini, e.g.
- 37 Unwanted plant growth
- 38 "Oh, sure!"
- 39 Neckwear making people unable to move?
- 44 ICU tubes
- 45 Burnt residue
- 48 Yellow hue
- 49 With 72-Across, 1920s-'30s design style
- 50 Royal flush card
- 51 A Marx brother
- 53 — Zedong
- 54 Ukraine city
- 57 Toadstool-shaped headwear?
- 60 Kilt wearer
- 62 Stew sphere
- 63 Moral errors
- 64 Actress Perlman
- 65 Women's wear encircling a magazine?
- 71 Tooth filler
- 72 See 49-Across
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- 74 Go bonkers
- 76 Beach where everyone dons athletic wear?
- 80 Do a tally of
- 82 Abbr. in personal ads
- 83 Sir Andrew — Webber
- 84 "— Day Will Come"
- 85 Be in debt to
- 86 Writer Joyce Carol —
- 88 Frequently, to a poet
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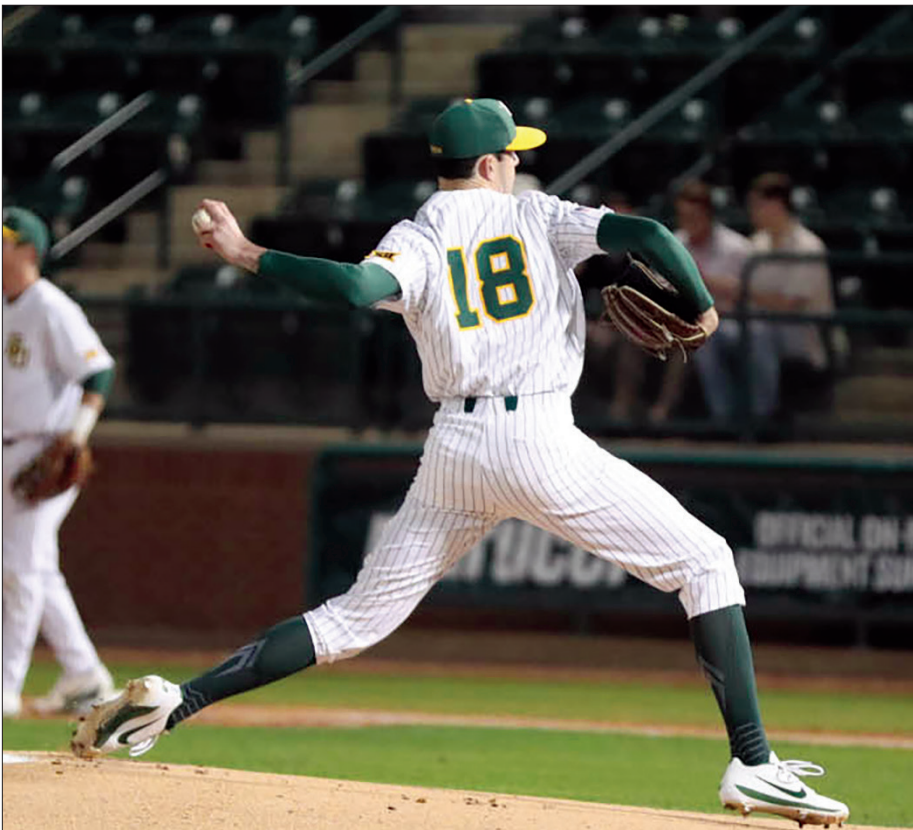
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- 10 Homer Simpson cry
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- 17 Nick of film
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- 55 As is fitting
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- 57 Cut to bits
- 58 Counteract
- 59 Buckeye State sch.
- 61 A bit drunk
- 63 Plaintiff
- 66 Regretted deeply
- 67 Lysol target
- 68 Jon who played Napoleon Dynamite
- 69 Join together

- 70 Studio prop
- 75 Earring part
- 76 "I'm Real" singer's nickname
- 77 Pixie
- 78 Deteriorate
- 79 Kiss go-with, often
- 80 Stupefy
- 81 Seal schools
- 85 Mel who wore #4
- 87 Helpers in crime
- 89 — Mahal
- 90 Painter's studio
- 91 Used a sofa
- 92 Elected (to)
- 93 Platform for Apple devices
- 94 Biceps, e.g.
- 95 Brunch dish
- 96 Thin
- 98 Slightly off
- 99 Regional
- 100 Hush money
- 101 Slide on a sled, say
- 102 Polyphonic choral piece
- 103 Opinion pieces
- 105 Lysol target
- 106 It's gathered in recon
- 107 "Pippin" director Bob
- 110 Mend, as socks
- 111 Mets' former stadium
- 113 Ending for lion or seer
- 115 — culpa
- 116 "Zip it!"



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# Take me out to the ballgame



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**BACK ON THE MOUND** Baylor junior pitcher Cody Bradford throws a pitch against Dallas Baptist on Feb. 16, 2018, at Baylor Ballpark. Bradford and the Bears open the season at 6:35 p.m. Friday against Holy Cross at Baylor Ballpark.

## Baseball opens season with four-game series against Holy Cross

DJ RAMIREZ  
Sports Writer

Baylor 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 |  
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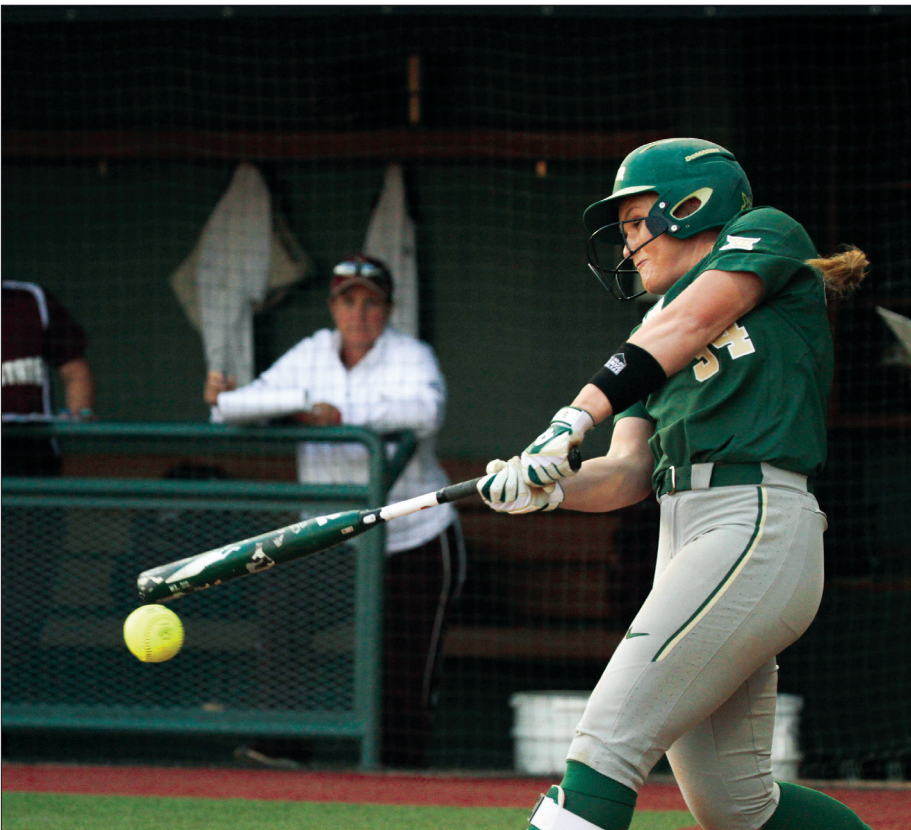
“We’re done with playing each other and we’re happy about it,” Wendzel said. “We’ve played each other too many times and we’re ready to start playing some other people.”

There has been a lot of excitement brewing over this year’s team as the Bears will see their entire starting lineup from last year return to the field, as well as their starting rotation. Head coach Steve Rodriguez said that while the level of excitement is good for the team, he would like to them relax as they play through the series.

“I want to see them relax as quickly as possible,” Rodriguez said. “It’s good to be excited. It’s good to be anxious. If there’s any other feeling than that, it’s probably a little more worrisome. I want to make sure that they go out there and execute and regardless of who we’re playing, how we’re going to play is going to really determine how we execute.”

While the Bears had to say goodbye to their “Old Guy” bullpen last year, their new arms still have some experienced leaders to guide them into the new season, including senior pitcher Kyle Hill, who will be Baylor’s closer on the mound. Hill said that he’s not worried about the bullpen’s lack of experience and that he’s enjoyed teaching the younger players how to prepare for the game.

“There’s plenty of shoes to fill in the bullpen. I know we have the guys to do it, as a matter of fact, I know we have the talent. The experience is just something we lack back



Josh Aguirre | Multimedia Editor

**SWING AND A MISS** Baylor junior utility player Goose McGlaun swings at a pitch against North Texas on March 14, 2018, at Gettermann Stadium. The Lady Bears open their home schedule with the Gettermann Classic this weekend.

## Following six-game road trip, softball hosts Gettermann Classic

DJ RAMIREZ  
Sports Writer

Baylor softball 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 Gettermann Classic.

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

GLENN MOORE |  
HEAD COACH

said he left the tournament feeling optimistic about how the team will perform this year.

“I was thinking that after losing Gia that it was not a tournament that I would have chosen to play with this young talent, but the way they responded to it, the way they were up for the games, and handled adversity, the challenges, and even digging holes and coming out of them, I thought they showed some maturity,” Moore said. “I think the future is bright. How quickly we get there is the big question.”

The Lady Bears faced some strong competition in Puerto Vallarta, defeating No. 9 South Carolina 4-1 but falling 4-3 to Brigham Young University on Thursday. They pulled back from a 9-6 deficit on Friday for a 10-9 extra innings victory over North Carolina and began Sunday with a 6-1 win against Liberty before falling 8-2 to No.2 Washington.

Junior infielder Nicky Dawson, who is entering the weekend with a batting average of .320, said that the Puerto Vallarta Challenge showed her just how much “fight” the team has.

“We faced a little bit of adversity, but we were able to bounce back,” Dawson said. “Coach Moore always says it’s not about the start but the finish, and so we started kind of down a little bit, but we were able to fight and keep fighting and we came out with the win in a couple of big games in big situations. That’s what’s going to carry the team the rest of the season.”

Freshman pitcher Madison Lindsey was

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### 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.

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### 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**.





Shae Koharski | Multimedia Journalist

**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 toe injury that kept him out of the game against Kansas State on Saturday.

# Battling injuries, Mason crucial to Bears’ success

JESSIKA HARKAY  
Sports Writer

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 men’s basketball senior guard Makai Mason has struggled due to a toe injury.

For the majority of the season, Mason has been a crucial component to the consistency of 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 Bandoos noted that it’s not only Mason’s on-the-court skill that helps the team, but his leadership.

“He’s played in college for five years, so he knows the ins and outs,” Bandoos said. “The other team knows he’s such a dangerous threat out there. It does help. Teams really have to

locate him. He can attack the basket and he’s good at passing. They have to pay attention to him. When we don’t have him, it’s tough.”

With the loss of sophomore forward Tristan Clark for the season due to a knee injury and senior guard King McClure questionable with a knee injury, the Bears’ lineup has had a “step-up to the plate” mentality that every player has adopted. 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 sat out. In the Texas matchup, which Baylor lost 84-72, Mason only scored five points with two assists. His absence in the Kansas State game allowed Bandoos 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’

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SCOTT DREW |  
HEAD COACH

eight losses, Mason’s statistics were below average or he didn’t play. Mason’s shooting statistics were also below average after returning from injury on Monday in the game against Oklahoma.

Mason notched only six points, but he dished out eight assists and played for 35 minutes of the 40-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 embark on a two-game road trip starting with a matchup against Texas Tech at 1 p.m. Saturday in Lubbock.

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there, but I know as soon as they get out there and get the job done, we’ll be just fine,” Hill said.

As a junior, Hill played 22 games out of the bullpen and holds the record for fewest hits per nine innings at 4.89. He was named to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association 2019 Stopper of the Year Award watch list. Rodriguez said that Hill has become a real leader in the bullpen since he already knows what the expectations are.

“He’s such a great young man that he comes out every day and is working with these young kids and talking to them and just handles himself on a different level,” Rodriguez said.

Baylor enters the season ranked at No. 2 in

the Big 12 preseason poll, right behind Texas Tech and is ranked in the top 25 in all the major national polls. They open the season at home against the Holy Cross Crusaders, a Patriot League team from Worcester, Mass. Rodriguez said that they don’t have much information on the Crusaders but that it won’t affect Baylor’s game plan going in.

“I don’t care who we’re playing,” Rodriguez said. “It doesn’t matter if we’re playing [NCAA National Champions] Oregon State or Holy Cross ... it doesn’t really matter, we need to play well. We just need to throw strikes and play good defense. We need to get some two-out hits and hopefully it loosens us up and it lets us play free this weekend.”

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the bright spot out of the bullpen last week, according to Moore. Lindsey pitched in every game and is coming into the Gettnerman Classic with a 2.84 ERA and 10 strikeouts.

“She certainly baffled some hitters. She’s an up-ball, east-west type pitcher, but she’s got a good off-speed to counter that,” Moore said. “Coming from the left side is something we didn’t have in our bullpen the last couple years and it’s nice to know that she can go against those lineups without fear. She showed that last weekend, and I’m excited about what she can do.”

The Lady Bears will be tested again this weekend in the Gettnerman Classic where they will face the SHSU Bearkats at 3 p.m. in the opening doubleheader and end the afternoon

with a game against Southern Miss at 5:30 p.m. They will continue the tournament on Saturday against UT-Arlington at 12:30 p.m. Moore said Baylor will definitely be challenged.

“A tougher field, than we thought going in whenever it was scheduled,” Moore said. “Have heard some great things about Sam Houston State, expected to have one of their better years. Southern Miss is 5-1, lost their first game last night, so they went 5-0 on the weekend, have some big numbers on the sheets. ... It’s certainly not a weekend where we can go ahead and claim the Gettnerman Classic title. We’re going to have to work hard, and it’s going to make us better.”

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