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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. (ABP)—More than three quarters of teens think religious leaders should do more to help prevent teen pregnancy. And that's even more than the 64 percent of adults who think the same.

But while 76 percent of teens think religious leaders should do more to educate them about the risks of teenage sex, teens consistently say parents most influence their decisions about sex, according to an independent study commissioned by the [National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy](#).

"One of the primary findings here is really good news for parents—that they are more influential on the topic than they thought they were."

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

DALLAS—Dallas Baptist University professor David Naugle's thoughts and views are being read and discussed by students in a language he can neither read nor understand.

Naugle's book, [*Worldview: The History of a Concept*](#), has been translated and published by Peking University Press for student use in China.

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Naugle, a
philosophy
professor
at Dallas
Baptist
University
and
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Wilshire
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Tim
Gingrich)

Around the State

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Around the State

- **The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor** will perform its 68th annual Easter pageant at 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. April 4. All performances will be outdoors in front of the Luther Memorial arches on Vann Circle Drive. The free student production draws 5,000 people each year.

- **Baylor University** will hold a symposium on congregational renewal May 11. The topic for the 9 a.m. session will be “Assessing the Current State of Religion in America,” and the 10:45 a.m. session will investigate three versions of congregational renewal—small church, multi-ethnic church and downtown/suburban church. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge. To register or for more information, call (254) 710-4677.

Anniversaries

- **Bill Wright**, 15th, as pastor of First Church in Plains, March 25.
 - **J.D. Templeton**, fifth, as pastor of First Church in Cotton Center, March 31.
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Baylor University presented the 2007 Baylor University Founders Medallion to Ralph Storm of Corpus Christi and, posthumously, to his wife, Jean, during the university's annual Founders Day. The Founders Medal is reserved for men and women whose service and contributions have been unusually significant to the life and future of the university. He has been a Baylor trustee and regent 27 years, is a lifetime member of the Baylor Alumni Association and Founders Association, and a member of the Medallion Fellowship, Heart of the Order, Old Main Society, Heritage Club, Development Council, Baylor Bear Foundation, Friends of Truett Seminary and the Endowed Scholarship Society. He was named a distinguished alumnus in 1978 and was awarded the Herbert H. Reynolds Award for meritorious service to students in 1985. He also has been greatly involved in the ministries of First Church in Corpus Christi, as was his wife prior to her death in 2003.

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On a
spring
break
mission
trip, 65
members
of Baylor
University
fraternity
Kappa
Omega
Tau
enjoyed
the
serenity
of the
Arkansas
Ozarks
while
rebuilding
a stairway
to an
outdoor
chapel.

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By Barbara Bedrick

Texas Baptist Communications

WACO—Armed with pick axes, drills, shovels, chainsaws, rakes and a mission-minded attitude, 65 Baylor University fraternity brothers traveled to Ponca Bible Camp in the Ozark Mountains over spring break to renovate the encampment.

Members of Kappa Omega Tau, a Baylor service-oriented fraternity, spent three days climbing 20-foot ladders up hills, restoring cabins, building retaining walls, burning leaves and improving the Christian camp. Mission Trip Chair Alex LaRue helped plan the spring break effort.

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University of
Mary Hardin-
Baylor junior

Erica

Valenta,
sophomore

Ashlie

Hudgins,
freshman

Courtnei

Habel and
senior

Aleigha Perez

walk the
beach after
watching a
baptism
service.

(UMHB Photo
by Rachael
Heffer)

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By John Hall

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SOUTH PADRE ISLAND—Rock music blared as thousands of college

students gathered on the beach. The crowd cheered participants in a tug-of-war contest. Alcohol flowed as freely as the ocean rolling onto the sand.



A new Christian rejoices after she is baptized. Reza Zadeh of Fort Collins, Colo., baptized people in the Gulf of Mexico as part of Beach Reach, an outreach to Spring Breakers at South Padre Island. Beach Reach is largely a Texas Baptist effort, but volunteers come to serve from around the nation. (Photos by John Hall)

In the midst of it all, a young man who came looking to party found Christ, thanks in part to a Texas Baptist college student. They prayed together, wept and embraced each other in celebration of newfound faith.

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DALLAS—The [Baptist General Convention of Texas](#) Executive Board staff has filled four positions in its congregational strategists team, including the leaders of the congregational strategists and church starters.

Paul Atkinson, who was serving as interim team lead of the church starters, has been named leader of the church starting team. Tim Randolph, who has served as a congregational strategist in the Temple area, has been named leader of the congregational strategists. Randolph will continue serving as a congregational strategist as well.

Book Reviews

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[*10 Things Every Minister Needs to Know*](#) by Ronnie Floyd (New Leaf Press)

Ronnie Floyd states there is nothing like it in the entire world. He is speaking of serving in vocational ministry. In this small, but very readable, book, Floyd recounts the life lessons he has learned in more than 30 years as a pastor.

He asserts the book is for ministers of all ages and in all seasons of life. Yet he is convinced these 10 lessons transcend vocational ministry and touch other worlds as well—life, business and influence.

I would recommend the book highly to any believer, not just ministers. Floyd gives practical advice to all believers in all walks of life. He discusses the importance of being over doing. He also discusses the importance of family-building rather than ministry-building, faith, relationships, decision-making and maintaining a proper balance in life. He concludes with wisdom on how to believe God for your future.

Off the Bookshelf
What's everyone reading anyway?

What are you reading that other Texas Baptists would find helpful? Send suggestions and reviews to books@baptiststandard.com.

Baptist Briefs

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Southwestern Seminary hires fundraiser. Robert Hawley of Prosper, former regional capital resource manager for LifeWay Christian Resources, has joined the [Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary](#) staff as associate vice president for institutional advancement. Hawley began his fund-raising career as a pastor in California when he raised support for missions endeavors. He also has been vice president of sales training and operations for a communications company in Dallas, vice president of Stephen's Children Foundation, chief administrator of the Christian Motorcyclists Association and president of Open Doors Ministry USA. Hawley holds a bachelor of arts degree from Mercer University in Macon, Ga., and a master of divinity degree from Talbot Theological Seminary in La Mirada, Calif.

Billy Graham's grandson injured in Iraq. Capt. Edward Graham, Billy Graham's grandson and evangelist Franklin Graham's youngest son, sustained shrapnel wounds to his arms, legs and back in Iraq. Graham, a 27-year-old Army Ranger and West Point graduate, did not suffer life-threatening injuries and was recovering at an undisclosed hospital, according to news reports. He is one of four children of Franklin Graham and one of 19 grandchildren of evangelist Billy Graham.

Cartoon

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"I felt
sorry
for
myself
as a
pastor
without
a youth
pastor
until I
met a
pastor
without
any
youths
to
pastor."

2nd Opinion: Program changes Texas, life by life

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I have just returned from the first presentation service for Truett Theological Seminary's Certificate Ministry Program on the seminary campus in Waco.

Ten students—men and women, black, white, Hispanics and people from all walks of life—were involved. One of our graduates is a police officer. Another one taught school for 30 years. All gave testimony of the wonderful benefits of this two-year home-study program. One week is spent in class on the Truett campus studying preaching. The other work is done at their own pace at their own home.

Carol Raulston of Whitney was the first person to complete the course. She is a mother of five children who paid for the course through a weekly deduction from her checking account. She ministers to women in crisis.

Tom Echols is a 60-year-old truck driver and bivocational pastor of Eagle's Wing Baptist Church in Crowley. With tears in his eyes, he said: "This is the first time I've ever walked across the stage for anything. I quit school 40-plus years ago to go in the Army, so I never graduated from high school. Only eternity will tell how much this certificate ministry is going to do." Tom was unable to pay for the course. He received a scholarship from

Truett and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

DBU students build homes in South Carolina & South Dakota

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DBU
students
Adrienne
Anderson
(left) and
Kayla
Jones
(right)
install the
plywood
decking
for the
roof of the
Habitat
House in
Sumter,
S.C.
(Photo by
Gilda
Alvarenga)

DBU students build homes in South Carolina & South Dakota

By Blake Killingsworth

Dallas Baptist University

DALLAS—Forty [Dallas Baptist University](#) students loaded into six vans before daylight on a recent Saturday to participate in the school's annual [Habitat for Humanity](#) spring break mission trip.

One 21-member building crew headed east to Sumter, S.C., where the DBU team partnered for five days with students from the University of Wisconsin-Stout to work on a home for a young family with two children.

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Too many trips to the wedding altar may trip up presidential contenders

By Adelle Banks

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—When Southern Baptist public policy spokesman Richard Land sizes up the Republican presidential pack and factors in whether a candidate has been divorced, he thinks of marriage mathematics, not just morals.

“The progression from two to three ... wives is not an arithmetic progression for evangelicals; it’s exponential,” said Land, president of the [Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission](#). “Three is at least one too many.”