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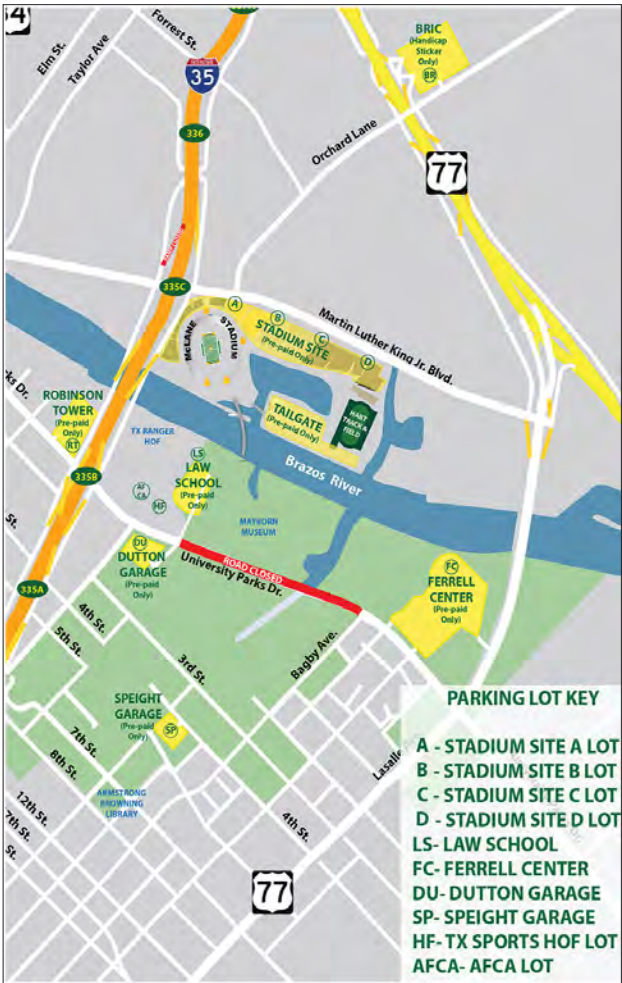


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HE'S THE MAN Aloe Blacc, best known for his hit song "I'm the Man," performs in the SUB instead of Fountain Mall for the Traditions Rally due to severe weather.

Blacc performs

despite the rain

MORGAN PETTIS
Staff Writer

Rain or shine, students showed their Baylor pride at the Traditions Rally on Thursday night. As the tailgate event started off, students were met with a good deal of rain, which resulted in the rally being canceled. Even with the spirit rally being postponed indefinitely, nothing could dampen the pride the students showed in Baylor.

Before the cancellation, students gathered in Fountain Mall to enjoy Ultimate Frisbee, corn hole and many other activities. Fraternities lined the fence offering students barbecue, water and a social atmosphere. In order to boost morale and remind students of school traditions, replicas of the '80s line jerseys were being sold. Many students sported their line jerseys in

preparation for their first time running the Line tomorrow evening.

"I was excited to see what Baylor spirit was all about," said Wallowa County, Ore. freshman Diane Reimer. Reimer recently transferred from a smaller institution and had yet to be exposed to such an abundance of school spirit.

Even as the rain progressed, optimism and the good Baylor spirit kept on. Granite Bay, Calif., sophomore Robin Vo said even though it was raining, she was still glad that the Baylor community was coming together to celebrate the beginning of a great football season. Vo, as well as many other students, are excited to take on Northwestern in the first home game of the season.

Students were disappointed by the cancellation of the time-honored

Traditions Rally, but the night was not over. Aloe Blacc's performance was moved from Fountain Mall to the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center as soon as the tailgate event was being cleared out. Students quickly flooded the Student Union Building as the drawing room was being set up.

Pasadena sophomore Miscal Garcia said he was excited to see Blacc.

"It's not everyday that you get to go to a free concert," Garcia said as he waited for the doors to open.

Aloe Blacc gave a lively performance that showcased some of his more popular tracks as well as stuff from his most recent album. Although quite crowded, the concert gave all those in attendance a good way to end a long night and the encouragement to start off a strong football season.



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor



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Collins to close

Spring 2017

Renovations cause redistribution of first-year students

KAYLA FARR
Reporter

Students are looking forward to renovations in the university's oldest dorm.

Ruth Collins Hall, one of Baylor's largest residential halls and the only strictly female dormitory left on campus, is closing down in May for renovations.

The residence hall is home to more than 600 first-year female residents, according to Baylor's Campus Living and Learning website. Many students are looking forward to the renovations on Baylor's oldest residence hall, such as Gainesville sophomore Alexandria Knight.

"I think it gives the residents and us a lot of pride in Collins," Knight said. "And we want to take care of it this last year."

Others, such as Tyler freshman Faith Wilkerson, are enjoying the last year in the residence hall before it is remodeled.

"I just think it's really cool to be a part of the traditional Collins dorm," Wilkerson said.

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Teaching black history in the arts

JOY MOTON
Reporter



Photo courtesy of Sharon Moton

MAKING A DIFFERENCE Pearlie Beverly, director of multicultural affairs established Portraits in order to emphasize black history.

Every Wednesday evening, the sounds of music, laughter and powerful declarations resound through the chapel of the Tidwell Bible Building. These noises come from a group of Baylor students who mentor children in the Waco community through singing, dancing, acting, stepping and poetry. This diverse group of young people is called Portraits. Their objective is to promote confidence and growth in children of all ages.

"It is, in one instance a mentorship program, in another substance it's a theater arts program," said Tonee Shelton, a Killeen graduate student in the Diana R. Garland School of Social Work.

Pearlie Beverly, Baylor's director of multicultural affairs, was inspired to establish this group based on her own experiences with the significance of education, confidence and black history. She constantly emphasizes

the importance of education to children in the group because she recognizes that it is a privilege.

Her mother only had a fourth-grade education, and her father could neither read nor write. Her persistence in school led her to attend Jarvis College in Hawkins and receive a master's degree from Baylor.

Beverly also encourages children to take advantage of their ability to learn black history. According to Beverly, it is important because it is who African Americans are and they should not be ashamed of it.

"You don't let somebody else know your history better than you do because you have to look at how far you've come," Beverly said.

Beverly has established an outlet for students to embrace the arts. In 1991, a friend asked Beverly to perform as Harriet Tubman

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COLUMN

Behind the Uber driver



Graphic Credit: Deidre Martinez

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WASHINGTON — Unlike Texas, where people drive pretty much everywhere, most people in D.C. choose not to drive. Why? Traffic is horrible, and the city is full of alternative modes of transportation. Needless to say, I did not bring my old clunker (I say that lovingly, sort of) from home, leaving me to take an Uber everywhere until I could get a metro pass.

Here's the thing about Uber: You either love it or you hate it. For those who do hate it, I get it: getting into a stranger's car for any amount of time can be scary, and while it varies from city to city, prices can skyrocket when there is a high demand.

However, it can also be great. It is super convenient in a new city when there seems to be no taxi in sight and you haven't quite figured out the metro system yet.

There is one more thing that causes me to like the driving service even more: hearing people's stories.

Yes, coming from a journalism major, this is a fairly unsurprising statement. Still, hear me out.

The thing I like about Uber drivers is that the majority of them do not drive full time. In reality, most choose to drive after leaving work or on their way to run errands. So seeing a person dressed in business casual pick someone up is not an uncommon sight.

Now, I'm the type of person who doesn't like awkward silences. Seriously. I will talk just to avoid the dreaded lack of sound that fills the backseat of a driver's car. I have turned my dislike of silence into an opportunity by talking to my drivers about their day. Some are initially reluctant to open up, but it doesn't take long before we get past the ordinary small talk and delve deeper into their life outside of Uber.

Take Andre for example. In a desperate run to Target (I needed bedding), I pulled up my Uber app and requested a driver. Within a few minutes, I got into Andre's car. After pleasantries, I asked him about his life. His story goes like this:

Roughly in his 60s, he works as a driver for a flower shop down the street from where I live. In fact, he had just gotten off of work when he picked me up. With all his children grown up by now, he lives with his wife just a few blocks from Capitol Hill.

As anyone can tell you, real estate in D.C. ain't cheap. So when I ask him how he could afford to live in the Hill with a driver's salary, he tells me that the house he lives in has actually been passed down to him. It was his father's.

As for his wife, he met her in D.C. In fact, they grew up together and went to a school just a few blocks from Target. She was his junior high sweetheart, and he can't wait to retire with her in South Carolina where they dreamed of building a house together.

Amid the symphony of honks brought on by evening traffic, he told me his story. I was captivated and by the end of the trip, I felt as though I already knew him. I got out of the car and thanked him, and with that he drove away to pick up another customer.

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EDITORIAL



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

Dropping textbook prices would raise students' spirits

Students can be picky with the classes they choose to take: finding the right professor and the best scheduled time is key. The one thing they can't plan is how much money they'll spend on textbooks.

Every semester, we or people we know will end up needing to purchase a textbook that costs more than \$100. We wait for the first day of class in hopes that the professor may say the text isn't required, but most of the time we are disappointed. Searching for the best deal is no longer an option because many textbooks are not sold anywhere else online.

Textbook prices are a concern for every college student. It doesn't matter what year you are, books for general education courses and major-specific courses can be equally expensive, and there seems to be no way out of the trap.

One of the many courses at Baylor with overpriced textbooks is Theater Appreciation. The Baylor Theater Appreciation course is one of the fine arts courses students can take to fulfill the

basic requirements to graduate. This semester, a custom Baylor theater appreciation book is required, which costs students \$91. In another prerequisite class, Biology 1306, a 10th edition Campbell Biology textbook with an access code to Mastering Biology is required, which costs \$297.65. If that isn't enough, students taking Spanish as their foreign language are required to purchase a \$250 textbook that is nonnegotiable. Now remember, most students are full time, so they are most likely buying more than just three books.

To lighten the cart a little, students looking to purchase textbooks could compare prices at sites such as Amazon and find a much cheaper deal. Students could also choose to rent their textbooks, if available. Unfortunately, many books do not leave students with these alternative options. For example, the Theater Appreciation book cannot be rented or found for less, and neither can the Spanish textbooks.

Logically, you would think

that textbooks are expensive for a reason. If it is a special Baylor custom book because of the content, there is limited supply and high demand. However, many of these books are used at the professor's discretion, so while a professor requires a textbook, they may only use it once or twice a semester, or sometimes not at all. The cost of textbooks shouldn't become a hindrance to students' education. Some students who enroll at Baylor are on full scholarship, and some are taking out thousands of dollars in student loans in order to attend. Whether or not the students can pay for Baylor, they still should not be required to pay up to \$600 extra each semester.

Baylor should provide alternative means of attaining textbooks, such as campus libraries offering copies of all required textbooks for student use. That way, students who cannot afford the textbook can still complete required assignments without penalty.

Another option would be to allow students to rent all Baylor

custom editions, especially high-priced books such as that for Theater Appreciation.

Professors also have the authority to choose what is and is not required for their students to create the best learning environment. If there are alternatives to a textbook, such as older editions or cheaper online versions, professors should be lenient with students and allow them to purchase whichever copies fit with their financial circumstances. If a newer edition is non-negotiable, these professors should offer a copy for students to read in their offices, or upload online versions so students can keep up with the course.

Students attend Baylor to learn, and their learning should not be hindered or infringed upon due to unrealistic financial requirements such as textbooks. Lowering prices or offering alternative options for students allows us to get better grades, to be less stressed and to have the Baylor experience we were sold on when we first applied.

Carry only what you need

RAE JEFFERSON
News Editor

"Carry only what you need." I don't remember where those five words came from, but I've made them mine. It's become a life mantra: less authoritative than Scripture, but just as necessary.

Every day, we carry stuff, good and bad. Things like love and pain, fear and hope.

Sometimes the stuff is light, so light we forget there's anything in our hands.

Sometimes the stuff is heavy, so heavy we can't forget there's something in our hands.

And sometimes we're carrying so much stuff that it doesn't really matter how light or heavy the individual things are.

Regardless of what we're carrying or how heavy it is, we

should always be certain that it's necessary.

Bearing burdens isn't always bad. Heavy loads can make us stronger and build up our endurance in the future. Trials and challenges force us to learn how to deal with the uncomfortable parts of life that require maturation and refine our character, and we need that.

Some of the heavy things we carry only stick around for a little bit. Things like heartbreak and failure can be momentarily uncomfortable, yet they have the potential to shape us into better versions of ourselves.

But there are times when heaviness isn't necessary. Life is full of mistakes and imperfections, which can quickly fill our hands with regret and shame. And since life is so dynamic and filled with endless opportunities for us to

mess up, our loads can quickly start to get heavy, and not in the good, character-building way.

At the beginning of the summer, I made the decision to drop all the things I was carrying just to be carrying, and it was incredibly hard. I made a conscious effort to stop focusing on the ways I don't measure up to my peers, the ways I've failed myself and the ways I feel others have failed me. But I never realized how quickly all those things find their way back into my hands.

Only carrying what I need has become a daily task. It's the intentional process of identifying when I'm allowing negative thoughts or feelings

to cloud everything else. It's choosing to replace them with positivity and figuring out how I can let them make me a stronger person.

Life can be really hard, especially when so many of us are focused on figuring out how to live it well. It's easy to get caught up in stress,

frustration and shame, but it's essential that we learn how to determine which experiences and feelings are worth holding on to and which we don't need to carry.

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Baylor begins semester with sexual assault training

KELSEA WILLENBROCK
Reporter

Baylor started off the school year introducing incoming freshmen to the It's On Us campaign to prevent sexual assault. While stories and statistics about sexual assault and discrimination from universities across the nation appear in the news on a regular basis, Baylor is working to prevent the proliferation of these issues on campus.

It's On Us is a national campaign designed to educate people about sexual assault and provide resources to victims of sexual violence. The Title IX office at Baylor employed the It's On Us campaign in an effort to spread awareness across campus of sexual abuse.

"We have customized everything we do by combining best practices by colleagues, Department of Education guidance, what we know about our students through reports, conversations, cases and overall experiences," Title IX Coordinator Patty Crawford wrote in an email to the Lariat.

One in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college, according to the National Sexual Resource Center.

The administrators at Baylor wanted to provide a safe and encouraging environment where peers stand up for each other and are not afraid to report abuse if they encounter it. The intention of the It's On Us campaign is to do just that.

The Title IX office speaks with students on a daily basis and sees firsthand the effects that sexual assault can have on a person.

"Students should feel empowered to have healthy relationships of their own and to be empowered to act simply and safely to intervene and help end violence," Crawford said. "Not because we have a problem specifically at Baylor, but because we love and care for our neighbor."

Every fall for the past three years, Baylor has hosted an event for the incoming freshman class to introduce the students to the It's On Us challenge. This sets a precedent that the university does not shy away from these issues.

San Antonio junior Nicole Young, a community leader, attended the event with the residents in her hall of freshman women.

"I think the residents really enjoyed [the event]. It wasn't very heavy, but the message was still communicated," Young said.

As part of the It's On Us event, a Baylor graduate told her story of being assaulted and how she was able to overcome what she experienced.

"The most impactful part was that a girl volunteered to share her story, and it made it all real," Young said. "At the end of her testimony, she shared that she still kept God in the center of her life, that God is good, and he is always good."

The It's On Us campaign empowers students to make a difference on their campus and prevent sexual assault. It unites campuses across the country for the common cause of creating a safe environment for students.

Sexual assault on college campuses is an issue that less frequently goes under the radar. Title IX representatives at Baylor inform students of the dangers of sexual assault and provides practical ways to prevent it in the future.



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

IT'S ON US Baylor requires all new students to complete a sexual assault training highlighting the importance of the Title IX office and the available resources for assistance.

ONLINE EXTRAS

Take the pledge to prevent sexual assault now.

[HTTP://ITSONUS.ORG/#PLEDGE](http://itsonus.org/#pledge)

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Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

RUTH COLLINS HALL The largest female residence hall at Baylor will close for renovations next school year, causing Campus Living & Learning to relocate 600+ residents.

"I just like the history and tradition aspect about it, but I can't wait to see what it looks like when they are all done," Wilkerson said.

Courtney Streat, assistant resident hall director in Collins Hall, said she is impressed with the care that will be going into the renovations.

"Environment is such an important influence to learning and growth," Streat wrote in an email to the Lariat. "I am glad that Campus Living and Learning is leading out in Baylor's goal to make all of campus meet our students' environmental needs during their personal and academic journey."

As for the 600 women that Collins usually houses, they will go to other residence halls, said Tiffany Lowe, director of campus living and learning.

"What we have to do is redistribute," Lowe said. "Next year, Kokernot, Texana and University House will be all-female as well."

The hall, which was named after the wife of a Baylor trustee, has been open since 1957. Knight said she doesn't know a lot about the renovations so far, but she knows they will help improve Collins.

"The whole first floor will be different," Knight said. "The showers and bathrooms will be renovated too. The designers were all here today, which is pretty cool."

The first floor will have an open floor plan, Streat said.

"There will be an increase in more open community spaces for the lobby and floors," Streat said. "There is a distinct intention to carving out generous spaces exclusively for fellowship and study. This will give residents an opportunity to really make Collins Hall home for them because they will have the option of utilizing these spaces rather than making the long trip to the library."

Since the hall will be closed next year, some are wondering what will happen to the community leaders.

"I like my CL job," Knight said. "I think next year, they are able to reposition us into another dormitory if we would like."

As for all of the furniture in the residence hall, it will be donated to charity.

"[The furniture] comes out and we work with several area charities to come pick it up," Lowe said. "Groups like Caritas and others come get it, and there will be a brand new furniture package inside."

Despite everyone going to separate living places next year, there is still a lot of community in the hall, Knight said.

"Being that it is an all-freshman and all-girls dorm, we are all on the same page," Knight said. "We are all here for each other, and the staff is really great. The community is my favorite part."



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This welcome home event for college students requires a valid student ID to register and float.
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for Black History Month. In the midst of a time when female leaders were rarely recognized for black history, Beverly would don a big black dress with large red glasses and, for a moment of history, become Tubman.

“Everybody reads the history to you, but I wouldn’t. I would make it a live narrative by saying, ‘I am Mrs. Harriet Tubman, if you please,’” Beverly said.

The community grew fond of her performances because, in part, they were different. Beverly’s passion for performing inspired her to establish a group that would teach others black history while celebrating the various performing arts. She named the group Portraits because she realized that portraying events in a visual manner conveys ideas better than reciting speeches.

“I wanted students to be able to experience learning black history and making it come to life for other people,” Beverly said.

In 1992, the organization began with eight students. The group traveled across the country performing black history skits in churches.

Four of the original members stayed in Waco after they graduated from high school and encouraged Beverly to start a college company. The group then increased to 25 members.

“I said, ‘That’s it, we’re not going any higher,’ and then the next time I looked up, the group had grown to 62 kids,” Beverly said.

The leaders in Portraits have stimulated learning Black History through games. They made flash cards with pictures of famous African-Americans on the front and a summary of their legacy on the back. Each week, if children could recite facts about the famous African-Americans, they would receive a “dollar for knowledge.” The organization has evolved to include Hispanic heritage as well as black history.

“A deep part of Portraits is sharing culture, sharing history and making sure that we don’t forget where we came from,” Dallas senior Breana Allen, president of Portraits, said.

Now that the group includes children under the age of 5, they no longer travel. Although they do not perform publicly anymore, a showcase is presented at the end of each semester. A highlight of the showcase is a home-cooked meal with a dessert donated by each family.

“The children are able to see an end, to see all of their hard work and be able to present it and have something they can be proud of,” said Chisa Brigham, a former member and parent of one of the children involved in Portraits.

Each semester, the showcase has a different theme centered on black history, Christianity and life. The group has used themes including Ruby Bridges, the first African-American to attend an all-white elementary school, and The Wiz. Last semester, the theme was Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

“We love hard, we value the Lord, we value family and we just value each other,” Shelton said. “That’s what my plays are always going to be about.”

The organization has had a significant impact on the lives of children.

“Portraits is allowing the children to see that African-American people flourish, and we flourish best together,” Shelton said.

Former members like Chisa Brigham bring their own children to be a part of the organization.

“I knew that it had such a great impact on me and my ability to be able to stand in front of people and speak, and I wanted that for my children as well,” Brigham said.

Although a large part of Portraits is mentoring, it

affects the college volunteers as much as the children.

“It’s helping me to get out there, get past my

comfort zone, and be more outgoing,” Cedar Hill junior

Sydney Thompson said. “It’s reminding me of who I am and

what I’m here to do.”

Some students consider it to be a getaway from the craziness of college work.

“I can just come and have fun, and I can make a difference in the kids’ lives,” Allen said, “I’m getting to be with kids, and I’m getting to do something I love.”

Beverly established an organization that she hopes will last for generations to come.

“What comes out of Portraits is so great that what they set way back in the ‘90s will continue on for years to come,” said Cherri Williams, a Baylor alumna.

“I wanted students to be able to experience learning black history and making it come to life for other people.”

Pearlie Beverly | Director of Multicultural Affairs

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Why Doesn’t God Hug Me?
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To those who are struggling under the bitter pain that life inflicts on you...to those who are exhausted from the hurt but don’t know where to turn for help...you have heard that God loves you. But if God loves you, why doesn’t He show up and give you the physical affection that your torn heart needs?

Corpus 1227 invites Baylor students to “Why Doesn’t God Hug Me?” this upcoming Tuesday at 7 pm in the Browning Square Community Room, at 1721 S 9th St. There, we will answer this question. We promise that before you leave, God will hug you...and you will feel it. How can we say something like that? Come and see for yourself. Seating in the room is limited, but if we overflow we will schedule an identical event soon afterward.

Note: parking at Browning Square is reserved for residents. You may park on the street nearby if there is room. The nearest Baylor student parking is along 8th Street near Speight, or at the back of 7th & James Church.

For more information, see facebook.com/Corpus1227

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SpaceX explosion destroys rocket

MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A massive fireball and explosion erupted Thursday at SpaceX's main launch pad, destroying a rocket as well as a satellite that Facebook was counting on to spread internet service in Africa.

There were no injuries. The pad had been cleared of workers before what was supposed to be a routine pre-launch rocket engine test.

SpaceX chief Elon Musk said the accident occurred while the rocket was being fueled and originated around the upper-stage oxygen tank.

"Cause still unknown," Musk said via Twitter. "More soon."

The explosion — heard and felt for miles around — dealt a severe blow to SpaceX, still scrambling to catch up with satellite deliveries following a launch accident last year. It's also a setback for NASA, which has been relying on the private space company to keep the International Space Station stocked with supplies and, ultimately, astronauts.

SpaceX was preparing for the test firing of its unmanned Falcon rocket when the blast happened shortly after 9 a.m. at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. The test was in advance of Saturday's planned launch of an Israeli-made communications satellite to provide home internet for parts of sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and Europe.

A video of the explosion shows a fireball enveloping the top of the rocket. Moments later, the nose cone containing the satellite plunged to the ground, followed by more explosions.

Buildings four miles away shook from the blast, and a series of explosions continued for several minutes. Dark smoke filled the overcast sky. A half-hour later, a black cloud hung low across the eastern horizon.

Video cameras showed smoke coming from the restricted site well into late afternoon. Most of the rocket was still standing, although the top third or so was clearly bent over.

The explosion occurred at Launch Complex 40 at the Air Force station, right next door to NASA's Kennedy Space Center, where emergency staff went on standby and monitored the air for any toxic fumes. The initial blast sent NASA employees rushing outside to see what happened. The Air Force stressed there was no threat to public safety in the surrounding communities.

While the pad was still burning, it was off-limits. "We want to make sure we isolate any potential problem," said Shawn Walleck, a spokesman for the Air Force's 45th Space Wing, "because at this point, we've had no casualties, we've had no injuries, and we want to keep it that way."

By evening the fire was out, but the pad was going to remain off-limits until Friday morning as a precaution, the Air Force said.

Facebook spokesman Chris Norton said the social media company was "disappointed by the loss, but remain committed to our mission of connecting people to the internet around the world." Founder Mark Zuckerberg was in Kenya on Thursday, discussing internet access with government officials.

The Falcon rocket destroyed Thursday is the same kind used to launch space station supplies. The last such flight took place in July. SpaceX, one of two companies making deliveries, is also working on a crew capsule to ferry station U.S. astronauts.

Two NASA astronauts were doing a spacewalk 250 miles up, outside the space station, when the explosion occurred. Mission Control did not tell them about the accident, saying all communication was focused on the



Associated Press

UP IN SMOKE Smoke rises from a SpaceX launch site on Thursday at Cape Canaveral, Fla. NASA said SpaceX was conducting a test firing of its unmanned rocket when a blast occurred.

spacewalk.

NASA later put out a statement, saying the space agency remains confident in its commercial partners, SpaceX included. The space station is well stocked and able to weather any potential delays to upcoming SpaceX deliveries, NASA said.

At the same time, NASA said it remains on track for next Thursday's launch of an asteroid-chasing and sampling spacecraft, the first of its kind for the U.S. The spacecraft and the Atlas rocket were inside their hangar at the time of the explosion, barely a mile away; preliminary inspections show both to be in good shape.

Until Thursday, the company had successfully carried out eight launches this year, with nine more in the wings by year's end, including the debut flight of the so-called Falcon Heavy. Now that lineup is in jeopardy.

SpaceX is leasing the Cape Canaveral pad from the Air Force for unmanned Falcon launches. The company is also redoing a former shuttle pad at Kennedy for future manned flights for NASA. The first crewed flight was supposed to take place by the end of next year. Boeing also is developing a crew capsule for NASA.

Even before Thursday's accident, NASA's inspector general office was skeptical there would be astronaut flights by SpaceX or Boeing before late 2018. Technical challenges are piling up and threaten to cause delays, according to a report issued Thursday.

Others also rallied behind SpaceX, including Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, chairman of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee. "Despite the difficulties, commercial spaceflight will carry on with American drive and ingenuity," he said in a statement.

Baylor freshmen to run in student government elections

BROOKE BENTLEY
Reporter

Upon its return from summer break, Baylor student government is kicking off the fall semester with upcoming freshman elections. They will start Monday, when the filing period begins, and end Sept. 20 with the campuswide election.

With several freshman positions now vacant, including class president, class vice president, class treasurer/secretary and positions in the Student Senate and Student Court, the current officers hope to encourage the new freshman class to run for election and get involved with the organization.

"Freshman elections are a great way to get involved really early on campus," said Old River-Winfree senior Joel Polvado, student body internal vice president. "It's a really cool way to make a difference

and to have a say in the operations of the student body, and it's a great way to be able to speak into the process, leave a lasting impact and be a part of something that's bigger than yourself."

The positions that student government seeks to fill require the freshman class officers to work together throughout the semester on a campus project that encourages school spirit and involvement, in addition to weekly meetings and other commitments.

When Dallas sophomore Hannah Causey, head of student government's public relations committee, arrived at Baylor as a freshman, she joined student government immediately.

"It brought me into an amazing community with people I never would have had the opportunity to meet," Causey said.

While several members admitted that the process can be overwhelming at times,

they want to reassure students that it is worth it in the end.

"I would just do it. You're a freshman right now, it's not going to hurt you, and it's a lot of fun," Buda senior Justin Plescha, electoral commissioner, said. "It's a big process, but you make a lot of friends and meet a lot of really great people."

Filing begins for freshman candidates on at 8 a.m. Monday, with filing forms due at 5 p.m. Sept. 9 to the student government office in the Bill Daniel Student Center along with a \$10 cash filing fee. More information on how to get involved can be found on the official Baylor Student Government page.

"My best advice is to keep true to deadlines. The electoral commission is very hard on their deadlines, so be proactive in turning everything in. Get your friends out to vote and run a good race," Polvado said.

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6:30 p.m. — Baylor vs. Northwestern football game at McLane Stadium
8 p.m. — Wade Bowen performs at Westfest in West

>> Saturday

9 a.m. — Farmers Market, Downtown Waco
2 p.m. — Brazos River Float
6:30 p.m. — HOT Summer Nights Art: Texas Fine Artists at Springhill Suites Waco in Woodway

>> Monday (Labor Day, no school)

8 p.m. — Students showing of “Captain America: Civil War” at McLane Stadium

>> Tuesday

6 p.m. — Cross Cultural Engagement Kick-Off Dinner at the Bobo Spiritual Life Center

Welcome to Waco: First Friday

Local businesses downtown offer specials on the first Friday of every month

LINDSEY MCLEMORE
Reporter

First Friday kicks off the fall semester today with specials at select downtown businesses. This month’s main draw for students is the discount available at many of the shops and stops with a student ID.

Carina Yebra, Baylor alumni and operations manager for Ellis Urban Group, Anthem Studios and First Friday. wants downtown Waco to be more than just a late-night destination.

“There are so many shops and businesses downtown that I wasn’t even aware of until my junior year, so we want Baylor students and the entire Waco community to be aware of everything that happens here because there actually are a lot of things going on,” Yebra said.

Yebra and Anthem Studios started First Friday as a way to encourage people to get more involved in the growing downtown culture.

“At first, [First Friday] was just some local artists and vendors meeting in the Praetorian Building on the first Friday of every month with a three-piece band playing in the elevator,” said Peter Ellis, owner of Anthem Studios.

Now the movement has turned into a coalition of more than 20 local businesses joining together to offer a little more to

the community and hopefully get a little more back in return.

“Welcome to Waco from us to you,” Yebra said. “We want this month’s First Friday to introduce anyone new to Waco to what happens on the other side of I-35 and show them that it’s cool to love Waco.”

Game day is important to college culture, and that culture is important to Waco and First Friday.

“Students can come get coffee, find the perfect game day outfit, get a blowout [hair style], and eat before the game, then come celebrate all with First Friday businesses downtown,” Yebra said.

Downtown Waco is becoming less of a pit stop and more of a destination thanks to recent booms in business from fans of Fixer Upper visiting the area and more Baylor graduates choosing to stay and put down roots.

“First Friday is growing really fast, and we’re hoping to incorporate a lot more of the downtown area soon,” Yebra said.

Some of those plans involve block party-style events with local artists, musicians and food.

Students can take advantage of First Friday specials from 10 a.m. today to 2 a.m. Saturday at any downtown business with green and white balloons out front.

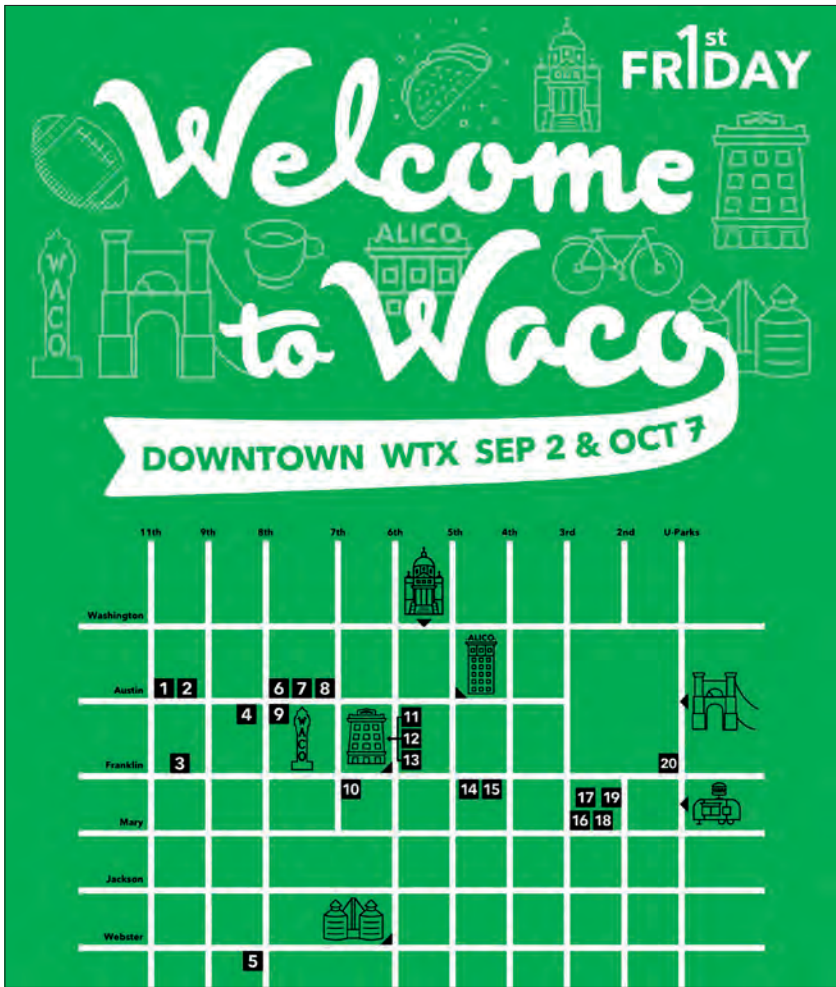


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1. Papillon | Jul: 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

2. Christi’s | 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

3. What About Cupcakes | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

4. Hey Sugar! Candy Store | 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

5. The Findery | 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

6. Muddle | 4 p.m. - 2 a.m.

7. Klassy Glass | 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

8. On the Avenue Salon & Blowout Bar | 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

9. The Hippodrome | 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

10. Mainstream Boutique | 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
11. Summer Ellis Bijouterie | 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

12. Brû Coffee | 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

13. Interior Glow | 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

14. Sascee’s Southern Style Food | 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

15. Truelove | 7 p.m. - 2 a.m.

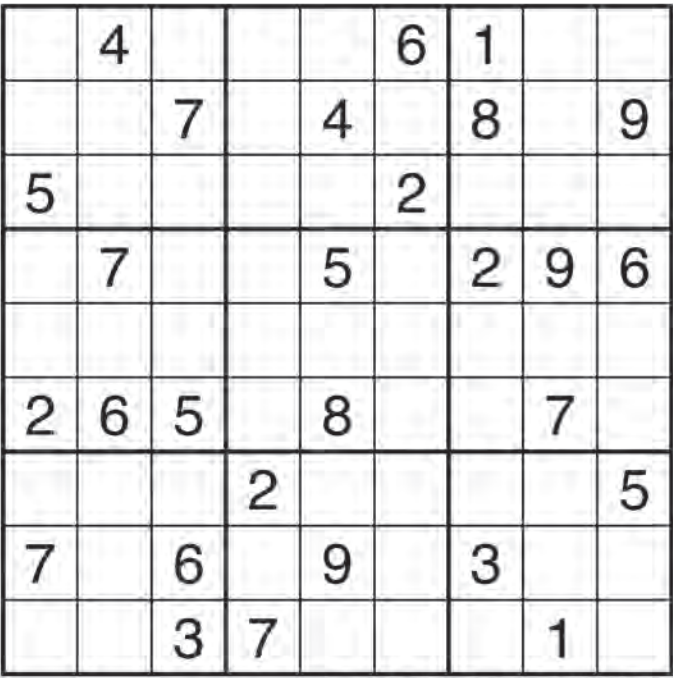
16. Ninfa’s | 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

17. Spice Village | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

18. The Experience Salon | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Hours may vary per stylist-see Facebook for details)

19. Oh My Juice! | 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

20. Hilton Waco | 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.



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Today’s Puzzles

- Across**
- 1 Books in which each sheet of paper is folded into eight leaves

8 Factions

13 See 2-Down

16 Not likely to miss much

17 Politically active fowl?

18 Eyelashes

19 “A Chorus Line” number

20 Goddess with a throne headdress

22 Become clear

23 Flair

26 Easily bent

28 Clever insect?

32 Comfortable with

33 Dresden’s river

34 Takes in

37 Big hit

38 Subside, with “down”

39 Doozy

41 Loan fig.

42 “The Little Mermaid” prince

44 The kiwi is the smallest one

45 Embarrassed avian?

47 Fake it, in a way

50 Pageant accessory

51 Sandy’s home

52 Puts in place

54 Achievement of many a CEO

57 Get rid of

59 Street-wise amphibian?

63 Birch of “American Beauty”

64 Require help

65 Slender woman

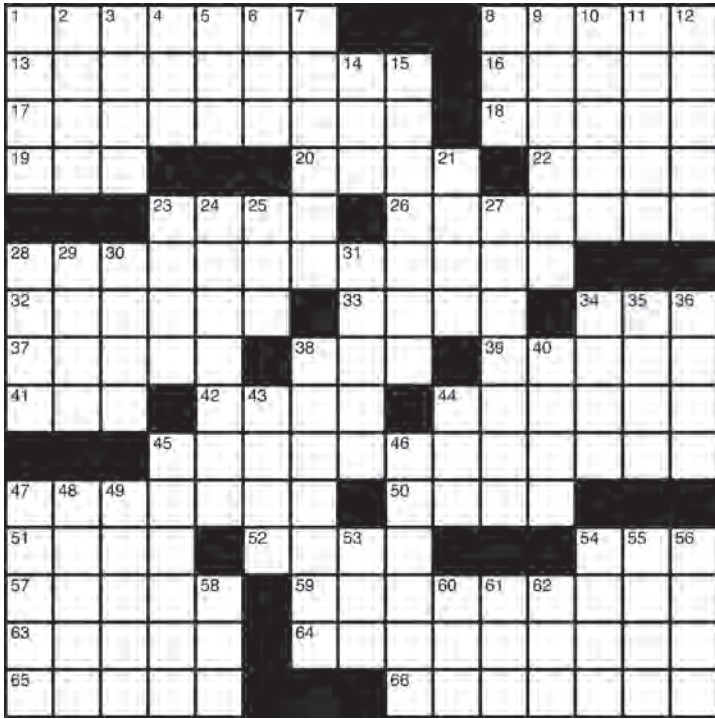
66 Oxford don associated with slips similar to 17-, 28-, 45-, and 59-Across
- Down**
- 1 Anne Frank’s father

2 With 13-Across, Mexican restaurant choices

3 Loyal

4 20s dispenser

5 Bigwig



- 6 Dated

7 Swinging about

8 ___ fly: productive MLB out

9 Hebrew prophet

10 Star

11 Operatic vocal effect

12 Dated

14 Coolers, briefly

15 Balancing aid on the slopes

21 Piece at the butcher shop

23 Goals

24 In a supple manner

25 Mayo is in it

27 Swell applications

28 Edge

29 Letters at N.C.’s Camp Lejeune

30 Drink order

31 Clinton’s first Labor secretary

34 Locks often gray

35 Aries or Taurus
- 36 Brood

38 Make out

40 Make an impression

43 Hose problems

44 Stranded messenger

45 C equivalent

46 Time units

47 Hungers (for)

48 Raring to go

49 Given orally, as evidence

53 Golf club part

54 Complain

55 Thorn in one’s side

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Bears aim for third Big 12 title

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Writer

After an off-season full of changes, the Baylor Bears football team will take the field at McLane Stadium for the first time under acting head coach Jim Grobe. The Bears, ranked 23rd in the AP Poll and 21st in the Amway Coaches Poll, will look to take a step in the right direction with a win against Southland Conference foe, Northwestern State.

After replacing Art Briles in May and dealing with a slew of off-the-field issues, including the sexual assault allegations brought forth against former members of the football team and the recent suspensions of sophomore wide receiver Ishmael Zamora and junior safety Chance Waz, Grobe is excited about finally getting down to football.

“It is good to be in game week, and it’s going to be exciting to play somebody for real, to have a little bit of competition,” Grobe said. “I feel pretty good about our football team. I think I’ve gotten to know our team and our coaches pretty well over the past few weeks. I feel good about where we are right now. I wouldn’t start over again. I think we’re about where we need to be.”

Grobe will be coaching his first game in three years since his departure from Wake Forest University and knows the growing pains that come with taking over a well-established program, but he is fully embracing those challenges and is ready to get back to the comfort of the headset and sidelines.

“It’s just good to get to play football. That’s what we do,” Grobe said. “I really enjoy all the things that go with coaching, and we haven’t been able to do a lot of that. We’ve spent a lot of time talking about things that have to be talked about, no question. We had to deal with a lot of serious issues, but now it’s kind of more light-hearted because we’re getting ready to play a game. I’ve learned a lot from our players; I’ve learned a lot from



Sarah Pyo | Editor-In-Chief

MOVING FORWARD The Bears take the field at Gerald J. Ford Stadium to take on Southern Methodist University on September 4, 2015 in the season opener. The Bears cruised past the Mustangs 56-21.

our coaches, but I’m expecting to learn more Friday night.”

The players are just as excited to be getting back to business tonight.

“Oh my gosh, it has been a long wait. I cannot wait,” said senior wide receiver Lynx Hawthorne. “I’ve been ready for this weekend for like 25, 30 weekends now. It’s finally here.”

Despite being the overwhelming favorite against the Demons, Baylor will certainly look to its senior leaders for help settling in.

“You definitely always have to game plan for everybody. You have to treat them as if it’s a national championship type of game,” said senior quarterback Seth Russell. “If you don’t, if you try to overlook some team, that’s when they come up and upset you. We definitely don’t want that.”

Russell hopes to get his senior

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season off to a great start after his Heisman-caliber junior season ended abruptly after sustaining a neck injury against Iowa State.

“It’s exciting to get back out there, especially with the guys and how hard they’ve been working as a unit. It’s back to football,” Russell said.

Russell is confident that he is healthy and will not be hampered by lingering effects from offseason surgery.

“I’m back to 110 percent,” Russell said. “I’m excited and ready to go.”

The Bears’ defense will be crucial to their success this season, especially heading into Big 12 play, so Northwestern State provides an ample opportunity to dig in and establish themselves defensively.

“I feel really good about our athleticism,” Grobe said.

“I know maybe in the past we had some guys who were a little bigger than the guys we’re playing with right now, but I’m really excited

about our athleticism.”

The Demons will have their work cut out for them trying to slow down Baylor’s potent offense, especially in its own backyard. In games at McLane Stadium last season, Russell threw for 17 touchdowns and ran for two more, while senior running back Shock Linwood, who is a mere 204 yards away from breaking Walter Abercrombie’s school rushing record, ran for 677 yards and six touchdowns.

Northwestern State and head coach Jay Thomas hope to continue to ride the wave of success they had at the end of their 2015 campaign. They enter the game having won four of their final six contests, but they are 0-4 against Baylor, including a 70-6 defeat at McLane Stadium in 2014. The contest will also serve as a homecoming for sophomore cornerback Justin Barnes, son of Baylor’s defensive backs coach Carlton Buckels, and junior transfer linebacker Chrishard Buhl.

The game is set to kick off at 6:30 p.m.



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FOREVER LOYAL Fans cheer on the Bears as they ease their way past Lamar University on Sept. 5, 2015. The Bears’ focus led them to a 66-31 victory.

Fans’ support does not go unnoticed by athletes

JORDAN SMITH
Sports Writer

Sports unite both fans and athletes as they engage in the action together. One of the most important, yet sometimes underrated component of sports is the fans. Fans come from all over to support their favorite teams, no matter the distance or the affiliation.

After the 5-1 blowout that the Bears soccer team handed to the Purdue Boilermakers on Aug. 26, junior goalkeeper Sara Martinson said she felt the fans played a key role in the victory.

“To have the number of fans that we had tonight was absolutely so cool. You know, it always helps to have a great crowd that’s encouraging and cheering and supporting you,” Martinson said. “You kind of get a little chuckle out of it sometimes with some of the things that

they say. It’s fun to just have that interaction with the crowd, and I think having so many people out here supporting Baylor soccer, that’s a huge compliment because they took their Friday night and came out and supported Baylor soccer, and that’s a really huge, cool and awesome thing.”

Paul Jobson, head soccer coach, sees the fans as a huge boost for his talented bunch of athletes.

“It’s huge to have a crowd,” Jobson said. “The noise factor and the cheering — we had some smart soccer fans in the crowd tonight that did some great cheers that were awesome for the momentum of the girls. It really just feeds into them.”

Senior cross country star Peyton Thomas is also delighted to see the fans in the stands whenever a meet comes around.

“It means a tremendous amount,” Thomas said. “When people notice us, it’s great. It means that we are being recognized by our community, that people are following us, and it’s great encouragement to know that there are fans out there that want to see us perform well.”

Although the athletes love the support from their fans, the fans enjoy going out and being supportive as well.

San Antonio sophomore Drew Heckman has been going to football games since 2009 because of his love for Baylor.

“It means everything to me. It means that I can come out and support my school and watch a sport that I love,” Heckman said. “I love to go out and support the guys that have made a real dedication to something that I love.”

Kansas City freshman Lauren Fricke went to the Baylor Lady Bears versus Kansas basketball

game last season in Kansas City and said her experience was amazing.

“It was exciting, especially because people that I didn’t know who they were like greeting me and super excited because I was wearing Baylor clothes and that I was already part of the family,” Fricke said.

Now that she is a student at Baylor, Fricke looks forward to the football tradition.

“I’m excited for the Line because that’s going to be something that is going to be completely insane since I’m going to be surrounded by people that I already know and will get to know,” Fricke said.

Fans will get a chance to show their support 6:30 p.m. today as the Baylor football team takes on Northwestern State at McLane Stadium.