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**STARTING THE DISCUSSION** Justin Lee, author and blogger, also created Q Christian Fellowship, the largest christian LGBTQ advocacy organization in the world.

# LGBTQ advocate, author to speak at Cashion tonight

SOPHIE ACEBO

Reporter

Justin Lee, an author and advocate for affirmation of the LGBTQ+ Christian community, will be speaking on campus from 6:30-9:30 p.m. tonight on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center.

The event is titled “Christianity and LGBTQ+ Persons” and is being hosted by Baylor’s Diana R. Garland School of Social Work. It is part of Baylor’s Conversation Series and is free to the public.

Lee’s mission in visiting Baylor’s campus is the hope that dialogue can be created in a safe environment and to further movements towards acceptance and advocacy to help LGBTQ+ students feel “loved and supported and cared for as human beings.”

“I would like to offer suggestions for things I’ve seen work on other campuses to improve the level of grace in our conversations and show the world what it looks like to show grace and love in the midst of disagreement,” Lee said.

Lee is also the founder of Q Christian Fellowship, the world’s largest LGBTQ+ Christian advocacy organization. He

is internationally known for speaking on creating dialogue between faith and sexuality.

Cerro Gordo, Ill., junior Mason McNamara is excited to attend the event and is hopeful for the turnout Lee will bring.

“I’m excited to see how the students of Baylor, both LGBT and allies, will react to the event and I’m also curious to see who shows up from the faculty and staff of Baylor,” McNamara said.

Lee has experience speaking on a variety of college campuses, regardless of what their values or traditions may be. He is a strong advocate for opening the floor for dialogue and bridging the gap between Christianity and the LGBTQ+ community, something that McNamara hopes brings change.

“I view this as progress for Baylor and I hope it helps people understand that people of the LGBTQ+ community are simply people and we are just like anyone else,” McNamara said.

Lee has also published books in an effort to help parents be more accepting towards their children who identify within the LGBTQ community and has found success in his ministry.

“I often talk to parents whose children have come out and the parents disagree with some of their children’s theology or decisions,” Lee said. “Then I get to talk to those parents about ways that they can show love to their child without compromising their own theology.”

# Photo club snaps into focus, looks to expand

TYLER BUI

Staff Writer

The Baylor Photography Club is a new club on campus where students can explore their passion for photography in a collaborative space with other photographers.

Las Vegas senior Zach Jones, president of the Baylor Photography Club, decided to start the club because he thought that there were not enough creative outlets on campus for students. He reached out for help to Rockwall senior Ali Barnett, the vice president of the club, along with four other officers: Samantha Raleigh, Blake Becker and Roman Hernandez. “We realized that there weren’t really any art clubs on campus—we wanted to open up a fun environment to let non-majors and art majors alike experience the world that we fell in love with,” Barnett said.

After looking into the process of chartering a club on campus, Jones found an inactive club formerly called the Baylor Photography Society. He took over the charter and has been working to get the club more well-known on campus and to gain more members.

“We’re just planning on getting it started right now—then after that we are planning on doing a bunch of events to just go out, have fun, shoot around and maybe go grab coffee afterward,” Jones said. “We just want to build a creative community, build people up and make some new friends.”

The club plans on bringing members to different venues such as Cameron Park and downtown Waco to shoot together and share their work during club meetings. Anyone is open to join the club, and there are no dues or requirements besides bringing yourself and a camera.

“Throughout the semester, we just want to go on exciting shoots and exhibit work that we’ve shot over the semester,” Barnett said. “We’re looking to rent out one of the spaces at Cultivate 7Twelve and possibly have a gallery night for everyone.”

Jennings Sheffield, associate professor of art and photography at Baylor, is the faculty advisor for the club. She said she is excited to be able to share her passion for photography with Baylor students.

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Nathan De La Cerdá | Multimedia Journalist

**WELCOME TO CAMPUS** The Medrano family gets in one last picture before saying goodbye during the family picnic, after move-in. This, among other programs put on by New Student Programs, gives students a chance to adjust to college life before starting classes.

# New Student Experiences ranks No. 8, according to US News and World Report

BRIDGET SJOBERG

News Editor

When US News and World Report released its official 2020 Best Colleges rankings, Baylor was included in several categories—one of the highest being named No. 8 in the nation for “First-Year Experience.” The rankings are made by a variety of “college presidents, chief academic officers, deans of students and deans of admissions from more than 1,500 schools” who nominate universities to be included within specific categories. Baylor was included in the ranking due to having received 10 or more nominations.

Michelle Cohenour, director of student success initiatives, has been at Baylor for five years and helps work with colleagues to coordinate first-year initiatives. She was excited to hear about Baylor’s high ranking in

the First-Year Experience category, and sees Baylor as a school that prioritizes personal experiences for incoming freshmen to connect to the university in a meaningful way.

“I was very excited to see Baylor rank in the top 10 for first-year experience. There are countless faculty, staff and student leaders who work diligently to invest in our student’s experiences as they begin their Baylor journey,” Cohenour said. “I feel this beautifully represents Baylor’s caring culture where every student matters and is valued.”

She values programs like Line Camp and Welcome Week and the work that Dr. Nathan Shelburne and the New Student Programs team put into making the events special. Although Baylor’s ranking was high on the list for being a school of over 14,000 undergraduate students, Cohenour believes that despite its larger size, Baylor makes an effort to include personal

touches that make students feel cared for.

“A recent example of this is our New2BU survey which launched today [September 16]. We have a 32-question survey that we ask all of our new students to take and our response rate is normally 90+%,” Cohenour said. “This helps us to understand the student experience and get students connected quickly to resources and opportunities on campus. We read each open-ended response that students write and follow up if needed. We do this to honor our student’s voice and let them know we hear them and are here to walk alongside them as they begin their Baylor journey.”

Jordy Dickey, assistant director of the Student Union, also sees Baylor as a place that allows for students to feel seen and appreciated through the effort put into programming and

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# SUB celebrates 71st year on Baylor’s campus

MATTHEW MUIR

Staff Writer

Baylor’s Bill Daniel Student Center celebrated its 71st birthday Monday. The SUB is a social hub for students — referred to as the “heart of campus,” the SUB is home to restaurants, a game room and is the spot that hosts Dr. Pepper Hour each week during the school year—a tradition nearly as old as the

SUB itself.

Students from Baylor Union Board, a student programming group that hosts Sundown Sessions and UBreak, arrived late Sunday night to decorate the SUB. Center senior Chloe Gipson, a member of Union Board, was one of the students who spent their Sunday night placing hundreds of party hats across the building’s four floors.

“Decorating the SUB was such a fun

experience... we actually finished putting up hats just in time to watch the SUB’s birthday roll in at 12 a.m.,” Gipson said. “I may or may not have fallen asleep on the couch while everyone else was singing happy birthday, but the SUB knows where my heart was at.”

Decorations weren’t the only festive fare to mark the occasion. Slow Rise Slice House

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EDITORIAL

Vape culture downplays health threat

Despite a sixth person dying due to a lung disease related to vaping in the United States, you can still find students hitting their Juul in Moody Memorial Library.

While the substance of vaping is believed to be less harmful than cigarettes, vaping culture has a far more sinister grip on teenagers and young adults today than smoking culture.

Accessibility and convenience

One aspect is the overall accessibility of vapes and e-cigarettes, but most importantly the culture our generation has cultivated around this dangerous trend. When people smoke cigarettes habitually, they must carve out certain times of their day to satisfy their cravings.

Although Texas is one of the states that does not have a consistent 100% Smokefree Air Way Law, many cities and counties have prohibited smoking in restaurants, bars and non-hospitality workplaces. Because smoking tobacco has become restricted and marked as taboo, finding a place to smoke cigarettes is more difficult.

Vaping does not have these barriers since it can be easily hidden and obscured in close quarters and outdoors. Young teens can rip their Juuls with their parents in the room next to them. High school students can vape in the bathrooms and hallways without being wary of getting caught. College students can hit their mods while their roommate is sleeping (and that's just if the roommate is against vaping).

When something like vaping is so easily done in almost every building a person walks into, what is going to stop them from vaping constantly? If you have ever met someone who seems to have their hand glued to their Juul and their Juul glued to their lips, you have seen the repercussions of making nicotine so easily accessed and hidden.

Influence through social media

Brands, like Juul Labs and Smok, don't even need to advertise when social media has normalized and glorified the use of vapes. Posts on Twitter about vaping and Juuls rake in hundreds of likes and retweets. While some posts mock those who vape, a majority of them are just relatable problems for people who vape. Most of them summarize users' reactions when they lose their Juul or explain their preferences on vape flavors from mango to mint.

Users also tend to flex, or show off, their vapes in the pictures they post on Instagram or their Snapchat story. Most would argue, however, that those are posers only vaping for the trend. Is that better or worse than being tied down by an addiction?



Ashley Brooke Boyd | Cartoonist

Targeting younger generations

Even though people who vape are living and coughing billboards, Juul's advertisement campaign is also a part of this problematic and deadly culture. When the most popular vape company was first starting out in 2015, its ads were targeted towards youths with young and attractive models looking cool and dressed in trendy clothing in front of a brightly colored background.

Juul is still receiving backlash and is facing lawsuits for these ads, but this ad campaign began to dwindle for one of their more recent ads, "Make the Switch." Their more recent ads focus on an older audience: former smokers.

The newer \$10 million television ad campaign emphasizes their real intentions to eliminate cigarettes and give smokers a healthier alternative to help them ween off their addiction. The commercials highlight the ages of their subjects and the period of time that they have been smoking cigarettes.

For example, one ad features a 54-year-old woman named Carolyn, a smoker for the past 30 years, as she reflects on how society's perception of smoking has changed since she started.

Even though Juul is trying to refocus its target audience and change its image, an overwhelming majority of their customers never smoked a cigarette before turning to the Juul. These younger consumers who vape are actually more likely to turn to cigarettes and other forms of tobacco within two years according to data gathered by the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health Study.

These advertisements still fail to acknowledge the health risks associated with the Juul as well as other vapes and e-cigarettes. As vaping has gained popularity, research has shown that there are long-term affects. In addition to harming consumers lungs, vaping also causes potentials dangers to the heart and brain.

The more a television commercial tells its audiences that vaping is "safer" than smoking, the more people will think vaping is safe in general.

Vape companies also have an opportunity to promote their products that was limited for cigarette companies. The slick and smooth Joe Camel, the face of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company's Camel Cigarettes, was well-known to adults and children alike until the '90s, but even

he couldn't show himself on the silver screen.

Camel's kid-friendly face sold cigarettes on magazines and billboards but not television because Congress banned airing cigarette ads on April 1, 1970. The Public Health Cigarette Smoking Act stopped tobacco companies from advertising on television and radio airways until the invention of vapes and e-cigarettes.

Vapes and cigarettes were not addressed by the law, even though they were far from being mass produced (Interestingly enough they first device resembling a vape was technically invented by Herbert A. Gilbert sometime in the '60s).

Although people under 30 are the main concern when people worry about vape advertisements, the device's most recent fatality was a Kansas woman over the age of 50. Several other cases — over 450 possible cases now — concern younger teens and adults, but many of them were vaping more than just nicotine.

As sales for cigarettes have decreased, vape sales have increased for younger generations. Since 2011, fewer middle and high school students use cigarettes, but more of them vape than ever before according to research conducted by the CDC. This data solidifies the argument that the culture surrounding vapes has more dangerous influence than cigarettes.

Lack of regulation

Research on marijuana vaporizers, sometimes called dab or wax pens, is limited because there is no federal regulation on these products.

They are still illegal and considered as dangerous as heroin and LSD by the federal government even though some states legalized medicinal and recreational marijuana use.

Because some cases are linked to vaping nicotine while others are also linked to vaping marijuana products, officials still have not been able to pinpoint one specific device or brand that is causing the lung diseases. Until there is more research done, we won't know.

Vaping culture needs to change, whether it was created by the consumer, the company or both.

Remember Baylor is a tobacco-free, smoke-free campus, so e-cigarettes are not allowed on Baylor property. The pharmacy in the McLane Student Life Center offers Baylor-approved nicotine replacement therapy such as gum and patches.

Help Baylor keep this campus tobacco-free and smoke-free. Spread the word that vaping and smoking are not cool and that they can be detrimental to their health. Support their friends who are quitting vaping or be there for those who still do not have the willpower to quit.

COLUMN

Let's just skip to the primaries already

**MATTHEW SODERBERG**  
Sports Writer

With the third Democratic primary debate in the books, it's time to take a look at the field. There weren't necessarily any bad performances, but some of these candidates have been running a poorly rated show since they got on the trail.

The country is a little over four and a half months from the first crucial deadline of this election season: the Iowa Caucus on Feb. 3. The race has been ramping up and drawing massive news coverage, so why does it seem like it's getting ready to get even messier?

Billionaire Tom Steyer is set to be added to the next debate in October. Why? What will he bring that Andrew Yang and Howard Schultz haven't? I understand that by some metric he



qualified for the debate, but at a certain point shouldn't the Democratic National Committee just lock everyone else out?

I don't have an issue with Steyer, though. He's a decent enough candidate. But he shouldn't be allowed to add to this mud-ridden horserace. It's like when you're building a house of cards. It's a delicate procedure; everything has to be perfectly placed without any disruption. This is a blatant disruption.

The candidates are already arguing like they're going through a bitter divorce. And for some, this probably feels like it. The Democratic ideology has split, with former Vice President Joe Biden on one side, and progressive leaders like Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders staunchly on the other.

Biden represents the past, the Democrats clinging onto a time before Trump, simply hoping to return to the normalcy of the Obama administration. Sen. Amy Klobuchar easily falls into this category as well.

Warren and Bernie have been on stage

together at each debate, practically refusing to argue with each other as their base grows together. That's probably their best tactic anyway: build up each other so that when the time comes for one of them to drop out, the leader of the two will simply pick up the other's votes.

Then there are the candidates straddling the line. Sen. Kamala Harris and Cory Booker are up-and-comers in the party. Former State Rep. Beto O'Rourke and former Housing Secretary Julián Castro are the candidates linking Texas Dems to the national stage. Finally, the outsiders: South Bend, Indiana mayor Pete Buttigieg, along with entrepreneur Andrew Yang.

If I had to guess, there are about five candidates who have legitimate shots at the presidency. That would leave Tom Steyer, Andrew Yang, Mayor Pete, Beto O'Rourke, Castro and Klobuchar on the outside looking in by at least the end of February.

But why wait? I would think they could tell they haven't gained a collective point in the polls

since July. Beto's polling numbers will continue to be held up as long as he is the martyr of gun control. And Mayor Pete and Andrew Yang are intriguing enough for the national media to want to keep them on stage.

My main worry as a voter is that the crowd will stay too watered down through the new year — that the attacks on the members of their own party will damage their reputations to an irreparable state, allowing Trump to gain a second term. Because as Cory Booker and Mayor Pete and others have stated throughout the process, any of them will be a blessing compared to media mogul residing at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. currently.

The Iowa Caucus isn't until Feb. 3. That still gives plenty of time to iron out the details, but it's time to start finding out who could actually be the president, rather than just watching a bunch of people bicker about why the others can't.

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# A night of praise: Family Weekend joins worship with Vertical for first time

MATTHEW MUIR  
Staff Writer

For the first time, Vertical Ministries held a worship service as a combination event with Baylor's Family Weekend.

Vertical, a student-led non-denominational ministry, holds its normal services Monday nights at 9 p.m. and encourages students to pursue an "authentic 'vertical' relationship with God."

Friday night's service in the Bill Daniel Student Center's Barfield Drawing Room was a special family worship service included as part of Baylor's Family Weekend tradition.

While Vertical is popular with students at Baylor, it was the first time the ministry held an event targeted at families and the first time the Baylor Chamber of Commerce invited the group to participate in Family Weekend.

Alexandria, Va., senior and Vertical Ministries president Emma Kelly welcomed the opportunity for Vertical Ministries to expand its reach beyond the Baylor student body.

"Our outreach is primarily students and so the opportunity to get

to not only provide a space to worship with parents but also to get to share the gospel with the world was, I think, just slightly different than what we're used to," Kelly said.

In recent years, Family Weekend hasn't featured a worship service as a scheduled event. Sugar Land junior Margaret Land served as the chairman for this year's Family Weekend committee. Land believes bringing a worship service to Family Weekend was an important way to showcase Baylor's Christian atmosphere.

"I thought it was important because it shows what campus life is like spiritually," Land said. "It's a great opportunity... to show parents that we're unapologetically a Christian university."

In addition to exposing parents to Baylor's Christian culture, Kelly also said reaching out directly to parents gave Vertical the chance to share its spiritual message with a wider audience.

"We were really excited to get to let these parents see a little bit of what Baylor is about and the spiritual aspect that they oftentimes don't get to see directly," Kelly said.

Land shared the process that went



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**GOSPEL GATHERINGS** Vertical fills the stands of the Ferrell Center on Family Weekend, where Baylor students and parents worshiped together for the first time. Vertical's student-led worships begin at 9 PM every Monday.

into bringing Vertical onto the Family Weekend schedule.

"I was praying about what God wanted me to do... then one of our committee members... had the idea of partnering with an on-campus ministry and doing some type of parent worship night," Land said. "Vertical was the one that first came to my mind because it's well-known on campus and I've been quite a few times myself."

Kelly described the invitation to participate in Family Weekend as an honor.

"Any organization [Baylor] could

have chosen would have been great as long as they were going to share the gospel," Kelly said. "I think the fact that they picked us was an amazing opportunity for us. We were just blessed to be involved."

Vertical made slight adjustments for its Family Weekend worship service—the session was shorter, didn't have the usual band and featured one worship leader, but Kelly said the more "intimate" setting made for a "super sweet time."

"Because it was on a Friday night it wasn't our typical Monday night crowd," Kelly said. "That being said

we did have students show up who didn't have parents there, so that was really cool."

Vertical also broadened its message to appeal to the families of students with a service that heavily featured the Baylor Lights theme.

"The main point of being a light on campus but also in the world... was that we're called to engage the people around us and most importantly, to plug into the source," Kelly said. "If we want to be individual lights... we can't be the light in the world without knowing the light of the world."

# Baylor's inaugural campuswide career day kicks off tomorrow

MICHAEL KNIGHT  
Reporter

For students beginning to look for a job after college or gain internship experience, Baylor Career Day will connect them with potential employers and career information. The event includes employers that relate to a wide variety of majors on campus and there are plenty of career opportunities available.

The Career Day will host around 170 companies, many of which will be in search of students to fill their jobs and internships positions. It will take place Wednesday and spans multiple buildings around campus.

The Business School's first and second floors are for business and liberal arts majors. Cashion's fifth floor for STEM/Health Science majors and the SUB's second floor is

for all majors.

Even though management information systems majors are associated with the business school, MIS positions will be located in Cashion with the STEM jobs.

Jeffrey Stubbs, the director of undergraduate career management at Baylor, talked about how unique this event is compared to career fairs of the past.

"This year, we have expanded the career fair to an event we're calling Career Day," he said. "It is available to everyone of all majors campus wide. In addition, instead of having it in just one location, we have it in three locations."

The inclusion of every major is the unique part of this particular career event. In the past, Stubbs said that they were mostly focused on just the business and STEM majors, with it

just happening at the Business School. This event, dubbed the "largest-ever career event" in Baylor's history, is welcome to all majors.

Stubbs also talked about how a student should get ready for the Career Day if they are seriously considering finding a future job at it.

"I think they need to pick a handful of companies that they're interested in," he said. "Maybe that's five, 10, 15, 20 companies that they think they would like to go and visit with, and then do some research with those companies. Find out what that industry is all about, what that organization is all about, what kind of positions they offer. So do some research before you go."

Stubbs also suggested that students practice their pitch and be prepared to introduce themselves when they get to the Career Day.



Nathan de la Cerda | Multimedia Journalist

**MAKING HISTORY WITH SUCCESS** Baylor's Career and Professional Development staff is ready to help students prepare for Career Day.

Spring junior Blake Loosley, a student attending the event, discussed how he is getting prepared for the Career Day on Wednesday.

"I jumped on Handshake and looked for possible companies that would be the best possible fit for my major and my future career," said

Loosley.

For more information on the companies attending, or to sign up for Wednesday's Career Day, be sure to visit Baylor's Handshake's page for the event.

## BAYLOR DAILY CRIME LOG Sep. 12-15

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

Offenses: **Criminal Mischief**  
Date: 09/15/19  
Location: Penland Hall  
Disposition: Suspended

Offenses: **Alcohol: Minor Consuming Alcohol**  
Date: 09/15/19  
Location: South Russell Residence Hall  
Disposition: Cleared by Arrest

Offenses: **Accident- Failure to Stop and Identify**  
Date: 09/14/19  
Location: 2200 block of S University Parks  
Disposition: Closed

Offenses: **Assist Other Agency- Warrant Arrest**  
Date: 09/14/19  
Location: McLane Stadium  
Disposition: Cleared by Arrest

Offenses: **Alcohol: Possession of Alcohol by a Minor**  
Date: 09/14/19  
Location: 300 block of Dutton Ave.  
Disposition: Cleared by Arrest

Offenses: **Accident- Failure to Stop and Identify**  
Date: 09/13/19  
Location: East Campus Parking Garage  
Disposition: Closed

Offenses: **Fire- Property**  
Date: 09/13/19  
Location: Baylor Plaza 1 Apartments  
Disposition: Closed

Offenses: **CSA- Stalking (Reported to Title IX Office)**  
Date: 09/13/19  
Location: Unknown Location  
Disposition: Being Handled by Title IX Office

Offenses: **Criminal Mischief**

Date: 09/13/19  
Location: Earle Hall- East Village  
Disposition: Being Handled by Title IX Office

Offenses: **Criminal Mischief**  
Date: 09/13/19  
Location: Penland Hall  
Disposition: Suspended

Offenses: **Criminal Mischief**  
Date: 09/13/19  
Location: Penland Hall  
Disposition: Suspended

Offenses: **Criminal Mischief**  
Date: 09/12/19  
Location: Penland Hall  
Disposition: Suspended

Offense: **EPRA- Theft**  
Date: 09/12/19  
Location: 1 block of Daughtrey Ave.  
Disposition: Handled by Waco Police Department

Offense: **EPRA- Harassment**  
Date: 09/12/19  
Location: 2100 block of S 7th  
Disposition: Suspended

Offense: **EPRA- Theft**  
Date: 09/12/19  
Location: 1800 block of S 10th  
Disposition: Handled by Waco Police Department

Offense: **Burglary of a Vehicle**  
Date: 09/12/19  
Location: Penland Dining  
Disposition: Exceptionally Cleared

Offenses: **Theft of Property**  
Date: 09/12/19  
Location: Penland Dining  
Disposition: Exceptionally cleared

## ARREST LOG

Sep. 12-15

Provided by the Baylor Police Department  
**Minor Consuming Alcohol**

Arrest Date: 09/14/2019  
Disposition: Released Name:  
Stat Code: Citation Issued  
Name: Gomez, Andrew William



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“My hope for the club is just to share the enthusiasm and love of photography with all people,” Sheffield said. “We’ve opened [the club] to anyone who wants to join. We have 40 confirmed members—40 confirmed members to me just means 40 people out there to enjoy taking pictures with and sharing a love of photography together.”

In addition to shooting together, Sheffield said she is especially excited for the opportunities that will allow students to learn from other peers and

professionals.

“What I find really exciting is that we’re going to bring in some international and national peers and colleagues to do artist talks via Skype to the students, hold critiques where students can bring in their images and have their peers look at their work, and just have conversations,” Sheffield said.

Barnett shared the club’s mission statement, which states the goal of creating an environment for students, regardless of their major, to explore photography.

“Our club’s mission

statement is to give everyone a chance to experience the world of photography, whether it be actually taking photos, the history or the process behind dark room-type stuff,” Barnett said. “It’s to make an inclusive environment for everyone of all majors and all levels of experience; we want a place for everyone to come and share ideas and experience that together.”

Jones hopes that the club will serve as an outlet for students to not only express their creativity, but to also have a safe space

where they can relax and forget about the stresses of being a college student.

“We want to cultivate a creative community at Baylor— I feel like there’s not enough of that here,” Jones said. “I just really want it to be a good place where people can come and be creative, regardless of your major. I really think it’s an interesting thing to see how all these people from different aspects [of campus] can come together and what they bring to the table.”

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in the SUB created a specialty pizza named “The Old Beaut” for the SUB’s birthday, and students from Union Board hid free pizza coupons inside some of the party hats. Forrest Turman, a Slow Rise employee, described the special creation, which will be available all week.

“We made a pizza that is chicken that was soaked [in] our own Dr. Pepper sauce that we make, then we also added diced yellow bell peppers and cilantro to give it that green and gold look but also add a little bit of flavor,” Turman said.

For Gipson, decorating the SUB is about more than celebrating the building’s

71st birthday; it’s also about celebrating her most beloved spot at Baylor.

“The SUB is my absolute favorite place on campus. Over the past almost four years, I have really watched this place grow and become a beacon of light in the Baylor community,” Gipson said. “The SUB is so much more than just a building to me. It is a place that I love, the place where I get to interact with people from all walks of life, the place that makes me smile on my rainiest of days and the place I call home.”

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student-catered events.

“It’s really special as you look at the size of Baylor and how it continues to grow,” Dickey said. “The core of our mission is that caring community. . . For the student experience, we want it to be vibrant and we want people to feel seen, known and cared about.”

Dickey also sees programming like Sundown Sessions, which occurs every Friday and Saturday night in the Bill Daniel Student Center (SUB) as a way to give students engaging activities to participate in on campus, especially for first-year students.

“I absolutely think that Sundown Sessions creates a sense of home, which is really important,” Dickey said. “Especially on late nights or weekends when sometimes you might be thinking about what to do in Waco, the SUB can be that place for you. . . When I think about Baylor’s programs, there’s just something that feels personalized. I think that’s what people notice—it’s an experience that draws the students in.”

Tom Barnard, assistant director for student outreach and engagement, works to increase student engagement outside of the classroom by helping to get them involved in activities, groups and traditions on campus. He also runs the popular Instagram account @tomatbaylor, which documents every-day Baylor events and campus life. He was happy to see that Baylor was ranked in a high position on the new ranking.

“Baylor deserves every bit of this ranking and then some,” Barnard said. “My understanding of the US News rankings is that they are based quite a bit on peer institution leadership reviews of our programs. The fact that Baylor is not only excellent at these programs, but recognized as a leader in the area isn’t surprising to me, but it’s encouraging. Hundreds of faculty and staff invest their time, hearts and energy into making the first-year experience at Baylor the very best.”

He appreciates Baylor for its emphasis on “creating a caring community,” and on personalizing campus activities by developing unique programs and paying attention to detail.

“I would argue that it is that intentionality that makes a big difference here and differentiates us from other universities. Our orientation, Baylor Line Camp and Welcome Week programs are also incredibly well-planned and executed,” Barnard said. Other important rankings that included Baylor are as the No. 2 school in the Big 12, as well as in categories like National Universities (No. 79), Best Colleges for Veterans (No.48) and Best Undergraduate Teaching (No. 20).

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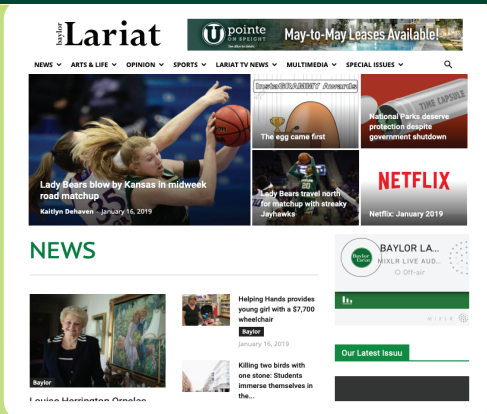
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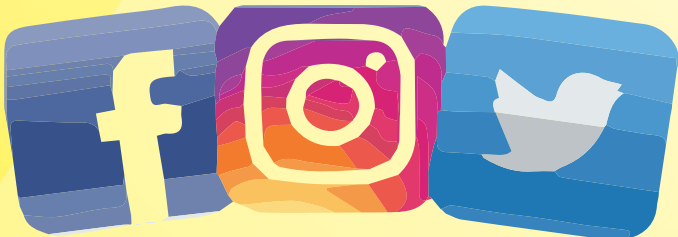
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# Hold on tight to your dongle

PRESTON GOSSETT  
Arts & Life Editor

Baylor student Jake Ward is still in the beginning stages of planning and organizing his business idea of a dongle holder (Dongle Buddy). He's in the promising stage of talking with a plastics manufacturer about making it more than just a prototype.

The Bloomington, Ill. junior is working on a product that holds the phone dongle because he believes the dongle is an extremely easy phone accessory to lose.

"It's truly innovative and could truly hit a market that has been developing in the last four years, which is the phone case accessories," Ward said. "Putting logos on it, like the personalized pop sockets — I think is what makes it a lasting idea."

In January, Ward's vision for the Dongle Buddy came to life on a piece of printer paper that later turned into a 3D design of his prototype.

Ward said being at Baylor caused him to start seeing things with an innovative twist.

"I think just being in college you have to solve new problems, and I think it made me more open-minded and solution-oriented," Ward said.

Ward is selling the Dongle Buddy for \$6 and is relying heavily on social media and satisfactory word-of-mouth exchanges. He has also been reaching out to colleges and companies about putting the school's symbol or the company's logo on it in a similar way that Baylor passes out phone wallets with the various clubs and organizations on campus."

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I’m really just looking for that one thing to make it take off.

JAKE WARD |  
BLOOMINGTON, ILL. JUNIOR



Kristen DeHaven | Multimedia Journalist  
**NEVER LOSE YOUR DONGLE AGAIN** Bloomington, Ill., junior Jake Ward developed a product to hold a phone’s dongle that easily attaches to the back of the phone.

According to Wccf (Where Consumers Come First) tech, a leading technology publication, a recent report from Ceros said dongles have been the best-selling Apple product at Best Buy since the second business quarter of 2017. Even with AirPods emerging as the top-selling individual product since the second business quarter of 2018, dongles maintain their position as the product bringing in the most revenue.

"With the release of its iPhone 7 and the iPhone 7 Plus, Apple parted ways with the 3.5mm headphone jack and this decision did not bode well with a lot of customers," according to Wccftech's website. "It has now made the \$9 dongle the best-selling Apple product at Best Buy."

Ward said this report offers an interesting perspective because just in case anyone is skeptical when it comes to buying his product or not, the research shows that there is a market for this.

Ward said that this definitely means that having a dongle holder easily accessible (like on the back of someone's phone) will prevent people from losing or misplacing them because it's not currently an available product.

"Either way, success or not, I'm still going to try," Ward said. "But if I succeed, then I can say that I ran a successful Kickstarter and it [proves] that people can trust me and that I can deliver."

Ward has a provisional patent for his product, which he said is a 12-month grace period until he has to file a real patent.

Also a Bloomington, Ill., resident and a friend of Ward, Brianna Pinter helped him print his prototype using 3D printer technology. Pinter said the process is relatively simple, especially with the exact measurements of the dongle.

"Jake had a really interesting idea once we printed the very first prototype," Pinter said. "He wanted the [Dongle Buddy] to be compatible with different phone models and providers, so he went into the model and measured the width of the longer dongle and adjusted accordingly."

She made a replica in the 3D atmosphere, ensuring it wasn't going to be too bulky or take up too much of the phone back's space.

"I'm really just looking for that one thing to make it take off,"



Kristen DeHaven | Multimedia Journalist  
**DONGLE HOLDER** Jake Ward holding the 3D printed prototype of his product "Dongle Buddy."

# After Dark allows students to shine bright at Baylor

TYLER BUI  
Staff Writer

Students performed their talents onstage at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at After Dark, a variety show and art expo produced by the Baylor Student Activities and Student Productions committees.

The performance contained 14 acts that included singers, dancers, instruments, spoken word and a juggler.

The Student Productions and Baylor Student Activities committees have been working since April to create a diverse show that encompasses the different talents on campus.

Scottsdale, Ariz., junior Audra Hoover is the executive producer of the show.

"Sing and Pigskin have a structure to them, but with After Dark, it's just [Student Productions] coming up with the theme, the set design, the lobby design, what acts we want in it and promoting the show too," Hoover said. "With every year, it's just an improvement and to make it more well-known on campus."

Spring senior Marion Rene' Dubose performed a manifesto of songs on the electric violin, including: "Apologize" by OneRepublic, "Demons" by Imagine Dragons, "Titanium" by David Guetta, "Firework" by Katy Perry and "Replay" by Iyaz.

Dubose has been playing the electric violin

for over six years and was originally taught to play the violin by his sister in middle school.

"I realized that you could do more with the electric violin, so I thought it'd be pretty cool to try something new," Dubose said. "I started teaching myself how to play different styles of music like hip hop, r&b, alternative and classic music—I basically just made it my own."

He said his favorite part of performing was seeing the crowds' reaction and sharing his passion for music with them.

"I just love making people happy and being able to not only just play the violin, but to inspire others to learn more about instruments," Dubose said. "I always like it when I finish playing and everyone has a smile on their face."

Aurora, Ill., senior Sierra Raheem performed an original spoken word piece titled "The Reason Why Fools Fall in Love." The piece explored the idea of love and how it can be "blissful" and a "disease" at the same time.

Raheem has been performing spoken word since she was 15 and said her favorite part about performing is being able to engage with the audience and see their reactions.

"I decided to perform because I love performing spoken word, and I thought it'd be really cool to expand the audience that I usually perform spoken word with," Raheem said. "I was in my political science class, and I just started thinking about love in general, and I was

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My favorite part, to the root of it, is seeing people all over campus getting to perform their talents that they love to do.

LIZZIE FALETTO |  
MEMBER OF THE STUDENT  
PRODUCTIONS COMMITTEE

making fun of myself and things that my friends have told me. I kind of put it all together."

Spicy Boiz were the final act of the event, performing an original rap titled "Groovin." Ft. Worth senior Igor Stepczynski; San Jose, Calif., senior Isaiah Scott; Allen junior Jeremiah Robinson; and Sinking Spring, Pa., senior Steven Kuipers make up the group. With their energy, '70s-themed costumes and catchy lyrics, the group ended the night with an exciting and audience-engaging performance.

The group has been together for over a year and were friends who decided to create something more.

"We really enjoyed each other as friends and wanted to keep doing things together. We saw concerts as a way to stay together, but also to give back [to the community], which has been super cool," Kuipers said. "We all want to see the audience come alive, and because we're all passionate about that, we work really well together. We just love being on stage and giving back in a fun and creative way"

Looking back on the whole experience of After Dark, one specific individual came to Hoover's mind.

"One of my favorite things about After Dark is Igor Stepczynski— he's performed in After Dark every year," Hoover said. "He was the first act I ever produced at Baylor, so seeing him do [After Dark] over and over again has really brought me joy."

Rockwall senior Lizzie Faletto, a member of the Student Productions committee, said she enjoys seeing the outreach After Dark provides on campus.

"It's really just a taste of everything. When I think of [After Dark], I think of 'America's Got Talent' in the sense that there's a lot of different acts," Faletto said. "My favorite part, to the root of it, is seeing people all over campus getting to perform their talents that they love to do."



Ali Barnett | Roundup Photo Editor  
**ELECTRIC VIOLIN!** Spring senior, Marion Rene' Dubose performs a manifesto of songs on the electric violin.



Ali Barnett | Roundup Photo Editor  
**THE REASON WHY FOOLS FALL IN LOVE** Aurora, Ill., senior Sierra Raheem performs her spoken word.



Ali Barnett | Roundup Photo Editor  
**SPICY BOIZ** Spicy Boiz performs an original rap titled "Groovin" with their '70s-themed costumes.



# It’s tea time: HTeaO opens new store in Waco

GABY SALAZAR  
Copy Editor

Locals can now enjoy 22 flavors of freshly brewed tea at HTeaO, a new iced tea store that just celebrated their first month on South Seventh Street and Cleveland Avenue.

The location was quickly packed with tea-loving customers after a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Locals may remember the building was formerly occupied by Tea2Go, which filed for bankruptcy back in March.

HTeaO is based out of Amarillo where Austin and Lizzy Sharp opened their first location. The franchise is continuing to expand to various other locations around Texas such as Georgetown and Lubbock. The growing tea market here in Texas was enough to convince the Sharp family to expand to Waco and start their own iced tea business.

HTeaO features a tea bar with 22 different flavors of unsweet and sweet tea available for sampling.

HTeaO also carries Yeti water bottles and coolers, a variety of healthy snacks and other tea-brewing products. The store's flavors of tea are brewed with double-passed reverse osmosis water, which is also available for purchase by the gallon.

According to HTeaO’s website, the store’s goal is to “provide ultra-premium tea, water, and related products that give people safe and healthy food choices in a fun and clean environment.”

Raul Gonzales, a team leader at the store, shared what he thinks is one of the biggest challenges about the industry.

“I think for the most part [iced tea] is more of a seasonal thing, but being in Waco where its warmer makes it easier for business,” Gonzales said. “Overall, the tea industry thrives better in southern regions.”

The expanding iced tea market is one of the reasons why HTeaO has decided to open another location here in Waco, just blocks away from campus.

HTeaO has appeared on Inc. magazine’s list of the top 5,000 fastest-growing private companies in the country.

HTeaO is no stranger to how its predecessors Tea2Go and Nobiltea do business, but Gonzales says that HTeaO is different.

“At Tea2Go, people would come in and order their tea and hang out, kind of like a Starbucks while their tea was being brewed,” says Gonzales.

When one walks in, HTeaO is similar to a corner store, where customers can quickly get what they need, fill up on tea and

“At HTeaO, you can come in and our tea is already brewed and ready to go.”

**RAUL GONZALES | HTEAO TEAM LEADER**



Kristen DeHaven | Multimedia Journalist

**FILLED TO THE BRIM** Choose between sweet and unsweet versions of the same drinks, including Sweet Georgia Peach, Blueberry Green, Mango Fresco and Turbo Citrus.

continue their day.

“At HTeaO, you come in and our tea is already brewed and ready to go,” says Gonzales.

Customers can quickly get their tea through the drive-thru window and not have to wait for their tea to finish brewing.

“Our blends are harvested by hand twice a year and each flavor contains carefully selected ingredients custom blended in the USA,” according to their website.

Gonzales says that all their tea bags and flavors are produced in Amarillo. Customers can enjoy half-off teas during Happy Hour from 2 to 4 p.m. every day.

“We will be attending the Food and Wine Festival at H-E-B this Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m.,” Gonzales said. “There, we will be handing out free samples of our best-selling tea”.



Kristen DeHaven | Multimedia Journalist

**HTEAO** The freshly brewed tea store opened a month ago for locals to enjoy 22 flavors.



Kristen DeHaven | Multimedia Journalist

**HALF PRICE AT HAPPY HOUR** Customers can enjoy half-off teas during Happy Hour every day from 2 to 4 p.m.

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## Sherman’s Lagoon

HI, MEGAN.

HI, FILLMORE.

AAUUGH!! YOU'VE GOT SEA POX AS WELL?

'FRAID SO.

WAIT. WHO ELSE HAS IT?

SHERMAN. WE NEED TO KEEP THIS CONTAINED!

QUIT HOGGING THE BLANKET!

I PAID FOR A PRIVATE ROOM!

MEGAN. I NEED SOME HELP.

OH DEAR...

YOU'VE GOT SEA POX AS WELL, HAWTHORNE?

I FEEL LIKE I'M ON FIRE.

GET UNDER THE BLANKET WITH THE OTHER TWO SICKOS.

YES, MA'AM.

A QUEEN-SIZE DEATHBED? THIS SIMPLY WILL NOT DO.

PUT YOUR SHELL BACK ON!











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**COMFORTABLE ON THE THRONE** Clemson’s fans celebrate during the NCAA college football game against Syracuse Saturday in Syracuse, N.Y.



Associated Press

**RUN TIL IT HURTS** Oklahoma quarterback Jalen Hurts runs the ball during the first half of an NCAA college football game against UCLA Saturday.



Associated Press

**LEADING ON THE CORNERS** Mountaineers redshirt senior cornerback Keith Washington II completed two solo tackles against NC State in West Virginia’s win on Saturday.

# Three takeaways from week three

MATTHEW SODERBERG  
Sports Writer

After a fairly open-shut week of college football, nothing is truly more clear than the week prior. Still, we can still find some takeaways from this week’s games.

Clemson’s In

There have been three weeks of college football and Clemson has already faced its two best opponents. Its week two home date with the Aggies was a letdown to say the least, as the Tigers trounced Texas A&M 24-10. This past week Clemson knocked off No. 37 Syracuse 41-6, a team that had been ranked the week prior but got decimated by unranked Maryland to the tune of 63-2. What this all means is that Clemson will finish the regular season undefeated and once again face a weak ACC team in the conference championship. I’d argue that whether they’ll be in the playoff whether they win that game or not.

What’s Going on with Chip Kelly?

Chip Kelly. A name synonymous with innovation and success on the college stage. The man won three conference titles while at Oregon, along with a trip to the BCS Championship Game. Then, he left the ranks of college coaches for a chance at the big stage: the NFL. Kelly coached three seasons in Philadelphia, finishing with a record of 26-21 with one trip to the playoffs and was then fired after making several trades that season that alienated the fanbase from the team. He then made one final stop in San Francisco, blowing it with a 2-14 record, before being booted out of the NFL. Chip took a year off to study while at ESPN, and then was hired to revive a flailing UCLA squad before last season. They proceeded to finish 3-9, their worst record since 1971. Most national media thought he just needed a year to get his guys in the building, get his culture flowing through the locker room. Well, the Bruins are now 0-3, having lost to Cincinnati, San Diego State, and the excusable Oklahoma Sooners. They won’t be favored in another game this year though, and times are looking

tough for college football’s first offensive innovator. Time will tell if the school or the coach will want to be associated with each other after this dreadful fall.

Big 12 Cakewalk

Fortunately for the Bears, the outlook on this season is rosy. Three of their next four opponents lost this past week, and while that may mean the teams aren’t that great, it also means Baylor will have a harder time reaching a higher rank prior to the games against Oklahoma and Texas in November. Their next home foe, Iowa State, lost to in-state rival Iowa this past weekend in an eight hour drowzer that featured two lengthy rain delays. Texas Tech, meanwhile, couldn’t stop the run game of Arizona, a great omen for when the Bears face them in Waco for Homecoming. The only other teams relatively close to being ranked are Kansas State, No. 25 in the coaches poll, and TCU, No. 25 in the AP poll. Drake Toll’s predictions from his Aug. 30 column may be coming to fruition.

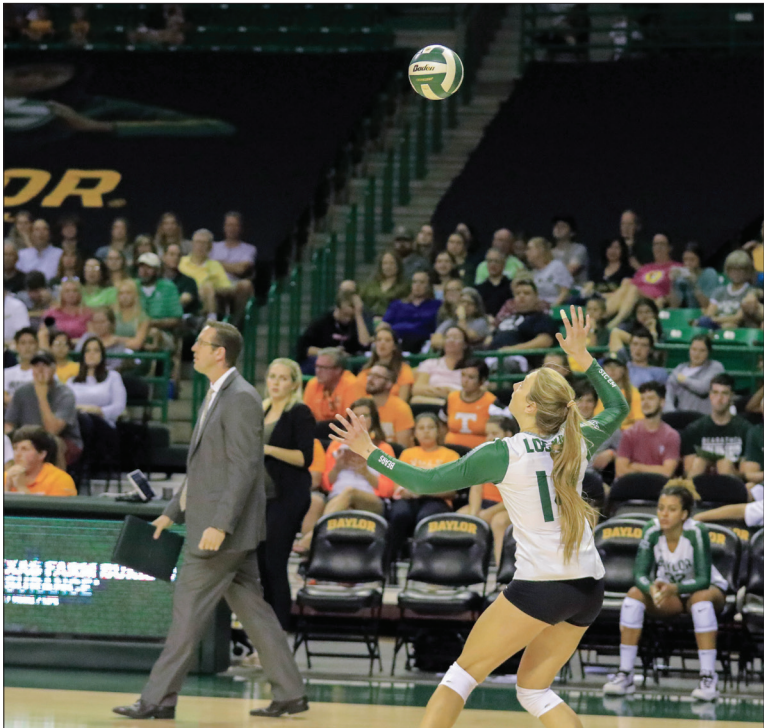
## Soccer ties ACU in overtime

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Baylor soccer hit the road once again Sunday night to take on Abilene Christian University for the Bears first-ever game at Elmer Gray Stadium. After a double overtime the match ended in a 1-1 draw. The Wildcats held a 9-4 edge in shots over the Bears during the first half and took the lead early with a goal by senior midfielder Shay Johnson in the 26th minute. Baylor, however, came out more aggressive in the second half, recording 12 shots and allowing ACU only one during that period. The Bears outshot ACU 19-15 to end the match, the most shots by Baylor since their 2-0 win over Wyoming on Sept. 6. Head coach Paul Jobson gave the Wildcats credit for pressuring the Bears early in the match. “They were definitely the better team in the first half and capitalized on their opportunity,” Jobson said. “I thought we turned some things


around in the second half to get an equalizer, but we dug ourselves a big hole against a good team. We will bounce back this week to face two more great opponents.” Sophomore forward Taylor Moon took the advantage for the Bears and tied things up with a goal in the 57th minute. It was also her first goal of the season and first since Baylor faced Iowa State on Oct. 28, 2018. The sophomore ended the day with three shots, one on goal. Junior goal keeper Jennifer Wandt and junior defender Sarah Norman each played 110 minutes. Sophomore forward Elena Reyna and freshman midfielder Michaela Gorman made their first career starts of the season having primarily been used as substitutes so far in the season. Baylor will return home to take on the No. 3 USC Trojans for Scarf Night at 7 p.m. Friday at Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field. The Bears will then host Gonzaga for Pups at the Pitch at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

## BEARS UNDEFEATED



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