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TEMPORARY CLOSE FOR ICONIC LANDMARK The Waco Suspension Bridge, which holds significance for many in Waco, will be closed for renovation for an anticipated 24 months. The project is slated to begin in late November or early December.

Suspension bridge to close for renovation until late 2021

TYLER BUI
Staff Writer

The Waco Suspension Bridge will close for two years as it undergoes renovations to ensure the safety and preservation of the bridge. The bridge, a landmark in the National Register of Historic Places, is one of Waco's most well-known spots.

From tortilla tossing to Ironman Waco, the suspension bridge is home to a variety of Waco traditions. Built in 1870, the bridge has a rich history not only for Waco, but also the Baylor community.

Tom Balk, senior park planner for the City of Waco, will oversee the rehabilitation of the bridge. The project is expected to last 24 months and cost \$5.4 million.

"It's a special project in my career because it's a lifetime project that I won't get to work on again," Balk said. "Somehow I had the good fortune to be tapped for our generation to figure out what this bridge needs and to make sure it's taken care of on our behalf."

He explained the bridge's significance to Waco and why the community has put so much effort into maintaining the historical landmark.

"The suspension bridge has a super long history in Waco; it's part of why Waco has grown as a city—it's central to

everything," Balk said. "It was the first crossing of the Brazos [River] way back in the 1800s when they built it. It's definitely a piece of architecture worth reinvesting in as needed."

The project is anticipated to begin sometime in late November or early December. During the rehabilitation project, both the suspension cables and parts of the deck will be replaced.

"To replace the support system of a suspension bridge—the very thing that's holding it up—we're going to have to close the bridge down during that process," Balk said. "It's going to be lengthy. To take the cables out, we will have to create mid-river supports and prop the bridge up to take the tension off the cables. [Then we will] completely remove the cables, ship in the new cables, string them back across the river and reinstall everything."

The wood panels that serve as the bridge's deck system will be partially replaced with concrete to prevent damage to the steel structures underneath the deck of the bridge.

With the bridge being over 100 years old, Balk said that the Waco community has made a commitment to preserve it by any means possible. Since the bridge was built, it has been reassessed every 30 years or so to ensure that it maintains its beauty and condition.

"This wasn't a scripted thing—it's

just that every 30 years or so, people notice that it's not looking its best," Balk said. "At those junctures, the community has brought in structural engineers or historic architecture specialists to go over it with a fine-tooth comb and tell us what it needs."

Balk explained that the bridge's history dates back to the late 1800s, and that the bridge impacted the growth and expansion of Waco.

"The bridge coincided a lot with the cattle history of Texas. People were trying to cross their cattle right where the bridge is because the landscape supported that," Balk said. "Some of the pioneering investors of Waco took it upon themselves to invest in a bridge—there were no railroads here and there were no roads here, so it was kind of a crazy idea at the time because it was the frontier."

Once the bridge was built, people rushed to cross their cattle over the Brazos River.

"The bridge company charged a toll for every cattle that crossed the bridge. They made their money back and eventually they decided it over to the county and the county decided it over to the city. This was all in the early 1900s," Balk said. "Since then, Model Ts have been photographed

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Baylor to hold events in celebration of Hispanic Heritage

SOPHIE ACEBO
Reporter

Sept. 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries, marked the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month. Baylor, through the Department of Multicultural Affairs, will kickstart a variety of events centered around Hispanic culture, all being open to any student who wishes to take part.

Events include a Listening Session on Wednesday, a Faculty, Staff and Student Mixer on Friday and a Hispanic Heritage Banquet on Oct. 4. Madelynn Lee, graduate apprentice for the Department of Multicultural Affairs, said Hispanic Heritage Month is a time of celebration for students.

"It's a time to celebrate Hispanic culture across all of the different countries

that entails," Lee said.

A variety of student organizations will come together to host events between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15 that will center around a diversity of cultures and, as Lee emphasized, the events are not only for students of Hispanic heritage.

"It's not just for Hispanic students; it's for all students, so we really want to be intentional of having other students come in and learn about Hispanic culture and what that's all about," Lee said.

Mission junior Jennifer De La Fuente is the Department of Multicultural Affairs' liaison between the department and LatinX Coalition and is working closely to ensure a multitude of events to commemorate the month ahead.

"There are a lot of different activities coming

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'Sic 'em for Safety' event to feature free food, promote crime prevention

MATTHEW MUIR
Staff Writer

The Sic 'em for Safety campaign, which runs through September and is promoted by Baylor's Department of Public Safety (DPS), coincides with National Preparedness Month and aims to educate students, faculty and staff about safety procedures and emergency services on campus.

Sic 'em for Safety will conclude with a National Night Out event from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 1 on Fountain Mall.

According to the Baylor statement announcing Sic 'em for Safety, many of the activities to take place during National Night Out are intended to "promote overall campus safety and crime prevention," including a live fire dorm room burn designed to show the importance of fire safety.

John Kolinek, assistant chief of the Baylor Police



Cole Tompkins | Multimedia Editor

SERIOUS ABOUT SAFETY An event on the night of Oct. 1 will include a cornhole tournament, free food and a live-fire dorm room burn for visitors. The night is intended to promote the importance of safety in overall campus life.

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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Hispanic Heritage Celebration Luncheon
Thursday, September 19
12:00 pm
Cashion 5th Floor

Listening Session
Wednesday, September 25
3:30 pm
Baines Room, SUB

Faculty, Staff, Student Mixer
Friday, September 27
3:30 pm
SUB CUB

Hispanic Heritage Banquet
hosted by the Hispanic Student Association
Friday, October 4
6:00 pm
Cashion 5th Floor

Nathan De La Cerda | Multimedia Journalist

CELEBRATION The Baylor Multicultural Affairs website states "National Hispanic Heritage Month is the period from September 15 to October 15 in the United States, when people recognize the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate the group's heritage and culture."

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EDITORIAL

Friends, not therapists

Friends are there to support you through the rollercoaster of life; however, they should not be expected to fix your emotional and mental health issues.

This culture of relying on loved ones to fill the role of a personal mental-emotional health professional or counselor is a toxic one. It puts unfair expectations and responsibility on loved ones and can strain relationships. No friend or significant other should feel emotionally responsible for you, and no one should feel like their emotional or mental health or stability is based off another person.

Odds are, if someone really cares about you, they will be there for you when asked or needed — it's hard to say no to people you care about even if it can become damaging to your own mental health. In relationships and friendships, think about how it may affect the person you are relying on.

Venting and getting stuff out or expressing yourself emotionally is one thing, but go into conversations knowing that you are either capable of handling something yourself or that you may actually need help — and serious help should not be expected to come from friends.

It's unfair to expect friends and significant others to play such a crucial role in your mental and emotional health. It can negatively affect them, and it also won't be the best help for you. No matter how much they care, friends will have a hard time being fully there for you with the focused and constant support you need because they may also have things going on in their own life that they're focusing on



Ashley Brooke Boyd | Cartoonist

or going through. You can't pour into someone's life fully if you are still trying to fill up your own.

For serious issues, trained and experienced professionals are the ones who can truly help you. Your college friends in their 20's aren't going to be able to adequately give you real advice or counseling catered to your situation.

There are professionals who are passionate helping people through mental and emotional health issues. They have been trained to look at your situation with a proper perspective and studied practices to help you move forward. Friends can only offer perspectives and their own thoughts, while professionals are certified and have studied mental and emotional health and how to improve it and help each other through it.

Mental health specialists are typically required to have an advanced degree, clinical experience or even pass a national or state examination in order to gain certification or licensure to practice professionally. Your friends are not trained, licensed or prepared to help you the way a professional could. Additionally, they're not trained or may not know how to help you without it being degenerative to themselves or weigh on them.

The resources for mental health help are abundant and multiplying. There are crisis text lines, governmental help lines and local resources wherever you are, such as the Baylor Counseling Center or organizations that include local support groups and health centers like Ascension Providence.

Talking to a friend may

feel better, but some internal issues can't be resolved through conversation or dialogue with a friend who cares. This could possibly breed resentment on either parties' end and create animosity. Excessively ranting or fueling negativity with friends and lack of solutions can perpetuate the issue and actually be more detrimental than it is helpful — to everyone involved.

Distinguish what is appropriate to confiding in friends versus what is over reliance or dependence. Talking about your problems and what you're going through is OK — it's actually really good — but if it is something that seems out of the realm of an average person's ability, seek professional help. That can sometimes be the most caring thing you can do for a friend.

COLUMN

Stop crying on your finstagram

IGOR STEPczynski
Broadcast Reporter

“Speak it into existence.” Not only is this a quirky thing college students like to say, but it is a powerful tool in understanding the potential of the human brain. Simply speaking good things about ourselves

will increase cognitive agility, regardless of the validity behind those statements.

Unfortunately, this power can be just as easily misused when speaking negatively about ourselves. If tweeting, snapping or instagramming are other forms of communication, then is it possible that we can post things into existence?

Finstas, or fake Instagrams, are a type of Instagram profile rising among college students. These profiles are usually cleverly disguised private accounts in which the user allows only a small number of followers to view it. These followers are usually only close relationships in one's peer group. The purpose of a fake Instagram is to communicate a more imperfect side of the user's life, keeping an honest and personal touch with your followers on a mainstream social media platform.

As a college student who follows my friends' secret profiles, I remember finstas first served as an escape from the repercussions of posting about drinking, drug use, vulgar language or gossip. The posts on these accounts were usually comedic in nature if you knew the user personally. Recently, however, I've noticed these accounts going through a dark turn.

A social media path that trailblazed as an escape from the overly polished world of Instagram has now become a dark hole for many users. Instead of posting about crazy experiences from a party, users have more often than ever started posting about their depressive symptoms and the negative perception about themselves.

Psychology Today defines neuro-linguistic programming as “a set of language and sensory-based interventions and behavior-modification techniques intended to help improve the client's self-awareness, confidence, communication skills and social actions.” The reason as to why human language is so complex is because it labels a plethora of physical and mental sensations. Our human relationship to language strongly impacts the way our brains function. If we say good things about ourselves, our brain is wired to perform better. If we say degrading things about ourselves, our brain is wired to validate those things internally.

So what does this have to do with finstas? If your finsta posts often include degrading statements about yourself or any pessimistic predictions regarding your life, chances are that you are posting it into existence. Although it may feel good to unload any stress you may have online, the power behind self-fulfilling prophecies expands to all forms of communication, not just speech. Posting “ugh, I am fat and ugly” has the same effect on your brain as looking into the mirror and seriously saying, “You are fat and ugly.”

Having that said, these accounts can serve us well if properly used. What finstas do well is offer a very personal analysis of unfiltered thoughts in a chronological order. As long as it is used safely and securely, finstas may actually encourage users to take steps toward a better mental health.

If you notice a consistent pattern of self-degradation on a friend's finsta posts recently, take the time to check up on that friend in person. Express your observations and concern for their mental health. Not only will this indicate your true best interest in them as a friend, it may open the doors to honest discussion and self-analysis.

If your finsta posts have been consistently self-degrading, consider taking a cleanse from Instagram. Write down your feelings on paper and think about why you are having them. There is nothing wrong with asking for help, whether it is from a friend or licensed professional.

Remember it will always serve your brain better to be overly optimistic. That doesn't mean you should numb yourself to negative feelings. It means remembering you have everything you need to resolve them and turn them into a helpful lesson for your future.

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Baylor parking needs improvement

MEREDITH HOWARD
Staff Writer

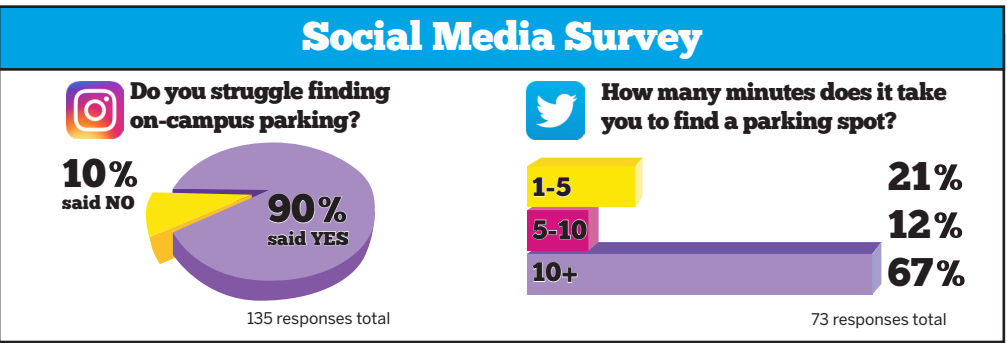
We've all been there — you parked late at night, didn't get a very close space, and likely spent some time searching for your car the next time you needed to go off campus. Or, maybe you commute and park at the Ferrell Center to take a shuttle over to campus. The shuttle may have left a few minutes early and you missed it, or maybe it came after its scheduled arrival and you had to walk into class late.

Many Baylor students feel this struggle regardless of their living situation, as no parking option is perfect. Problems vary based on where a student parks.

Losing your car

I park in the Fifth Street Garage, and my issue is losing my car, even if I write down what level I was on. This is partly due to the half-levels—the ones without an elevator. A relatively inexpensive solution would be numbering spaces, so students could simply make a note on their phone to remember where they parked.

Students who use Dutton Avenue Parking Garage, which has 909 parking spaces, may also benefit from numbered spots.



Garage closures

Dutton and Speight close for home football games, only open for event parking. When this happens, students are forced to find somewhere else to park until the day after the game. These closures truly inconvenience students who are paying \$360 per year for their (Flex) permits.

Flex parking

People who use Flex Parking options often end up not being able to get in the lot closest to their class because it may fill up by the time they get there. Students who find themselves in this situation are still able to park; they just might have to take a longer walk than they expected.

Shuttle timing

The only free parking option is

parking at the Ferrell Center, which often requires students to take either a 20-minute walk or a shuttle with unreliable arrival times.

It's difficult to time a shuttle's arrival exactly, but one way to manage this problem is by changing the way early arrivals work. Sometimes a shuttle may get ahead and arrive a few minutes before it's scheduled to. This isn't inherently a problem, but it becomes one when it leaves before its scheduled arrival, because a student may not be at the stop yet. One solution to this would be for the shuttle to remain at the stop until it was originally going to leave, regardless of how early it got there.

Despite some students' problems with parking, Baylor has recently improved its system. One thing that's helped students

have an easier time is Baylor offering 'Permit B' for the first time this year. Students who purchase this permit have the exclusive ability to park in the Eighth Street Garage.

"Permit B sold out in the first week of school," Matt Penney, Baylor's director of parking and transportation services, wrote in an email to the Lariat.

The goal of permits that give access to specific garages rather than Flex spaces is "to simplify or de-frustrate the parking experience," Penney said.

Students should evaluate their parking options every year, as needs may change based on what dorm they're living in and Baylor may have permits that are lesser-known about.

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BLACK MEN IN SUITS The 2016 members of MISTER, organized by The Department of Multicultural Affairs, are dressed to impress in addition to breaking stereotypes using #blackmeninsuits. Various campuses throughout the United States participated in this initiative to change the way black men are perceived by society. MISTER is dedicated to creating a safe and inclusive environment for Baylor’s minority men.

MISTER inspires support for minority men

MATTHEW MUIR
Staff Writer

MISTER, which stands for Males Inspiring Success Through Education and Relationships, is a support group for minority men at Baylor organized by the Department of Multicultural Affairs.

The group meets every third Thursday and aims to empower young minority males and help them succeed by providing a place to cultivate relationships, seek advice, discuss issues affecting them and, naturally, eat wings.

MISTER founder Geoffrey Griggs, assistant director of Multicultural Affairs, wants to give minority men a place to be themselves and discuss issues that matter to them.

“We created this group... almost six years ago as a program for minority males just to have a space on campus... to talk about things that affect them as individuals, whether it’s just going on campus here at Baylor, whether it’s going on in the Waco community, whether it’s going on in the world, you know, different aspects and things of that nature,” Griggs said.

Another goal when Griggs started MISTER was giving these men a better chance to succeed. According to Griggs, MISTER delivers results.

“It seemed to show a benefit for the students... it has helped them not only socially but academically as well,” Griggs said.

McKinney junior Konnell Woods attended Thursday’s MISTER

meeting. Woods was a regular at meetings last year and feels that it’s essential to have a group like MISTER built around minority men.

“It’s a great experience, and it’s just good to know other people that look like me are also able to go to [MISTER] for help,” Woods said. “As a minority on campus you need a place to be authentic to who you are... a lot of times we have to be one way in the face of everyone in the community at Baylor and then when we come back to our private settings... we can be our true selves.”

Thursday’s meeting was the first of the year and the first time many attended a MISTER meeting. Part of the reason why Woods came back to MISTER was to return the favors

given to him by the more senior members during his first year with the group.

“It was great for me to be able to meet people [like] upperclassmen that... could give me advice about the do’s and the don’ts when it comes to what to do at Baylor,” Woods said. “That’s why I come back—to be able to be a resource to the freshmen and then again to talk about what’s going on with my life.”

Griggs was inspired to create MISTER by his time in college; he wanted to provide minority men at Baylor with a similar experience to what he had during his undergraduate years.

“I was actually a part of a similar group when I was an undergrad

student at the University of Kentucky,” Griggs said. “It was very meaningful to me to create something like that here because I know how the support when I was an undergrad helped me, and I wanted to be able to provide that same support here at Baylor.”

Griggs also said MISTER works to combat negative stereotypes about minority men. Since its inception, MISTER has expanded.

The group now works beyond Baylor, including meeting with Connally Elementary School’s Modern Gentlemen group, which teaches young boys the importance of respect and manners.

For more information on MISTER, visit the Department of Multicultural Affairs’ website.

Baylor offers financial resources, money management for students

MCKENZIE OVIATT
Reporter

College is often known as expensive and a financial burden that can weigh heavily on struggling students. For help, Baylor students can seek assistance on campus to navigate the financial world ahead.

Baylor Student Financial Foundations offers resources and money management advice for students in need of assistance.

Additionally, Baylor periodically offers an “Individual and Family Money Management” class through the Hankamer School of Business. In the class, the professor teaches students how to manage and plan for retirement, how to organize taxes and about the benefits of buying a home. They also learn interest rates and how to properly budget to pay off a mortgage.

Fort Worth graduate student Eva Milam took this class in her undergraduate time at Baylor and now implements these skills while in graduate school. She has managed to save enough to pay off graduate school without taking out loans.

While Milam feels grateful that her parents took care of her undergraduate degree, she said that she has had to work hard to pay off her schooling to become a speech pathologist.

When asked how Milam has paid her way through school, she said that she has tried to keep her expenses to \$50 a week.

“I’ve had to be disciplined about spending money on things

such as going out to eat and going to events or treating myself to clothes and shoes,” Milam said. “If people are used to spending a lot of money then they think it is impossible. Most of what college students spend money on is going out to eat and buying drinks so I have intentionally stayed away from both of those.”

When asked if Milam feels like she missed out on a full college experience, she said that “emotionally it was difficult to see some college students live off their parents’ budget that she grew envious.”

However, she said that her time is valuable and she works for her money, and that she was able to really consider what social events were worth her time and hard-earned money. Milam still recommends students to get a job in college, even if they do not have to.

“If you don’t figure out how to manage your money and learn the time-value of money before you have money, then you will drown as an adult when you have a substantial income. It’s wise to consider what you spend,” Milam said.

Norris Blount, former chaplain for Baylor football, said that while some student-athletes may be on athletic scholarships, many do not have an added income to supplement their spending. Blount often made suggestions to the players on how to navigate this problem. He recommended that they save half of their food allotment money that the athletic team gives them to use for car payments or gas money.



Cole Tompkins | Multimedia Journalist

MONEY MATTERS One of the most effective ways students can save money is by creating a budget. Be on the look out to register for Baylor’s Individual and Family Money Management class.

Houston senior Shelby McGlaun, a student-athlete, has learned to be frugal with her money that she receives from softball by eating what is catered to the team instead of going out to eat.

Milam said that when trying to save money or budget, delayed gratification becomes of the utmost importance.

“Slowly you become prideful in your ownership of goods because you have worked hard for them. It is worth it to invest in the future and be conscientious about what you buy,” Milam said.

DAILY CRIME LOG

Sept. 16-18

This list is mandated by the Clery Act and is a compilation of all criminal incidents, alleged criminal incidents and fires reported to the Baylor Police Department or received by BUPD from an outside source. Crimes on this list are reported, but not all confirmed and may be pending an investigation. For definitions of listed dispositions and Clery Act information, go to www.baylor.edu/dps. Information may be limited because of federal guidelines.

Date reported: 09/18/2019 Location: Sid Richardson Building Offense(s): Theft of Property Date Occurred: 09/18/2019 Disposition: Active	Date reported: 09/16/2019 Location: 1500 block of S 4th Offense(s): EPRA- Theft Date Occurred: - Disposition: Handled by Waco Police Department	Date reported: 09/16/2019 Location: 1300 block of S 3rd St. Offense(s): Theft of Property Date Occurred: 09/16/2019 Disposition: Suspended	Date reported: 09/16/2019 Location: Sid Richardson Building Offense(s): Accident- Failure to Stop and Identify Date Occurred: 09/16/2019 Disposition: Closed
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Department, said that other activities will focus on fun and community interaction.

“We’ll also be serving free food to anybody that’s coming [to National Night Out]... we have a cornhole tournament that’s coming up— I think that we’ve got 25 teams that are registered,” Kolinek said. “Plus it gives the community an opportunity to learn and meet... different persons from different entities within Department of Public Safety.”

Mark Childers, associate vice president of DPS, said Sic ‘em for Safety is a cross between a teaching opportunity and celebration of

DPS’ fifth anniversary.

“The Department of Public Safety is fairly new—the division is five years old,” Childers said. “We wanted to come back out at the five-year mark and really highlight the different branches within the Department of Public Safety.”

One of the services highlighted by the Sic ‘em for Safety campaign is the Baylor Alert system, which sends warnings of potentially dangerous situations via channels such as text messages, emails and indoor and outdoor alert systems. Kolinek explained the process behind sending alert messages.

“When [a potentially dangerous] event happens, we send out an emergency notification, we give a brief description of what the event is and then what our expectation of what our faculty and staff and students are going to be doing as soon as that notification is sent,” Kolinek said. “After that we will follow up with information [about] the status of the emergency notification to keep everyone informed.”

Baylor also has a network of more than 1,300 surveillance cameras on campus. Baylor police does not disclose the locations of

cameras, but Kolinek shared the boundaries on campus which are monitored by the “virtual fence.”

“The cameras are basically in positions that have the entire campus covered, [along] what we call the Baylor trail which is University Parks to Bagby, Bagby down to 8th Street, 8th Street to Dutton and then Dutton back to University Parks,” Kolinek said. “If there’s any issue or concern or report of a crime on campus, we can go back and review our camera system to see if we can pick up any information that will lead us or help us in the investigation.”

Two years ago, Baylor’s network had roughly 300 fewer cameras. Childers said Baylor DPS is continually improving its systems and procedures because the Baylor community deserves the best DPS has to offer.

“You never get comfortable with the status quo—you’re always trying to stay in front of it, always pushing to be the best because the community deserves that,” Childers said. “Students, faculty and staff, parents—they deserve the absolute very best and Baylor is, in my opinion, providing the very best safety, security and law enforcement services

available.”

The Sept. 5 release of Baylor’s active attack training video kicked off Sic ‘em for Safety. The video depicted a shooting on campus to inform students, faculty and staff on how to respond to an active attacker situation. Kolinek said the reactions to the video have been positive.

“I’ve been pleased with the conversations that have been had not only with myself but within other entities within Baylor’s Department of Public Safety,” Kolinek said. “So far the students have been overwhelmingly supportive.”

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on the bridge—early car history—and then in the ‘70s, they eventually closed it to vehicle traffic and opened it just to pedestrian traffic.”

Today, the bridge serves as a central part of the Waco park system and is a popular spot for recreation. The student tradition of tortilla tossing is one of the many activities that will be affected with the closing of the bridge.

Waco sophomore Bethany Johnson reflected on the many purposes the bridge serves for the community.

“The suspension bridge has been here ever since I moved to Waco when I was 4,” Johnson said. “I’m disappointed because I think it’s such an important part of Waco—people go tortilla tossing there and to just hang out on. I know people who have even gotten married there. It’s a big part of the Waco culture.”

Santa Barbara, Calif., sophomore Kaitlin Cameron said tortilla tossing on the suspension bridge helped her feel more welcome at Baylor as a freshman. She visits the bridge often and said it will be missed during the two-year project.

“I think it’s really going to affect campus, not only for tortilla tossing but because it’s just a place where people go—I even just ran on the bridge tonight. I’m there almost every day and it’s just a big part of Waco,” Cameron said. “It’s something that connects you with Waco, gets you off campus and connects the [community] together.”

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but they all serve the same purpose, and that’s just to showcase Latino culture at a social event,” De La Fuente said.

For De La Fuente, Hispanic Heritage Month holds a special place for her that ties her to her family and roots. It has taught her more about the culture she is proud to be a part of.

“I think, for me, it feels like there’s a space for me, and my culture is being celebrated and acknowledged ... properly and appropriately,” De La Fuente said.

When it comes to the entire Baylor community, Hispanic Heritage Month is meant to be inclusive for all and is an opportunity for all students to learn about different cultures that contribute to Baylor’s campus. This is something Lee stresses about the celebration ahead.


“I think part of being a student at Baylor is getting a global and broader perspective, so I think from that standpoint it’s important for students to take initiative in learning about something they may not be familiar with, such as Hispanic culture,” Lee said.



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Comedy improv group preps for weekend gigs

CARSON LEWIS
Page One Editor

Imagine being in front of an auditorium filled with people: standing-room only. There is no script, and no director, but the performance is about to start. All eyes are directed toward the stage, and no one in the room, not even the actors, fully understand what will be presented in the next hour.

A terrifying nightmare come true for some, the students in Guerrilla Troupe, an Improvisation comedy group, see the situation as electrifying.

In fact, the group will be in that exact environment this weekend: at 10 p.m. Friday, and at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday in Mabey Theater in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$3.

The group described the upcoming weekend shows as an opportunity for people to see Baylor theater talent and support their organization. G-Troupe, as it's called shorthand, is composed of 16 members who share a love of improvisational theatre, a form of acting where most of the performance is spontaneous and unscripted. Entire characters and scenes arise from a single thought in an actor's mind, or an audience member's suggestion.

Houston senior Brian McAughan said this kind of theater is difficult.

"It kind of looks like a bunch of people goofing off onstage making jokes. But when you look more into it, we take it very seriously," McAughan said. "We'll do a scene, we'll pause, say 'What's going through your mind, what's your character doing?' There are rules and practices you can hammer in."

The group works weekly to improve the art of improvisation, practicing 10:30 p.m. to midnight every Tuesday and Thursday in the art lobby of the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. Members work through "games" that test the limits of their improvisation skills and quick-thinking skills to prepare for the performance in front of a live audience. An example of one of the games, called "budget cut," is an initial scene by several actors, which is then repeated numerous times, each repetition beginning with a "cut," in which an actor is removed until a single performer must perform the actions of the initial scene without any other actors.

Many of those in the group describe the "electric" feeling of a G-Troupe show, and state that they were fans of G-Troupe before joining.



Cole Tompkins | Multimedia Editor
THEY PLAY GAMES G-Troupe members Brian McAughan, Lauren Roe and Caroline Munsell rehearse a "budget cut" game preparing for their first weekend of shows this semester.

"My freshman year, the first [G-Troupe] show was oversold. We were in this theater, there were people packed into it, people cramming into their seats, people standing in the back, and the

“It’s a lot about the energy in the room. The more people go, the more energy there is, the better the show.”
BRIAN MCAUGHAN | G-TROUPE PERFORMER

energy was so magical," McAughan said. "I thought it was so funny, and I looked up to the [actors] in it so much. I idolized them. I was like 'I want to be a part of that. Really badly.'"

McAughan auditioned but was initially rejected. He said the majority of those currently in G-Troupe were rejected by the group before eventually joining at a later audition.

Arlington senior Adam Karlson described the difficulty in joining the group.

"It's very tough to get in the first time," Karlson said. "The only reason I got in my first try was because I saw a lot of my friends do it. I asked 'What can I do to improve?' and they told me what they should have done... I had the knowledge of their knowledge."

The group describes itself as tight-knit and extremely close. For the group, understanding other members is key to putting on a successful performance. Flagstaff, Ariz., junior Lauren Roe said it's important to observe her group members when acting.

"If you're not listening, it can get hijacked plot-wise, and then you're taking away from everyone else," Roe said. "You have a dead scene."

The group also has events planned for Oct. 18 and 19, as well as Nov. 15 and 16.

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Buttoned Bears: Freedom, fashion, fabulous

EMILY GUAJARDO
Contributor

Buttoned Bears brings high-end student fashionistas and writers together to discuss the latest trends in the modern world of fashion — or at least in and around Waco.

Buttoned Bears, an online publication platform focusing on fashion, decor and lifestyle, has allowed style enthusiasts to write and feature some of their favorite outfits, thrifting finds and style icons, as well as provide the latest news on what's walking on the runway today.

While their website reads "Waco's premium source for fashion and lifestyle," Buttoned Bears is predominantly student operated and focused on the who, what and more importantly, the wear.

Fort Worth junior Avery Owens said she first began writing for Buttoned Bears because of the freedom it provided students interested in writing about fashion, clothing and unique Waco-inspired stories.

"What made me want to [write for Buttoned Bears] is because there is no one source for fashion in Waco," Owens said. "We write about what's trending, people's creative style choices and small boutiques around Waco and that's what I want to do."

Started in 2014, Buttoned Bears has grown from a blogging website with a couple of beginning writers to a team of 16 weekly contributors homed-in on their artistic craft. Gaining momentum through their sleek website featuring reoccurring series like "So Hot Right Now," which features selected student fashion gurus among the Waco community, and



Courtesy of Buttoned Bears
POP-UP SHOP Buttoned Bears host their annual pop-up shop. The next one will be on Nov. 2.

Businesses, which highlights entrepreneurial boutiques, Buttoned Bears is blazing through with fresh content and updates on the new glamorous looks from across the nation.

Serving as head writer this year, Owens said she one day would like to work for a magazine like Vogue and hopes to gain some experience on pitching ideas, writing on deadline and finding her voice within her writing.

"One of my favorite articles was when I wrote about international fashion," Owens said. "I interviewed a couple of international students interested in fashion at Baylor. It really just made me think about how materialistic American fashion is and how we just wear things one or two times, and then throw it away. It really made me appreciate international fashion and how others see use their fashion sense."

Buttoned Bears also believes in its philanthropic efforts and provides a space for small boutiques and local designers to showcase their work. Known to bring some classic thrifting businesses like Second Time's the Charm and local embroiderers, their annual "Buttoned Pop-Up Shop" allows for attendees to

see some rare finds Waco has to offer.

Jakarta, Indonesia, junior and Editor-in-Chief Carissa Setiawan said she hopes events like the pop-up will bring a new awareness and increase their presence among the Waco community.

"Other than the basic stuff, I'm really trying to think of ways we can grow our presence on campus and in the community," Setiawan said. "Our pop-up is just a great way and one of our main events for our presence, but also allows for businesses to show off their stuff."

Wanting to continue to grow as a more reputable platform, Setiawan said she hopes to grow other aspects of the publication, specifically the lifestyle portions of their website.

"I just feel like we have been really heavy on fashion, and that's great, but I think we need to be more consistent on our lifestyle and showcasing those aspects as well," Setiawan said. "We have so much more to write about and I don't want to be heavy on just one aspect."

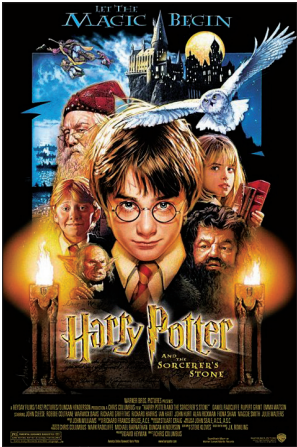
With their next pop-up event scheduled for Nov. 2 at Pinewood Coffee Bar, the staff is excited to see new faces and potential readers.

Hoping to make headlines and turn heads, the architects of Buttoned Bears are already cranking up their daily feed with the confidence to return mightier — and trendier — than ever before.



Courtesy of Buttoned Bears
LADIES Buttoned Bears writers talk about the freedom Buttoned Bears provides for students interested in writing about fashion, clothing and just Waco in general.

“We write about what’s trending, people’s creative style choices and small boutiques around Waco.”
AVERY OWENS | BUTTONED BEARS WRITER



Must-see fall movies for any and every occasion

MADALYN WATSON
Print Managing Editor

Autumn is finally here. Pull your favorite sweater over your head, brew a cup of hot tea (or stop by Starbucks for a pumpkin spice latte — don't worry, I won't tell) and bundle up in an excessive number of blankets because these films will put you in the mood to feel the crunch of dead leaves underfoot.

Good Will Hunting

Taking place in Boston, “Good Will Hunting” shows off New England during autumn in the most delightful ways. The 1997 drama follows janitor Will (Matt Damon) after his gift for mathematics is revealed to professors at MIT and his relationship with Sean (the late Robin Williams), his psychologist, helping him discover his purpose in life. The film also takes on a romantic undertone as Will begins a relationship with Skylar (Minnie Driver).

Written by Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, this classic feel-good film exudes the energy that everyone is looking for this time of year. A beautiful message, expertly crafted story and Damon pressed up against a glass window saying, "How do you like them apples?" work together in front of a perfect fall backdrop.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Unfortunately, the start of fall means back to school for students. During the trying time of syllabus week, students can rest easy and be transported into a better world through “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” (or any of the films based on J.K. Rowling’s universe).

While the audience fantasizes about transferring to the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) starts a new school year. In fact, almost every single film starts in autumn because that's when school resumes and Harry can see his best friends Ron (Rupert Grint) and

Whether you watch it for the nostalgia factor or you're watching the films for the first time, these films will give you a warm and fuzzy feeling in your chest like no other.

When Harry Met Sally

If you're looking for a sweet romance to sink your teeth into like a vampire sucking blood, try "When Harry Met Sally." Directed by Rob Reiner, this 1989 film is one of the most famous romantic comedies of all time. Seriously, if you type in "rom coms" into your search bar right now, it will be one of the first films to pop up.

The film influenced pop culture in so many ways that no other romance could ever compete. Films like “You’ve Got Mail,” “Notting Hill” and “The Ugly Truth” not only reference the film but were inspired by it. Famous quotes from the film have even been referenced in “Friends,” “Will & Grace” and “Bob’s Burgers.”

Starring young Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan (the ultimate female lead in any romance) as Harry and Sally, the film tackles still the very relevant question: Can straight men and women just be friends without it leading to romance?

The Craft

If you are looking for a fall film that also conjures up some bulletproof girl power, then "The Craft" is the right film for you. When Sarah (Robin Tunney) transfers to a Catholic high school, a group of girls deemed outcasts by their peers befriend her and offer her the opportunity to join their coven.

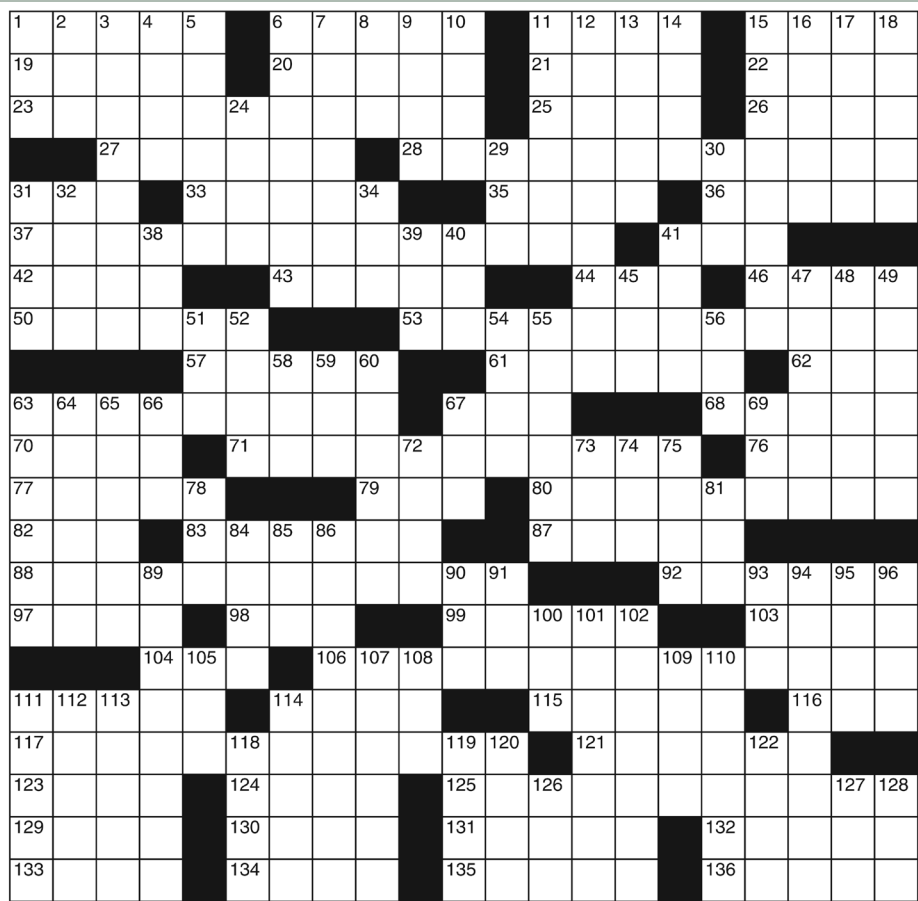
Together the four girls, including Nancy (Fairuza Balk), Bonnie (Neve Campbell) and Rochelle (Rachel True), form an unstoppable power and use witchcraft to do anything they want: convince men to fall in love with them and gain revenge for all the bullying.

In addition to the spells and potions, these witches really know how to dress. Each girl has her own style that draws from the different trends from '90s fall fashion.

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

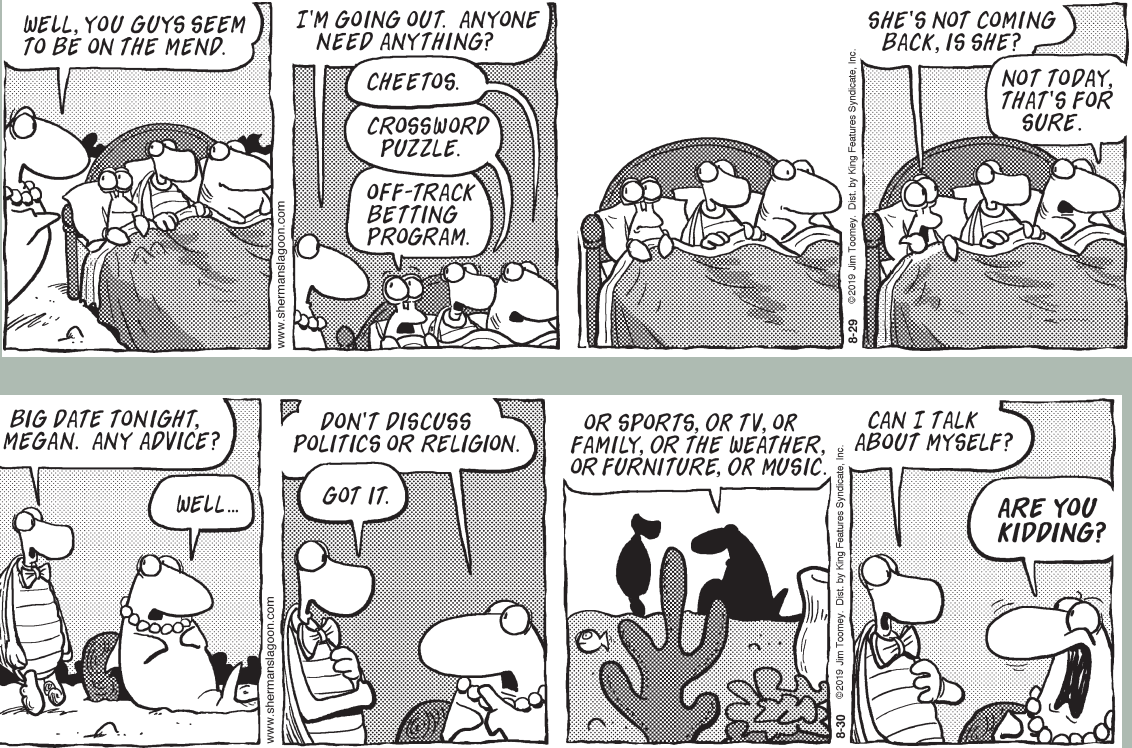
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Kristen DeHaven | Multimedia Journalist

EXECUTION Junior outside hitter Yossiana Pressley takes off for a kill against Tennessee on Sept. 14. Pressley leads the team with 136 kills after seven games, averaging 5. 91 kills per set.

No. 5 volleyball hosts charged field in Baylor Classic

MATTHEW SODERBERG
Sports Writer

No. 5 Baylor volleyball hosts No. 17 Missouri and No. 13 Hawaii for the Baylor Classic this weekend. The Tigers and Rainbow Wahine present the Bears with their first top-25 matchups at home since the beginning of the season.

As both Missouri and Hawaii come to Waco without a loss, three of the nine remaining undefeated squads in the country will play against each other in the Ferrell Center this weekend. Head coach Ryan McGuyre said he is excited for the challenge ahead of his team.

“What a fun weekend. We just want to prepare for the tournament, we want to see

the best version of ourselves, and so this is our fourth weekend in a row where it feels like tournament time,” McGuyre said.

The Bears have started the year 7-0, launching themselves to No. 5 in the country according to the most recent AVCA poll, their highest in program history.

“It really is a culmination of a lot of little things. All of our setters are looking really good; they’ve taken a big step. Hannah Lockin has done a phenomenal job, and now all of a sudden you’ve got hitters who have learned how to manage their swings. You know, we’ve been very low error in a lot of matches as well. You take the setters’ improvement with the hitters’ improvement and you put it together, now we get bigger improvement,” McGuyre said. “Lord

willing, we’re going to continue to progress, and we’re hopefully going to host a couple rounds, maybe three or four rounds.”

Senior setter Braya Hunt said the Bears are looking to the push the limits of what they can continue to improve.

“We have gone through such a journey over the past couple of years, and it’s exciting to reap what we’ve been sowing,” Hunt said. “We’re excited to see what Baylor volleyball has in the future, but we’re excited to attack now. We think the ceiling is No. 1, honestly. Having a No. 5 ranking right now just makes us even more hungry to keep working in the gym.”

The Bears must hungry to keep winning. The Tigers and Fighting Wahine will be some of the toughest matchups the Bears have dealt with so

far this season. McGuyre praised both squads ahead of the matches this weekend.

“Missouri, offensively, they’re just hitting at a high percentage, almost .400%. That’s pretty good. I expect that to be a match where both teams have to earn their points and the other teams aren’t going to give it away with too many errors,” McGuyre said. “Hawaii’s got a little bit of it-factor in their program right now too. I think they’ve got a good balance of young freshmen that don’t know any better, combined with some seniors that are also very hungry and trying to help their program grow to the next level.”

The Bears take on Missouri at 6 p.m. Friday at Ferrell Center followed by their matchup with Hawaii at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Football faces battle-tested Rice in first road match



Cole Tompkins | Multimedia Editor

LET IT FLY Junior quarterback Charlie Brewer unleashes a pass to sophomore wide receiver Tyquan Thornton during the second quarter of Baylor’s 63-14 win over UTSA.

AHFAAZ MERCHANT
Sports Writer

The undefeated Baylor football team will come out of their bye week to take on Rice University this weekend.

The Bears are facing an 0-3 Rice squad with losses to Army, Wake Forest and Texas. Their largest defeat came at the hands of the Longhorns, who took the victory by 35 points.

While the Bears won both of their games so far, they will go on the road against a team that has faced some tough opponents. This will present a challenge for the Bears, as their easy victories over Stephen F. Austin (56-17) and UTSA (63-14) did not present the team with much adversity, according to head coach Matt Rhule, especially since Baylor is familiar with Rice’s mindset.

“One thing I know about them is they’re battle-tested. I believe iron sharpens iron, so they’re probably pretty sharp right now. And we don’t know if we are or not,” Rhule said. “One thing we know is Coach [Mike] Bloomgren and the Stanford model, and intellectual brutality and things they believe in. They are going to have volume in what they do. We also know no matter what we practiced, they are going to do something different. We are going to have to adapt.”

Junior quarterback Charlie Brewer has yet to finish a complete game in his first two starts, allowing redshirt freshman Gerry Bohanon an opportunity to get some reps in

and create some big plays. But even with limited playing time, the Bears’ veteran quarterback has recorded six touchdowns, 362 passing yards and a 70.2% completion rating. Rhule said that he plans to play his veteran QB from start to finish on Saturday night.

Despite Rice’s intricate strategy, sophomore defensive tackle James Lynch believes the Bears are ready to take on the challenge of this first road test.

“They are a very smart, very tough team,” Lynch said. “They present a very complex offense. So they got a lot of different things and they can run a lot of different plays. So on defense it’s going to challenge us, but we’re ready for them and ready to play them.”

The team might face another roadblock on their way to Houston as the city has been hit with heavy rainfall caused by Tropical Storm Imelda. But no announcements have been made as to whether the game will be moved or canceled.

Still, Rhule is excited to take his team on the road.

“I think it is great. It’s great for our players, great for our family, great for our alums, great for recruiting to have a chance to get across the state,” Rhule said. “We are just trying to take the brand and take what we’re doing and take it to the people that care about the program and people all across the state. Trying to make sure we are a good representation of what football means in Texas.”

The Bears face the Rice Owls at 6 p.m. Saturday at Rice Stadium.



Cole Tompkins | Multimedia Editor

ON THE ATTACK Senior forward Camryn Wendlandt takes pressure from two Northwestern defenders in the season opener on Aug. 25. Wendlandt will miss the next couple of weeks due to an injury she suffered in the Sept. 12 game against Arkansas.

Soccer embraces underdog role

JESSIKA HARKAY
Sports Writer

After dropping two of their last three matchups, Baylor soccer looks forward to a weekend of possible upsets as it hosts the No. 2 USC Trojans on Friday night and Gonzaga on Sunday afternoon.

USC comes to Waco undefeated (7-0) and averaging three goals a game, already outscoring opponents 19-5 on the 2019 season.

The Bears last played USC in the second round of the 2017 NCAA Tournament. The Trojans, who were the defending national champions at the time, fell to Baylor in overtime as the Bears took a 3-0 advantage in penalty kicks.

With that said, it isn't the first time the Trojans have been favored over the Bears — which may be a good thing in the eyes of head coach Paul Jobson.

"I told the girls the other day, this is probably the first time this season that we're

not the team with a target on their back," Jobson said. "We're finally playing the role of the underdog once again, which is a role that's always been favorable to Baylor. I think that takes a little bit of pressure off."

Redshirt senior defender Kylie Ross was there for the matchup back in 2017. She said that although it's a new year, the team can bring back "the passion and fight" that the Bears played with in the upset.

"We really had something to prove and we still have something to prove, so I think it'll be a good challenge for us," Ross said. "It's a little bit nerve wracking because USC is a great team. We know they're a great team but I know if we bring everything we got, we really can't be matched because our hard work and chemistry on the field is going to show."

The Bears will have to capitalize defensively as the Trojans offensive is led by six different players who have scored this season. Additionally, Jobson's team will be short of two senior forwards — Camryn

Wendlandt and Raegan Padgett.

Ross believes the dynamic of USC's offense offers an opportunity for the team to learn and improve.

"USC is a really athletic, really fast-on-the-ball team," Ross said. "I think playing someone like that defensively will be really good for us because we haven't really seen anyone of that caliber."

Aside from a tough matchup, Jobson hopes his team takes the game to focus on manifesting what the girls want out of the season.

"While they're a great team and not taking anything away from them, you know, it's just another team," Jobson said. "Our mentality has to just be about us. It's not about the name on the other jersey, it's about what we want to be about as a team and this is just another opportunity for us to prove that."

The Bears kick off at 6 p.m. Friday at Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field, followed by a contest against Gonzaga at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Weekend Home Schedule

Friday

Volleyball vs Missouri
6 p.m.
Ferrell Center

Soccer vs USC
6 p.m.
Betty Lou Mays

Sunday

Soccer vs Gonzaga
1 p.m.
Betty Lou Mays

Volleyball vs Hawaii
2 p.m.
Ferrell Center

No. 6 Men's Golf takes on Fighting Illini Invitational

The Venue: 54-holes contested on a par-70, 7, 219-yard course at Olympia Fields Country Club in Olympia Fields, Ill.

The Lineup:
Sr. Cooper Dossey
Sr. Colin Kober
Fr. Johnny Keefer
R-Jr. Travis McInroe
Jr. Mark Reppe

First round deets:
Baylor is paired up with California and Florida State from the first tee. Reppe will take the first swing at 9:30 a.m. CT followed in nine minute intervals by the rest of the lineup. Follow the game at www.golfstat.com.

Women's Golf finishes fourth in Glass City Invitational

Baylor finished behind Florida, Michigan and Michigan State, shooting at 17-over-par 881 across the three rounds of the tournament.

So. Diane Baillieux: 3-over 219; tied 6th

Jr. Fiona Liddell: 3-over 219; tied 6th

Elodie Chapelet: 4-over 220; tied 9th

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