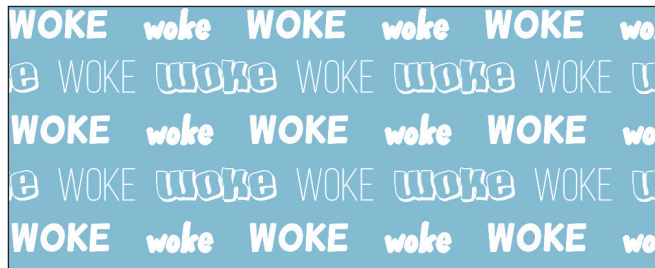


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MATTHEW MUIR  
Staff Writer

Debbie and Eddie Sherman arrived at Miller Chapel on a hot May day to find the air conditioning switched off, but rather than let that mar their wedding, it became something to look back on and laugh about.

Forty-three years later, the Sherman's returned to Miller Chapel— this time with working air conditioning— for one last chance to visit the place they tied the knot.

Saturday's open house at Miller Chapel gave members of the Baylor community the opportunity to reminisce about their experiences with the chapel. Located in the Tidwell Bible Building, Miller Chapel will soon be repurposed for use as office space.

The Baylor University statement announcing the open house said Miller Chapel served as the school's "primary sacred space" for decades.

For Debbie and Eddie Sherman, Miller Chapel was a natural choice for their wedding because of the personal connection to the venue.

"When we decided on a date to get married, my church was being renovated, so this was the first place I thought about," Debbie Sherman said. "It was, of course, very special because [Eddie] went to Baylor, and I didn't go to Baylor but I grew up here."

Speaking about the heat inside Miller Chapel, Debbie Sherman said she believes no wedding can go completely according to plan, and that the lack of air conditioning didn't ruin her special day.



Photo courtesy of Baylor.edu

**NEW PURPOSES** Miller Chapel will soon be repurposed for use as office space.

"The rehearsal was here, and it was freezing. Then we came in that day and the air conditioner was off," Debbie Sherman said. "Something is always going to happen at a wedding that is unexpected. Sometimes you can be prepared for it—you can bring your bag of goodies with safety pins and bobby pins and needle and thread, but some things you don't have any control over. We just made the best of it."

The couple only visited Miller Chapel a couple of times in the decades since their wedding. Eddie Sherman said that made Saturday's visit even more important.

"When we read that it was being remodeled it sort of upset my wife, but she's more sentimental than I am," Eddie Sherman said. "We made a point to come [to the open house] because

it's probably the last time we'll see it like this. It's too pretty of a place just to see it go away," Eddie Sherman said.

Debbie Sherman shared Eddie's view, believing office use is a sad end to a historic space.

"I was very sad — I couldn't believe that they were going to turn this into office buildings," Debbie Sherman said.

Paula McKeehan graduated from Baylor in 1996 and spent a lot of time in Miller Chapel and in Tidwell.

"As a student, I had Old and New testament in this building, and I would come in here for quiet moments and pray— pray for a husband and pray

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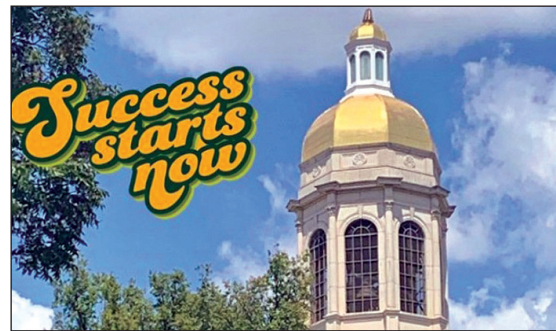


Photo courtesy of Shelby Cefaratti

**SUCCESS SCHEDULE** The Baylor University Career Center has several events planned for September.

## Career Center helps students prepare for life after Baylor

TYLER BUI  
Staff Writer

Baylor University Career Center for all students.

With this change, the Career Center now has three offices on campus.

"Our central office is located on the 1st floor, west wing of the Sid Richardson Building with two additional offices in Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation, Suite 150 and Rogers School of Engineering and Computer Science, Suite

The Baylor University Career Center has filled the month of September with events and resources for students, and has recently undergone changes to better prepare students for the workforce.

Last spring, the Office of Career Management in the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation and the Career and Professional Development Office merged, creating the

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## Students skip town for BU 'Staycation'

MEREDITH HOWARD  
Staff Writer

the weekend included a replaying of the 2018 Texas Bowl at McLane Stadium, a chili cook off and the football game against Stephen F. Austin.

Baylor Kickoff Weekend, a new event-filled celebration of the school year's first football game, took place from Thursday to Saturday and encouraged students to stay on campus and partake in the festivities.

This is the first year that Kickoff Weekend has been put on by Chamber of Commerce, replacing the previous Traditions Rally event normally occurring at the same time.

The weekend began with freshmen and seniors signing the Baylor Line and a Class of 2023 group photo. All freshmen were encouraged to wear their Baylor Line jerseys to the event.

Athens senior True Head, who chaired Kickoff Weekend, sees the Baylor Line signing as a way for the weekend to incorporate an important Baylor tradition.

"At Baylor, we're really ingrained in our traditions," Head said. "Tradition is something that is very important here as compared to other schools, and it's such an old university— the Baylor Line is something that everyone feels a part of."

Other events over

Although Baylor's Kickoff Weekend promotions were designed to encourage students to stay in Waco over Labor Day weekend, others decided to go out of town to explore other areas.

One of these students was Joplin, Mo., freshman Davin Ducre, who decided to take an adventure to Austin with some of his friends on Sunday.

Ducre visited the "really beautiful" Texas Capitol along with other restaurants and shops, and he said that he enjoyed experiencing the diverse city community and exploring downtown.

Ducre said one cultural scene he enjoyed in Austin that he may not see as much of in his hometown was the graffiti.

"It's not vandalism—it's art. It's beauty, and it's great," Ducre said.

Ducre said his Austin trip was spontaneous, and that he'd like to have more time to visit next time.

"It was so neat and incredible, but you can't see everything in a day so I need to go

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Associated Press

**LONG WALK** A family walks on a road after being rescued from the flood waters of Hurricane Dorian, near Freeport, Grand Bahama

## Baylor students describe families' hardships faced from Hurricane Dorian

EMILY LOHEC  
Staff Writer

Hurricane Dorian, which has been cast as a Category Two storm by the National Hurricane Center as of Tuesday night, has killed at least seven people in the Bahamas Abaco Islands, torn down thousands of establishments and caused intense flooding.

The storm was labeled as Category Five Sunday night as Dorian hit the Bahamas but has since been downgraded to Category Two. Forecasters predict that the storm may move closer to areas around Georgia and South Carolina, as well as up

to Virginia and North Carolina by Friday. Warnings have been issued along the coasts of Florida to North Carolina.

In a Monday news conference, Hubert A. Minnis, prime minister of the Bahamas, expressed sadness about the recent events, stating that, "we are in the midst of a historic tragedy in parts of the northern Bahamas," as well as asking for prayers and support for the country.

The hurricane is centered in the Atlantic Ocean and could eventually have effects in areas ranging from the Caribbean to the coast of Canada.

Some Baylor students from these areas and their families are being personally

affected by the hurricane. Naples, Fla., senior Lauren Mulford said that her family took measures to prepare for possible damage caused by the hurricane around where they live, but that luckily the storm has passed over her hometown.

"One of the most common problems people face after a hurricane is loss of electricity," Mulford said. "My family [prepared] for the hurricane by waiting in long lines for gas and bottled water and non-perishable foods. My parents had plans to travel to Waco to visit prior to news of the storm but were able to continue since the storm changed course. It's a relief

to know our community will be safe and that the land will not suffer severe damages."

Mulford pointed out that damage by Hurricane Dorian can cause major setbacks not only to the residential areas but to the school districts as well.

"Many of my friends in Florida colleges have classes canceled for a few days," Mulford said. "It usually takes a while to get up and running again after such a big storm."

Fort Myers, Fla., senior Peyton Hornung finds it hard to be away from family and friends who live in Florida as they prepare for the storm

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EDITORIAL

# Woke culture fuels fake news

In a time when everyone is fighting to be relevant, there are oftentimes tweets and posts about an environmental phenomena or international disaster with no context. These posts often use rhetoric like “No one is talking about this!” or “Why is everyone talking about celebrity drama when this is happening?” Yet these insubstantial posts practice what they abhor: promoting a culture clueless about contemporary issues.

You are not “woke” just because you have some key words in your social media content.

These days, Twitter and other social media platforms seem to be a place for people to post passionately about things that they aren’t really informed about. Perpetuating uninformed outrage or criticism over large, complicated issues sensationalizes those issues without any real public context or fact-based background.

Filling social media with news-related posts that aren’t rooted in fact or research, and instead based on hearsay, speculation or judgment, users are actually being counterproductive to informing the public correctly.

For example, Twitter was in an uproar over the Amazon fires, especially over the lack of news coverage. Users were criticizing the lack of outcry for the event in comparison to the large amount of coverage for the Notre Dame fire – calling out news outlets for not doing their jobs or judging the world population for not caring (publicly on social media or news).

Ironically, people attempting to take up the role of news outlets were spreading fake news. The photos that went viral — posted by celebrities such as Portuguese professional soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo, American movie star Leonardo DiCaprio, American musician Madonna — were up to 30 years old.

Despite common belief, the fires were not a natural consequence of global warming but rather a product of deliberate,

farmer-lit deforestation. Brazil’s president Jair Bolsonaro has opened the Amazon for commercial exploitation.

The politics behind the Amazon fires is more complex than most news consumers take the time to read about. It is much easier to jump onto the noble cause of “climate change awareness” or “environmental conservation” than form a stance on the Brazilian president’s economic initiatives.

The only content creators qualified and trained to tackle such issues are the news organizations these angry posts target. The people who try to tell journalists how to better do their job are often unqualified to do so. With fake news outbreaks, as seen with the Amazon fires, it is questionable how many of the people criticizing the media even read it enough to have a basis for their complaints.

Also, posting outrageously on social media isn’t stopping any fires. The common practice of posting “news” on social media without actually looking into the full story does very little other than project a self-image of “wokeness.”

Do you actually care about the fires in the Amazon? Then do some research and investigate the full story so you can intellectually discuss or post about it. If you don’t care enough to learn about what you rage about, you really don’t care as much as you’d like people on the internet to think you do.

It is OK to not know everything, but at least be knowledgeable about the things you post about.

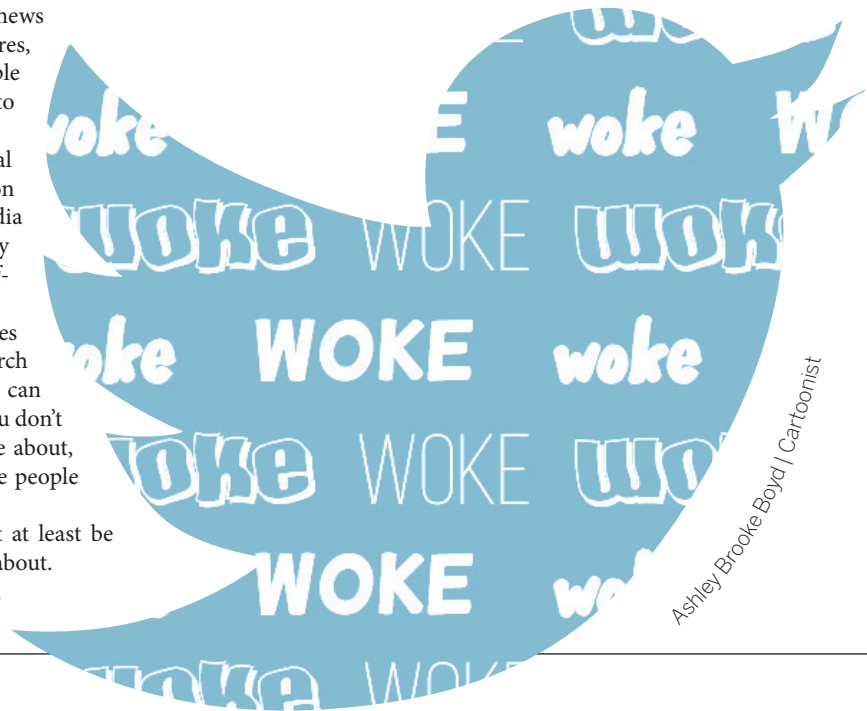
Take a moment to read a bit, or a lot,

about a topic before tweeting about it.

Actually read the full article before sharing it because of the headline.

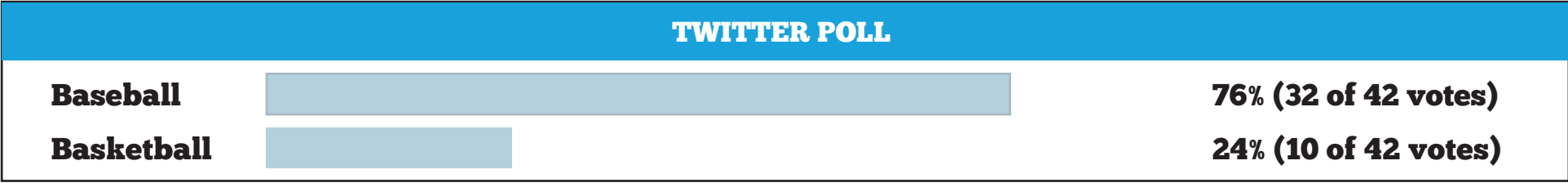
Rather than rallying behind a celebrity who seems to have radical, breaking-edge stances, lend an ear to the journalist who has been covering the topic for years.

If you are going to post about news on social media, get informed first and put it in context. It’s just good practice for communication.



COLUMNS

# Which sport is America’s favorite pastime?



## Baseball OR Basketball

COLE TOMPKINS  
Multimedia Editor



Baseball may not always be the most popular or entertaining sport, but it will always be America’s pastime. Baseball has been around since the 1800s, making it possibly the oldest organized sport in America.

It is also one of the most widespread sports in the world and not just because it’s in the Olympics, either.

There is an entire league dedicated to teaching the youth of the world the sport of baseball: The Little League World Series (LLWS). Roughly 3 million people tuned in across the globe to watch the 2018 LLWS championship game. For context, in the same year, 13.8 million people tuned into game one of the MLB world series.

While that is a huge difference in the number of people viewing any given game, consider the fact that more than 3 million people devoted a couple hours out of their day to watch two teams of 10- to 12-year-olds play

baseball. If that isn’t a testament to the world’s love of baseball, then what the heck is?

Besides the fact that baseball is an American staple and the vast majority of the human population has played some form of baseball in their lifetime, there is one additional factor that no other sport can ever come close to beating baseball in: accessibility.

The MLB has 30 teams, which all play upwards of 160 games per season, depending on the playoffs. That right there is such a vast amount of opportunity to go and see a game in person. Then you add on top of that the fact that MLB tickets are dirt cheap.

I kid you not, I just looked up tickets for the Rangers at the Yankees, and I can get into the gate for \$3 and that is at Yankee Stadium. From Babe Ruth to Mickey Mantle, there is almost no one who hasn’t heard of the Yankees and for a mere \$3 you can see them live and in person.

Name one more team that has that level of notoriety that you can see live and in person for that price tonight. Can’t name one? Me either.

*Cole is a freshman journalism major from Waco.*

NATE SMITH  
Broadcast Reporter

Sports play a major role in lives on virtually every corner of the globe. Whether you prefer football, baseball, soccer or hockey, chances are your favorite sports league is trying to model itself after the NBA.

Baseball is as American as apple pie and pickup trucks, so it’ll always have a place in our culture. The Super Bowl draws television ratings essentially unparalleled by any programming, regardless of genre. Despite all of this, basketball is our generation’s most popular game.

The modern sports world is as much about marketability as it is wins and losses, and the NBA is king when it comes to sports marketing. Think about some of the biggest stars in the American sports world. Surely names such as Michael Jordan, Stephen Curry, LeBron James, Tom Brady and J.J. Watt come to mind.

These athletes are all among the biggest, if not the biggest, names in their respective sports. However, some of them are ingrained in popular culture in nearly every way imaginable, and the others aren’t in the NBA.

If you’re an Amy Schumer fan and made your way to the theaters in the summer of 2015 to see “Trainwreck,” you were greeted with a healthy dose of LeBron James, who starred as an exaggerated version of himself in the film and was considered by many to have turned in one of the funniest performances in a cast that was chock full of comedians.

If you turn on your TV and flip it to your

favorite sports channel, they’re probably talking about the NBA, even if it is mid August. When it comes to the NBA, it’s not just the games that dominate the headlines, it’s the snarky subtweet Kevin Durant left in response to reporter Chris Brussard’s comments on their relationship, or the fact that Durant once had burner Twitter accounts that he used to defend himself against his online critics under a different name.

Maybe you’re like me and like to start your mornings by opening up Twitter so you can get a pulse on what was going on in the world while you were asleep. If so, you’re certainly bombarded with highlights from James Harden’s 50-point game that took place on the West Coast the night before.

It’s also incredibly likely that hot takes from your friends that are so-called basketball experts have also crept into your timeline, even if you don’t like basketball. Even something as menial as a Nike releasing a new Colorway

for LeBron James’s latest shoe will generate more Twitter buzz than whatever crazy thing Patrick Mahomes did last Sunday.

Instances such as these prove that as far as social media interaction and embracing what the newest generations of Americans like, the NBA is king. And, if there is one thing that modern America values, it’s a sports league that can satisfy all of their entertainment needs. If leagues such as the NFL and MLB aren’t careful, they could be looking up to the throne instead of down from it.

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# Advanced public relations class allows for growth, experience

EMILY LOHEC  
Staff Writer

Ten years ago, Dr. Cassy Burleson, senior lecturer of journalism, public relations and new media, used her knowledge and skills to bring an advanced public relations class to fruition.

Burleson understands the demand in the workforce for those interested in the PR world and sees the potential met by students who have grown in communication and writing.

“The ratio of jobs in our field is three to one— three in PR to one news ed, overall,” Burleson said. “I’ve studied workforce education for decades and love helping people get jobs.”

A unique aspect about Advanced PR is the requirement that students need to complete an internship while enrolled in the course.

The Woodlands senior Sommer Stanley took Advanced PR with Burleson and found the class to be beneficial because it served as

a helpful way to narrow down the job search for graduation. Stanley knew the challenges the class would present but believed the program to be one in which she would learn and grow in as her PR career began.

“A lot of schools will have you take an independent study; however, in Advanced PR, in order to get a letter grade, you have to have an internship,” Stanley said. “Therefore, you’re not just getting a grade for working a certain number of hours, but you’re graded on the work you do for your internship and the additional hours you put in the classroom as well.”

Burleson understands the rigorous workload employers often cast upon the new interns. She sees this as a way for students to become acclimated with the challenges they will face in the real world.

“I think students understand that their site’s workplace expectations are their biggest challenge,” Burleson said. “I try to help them succeed in producing

products that meet professional standards, so they can succeed at their internships and exit with a portfolio evidence of their knowledge and skills.”

Burleson incorporates the internship into the course as a way to better those wanting to enter the PR world. The challenge of completing both the class and internship serves as a glimpse of the tasks a future employer could expect.

“It gives them a chance to do some adulting and allows students to see how closely their skills and knowledge match employer expectations,” Burleson said. “It’s not just a grade, but it can be a jump start on their best possible future.”

Stanley sees juggling the class and an internship as a way to leave students with a variety of work examples for future job opportunities.

“I have much better work samples because a lot of my pieces got published on Texas State Technical College’s website where local news stations picked up some of my work,” Stanley said. “The

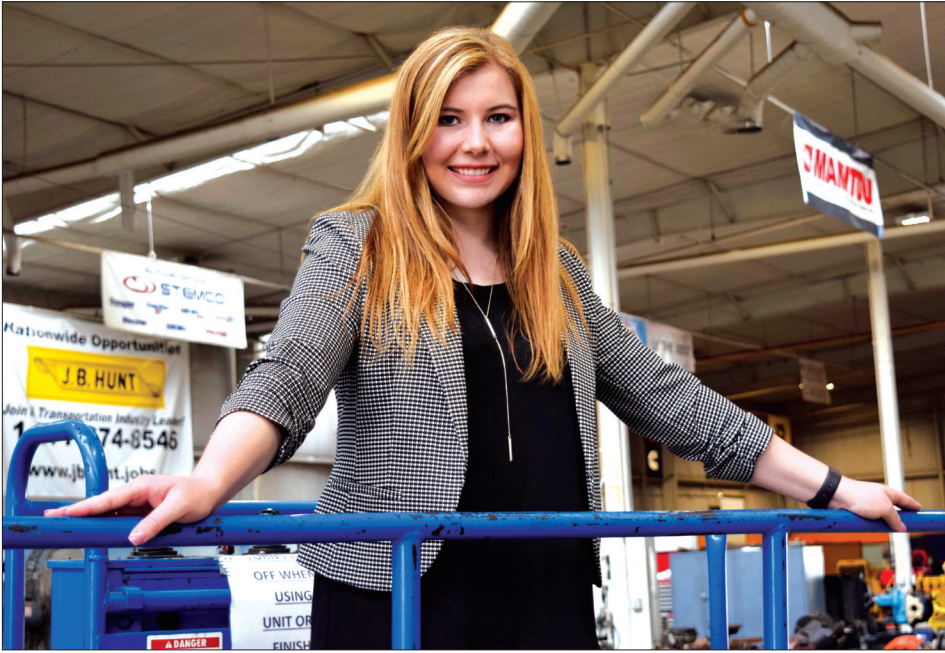


Photo courtesy of Sommer Stanley

**PREPPING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS** The Woodlands senior Sommer Stanley is on a cherry picker while taking in the views at the Waco Diesel Equipment Technology Building.

internship helps me have hands-on experience in the real world and I know the class helped me perfect some writing samples PR jobs require.”

Boulder, Colo., senior Stacy Burger said that she is nervous yet excited to begin the class this semester.

“As an incoming student, I feel as though I know only the general gist right now. PR is very broad and there are a lot of elements and routes to learn from and to take within PR—it’ll take a good chunk of time to learn what each path could be,” Burger said.

Burleson offers the advice and feedback of previous

classmates from semesters prior to incoming students. She believes this will provide not only confidence for students to succeed in the class, but confidence in the their own skill set as well.

“I want students to get a job that inspires them before they walk the stage at graduation. I want them to make enough money to pay back student loans and enjoy a decent standard of living,” Burleson said. “In this class, students have one foot in the classroom and one in the workplace.”

Burleson ends the class with a panel of five PR practitioners who lend last critiques to the student’s collective work

throughout the semester.

“Employers aren’t just critiquing— they’re coming to hire,” Burleson said.

Burger hopes that the class will leave her well-prepared for a future career in PR.

“I hope to have a better understanding of what direction I want to take with PR,” Burger said. “There are a lot of jobs out there that revolve around PR but grasping a better understanding of what it is that PR jobs entail will help me narrow down future job opportunities I may want to pursue.”



Nathan De La Cerdá | Multimedia Journalist

**GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS** Business students can study and finish up assignments in the atrium of the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation late into the night.

# Student job spotlight—working at Baylor business school

MICHAEL KNIGHT  
Staff Writer

With Baylor classes back in full swing, many students will be starting or returning to on-campus jobs. Baylor’s Hankamer School of Business, in particular, has a variety of student jobs that can be seen throughout the building.

One of these positions exists on the fourth floor of the Foster Campus for Business and Innovation as an office assistant in the graduate school. This position has a number of responsibilities that offer experience in several different areas.

Spring senior Brett Randall and Rockwall senior Kacy Holloway, who both work as office assistants in the graduate school, shared about what their job requires of them on a day-to-day basis. While some of their roles aren’t completely clear with the school year just beginning, both Randall and Holloway have been with the job for multiple semesters.

“I formerly used to convert prospects into accounts,” Randall said. “Basically, when someone applies to the graduate school, I helped make sure they get into an account and consolidate the information from two different systems.”

A huge part of the job for these office assistants is ensuring that people who apply for graduate school get their application to the proper place so that the admission process can begin smoothly.

“I run queries to convert [online] MBA applications,” Holloway said. “I restock the graduate lounge with snacks and drinks as well.”

Spreading awareness about the Business School’s various graduate programs, including the MBA, is also a very important part of their job. Randall said that office assistants have other duties within the Business School as well.

“We also make sure that the graduate programs have an up-to-date inventory,” Randall said. “We send out promotions so that people know about the MBA and other graduate programs.”

The various roles involved with the job give the student employees experience in various areas of work. Requiring everything from stocking snacks to giving potential MBA students their accounts, the job of an office assistant in the graduate office is one that differs by the day.

For more information about on-campus jobs, visit Baylor’s student employment website.

## BAYLOR DAILY CRIME LOG Aug.29-Sep.2

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.

Offense: <b>Criminal Mischief</b> Date: 09/2/19 Location: Penland Hall Disposition: Active	Offenses: <b>CSA- Stalking</b> Date: 08/29/19 Location: Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation Disposition: Referred to Title IX (Active)
Offense: <b>Alcohol: Minor Consuming Alcohol</b> Date: 09/1/19 Location: Brooks Flats Disposition: Cleared by arrest	Offenses: <b>Accident- Failure to Stop and Identify</b> Date: 8/29/2019 Location: Speight Parking Facility Disposition: Closed
Offense: <b>Criminal Trespass of Property</b> Date: 08/31/19 Location: Umphrey Law Center Disposition: Cleared by arrest	Offenses: <b>CSA- Stalking (Reported to Title IX Office)</b> Date: 8/29/2019 Location: 900 block of Baylor Ave Disposition: Being Handled by Waco Police Department
Offense: <b>Alcohol: Public Intoxication</b> Date: 08/31/2019 Location: McLane Stadium Disposition: Cleared by Arrest	Offenses: <b>EPRA- Burglary of Motor Vehicle</b> Date: 8/29/2019 Location: 1700 block of S 5th St. Disposition: Being handled by Waco Police
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Offenses: <b>CSA- Stalking (Reported to Title IX Office)</b> Date: 08/29/19 Location: North Russell Residence Hall Disposition: Handled by Waco Police Department	Offenses: <b>Alcohol: Driving while Intoxicated</b> Date: 08/29/19 Location: University Parks Apartments Disposition: Cleared by Arrest
Offenses: <b>EPRA- Theft</b> Date: 8/29/2019 Location: 1900 block of S 7th Disposition: Handled by Waco Police Department	

## ARREST LOG Aug.29-Sep.2

Provided by the Baylor Police Department

### Alcohol: Public Intoxication

Arrest Date: 08/31/2019  
Disposition: Released to Jail  
Stat Code: Booked  
Name: Hector, Austin David

### Criminal Trespass of Property

Arrest Date: 08/31/2019  
Disposition: Released to Jail  
Stat Code: Booked  
Name: Asquith, James William

Arrest Date: 08/29/2019  
Disposition: Released to Jail  
Stat Code: Booked  
Name: Monk, Lynse Ann

### Theft of Property

Arrest Date: 08/29/2019  
Disposition: Released to Jail  
Stat Code: Booked  
Name: Simpson, Alan Cory

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220,” according to the Career Center website. Shelby Cefaratti, the marketing communications coordinator for the Baylor University Career Center, said these new changes within the Career Center will help students to better navigate the job search process and be more prepared for their future careers.

“We want to make sure every single student knows that they have help,” Cefaratti said. “We want to talk to students and let them know we’re here and what the new changes are. We really want to be as much of a part of the university and a part of the culture of Baylor as we can.”

The Career Center has labeled this month “Success September” as it is filled with events and resources to help students prepare themselves for their future careers.

Cefaratti said Handshake is the best place for students to find and register for these events, and to also search for prospective jobs and internships.

“Handshake is the number one resource for students to use,” Cefaratti said. “It’s like LinkedIn, where companies can search for

you, but here they’re only looking for Baylor students and certain majors. They will start coming to you the more active you are [on Handshake]. It’s really a cool platform. We also have events [on Handshake] and list the different companies coming to campus—you can register through Handshake and know that you are guaranteed a space.”

One event happening this month is BU Suit Up on Sunday at J.C. Penney in the Richland Mall. This event gives students an opportunity to learn how to dress for jobs, interviews and internships, and students can get a discount on the clothes they purchase.

“We’ve had this event just about every semester for the past couple years,” Cefaratti said. “It’s right before the big events this month so you can get professional dress for them. Our staff and career coaches will be there—it’s especially nice when you have no idea how to dress professionally. J.C. Penney closes for everyone except Baylor students and you can get up to 60% off clothing.”

On Sept. 11 in Moody Library, Café Resume will take place. Students will be able to meet

with a Career Coach to review their resume and improve it. In addition, students in attendance get a coffee gift certificate from the Career Center.

The Career Center’s biggest event this month is the Career Fair, which will occur from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 18. The event will be located in three different buildings: the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation, the Cashion Academic Center and the Barfield Drawing Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

“We’ve never done a Career Day like this before—we have over 165 employers attending,” Cefaratti said. “What is cool about this day is that students can go to different locations—for instance, if you’re really interested in nonprofits, you’re probably interested in humanities too. So you can go to different locations and meet tons of employers who are all looking to hire Baylor students.”

There will be multiple companies holding information sessions and interviews on campus throughout the month as well. Students can apply for an interview by submitting their resume through Handshake.

Austin junior Jordan Shackelford plans on

attending both the Career Fair and information sessions throughout the month of September.

“I definitely will attend the Career Fair. Being a student-athlete, we don’t have much free time to go out and actively pursue internships and attend interviews and off-campus events, so the Career Fair gives us a great opportunity to connect with recruiters and businesses while being close to home,” Shackelford said. “It’s great that Baylor provides one place where we can explore our options for the future.”

Cefaratti said she hopes these changes will allow students to feel more confident going into the workforce.

“We just want to make the process as interactive and easy as possible. Looking for a job is scary,” Cefaratti said. “When looking for a job, there’s skills you need to learn. It’s not about just putting together a resume and sending it out. There are things you can do that will get you ahead, and we’re here to show you what those skills are. Success starts now. It’s never too late and it’s never too early.”

## CHAPEL

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for who I was going to meet,” McKeehan said.

In 2000, McKeehan married her husband Clint in Miller Chapel.

“One of the things I remember about when we got married here—it was finals week for students,” McKeehan said. “We were seeing students going in and out of classes while we were getting ready for our wedding.”

For McKeehan, Miller Chapel is not a space that can be replaced.

“It’s heartbreaking. I know there’s other chapels on campus and that’s what they say, but for 50 years it has been a chapel where people got married and it’s very special,” McKeehan said. “When we first started dating and I wanted to show him Baylor, I brought him back and this is one of the first places we came.”

## DORIAN

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Associated Press

**DEVASTATED** Relief officials reported scenes of ruin in parts of the Bahamas and rushed to deal with the humanitarian crisis

to still possibly hit their area.

“My older sister lives in St. Augustine, Florida, which is in the red zone for the hurricane, so they are in the evacuation zone,” Hornung said. “Her boyfriend and three kids are also going to the other coast of the state but near the panhandle. I do know that her area has been extremely low if not out of bottled water.”

Hornung said towns around affected areas often assist those without resources or shelter during times of need.

“I’m born and raised in Florida, so I’ve experienced a ton of hurricanes and honestly, the whole state always comes together when a bad one hits,” Hornung said. “Churches, schools and so many other organizations across the state will help collect donations after or before hurricanes.”

Hurricane Dorian comes a year after Hurricane Michael, a Category Five storm that ranked as the third strongest hurricane in Florida’s history.

## STAY

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back...Austin is definitely a destination,” Ducre said.

For students who stayed on campus, Baylor’s Kick-off Weekend was offered as a way to enjoy the football game along with other events over several days.

Similar experiences coming up include Family Weekend on Sept. 13 and 14 and Homecoming on Oct. 10-12.

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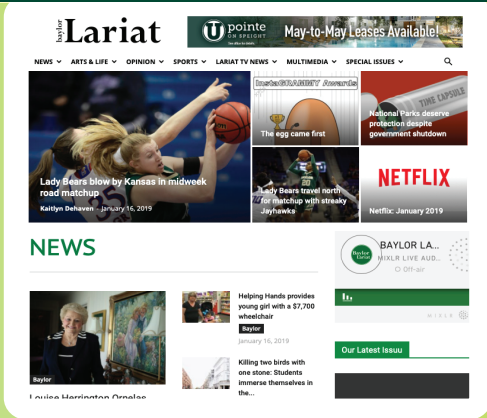
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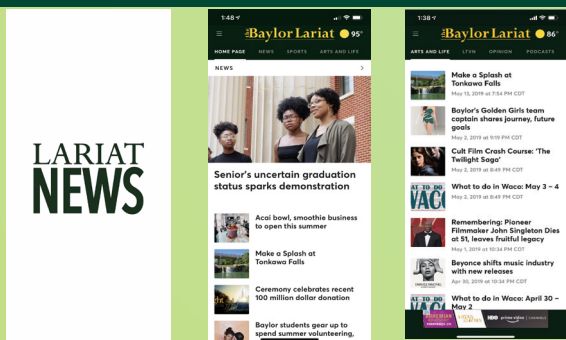


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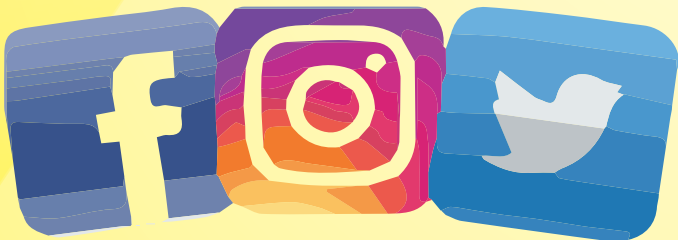


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Up For Review

In case you missed these Netflix Originals

Keanu Reeves: That’s the title

**ARMSTRONG SIMMS**  
Contributor

“The man who embraces his mediocre nothingness shines greater than any,” says Keanu Reeves in the new Netflix comedy “Always Be My Maybe.”

This is one of the great lines from Reeves’s showstopping, hilarious performance. Keanu Reeves plays none other than... himself. As if any other role would be worthy of his skill. Thankfully this movie isn’t mediocre nothingness. It’s actually quite good (for the most part).

“Always Be My Maybe” follows best friends Sasha (Ali Wong) and Marcus (Randall Park) through their young days, growing up together and becoming best friends. Now, after an awkward parting in high school, they haven’t seen or spoken to each other in 15 years.

We are then introduced to Marcus’s mom, a great cook and loving mother who also happens to be played by an atrocious actor. My gosh, she’s bad. It sucks you right out of the film. Spoiler alert: She dies like three minutes into the film. That plot point probably saved the movie, but the problem is they don’t give you any time to get to know or love the mother, so you don’t feel anything when she dies.

The characters are emotional; everybody’s sad. I felt nothing. That’s another problem I had with the beginning of the movie—the emotions jump around too much. I’m supposed to be emotional and nostalgic, but somebody cracks a joke.

Five seconds later: “Your mom died.” What am I supposed to be feeling right now?

The comedy is there for the most part, but it’s a very specific type of comedy. Some jokes missed the mark for me, but I know other people who would’ve found them hilarious. It

just depends on what you find funny.

Marcus and Sasha’s relationship is flat. Another spoiler alert: They break up too many times to count. Let’s get together and now break up because you disagreed with something I said. Let’s get back together again, but now you’re being a jerk to me for the first time in your life so let’s break up, but I love you. So are they together, or aren’t they? Am I supposed to feel something when they break up for the third time? The relationship is not nearly developed enough for me to actually care when the breakup happens.

You want to learn how to develop a relationship, then tear it all down? Watch “La La Land.” When the relationship falls off the wheels in “La La Land,” you feel it. You feel it deep down in your core, and it makes you want to rip out your hair.

I didn’t feel much of anything in this film.

Good stories rock you. Good stories allow you to live. Good stories remind you of what it is to be human. Don’t watch this movie if you’re looking for a good story. I can recommend plenty of movies for the viewer who is wanting to experience life and love through story. This is not one of them. This is a super predictable film that you watch with your friends on a weekend when you have nothing else to do. You should watch this if you want to laugh, but don’t want to get too invested. This is a time-killer film.

The strong points of the film are exactly what drew me to it in the first place: it’s funny and has Keanu Reeves. I laughed out loud many times, and if you’re looking for a quality comedy film to pass the time, “Always Be My Maybe” is your ticket.

**My rating: 7/10**

Another Adam Sandler film



Photo courtesy of IMDb

**ANOTHA ONE** Adam Sandler and Jennifer Aniston star as husband and wife who go on a honeymoon to Europe after 15 years of marriage. While on the way there, Aniston meets a charming British guy who invites them to a party on a yacht (plot twist: someone dies).

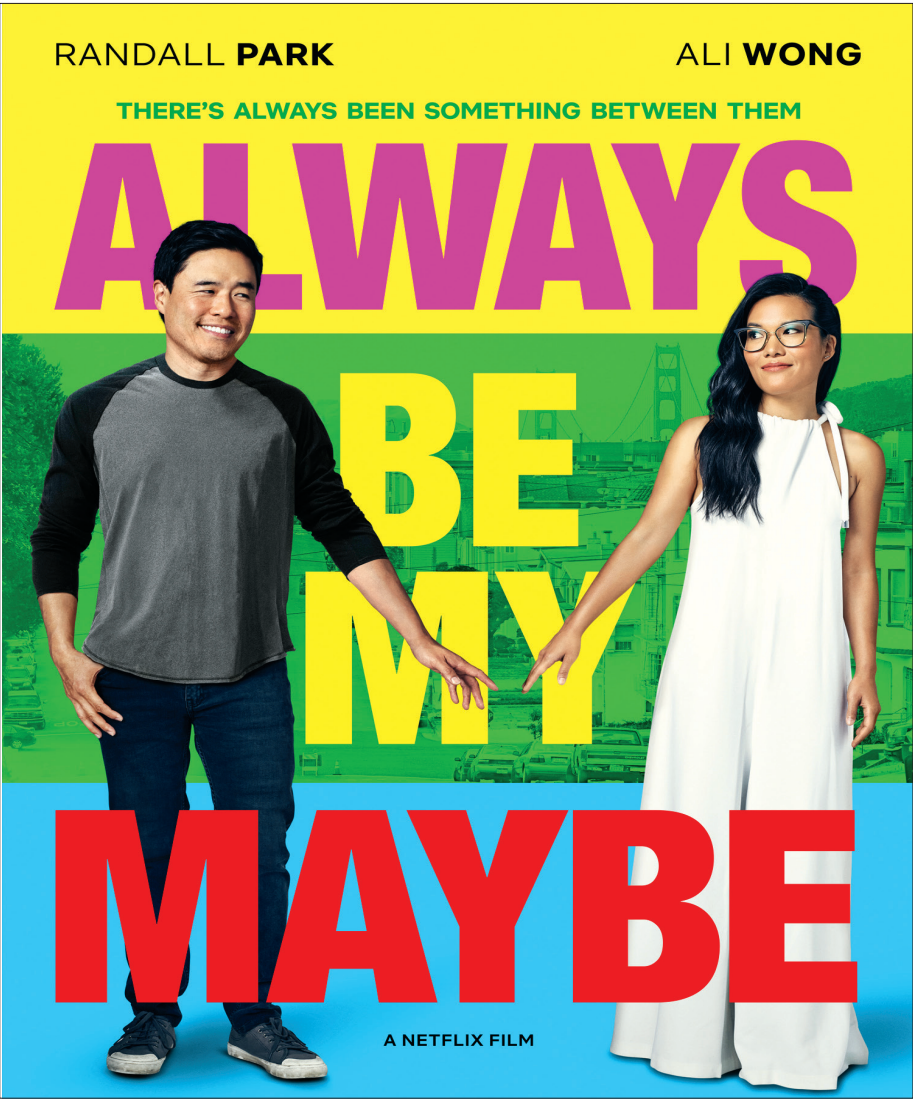


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**KEANU REEVES PLAYS KEANU REEVES** In this Netflix Original, childhood sweethearts reunite after not speaking for 15 years.

**ARMSTRONG SIMMS**  
Contributor

Here it is, ladies and gentlemen, another Netflix Original film. From the people who brought a few good things and a whole bunch of stuff that you scroll past 20 times—a film actually worth watching.

In “Murder Mystery,” Adam Sandler and Jennifer Aniston star as husband and wife who decide, after 15 years of marriage, to finally go on their long overdue honeymoon to Europe. While on the plane, Aniston meets a charming rich British guy who invites Sandler and Aniston to a party on a yacht.

They accept, which would normally be completely unbelievable, but nothing is believable in this film. It’s a comedy! Anybody who expects continuity of plot or believability in a comedy has never seen a good comedy before.

The film got off to a slow start. The main plot doesn’t really start until about 25 minutes into the movie, which, for a one-and-a-half-hour movie, is a long time. It’s funny, but forgettable. It grabs you, but it’s not important.

This movie is exactly what you would want from an Adam Sandler movie. It’s funny and interesting. A plot that you are (somewhat) invested in, blanketed with jokes. There were awkward times when I wasn’t exactly sure whether I was supposed to laugh or feel emotional.

But here’s one thing that sets it apart from most Netflix Originals: it keeps you watching. The vast majority of Netflix films are an absolute pile of nothing that you exit to find something else after 10 minutes.

I just recently watched the Netflix Original “Secret Obsession” with the intention of writing a review on it, but after two hours of

watching it, I realized that I had just completely wasted my time. If I don’t like a film, I usually write a negative review. “Secret Obsession” was so absolutely void of anything at all that I had nothing to write about.

“Murder Mystery” had me locked in. I was interested. It was funny. I enjoyed the characters. It moved me. It never got stale.

So here’s the big question: Should you

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This movie is exactly what you would want from an Adam Sandler movie.

**ARMSTRONG SIMMS | CONTRIBUTOR**

watch this movie? Well, if you’re a fan of dumb comedies, you’ll like this. The banter between Aniston and Sandler is worth it. I can even see it appealing to people who like murder mysteries, although it’s in a completely different style.

The film looks good and feels good. It’s not going to make my re-watch list, but it wasn’t absolute garbage like the critics said it was. Critics have no idea what they’re talking about, though.

**My rating: 6/10**

Fun Fashion Fact:

Why can’t you wear white after Labor Day?

Theory No. 1: Practicality

- For centuries wearing white in the summer was simply a way to stay cool.

Theory No. 2: Symbolic

- Labor Day is deemed the (un) official end to summer.

Theory No. 3: Cleanliness

- White is harder to keep clean in the fall and winter months.

# Slasher series “American Horror Story” returns

MADALYN WATSON  
Print Managing Editor

Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk’s chilling love child, “American Horror Story,” is well known for its mysterious teasers and trailers that build anticipation for each upcoming season.

“American Horror Story: 1984,” the ninth season inspired by slasher horror films from the 80s, returns to FX in the U.S. at 10 p.m. Sept. 18. As fans await the anthology series’ return, they predict that the season will draw insight from films like “Friday the 13th” and “Nightmare on Elm Street” as well as the dystopian novel with the same name by George Orwell.

Between April 10 and Aug. 27, FX Networks released several different teasers for season nine, including ones focusing on each of the characters as well as paying homage to several of the films that audiences expected the anthology series to reference. Teasers, such as ones dubbed “Camp Redwood,” “Top Bunk” and “Campfire” set up the atmosphere and paint a scene for its audience: a group of teenagers at a summer camp terrorized by a terrifying, axe-wielding murderer.

The season nine official trailer—and the string connecting all its preceding teasers together into a somewhat cohesive look into American Horror Story: 1984—was finally released Aug. 26.

Here is a scene by scene breakdown of dissecting the official trailer and what certain aspects of it could mean for the return of American Horror Story in September.

### “Friday the 13th” but Not?

The beginning of the trailer sets the scene for the series at Camp Redwood, which was teased before, as two young women embrace each other in a single bunk before a menacing figure with jingling keys hanging from its belt interrupts. A loud girlish scream, a close-up on Leslie Grossman’s character in bed and violent images ensue, suggesting a violent massacre before the trailer cuts to the title.

We later learn in the trailer that this figure is possibly Mr. Jingles, a potential antagonist and monster that hunts the other characters in the series. The keys that are focused on in this scene could make Mr. Jingles a janitor type character, but it also could show that there is nowhere for his victims to hide because he has keys to all the different properties on the campgrounds.

The grainy footage, like several other clips and scenes featured later in the trailer, suggests that it is from a flashback of an original massacre that occurs at the campgrounds. At this point in



Photo courtesy of Wikipedia

**PERFECT FOR SLASHER FANATICS** Season 9 of “American Horror Story” has been teased extensively over the summer and returns to FX on Sept. 18. The season is expected to draw inspiration from popular slasher films form the ‘80s.

the trailer, slasher fans already start to notice the series’ similarities to “Friday the 13th.” The remnants of the massacre are revealed as a bloody pile of slain bodies, with possibly no survivors, before the trailer completely switches tones and timelines.

### ‘80s, ‘80s, ‘80s!

Some amount of time after the massacre, several young adults and teens, including some of the main characters, participate in aerobics dressed in brightly colored spandex.

Cody Fern’s character tells the rest of the gang about a gig he has at a summer camp close to the aerobics studio. His group of friends, made up of series AHS alumni Billie Lourd and Emma Roberts as well as newcomers Gus Kenworthy and DeRon Horton (“Dear White

People”), apparently agree to join him because one of the next scenes show them packed in a green van on the way to the camp.

The scene also flashes back to an attack on Emma Roberts’ character, Brooke, by a violent assailant with a curved knife while she was in her bed. Although the experience appears to make her cautious about leaving for the camp, it also could be haunting her character throughout the season, or however long she survives.

### Slasher Film’s Galore

We see an aerial shot of the green van whose color could be a reference to the green van in “Texas Chainsaw Massacre,” before closing in on the teens gossiping about an escaped murderer from a psychiatric facility.

The van hits a person during their roadtrip

that they take to the camp nurse played by Angelica Ross (“Pose”), but they withhold the truth and tell her that they just found him on the road. The crash, as well as the poorly crafted lie, closely resemble the inciting action in another popular slasher film, “I Know What You Did Last Summer.”

After being led away from the nurse and the injured man by none other than Leslie Grossman’s character, who survived the original massacre and is now a camp counselor, she introduces them to the suspicious Chef Bertie, a veteran of Camp Redwood, who said, “Nothing but good memories about this place,” before a brief flashback to the grainy footage of the massacre.

The following scene also remains closely tied to slasher film tropes as many patients are seen milling about in the pouring rain, having escaped from a psychiatric hospital like “Halloween.” In the middle of the storm Mitch Pileggi’s (“The X-Files”) character tells a woman that one of the patients has escaped and his name is Mr. Jingles.

Mr. Jingles, played by AHS veteran John Carroll Lynch, could now be a Michael Myers-type killer based on this scene as a possible origin story. Lynch is no stranger to playing the monster, having played Twisty the Clown in “AHS: Freakshow” and Cult in addition to John Wayne Gacy in “AHS: Hotel.”

### Scary Scenes by the Campfire

Cut to the rest of the cast circling a campfire. Brooke asks, “Who is Mr. Jingles?” The nurse tells the teenage counselors that the campground is the site of the worst massacre in history, but she is interrupted. The teens reference Brooke’s past with killers and tell her they’re not in the mood for some silly ghost story.

After the campfire scene, viewers are bombarded with several shots of traditional slasher jump scares and violence. Some featuring fire, characters crawling on the ground away from something as well as a killer with the same curved blade that was used on Brooke in the earlier flashback. If you look closely, these scenes also reveal another character played by recognizable actor, Matthew Morrison (“Glee”).

The final scene in the trailer is another homage to an ‘80s slasher flick, “Friday the 13th,” where the teens are getting gas at a gas station and an old man tells them they are all going to die.

A fitting trailer ending for a series known for killing off almost all of their cast members only to revive them as different characters in a later season.

**PREMIER CROSSWORD/** By Frank A. Longo

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## Sherman’s Lagoon

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COOL! HE'S HANG GLIDING IN HERE... WHILE JUGGLING!

SUPPORT WANING.

HELLO THERE. YOU MUST BE CLAYTON!

DAD?

I'M BIFF HARDSHELL. SO... YOU'RE MY SON.

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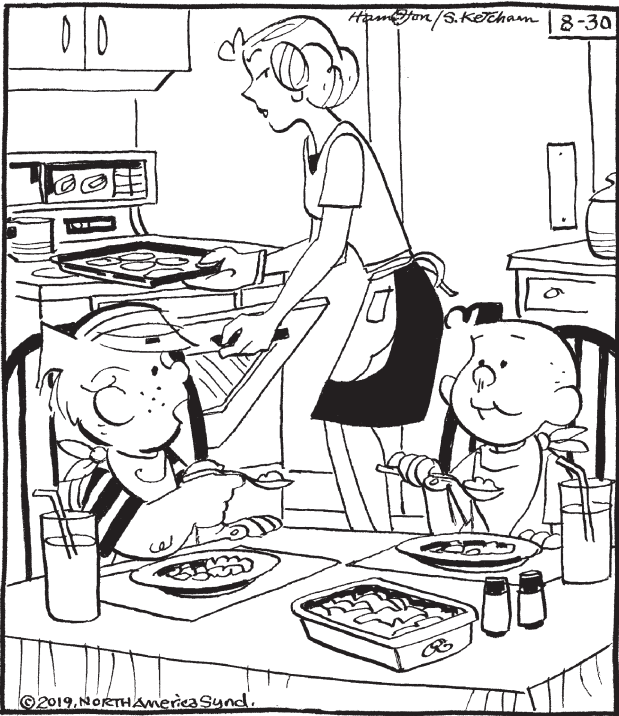
WE'VE GOT A LOT OF CATCHING UP TO DO. COOL IF I TAKE HIM FOR THE DAY?

OF COURSE.

ARE YOU OKAY WITH US TAKING JETPACKS?

I'M SUNK.

ARE YOU KIDDING?



“MY MOM IS USUALLY A GREAT COOK... BUT BY THE END OF THE WEEK, WE NEVER KNOW WHAT WE’LL GET.”

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# Redshirt and grow



Kristen DeHaven | Multimedia Journalist

**SEAL THE DEAL** Sophomore running back Abram Smith scores the final touchdown against Stephen F. Austin Saturday night, dragging a defender down with him into the end zone. Smith redshirted his freshman year due to injury.

## Players take the opportunity to develop before going all in

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Sports Writer

Redshirting gives student athletes an extra year to develop themselves as players, in size or to generally improve their skill sets. The year of growth not only works physically but mentally, as six of the nine single-digit honorees have redshirted at some point in their career.

Under third-year head coach Matt Rhule, over 79 true freshmen and redshirts have played a game on Baylor's team. In Saturday's matchup, sophomore wide receiver R.J. Sneed earned his first two career touchdowns along with 57 total yards. Looking back at his 2018 season and taking a year to redshirt, Sneed described his year off as "one of the best things that's ever happened" to him.

"It made my body get mature. It made me learn the offense even better than I did before," Sneed said. "Redshirting isn't always a bad thing. For me I think it's the greatest thing that ever happened. [...] All my life I never had to sit out from football so at first I was kind of disappointed, but as the year went on I realized it was a good thing for me."

Seeing the success of Sneed in his comeback year and of other

players such as Grayland Arnold, running back JaMykal Hasty and defensive end James Lockhart, who all have emerged as veteran leaders on the team, the idea of redshirting has become more enticing.

Rhule noted that he would never redshirt a starter and that the decision is up to each individual player.

"All these are their choices. These are never my choices. I don't say, 'Hey, you are redshirting.' That's not my style, not my way," Rhule said. "What I say is, 'This is something you want to do, they say, 'This is something, coach, I want to look into' and we take it week by week. There might be other guys who do it after we go through a few weeks and we have no idea what the future will bring. You get through the game and all of a sudden, a few guys go down and you are a starter. Their job each week is to prepare as they are the starter at all positions, every guy on the team and we see what happens."

After week one, sophomore offensive linemen Xavier Newman and Johncarlo Valentin's names came up for the potential to redshirt their 2019 seasons.

Newman comes into his third year at Baylor, and even with 11 starts in his first two seasons, both years were cut short due to injury, making him the perfect candidate to take a year off to develop strength, size and potential, Rhule said.

"He got hurt last year and if I could go back, I would not have played him at the end," Rhule said. "There is just not a better kid on the team than [Xavier] and I think they all realize the power of redshirting after two years. They saw Jalen Hurd and Lockhart do it. You have a chance to play and then kind of catch your breath and take a year to develop their body."

Likewise with Valentin, the senior guard started nine of 11 games after transferring to Baylor from ASA College in New York his junior year. This is something that Rhule said he regretted and he hopes that he can hold both men to four games this season.

"He came in last year and really should have redshirted after his junior college career and we did not have that luxury, so he played the best he could for us and got better as the year went on," Rhule said. "If he is able to redshirt this year, he could have a monster year next year, so we will continue to try to do that and we never want to sacrifice this season, but we are going to build for the future as well."

As the season continues to unravel, the idea of redshirting and allowing each football player a year to take themselves to the next level becomes more interesting. With the question arising with Newman and Valentin, the biggest thing Rhule has emphasized is going on a week-to-week basis as the Bears prepare to host UTSA at 4 p.m. this Saturday.

## Volleyball facing two ranked rivals hungry for rematches on the road

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Contributor

After sweeping both UCLA and Creighton last weekend in Lincoln, Baylor volleyball is in position for a strong season. The road only gets tougher from here though, as the Bears travel to Madison, Wis., on Thursday for matchups against Syracuse and No. 4 Wisconsin.

Baylor makes it out of August undefeated after dominant displays against UCLA and No. 20 Creighton. Both matches finished with 3-0 splits, and junior outside hitter Yossiana Pressley finished with 19 kills in each match, more than the top two Bruins combined and the top three Bluejays as well.

This past weekend provided good experience for new players like freshman Kara McGhee.

"It was a lot of fun," McGhee said during media availability. "Getting used to college volleyball still, but it was good. The pace is faster which was fun."

The Bears will keep moving forward to one of their toughest tests of the season this Friday against Wisconsin, but first, Baylor gets a fresh Orange squad. Syracuse finished their Saturday in a 4-1 scrimmage against Cornell, and they have yet to play a regular season opponent thus far.

Thursday afternoon, the Bears draw Syracuse in the HotelRED Invitational. The Orange

represent an opponent on par with Baylor's previous two matchups, so this shouldn't be looked over in favor of preparation for the Badgers. If the team starts peeking ahead, they could lose focus against the overly prepared Orange and stumble before even reaching their more anticipated opponent.

Friday night's showdown brings in an also undefeated Wisconsin on their home court. Last season, Wisconsin played their way into the Elite Eight in the NCAA tournament, but they still fell to Baylor early in the season here in Waco.

That gives them all the more reason to come out looking for revenge, though. Junior and two-time first-team All-American Dana Rettke leads a loaded squad for the Badgers, returning all six of their starters, including three other players who received All-American honors last season. Wisconsin was 11-3 at home last season, with an average attendance of over 7,000 fans. Now compare that to Baylor's maximum capacity of 6,000 fans.

Head coach Ryan McGuyre was quick to point out that this weekend would be a good challenge for his squad.

"Wisconsin and Marquette ... they're gonna want revenge. You've got three opponents that are strong, two opponents that are ranked ahead of us. I'm just excited with the opportunities there for us."



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**READY FOR THE KILL** Head coach Ryan McGuyre evaluates his players in practice Tuesday morning as they prepare to face Syracuse, No. 4 Wisconsin and No. 11 Marquette this week.

The Bears take on No. 11 Marquette Sunday in Milwaukee, Wis. This is another rematch from last season, as the Bears defeated the Golden Eagles 3-1 at home last August.

McGhee and the Bears are excited to play hungry teams this week.

"We're excited," McGhee said. "We're ready for the challenge. We're going to succeed and

glorify the Lord in everything that we do."

Baylor takes on Syracuse to open the HotelRED Invitational at 4 p.m. on Thursday and then goes on to face No. 4 Wisconsin at 8 p.m. on Friday before heading down the road to finish off their trip against No. 11 Marquette at 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

SPORTS TAKE



**RUN SOONER RUN** Oklahoma freshman wide receiver Jadon Haselwood looks to outrun Houston junior linebacker Jordan Carmouche during Oklahoma's 49-31 win.



**OUTBREAK** Oregon senior QB Justin Herbert was 28-37 with 242 passing yards in the Ducks' loss to No. 10 Auburn.



**CHASING VICTORY AGAIN** Tigers sophomore QB Trevor Lawrance passes the ball off to sophomore running back Lyn-J Dixon during Clemson's win over Georgia Tech Thursday.

# Three storylines to follow after kickoff

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The Powers That Be

The perennial powerhouses of college football took care of business this past weekend. Clemson defeated conference foe Georgia Tech 52-14 on Thursday night, Alabama manhandled Duke 42-3 Saturday and Oklahoma played a close one against Houston (49-31) Sunday evening.

In a sport that preaches parity, there doesn't seem to be any coming anytime soon. Those three teams have made up 60% of college football playoff spots over the past five years, including five straight appearances by Alabama. It also doesn't help the rest of the country that those contenders all bring elite quarterbacks to the field each week.

Some thought that maybe Oklahoma could take a step back after its second Heisman-trophy-winning quarterback was drafted first overall again, but it does not seem like that's the case. They added Heisman candidate Jalen Hurts to their potent offensive scheme, and Lincoln Riley yet again has an electric team capable of taking home a trophy at the end of the season.

Alabama, meanwhile, has simply brought back its most prolific offense, now with a year more of experience. Tua Tagovailoa will be the No. 1 pick next April. Jerry Jeudy, Jaylen Waddle and Henry Ruggs III are all on the preseason Biletnikoff Award watchlist for the best wide receiver in college football. And of course, Nick Saban is still coaching and raking in top-level recruits at record rates, so the Crimson Tide is bountiful in talent all over the field.

And then there's Mr. Perfect: Trevor Lawrence. The long-haired, strong-jawlined quarterback heads up the defending champion Clemson Tigers. After only a year in college, Lawrence is being touted as a generational talent, with NFL talking heads

already proposing teams tank next season for a shot at him. He alone would be enough to lift a mediocre team to a high level, but his supporting cast shouldn't be looked over, either.

The Tigers return many integral pieces from their championship team a year ago, including Doak Walker Award (best running back) watchlist Travis Etienne. They have the first test of these three contenders, as Texas A&M travels to South Carolina next Saturday for a matchup of top-12 AP ranked squads.

**Drawing Up the Chalk**

After a week of college football, only one ranked team (Oregon) has a "one" in their loss column, and the Ducks faced another ranked team. Therefore, as many ranked squads won as possible, with the most wins by ranked teams in a single week in the history of the AP rankings.

I'm not entirely sure if that's more reflective of the skill of the teams that are ranked, or the more likely option that nobody faced anyone good in week one. Only seven of the 25 ranked squads faced Power-5 conference opponents, and as stated earlier, there was only one ranked-versus-ranked matchup all weekend.

And while that doesn't make for many talking points for us that enjoy the sport, it at least sets up some great contrasts with next week's mouth-watering games.

First, Clemson faces A&M in Clemson, S.C. in a rematch of last year's wire-to-wire surprise game, the only time I can remember a team losing and still moving up in the national rankings (A&M received more votes after losing to Clemson 28-26 than the previous week after a win).

That game is followed by a Sabine River Showdown, as No. 9 Texas hosts No. 6 LSU. Both teams finished last year strong with resounding bowl wins against Georgia and UCF respectively, and are each coming off wins against cupcakes this past weekend. Texas has its prodigious hometown quarterback Sam Ehlinger

ready to take on the always feisty and well-prepared Tiger defense. This year's LSU squad is different from past disappointments, though, as Joe Burrow leads a high-octane offense unfamiliar with the norm for the Bayou Bengals. Those games should both be very fun.

**Oregon vs Auburn**

This was the only matchup of ranked squads week one, and it was treated as such. The neutral-site season opener was covered by ESPN's College Gameday and given the primetime experience. After a sluggish first half by Auburn true freshman quarterback Bo Nix, the Ducks led the Tigers 21-6 late in the third quarter, but coach Gus Malzahn wasn't going to take that kind of beating in Fort Worth Saturday night. Auburn fought back to a one-point deficit late in the fourth and forced a punt on Oregon's final drive, giving the Tigers great field position at their 40-yard line. Finally, Nix put his team into gear, manufacturing a 2:05 touchdown, game-winning drive, capped off with a beautiful 26-yard pass with only nine seconds remaining.

The consequences of that throw have major ramifications across the country. For the second year in a row, Auburn has knocked off the highest ranked PAC-12 team in the opening week of the season. This will predictably send the westernmost conference into a tailspin, and with USC quarterback JT Daniels tearing his ACL Saturday, the conference seems even weaker. Meanwhile, Auburn gets the first quality win of the season, a major blow compared to some of their SEC opponents' weak non-conference schedules. This year, the Tigers started ranked behind five SEC squads, and they play all five of those teams at some point over the year. If they can manage to only lose one of those games — and it would be more helpful to them if that game came against an SEC East opponent such as Georgia or Florida — they could well be in the Playoff discussion by the end of November.



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