**Burning Passion**

Four torchbearers, one from each class, will begin the burning of the bonfire, which will light the eternal flame. The bonfire was started Thursday night, as freshman walked from freshman Mass Meeting, and constructed the heap of wooden pallets for the festivities.

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HOMECOMING PREVIEW

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Friday Night Flashback to highlight Baylor’s history

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**UNBEARABLE HEAT**

The bonfire on Friday night will burn from 8:30 to 10 p.m. with the forecast expected to be late at 11.

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**TYPHIE MUIR**

Staff Writer

The annual homecoming bonfire will be lit at 8:30 p.m. tonight on Fountain Mall as just one of the many homecoming activities taking place this weekend.

It has been a part of Baylor’s homecoming celebration since it began in 1949, encompassing the tradition of homecoming, the eternal flame, and honoring the story of the Immortal Ten since 1947.

The bonfire experience began Thursday night during Mass Meeting, where the freshman class was told the story of the Immortal Ten, honoring the 16 members of the men’s basketball team who were killed while traveling in an away game in 1947. At the end of Mass Meeting, the eternal flame, a representation of the Immortal Ten, was passed down to the freshman class to guard.

The freshmen then walked together from the Ferrell Center to Fountain Mall, where they built and prepared the bonfire, guided by the Baylor Chamber of Commerce.

Tonight, the bonfire will be lit by four torchbearers, representing the four classes on Fountain Mall.

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** Tradition ignites Baylor’s spirit**

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**MATTHEW MUIR**

Staff Writer

The Baylor community will have the chance to relive history and learn about traditions at tonight’s Friday Night Flashback event.

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**Meredith Howard**

Staff Writer

Baylor is known to have hosted one of the nation’s first homecoming celebrations, and is also considered to have the largest college homecoming parade in the nation.

Baylor’s homecoming spans three days (as well as Monday’s Chapal Service) and will offer a variety of events for the Baylor community to attend earlier in the week.

Students are invited to Family Dinner with the Livingstone Tuesday, where they receive a free meal from food trucks parked on the lawn outside Allbritton House.

This was followed by Queen & Hot Court, where Kaylin Blane, nominated by Student Foundation, was crowned the 2019 homecoming queen and the homecoming court was presented.

Then came Pigskin Revue, the student band that has been a part of Baylor’s homecoming for over 50 years.

Next was Mass Meeting, the favorite tradition of Southlake senior C.J. Frost, this year’s homecoming chair. The first Mass Meeting was held in 1928, making it one of the oldest traditions on campus.

That’s the crescendo of the Mass Meeting. After the revue, freshmen walked together from the Ferrell Center to Fountain Mall, where they built and prepared the bonfire.

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- Route will wind through the city and will arrive on campus on 5th Street

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MCLANE STADIUM

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Men’s golf to win Big 12

DRAKE TOLL
Broadcast Reporter

The Bears golf team will win the Big 12 conference outright. This is not hype; this is based on facts and logic. Bears Golf has shown they are more than capable of winning the Big 12 conference.

In the last two seasons, Baylor has been consistently ranked in the top 25 nationally. The Bears have now won the last three tournaments they have competed in a row. This is a clear indication that Baylor is on the rise and ready to challenge for the Big 12 title.

In addition, the Bears have made significant improvements in their team dynamics. They have more depth, better chemistry, and seem more motivated compared to previous years. This positive shift is crucial for winning big tournaments.

The Bears will face tough competition from teams like Texas A&M and Oklahoma State. However, I believe Baylor has the edge due to their recent form and consistent performance. Bears Golf is ready to take the Big 12 title this year.
Student and professor duo research food insecurity in teens

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Baylor Lariat Homecoming editions throughout the years

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Plasma research could indicate new age of phone manufacturing

DAVID GARZA
Reporter

Self-arranging dust particles may lead to a future with “self-assembling” phones. Dr. Truell Hyde, a Baylor physics professor and director of the Center for Astrophysics, Space Physics and Engineering Research (CASPER), is currently conducting research on dusty plasmas to gain greater insight.

Hyde said that dust acts as a problem in the etching of motherboards for electronics, which are ashed by plasma beams. A motherboard is the main circuit board in an electron that allows for communication between other components of the electrical system.

“Whenver you etched something, a piece of dust came off the board, [interruption] the plasma system and would become charged, and act as a problem because it created an oddity in the beam that was trying to etch the board,” Hyde said. “This would cause the board to be etched inconsistently.”

Hyde said that complex plasmas, low temperature plasmas with a dust particle, grow out of a need to solve that problem.

“Companies” started using clean rooms and all these sorts of things, but they figured out that’s not going to help as much because we’re actually producing our own dust, so out of that grew the field of what is now known as complex plasmas,” Hyde said.

Hyde said that cells used in the testing of plasma meant to keep dust out of the system were then introduced to dust particles.

“The dust particles fall down through the plasma, then they float, and not only float—they formed crystal structures,” Hyde said. Hyde said that the cells were then able to insert dust into the system.

“What you find out is if you pick a very specific promenade and a very specific power and you establish very specific boundary conditions, the dust doesn’t get down there and go everywhere, it forms a line—it forms a chain,” Hyde said. “And the chain is very stable, it can be hit with a laser beam and cause one particle to release while all the rest are left alone.”

“You can cause one particle to bump up the chain, but if done it all on its own.”

While Hyde works on the experimental side of dusty plasmas, there is another group that works on the numerical side. Waco senior Dustin Sanford, a physics major, works with the numerical group.

Before working with Hyde, Sanford said he worked on simulations to model an experiment called MDPX, a dusty plasma with a high magnetic field.

“Before that I was working on the model that we are currently using to model all of the CASPER dusty plasma experiments,” Sanford said. “I am now in the process of transferring all of the physics code from the old model to the new version.”

CASPER teams conduct research “in a number of theoretical and experimental areas and offer both basic research as well as engineering and design opportunities for graduate, undergraduate and others.” For information on the center, visit the program website.

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such class, and will burn throughout the night in front of Baylor alumni and students.

Southlake senior CJ Foster, homecoming chair and member of the Baylor chapter of canoe veterans, said the Immortal Ten represents the Baylor spirit.

"The Immortal Ten is just really special to the Baylor family. The tradition shows up on the true spirit of Baylor. We are a family and we really think that's replicated in the Baylor family because you've got this unbreakable force that's standing in front of you," Foster said. "It really produces a great legacy for Baylor to follow.

He said the bonfire has a rich history and is a great way to bring the Baylor family together each year.

"The bonfire has been around for a really long time. It takes on a lot of different forms over the years, but currently we've got a really good system going," Foster said. "The freshman will build a Thursday night, which is really cool. It has been really a great tradition for me, as that has always been a great way to welcome the Baylor family back home and get really excited to be back again.

Foster said the bonfire serves as an event to unite the Baylor community through a shared university tradition.

"Honestly, it's just a way to unite the Baylor family as a whole. It's something you don't see every day; it's an amazing opportunity we are given as students to welcome home the Baylor family," Foster said. "The alumni are always trying to take care of the current students, but this is our chance to really welcome them back home. It gives them a chance to come back to Fountain Mall, come back to the university that they used to call home and not just kind of relax—forget about all of life's troubles and just be in one of what I think is the best of them."

Senior Zachary Colver, member of the Baylor Class of 2020, student body president, said the bonfire, along with other homecoming traditions, keeps the Baylor family together.

"I think traditions are what's going to culture together. Baylor has been here since 1845, and homecoming was started in 1927 by faculty who wanted to bring alumni back to campus. In 2018, he said the bonfire is an unforgetting experience and that one of the best things for freshmen to attend.

"I think seeing the bonfire that you as your freshman class built is one of those pillar experiences where you really can make your own memories or Baylor," Loflin said. "I think it's easier to bring things that every freshman should get to experience. Speaking for myself personally, it's an eye-opener that I will never forget, and I would encourage every freshman to do the same and go and experience it. It's also above-taking in how long this tradition has been around and how many other hundreds of thousands of people have experienced the same feeling, that same tradition throughout the years, and I think it really just ties us together."

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FRIDAY from Page 1

Night Flashback is the generational aspect. Homecoming is all about history and tradition. Friday Night Flashback gives you a sneak peak into that and helps you remember why we are here, how we started and how we've come so far," Ingram said. "It [is a chance to] reminisce with those around you about what our parents generation did, what our generation is going to do, and it gives you thinking now about what future generations are going to do... That's why I really love it.

Friday Night Flashback includes a variety of exhibits. An associate coordinator, Colver decided which parts of Baylor history and tradition to feature. Colver said many of Baylor's most famous traditions and historical moments are represented, such as a replica of Baylor's campus in Independence, but also a few lesser-known items as well.

"A few themes I have displayed throughout FNF are Heroic Figures, the Immortal Ten and Baylor at Independence," Colver said. "My favorite displays this year is the University Mac and President's Medallion."

Colver said she chose some of the lesser-known traditions such as the Mace and Medallion because she felt a personal connection to them. (Those traditions that were most dear to my heart."

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Baylor held the crown as the oldest collegiate Homecoming in the nation, and the celebration would not be complete without its royalty, the Homecoming queen and court.

Since 1934, Baylor has crowned one female student to be chosen as university royalty. On Thursday night, Baylor’s 2019 Homecoming queen was announced as Spring senior Kaylin Blancas, a marketing major nominated by Student Foundation, for which she also serves as co-president.

“The court” consists of four Homecoming princesses. The 2019 Baylor Homecoming princesses are Florence senior Anula Tulbik, nominated by Phi Alpha Theta; Scottsdale, Ariz., senior Lily Sadoff, nominated by Kappa Alpha Theta; Houston senior Lauren Cox, nominated by Baylor A Association; and Wylie senior Hannah Eboagu, nominated by Kappa Omicron Nu.

Every official organization on campus is eligible to nominate a female member for Baylor’s Homecoming court. The nominees must submit a formal application and participate in a group interview.

The group interview for the queen and her court consists of four nominees and a panel of three judges from Baylor Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to the interviews, each nominee must find a dress to wear to the Homecoming court. The court is usually announced on Thursday night of Pigskin Revue and the Saturday morning Homecoming parade.

The Homecoming queen and her court will be participating in the Homecoming parade starting at 3 p.m. Saturday against Texas Tech.

Nominees also have to find convertible cars to ride in during the parade. The queen and her court will be presented at the Baylor Homecoming football game at 3 p.m. Saturday against Texas Tech.

Columbus, Ohio, senior Maddie Brooks was nominated by the Panhellenic Council Board, for which she serves as president.

“It was so comforting in the interview and lovely getting to hear each woman’s story and about some of their experiences here at Baylor,” Brooks said. “It was very encouraging. I was rooting for each girl and was blown away by their perspectives and talents.”

Brooks said she found her convertible from a senior sister in Alpha Chi Omega who offered to drive her at the parade this Saturday, and also that she wanted to find a simple black gown that wasn’t too expensive and matched her personality.

Houston senior Ashley Martin was nominated on the court as the sweetheart of Pi Kappa Phi. “This is such a big part of my college’s traditions and just being on this side of Homecoming and getting to see what goes into this weekend has been so much fun,” Martin said.

The first thing Martin did when she found out she was nominated for Homecoming court was drive home and go dress shopping with her mom.

“I absolutely love dress shopping, so that was such a sweet moment to get to share with her,” Martin said.

Chubs and organizations other than Panhellenic groups are also represented, such as the Baylor Virtual Reality Club, who nominated Brooks.

Barnett said she was not only honored to be a representative of her organization, but also for Baylor as a nominee.

“I was so much a whitebread trying to get everything pulled together, but it honestly just all fell into place. I was able to borrow a family member’s car, and I found my dress from a boutique right here in Waco,” Barnett said. “I truly love how everything came together.”

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2019 Homecoming Queen crowned
How has the process changed since its 1934 origins?

MADALYN WATSON
Print Managing Editor

Revival Eastside Eatery

After opening their doors this summer, Revival Eastside Eatery tied for 2nd place with Harvest on 25th for Waco’s Best New Restaurant in the Wacoan and has expanded their hours.

“We’ve started to expand hours, so we’ve opened all day on Friday and Saturday, from 11 to 9, and will just do brunch Tuesday through Thursday,” said co-owner Danielle Young.

Their new signature burger, the Golden Calf, has just been released and is composed of Beef patty (Certified Hereford Beef), caramelized balsamic onions, whipped herb goat cheese, lemon garlic aioli, arugula and a chive butter.

Although their official menu includes several sandwiches, salads and a build-your-own burger option, they also serve special, experimental meals for limited periods of time.

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Recently opened eateries expand their options

Fabled Bookshop & Cafe

After their official grand opening on Oct. 5, Fabled Bookshop & Cafe added food in addition to their drink and coffee menu for bookworms to enjoy as they devour their libraries of books, collected with the Waco community in mind.

“We want to be a sanctuary or a haven for people who love to read or who are not yet readers,” Kimberly Batson, one of the co-owners of Fabled said in a previous interview with the Baylor Lariat.

According to a recent post on their Instagram, they now serve Old Toby’s BLT, Elevenses Quiche, and ‘Sausage and Grits’.

“Books and coffee. I mean, that’s a match made in heaven,” Batson said.

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Their new signature burger, the Golden Calf, has just been released and is composed of Beef patty (Certified Hereford Beef), caramelized balsamic onions, whipped herb goat cheese, lemon garlic aioli, arugula and a chive butter.

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Recently opened eateries expand their options

Fabled Bookshop & Cafe

After their official grand opening on Oct. 5, Fabled Bookshop & Cafe added food in addition to their drink and coffee menu for bookworms to enjoy as they devour their libraries of books, collected with the Waco community in mind.

“We want to be a sanctuary or a haven for people who love to read or who are not yet readers,” Kimberly Batson, one of the co-owners of Fabled said in a previous interview with the Baylor Lariat.

According to a recent post on their Instagram, they now serve Old Toby’s BLT, Elevenses Quiche, and ‘Sausage and Grits’.

“Books and coffee. I mean, that’s a match made in heaven,” Batson said.

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POLL TIME:

After graduating, will you come back to campus for Homecoming?

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83% 17%
73 votes total

Which Homecoming tradition is your favorite?

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19% Parade
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Inktober Meetup!
3 - 6 p.m. | MC Art Supplies | Join ArtSnacks Ambassador Christy for some drawing, snacking and much more. Event is free but please register online through EventBrite.

OUT on the Brazos
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Brazos Park East | Join the Waco Pride Network for a festival to celebrate the LGBTQ community. There will be food trucks, live music, and vendors.

Oktoberfest
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. | St Philip Catholic Church | Enjoy authentic German cuisine, silent auction, and the Texas Heartbeat Band.

UT vs OU Game Watch
11 a.m. | Coach’s Smoke xXx | Watch the game and get a chance to win door prizes.

Waco Music Festival
3 - 8 p.m. | Waco Convention Center | Texas legend and hip-hop artist Zro headlines this hip-hop festival. Enjoy an exotic car show, food, and live music. Tickets start at $30.

Brazos River 0.5K
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Brazos Park East | All participants will receive a custom finisher’s medal, t-shirt and 0.5K sticker!
Connecting the community
Volunteers and unique local performances provide backbone to annual fair

KJ BURKLEY | Reporter

The Heart O’ Texas Fair & Rodeo was back in action this week with its display of fair eats, treats and entertainment for thousands of locals and tourists.

This year the fair celebrates its 67th anniversary. The H.O.T. Fair & Rodeo is held annually at the Extraco Events Center in Waco, and it had over 193,000 in attendance in 2018.

The H.O.T. Fair & Rodeo also has a high amount of local engagement. Dustin Coufal, the vice president of fair divisions, said that the way managers plan with a huge help from base volunteers around Waco speaks volumes about how much the Waco and McLennan County area is involved.

“We have 500 volunteers that serve on 22 committees, and the volunteers are the ones who make this thing happen for us,” Coufal said. “Certainly, we need hard and help with those committees, but volunteers are the ones who make the run. They run every aspect—from the rides to the food to the shows in our parking. We couldn’t run the fair without them because they are our tradition.”

That “tradition” worked so hard to put on an afternoon that stopped attendance in their tracks to give at the sights and sounds of their events, including the rodeo, petting zoo and the annual Heart O’ Texas Food Fair, along with new attractions like the Timberwolves Lumberjack Olympics show.

Throughout the hustle and bustle of the crowds, one performing group stood out with its boisterous Texas Bag Vans. The Brazos Valley Cloggers, a tap-dancing organization in Central Texas, and H.O.T. Fair & Rodeo veterans took the stage Wednesday night. Group leader Joan Moeller said the atmosphere has kept them coming back every year.

“We just love all of the offerings, people and the food,” Moeller said. “Everything is just so much fun. The entertainment does a really good job, and we love to be a part of that year after year.”

The group has been performing at the H.O.T. Fair & Rodeo since 1981. Moeller, who joined the group in 1982, loves that different generations of cloggers have experienced the H.O.T. Fair & Rodeo through the years.

Moeller loves that the community of Waco continues to support the close-knit organization by coming out to support the H.O.T. Fair & Rodeo to witness and cheer for their unique performances.

“We do a combination of dance steps from the Appalachian Mountain indigenous culture,” Moeller said. “What makes us so unique is not just the dancing, though. We become a family after a while. We practice twice a week, but everyone looks forward to seeing everybody each week.”

The Brazos Valley Cloggers is just one of the many traditions that attendees can experience through the H.O.T. Fair & Rodeo every October Coufal, who works directly with all the committees and volunteer programs, says the ultimate experience for the H.O.T. Fair & Rodeo is to put the pavement down and give them the best experience possible.

“Just go out on the fairgrounds with a camera in one hand and a notebook in the other, and there are all kinds of special aspects we’re here to do, but there’s someone who can pick them up and give them the best experience possible.”

Connecting the community inspires fun at fair attractions and activities.

PARKING: Volunteer and unique local performances provide backbone to annual fair

Brighton Garza, 21, a rodeo competitor, is the first of two siblings to compete, as her brother, B.J., 24, will also compete this year. Her father raised her to be a rodeo competitor, and she passed down through tradition. Garza said she began barrel racing when she was 12 years old.

You just got to follow up behind it. Sometimes it’s easy, and other times, it’s harder. It takes to compete.

“Have patience, have faith and prepared to face danger, the cowboys and cowgirls that compete have trained all their lives to master the sport,” Moeller said. Twenty-two-year-old bull rider Brett Garza comes from a rodeo family. His father and great-grandfather were both cowboys, and he began riding when he was six years old.

He started riding mini bulls and finally taking on the real deal.

“Our passion that everybody has for the animals, there’s no other sport like it,” Garza said. “We see people on the fair grounds with a corndog in one hand and a lemonade in the other, and there are kids riding rides. They are having fun, “ Coufal said. “We want every generation to see everything possible we can do.”

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The performances begin with Kappa Chi Alpha's sugar-sweet number, “Home Sweet Home,” which pleased many in Sing.

Performers dressed in bright colors, somewhat resembling candy canes and gumdrops, dance to upbeat songs in a candy landscape. A few groups featured throughout the night.

Next, Kappa Kappa Gamma then takes the stage in retro-inspired act, “Home Sweet Home,” which placed third in Sing.

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No. 1 Baylor looks to improve performance

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Baylor wins with Dutch influence

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ALERT! There is an Olympian on campus. At least that’s what head volleyball coach Ryan McGuyre thinks of his redshirt sophomore opposite Marieke van der Mark. He said that she will eventually be on the Netherlands’ National Team.

Van der Mark has been a shining light for the team this season, but before she got to Baylor, McGuyre did his best to recruit her to become a Bear.

“Coach Mac was one of the first coaches that liked me and wanted me on his team. I didn’t even know that college volleyball was a team, honestly. I almost went to a [Division III] school and was like, ‘Oh, yeah, sure! I’ll play for you, whatever,”’ van der Mark said.

Eventually, McGuyre made his way to Connecticut to see her play. She said it was an absolute disaster.

“He came and had to sit and bring his own chair. I played like crap, “ Van der Mark said. “I was like, ‘This man flew all the way from Texas to Connecticut, and he’s not going to want me. ’ And afterwards, he texted me and was like, ‘Just come. It’s gonna be great. Let’s do this. ’ And I was like, ‘Okay!’

Van der Mark has shown massive improvement over the past year, seeing spikes in kills per set (0.88 to 1.41) and blocks per set (0.38 to 0.93). The Papendrecht, Netherlands product has excelled as a starter this year, helping the Bears from the opposite position to their undefeated 14-0 record. She credits much of her success to the redshirt year she took when she got to campus.

“I had my redshirt year, and it really helped me so much, learn the game more, to get to know the girls more, to get up to speed. I was just done growing. I didn’t know what I was doing with my body. I just got it and I was just like, ‘OK, what do I do with my arms?’ It was very weird at the beginning,” Van der Mark said.

Even with all the improvement on the court, her biggest contributions have come from her smile. McGuyre said that her joy is the defining quality of her play.

“The biggest leaders are the biggest servants. Marieke is always the first person when she sees somebody down to lift them up. I’m on the team, too! If I don’t love my teammates, I’ll quit. If I don’t smile, why would I do this? I don’t know what I would do without volleyball. It’s the most amazing […] it just makes me smile,” Van der Mark said.

And with that joy comes encouragement. She can always be seen pumping up teammates, celebrating after a good point or dancing with girls on the bench. The redshirt sophomore said that role has becoming her defining position with the team.

“I just can’t contain my own excitement. I don’t think it’s really a role, it’s just me. I just get all over the place. I get excited,” Van der Mark said. “If you just stand on the court and don’t do anything, then why are you on the court? I love being out there and being myself. I’m the same person I am on the court as I am off the court. I’m always smiling, always going up and down and everywhere.”

McGuyre said that he notices her humility every day with her play and her character.

“Her energy is great, and that really helps us sustain and it’s a key part of our consistency,” McGuyre said. “What a testament to her character where, yeah a lot of balls are going to Yossi and Shelly, and if she feels low on the depth chart, it doesn’t change who she is.”

Her play and humilty aren’t the only qualities that have grown since she got on campus; her faith also began to blossom.

“I wasn’t a Christian when I came here. I became a Christian […] spring semester of my freshman year, “ Van der Mark said. “These girls just had such an amazing influence on me, knowing that I would find him eventually. Life has been amazing since then.”

Monthly Honors

GOLFER OF THE MONTH: Senior golfer Cooper Dossey became the Big 12 Golfer of the Month for Sept. 2019. This is the second time the Austin native has received the award after becoming the first freshman in program history to win the honor in Feb. 2017.

Enthusiastic and Humble

Redshirt sophomore Marieke van der Mark speaks to media during practice earlier this fall. Van der Mark is known for her energetic personality on the court.

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The Bears are back in town

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WELCOME BACK TO BEAR COUNTRY!

No. 22 Baylor gears up to host Texas Tech for Homecoming

Getting the job done one game at a time

What does a “1-0 every week” mindset mean to No. 22 Baylor football?

Well, for starters, it means that junior running back John Lovett didn’t know the team broke into the AP Top 25 or who the Bears will face after Texas Tech this weekend.

“It’s just a mindset,” Lovett said. “We’re focused on every game, every play. We’re not looking ahead or worrying about anything else.”

This Saturday, the Red Raiders come to McLane Stadium for the first time, sporting a 3-2 record and coming off a conference 45-35 win against Oklahoma State.

Tech’s two recorded losses aren’t something to brush off, as the team fell to Pac-12 leader Arizona (28-14) and No. 6 Oklahoma (55-16).

Head coach Matt Rhule expects the homecoming game to be an “absolute battle.”

“I mean, we’re playing a team that’s lost to two teams that are combined nine and one,” Rhule said. “I think our guys are ready because there’s so much to prepare for."

The Bears have been training to face junior quarterback Jeff Duffey, who was voted the Maxwell Player of the Week. Duffey leads the Tech offense with an average of 314 passing yards alone per game, along with 32 points. The junior is backed up by an impressive offensive line that’s only allowed four sacks this season.

Coming off a six-sack game against Kansas State last week, the defense is expecting a Red Raiders offense that’s wanting to “show the world what they could do,” sophomore defensive tackle James Lynch said.

“You go from K-State where they have like six-in splits on the line to now like three-foot splits. And the offensive is totally different,” Lynch said. “It’s very difficult, and they got a lot of play makers. Their O-line is athletic. So it’s going to be tough for us this week, but we’ll be ready for them.”

But the defense has shown its ability to adapt and hold on as Rhule’s team has outscored opponents 194-77 this season, including a 23-21 nail-biting win where Iowa State scored three unanswered touchdowns to take first.

As the defensive unit begins to establish a rhythm, Rhule’s team has an efficient on first downs, try to limit their yards, and try to win third downs while holding opponents in the red zone.

“We don’t want to bend,” Rhule said. “But if we do have to bend, we definitely don’t want to break and I think our mentalities get a little bit stronger in those areas.”

The Bears are second in the league (26th NCAA), holding their opponents to 50% on red zone trips.

Offensively, Baylor is just as productive.

Led by junior quarterback Charlie Brewer, who’s only one of three collegiate quarterbacks with over 11 touchdowns and no interceptions, the undefeated team ranks No. 21 in the country on touchdowns on 75% in the red zone.

The Austin native continues to find offensive weapons as sophomore receiver Tyquan Thornton has broken out this season with over 300 yards and three touchdowns alongside senior Denzel Mims, who leads the team with 438 yards and five touchdowns.

Baylor kicks off its homecoming game at 3 p.m. Saturday at McLane Stadium.

“I hope whoever comes is loud and respectful, yet really rowdy. I hope it’s hard for the other team. We sit there last week, with the Kansas State student section behind us, and it was too loud to hear. So, I hope it’s like that on Saturday.”

MATT RHULE | HEAD COACH
Slow and steady wins the race and after walking on to Baylor’s cross country team as a freshman, slow and steady is how Kristin, sr. senior Lindsay Walton became one of the team’s top runners.

Being a walk-on is a difficult journey for any athlete no matter the sport. For Walton it was a “slow progression” to the top, but the senior said she felt she had the potential to improve over time.

“We came in with a lot of super-fast girls and I don’t ever think that I was like gunning for them but Definitely didn’t want to come in as a freshman and just sort of improve and never get faster,” Walton said. “Cross country is such a sport where if you put in hard work and you get backed but you don’t get injured…you can make a lot of improvements, so I think that kind of trial and error is a little bit like Icarus. You get a little bit too close to the sun too fast and flame out.”

The patience that’s required of it to make it happen over time because if you reach too quickly, it’s going to fall apart. Everybody wants to get better, “ Capron said. “Everybody knows how to make that happen but the problem is the patience that’s required of it to make it happen over time because if you reach too quickly, it’s going to fall apart.”

Walton ran cross country for two years at Gracis Christian School where she won the individual conference title and was named MVP and captain as a high school senior. She also played soccer for four years, earning the Silver Boot award for having the most assists her last year as a Charger.

Coming to Baylor and joining the cross country team was a whole different dimension than running for her high school team. Walton said she did not know what to expect but that she took everything in, learning from it so that she could return the next year better prepared.

After running in four meets in the fall of 2016 and competing in two track meets in the spring of 2017, Walton trained all summer to get better. As a sophomore she raced in five meets, completing her best 10K time at the Kent Garland Invitational in 39:55 and placing third at the TCU Invitational during the 2018 track season.

Despite the small hiccups, Walton wants to continue to improve, taking everything that she can set them back.

“We talked by email probably every other week this whole summer, and when I’m getting that little bit too close to the sun too fast and flame out,” Walton said.

The coolest part about Lindsay is that she’s the hard worker, “ Capron said. “She’s the one that’s always putting in the work, registering five saves in one half of play. Goalkeeper Emily Alvarado also saved those three shots on goal, but had one goal against.

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The Bears lead 1-0, lightning delay postpones match

Matthew Sodergren
Sports Writer

After one half of play, Baylor soccer led TCU 1-0 at Fort Worth on Thursday night. The game was postponed after a lightning delay during halftime and after over an hour and a half, it was postponed until Oct. 20.

Baylor took the lead after senior forward Raegan Padgett crossed it to freshman forward Elizabeth Kosman for a header goal in the 10th minute. Junior goalkeeper Jennifer Wandt earned two saves in the half to hold the Horned Frogs scoreless.

Before the stoppage, the Bears were easily handling the Horned Frogs, registering five shots on goal (4 to 2), and two more shots on goal (4 to 2). Both teams ended up with six fouls, but TCU’s forward McKenna Saul was called for a yellow card in the 39’.

Raegan Padgett and Elizabeth Kosman tied for the team lead with three shots each, while sophomore midfielder Madi Allen led the team with two fouls.

Horned Frog midfielder Grace Brian was the only opposing player with multiple shots, registering three in one half of play.

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I would say that if you really want it, I think down the line you’ll have a much bigger impact on how you do it and you’ll probably be that much faster than you think you could be.” Walton said. “Talent definitely has a big impact on it but if you already build, I think you’ll reach further than you think you could.”
When I first heard about college athletes wanting to be paid on top of a full-ride scholarship, I had to laugh. Looking at Baylor alone, with tuition, housing and student charges, the full attendance price is just shy of $62,000. Then multiply that by four. Let’s keep in mind, according to the US Census Bureau, the average American household has an income of $63,000. It simply seemed like greed, and I was entirely against the idea of paying college athletes. Until I began researching for this editorial.

Business Insider made a video researching the NCAA’s revenue, and the organization brought in over $1 billion during 2016-17. Of the 10 most profitable schools, each university averaged revenue of over $130 million more than the schools spent on athletic-scholarships. The NCAA Division I handbook states in Article II.9, that student-athletes “should be motivated primarily by education and by the physical, mental and social benefits to be derived. Student participation in intercollegiate athletics is an avocation, and student-athletes should be protected from exploitation by professional and commercial enterprises.” Not only does the handbook talk about sports essentially being an extracurricular, but in 2015, CNN reported a story about the University of North Carolina getting stuck in the middle of an 18-year academic fraud scandal, where the university created fake classes to boost student-athlete’s GPAs. Aside from the moral dilemma here to keep athletes eligible, it’s important to acknowledge that these students weren’t obtaining the education that’s supposed to legally compensate for their time on the courts or fields.

It began to get interesting when over half of the athletes and they didn’t have enough time to study for tests and 75% described feeling obligated to go to voluntary events, reporting some coaches “threatening to kick athletes off the team for voluntary events,” for article said. It took me having to sit back and realize, that sounds about right. I think back to speaking to a few players and hearing they sport the summer’s practicing, or have to be awake at the crack of dawn and I can’t blame them for being exhausted.

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The NCAA’s former executive vice president of regulatory affairs explained in a speech that paying players would be a mistake, creating “employer-employee relationships,” and that students had to emphasize education. Aside from the moral dilemma here to keep athletes eligible, it’s important to acknowledge that these students weren’t obtaining the education that’s supposed to legally compensate for their time on the courts or fields. Looking at 2015, CBS Sports surveyed over 400 Pac-12 student athletes and some of the results were not shocking. For example, 80% of the athletes said they’ve missed class for a sporting event and 66% said it impacted their social lives.

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