Third debate might be too late to change voters’ opinions

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As of Thursday morning, over 1 million Texans have cast their votes for the 2020 Presidential election. After the cancellation of Thursday’s debate between President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden, some fear that the last debate is too late in the cycle to impact voters.

The last debate is slated for the Oct. 22

Dr. Dwight Allman, associate professor of political science, said he believes a significant number of people will have already voted by the time this second debate comes around.

“We’ve got early voting going on all across the country and including here in Texas,” Allman said. “We started voting earlier this year than in previous years, because of the pandemic.”

As Biden is currently leading in the polls, Allman said he doesn’t believe this move to cancel the debate was an intentional political move by Trump.

“It’s Trump’s team, not Biden’s team, who has more interest in the head-to-head combat and confrontation, in hopes of moving the needle, so to speak, in his favor,” Allman said.

However, Dr. Doral Smith, senior lecturer in the history department, said that the debate was scheduled to be a town hall style, in which moderation can benefit Trump.

“Trump supporters have a higher approval rating of Trump in new town hall format, and undecides also typically think that Trump does better in a new town hall format,” Smith said.

And Biden tends to do well in these types of debates.

However, in place of a town hall debate together, both candidates decided to host separate town halls on Thursday evening.

Biden originally planned this event with NBC when news broke that the debate would be postponed. Trump followed shortly after, scheduling his town hall for the same day at the same time, on NBC.

“It makes it necessary for voters to kind of choose,” Allman said.

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Going to bars isn't the smartest decision.

In McLennan County, 19% of positive test results have occurred in young people ages 16-20. That's now: at least 50% points higher than at any other age bracket. Adding to that, one more potential powerful supporter for this demographic is its core group of young adults.

Even County Judge Amanda Edwards believes it's a good idea to address bars and their actions, because they are bars and businesses could have a fighting chance to make ends meet. Bars, right there with every other business, are some of the most vulnerable businesses right now in a pandemic. People are looking for a place to go, with bars being one of the safe choices to drink and party together. A recipe for contraction is turned out in the recent plan to do without bars. Disruptions can be second to none. Bars should be served in order to be served. The bar area isn't supposed to be packed with people dancing and drinking.

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Off-campus students are much more likely to head out to bars on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. When Clu is on, there are high alert for infectious activity with no football games this weekend either, students will be looking for an outlet.

Folks said that if rising cases can be linked to bars, we'll have to "amend" our order. While that would hurt students in the most fragile communities, we can't make this right decisions when it comes to virus preparedness.

If you're going to go, wear a mask. Stay away from groups. If you can, bar can't be eating up the rules, house. Just don't be stupid.
Partisanship yields uncontested races

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Incumbent candidates and partisan gerrymandering lead to unexpected outcomes in elections.

An uncontested race is when one party’s candidate, often an incumbent or a district’s popular party candidate, goes unopposed in a general election.

Dr. Rebecca Flavin, political science professor, said the most common factor for why this might occur is because the district is not competitive, meaning it weighs heavily to one side or the other, either naturally or by partisan gerrymandering.

“Traditionally, partisan gerrymandering occurs when district lines are drawn, or it naturally occurs where there is a district that leans heavily toward one party or the other, the race is essentially decided at the primary level,” Flavin said. “As a result, if you have a district that is say 75% Republican or 75% Democrat, that can sometimes explain why you don’t get a competitor at all.”

Gerrymandering comes into play each census year, which occurs every 10 years. After the population is counted, there is a reapportionment on the federal level, where the U.S. House of Representatives is decided. A state will win or lose seats depending on whether it has an increase or decrease in state population.

“A population shift also leads to a reapportionment on the state level, outlining district lines where there has been a shift, Flavin said. State and local governments then have to divide seats for their congressional representation and consider what this means for the state’s legislative body.”

Gerrymandering is significant for non-competitive districts because depending on how state legislatures draw district lines, it might be tilted to one side or the other, Flavin said.

“The person redrawing the district line gets to determine the boundaries or the map for their own district,” Flavin said. “Sometimes what happens is that these state legislatures draw district lines both with a view to maximizing their party’s influence, both at the federal level and at the state level.”

In other years, when there isn't redistricting, Flavin and unopposed races happen sometimes when there are strong incumbent running for reelection.

“Those who have been in office for a long time — or who are incredibly popular — you see this happening there as well,” Flavin said. “And part of it is resources, and at the end of the day, because the role that money plays in our elections for better or worse, it takes money to campaign. As a local or state party decides where their resources are best spent, the non-competitive races are sometimes a part of that calculus to not spend the financial resources or human capital, the time and energy of volunteers.”

Dr. David Bridge, political science professor, said the opposing party won’t nominate a candidate unlikely to win because losing could look even worse for their cause. However, not running a candidate at all is also harmful for the party, he said.

“One problem can be that it can hurt a pipeline of legislators who build the career experience to move to the next level,” Bridge said. “Even if there’s a city council race that’s unopposed, if a party doesn’t run somebody in that race, even if they’re to lose, they’re not building the electoral experience of gathering votes, bundling money, and the pipeline for possible folks who could run for state legislature is weakened if you don’t have more people running at the lower levels.”

Uncontested races are not helpful for voter turnout either, Flavin said.

“The more competitive a race is, the more excitement it generates, and the more enthusiasm you get, and the more likely that people are to turn out and vote,” Flavin said. “It’s the psychological idea that if it’s competitive, you’re more likely to feel like your vote matters.”

Although, Bridge said most voters who show up to vote are there for the presidential election, most non-competitive races are at the local level, so they don’t affect voter turnout considerably.

“It’s authoritarian, though, because the races that probably most affect your life are the local races, but that’s not why people are there to vote,” Bridge said.

In order to change the trends of uncontested races, Bridge said more voters are needed.

“Either one of two things have to happen: Republicans have to start voting Democratic or vice versa, or there has to be a giant new influx of voters,” he said. “So, if young voters turnout at historic levels, or if Latino voters turnout at historic levels, that could change the calculus, but that doesn’t happen often. It’s a massive shift in the electorate, without that partisanship is so entrenched.”
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- Get accepted to Baylor
- Register for classes
- Attend orientation
- Move in
- Send in my yearbook picture
- Start classes
- Make friends and start making memories!

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There’s nothing quite like a Baylor football game at McLane Stadium. Watching the Baylor Bear Line rush across the field before kickoff, singing “That Good Old Baylor Line” and throwing a football across the field before kickoff, “That Good Old Baylor Line” and throwing a football across the field before kickoff, singing “Hands to Myself.”

Westbrook said, “I want things that you’re going to remember for a long time. You need to make sure that they’re getting as pumped up as possible, making sure that they’re getting as pumped up as possible, because we do have such a wide variety of people in our stadiums, you want to make sure that they’re representing the university in the best way possible.”

The Pigskin Revue is having a lot of fun about the game day experience. Carson Lewis said, “We always mix things up. We’re always coming up with different ideas. Sometimes it’s just to try and engage students because they didn’t really love the team when [freshmen usually learn] those chants. Definitely like the first quarter, it was kind of a letdown to us, and it was not fun. It was a great environment for us.”

“Definitely felt like it was another football game which was really cool,” Carson Lewis said. “The only thing that I did feel was that the freshmen didn’t really know the chants and that incites excitement within the student section and pumps up Baylor fans.”

Though there are fewer home games this year due to ongoing COVID-19 regulations, the统筹者们在创建中发现, that game day atmosphere has been working hard to make the few remaining games at McLane as exciting as possible.

“Do you know, to have the teams jumping off every kickoff and have the student section all jumping in motion,” said Derek Westbrook, the athletics department’s associate director of fan engagement and one of the producers of the music and light shows at football games.

Eduardo Cavazos, the head stand leader in the Baylor Chamber of Commerce, is one of the Chamber members in the green jerseys who lead the student section in chants and help to bring up the energy in the Line section. He said part of what keeps the students engaged is the music from the loud speakers.

“Then I want things that you’re going to remember forever and you give a little bit of heat and a laugh,” Westbrook said. “I try and be sassy with it but ultimately it’s just about what song fits the moment, being prepared, having hundreds of hours put into the through the historical buildings and stories of haunted frights in the museum | $3.50 – $5.50

Waco Bowl Acoustic Trio Concert | 6:30 p.m. | Oct. 17 | Backyard Bar, Stage, & Grill, 311 S. 6th St. | Local artist Wade-Townes performs at Backyard’s outdoor stage. | $3.50 – $5.50

Fair Food Drive-In | 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. | Oct. 1 – 18 | Extraco Events Center, 3401 Bosque Blvd | The rodeo is free for fans with the whole family. | $20 – $30

Dawg Days of Summer Exhibit | All Day | Oct. 1 – Nov. 30 | Waco Downtown Farmers Market | Art from around the world. | Free admission, food prices vary.

Flatland Cavalry Concert | 8 p.m. | Oct. 17 | Backyard Bar, Stage & Grill, 311 S. 6th St. | All Wacoians are welcome to perform at Backyard’s outdoor stage. | $3.50 – $20

Autumn Fest at Fall Fest | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. | Oct. 9 – 11 | Extraco Events Center | Local artists and student artists from the Waco area are showcased in this virtual art gallery exhibit available online. | Free

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Pigskin Revue will be available for online audiences.

Onsite Display: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Oct. 15 – Nov. 8 | Meylah Studios, 600 S. 5th Street | The musem has partnered with a local artist to commemorate Hispanic culture through an interactive exhibit.Like Buettner exhibit. | Free, no museum admission cost

Acility of Light | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Oct. 8 – Nov. 28 | Dr Pepper Museum, 300 S. 6th St. | Two-hour tour that introduces through the historical buildings and stories of haunted frights in the museum | $3.50 – $5.50

Moondoggin Way Farm Pumpkin Patch | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. | Oct. 9 – Nov. 1 | 400 N. Washington | Local music from downtown Waco in the Line section. | Free admission, food prices vary.

Brew at the Zoo (4 – 6 p.m. | Oct. 16 | Dr Pepper Museum, 300 S. 6th St. | Check out the animals at the Dr Pepper Museum while sipping on beer from four local breweries. | $10 – $35

Fair Food Drive-In | 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. | Oct. 1 – 18 | Extraco Events Center, 3401 Bosque Blvd | Performances at Backyard’s outdoor stage. | $10 – $35

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Camille Rasor
Arts and Life Editor
From costly hot dogs to chicken and waffles: A breakdown review of Baylor’s food trucks

CARSON LEWIS  
Assistant Digital Managing Editor

In September, Baylor introduced a new initiative to add variety to food trucks on campus. Having the option to read a variety of articles from our publication, I remember reading about this new idea to give the first food truck I saw, Waco Cha, a try. Since then, I’ve compiled a list of the best and worst food trucks that can be found on campus so far. Here are my rankings on the food trucks, from the most disappointing to the peak of mobile cuisine.

1. Waffle Chic: a treat for the heat, but not much else

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3. Waco Cha—Good drink, but goes in a blink

Waco Cha was my first foray into the world of food trucks currently found on campus. I picked up the ‘‘Shifty Waco Chas. ‘‘To be honest, I don’t think I’ve had chicken and waffles like this before. I also didn’t expect that the drink, when it came out, was an opaque red tea that tasted sweet with a hint of milk and honey. I think the honey was the biggest selling point, as it added a great flavor while not making it too overpowering. I was just a little too small to survive the walk back to my apartment, and I found myself looking for a truck to disperse the empty drink before it could make it to my throat. Maybe I was just thirsty.

Waco Cha is in my opinion is definitely worth trying, even just once. I tried it and liked it, but it wasn’t love. I’m coming back anytime soon. If you’re a hot tea fan, however, I would definitely drink some for yourself with me included.

2. Lemonade—The mixing of flavors is revolutionary

While catching up with another friend over lunch, I got them to embark on my food truck road trip with me and try Pop’s Lemonade. I’m a lemonade addict, and I love to try any new variations on my favorite drink.

The system they have at the truck allows customers to add up to two flavors of their choice to their lemonade: added strawberry (a classic), and also a bit of Topo Chico. The result was surprisingly good. The Topo watered down the sugary taste of the drink, but also added a hint of the soda’s trademark refreshing taste. The drink also was able to entice my conversation with my friend, a criticism I had of Waco Cha. It’s a great drink that’ll last a while.

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The article, I want to say, is not to be missed. Whether that’s finding a new hobby, facing your fears and experience the world for all that it’s worth — and try not to spend too much on us.

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Heart O’ Texas Rodeo

JOYFUL JESTER: A rodeo clown holds up a child in celebration on Sunday.

WOULD I STEER YOU WRONG? A cowboy kicks up dirt as he wrestles a steer trying to pull the animal off balance. Attendees can buy their tickets online on the website hotfair.com or in person at the Extraco Event Center for the Heart O’ Texas Rodeo that continues this upcoming Friday through Sunday.

BRAZOS LASSOS: A cowboy swings his lasso on Sunday at the Heart O’ Texas Rodeo.

ALL ROPED UP: A cowboy pins a young calf to the ground in the Calf Roping event on Thursday.

IF IT WERE EWE: A young child clings to a sheep during the Mutton Bustin’ event on Thursday, an event that will occur Friday through Sunday as well.

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Baylor Lariat
Baylor soccer recruit proves her mettle in high school football

WILL CHAMBLEE
Sports Writer

There’s not much 2021 Baylor soccer commit Lorelai Stramrood can’t do.

A star athlete in volleyball and soccer for Tomball Memorial High School, Stramrood has recently decided to take on football as her next athletic conquest.

“I heard that the last kicker tore his quad and couldn’t play this season and was like, ‘This is my chance,’” Stramrood said.

And just like in every other sport she has played, Stramrood has excelled. As Tomball Memorial has raced to a 3-0 start, Stramrood has already knocked in 12 extra-point kicks.

“We knew what kind of athlete she was,” Tomball Memorial head football coach Sam Parker said. “So, I said, ‘Great, have her come out and kick.’ She came out and I think there was some ‘Hmm, I’m not sure,’ but then she kicked the ball, and everybody was like, ‘Let’s sign her up.’”

While Stramrood has done well, she said her past experience in soccer did not help prepare her for kicking a football and she had doubts of whether she would be good enough to kick for the team.

“It’s very, very different,” Stramrood said. “You have to be more precise in the placement of kicking the football. You basically have to hit the ball perfectly for it to go where you want it to go and the approach is crucial. There were doubts on my part where could I hit it hard enough. Could I get my accuracy percentage very high? Could I make all of them?”

Those doubts continued for Stramrood until she ran onto the field for her first extra point in the opening game against Langham Creek. But she said she was able to overcome them to make the kick.

“Once I ran onto the field, I was getting shortness of breath. I was like, ‘Oh gosh, this is actually happening,’” Stramrood said. “But then I reminded myself, ‘Hey all it is muscle memory. You’ve kicked 20 of these balls in one single soccer game. I think you can kick one football into the uprights.’”

After the 2020 football season, Stramrood will turn her attention to collegiate soccer, as she will be a freshman for the Baylor soccer program in the spring. Stramrood said she chose Baylor soccer because of its persistence in recruiting her since her freshman year.

“Baylor was probably the first college to show big interest in me,” Stramrood said. Being a female football player in Texas is unique, and Stramrood said she hopes her example will help other girls work hard and take on new challenges.

“I’d say to go out and do it,” Stramrood said to girls who were considering playing football. “But keep in mind it’s not going to come easy. Kicking has not come easy to me; I’ve trained so many years for it. So I want other girls to know that they can go, and they can set their goals, but they also have to work hard for it.”

MULTI-SPORT ATHLETE Lorelai Stramrood plays soccer, volleyball and football.

Check out the video by Nate Smith!
Soccer takes on No. 7 WVU

WILL CHAMBELEE
Sports Editor

For the third time in as many weeks, Baylor women's soccer will face off against another top-10 opponent, this time against No. 7 West Virginia this week.

Last week, the Bears took down No. 5 Kansas 2-0 for their first set of the season and are looking to build on the momentum from their victory against the Jayhawks. "There was a sense of relief and a lot of excitement, beating a top-10 program here at home with a bunch of youngsters," Baylor head coach Paul Jobson said.

But while the win against Kansas was big for the program, junior forward Taylor Moon said the team has already moved on and is focused on this week's matchup against the Mountaineers. "The coaches have narrowed our focus down to this week," Moon said. "We're on to Mountaineers.

"You're definitely the underdog when you look at some of the numbers,\" Moon said. "West Virginia is one of the best defensively, which is tough to beat. They're a traditional West Virginia team,\" Jobson said.

The road doesn't get easier for Baylor, as it takes on a formidable West Virginia team on the road. The Bears, as well as the Big 12, have struggled to beat West Virginia at their home field. Baylor is 1-2 at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, while the rest of the Big 12 is a combined 3-24 all-time in Morgantown.

"You've got to be truly dominating in your performances this year," Moon said. "They're a traditional West Virginia team,\" Jobson said. "You've got to be good from back to front, athletic, strong, fast, good soccer players, a traditional powerhouse."

West Virginia is led by senior midfielder Marketing Morgan, who leads the Big 12 with three goals scored this season. But if any team is capable of defending against West Virginia, it is Baylor. The Bears are led by senior goalkeeper Jennifer Wando, who leads the Big 12 in shutouts, and junior defender Kayley Ables, who has been selected twice this year as the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week.

"We've all been doing a great job of making sure we keep goals out of the net," freshman defender Chiles Jans said. "We can win, and everyone else watching can see that, we've all improved every single game.

The Bears will be bolstered by the return of sophomore forward Elizabeth Kooiman, who was missed the last two games due to an undisclosed injury. Kooiman was one of the brightest spots for Baylor last season, as she led the Big 12 in shutouts, the Mountaineers have been different from years past. Sitting at 4-1 atop the Big 12 standings, the Mountaineers have been dominant in their offensive performances this year, leading the league with 10 goals scored.

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Baylor faces WVU at 6 p.m. today in Morgantown, WV., and will be on ESPN+.

No. 2 volleyball faces Red Raiders for two

HARPER MAYFIELD
Sports Writer

Following a pair of competitive matches with Oklahoma, Baylor volleyball is headed to Lubbock to face off with an up-and-down Texas Tech team.

To this point in the season, Tech has been as even as a team can be. The Red Raiders are 3-3 on the season, including being 3-1 at home and 2-2 on the road. Baylor head coach Ryan McGuyre said he isn't nervous about preparing for Tech's inconsistencies.

"We finally have a little bit of film of our opponent going into it," McGuyre said. "Tony [Graystone] is a great coach, and part of his philosophy is matchups. His always moving his lineup around - We've met all of his different lineups.

The Bears won without sophomores outside hitter Lauren Harrison last week, and have gone all season in absence of senior setter Hannah Schlech. For most teams, that would be enough to read in the season, but not for Baylor.

"We have as much depth that I think, the most really nasty deep within every single player that's coming off the bench,\" said junior outside hitter Avila Sanborn.

Braunschweiger had a big week against Oklahoma, recording double-digit digs in both matches against the Sooners, and was named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week.

"It means a lot to me," Braunschweiger said. "Really it's to my teammates because practicing against great hitters in the gym just makes me better, and it makes great hitters seem more familiar on the other side."

McGuyre's matches with Oklahoma were some of the season's most competitive, as the Bears battled for a five-set win last Thursday. But a close contest can have its benefits. "The harshest game this is a win, and it kind of it a fire under us ... We just wanted to be relentless on the court," Braunschweiger said.

Raiders have certainly felt the effects of COVID-19, with the football team having to halt practice and postpone this week's game.

And while the volleyball team has remained healthy, precautions must still be taken.

"Changes, as how we've been traveling this week is going to look a lot different than how we traveled to Kansas," McGuyre said. "So I think in the build and create routines that can get us in an optimal mindset for matches, we do know that redundancy is going to be key in those things that we get to do."

The Bears will take on Texas Tech at 6 p.m. Friday and 6 p.m. Saturday in Taco's United Supermarkets Arena. Matches can be viewed on Big 12 NOW and ESPN+.