

WACO HIPPODROME

Let's do the Time Warp again

Theater gets scary-sexy with Rocky Horror midnight showing

LAUREN FRIEDERMAN Reporter

А horrifying Halloween experience awaits those who choose to see the showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" complete

with a shadow cast this weekend. The Hippodrome will host a showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" featuring a shadow cast, actors that perform onstage while the movie play. The Waco Civic

Theatre at 11:59 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The Friday night show is sold out, but tickets to the Saturday show are still available on the Hippodrome website for \$8 per person.

"It was a way to expand our horizons a bit and it was a way for the Hippodrome to also attract a different audience than they usually attract," said Waco Civic Theatre director Eric Shepard.

Guests can arrive as early as 10:30 p.m. to grab a late dinner at the Hippodrome restaurant and bar. The auditorium will open at 11:00 p.m. People are encouraged to come in costume. There is a costume contest that is \$10 to enter, and the winner receives all the money from the other entries. Prop bags for

night and lip syncing which is part of the fun of it.

"It's unlike anything else we do," Shepard said. "Performing a film while the film is showing is a particular type of experience for people and in a way that's part of the contemporary feel to it."

A shadow cast of about 15 actors will act out the scenes from the movie while the movie plays, Shepard said. The audience will be encouraged to participate by yelling certain things at the characters on

THE DETAILS: Where: Hippodrome

When: Friday and Saturday

Time: Seats are available at 11 p.m. and show starts at 11:59 p.m.

> *Costumes are encouraged*

screen and at certain points the actors will even yell back. The goal is to create a two-way experience,

Shepard said. "On one level it's sort of kids-dancingin-front-of-thetelevision-in-theliving-room, and on the other end it's this multileveled, very contemporary artistic

experience, all at the same time," Shepard said.

Dallas junior Kendall Evans will play Magenta in the show. Evans said she is excited to play her dream role. Magenta is very creepy and sarcastic, Evans said.

"It's a lot of facial expressions and physicality because she doesn't speak that much," Evans said. "You just have to be crazy with it or it won't come across."



audience participation will also be available for \$5. Before the show is the "swearing in of the virgins," to give those who haven't seen the show before an idea of what to expect.

People who attend the show can expect a unique and interactive experience, Shepard said. He said it's a combination of karaoke, movie

Evans said she is also interested in costume design, a talent she utilized in this show. For most of the costumes she copied the costumes the characters wear on screen, but in some cases she added her own

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Courtesy Photo

SCARY SCENE Members of the Rocky Horror Picture Show shadow cast put on by Waco Civic Theatre pose for a close-up as they stand in costume and prepare for their Open Night on Friday at the Hippodrome.

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Photo illustration by Richard Hirst

Golf team soon to get new facility

EMMA KING Staff Writer

Construction on Baylor's new multimillion dollar golf practice facility is slated to begin in early 2016, thanks to approval from the Board of Regents during their homecoming meeting.

The facility will be located adjacent to campus, on a 14-acre plot of land on University Parks Drive.

'This will be a dramatic change in terms of location," said Ian McCaw, vice president and director of student athletics. "It'll be very convenient for the student athletes. Currently they need to drive close to 20 minutes out to the practice facility at Twin Rivers."

The new facility is going to improve the student athlete experience, said men's golf coach Mike McGraw.

"You don't want your student athletes on the road that much, and it certainly does take away from the time they have to work on their

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CAMPUS KITCHEN

Baylor Campus Kitchen hosting Turkeypalooza

ROLANDO RODRIGUEZ SOTO

Reporter

Baylor's Campus Kitchen is hosting a canned food drive until Nov. 20 to help feed the hungry this Thanksgiving.

Turkeypalooza is Campus Kitchen's annual school-wide event to provide meals for individuals and families in the Waco area.

All donations will support the Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry. Canned food items can be dropped off at the Martin House or at other donation boxes around campus.

"Our mission with Turkeypalooza is to get Baylor's community involved in providing a special meal for Thanksgiving to those that might not have it," said Kountze senior Devan Mayer, kitchen director and garden manager for Campus Kitchen.

Priority items for the food drive include green beans, canned corn, cranberry sauce, stuffing or any canned vegetable. Campus Kitchen

also accepts monetary donations.

Mayer said Campus Kitchen works closely with Shepherd's Heart for this annual event. Campus Kitchen collects the food, while Shepherd's Heart distributes it because they are more aware of who in the community can benefit most from the meals.

Campus Kitchen at Baylor is a three-part student-led organization that focuses on food recovery and delivery, the kitchen and the garden.

The garden, located on south Ninth Street and James Avenue, grows seasonal produce including fresh organic fruits and vegetables. The produce is given to the kitchen cooks, where they prepare the meals.

Penland dining hall is used as a resource for other foods such as rice, protein or dairy that is not available from the garden. The delivery team takes the meals to

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EDITORIAL

Keeping the faith

Baylor holds onto roots, supports student wholeness

The United States' oldest institution of higher learning, Harvard University, was founded in 1636 with Congregationalist and Unitarian influences. Yale University was established as a school to train ministers in language and theology. Throughout its history, Duke University held strong ties to the Methodist church.

Aside from these schools' historical religious affiliations, they also share one other common thread: They've all lost their ties to the church.

In his New York Times op-ed column, "The Big University" published earlier this month, David Brooks examines the trend of this secularization in formerly religious institutions that were "explicitly designed to cultivate their students' spiritual and moral natures."

As career training and moral diversity became the standard, these types of schools placed more emphasis on means-to-an-end education and less on seeking vocation, Brooks argues.

"Students are taught how to do things, but many are not forced to reflect on why they should do them or what we are here for," he wrote.

While the academics of these "big universities" haven't wavered in any of these schools, the pursuit of professional achievement has therefore

trumped the holistic growth of the entire person.

For the most part, Baylor University does not line up with Brooks' religious grievances. And thank heaven for that.

We are so fortunate to attend a school that invests in the wholeness of the student, in the classroom and beyond. Founded as a Baptist university, Baylor has remained true



to its roots while maintaining an impressive level of academic prestige. Thus, Baylor offers students much more than a degree at the finish line.

While it's no Ivy League school, Baylor certainly stands tall in other ways, from athletics to research to spirituality. But

what makes Baylor stand out is its examples of commitment to the students' learning journey. The humanities

approach, which Brooks says is quickly diminishing in academia, is still quite prevalent here. Specifically, the University Scholars track allows students to create

an interdisciplinary experience catered to a well-rounded education, rather than a set major with set career expectations.

The fields of study and research approach both cater to more than the intellectual aspect of learning at Baylor. The moral, emotional and spiritual sides are still cultivated in the classrooms with professors who care more for a student's welfare than

Fall break not a time to complain

the grade they receive.

Brooks mentions the role of higher education is meant to expose new ideas and notions to students in a growing environment to help find the "loves" in life not apparent before and "creating an aphrodisiac atmosphere so that they might fall in lifelong love with a few."

In a world of conformity for the sake of academia, Baylor has kept steadfast in its Baptist doctrine such as adhering to the tradition of Chapel, creating community outreach opportunities and requiring fundamental religion courses. The Bobo Spiritual Life Center welcomes students daily to rest in God's Word and reinforces the spiritual well being of students, faculty and staff. Chaplains reside in every oncampus housing facility for the convenience of students.

Though it's let go of restrictive Baptist traditions like no dances on campus, Baylor continues to hold true to not only its affiliation with the church but also the desire to cultivate the people here as individuals, rather than just students. We are lucky to

COLUMN

My major counts, too

World needs creative minds, liberal artists

LAUREN FRIEDERMAN Reporter

Many majors are looked down upon by the general population. Theater, English, history, journalism, philosophy and art majors are scorned for not pursuing something more practical such as



a science — or math oriented major, or even a more general business major. I can't count the number of times a curious adult asked my major and responded with skepticism when I told them I am pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in journalism.

"What do you want to do with that?" they would ask. "You know

newspapers are dying, don't you?" Then they proceed to suggest a more "practical" major that they say would earn me more money in the long run.

There's one problem here. I'm not passionate about math or science. I hate math, and I think math hates me too. I am passionate about writing.

The world needs passionate people, pursuing the thing they love, not because it is practical, lucrative or useful, but purely because they love it.

Without theater majors, where would Broadway and Hollywood be? Without English and philosophy majors, who would perpetuate the classic writers in the minds of young people? Without art majors, what would fill the walls of art museums everywhere? Without journalism majors, who would communicate the news? Without history majors, who would help us discover our past? These people may not be building bridges or saving lives, but that doesn't make their work any less fundamental to the daily lives of people everywhere.

Engineers and scientists are revered because they create concrete things such a buildings and life-saving medicines. I think that part of this disconnect for the appreciation of liberal arts comes about because the creations of liberal arts majors aren't necessarily concrete. But a liberal arts major can change the world as effectively as a science major.

An artist drew a rendition of Muhammed that created a political firestorm. The campaign for breast cancer, probably created by a public relations department, has astronomically raised the level of awareness for Breast Cancer. Movies such as "Supersize Me" and "Blackfish" help to inspire millions and create social change within society.

"We are so fortunate to attend a school that invests in the wholeness of the student, in the classroom and beyond."

attend a school that sees us as more than a warm body in a seat.

Lariat Letters

In an editorial, "Gimme a break: Fall break not long enough to enjoy" [published Oct. 15] the writer talks about extending Fall Break; students are not getting their fair share of time off. Now being out of the military, I may have a different perspective regarding school.

It is my belief that the purpose of going to college is to get the appropriate education to get a job to earn money to make a living. So under that assumption, students should make a lifestyle transition that will prepare them for the workforce. Coming out of the workforce I can tell you that you will not get days off just because you feel you could use some relaxation. The world does not give you entitlements because you think you deserve them.

Being at Baylor is an honor

people should not take lightly. If it wasn't for my military service, I would not be able to attend Baylor or even have been accepted. I decided early in high school that I was going to join the United States Marine Corps. You could say after that, my motivation for earning high grades diminished.

My high school ranking was more equivalent to a participation trophy than it was an achievement. When I was in the military, I took online classes and because of my service I had little time to dedicate to my studies. My transfer GPA would only have been considered success in a golf game. Yet, despite all this Baylor took a chance and gave me the opportunity to receive a quality education. Now I won't go into a list of achievements

*Denotes a member of the editorial board

because I am not trying to brag. I will simple say that I am excelling and it is because I cherish my opportunity, not that others don't.

Treat your education like a job. You go to school every day, and when you are in class, you make every effort to learn. Also, prepare yourself for life after Baylor. Get that work ethic that will make you an indispensable asset.

When you do get time off, don't complain that you deserve more, but enjoy it. Lastly, cherish the opportunity of being able to attend Baylor University; it is an experience that many men and women do not get.

> Alec Carvalho New Braunfels junior Accounting major

we say YOU SAY

WEDNESDAY'S SURVEY QUESTION:

Do you think a part-time job in college is a good idea?

90% said YES 10% said NO

"Not only does it fill a student's time with something that can earn money, it's a valuable experience. You need experience to get a job, and waiting until you're out of school to get one makes you one step behind." These creations differ from the creations of science and math majors, but they are no less influential.

Humans were created to be creative and different.

"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly," Romans 12:6.

Liberal arts and sciences aren't so different really. Both are expressions of complex ideas that characterize humanity. We are complex beings and we all have ideas to express. One form of expression should not be validated more than another. The important thing is that ideas are expressed, concrete or philosophical, especially when it comes to the betterment of society. Young minds should be encouraged to express themselves in whatever manner they are gifted with, rather than the medium that will earn them the highest paycheck in the end.

People should have freedom from judgment in pursuing a liberal arts major, because we are all bestowed with different passions and talents which we are destined to pursue.

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—— News

Students will brave elements on fall break trips

ASHLEY WEBB

Reporter

Baylor Outdoor Adventure will give students the opportunity to explore nature during fall break.

In previous years, the department has taken trips to Texas, Arizona, Colorado and Utah. Things are a little different this year.

"This is our first time doing five trips. We are trying to get more opportunities with students to get them to do something for fall break," said Cody Schrank, assistant director for outdoor adventure education. "And for spring break, we are hoping to have four to five trips."

The trips will range from backpacking to rock climbing in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas.

There are only two spots left for fall break, with both being on a backpacking trip to the Goodwater Trail in Georgetown. The trip is \$135. Interested students can visit www.baylor.edu/campusrec/oa for registration information.

Each of the five groups will consist roughly of nine students.

"This is one of your only opportunities to unplug and be away from everything. If you're going on an outdoor adventure trip," Schrank said. "It's a good time to renew and refresh and have real conversations with who's with you now and not with our social media friends."

All that's required from participants is proper clothing, hiking shoes and a rain jacket. The department does not profit from any

of the costs.

The trips are very beginner friendly, Schrank said. There is

> *"This is one of your"* only opportunities to unplug and be away from everything." Cody Schrank | Assistant director

no experience needed or required to participate. Schrank said he recommends interested students run

the Bear Trail for at least 25 minutes to get an idea of the fitness level required for the backpacking trip and other activities.

"We usually have a pre-trip meeting where we will run the Bear Trail just to say, "Hey, we're going to be hours away from anyone and vou have to be able to carry your backpack, be able to have enough physical strength so that you don't jeopardize the entire group," Schrank said.

For the backpacking trip to Georgetown, Outdoor Adventure will partner with the religion department to make it more of a spiritual trip. This trip includes guided reflections and a booklet that attendees will go through, as well as Scripture reading and alone time.

After hearing about the fall break trip, Baylor alum Christopher Clark said he reflected on how he wanted to participate but never did.

"I always worked out to relieve stress from school. I played basketball and lifted, but never anything else. I always wanted to rock climb, or something like that, but was more focused on other things," Clark said. "Looking back, I really should have taken a trip. It seemed so fun and would have given me more of a push to rock climb."

Although the fall break trips are almost filled, Schrank said spring break will also include trips. Schrank said he wants to go to Arkansas during spring break this spring. Those trips usually consist of rock climbing, canoing and backpacking, he said.

FIT FRIGHT



Trey Honeycutt | Lariat Photographer

Baylor Group X, a fitness program at McLane Student Life Center, hosts a Fitness Halloween Bash on Wednesday in Russell Gym. The night consisted of costumed participants doing Zumba, high-intensity interval training, belly dancing, cycling and yoga.

Loose Army blimp to blame for power outages in Pennsylvania

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MUNCY, Pa. — An unmanned Army surveillance blimp broke loose from its mooring in Maryland and floated over Pennsylvania for about 3.5 hours Wednesday with two fighter jets on its tail, triggering blackouts across the countryside as it dragged its tether across power lines.

The bulbous, 240-foot helium-filled blimp eventually came down in at least two pieces near Muncy, Pa., a small town about 80 miles north of Harrisburg, Pa., as people gawked in wonder and disbelief at the big, white, slow-moving craft. No injuries were reported.

As it floated away, aviation officials feared it would endanger air traffic, and two F-16s were scrambled from a National Guard base in New



Associated Press

BLIMP BLOOPER An unmanned Army surveillance blimp floats through the air Wednesday, causing power outages in Pennsylvania as it drags a tether line south of Millville, Pa.

Jersey to track it.

But there was never any intention of shooting it down, said Navy Capt. Scott Miller, a spokesman for the nation's air defense command.

The blimp — which cannot be steered remotely eventually deflated and settled back to Earth on its own, according to Miller. He said there was an auto-deflate device aboard, but it was not deliberately activated, and it is unclear why the craft went limp.

He said it was also unknown how the blimp broke loose, and an investigation was under way.



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TEEN ATTACKED In this photo made from video taken by a Spring Valley High School student, Senior Deputy Ben Fields tries to forcibly remove a student who refused to leave her high school math class, on Monday in Columbia, S.C.

Sheriff fires deputy for tossing teen across room

MEG KINNARD Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. - A deputy who flipped a disruptive student out of her desk and tossed her across her math class floor was fired on Wednesday.

The sheriff called his actions "unacceptable," and said videos recorded by her classmates show the girl posed no danger to anyone.

What he should not have done is throw the student," Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said. "Police officers make mistakes too. They're human and they need to be held accountable, and that's what we've done with Deputy Ben Fields."

Civil rights groups praised the swift action against Fields, a veteran school resource officer and football coach at Spring Valley High School. Outrage spread quickly after videos of the white officer arresting the black teenager on Monday appeared on the Internet.

Scott Hayes, an attorney for the deputy, said in a statement released to local media that the officer's actions were justified and lawful. He said Fields wouldn't have any comment because of the federal investigation.

Lott thanked the FBI for investigating whether civil rights were violated, and school officials for promising to review how police are used for discipline.

"They need to understand that when they call us, we're going to take a law enforcement action," Lott said. "Maybe that ought to have been something handled by the school without ever calling the deputy."

The sheriff also had stern words for the student who started the confrontation by refusing to hand over her cellphone after her math teacher saw her texting in class - a violation of school policy.

Both she and another student who verbally challenged the officer's actions during the arrest still face misdemeanor charges of disturbing schools, punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine or 90 days in jail, Lott said, although in most cases, judges impose alternative sentences that keep students out of jail.

"The student was not allowing the teacher to teach and not allowing the students to learn. She was very disrespectful and she started this whole incident," Lott said. "It doesn't justify his actions. But again, she needs to be held responsible for what she did."

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creative flair.

"I found this muted gold and silver color sequined high neck dress and I just kind of made my own space costume from it," Evans said.

This show serves as a fundraiser for the nonprofit Waco Civic Theatre.

"What we're always looking to do is increase our production value in the theatre. You know, better costumes, better lights, better sound equipment," Shepard said.

A lot of the money raised will also go toward expanding children's programming, Shepard said, because it is the area they most want to grow.

"The more people we can reach, the more constituencies that we can somehow serve, the more effective we are," Shepard said.

Shepard said he came up with the idea for the show in summer 2014. The showing was announced in June, and Shepard realized that

there was a large interest in Waco, he said. He said he's glad to provide an outlet for "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" lovers. Although it could ruffle feathers, it is a 40 year-old tradition and Shepard said there's just no changing that.

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game," McGraw said.

He said Baylor's facility will be more conducive to better practice. The grounds will include a driving range, a short range course and a putting green, surrounded by trees to provide a shield from wind.

"I think that the biggest thing that it's going to do is put us in the upper echelon of college golf teams," women's golf coach Jay Goble said.

McGraw said it will help attract better student athletes when they see the commitment that the university has to the golf program. There are currently 12 members on the men's golf team and there will be eight members on the women's team in January. "Our players are really excited," Goble said. "I think when we first kind of talked about this idea and this dream that Coach McGraw and I had, I

don't think they believed us that it was going to happen."

He said recruits are excited about it too and that he hopes the facility will help draw in players from all over the world.

have exceptional "We coaching leadership in our golf programs under Mike McGraw and Jay Goble," McCaw said. "We look forward to both programs competing for championships in the Big XII and nationally thanks to this state of the art facility."

McCaw said the first steps for the project will be preparing the make this gift."

The Williams Family Soccer and Olympic Sports Center, which opened this fall, was also named for Williams, in recognition of his lead gift for that facility as well.

Williams played football at Baylor, lettering in 1962. In 2012, he was named by the Baylor "B" Association to its Wall of Honor, recognizing athletes' accomplishments after graduation that have brought positive public recognition and honor to Baylor and its athletic department. McGraw said he doesn't know how the golf facility project would have gained momentum without Williams. When we secured that piece of land, that's Baylor land, then it was just about raising money," McGraw said. "We're off to a great start, I couldn't be more excited."

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different locations in Waco such as Mission Waco, afterschool programs or the Family Abuse Center.

Campus Kitchen also recovers leftover food every day from each dining hall on campus. The leftover food is provided to the Salvation Army and homeless people in Waco.

McGregor junior Christy McCaw has been volunteering with Campus Kitchen since her freshman year. Now she has a shift in the garden every week, and has had the opportunity to see how the garden has grown over the years.

"I remember one day when I

The national nonprofit, Campus Kitchens Project, was developed in 2001 as a branch of Washington D.C. Central Kitchen, which was a successful community kitchen in the District of Columbia. Baylor established the first Campus Kitchen in Texas in October 2008. There are currently 47 schools across the nation participating in this nonprofit.

Mayer said even though most of the volunteers are environmental science or nutrition majors, there is still a variety of student involvement.

"Anyone is welcome to join," Mayer said. "They just have to have

soil and starting to landscape the area.

The facility will be named in honor of Baylor alum Billy Williams and his family.

"It's a very generous gift from an alum who's done a lot for the university," McCaw said. "Golf is something that is a hobby of his and that was part of the desire to

really realized Campus Kitchen as a whole was really making a difference," McCaw said. "I was serving food at Salvation Army, and I realized I was serving the same food I had just eaten in a dining hall that day. That's when I got to experience the scope of what Campus Kitchen does."

a passion for serving the community and helping alleviate poverty issues."

For more information on how to volunteer with Campus Kitchen in their garden, kitchen or delivery programs, visit their website for the schedule.



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ONLINE >> The Artistic Genes: Brothers in Waco speak about their cartoon art on display

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SARAH JENNINGS Reporter

This Halloween, the first ever Stadium SPOOKtacular will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday at McLane Stadium on the covered 100 level concourse.

A family friendly event, the SPOOKtacular will have classic Halloween festivities like trick-ortreating, face painting and a haystack search. Painting with a Twist will sponsor pumpkin painting. There will be also be a costume contest divided into three age groups.

This family-friendly event is presented by Lowe's of Waco and will end with a showing of "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial," a classic film about a young boy who befriends a

kind alien. The movie will start at 7 p.m. and will show on the stadium's screen. The film will be provided by the Waco Hippodrome.

"We try to bring new things to the community, so everyone can come out and enjoy this beautiful facility, inside and out of it," said Tyler Gambrell, marketing and box office manager for McLane Stadium.

Anthony J. Garcia, web content producer for News Channel 25, said the station is partnering with McLane Stadium in this event. News anchors Ann Harder and Bruce Gietzen will emcee the event and judge the costume contest. In addition, the station is giving away five four-packs of tickets this week to Saturday's event. They will announce winners on "The Texas

Report Midday" at 11 a.m. for the rest of the week on Channel 25.

Once inside, all games and activities are free. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 2-12. A family 4-pack of tickets can be purchased for \$30. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online through Ticketmaster.com, as well as at the McLane Stadium box office. More information and links to ticket sales may be found at mclanestadium.com.

Lowe's is sponsoring the event by both monetary contribution and helping with supplies and decorations. A team from Lowe's helped build the games for the event.

"[Lowe's] helped us build a McLane Stadium corn hole game and donated decorations like

pumpkins, flowers and hay bales," Gambrell said. "Brett King and his team have been fantastic. They're really supportive and really got behind this event."

SNG Research Corporation came onboard to manage the stadium facility two years ago. Gambrell said SNG made a commitment to the City of Waco and Baylor University to bring new, diverse and exciting events to the stadium, creating a more functional sports-entertainment facility. Previous events include the Brazos River Ribfest last April and the No Limits Monster Truck World Championship last May. Stadium tours are also offered.

The potential for rain on Saturday won't affect the event.

This week in Waco:

>> Today

7:30 p.m. – Texas Saxophone Quartet, Roxy Grove Hall

>> Friday (Fall Break)

7:30 p.m.- Doors open for Magnolia Market grand opening

8 p.m. — Dueling Pianos, Waco Hippodrome

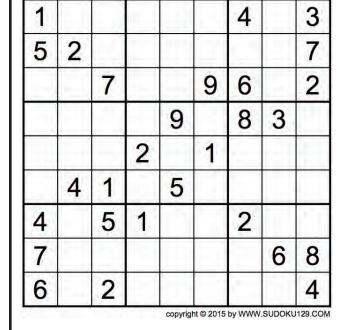
>> Saturday

9 a.m.-1 p.m.- Downtown Waco Farmers Market

7:30 p.m.- Doors open for Magnolia Market grand opening

8 p.m.— Halloween Dollar Dance Party, Common Grounds

8 p.m.— Stoney LaRue Concert, Wild West



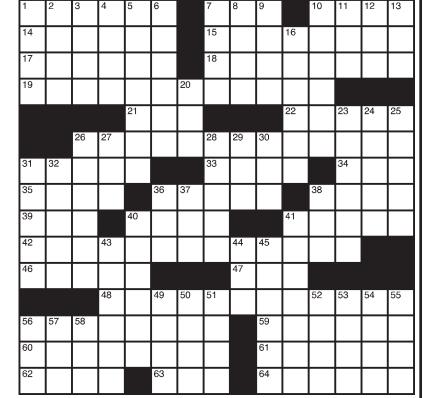


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An unexpected journey

Backup quarterback Jarrett Stidham takes over after Russell's injury

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After beginning the season 7-0 and being ranked No. 2 in the nation, Baylor had many experts predicting a College Football Playoff berth.

But an unfortunate loss has put the Bears' playoff hopes in serious jeopardy. True freshman Jarrett Stidham will be under center for the Bears for rest of 2015.

It was revealed on Monday afternoon that junior quarterback Seth Russell would be out for the season after fracturing a bone in his neck. No one knew how to react upon hearing the news.

"It was hard," said junior wide receiver Corey Coleman. "Everybody was sad. I just wanted to leave the room."

Russell had been impeccable through seven games as he amassed 2,506 total yards of offense and 35 touchdowns for the No. 1 offense in the country. Russell's play made scoring look effortless at times.

Several Baylor players said they were heartbroken when the news came out and they realized their leader was lost for the remainder of the season.

The ill-fated injury prompted Russell to give an emotional speech to the team on Tuesday, telling them to not make the situation about him and to play for each other.

Russell spoke specifically to Stidham, telling Stidham to step up and take ownership in his absence.

"[Seth] got emotional, so it made all of us kind of get emotional," Drango said. "We're right behind him. He's not going to be gone forever. He'll still be around helping out where he can."

Despite the loss, Baylor's season is not over. In a way, it's just beginning, players said.

Stidham takes the reins of the most prolific offense in college football, something that he has been aiming for ever since he arrived on campus.

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ON THE HORIZON Freshman quarterback Jarrett Stidham performs a handoff against West Virginia on Oct. 17, at McLane Stadium. Stidham was named Baylor's starting quarterback this week after junior Seth Russell was injured.

guess that. I personally look up to the guy and I'm four or five years older than him."

While head coach Art Briles has a history of taking lower recruits and maximizing their play in his proven offensive system, Stidham is a different story.

Coming from Stephenville as the No. 3 quarterback recruit in the nation, Stidham is unlike anything Briles has seen before.

In other words, he's no work in progress. Briles has been so impressed by from the moment he stepped foot on Baylor's practice field, challenging Russell for the starting job and pushing the junior quarterback to the level of a Heisman candidate.

"I said, 'This guy is going to be special,' as soon as he got here," Coleman said. "He's really talented at a young age and, especially coming in at quarterback, it's hard to come in and learn the offense so fast. The reason why Seth was so good was because Jarrett was pushing him."

The true freshman came in as a highly recruited player, but he had to win the respect of some members of the team. had heard a lot of hype about him, but I just thought it was all hype. After I saw [him throw], I was like 'Man, that kid is good."

There's little difference between Russell and Stidham, Fuller said. Yet many people doubt the capability of Stidham to carry the offense. The lineman said that may come back to haunt them in the end.

"The way he plays and handles himself is similar to [Russell]" Fuller said. "With him being a confident person and being who he is, I know that he's going to bring some fire, Drango said Stidham wouldn't have any leeway to get comfortable in the starter role with Baylor playing the seventh-toughest schedule in the nation for its remaining games. But he doesn't believe the new quarterback needs any time to adjust.

"He knows the offense well," Drango said. "He can throw just as good as Seth, so it'll be interesting to see how he adapts. But I have full confidence in his ability to run the offense."

Another group that believes in Stidham's talent is the receiving corps. They are excited about the prospect of catching passes from Stidham and said there's a lot of chemistry with the QB.

"We'll miss [Russell] greatly, but catching a pass from Jarrett is almost like a gift from God," Hawthorne said.

Heisman contender Corey Coleman said with a guy like Stidham leading the offense, none of the dreams or aspirations that the team had with Russell as quarterback are in doubt.

Coleman was clear about his message to doubters of Baylor with a change at the helm.

"They're crazy. We're a hungry football team and we know what we want. It's right there, so now we have to go get it," Coleman said.

The All-American receiver said there's no reason why Stidham can't lead the Bears to a national championship. The QB has one of the best offensive lines in the country, great running backs, and a stellar group of pass-catchers, Coleman said.

"He did a great job when he was playing [as backup]," Coleman said. "Now he gets to come in and play with better guys around him. So he will step up his play even more."

After visiting with players, it became evident that Stidham's teammates don't think he acts like a freshman, nor is he treated that way.

The coaching staff plans on changing nothing and expects the gameplan to remain the same.

While it is certainly unexpected,

Many of his teammates are amazed at his confident demeanor and skillset at such a young age.

Stidham is a born leader, members of the team said.

"It blows my mind that he's a teenager," said junior wide receiver Lynx Hawthorne. "You wouldn't the 19-year-old that he called him the best young quarterback he's ever been around.

That's saying something, considering Briles coached many successful quarterbacks, including Heisman winner Robert Griffin III.

Stidham showcased his ability

All it took was for Stidham to show off his ability to throw the football.

"When I first saw [Stidham] throw a ball, I was really impressed," said junior center Kyle Fuller. "I didn't know that he had an arm like that. I because a lot of people are doubting him."

Baylor's bye week could not come at a better time, players said. The added time off gives Stidham extra reps to prepare for an expected hostile environment on Nov. 5, when the Bears take on Kansas State. Baylor's national title hopes lie on the shoulders of a first-year player.

And Baylor believes.

"He's not scared, he's not worried, and he's ready to go," Hawthorne said. "If there's somebody that's capable of taking over the reins, it's him. I have full trust in Jarrett Stidham."

