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Famous YouTubers come to Baylor

BRIDGET SJOBERG Staff Writer

This spring, teen YouTube sensations Brooklyn and Bailey McKnight announced that they would be attending Baylor in a video that hit over 2 million views.

The twins, best known under their channel name "Brooklyn and Bailey," are identical twins and have over 5.5 million YouTube subscribers with almost 4 million followers on Instagram. Brooklyn and Bailey McKnight post videos related to lifestyle, makeup, clothing and other similar topics.

The Dallas freshmen at Baylor. The girls frequently film vlogs on campus and have gotten used to being approached by students and fans of their channel.

"There are definitely people who say hello and ask us for pictures," Bailey McKnight said. "Our school in the past was really used to us having cameras and filming, but at Baylor we haven't gotten too many weird looks — most



Jason Pedreros | Multimedia Journalist

GIRL BOSSES Brooklyn and Bailey, freshman Baylor students, have a whopping 5 million subscribers on Youtube allowing them to start a business that sells mascara and scrunchies.





Sisters and Thrifters: Bees Knees Bargains

BRIDGET SJOBERG Staff Writer

When San Clemente, Calif., sophomore Claire Griffin went through sorority recruitment in January, she didn't expect to walk away with a sorority "big" sister and soon-to-be business partner who shares her love for thrifting.

She especially didn't foresee the quick success she would experience as a young entrepreneur running a small business through the reselling of unique thrifting finds.

Houston junior Jordan Shafer, a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, noticed Griffin's style during recruitment and saw her as someone that she could share interests with.

"I saw Claire during recruitment and was like, 'She's so cool. She looks like she could be like me," Shafer said. "Now she's my little, and we have a lot in common."

The girls discovered they both love thrifting and finding unique clothes that stand out from the crowd. They particularly enjoy Dirt Cheap, a large thrift store located off Valley Mills.

"For me, thrifting is like a

people know who we are and know we're filming videos. Occasionally people will ask to be in a video or we get weird stares, but it's been good here

Photo Courtesy of: Claire Griffin

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BEES KNEES Claire Griffin, San Clemente, Calif. sophomore, (right) and Jordan Shafer, Houston junior, (left) who co-own Bees Knees have turned their thifting love into a small business.

scavenger hunt," Griffin said. "I would much rather wear something that took thirty minutes to find than spend \$50 for a shirt I spotted at a common store."

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Walk for the Homeless brings Waco community together

MCKENNA MIDDLETON

Opinion Editor

The Waco community, led by Mission Waco, will take to the streets Sunday morning for the 13th annual Walk for the Homeless. The event coincides with the 26th anniversary worship service of Church Under the Bridge.

The walk begins at 8 a.m. Sunday at the Meyer Center, in Waco, where brand new shoes will be distributed to the homeless from the Waco community. Through this effort, Mission Waco moves away from its traditional empowerment method to the relief model, said Jimmy Dorrell, president of Mission Waco.

"Americans are terribly committed to sort of this give away stuff, which in our mind does more harm than good," Dorrell said. "Part of the walk is the shoes for the homeless. Every year for the last 10 years, we raise money. We kind of break from tradition on the walk, and people give, make donations, and then we take them down to Academy and let them pick out their own shoes, and then we give them to them at the walk."

Dorrell said about 80 people will receive

shoes on Sunday through fundraising efforts. This year, Baylor head football coach Matt Rhule, football team members and members of the coaching staff contributed \$1,045 dollars to the shoes for the homeless. Dorrell said the money allowed for each shoe recipient to also receive a metal tumbler to keep drinks hot or cold.

Participants will walk 1.2 miles through the streets of Waco, stopping at eight locations along the way. These stops include talks from leaders of homeless organizations across the city such as Compassion Ministries, Waco Family Abuse Center, Caritas and Salvation Army, to name a few.

"It's huge for the community because it raises awareness," Kathy Reid, executive director of the Waco Family Abuse Center, said. "I speak to the crowd from the Compassion Ministry balcony, and it's just so wonderful to see this sea of people... It's a mass of people from the community that come to let everybody know that they have a commitment for people who are homeless."

Reid, who has been involved with the Walk

for the Homeless since she moved to Waco, said the Family Abuse Center is the largest homeless shelter in Waco and explained that domestic violence is the largest cause of homelessness for women and children.

"Of course, we want to participate because people don't see domestic violence that way," Reid said. "The problem is they have nowhere else to go."

Jill McCall, Executive Director of Compassion Ministries, said the walk brings awareness about the services available in the city, demonstrating not only what those services are but also why those services are necessary. She said Compassion Ministries offers transitional housing for families suffering from episodic homelessness - often the result of a loss of job, medical issue or domestic violence. This population redefines what people normally think of when they picture homelessness, McCall said. She said there are two things Waco can work on to improve the episodic homelessness situation.

"Two things for Waco to work on I think are increasing the opportunities for employment at a living wage job and then along with that, safe affordable housing. There's not a lot of that either," McCall said.

The 26th anniversary worship service of Church Under the Bridge, an organization founded by Jimmy Dorrell and his wife Janet Dorrell in 1992, will follow the walk at 11 a.m.

Rod Aydelotte, photo chief at the Waco Tribune-Herald, said he first got involved with the event through covering it for the newspaper. Aydelotte said he encourages Baylor students and other community members to take advantage of the event.

"It's a good way to know your community more than anything," Aydelotte said.

Aydelotte said a lot of people in the community "have no idea who the homeless people are" in the area. He sees this as a roadblock to bringing real, positive change to the community.

"If we don't take care of the community, then we can't build up the town," Aydelotte said. "So I think for the average person, the more you know about the town, the better off it will be."



Liesje Powers | Multimedia Editor

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EMPOWERMENT Volunteers continues the 1.2 mile walk through Waco, with stops at seven local homeless shelters. The group took time to meet and pray at each shelter. The event was hosted by Mission Waco, but included participants from all over the Waco community.

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EDITORIAL



A lesson in equality

Public school quality should not be dependent on property taxes

When you look back on your educational experience, odds are you have one of two polarizing views of the American public school system: The United States either has the best public education system in the world or the worst. It either sets students up for success or failure. Split views of the public education system is one reason why there are so many private campuses in America. There are 34,576 private schools in the United States, serving 5.7 million K-12 students. Private schools account for 25 percent of the nation's schools and enroll 10 percent of all K-12 students.

Your views likely depend on where you grew up, what public schools, if any, you attended, and why you either did or did not attend public school. There are huge differences in the quality of public schools depending on the district, and that's why many students (10 percent according to the National Center for Education Statistics) opt to attend private schools. Public schools in the United States are funded largely through property taxes, meaning there is a direct correlation between the amount of money put into your education and the value of the land and buildings surrounding the school.

That is why we see some public school districts spending tens of thousands of dollars per student per year while others are spending just a few thousand.

For example, 2013 U.S. Census Bureau data reveals Long

Though the cost of living is lower in Texas, the education students receive should not suffer as a result.

There should not be such disparity when it comes to funding public education. One public school shouldn't be giving iPads to every student when schools a few districts away have books that are outdated and falling apart. This is not to say schools shouldn't be giving the best resources to their students - they should, but the resources available to public school students should be comparable across all public schools. If public schools continue to be funded through property taxes, that money should be equally dispersed per student per school district on a statewide basis, not locally.

Teachers will also be attracted to school districts with more funding because that often means higher salaries. Of course, teacher salaries should reflect the cost of living in the area they are employed. However, schools where teachers are paid less may mean those teachers have the added stress of having a lower income, less resources and may even need to have a second job. Those factors can impact the amount of quality attention and instruction they are able to provide their students.

A child's worth is not dependent on how much money their home is worth, and the quality of their education shouldn't be either.

It should not be a shock that schools that spend less money

COLUMN BU freshmen should park at **Ferrell Center**

BAILEY BRAMMER

Broadcast Managing Editor

Parking problems at Baylor are almost as numerous as women wearing oversized T-shirts and Nike shorts ... almost

Whether you're playing "Parking Spot Roulette" and seeing how long you can stay in that faculty spot before Baylor Parking Services tracks you down, or you're swerving sharply to the right to avoid being hit by that monster truck backing into a compact spot, everyone with

> a car is bound to run into a parking issue every so often.



Recently, though, I've found that my parking struggles have shifted to simply not being able to find a parking spot at all. And I know I'm not alone, because there are usually seven or so other cars frantically zooming around the top floor of Garage Mahal at 9:28 a.m. on a Tuesday, trying to find a place to park before class starts.

However, many of the cars already parked in these garages belong to freshmen, who merely have to wake up, roll out of bed and get to class without the added worry of finding a parking spot. Freshmen should park at the Ferrell Center, giving students who commute the opportunity to make it to class on time as well.

While there are certainly freshmen who use their vehicles on a regular basis for off-campus jobs or adventures, many first-year students' cars sit in these garages all week long. Leaving your car in the same spot and only going out every so often isn't a bad thing, but it is costing you \$360 when you could be paying nothing to park at the Ferrell Center.

Some freshmen only use their cars on the weekends, which also allows them to take advantage of the free Ferrell Center parking. Baylor Parking Services does not patrol after 5 p.m. on weekdays and does not patrol at all on weekends, meaning that even if you left your car at the Ferrell Center during the week, you still wouldn't have to pay to park on campus when you actually need your vehicle on the weekend.

The walk to the Ferrell Center from most freshman dorms shouldn't take more than 10 to 15 minutes, but even from Ruth Collins Residence Hall on the other side of campus, the distance is only 1.4 miles.



Lake Central School District in New York spent \$63,882 last year per student in their district; this is higher than the average college tuition in America. Terrell County Independent School District in Texas spent \$34,447 per student last year. Waco ISD spent \$8,802 last year per student, below the national average of \$11,841.

Public schools should be equally funded across the nation and across the state. Fifty percent of funding from schools should come nationally and 50 percent should come from the state. This means the federal government should take on more responsibility when it comes to funding our public schools. The Houston Chronicle reports that it is the state, not the federal, government that determines school district funding. That means districts that are unable to meet the funding level because of lower property taxes, state funds make up the difference. With rising property values, state governments are taking less and less of the burden, often leading to more disparities in educational equity.

A study from Education Law Center and Rutgers School of Education assessed the funding fairness levels of public K-12 schools. Their 2015 assessment gave Texas a D in funding fairness.

per student have a lower and later graduation rate, worse standardized test scores and a lower college acceptance rate. Not to mention students at schools funded below the national average are more likely to fall subject to the school-to-prison pipeline, according to research from the ACLU.

There should also be regulations as to how funding is spent and allocated. It would not be fair to students if one school decided to spend 25 percent of the budget on sports and only give the arts 1 percent. Students in public schools should have equal access to resources regarding sports, technology, the arts, STEM and all other areas.

Think back to your local public education system - what could have been better? How did that school allocate resources? Will you send your child to a public school? Will you be involved on the school board or the PTA? How will you advocate for your child's education? Start advocating for them now.

Research educational policies of candidates you're voting for. You may never have been in the public school system, but most of America's youth is. Educational policy is an issue that affects millions of people and, odds are, it will impact your life, too.



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Center from most freshman dorms shouldn't take more than 10 to 15 minutes..."

And if freshmen don't feel like walking across University Parks Drive, they can take the Baylor University Shuttle, which runs from 7:25 a.m. to 5:25 p.m. every day. They could also use the After Hours Shuttle, which goes all around campus and stops right across the street from the Ferrell Center from 6:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. If none of these options appeal to freshmen or fall within their time constraints, they can also hitch a ride with a Baylor security escort by calling 254-710-2211.

Skeptics of these arguments (freshmen, most likely) might say that commuting students should just leave for class a few minutes earlier to secure a spot, or that they should check the parking garage Live Counts available on Baylor's Department of Public Safety website.

However, faculty vehicles can sometimes be included in the Live Counts, thus skewing the numbers. And even if you arrive 20 minutes before your class begins, you still have the potential to have trouble finding a spot, or worse, end up parking in the back corner on the fourth floor inbetween a Range Rover and a Ford F150.

While I'm not saying freshmen parking at the Ferrell Center should be mandatory, it would certainly benefit students who live off campus, as well as those who live on campus.

Bailey is a senior journalism major from Phoenix.

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BGB: a tried and true study abroad option

Baylor's oldest BearsAbroad option provides credits and crumpets

ELISE CROSLEY Reporter

Baylor's study abroad BearsAbroad program provides a wide variety of trips for every student's travel dreams. One of their trips, Baylor in Great Britain, is especially popular. Students have the opportunity to walk along the south bank of the River Thames, see the London Eye and visit St. Paul's Cathedral during their weeks there. Baylor in Great Britain is also Baylor's oldest tillactive study abroad program.

"There are a lot of other good options for students. We think what makes our program distinctive are the number of course offerings. We have eight different faculty that go with our program. We're also big fans of London. We're based right out of London. It's an incredibly accessible city," said Dr. Charles Weaver, co-director of the trip and professor and chair of psychology and neuroscience.

Baylor in Great Britain takes place during the summer, giving students the opportunity to travel during their time away from Waco and traditional Baylor classes. Students travel to a different country every weekend, discovering many new places. Students visit many cities on the weekend, including Prague, Paris and Dublin.

"There were two things that made me choose Baylor in Great Britain for study abroad. The first reason was the location. We stayed in South Kensington in London, which made it super convenient to see and do a lot of things," Keller junior Emily Morgan said. "The second reason was because it was during the summer, which allowed me to continue to participate in the things I enjoy during the school year in Waco."

This trip provides an assortment of classes, some to help gain credit towards one's major and others to aid in understanding the culture.

"I took a castles course and a history course. In the castles course, our classroom was the actual castle we were learning about. This allowed me to see firsthand what we were learning," Morgan said. According to Weaver, the faculty have been a part of this trip for many years. They have participated in all of the attractions. However, his favorite part for the last 10 years has been seeing the students' faces when they see these historical landmarks for the first time. "It's a fun way for us to reexperience what it was like the first time," Weaver said. Oftentimes, students' favorite part about studying abroad is the community they build along the way. "The best part was getting to explore Europe with my best friends and making so many new friends. My favorite place was Edinburgh, Scotland, because it was so unlike anywhere else, and one of the most beautiful places I've ever been," Orange junior Madison Miller said.



EYE SPY 2018 Baylor in Great Britain students enjoy a ride in the London Eye, taking in the beautiful scenery they experienced during their summer abroad.



BRIDGING TRAVEL & STUDIES BGB students gather for a group picture at the renown London Bridge.

What's 🔆) Happening on Campus?

Friday, September 21 Food Truck Friday

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Grab a friend and head to Fifth Street for a food truck feast. Eat from local favorites and enjoy activities on the Bill Daniel Student Center front lawn. All food trucks accept cash or credit/debit card.

Saturday, September 22 Baylor Football vs. Kansas

2:30 p.m. Make your way to McLane Stadium to back the Bears as they take on Kansas. Student Tailgate begins at 11 a.m.

Sundown Sessions: The SUB's 70th Birthday Celebration

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Join the party and celebrate the SUB's 70th Birthday. You're invited to Barfield Drawing Room to celebrate Bill Daniel Student Center with free attic tours, archery and cupcake decorating.

Thursday, September 27

🕗 Spaghetti Not-So-Formal

6-8 p.m. Swing by the Barfield Drawing Room for a spaghetti dinner. Tickets are \$5 and proceeds will be donated to Reading is Fundamental to support literacy nationwide. The event is hosted by Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Tau Omega.

Baylor Symphony Orchestra performance

7:30 p.m. The School of Music invites you to a free performance by the Baylor Symphony Orchestra. Located in Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building.

Mark Your Calendar! Family Weekend

For more information about Baylor in Great Britain:

You can find more information about study abroad opportunities at Baylor's BearsAbroad website.

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Sunday, September 23 Mayborn Museum's Community Day

1-5 p.m. Explore the Mayborn Museum's Discovery Center, natural history exhibits and the Gov. Bill and Vara Daniel Historic Village for free. Please note, free admission does not extend to *Titanic*: *The Artifact Exhibition*.

Monday, September 24 Movie Mondays

7 p.m. Head to the Hippodrome to watch *RGB*, a documentary that explores the life and legal legacy of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Admission is free. Tickets can be picked up at the Baylor Ticket Office or Hippodrome Box Office.

Tuesday, September 25 Free Enterprise Forum

4-5:15 p.m. Head to the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation, Foster 240, to hear a discussion about faith, entrepreneurship and innovation. Evan Baehr, professor, best-selling author, venture investor and serial founder, will share his experiences in business and in life. For details: **baylor.edu/business/freeenterprise/.**

Wednesday, September 26

D Baylor Theatre presents Godspell

7:30 p.m. Make your way to the Mabee Theatre in Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center for the opening night of *Godspell*, a musical inspired by the gospel. The production continues through Sunday, Oct. 14. Tickets are available at **baylor.edu/theatre.**

Friday, September 28 -Saturday, September 29

Welcome your family to Baylor with some exciting events you won't want to miss!

Last Lectures featuring messages from four professors to the families of students

Taste of Waco featuring a Baylor Family community dinner from local food trucks

After Dark showcasing performances from some of Baylor's top student talent

Meet the President including an opportunity to hear from President Livingstone and Baylor's new Chief Business Officer, Brett Dalton

Family-Faculty Coffee gathering to engage with professors over coffee and brunch

Kendra Scott Pop Up Shop featuring new seasonal and signature products with a portion of proceeds benefitting Baylor

Baylor vs. Oklahoma Tailgate and Watch Party supporting the Bears as they take on Oklahoma, McLane Stadium

Special Evening with Clint Harp at the Baylor Bookstore featuring a meetand-greet and a book signing

Dinner at the Hippodrome featuring stories from alumni about their experiences at Baylor and beyond

For a full schedule and tickets to events, visit **baylor.edu/familyweekend**.



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and no one's really questioned us," they said.

The girls typically interact with students who recognize them or watch them on YouTube, but Brooklyn McKnight noted some particularly interesting interactions she's had with people on campus.

"I got a calendar invite on Google for a Brooklyn and Bailey viewing party club — apparently they watch our videos every Wednesday, and it seemed like a legit thing," Brooklyn McKnight said. "I've had guys and girls come up and ask me to come. Originally we thought it might be a joke or making fun of us, but then we met people in the group and they're really nice — they just want to support what we do, which is really refreshing."

Brooklyn and Bailey McKnight have always attended public school in the past, as opposed to taking a home schooling route, and despite some initial hesitations, have found students and classmates throughout the years to be supportive of what they do.

"There was an element of being concerned that we would be treated differently since we're in the public eye and can be easy targets," Brooklyn McKnight said. "We wondered if people would be jealous or make assumptions about who we are as people, so coming in was a little nerve-racking. Overall, though, we've had pretty positive reactions and have received support."

Along with posting frequent videos on YouTube, Brooklyn and Bailey McKnight have their own lines of mascaras and scrunchies, as well as a partnership with companies like Arizona Jean Co. through JCPenney. As entrepreneurship majors at Baylor, the girls hope to continue expanding their brands. "We both already have careers in what we're doing, but our goal right now is to build an empire around our brand," Brooklyn McKnight said. "Social media is unpredictable, so we hope to build brands that can exist outside of that on their own."

The twins hope to continue growing their businesses and pursuing projects that will be meaningful for their fan base.

"Our way to do this was by selling mascara and scrunchies to test our audience and see how they would react," Bailey McKnight said. "The products ended up doing so well that we're continuing to put them out. We have equity in a couple companies and might be delving more into the makeup and accessory industries. When we leave college, we want businesses we can go into."

Attending a traditional college is something that makes Brooklyn and Bailey McKnight unique from similar YouTubers of their age. They love that being in a "normal" school environment allows them to be social and stay grounded.

"From day one, we've tried our best to stay down-to-earth no matter what happens," Bailey McKnight said. "We were raised as Christians and normal kids — we never considered taking a step back from the real world and entering the Hollywood mindset. We're both really social and love people, so we wanted to have a touch of normalcy in our school life."

Brooklyn and Bailey McKnight also noted that their YouTube channel is targeted toward an audience of young girls, so they seek to set a good example by staying grounded and receiving a college education.

"College education is really important, and

our channel is based around girls growing up with us," Bailey McKnight said. "We wanted to set a good example by pursuing an education — we hope to be female role models. Also, the 'everyday girl' is what our channel is based off of, so not going to college would be a poor business decision."

Brooklyn and Bailey McKnight said they chose Baylor because they saw the school as a great option close to home and were impressed by the university's interest in their career goals and willingness to work with their schedules and partner on projects.

"We applied to six different colleges, and Baylor was the quickest to catch onto our work and see us as different and unique," Brooklyn McKnight said. "Baylor also has a great entrepreneurship program and is a Christian university which is a big deal for us. We have a really good relationship with Baylor and the staff here. They're willing to work with our schedules and understand what we're doing. It's a great partnership."

Brooklyn and Bailey McKnight had considered attending separate colleges, but ultimately realized that their strength comes from working and spending time together.

"We've been apart for like two days total our whole lives, so it's hard to picture separating," Brooklyn McKnight said. "We're roommates, best friends and business partners."

It might seem tough to have to balance running businesses and a successful YouTube channel while being full-time students, but Brooklyn and Bailey McKnight said the transition hasn't been as tough as they expected and is surprisingly less busy than their high school schedule. "It's been surprisingly easy — high school was so much stuff all the time, so the fact that we made it through high school was almost training us for college," BaileyMcKnight said. "High school helped us with time management and building a support team back home has made things easy and straightforward."

Brooklyn and Bailey McKnight said they look forward to attending their first football game and running the line since they've been out of town during the games thus far, as well as participating in traditions like Dr Pepper Hour and Diadeloso. They hope to continue getting involved and attending on-campus events.

"We're looking into some clubs right now to pursue in our free time," Brooklyn McKnight said. "We had never thought about Greek life before, but we're looking into rushing, and we'll see what happens."

The young women plan to continue promoting and providing exposure for their brand and products and said they will consider pursuing a business outside of their brand or looking further into the makeup industry in the future. They encourage students interested in pursuing YouTube or an online career to realize that it's a big time commitment, but it can be a great avenue to express your passion to others.

"Make sure you know what you're getting into and don't go into it with the intention of just making money — you should do it for the right reasons," Bailey McKnight said. "It took us five years to establish and grow a channel, so it's a slow-growing process. If you're true to yourself and pursue what you're passionate about, people will see that. Grow your presence genuinely and be dedicated to what you do."



Photo Courtesy of: www.brooklynandbailey.com SCRUNCHIES Brooklyn and Bailey sell various packages of scrunchies on their website, including

Photo Courtesy of: www.brooklynandbailey.com

MASCARA Brooklyn and Bailey McKnight sell "Lash Next Door" mascara, which launched this past summer for \$18.

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a jumbo pack with 15 scrunchies for \$80.

After thrifting together on several occasions, Griffin and Shafer had the idea to create a small business out of their passion. Their business, Bees Knees Bargains, is a way to buy thrifted clothes without going through the process of browsing racks for hours to find the perfect piece. The sorority sisters buy unique clothing at thrift shops and resell them on the Bees Knees Instagram. Customers can purchase clothes by commenting on the picture of an item or direct messaging the account. "We basically resell thrifted clothes online so it's at the customer's convenience - you don't have to search through all the racks," Shafer said. "I remember hearing people talk about how they've always wanted to go thrifting, but they don't have the time or patience to search through all the options." The Bees Knees Bargains Instagram account posts frequent photos of their thrifting finds, as well as which clothes are still for sale. The account also includes features of favorite items on the story and through highlights. New posts will be out this coming week showing recent thrifting discoveries, and they are excited to soon begin highlighting some winter clothes perfect for the colder-weather months.

I love finding cool and unique things and being able to stand out from everyone else — it's nice to feel different."

Griffin agrees, noting how wearing clothes that allow her to be herself and showcase her personality encourages her to get more done



Shafer said she enjoys taking the time to find items that others might overlook and presenting them in a way that's appealing for other students.

"I love getting complimented on funky stuff," Shafer said. "Seeing when people say 'I wouldn't think that would be cute' and then styling it well and seeing their reactions is fun. and be productive during her day.

"Being from Southern California, clothes define who a person is," Griffin said. "People wear what they are, so for me, clothes show my personality - I like wearing things that feel like me. Getting dressed in the morning with something I like also makes me a lot more productive."

As for their own personal styles, Griffin and Shafer note that they both enjoy clothes with a '90s feel, and anything high-waisted or with a unique pattern or vibe.

"Everyone always says that I wear very 70s or 90s clothes," Griffin said. "I love weird embroidered shirts or a fun button up shirt with high waisted jeans. It's cool to choose things that other people normally wouldn't."

Griffin said she enjoys being involved in and running a business for something she's passionate about and encourages students to use their interests to make a difference or stand out from the crowd.

"If you have a passion for something, you might as well give it your all," Griffin said. "It helped bring me and Jordan closer together and gives us something interesting to do besides school and our sorority. We get rewarded for it, but have fun doing this because it's something we truly enjoy."



Photo Courtesy of: Bees Knees Bargains

SOLD This vintage Woolrich fleece lined flannel was sold for \$35 while it's original price was \$150. Their business is a place for college students to get cheap clothes while still maintaining fashion.



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THAT'S A LAUGH Check out this week's comics and crossword puzzle.

Each of us is a brain, and an athlete, and a basket case, a princess, and a criminal ... **Sincerely yours, The Breakfast Club."** -Brian Johnson

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CULT FILM KEY "The Breakfast Club," released in 1985, used cliché stereotypes of high school students to show that everyone has similar experiences, regardless of social standing or appearance.

Cult Film Crash Course: 'The Breakfast Club'

THOMAS MORAN Arts and Life Editor

What differentiates cult films from the countless movies Hollywood pumps out every year? What qualities do cult films have that prepare them to pass the test of time and, more importantly, develop a loyal body of followers dedicated to the film years after its release? These are the questions I'll be examining in this new series, "Cult Film Crash Course."

"The Breakfast Club," arguably the most iconic '80s movie, continues to maintain a massive cult following over 30 years since its release. If any movie might be labeled a cult film, it's "The Breakfast Club," and one key ingredient that secures this title is the film's relatable nature.

For those who haven't see the film, "The Breakfast Club" takes place one Saturday when five teens congregate in the library of Shermer High School in Shermer, Ill., to serve a day-long detention for various transgressions. Each student fits perfectly into five common high school archetypes. At first glance Claire Standish played by the iconic Molly Ringwald, is the stereotypical wealthy "popular girl." Andrew Clarke, played by Emilo Estevez, matches the athletic "jock" archetype. John Bender, played by Judd Nelson, plays the angry "rebel."

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The "geek" population of the school is represented by Brian Johnson, played by Anthony Michael Hall. Finally, Allison Reynolds, played by Ally Sheedy, is the friendless "outcast". At the beginning of the day, the five students are awkward around each other. Naturally Claire and Andrew, the princess and the jock, sit at the same table while every other student finds a seat at a solitary table. By the end of the day, several awkward and confrontational moments break down their social barriers, and the five find out they are not so different from one another.

John Bender acts as the driving force behind most of the movie's most pivotal moments. At first, he appears to be nothing more than a mindlessly abusive and angry individual, trampling anything or anyone who presents a threat to him. From the onset, John forces Brian to move seats, mocks Claire for her perfect image and even challenges Mr. Vernon, the detention proctor, earning himself eight more detentions. Later in the film, viewers discover that his rebelliousness is not a natural disposition; rather, it is love Andrew feels from his father the result of horrific domestic abuse comes is earned through his physical at the hands of his father, which also explains his incessant desire

to challenge Mr. Vernon - he is a father-like figure John can stand up to without fear of being physically harmed. As a rejected outcast in the school's social structure, he resents his peers who don't face similar home lives and embraces his social status because he'd rather be seen as mindlessly angry than weak.

Claire faces a different form of abuse in her home life manipulation. Her parents use her as their pawn to one-up each other, with complete disregard for how it may affect Claire. Though she is wealthy, popular and beautiful, she faces severe insecurities rooted in a feeling of abandonment. Claire weaponizes her sexuality and utilizes popularity to prevent outsiders from seeing how lonely and unloved she feels. When she is called out about her vulnerability, she says that if she doesn't feel bad for herself, nobody will. At school, Claire faces pressure to maintain her perfect image, knowing that failure to do so will compromise the love she receives from her friends, which she is not receiving at home.

Walking in a similar social circle as Claire, Andrew faces pressures from in the locker room, Larry — an act he committed only to win the affection of his father. In a tearful moment, Andrew considers his disdain for his father and the regret he feels for his actions and the humiliation he caused Larry, one of Brian's good friends.

Brian, referred to as "the brain" throughout the movie, is extremely intelligent and walks among the school's "geeky crowd." At the beginning of the movie, he is disregarded by the other students as a nerd, bound for a successful life. Later in the film, Brian reveals that his straight-A academic record is tainted by only one course, shop class. He is humiliated that the one class bringing down his average is commonly recognized as one of the easiest courses offered in the high school. His desire for academic perfection and fear of social ridicule from his peers drove him to the brink of suicide. Brian fears his parents' reaction to his failure, as well.

Allison, called the "basket case," is perhaps the greatest enigma of the film. Without saying a word for the first half of the movie, after smoking weed with some of the other students, she opens up about her deep dissatisfaction with her home life and feeling completely forgotten by her parents. In fact, she attended detention because she had nothing better to do. She desires attention because she receives none at home.

As the story unfolds, the characters start to better understand that, despite their differences in social standing, they are each facing personal challenges that often go unaddressed.

"The Breakfast Club" has become a cult film not only because it's relatable - it's timelessly relatable. Those who viewed the movie at the time of its release and viewers today can empathize with one, if not all of the narratives that the movie highlights. Whether it is social or parentally based abuse, manipulation, neglect or ridicule, facing adversity on any level is a fundamentally human experience. "The Breakfast Club" shows that vulnerability can wipe away superficial facades and reveal more authentic elements of humanity that each person, regardless of subjective experiences, can relate to in one capacity or another - a message that stands regardless of time or place.

No line in the movie affirms this sentiment better than the concluding speech of the film, spoken by Brian and addressed to Mr. Vernon:

"You see us as you want to see us. In the simplest terms. The most convenient definitions. But what we found out is that each of us is a brain, and an athlete, and a basket case, a princess and a criminal ... Sincerely yours, The Breakfast Club."

his father to be a winner in everything he does. The only affirmation or strength and athletic success. He earned himself a spot in detention by physically lashing out at a weaker boy

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Q: How would you describe your style?

A: A little bit vintage, a little bit weird, a little bit "Twin Peaks Chic," is what my friends say.

Q: What has influenced your style?

A: Well, my friends at home and always going thrift shopping ... Other TV shows and movies like "The Craft" and "Wet Hot American Summer" and "The X-files" has somehow inspired my fashion, but I don't really know how.

Q: How was the transition from California to Texas and how has it affected your style?

A: The transition has been kind of weird. This is probably one of my weirder outfits that I didn't leave at home. I had some really big poofy dresses and I'd wear long socks and weird tights and oversized jackets and just interesting things that I don't wear in college.

Q: What is your no. 1 fashion tip?

A: Just wear what makes you happy. Wear something that, if you saw it on someone else, you'd be like, 'Oh my gosh, she's so cool. She's interesting' ... I just like to wear stuff that gave me inspiration on other people.



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- **Get the look:** -Dress: vintage thrift shop
- -Shoes: Dr. Martens Store
- -Scrunchie: H&M
- -Understated natural makeup
- -Knee-high socks rolled down

Art exhibit draws attention to global climate change

BROOKE HILL News Editor

The second annual Climate Change Art exhibit, hosted by Waco Friends of Peace/Climate, is currently being held at the Waco Winery.

The exhibit was open to artwork from everybody. They received submissions from a diverse pool of professionals, amateurs and even students, Northcutt said.

Alan Northcutt, director of Waco Friends of Peace/ Climate, said one primary goal of the organization is to increase awareness of climate change and to coordinate educational events. He said the idea of doing an art show came to him last year.

"Our main priority in the art was addressing the issue of climate change - that was our top criteria on the judging, too," Northcutt said. "We were more concerned about addressing the topic than the artistic skill - that figured in of course when we did judging, but we wanted to get as much participation from Waco as we could."

The judging panel consisted of a professional artist, Northcutt and another activist at a reception held Saturday at the winery. The first-place winner was awarded \$1,000, second \$600 and third \$400. There was also a people's choice winner that was awarded \$400. Northcutt said the reception Saturday where the judging took place brought about 100 people together to come see the exhibit. After the judging, he said there was a PowerPoint about climate change to add an educational component.

"If you study the climate science and listen to what climate scientists are saying, climate change is really an emergency," Northcutt said. "It's a crisis. We have a very short period of time where we can continue to emit greenhouse gases. This comes mostly from burning of fossil fuels. We have to act very fast."

The planet's average surface temperature has risen about 1.62 degrees Fahrenheit since the late 19th century, a change driven largely by increased carbon dioxide and other human-made emissions into the atmosphere, according to NASA.

Northcutt said he feels that people don't typically view climate change as an emergency.

"If you look at lists of issues you're most concerned about for elections and stuff, climate change isn't near the top in this area," Northcutt said. "We wanted to raise awareness and hopefully people would begin to realize that it is an emergency, that we have to act individually. We have to get our politicians to take action on federal, state, local scales. We want to increase awareness of the problem and of the severity of it so that people beyond just learning about it, take actions themselves."

Northcutt said there was an educational component to accompany every piece in the exhibit.

"One thing we have that's probably different from a lot of art exhibits is ... a curators note below multiple of the pieces of art that gave a little' blurb about the science that that dealt with," Northcutt said. "If the piece had something to do with sea level rise, then I wrote something about the rate of sea level rise that's happening now and what the projection is for 2100. So we tried to include some science actually hanging with the art."

Local artist Susan Sistrunk took home the first-place prize for one of her pieces on the Moai at Easter Island. She said she created two pieces about Easter Island a while back and thought they would be a good fit for the show. Her nod to climate change was rising sea levels by the island.

"The Moai is just something I'm fascinated by," Sistrunk said. "I'm fascinated by ancient cultures ... With both pieces, I put water in there, and I just felt like it needed to be there. But at the same time I told myself it was a very surreal picture because I said to myself, Well, Susan, there's no water around the Moai on Easter Island.' So I guess it was just a surreal artistic interpretation. When the climate change show rolled around, $\bar{\mathrm{I}}$ didn't know if I had anything that would fit. Then I stumbled across an article in the New York Times about the Moai on Easter Island actually being threatened by flooding, and they are going underwater. It gave me chills. It was just meant to be, I think."



RISING WATERS Sistrunk took home the first-place prize for her pieces featuring the massive stone carvings of heads, called the Moai, on Easter Island. The painting addressed the potential outcomes of rising water levels.

WHAT TO DO IN

Arts & Life ——

Friday, Sept. 21

Sundown Sessions | 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. | Bill Daniel Student Center | The Union Board is hosting an Incredibles 2 movie night. There will be two showings at 9 p.m. and 11 p.m.

More than Sparrows | 8 - 11 p.m. | Common **Grounds** | Local band, More than Sparrows will be performing with Jacob Humber opening. Tickets are \$10.

Saturday, Sept. 22

Football vs. Kansas | 2:30 p.m. | McLane **Stadium |** The Bears will take on the Kansas Jayhawks.

Sundown Sessions | 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. | Bill Daniel Student Center | The Union Board is hosting archery tag in the Barfield Drawing Room.

<u>Sunday, Sept. 23</u>

Walk for the Homeless | 8:00 a.m. | Meyer Center for Urban Ministries | 1226 Washington Ave. | Mission Waco will lead a 1.2-mile walk dedicated to spreading awareness about homelessness in Waco and teaching participants how they can make a difference through various nonprofits in town. The event is free, but donations of hygiene items are encouraged.

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Liesje Powers | Multimedia Editor

NO ROOM TO RUN Baylor sophomore quarterback Charlie Brewer looks for an open running lane on Sept. 15 in McLane Stadium. Brewer and the Bears' offense put up zero points in the first half and failed to overcome a 23-point halftime deficit in the loss to the Blue Devils. The Bears open Big 12 Conference play when they face Kansas at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at McLane Stadium.

Bears face red-hot Kansas following loss to Duke

ADAM GIBSON Sports Writer

After suffering their first loss of the season last weekend against Duke, head coach Matt Rhule and Baylor football hits the gridiron again at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at McLane Stadium as it faces Kansas.

Baylor is now done with its nonconference schedule and is starting Big 12 Conference play. Rhule said that, while the team isn't where he wanted to be going into the conference schedule, it's time to move on and learn from the mistakes made so far.

"I'm certainly always proud of our players, I'm proud of our team. I'm not proud of the year we played" can learn from what happened on Saturday."

Kansas, unlike Baylor, is coming off a dominating win over Rutgers by a score of 55-14 without allowing the Scarlet Knight's to score in the second half. They also recorded 504 total yards, with 405 of those coming from the ground game. Freshman running back Pooka Williams Jr. led the way with 163 yards and one touchdown. Rhule said this Kansas team, even though it had a rough start to the season, is becoming a good team and Williams is a special running back who stands out.

"Even losing that first ballgame this year to Nicholls State, the way [Kansas head coach David] Beaty's kept that team together," Rhule said. "What they did against Rutgers on Saturday, they've done a great job ... Williams is dynamic [with] backto-back 100-yard games. They are a fast football team ... They do a good job of spreading you out and finding a way to run the football. Anytime The story of Kansas right now is really their defense and how dominant they've been.

MATT RHULE | HEAD COACH

Senior defensive end Greg Roberts has seen what the Kansas rushing game has been able to produce and knows it will be a key aspect of the game to stop it. He said it all starts up front and, from there, it will make everyone's job easier to help lead to success.

"I think the utmost and foremost is the d-line. If we do better, I feel like we will make our backers jobs and our secondary's jobs a lot easier, so I feel like it starts with us," Roberts said. "We've got to do better at maintaining our gaps and setting edges and getting off of blocks..."

On the other side of the ball, Kansas has also performed past what they have done in recent seasons. Against Rutgers, the Jayhawks' defense had three interceptions and two forced fumbles, all while holding the Scarlet Knights to 14 points split between the first two quarters. Rhule said coming off a game where Baylor's turnovers let a win slip away, it will be important to focus on ball security and figuring out how to read the Jayhawks' defense.

"The story of Kansas right now is really their defense and how dominant they've been. You take Saturday's game for us, if we don't turn the football over, that's a much closer game," Rhule said. "We'll need to protect the football ... We have to get it done this week versus this defense. They give you a ton of different looks. They changed their defense from last year."

Senior offensive lineman Patrick Lawrence echoed Rhule in that the Jayhawks' defense is a fast, talented squad who is ready to play. This weekend, Lawrence said, the offense is prepping for a physical game and one that will hopefully lead to a successful running game.

Rhule said. "And I said after the game, that starts with me. As I'll tell the team later, we went through non-conference play, we wanted to be 3-0, we ended up being 2-1 ... We'll look forward to getting started in conference play and hope that we

you have a back that gets back-toback 100-yard games, especially one against a Big 10 team, that's saying something." "They have a great defense. They fly around. When you watch them on tape, they're flying to the ball," Lawrence said. "I think they've had

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Soccer preps for vital matchup with Texas

ADAM GIBSON Sports Writer

Baylor soccer heads into the start

of Big 12 play this weekend as the Bears face No. 11 Texas at 7 p.m. Friday in Austin.

The Bears are coming off back-toback home shutouts, one of which knocked off then No. 23 Butler to close non-conference play. The Bears are going to face their first real test of the season on the road against the highest ranked team they will have faced so far this season.

With the help of tough out-ofconference play, head coach Paul Jobson said the team has learned a great amount about where the gaps are in its play and is more prepared now.

"I think we're in a really good place," Jobson said. "We had an extremely tough non-conference schedule, and I think we really stepped up to the challenge. We don't have a bad loss on our schedule. And I think that our losses really taught us a lot about ourselves and who we are and really made great strides from those losses."

Texas has yet to lose a game on the season and is 6-0 at home. Their only non-win came from a tie with North Carolina. Both Texas and Baylor have offensive power and lead the Big 12 in goals scored, each with 24 on the season.

During Jobson's tenure with the Bears, the team is 2-3-1 against the Longhorns and Jobson said, just like every other year, Texas has an explosive offense and will prove to be one of the top contenders throughout Big 12 play.

"They're a really good team, talented, very well-coached, organized, they've got a lot of soccer savvy," Jobson said. "They're very opportunistic and their goal-scorers are hot right now. So, they're a really good team and we're going to see that game after game in the Big 12. But, it's tough to go through the nonconference season without a loss, and they've played some good teams."

Freshman midfielder Giuliana Cunningham has four goals on the season, two of which came in the last two games of non-conference play. Cunningham, like Jobson, said the team has become stronger over the past few games but still will have to focus on playing their best entire match.

"I think that we're pretty resilient and we can persevere through tough games. And it will help us go forward with a lot of resilience," Cunningham said. "We definitely want to be consistent, especially going into the Big 12 ... I think the full 90 (minutes) is what we're trying to focus on."

Junior defender Audrey Johnston is



Jason Pedreros | Multimedia Journalist

CLEAR IT OUT Baylor freshman midfielder Giuliana Cunningham looks to get the ball out of Baylor territory on Sunday against the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. Cunningham scored her fourth goal of the season against the Vaqueros as the Bears won 2-0. Baylor will open its Big 12 Conference schedule against No. 11 Texas on Friday.

entering her third season with Baylor and knows just how challenging Big 12 play can be. Since they are opening in Austin against Texas, Johnston said the Bears mindset is to focus on Texas since it is important that they get off to a strong start and continue their win streak.

"I think it's just to take one game at a time and one day at a time. So, the next game, which is Texas, is our most important, as coach says," Johnston said. "I think Texas is the most important game we have." As Baylor heads to Austin, it faces a team with a record of 12-8-2 alltime in conference openers. Baylor will attempt to notch another loss in that column for the Longhorns Friday night.

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goals on the season and was named one of 30 finalists for the Senior CLASS Award on Wednesday.

James named Senior CLASS Award finalist

BEN EVERETT Sports Editor

Baylor soccer senior midfielder Julie James was named a Senior CLASS Award finalist on Wednesday by the Senior CLASS organization.

James, a Business Fellows, entrepreneurship and economics triple major from Fairview, is a four-year starter for the Bears and is the first Baylor soccer player and one of 30 studentathletes in women's Division I soccer to be named a finalist for the Senior CLASS Award, which stands for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School.

In order to be eligible for the honor each student-athlete must be an NCAA Division I senior and "have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition," according to the Senior CLASS Award press release.

Baylor head coach Paul Jobson said James is the clear-cut leader of the team and can take over a game at any time.

"Julie's definitely a leader in every sense of the word," Jobson said. "When the team needs anything, she's willing to step up and do it. Carrying the team on her back, I hate to say it's a stretch, but she'd do it. We're in South Florida and we're down a couple goals; you just see her everywhere all of sudden trying to fix things and

make things happen and pump people up." James earned All-Big 12 First Team honors in both her sophomore and junior seasons, as well as earning Academic All-Big 12 honors in each

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of her first three seasons at Baylor. Sophomore goalkeeper Jennifer Wandt said James' ability to play above the ground is crucial to the team's success, but also her off-the-field leadership sets her apart.

"Everything," Wandt said, when asked what James brings to the team. "Her leadership on and off the field. She's the first one to bring us together when we're down off the field and on the field. Obviously, her game in the air is unmatched. That helps us so much. She's also helping bring up the younger players with her. Our whole team is getting better in the air and she's a big reason for that."

James already has a career-high five goals this season to lead the team, as well as a team-high 11 points. She has 28 shots and 16 shots on goal for 17.9 percent shooting and a 57.1 percent shooting on goal. James is second on the team after senior defender Sarah King, with 853 minutes logged for an average of 85.3 minutes per game this season. Her career-high in goals for a single game came on Sept. 2 against Nebraska when she scored two goals to lead the Bears to a dominant 6-0 win at Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field.

Jobson said James is the perfect leader at midfielder because she helps connect everyone on the field.

"A big piece of what we're able to do is because of her leadership," Jobson said. "Her position on the field makes that even more valuable. She's

kind of the connecting between the back and the front."

According to the press release, the award "focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities."

James regularly serves as a volunteer in the Waco community and beyond. She recently went on a mission trip to Costa Rica as well as visited a children's cancer hospital with her teammates. She also volunteers with Full Armor, which is an organization that promotes Christian values and leadership skills among children in her hometown of Fairview.

Midway through the season, the finalists will be narrowed down to a final ballot of 10. Voting will then take place among coaches, media and fans and the winners of the award will be announced during the 2018 NCAA Women's College Cup championship in December.

James is one of four finalists from the Big 12 Conference. Texas midfielder Katie Glenn and West Virginia defenders Easther Mayi Kith and Bianca St. Georges also made the cut.

The Bears are back in action this weekend as they take on No. 11-ranked Texas at 7 p.m. Friday in Austin to kick off their Big 12 Conference schedule.

Volleyball drops Big 12 opener to Red Raiders



Liesje Powers | Multimedia Editor

RISE UP Baylor junior middle blocker Shelly Fanning leaps for the kill against Texas Tech Wednesday at the Ferrell Center. The Bears took the opening set 25-13, but lost three sets in a row to fall to the Red Raiders in their Big 12 Conference opener. Fanning finished with seven kills, four blocks and one ace in the loss

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six turnovers in the past two games so it's something that we're preparing for and we want to go out and do better than we did last week running the ball and just executing."

A major storyline for the Bears so far has been the quarterback rotation. Rhule has rotated quarterbacks freshman Charlie Brewer and senior Jalan McLendon through the lineup and that is not changing for the matchup with Kansas, Rhule said. Right now, the coaching staff is watching both players to see who the best would be to start, but both are performing well.

"This week we are going to look at both guys. If we played today I wouldn't do anything different," Rhule said. "I really want to give guys the opportunity to be successful. Now through

three weeks we will look and see who gives us the best chance going forward and who is going to practice at a high level. I do it all from numbers."

Senior safety Verkedric Vaughns has been watching film of Kansas and said they are a serious competitor.

"They're a very good team. We're not going to take them lightly at all... It's going to be a fight like every other week" Vaughns said. "Much respect for them. We look at it like that, but we also have got to consider just the mistakes that we've made the first game and create more turnovers... just focusing on every detail so we can get a win."

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