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**SHAKING HANDS AND TAKING NAMES** Robert "Beto" O'Rourke takes a visit to Common Grounds to rally students on education reform. Students were enthusiastic and welcomed Beto with open arms and wanted to get photographs and signatures with him.

## Beto buzzes into Baylor

Texas Democratic Senate candidate advocates educational reform at Common Grounds

## ELISABETH THOMAS

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Robert "Beto" O'Rourke, who is running against Republican candidate Ted Cruz for the Senate seat, wants lower tuition, a better student loan system and robust funding for social services as a financial and a personal investment in the country's future.

After his event at Common Grounds Friday, O'Rourke clarified what he meant by overcoming the challenges college students face today such as immense loans and high tuition. Some policy changes O'Rourke wants implemented are better funding for Veterans Affairs; universal – meaning public and required – pre-kindergarten and simple, affordable access to mental healthcare. This is what he calls investments in people that will

pay off literally and figuratively in the future.

O'Rourke told Baylor students that the last time the country was so divided – not just politically, but in terms of labor conditions, wealth and access to education and healthcare – was in the early 20th century. He recounted how the progressive movement rose up to provide universal high school education and other programs that made success or a living wage possible that was otherwise not systemically attainable. He said it would be fiscally irresponsible to neglect giving these systems funding. O'Rourke said he wants to invest in citizens so they are free to contribute to their country and their family, which in turn provides more revenue for the nation.

Houston sophomore Edgar Gonzalez is the vice president of the Baylor

Democrats. He agrees with O'Rourke that higher taxes are worth it for a more functional country.

"His stance on student loans and debt show a value towards receiving a quality education," Gonzalez wrote in an email to the Lariat. "He believes people having the knowledge that comes with a higher education is worth more than the probable tax increase it would cost."

O'Rourke gave the example of a high school in Roscoe he visited where 90 percent of students graduated with both a high school and associates diploma, meaning they've completed the first two years of college.

"In many cases, they've graduated with certifications that allow them to

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## Student Court asserts importance of judicial system following Kavanaugh confirmation

## MCKENNA MIDDLETON

Opinion Editor

Justice Brett Kavanaugh's controversial confirmation process has brought up concerns about the partisanship of the U.S. Supreme Court and have been further ignited by Kavanaugh's nomination, according to a study conducted by Pew Research Center. The role of a judicial body can be seen on all levels of government – even in the Student Government at Baylor University.

Baylor's Student Court, the judicial branch of student government, has seven justices that preside over matters ranging from parking ticket appeals to disputes between organizations and their members to student government elections.

Plano senior Landon Dutra has been an Associate Justice on student court for one year and said he was drawn to the position because of the court's power and responsibility to invoke tangible change in the lives of Baylor students.

"I got to see the court from within and see how, even if it's as simple as working on a parking ticket, this is someone's Baylor career. This is someone's actual money, someone's actual future," Dutra said. "We have to look at it with a sense of empathy for each person coming in and look at it from everyone's perspectives under the law that Baylor has and Baylor

student government has put forth."

Arlington senior Elizabeth Yelverton, chief justice and third-year member of Student Court, echoed these sentiments, emphasizing the importance of having a Student Court for students, made up of their peers.

"I think it's really great to be part of an organization where you have a real impact on the quality of life of students even if it's just a little parking ticket appeal, because we all understand. We've had issues with parking or anything else, and I think that's really important," Yelverton said.

Dallas senior Jon Abel, Deputy Chief Justice and third year member of Student Court, said the justices seek to balance their role as an intermediary for students and an impartial governing body. Since Student Court operates independently from Student Life or Parking Services, Abel said its justices are able to look at a case with a more holistic and impartial approach.

"Student Court is not an organization that is going out to make a difference. We're not an organization that takes an active role in people's lives," Abel said. "But I think what we provide and what I'm most compelled by is an open, impartial body where students can bring their problems no matter how small they are, not to a position of authority, but to a board of their peers – to people just like

them that happen to be in a position that can maybe make some sort of difference."

Dutra, Abel and Yelverton said impartiality is the most important part of their job as Student Court justices, as well as the most crucial aspect of being a judge or justice on a higher court. Abel added that integrity plays a significant role in maintaining and directing impartiality.

"When you are put in a position where you have sway over the workings of someone's life, integrity is absolutely crucial. It's paramount. You cannot deal with them if you cannot deal honestly," Abel said. "And with that comes impartiality because we're in a weird place of being caught between two forces: we have to uphold the integrity of parking services, and we have to uphold the integrity of student government. At the same time, we can't do that at the expense of students. We can't just bulldoze them in order to uphold these statutes in order to uphold these rules."

While Dutra agreed that impartiality should be the most important aim of a judge, he said he defines impartiality as upholding what the law says.

"That means upholding what the letter of the law says in the face of not only circumstances, no matter how mitigating they may be sometimes, and they may be

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## Hurricane Michael set to strike Florida

## RAEGAN TURNER

Staff Writer

Hurricane Michael is expected to hit the panhandle of Florida on Wednesday. The hurricane has been projected to be a Category 3 storm, which is comparable to the beginning stages of Hurricane Florence that hit the Carolinas earlier this year.

Already the storm has produced 85 mph winds. However, according to the Associated Press, Michael gained new strength by nightfall and could reach major hurricane status with winds topping 111 mph before its anticipated landfall Wednesday on the Panhandle or Big Bend area of Florida, forecasters warn.

"Michael will then move farther inland across the southeastern U.S. into the late-week with gusty winds and heavy rain. This could enhance rainfall in the mid-Atlantic and southeast New England later this week," the Weather Channel predicts.

Cedar Park senior Lisa Ruffcorn is already beginning to see the effects of the incoming hurricane. She says bad storms have already begun in the area, despite the fact that Orlando will not be directly hit.

"The news has mainly been about how it shouldn't hit us (Orlando area). However, everyone has bought cases of water because that's what is usually the first thing to go. I'll probably still have to go to work because storms happen a lot here, but I don't know how big this one's going to be when it hits land. Today it started to storm really heavily already," Ruffcorn said.

Gulf County, Wakulla County and Bay County in Florida have all issued mandatory evacuation for residents, urging them to leave by Thursday at the latest. These are the areas most likely to be heavily damaged during and after the hurricane hits.

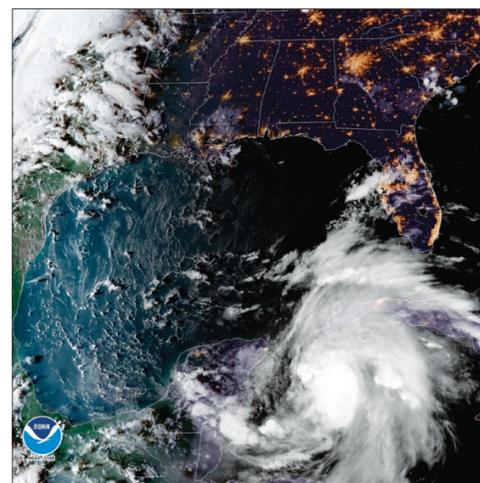
Dr. Don Greene, professor of meteorology and oceanography in Baylor's department of geosciences, identifies the point of impact of the hurricane and the danger associated with it.

"The people at greatest risk are to the right of landfall for two reasons: one, that is the strongest side of the hurricane due to the warm southern winds. Two, this is the side that develops the storm surge of waves, which can raise sea level up to eight to 10 feet. Those who live to the right of the landfall are those who need to look out," Greene said.

Greene explains the process behind the danger by describing the cyclical movement of water in the Gulf of Mexico that he describes as similar to what occurs when a thumb is placed over a hose.

"There's something called the 'Gulf Loop'. Do you remember the phenomenon you experience when watering the flowers where you can put your thumb over the garden hose and make the water shoot out farther? The reason that happens is because the volume of water that exits the hose is constant – let's say 10 gallons per minute. So, you have to get 10 gallons out of the hose, and if you constrict the opening, the water responds by accelerating. It starts going out faster because the volume is the same. This same thing happens between Cuba and Florida. In the Gulf, water is flowing counterclockwise; it comes in through the Yucatan Strait and wants to flow out South of Miami but can't flow out as fast as it flows in. The water backs up and forms a big loop that pushes water up towards the top of Florida, which is most likely a big contributing factor to this hurricane's intensity," Greene said.

The hurricane's effects will include dangerous conditions in North Florida once it finally reaches the shore and strong weather in surrounding areas until the storm passes.



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**CRASHING** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows a view of Hurricane Michael churning as it heads toward the Florida Panhandle.

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**EDITORIAL**



# Emoticons be gone

## Emojis cannot replace value of actual words

While emojis can be considered a “universal language,” with 90 percent of the world’s internet users using them according to the New York Post, they ultimately hinder genuine communication.

Because emojis are image- rather than character-based, emojis have the ability to transcend language barriers. However, emojis tend to have subjective meanings, which leads to increased misunderstanding.

New technology such as EmojiNet, a computer that catalogs the potential meanings for emojis, has been developed in order to bridge the lapse in understanding. The existence of these systems proves the discrepancies in emoji meaning and common confusion.

Think of how often teenagers recruit their peers to decode the meaning of a crush’s text, or parents ask their children to translate the undertones of an ironically placed emoji. A means of communication that so frequently requires outside interpreters can not be considered universally understandable.

Emojis also inadequately replace real-life conversation cues.

There are 2,823 emojis in the Unicode Standard, many of those being the same icon with different skin color selections. A vocabulary of 3,000 words in a language is considered sufficient for everyday conversation, according to the Common European Framework for Reference. A natural chain of logic would seem like emojis then provide a sufficient alternative for communicating.

In fact, emoticons – the symbols made through combinations of keyboard characters that preceded emojis – have been found to be useful to strengthen a message when paired with text.

A study from researchers at Open University of the Netherlands and Erasmus University Rotterdam found that emoticons “serve as nonverbal surrogates for facial behavior,” to the extent that it can even convey sarcasm. Paired text and emojis with differing connotations can express sarcasm. For example, a sad message with a happy emoji can illustrate denial or annoyance with a situation.

However, conversation is about much more than the words spoken. Cues within the human voice – intonation, volume and stress – as well as body language all contribute to language communication and interpretation.

Because emojis show emotion and action, they artificially emulate some of those real-life social cues. Emojis make virtual interaction an



Rewon Shimray | Cartoonist

even more convincingly perfect replacement for in-person conversation.

Another study by Emily Drago of Elon University found that 46 percent of the surveyed population were more likely to communicate with friends and family via technology than face-to-face.

After all, digital communication allows message revision, flexible response time and minimal commitment. It is far more convenient to text someone in the midst of multitasking than to have a sit-down conversation and give that person undivided attention.

Even the food industry, including Domino’s and Fooji, has adopted ways for people to

order with emojis – convenient and alluringly efficient.

It is tempting to heavily rely on emojis. It is much easier to scroll through and select preset images than to verbally articulate a message.

Although the world operates in a digital age, human brains develop through organic stimulus.

The brain relays information using neurotransmitters whose pathways grow when stimulated, according to Marc Brackett, director of Yale University’s Center for Emotional Intelligence. Psychologists have found that neural pathways develop differently in reaction to real-life and online experiences. Children

with excessive screen time grow to be less empathetic.

Emojis endanger authentic, real-life conversation that is necessary to growing empathetic thought patterns and building deep interpersonal relationships. Emojis, no matter how descriptive or diverse, cannot replace in-person interaction. They can operate as a mask that we hide behind when we can’t find the words to express ourselves, but this ultimately does us a disservice in real-life communication.

In the midst of a fast-paced, digital-based society, find time to put down the keyboard and pick up a friend.

**COLUMN**

# ‘The future is female’ applies to sports broadcasters

**SAVANNAH COOPER**  
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Take a moment and think of a time when men have been told directly or hinted at indirectly to refrain from



commenting on an issue or situation. My thoughts immediately went toward things like determining the price of tampons, governing what a woman should

do once she’s pregnant or deciding on universal access to cervical cancer screenings. The list goes on and on.

The sad part is that men have had the power to not just comment on those topics, but they’ve primarily been the ones determining legislation

for such issues. If you were to use that same question and simply replace men with women, a longer list can easily be curated with one particular topic at the top: sports.

Pioneers for women in sports media Jayne Kennedy and Phyllis George helped pave the way for Pam Oliver and Erin Andrews to be present on the sidelines, offering an olive branch to women. But such careers have been accompanied with great criticism and barriers that their male counterparts don’t encounter.

Women in sports media are typically associated with sideline reporting, hosting a studio-based show or curating social media content. The one area where the glass ceiling had yet to be broken until recently is in the broadcasting booth.

That all changed on Sept. 25, when Amazon announced that Hannah Storm and Andrea Kremer

“Having a female perspective is a huge asset to any industry because women have a completely different viewpoint of the world around them.”

will make history as the first all-woman announcing booth to call any major men’s team sports. The veteran reporters are partnering up to provide commentary for Thursday Night Football streaming via Amazon

Prime for its subscribers. Prime members can also stream the Fox Sports telecast.

Although this is an exciting step in the right direction, Storm and Kremer will be one of three alternatives to Joe Buck and Troy Aikman’s broadcast for Fox and NFL Network. The alternatives are a Spanish and a U.K. stream. Ultimately Storm and Kremer’s voices will have a platform but may not be in the forefront of viewers’ minds.

Having a female perspective is a huge asset to any industry because women have a completely different viewpoint of the world around them. Many argue such a difference can lead to limited productivity, but I say it enriches the workplace and allows for a company to put out a product that can cater to an even broader audience.

Sports fans from all walks of life should vouch for women in sports

media so they can see a full range of representation on screen. Yes, knowing the difference between a slant and a post route or cover-1 and cover-3 is crucial to football, but in addition to that there are other aspects to the game and overall to sports that an audience deserves to know. Issues like domestic violence and the growing rate of females in prominent coaching positions need a balance of opinions.

“The future is female” is a catchy, easily re-tweetable phrase, but it fuels a key moment in our nation’s history. Industries, corporations and higher political and educational institutions need to recognize the value of a woman’s thoughts that extend far more than nailing a new recipe or catering to the well-being of her children.

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# Facts on the vax: flu shot campus clinics

**RAEGAN TURNER**  
Staff Writer

Baylor University is hosting flu vaccination clinics across campus for students and faculty during the month of October starting today from 9 to 11 a.m. on the first floor of the Paul L. Foster Success Center.

Nancy Keating, director of nurses at the Baylor Health Clinic, described the significant amounts of people who received vaccines at the various clinics around campus last year.

"Last year we gave approximately 600 vaccines away in the various flu vaccination clinics around campus and about 200 here in the Baylor health clinic. Overall, around 800 people were vaccinated by us at Baylor," Keating said.

Keating recommended some additional actions students should take to protect themselves from getting the flu, such as avoiding close contact with people who are sick, washing your hands

frequently, getting plenty of sleep, drinking lots of liquids and eating nutritiously.

Students and faculty can receive vaccinations to help combat the spread of the flu, which are preferred over nasal sprays which have proven to be less effective. This year's vaccine will be quadrivalent, which means it consists of two A strains and two B strains which include the strains H1N1, H3N2, B Victoria and B Yamagata. These strains are based on information of previous years' flu season.

San Antonio junior Lina Sanchez said she wants to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

"Last year I got the flu, and it was the absolute worst. I was forced to miss class and overall felt terrible — everything hurt. This year I'm going to get the shot so I don't have to go through that again," Sanchez said.

Baylor is competing in the Alana Yaksich National College/University Flu

Vaccination Challenge in support of Alana's Foundation, along with thirteen other



Associated Press

**VACCINATION STATIONS** Starting this week, Baylor holds flu shot clinics to offer students the convenience that an off-campus pharmacy does not

universities. Currently, Baylor is ranked second from the "medium school standings" category.

The foundation is a non-profit aimed at educating the public about the seriousness

of the flu and was started by parents of a young girl named Alana who died of flu-related complications. Alana had not been vaccinated and contracted influenza, which escalated into excessive brain

swelling and resulted in her death.

Dr. Robert Atmar, professor and interim chief of infectious diseases at Baylor College of Medicine, expressed the importance of getting a flu

vaccine this season in a news article from the school.

"There is every reason to expect that we could have a severe flu season this year. It's always hard to predict what is going to happen, but people should be prepared," Atmar said in the article.

**UPCOMING CAMPUS CLINICS**

- Oct. 9:** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Paul L. Foster Success Center, First Floor
- Oct. 11:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. BSB, First Floor
- Oct. 16:** Noon to 2 p.m. Law School, Lawyer's Lounge
- Oct. 25:** 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. SLC, First Floor
- Oct. 30:** 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Hankamer School of Business, Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation, Atrium Area

## City scouting locations for first accessible playground

**LIZZIE THOMAS**  
Staff Writer

The City of Waco is considering where to build a park designed to fully include adults and children who have physical or intellectual limitations.

At the city council meeting on Tuesday, John Rose, Interim Director of Waco Parks and Recreation, said that during the 2017 Waco Parks and Recreation masterplan process, a number of participants brought up the need for a playground designed in a way that allows children with mobility challenges to have an equal opportunity to play and not be left out. The vision is equal engagement for all park attendees.

The options Waco Parks and Recreation are considering are better fall-zone surface alternatives, stretcher ramps instead of steps, a wider range of sensory play items and a wider range of mobility accommodations.

The Parks and Recreation department has identified several sites, and now the city is deciding where it will be. The top choices according to Tuesday's discussion are the location of Floyd-Casey Stadium which has been torn down and the empty lot behind Franklin Place.

"Feedback was provided by a number of the local stakeholders helping to raise awareness to this distinction," Rose said. "What does this disparity often imply? Separate activities for children with

mobility challenges and less collaborative play among children with learning abilities, less than ideal accommodations for adult guardians with mobility challenges of their own, less than ideal accommodation for adult-size patrons with intellectual disabilities, and sometimes a lack of helpful support from communities."

Marcia Bayer is a local mom with a four-year-old daughter Hannah who is wheelchair bound. She has three other children who are able bodied. Bayer said her family just doesn't go to playgrounds.

"It wouldn't be fair to [Hannah] - it would be torture for her to watch from the sidelines," Bayer said.

The Bayers live in Robinson, and the closest wheelchair accessible park is in Temple. According to Bayer, any location in Waco is better than driving out to Temple so the whole family can participate.

"We have a life group at our church and oftentimes they'll want to meet at a park and have a playdate and we oftentimes just say, 'Don't include us,' because it's not fair. There's literally nothing my daughter can do," Bayer said.

In another instance, Bayer's extended family had a gathering and wanted to have an Easter egg hunt at the park. Bayer's family could not go because the park had mulch.

Rose and his team hope to remedy the situation by providing a park with

activities and spaces that will accommodate all the above challenges.

**“** We can help foster a sense of welcome and belonging by enabling families to play together more seamlessly, regardless of abilities...**”**

**JOHN ROSE | INTERIM DIRECTOR OF WACO PARKS AND RECREATION**

"The goal is to provide a play environment that reflects Waco's community values on a larger scale," Rose said. "We can help foster a sense of welcome and belonging by enabling families to play together more seamlessly, regardless of abilities... The bottom line is, 'play is more fun when everyone is in on the game,'" Rose said.



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command high-skill, high-wage, high-value jobs like welding certification, where you could begin at 18 years old at \$70,000, \$80,000 a year, [or like an] FAA remote pilot's license to fly the drones that do the inspections on the wind turbines over Roscoe and Sweetwater," O'Rourke said.

According to O'Rourke, the people of Roscoe are investing in their future and they will see a return in their quality of life and in their economy. He said he wants the country to be ready for the future and to optimize it for future generations.

"What if that were the model to ensure that at a minimum — and I mentioned the investment we make in high school education a hundred years ago — what if we decided

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Beto O'Rourke seems like an honest guy who has demonstrated a desire to represent Texans.

**EDGAR GONZALEZ | STUDENT**

that as the economy changes, as more people are dislocated and unable to enjoy the growth of this economy, we invest in their education to continue to get past high school to at least an associate's degree," O'Rourke said. "If they want to pursue that four year bachelor's or they want to do a master's, there's assistance there."

O'Rourke went on to say that he wants to explore loan forgiveness programs and federal refinancing of outstanding student loan debt.

"In every instance that we allow people to better themselves, they can do better not just for themselves, but for their communities, for their country. Those are a few thoughts around how we might be able to do that," O'Rourke said.

According to Gonzalez, the reason so many people are willing to support O'Rourke

is that he is honest about his campaign — he only receives money from individuals and not Political Action Committees or corporations, and he is clear about the fact that he wants to represent Texans' interests above all else.

"Many factors keep people in Texas from feeling properly represented," Gonzalez said. "Beto O'Rourke seems like an honest guy who has demonstrated a desire to represent Texans. I feel Beto has found support across different voters, regardless of whether their views are left or right, whether you agree with his points or not, O'Rourke embodies a desire to improve the state."

Gonzalez said he hopes that regardless of whether Baylor students intend to vote for O'Rourke or not, that they will go out and vote.

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mitigating enough to sway emotion, but you also have to be impartial in the face of scrutiny," Dutra said.

All three justices agreed that impartiality must be paired with integrity because with the power a judge has over the lives of others comes immense responsibility. Abel said this even comes into play on the local scale of Student Court.

"There is someone overseeing what decisions we make, but to a certain extent, what we do is beyond reproach. We are the final say in a lot of what we do, so in order for those decisions to be made well, you have to have the kind of character that can allow you to make them in the proper way," Abel said.

Yelverton said the nature of the Supreme Court as a more independent body raises the importance of integrity among justices.

"I think ... the judicial branch is unique in that it is the branch that ... is held accountable for their decisions, but not in the way that a senator would be or a president would be. It's really, I think, key for them to weigh what decisions they're making and what precedent they would be setting not against public opinion, but against what they believe is correct," Yelverton said.

In the case of Kavanaugh, Dutra said the newly appointed justice's ability to remain objective and fair on the Supreme Court is shown in his history as a judge.

"Once you are in the courtroom, I am confident that no matter who you are, if

you are on the highest court in the land, that you will remain impartial despite what is going on or despite how partisan you may be in your background or in your past," Dutra said. "I think his impartiality on the bench is seen in his track record of his numerous years of being a judge in this country."

In contrast, Abel said he considered Kavanaugh's comportment at the Senate hearings to attest to his inability to remain impartial.

"At the Senate judiciary hearing, he, I believe, demonstrated that he has neither the integrity nor the impartiality to be the kind of judge that I think he needs to be. His attacks were very, very partisan," Abel said. "I would like to believe that justice Kavanaugh will bring that impartiality to the bench, and I hope he will. I have to believe that he will. But when you cannot even bring that impartiality to the job interview for the position ... If there is one place that a judge should be nonpartisan it is in the interview to put him on the bench."

Abel added that this impartiality must be paired with the humanity of the individual presiding over the courtroom.

"Impartiality does not mean leaving who you are at the door. Part of what makes justices valuable is that they are people. Otherwise, our jobs could just as easily be done by a robot," Abel said. "What makes every individual justice valuable is that they bring their own perspectives and ideologies to the bench. They make decisions not only based on

what the facts are but what experiences they bring to the table."

All three Student Court justices alluded to the dangers of having a more partisan Supreme Court.

"I think if the Kavanaugh hearing demonstrates anything, it's that the state of judgship in this country is deeply, deeply partisan. Now it comes down to where you sit on the ideological spectrum," Abel said. "Depending on who controls the Congress, depending on who's running the hearings and making the decisions, you will or will not get confirmed based on a handful of cases ... Part of all of this is that the increased partisanship of judicial appointments means that the court is, I feel, being turned less into an independent body and more into an extension of the senate."

However, Yelverton suggested this partisanship can be fought by trying to come to a common understanding with those who sit on a different end of the political spectrum. She said it's important to remember that both Democrats and Republicans want the same thing — to make America the best it can be — though they may have different ideas of how to reach that goal.

"I think it's really important to have all of those different perspectives — at our level — to give the student body the right amount of representation, but even at the federal level to have those conversations and not have it just be one way," Yelverton said.

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## FESTIVAL FASHION

Check out the crazy fashion choices festival-goers made. **pg. 6**



## PHILANTHROPIES

ACL's positive vibes were boosted by plenty of activists and organizations! **pg. 6**

**“Don't wait for someone to do it for you. Do it yourself. I'm still independent, so I have definitely taken that very much to heart.”**

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# AUSTIN CITY LIMITS

## Vérité shares path from New York to Texas

**THOMAS MORAN**  
Arts and Life Editor

AUSTIN | Growing up a short drive north from Brooklyn, N.Y. Kelsey Regina Byrne had no idea she would eventually be a musical artist performing at Austin City Limits Music Festival with the stage name Vérité. Four EPs later, Vérité's career is only growing.

With a guitar-playing father, Vérité said she is able to see how her roots continue to influence her music to this day.

“It's funny because I played right before The Breeders, and I am obsessed with The Breeders and I have been for forever,” Vérité said. “I like The Cranberries. I like The Donnas from back in the day. I was a child of alternative radio. So I like all of the singles of '90s alt-rock.”

Her father played in a rock band, which gave her the opportunity to work on her own music and to perform at a young age. As a teenager and into her 20s, Vérité worked several day jobs and eventually started investing her own money into her career, which she considers the beginning of her career.

“When I started investing my own money into it,” Vérité said. “It was at that point. You know I had always been trying to be a musician, but that was the moment of, like, there's no going back.”

Only four years into her career, Vérité says the transition from her day jobs to becoming a full-time musician wasn't easy.

“It's funny I still feel like I am still at an early part of my career in a way, but I self-funded everything and I was still working day jobs and it was just a balancing act of sorts,” Vérité said. “Now, I have more time to focus on the things that I want to focus on which is like creating music and the live show.”

Success eventually struck when her single “Strange Enough” reached No. 1 on Hype Beast,

a pop-culture blog — an event she says was unprecedented.

“It was just exciting,” Vérité said. “It was exciting to track it and watch the growth. It's funny looking back at that time because you get so desensitized to numbers. I remember tracking it up to 10,000 streams and getting so excited.”

Dedicating herself fully to her music career, Vérité had to face difficult questions about the type of artist she wanted to be and the sort of messages she wanted to send to her listeners.

“I didn't have a message,” Vérité said. “I was still trying to figure myself out and pushing forward the best way I knew how. I just tried to be as transparent as possible during that process.”

Eventually, she discovered some of those answers through the writing of her EP “Living.”

“The album just very much told the story of where I was at in my life at the point where I was writing it,” Vérité said.

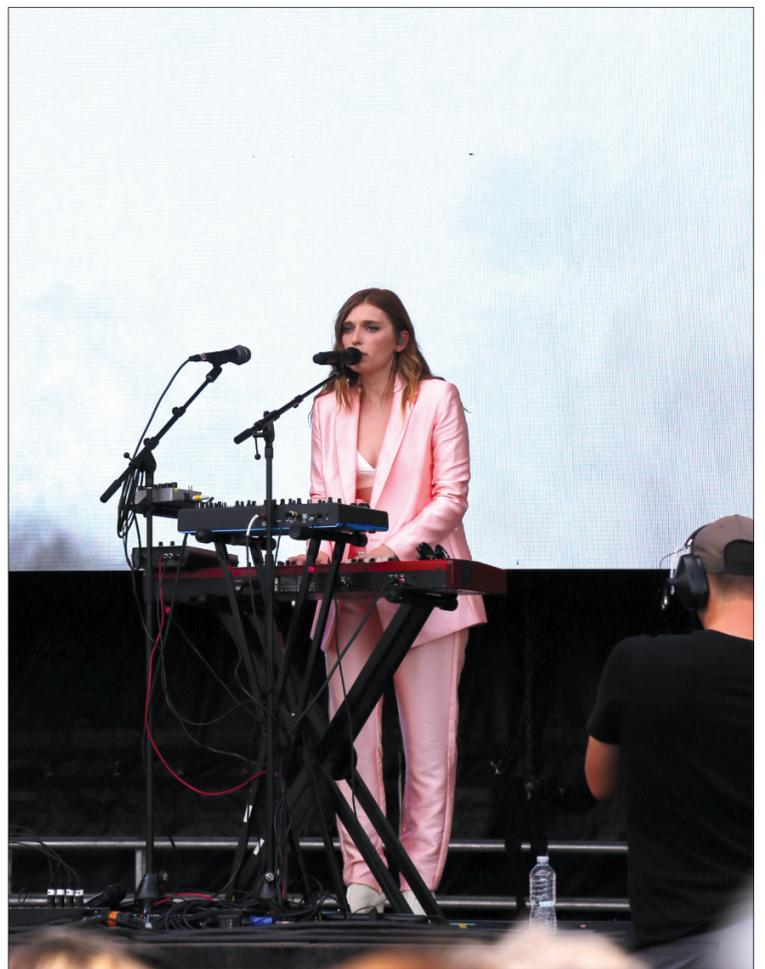
Her image and goals as an artist have found a niche that many critiques and listeners struggle to nail down. Some have called her music alternative-pop, while others have called it indie. She has a different description and calls her music “driving dynamic pop.”

“I feel like I have Phantogram and Lorde with a little Lykke Li and a little Florence,” Vérité said. “I try to sit in that world.”

As someone who worked hard to achieve her goals as a musician, Vérité offered some advice to aspiring student musicians.

“Don't wait for someone to do it for you,” Vérité said. “Do it yourself. I'm still independent, so I have definitely taken that very much to heart. You don't have to wait for money or a team to start building things on your own.”

Vérité will be performing again next weekend at Austin City Limits Music Festival weekend two.



Taylor Wolf | Social Media Editor

**BREAKING OUT** Vérité's career took off when her 2014 single “Strange Enough” reached No. 1 on Hype Beast, a pop-culture blog. She has since begun pursuing music full time.

## Can you feel the flow?

How some festival-goers use hula hoops to feel the music



Thomas Moran | Arts and Life Editor

**HOOP FLOW** Elizabeth Ann Clark traveled all the way down from the University of Oregon to participate in ACL. She said she has found personal healing through hoop flow.



Thomas Moran | Arts and Life Editor

**OPTIONS** There are several options of “flow devices” that festival-goers can choose from.

**THOMAS MORAN**  
Arts and Life Editor

AUSTIN | To some, a hula hoop is just a hula hoop. To others it's an art form. “Hooping” or “hoop flow” has become a popular form of self-expression at concerts and festivals under the umbrella of “flow art.” Beyond hoola hoops, other common “flow devices” include batons, jump ropes and wings, and the Austin City Limits Music Festival has a surplus of flow artists across the park.

Elizabeth Ann Clark traveled from the University of Oregon for ACL where she practices her hoop flow. Clark was hoop flowing during the Odesza concert Friday night and said she has found personal healing in the art form.

“Hooping actually helped me out in a really hard time in my life,” Clark said. “I used to do a lot of drugs and stuff, and I learned flow arts and how to express myself through that, and it helped me get clean and live a better life. It's part of why I'm in college and doing well now.”

Clark's favorite part of flow art is how individualized and freeing it can be.

“Just find your flow and feel it,” Clark said. “Everybody loves it. Don't ever feel self-conscious about your flow because it always looks good if it's true to you.”

Another flow artist at the Odesza concert was Austin native Aspen Hill. She picked up hoop flowing two months ago, but has practiced flow art with other flow devices for two years.

“Flow is great, to be honest,” Hill said. “Everybody keeps you going, and whenever you have your own flow device, it becomes a part of you. When I flow, it feels beautiful.”

Hill encourages anyone interested in flow art to give it a try and not to give up if it's difficult or uncomfortable at first.

“If you do flow, just keep going,” Hill said. “Never give up. If you haven't started flowing, you need to start flowing at festivals.”

# The Little Lookbook: Festival Edition



Thomas Moran | Arts and Life Editor

**Aaron Wagoner, Greg Bush, Davenn Mannix, AJ Chase and Mike Randall hold up Amy Furr while wearing psychedelic cat rompers.**



Thomas Moran | Arts and Life Editor

**CIRCUS PICNIC performer rocks out on 6-foot stilts, a tulle skirt and a graphic tank top during her performance in "Austin Kiddie Limits."**



Taylor Wolf | Social Media Editor

**Austin natives and lifelong friends Megan McAnelly and Ashley Brown wore feathers, cat ears, overalls and temporary tattoos for their festival get-ups.**

## ACL promotes social, political activism among attendees

**THOMAS MORAN**  
Arts and Life Editor

One part of the Austin City Limits Music Festival that many people might not be very cognizant of is the heavy presence of interest groups and organizations at the event. A long strip near the East entrance of the park is dedicated to booths of various organizations, hoping to promote their initiatives.

Austin native Antwon R. Martin attended the event as a volunteer for the SAFE Alliance, a merger between the Austin Children's Shelter and SafePlace.

"Those are these two long-standing human service agencies in Austin and we serve survivors of sexual assault, trafficking, domestic

violence and child abuse," Martin said.

SAFE's merger took place back in 2017, but the organization has been around in one iteration or another for over 40 years, Martin said. The organization has found a valuable access point at ACL and engages in the event to promote their anti-abuse message.

"ACL is a huge event and it's only growing bigger and it's an opportunity to engage with people, a lot of people, and talk to them about something they may not have had the opportunity to talk about before," Martin said.

Vancouver, Wash. native Maddy Vonhoff attended ACL with ONE, an organization co-founded by U2 lead singer Bono. She is the acting Manage of College Organizing for the western part of the country from

Texas to Washington. ONE has been represented at ACL for the past several years.

"We are an international advocacy organization that fights extreme poverty and preventable disease," Vonhoff said. "We're non-profit. We're non-partisan. So, we don't take political sides. We believe that ending poverty is a people issue and not a party issue, and we never ask for money. It's all about using your voice to take political action."

One group in attendance was situated apart from the rest of the organizations at ACL. Midterms Matter opted for an alternative way of reaching attendees — an original mural, painted during the first weekend.

Austin native Alavel Chapin was standing in front of the mural while it was being painted and handed out

pins and fans promoting political engagement of young people. She has been with Midterms Matter since its creation.

"We are nonpartisan," Chapin said. "We are basically a group of young people and artists trying to get young people to vote and reach them in an interesting way. So, through art basically. We sort of came together after the Parkland, Fla. shooting and the original idea was to do sort of guerilla art projects around the city, like, projecting art, and then the midterms were coming up so we really just focused on midterms, making art centered around that and focusing on our social media."

The mural depicted minimalist images on the left of people at a protest. Moving to right side, the mural develops into a scene of people at voting booths.

Austin based artist Xavier Schipani designed and directed the painting of the mural and used the current political climate as inspiration for the painting.

"I was inspired a lot by the marches and protests that happened in the past couple of years and the energy behind them and sort of the anti-Trump movement," Schipani said. "So, the idea is that it starts at a protest and ends at the polls, hopefully. The people use that energy that they bring to a protest to turn out to vote."

ACL has become much more than just a music festival and provides a valuable platform for organizations to promote their initiatives, encouraging attendees to become more active participants in local, national and global issues.

### COMICS & PUZZLES

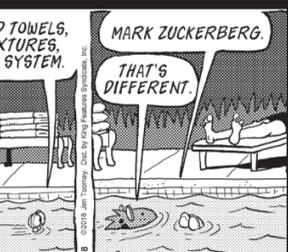
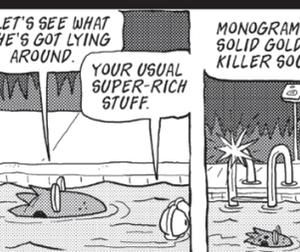
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### PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

#### CITY SCRAMBLE ACROSS

- 1 Wash with vigor
- 6 Not there
- 12 Melancholy
- 15 Aspirin, e.g.
- 19 "Petunia" star Birch
- 20 Many a Giotto work
- 21 "Woo- —!"
- 22 Wee amount
- 23 Suit fitter in a California city?
- 25 Holding the attention of
- 27 Seat winners
- 28 "Breezy" co-star Kay
- 29 Boys and men from an Oregon city?
- 31 Michigan city whose residents are a bit more eccentric?
- 36 Jacuzzi sigh
- 37 Swirly letters
- 38 Popular cookie
- 39 Hamm on a soccer field
- 41 Actor Hill of "Moneyball"
- 45 Denounce
- 48 Plundered an Ohio city?
- 51 Big lug
- 54 Judd of song
- 57 L-P middle
- 58 "Renegade" star Lamas
- 59 Hay bundle
- 61 Setting of "Anne of Green Gables"
- 63 Yang partner
- 64 Mouse-spotting cry
- 65 Painting exhibitor on wheels in a Maryland city?
- 70 Sphere
- 71 Sphere
- 72 Debt memo
- 73 Green shade
- 77 Pennsylvania city with a big population of forefathers?
- 83 Sussex loc.
- 86 Pale —
- 87 One making a change
- 88 Palo —
- 89 Piano relative
- 92 24-hr. cash convenience
- 93 Runoff conduit
- 95 Part of LAPD
- 96 Includes an Arizona city in the tally?
- 99 Noah's Ark groupings
- 101 Military foe
- 102 Cleanup org.
- 103 Not distant
- 106 Electric car maker
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- 129 — -di-dah
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- 131 City close to Minneapolis
- 132 Antarctic explorer Richard
- 133 Perch
- 134 Compounds in explosives
- 135 Perch
- 18 Comics' acts
- 24 Corrida cry
- 26 Three-sharp musical key
- 30 "We — please!"
- 32 Actor Knight
- 33 "No man — island"
- 34 Phone no.
- 35 Lodger
- 40 Impromptu
- 42 Goose of Hawaii
- 43 Timber-dressing tool
- 44 Boxing blow
- 46 Counterpart of "sir"
- 47 De — (afresh)
- 49 Slanting
- 50 R&B's Braxton
- 51 "SOS" group
- 52 Jack of early talk TV
- 53 Model Macpherson
- 55 Melancholy
- 56 Like argon
- 60 Smoky peak in Sicily
- 62 Rodents in research
- 63 Lionel Richie hit of 1983
- 66 Actor McShane
- 67 Lawn pests
- 68 Mauna —
- 69 "Lohengrin" heroine
- 74 "— turn up eventually"
- 75 Executive "no"
- 76 Greek Cupid
- 78 Tigers, e.g.
- 79 Make glad
- 80 Biscotto nut
- 81 Creek critter
- 82 Work detail
- 83 Latin "Behold!"
- 84 Gas in signs
- 85 Pasting stuff
- 90 Snared
- 91 Surgical probe
- 92 Without — (worry-free)
- 94 College military gp.
- 97 On edge
- 98 Modern, in Mannheim
- 100 Island locale
- 104 Consent (to)
- 105 See 17-Down
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- 114 Metal waste
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**RIVALRY WEEK >>** Baylor volleyball hosts TCU at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Stay up to date at >> [BaylorLariat.com](http://BaylorLariat.com)

## Soccer Weekend Briefs

### Soccer picks up historic win over Mountaineers

No. 24-ranked Baylor soccer finished off a scoreless regulation with a golden goal in the 95th minute to defeat No. 16-ranked West Virginia on Friday night in Morgantown, W.Va. This was the first win for the Bears over West Virginia and extended the Baylor winning streak to three games.

Baylor fell behind West Virginia in all categories by the end of the match, facing large deficits in shots (19-4), shots on goal (9-2) and corner kicks (11-2).

Baylor sophomore goalkeeper Jennifer Wandt made a career-high nine saves and worked her third-straight shutout. The shutout was also Wandt's seventh on the season.

In the 95th minute, Baylor took a free kick just inside of the midfield line. Wandt moved upfield for the Bears to take the kick, serving a deep ball that entered a scrum of Baylor and West Virginia defenders. The ball was headed out by senior defender Sarah King where junior forward Camryn Wendlandt broke free to the left side of the box. Wendlandt was able to net the golden goal, giving the Bears a 1-0 victory.

The goal by Wendlandt was her fifth on the season and she joined freshman midfielder Giuliana Cunningham to score two or more game-winning goals this season.

The win marked the first time West Virginia has ever lost at home in a Big 12 conference match. The Mountaineers entered the match 24-0-2 all-time in home conference matches.

### Soccer pulls out overtime road win over Iowa State

For the second game in a row, No. 24-ranked Baylor soccer won in overtime. The Bears (11-4, 4-1) took down Iowa State 2-1 on a rainy Sunday afternoon in Ames, Iowa.

It took Baylor 104 minutes to complete the victory after falling behind in the beginning of the second half of the match. The win closed out the regular season road schedule for the Bears.

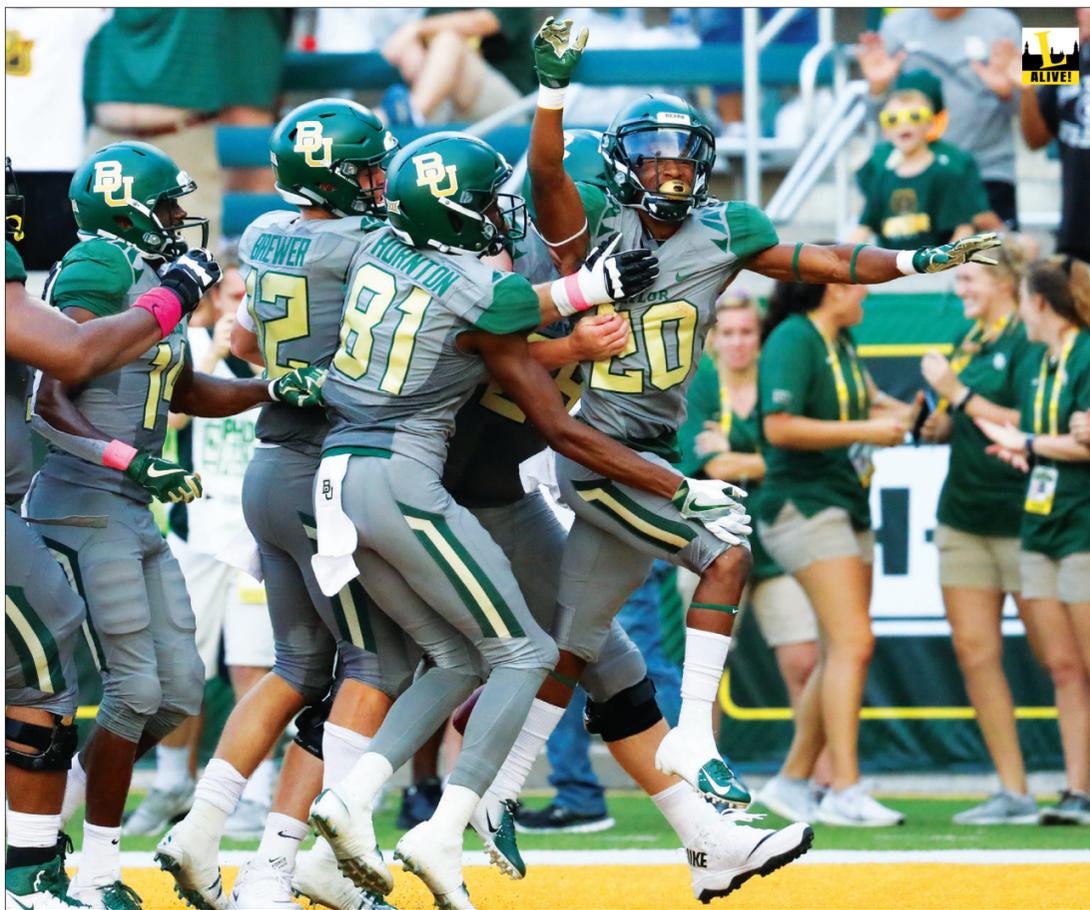
Iowa State found the back of the net first, making its way behind the Baylor backline to drive home the first goal of the match in the 48th minute to go up 1-0. This was just the second goal allowed in regulation in Baylor's five Big 12 matches this season.

The Bears responded just over 20 minutes later when senior forward Jackie Crowther found freshman midfielder Giuliana Cunningham off a corner kick, where Cunningham netted a header to bring the match level at 1-1.

In the 104th minute, freshman forward Taylor Moon broke free from defenders, firing in a shot from the top left of the penalty box, landing in the back-right corner of the net to give Baylor the 2-1 victory over Iowa State. Moon led the team in shots with five, three of which were on goal.

The goal for Moon was her third on the season, bringing her to nine total points this season.

The Bears return home to face Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. Friday at Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field.



Liesje Powers | Multimedia Editor

**CELEBRATION** Baylor freshman running back Craig "Sqwirl" Williams (right) is surrounded by his teammates after scoring his first career touchdown on a 21-yard run to put the Bears up 34-27 against Kansas State on Saturday at McLane Stadium. Williams finished with 35 yards and a touchdown on two carries in the Bears' 37-34 win over the Wildcats.

## Unleash the 'Sqwirl'

### Craig Williams and the Bears' rushing game steps up

**BEN EVERETT**  
Sports Editor

In the second quarter of Baylor football's 37-34 win over Kansas State on Saturday at McLane Stadium, Baylor head coach Matt Rhule had a decision to make. The Bears were down 7-6 to the Wildcats and were without junior running back JaMycal Hasty and sophomore running back John Lovett due to concussion protocol.

The Bears were in desperate need of a spark in their rushing game.

Rhule turned to freshman running back Craig "Sqwirl" Williams, who had yet to play a game in a Baylor uniform. Williams took his first collegiate carry 14 yards on a third down to give the Bears a first down at midfield and set up a scoring drive that would put them on top 12-7.

Thanks to the new redshirt rule in college football, players are permitted to play in four games in a season and still redshirt so that they do not lose a year of eligibility. Rhule had been holding Williams back in order to preserve his eligibility but made the decision to play him against Kansas State due to a lack of running back depth. Rhule said the redshirt rule is great because it allows young talent to impact the team.

"We turned to Sqwirl, and it's great when you see young guys step up and just be ready for their opportunity," Rhule said. "Number one, it's a great rule and number two, I just think it speaks a lot to the character of those guys that they were willing to go out there and play and fight ... I was just proud of Sqwirl. He went out there and used one of his games as a redshirt for two plays. Just happy for him and happy for a lot of guys."

With the game tied at 27 with seven minutes remaining, Rhule turned to Williams once again. This time, Williams broke free down the left side for a 21-yard

touchdown run, the first of his career, to give the Bears a 34-27 lead.

Rhule said assistant coach George DeLeone, who helped recruit Williams, advised Rhule about Williams' explosive potential.

"You know, it's funny, Coach DeLeone came back to us. He's been out, and he was part of recruiting Sqwirl," Rhule said. "I remember one time he said, 'You give [Williams] 10 carries, he's going to bust one.' I gave him two and he busted one."

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**MATT RHULE | HEAD COACH**

Williams, who was the No. 18-ranked running back in the 2018 recruiting class according to ESPN, said Rhule told him to be ready to play this week and he was ready for his opportunity to contribute.

"That first college touchdown feels great, but like I said, I'm going to remain humble, stay patient and when I get called again, I'll be ready," Williams said. "It was pretty cool, you know. He told me [I might play] this week, and I was like, 'Coach,

I'm going to be ready.' He trusts me, he put me in the game, and I made the best opportunity that I could."

Senior wide receiver Jalen Hurd said Williams is impressive in practice, so he wasn't surprised when Williams made a major impact in the game.

"He does that in practice all the time. I knew he was going to bust one. As soon as he got out in the open, I knew he was going to make something happen," Hurd said. "I was very excited just to see it come out in the game because he does it all the time in practice. I'm very happy for him."

In the absence of Hasty and Lovett, two other Baylor skill players stepped up to lead the rushing attack. Sophomore running back Treستان Ebner recorded a season-high 100 rushing yards on 17 carries while Hurd contributed 56 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown on eight carries. Rhule said Ebner came through with physical runs all afternoon.

"He had some physical ones," Rhule said. "Some he ran through contact and he fought for first downs. He had to be able to get in there and blitz pick up every play. His number was called and Treستان [Ebner] stepped up and made plays."

The Bears' rushers turned in 261 yards on the ground after posting an average of 122 rushing yards in the team's last four games. Baylor is now 3-0 on the season when they post 140 or more rushing yards.

Hurd, who is the University of Tennessee's second all-time leading rusher after playing running back for the Volunteers for three years, amassed 135 receiving yards for the Bears on Saturday in addition to his work in the run game. Hurd said his multi-faceted offensive game fits well with the Baylor offense.

"I love wide receiver, but I like running back, too," Hurd said. "I like being used in different ways, so it's a good fit."

## Volleyball Weekend Brief

### Without Pressley, volleyball falls to Kansas in road match

No. 24-ranked Baylor volleyball was forced to adjust to a last-minute lineup change and fell to Kansas 3-1 Saturday afternoon in Lawrence, Kan.

Baylor sophomore outside hitter Yossiana Pressley did not play due to an undisclosed injury and has no timetable for a return. Junior outside hitter Gia Milana led the way with 17 kills and 12 digs.

Baylor junior libero Tara Wulf served up a 5-0 scoring run that fueled the Bears to a set one win. Baylor hit .282 en route to a 25-23 win to go up 1-0 in the match.

The Bears struggled in set two but ultimately cut it to a one-point game before the Jayhawks ended on a 10-4 run to tie the match at one apiece.

Baylor and Kansas battled back and forth in the third set with the Bears taking a decisive 23-18 lead on a kill by junior middle blocker Nicole Thomas. The Jayhawks responded with a 7-0 run to take the set 25-23 and take a 2-1 lead in the match.

Kansas used two 4-0 runs to take the final set 25-21 and seal the match at 3-1.

Baylor head coach Ryan McGuyre said the Bears adjusted well without Pressley but the third-set loss was the nail in the coffin.

"I thought we adjusted quickly to having to make a last-minute lineup change," McGuyre said. "It was good that we were able to battle and get the first set. We definitely needed to close out the third set."

The Bears return home to face TCU at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Ferrell Center.



Liesje Powers | Multimedia Editor

**DUAL THREAT** Baylor senior wide receiver Jalen Hurd cuts past a Kansas State defender Saturday at McLane Stadium. Hurd posted 191 total yards of offense in the Bears' 37-34 win. Hurd ran for 56 yards and a touchdown and contributed 135 receiving yards.

# Horns up

Texas on the rise in this week's power rankings

**ADAM GIBSON**  
Sports Writer

What a week of college football, especially in the Big 12. Here's where I rank the teams after week six.

**1. West Virginia (5-0, 3-0) (No. 7 in the AP poll)**

West Virginia senior quarterback Will Grier threw three interceptions but made up for it with four touchdowns in the Mountaineers' 38-22 win over Kansas to keep the team perfect for the season and the only Big 12 team remaining without a loss. The defense helped the offense for West Virginia, intercepting two passes, recording three sacks and eight tackles for loss all to hold Kansas to 286 total yards of offense. Even though their Heisman hopeful struggled considerably more than usual, the Mountaineers still pulled off a convincing win over Kansas, which entered the game leading the Big 12 with eight interceptions.



**2. Texas (5-1, 3-0) (No. 9 in the AP poll)**

The Red River rivalry once again did not disappoint, especially for the Longhorns as, for the third time this season, they upset a ranked team. This time they defeated then-No. 7 Oklahoma 48-45. Sophomore quarterback Sam Ehlinger had 314 yards passing for two touchdowns and rushed for 72 yards to get three more touchdowns. The defense also recorded two sacks on elusive Oklahoma junior quarterback Kyler Murray and also intercepted one of his passes. The Longhorns held the lead for most of the game but allowed 21 points to Oklahoma in the fourth quarter. With West Virginia as the only currently ranked team left on their schedule, the Longhorns are set up for a successful season.

**3. Oklahoma (5-1, 2-1) (No. 11 in the AP poll)**

The Sooners are no longer undefeated after suffering a 48-45 loss to the Longhorns as they dropped out of the top 10 in the AP poll for the first time this season. Murray threw for 304 yards and four touchdowns, rushing for one and also led the team in the ground game with 92 rushing yards. Murray turned the ball over twice with an interception and a fumble to stop Oklahoma's drive. He did, however, lead his team to 21 points in the fourth quarter to tie up the game at 45 before the Longhorns kicked the field goal to win the game. After the loss this week, Oklahoma should step up its game as it heads to TCU in two weeks and will likely pick up where it left off before the Texas game.

**4. Texas Tech (3-2, 1-1)**

Freshman quarterback Alan Bowman was the nation's leading passer heading into the game against West Virginia on Sept. 29 before getting hit in the first half and going to the hospital with a partially collapsed lung. The Red Raiders hung with the Mountaineers after allowing 28 points in the first quarter to the



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**HURDLE** Texas sophomore quarterback Sam Ehlinger leaps over the Oklahoma defense in the Longhorns' 48-45 win over the Sooners on Saturday at the Cotton Bowl in Arlington. The Longhorns jumped to No. 2 in this week's power rankings.

offense led by Heisman hopeful Grier, but scored 17 points in the fourth quarter to bring the team back to being down eight points. Bowman returned to practice last week during the off week and should be game ready. If he can return to lead the same Tech offense we are used to, the Red Raiders have a bright future ahead and the opportunity to return to the top 25 rankings.

**5. TCU (3-2, 1-1)**

The Horned Frogs had a bye this past weekend and are preparing for the Red Raiders to come to town Thursday night. Sophomore quarterback Shawn Robinson has had his fair share of struggles this season, having only five total touchdowns in the past five games, while throwing six interceptions. He has only one game this season with more than 200 passing yards. The less than stellar offense has to figure something out as the Red Raiders come to town, led by one of the top quarterbacks in the country.

**6. Iowa State (2-3, 1-2)**

The Cyclones won an offensive shootout with Oklahoma State 48-42 behind freshman quarterback Brock Purdy who made his second appearance of the season. Purdy completed 18 of his 23 passing attempts for 318 yards, four touchdowns and one interception. He led the team in rushing with 84 yards and another touchdown on the day to outlast senior quarterback Taylor Cornelius and the Oklahoma State offense. The offense is going to heavily rely on Purdy as they face the hottest team right now in the Big 12: West Virginia.

**7. Oklahoma State (4-2, 1-2)**

The Cowboys' offensive line struggled in the loss to Iowa State as the Cyclones had seven sacks and held junior running back Justice Hill to 66 yards and one touchdown. Cornelius had 289 passing yards and four touchdowns despite not having good protection but did throw one pick. Oklahoma State has a solid quarterback and running back combo between Cornelius and Hill, but without successful blocking is going to struggle to outscore teams.

**8. Baylor (4-2, 2-1)**

The Bears scraped by with a win over the Wildcats 37-34 off a game-winning field goal from junior kicker Connor Martin. Martin had missed an extra point and three field goal attempts but knocked down the final kick when the game was on the line. Senior wide receiver Jalen Hurd had just under 200 total yards between rushing and receiving with one touchdown to help Baylor win. The run defense for the Bears continued to struggle, allowing 319 rushing yards, 250 of which belonged to Kansas State junior running back Alex Barnes, who ran by just about every defender in sight. The Bears have to step up their defense before facing Texas this Saturday in Austin.

**9. Kansas State (2-4, 0-3)**

In the three-point loss, Kansas State showed flashes of how good the offensive line and ground game can be as it blew up the Baylor defensive line to create holes a car could drive through. The passing game is still not there for the Wildcats, with sophomore quarterback Skylar Thompson only passing for 149 yards and one touchdown in the loss. It is difficult for any team to rely solely on the run game and, despite how good it looked against Baylor, Kansas State is going to face stronger defenses from the rest of the conference. As it heads into its next game against Oklahoma State, Kansas State is going to see if it can build off its offensive progress or fall back to having a hard time putting points on the scoreboard.

**10. Kansas (2-4, 0-3)**

Kansas, while it does look better than in the past, has yet to win a conference game this season after losing to West Virginia 38-22. The defense does continue to impress, sacking Grier five times and intercepting his passes three times in the loss. Freshman running back Pooka Williams Jr. had his worst game this season, rushing for only 65 of the total 80 rushing yards Kansas had in the game. The low-scoring offense has to score more points if it wants any chance of winning. The Jayhawks' defense faces a tough test this week against a high-scoring Texas Tech team.

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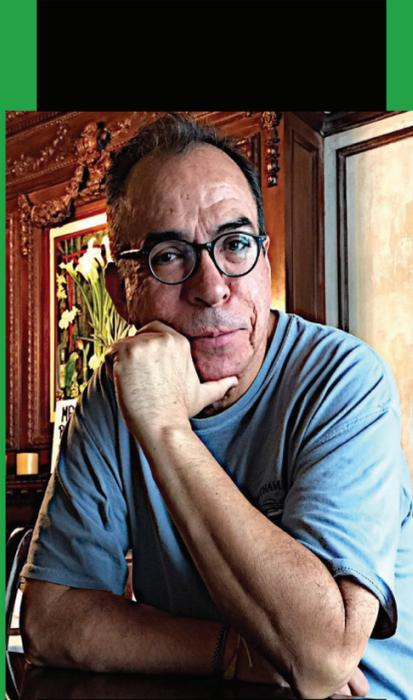
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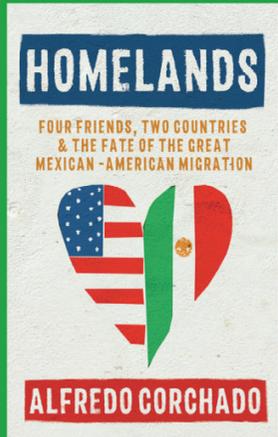
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