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HEARING Former Baylor football player Shawn Oakman appeared in court on Friday after filing a motion for a change of venue to move his sexual assault trial out of McLennan County.

### Oakman change of venue motion decision postponed

**MORGAN HARLAN** 

Staff Writer

19th State District Judge, Ralph T. Strother, postponed the decision on a change of venue for Shawn Oakman's sexual assault trial until a larger than normal pool of potential jurors can be questioned about their ability to be impartial toward Oakman.

The former Baylor University football player appeared in court last Friday for a motion to move his sexual assault trial out of McLennan County. Oakman and his attorney believe they cannot get a fair trial due to the negative publicity surrounding recent similar cases in the county and at Baylor University.

Oakman was charged with sexual Strother will take it up, look at the

assault in April 2016 and was indicted by a grand jury in July of that same year. In December 2018, Oakman turned down a plea offer for deferred probation in return for his guilty plea. He claims he had a prior relationship with the alleged victim and that their sex was consensual.

On the afternoon of Feb. 15, potential jurors will fill out questionnaires that inquire about their knowledge of the Baylor sexual assault incidents and other potential biases. The judge will review the answers and then reconsider the trial venue. The approximate 600 to 700 potential jurors have already been summoned.

Oakman's attorney, Alan Bennett, said he will re-urge the motion and

responses and reconsider.

"Jurors when they come in to serve they take an oath to tell the truth, but we have seen experiences, and I have in my own practice that jurors withhold information because they have an agenda," Bennett said. "There are jurors out there who may find that they have an agenda to try to correct what they perceive are the wrongs from the Jacob Anderson case and take that out on somebody else."

At the hearing, the defense called two witnesses to the stand, Guy Donald Cox III, a former attorney for Jacob Walter Anderson, and Danny Leon Stokes Jr., an attorney for Michael James Davis.

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### Reported robbery at Pi Kapp house



Claire Boston | Multimedia Journalist

**ROBBERY** Baylor students reported a third robbery since moving into Waco home on James Avenue nicknamed "The Zoo."

#### **MORGAN HARLAN**

Staff Writer

An alleged robbery was reported at 1608 James Ave on Monday morning at the residence of six male Baylor students. According to the residents, on Sunday night, while they were asleep, someone broke into the house and stole an Xbox, all of the Xbox games and a suitcase full of clothes.

Christian Pritchett, a senior from Cloquet, Minn., said that four of the six roommates have lived there since their sophomore year and that this is their third reported robbery.

In June 2017, Pritchett and ome of his roommates were playing basketball in the area behind their house when they saw a man walk across their driveway with a laptop in his

hands. When Pritchett and his roommates approached the man, he took off in a sprint around a neighboring house. The man left the laptop in a tree branch and ran away once Pritchett found the laptop. Pritchett called the police and the suspect was found ten minutes later.

Boston Henry, a Kansas City senior, lives at 1608 James Ave. "The policeman that filed the report told us that almost 100 percent of the of the robberies in this area are students just leaving something unlocked, as a burglar really doesn't want to go through the effort of forced intrusion," said Henry.

All three of the robberies have involved the stealing of electronic devices. The residents of the house are all active members of Pi Kappa Phi.

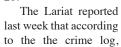
### President Livingstone responds to recent rape allegations

**SARAH ASINOF** 

News Editor

Baylor University President Dr. Linda Livingstone sent a university-wide email

Monday afternoon promising students and Baylor families that Baylor takes all allegations of sexual assault firmly. The email was in regard to the three reports of rape that were entered into the Baylor University Police crime log, on Jan



which is mandated by the federal Clery Act, the reported rapes allegedly occurred on Dec. 2, Jan. 19, and Jan. 20 at South Russell Residence Hall. The log noted that the incidents are related and involve the same individuals.

**President** 

Livingstone

There was an alleged rape and dating violence entered into the log on Dec. 12 at Alexander Hall. However, it is not indicated that the incident is related to the incidents at South Russell

All of the incidents were entered through EthicsPoint, which is an anonymous reporting system for university students.

"We pledge to you that Baylor takes all allegations of sexual assault and interpersonal violence very seriously, has correctly followed its established policies and procedures, and thoroughly assessed every threat to assure the safest environment possible for our students," President Livingstone wrote. "It's important to note that the daily crime and fire log consists of reported incidents, which may not have been substantiated or investigated."

Tonya Hudson, director of media and public relations at Baylor, said the university is honoring the Clery Act. The act is a federal statute requiring colleges and universities participating in federal financial aid programs to maintain and disclose campus crime statistics and security information. The act is named after Jeanne Clery, a 19-year-old student at Lehigh University who was raped and murdered in her residence hall in 1986.

"I want to point out that Baylor like all institutions, public or private, small or large, we all adhere to the requirements of the Clery [Act]." Hudson said. "Even more so at Baylor, we try to honor the spirit of the Clery Act because a woman lost her life. So for us, we definitely want to make sure that we follow the federal guidelines but also honor the spirit of

this law." Hudson said the Clery Act reporting guidelines just stipulated that these crimes must be reported on the log at least two days and that these incidents have been made known to the

"There might have not been an investigation that is taking place because it's only been two days or its not substantiated, but we are required to make sure that we have this information reported accurately on our daily crime and fire

Hudson also said Baylor is trying its hardest to make sure students are aware that they have a way of reporting Title IX incidents.

"We have had communications over the last several years where we have tried to do our best that students know that they have a variety ways of that they can report Title IX related incidents." Hudson said.

Hudson said that Baylor wants to make sure students are aware of their options as well as the numerous ways to report.

"Whether that is online, EthicsPoint, email communication, coming to Title IX, calling,



Josh Aguirre | Multimedia Editor

**EMAIL** Baylor University President Linda Livingstone sent out a university-wide email on Monday addressing the three recent South Russell rape allegations that the Lariat reported on last week.

go to the police department or responsible employee or if they want a confidential support through the chaplain if they want to speak to a counselor," she said.

In Livingstone's email, she reminded

students that if there is a threat to campus, a warning will be sent through BaylorAlert, a system in place to make students and parents

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#### **EDITORIAL**



Rewon Shimray | Cartoonist

# Do your own taxes

### It's not rocket science or your parents' job

What is a W-2 and why is your employer suddenly sending you mail? Why do some states want more money from you than others? And why on earth do your parents keep saying you are their dependent when you haven't lived with them for years, and you pay for all your own groceries?

Taxes can be confusing if you have never done them on your own before, and they will continue to be confusing if you do not take the time now to understand the process that you will have to do every spring for the rest of your life.

College is the time to ask questions. Your parents, professors and peers are a resource to help you learn and succeed. Therefore, students should take advantage of this opportunity to try filing their own taxes and use these resources for assistance, rather than just asking their parents to do it for them. If you're old enough to make the money, you're old enough to file your own taxes.

Programs such as TurboTax, H&R Block and TaxAct take users through filing their taxes step by step — they include descriptions of every possible deduction and exemption as well as informative and inviting graphics and animations.

These programs usually take between 30 minutes to an hour to use. Tax returns must be filed by April 15, but it's best to get it out of the way early since it takes so little time to complete.

College students are also eligible to file their taxes for free, as long as their income is less than \$66,000, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Parents can be a valuable resource when reporting your taxes for the first time. If you live in-state and travel home every month or so, ask your mom or dad to sit down with you on a Saturday

morning and go through the process over a bowl of cereal, rather than calling them in tears on April 14 and asking them to just do

If, however, you're from out of state, FaceTime or Skype can be a great way to tackle your taxes with parental support. Better still, if you're feeling confident, start to file them on own and then if you have a question, give them a quick call.

The do-it-yourself programs mentioned above also walk you through filing taxes in more than one state, so don't think they forgot about that summer job at the ice cream shop back home

For students who are planning to get married soon after college and will have two sources of income to report, it will make more sense to try filing on your own first before you have to file

Once your taxes are signed, dated and sent off, you can look forward to your tax refund. These vary depending on how much money you've made throughout the year and how much is deducted from every paycheck, but typically you'll be able to treat yourself to something you've had on your wish list for a while or maybe just a fridge full of groceries for the first time in a while.

Ultimately, you know your income better than anyone else. You know how many late nights you've spent waiting tables with minimal tips, how many doubles you've picked up to help out a friend and how many boxes of old clothes you've dropped off at Goodwill. Your parents won't file your taxes for you for much longer, so you might as well start figuring it out now.



**COLUMN** 

### Reddit offers more than meets the eye

#### **BEN EVERETT**

Sports Editor

Social media has become so ingrained in our culture that people spend hours a day on their phones scrolling though popular platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. These companies have become titans in the modern world, controlling advertising and information like never before.

While almost everyone uses Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, one popular platform is sometimes overlooked when discussing the biggest names in social media: Reddit.

> According to Statista, Reddit ranked seventh in the United States in 2018 in number of monthly active users among social media mobile applications. Facebook led the way with 168 million users while Reddit sat at 33 million.

> While it is widely respected and used by a large audience, Reddit deserves to be mentioned among Facebook and Instagram because

it is expertly designed to suit the interests of every user and provides a great place for respectful discussion and discovery.

What makes Reddit such an appealing social media platform is subreddits. Subreddits are what make up the website. For example, since I like basketball, I subscribe to subreddits such as r/nba, r/CollegeBasketball and r/

Constructive conversations occur where people respect one another."

Moderators operate these subreddits in order to keep the peace, but in general people are free to post whatever they want regarding that subject, and others can passively

enjoy the content or participate in the conversation. As a fan of a lot of different subjects, Reddit is the perfect social media platform for me. I can follow subreddits about sports, TV shows, movies and video games, while tailoring my feed to topics that I enjoy. When I open the app on my phone or pull up the website in my browser, I instantly have information that matters to me.

The variety of subreddits is what makes Reddit special. R/ShowerThoughts provides fun and interesting tidbits about life that are often funny and relatable. R/ DataIsBeautiful is full of visually striking graphs and charts that depict statistics about different topics. R/ AskReddit proposes questions about life where users can offer perspectives and thoughts on the matter. Reddit often hosts AMAs (Ask Me Anything) in which famous people answer questions for users.

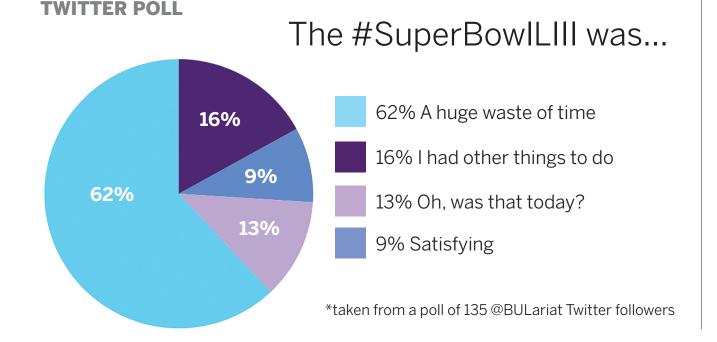
Unlike other social media outlets, your profile does not include a profile picture. This creates an anonymous environment that is ideal for discussion purposes.

When there's no picture, users can't judge each other based on appearance or unnecessarily attack someone's looks like they do on Twitter. Constructive conversations occur where people respect one another. As someone who doesn't post very much on Reddit, I enjoy reading through conversations on subreddits in order to get a laugh or learn something new.

In the politically charged world we live in, websites like Facebook and Twitter can be divisive. I seldom come across political animosity or offensive language on Reddit.

Reddit is easily my favorite social media platform. I can scroll through my feed and find new information, hilarious memes and fun conversations on a daily basis. While it doesn't have the high-caliber brand name that other popular social media websites do, it deserves the same recognition.

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## Yodeling kid Mason Ramsey to sing at Baylor

**BRIDGET SJOBERG** 

Staff Writer

Baylor students can look forward to a night of music and supporting worthy causes on March 28 from 7:30 to 10:30 pm when viral music star Mason Ramsey will perform a concert in Waco Hall.

The event will be hosted by Pi Beta Phi sorority and Phi Kappa Chi fraternity and is planned in partnership with Waco Hall, Student Activities, BDSC Ticket Office and Creative Artists Agency.

Donations from event will benefit Read Lead Achieve and I Love Orphans philanthropies. Ramsey will visit Waco as a stop on his "How's Your Girl & How's Your Family" tour, which also visits cities like Austin and Nashville.

Ramsey, 12, went viral in last March when he was caught video singing "Lovesick Blues" by Hank Williams in a Walmart store in Illinois. The video quickly circulated around the Internet and currently has over 62 million views on YouTube.

Ramsey signed a record deal with Atlantic Records and Big Loud Records a month later, and he has appeared on the Ellen DeGeneres Show as well as performed at Coachella music

festival. His six-song EP Famous is currently available on Spotify, with the lead single "Famous" garnering over 37 million listens.

Tulsa, Okla., junior Hannah Scroggins is the president of Pi Beta Phi and anticipates the event being one that unites the Baylor community for a night that all students can enjoy.

"I'm so excited to watch Mason perform and make memories with Baylor students who are involved in a variety of things, all while supporting Pi Beta Phi and Phi Kappa Chi's philanthropies," Scroggins said. "I think this will be a super fun and unique Baylor memory to add to the book. Trent Bradley approached Pi Phi and pitched the idea, and we ran with it — we thought it would be a fun and one-ofa-kind event to bring students from all ages and involvements together."

Colleyville senior Trent Bradley said he came up with the idea and reached out to Ramsey in September. He was surprised to hear back quickly to begin coordinating the

"I came across Mason Ramsey's Twitter profile and

booking. I sent a quick email, almost certain that nothing would come from it. The kid was coming off a huge performance at Coachella, so I knew I needed to set expectations low," Bradley said. "I was honestly surprised that his agent even replied the next morning. I hadn't told anyone about sending the initial email, and by the next day, I was negotiating price and venue and determining if this was feasible for us."

Bradley, a member of Phi Kappa Chi, decided that working with Pi Beta Phi for the event would be beneficial.

"Phi Kappa Chi has hosted concerts for our philanthropy before, most recently Kings Kaleidoscope in 2017, but we've never had an artist as big as Mason Ramsey," Bradley



Every penny we make will be donated to our respective philanthropies"

#### TRENT BRADLEY | **SENIOR**

"I brought my executive council up to speed, and we decided to try and bring Pi Beta Phi on board. Not only would they be able to help cover some of the up-front expenses, but we knew they'd be a huge help with marketing and ticket sales. Plus, our fraternity developed a great relationship with them after Sing this past year, so I knew our members would be excited about it."

Since an event this large-scale can be difficult to coordinate, Bradley said that he was surprised how everything was able to come together for Ramsey to host an on-campus concert.

"There were just so many moving parts - he was trying to fit us into his tour, and we only had a few dates that would work with our schedules. And even if we could agree on a date, we'd need to find a venue that could house the event," Bradley said.

"Because of this, we decided to keep the event as secret as possible, even amongst our chapter members. We really didn't want everyone to be disappointed if it ended up falling through. I'm still



Photo courtesy of masonramseyofficial.com

WALMART Mason Ramsey's stardom all started at Walmart and now he has recorded his own album and is currently on tour performing.



Photo courtesy of masonramseyofficial com

CONCERT 12-year-old Mason Ramsey, known for his yodeling of Hank Williams "Lovesick Blues" in a Walmart, will be performing in Waco on behalf of Pi Beta Phi sorority and Phi Kappa Chi fraternity on Mar. 28 to raise support for their philanthropies.

baffled at how perfectly everything fell into place over Christmas break. He really wanted to come March 28, which happened to be one of the few dates that worked with the Waco Hall calendar and our own."

Bradley and Scroggins both emphasized that all money collected from the concert will be donated to Pi Beta Phi's philanthropy Read Lead Achieve, which promotes

literacy and developing a love of reading, and Phi Kappa Chi's philanthropy I Love Orphans, which will use funds to help out the "Bukaleba Project", a plan to build various educational and community facilities in Uganda.

"The coolest part about this event is that every penny we make will be donated to our respective philanthropies," Bradley said. "Trying to bring a big name to Baylor's campus

has been a lot of work, but knowing this concert will help thousands of individuals all across the globe has made it so worth it."

Both Pi Beta Phi and Phi Kappa Chi announced that the concert would be taking place last week on their Instagram pages, and Bradley anticipates the event as one that will be exciting for the Baylor community to enjoy.

"We were able to announce

it to our chapters and the rest of Baylor this month, and it still doesn't seem real," Bradley said. "I sent a random email in September and now we're hosting one of the biggest concerts ever at Baylor in March. Pretty crazy."

Scroggins said that tickets for the concert will go on sale next week, and that the best way to stay updated is to check the "Mason Ramsey Concert" Facebook page.

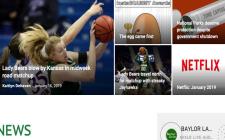


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Cox's former client is Jacob Walter Anderson, 24, a former Baylor fraternity president who was indicted on four counts of sexual assault, then granted a plea deal by the McLennan County District Attorney's office. Anderson received a lesser charge of unlawful restraint, three years of deferred probation, and a \$400 fine. Strother agreed to accept the plea deal.

After Anderson's plea deal, the McLennan County District Attorney office and Strother received immense of negative amounts backlash on social media and news platforms at the local, state, and national level. Both the District Attorney's office and Strother received angry emails and phone calls.

The following week after the Anderson case, Michael James Davis was set to go to trial for two counts of sexual assault of a child and six counts of indecency with a child by contact. Due to the publicity of the Anderson case, Strother postponed Davis's trial to ensure he was given a fair trial in the midst

of the media frenzy.

"I have never seen publicity like that here in McLennan County," Bennett said in reference to the media coverage of the Anderson case. "I've just never seen anything like it." Bennett has practiced law in the county for 39 years.

Both Cox and Stokes testified they believe Oakman will not receive a fair trial in McLennan County because of the negative publicity.

The prosecution called David Deaconson, a Waco attorney, as a witness. Deaconson testified that he believes that Oakman can receive a fair trial in Waco because he believes that contrary to national media coverage, many locals want to form their own opinions about Oakman's case.

Oakman's trial currently set for Feb. 25. He has been out on bond since shortly after his arrest and has been playing football for the Bismarck Bucks of the Champions Indoor Football

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know if there is emergency happening on or near campus.

Allen freshman KelsieAnn Trank, who is a resident at South Russell, said her and her hallmates were surprised when they found out about the reports in Baylor's crime log.

"We were definitely shaken by the fact that it happened were we lived. We were afraid but we were more concerned about the people that were involved and what they went though," Trank said.

While Trank was worried for her peers, her parents wanted to put her safety as a priority.

parents were bothered by it and made sure I was being safe and careful going in and out of the dorm," she said. "I think they had the same reaction that most people seemed to have of fear and disappointment."

said Trank appreciated the email from Livingstone, but wants to see more action taking place.

"The email was somewhat reassuring but it felt more like an apology than much action being taken, though I understand Title IX comes in at a point to handle it," she said. "It would've been more reassuring to have a better update on the situation about how it's being handled."

### FitWell Expo highlights 'mind fitness'

**TAYLOR WOLF** 

Social Media Editor

Emphasizing importance of well-being upkeep through prioritizing 'mind fitness,' Baylor Wellness hosted its third annual FitWell Expo on Saturday at the Foster Campus for Business and Innovation.

The event consisted of raffles and door prizes, various health and fitness oriented sessions, a keynote speaker and a group yoga workout, which this year, featured the keynote speaker, Baylor alumnus and former Texas congressman turned yogi, Alan Steelman.

The event was centered around mind fitness or taking care of the body to preserve good health. Van Smith-Davis, the assistant director of wellness at Baylor stresses the importance of not only physical health but also mental health.

"The focus this year is definitely mind fitness. There are just so many things that students are being faced with, and faculty and staff too as far as the business in life and the stress; and we want this to be a place where students can come and learn about how they can relieve stress," Smith-Davis said.

Alan Steelman, mind fitness expert and best-selling author, discussed his bestselling book "Yoga on the Yellow Brick Road" and how to achieve and maintain mind fitness to suppress the darkness that the 'monkey brain' brings in this digital age by exiting the "A.S.A.P lane" in his keynote address.

"With Alan's presentation, he was able to show us that life is in the 'A.S.A.P lane,' and we need to be able to detect time to breathe, relieve stress and just slow things down a little bit to appreciate being in the moment and the daily blessings from God,"



Josh Aguirre | Multimedia Editor

FITWELL Baylor Wellness hosted its 3rd annual FitWell Expo on Feb. 2 at the Foster Campus for Business and Innovation. The event included raffles, key note speaker Alan Steelman and yoga.

Smith-Davis said.

Having a family history of bipolar disorder and manic depression, losing a brother to suicide as a teenager and dealing with his own "darkness" as an undergrad at Baylor, mental health and mind fitness are not just another philosophy to Steelman. It's survival.

Wanting to combat the global epidemic of stress and anxiety, Steelman gives six pillars to achieve 'mind fitness': sleep, meditation, movement, nutrition, social network and grounding.

Steelman meditating daily, even if that just means five minutes of focused breathing every day, and yoga or another activity at least three times a week to stimulate the vagus nerve, which Steelman calls "the most important nerve in the body." When stimulated, it helps activate oxytocin, dopamine, endorphins and serotonin in the brain promoting wellness.

"Yoga and meditation provide a surfboard to more easily surf the choppy seas in your life," Steelman said.

While all six pillars play an essential role in maintaining mind fitness, Steelman said that sleep is the most fundamental.

"It's first and foremost sleep," Steelman said. "You need to start with sleep."

Alyssa Petty, Education and Outreach Coordinator for Wellness at Baylor, held a session at the Expo entitled "ZZ'zzs Get Degrees" focusing specifically on the importance of sleep and how it might be the most important in terms of supporting one's mind fitness.

Petty shared that most adults need seven to nine hours of sleep per night. Less than that results in "sleep debt" buildup and more than that can leave you feeling groggy. The most effective nap lengths are 30 or 90 minutes.

Similarly to Steelman, Petty explained that lack of sleep can be the most detrimental to your mind fitness, especially it comes to students and professionals pulling allnighters for studying or work.

"You're going not to consolidate as much information as you could if you just got the sleep, instead of trying to cram your brain," Petty said. "Giving yourself time to study, but also giving your brain that time it needs to break everything down and remember it is just as important."

In response to the common misconception that people can function perfectly fine without sleep, Petty said, "You think you can, but it's because your body has learned how to cope, but you're sleep deprived."

An emphasis of the expo was that sleep deprivation will deteriorate your mind fitness and worsen your stress and anxiety.

The day of mind fitness education concluded with a yoga workout featuring Steelman, where he began by demonstrating and instructing various breathing exercises including the "Darth Vader breath," the "Taco method" and the "alternate nostril method." An eclectic mix of Baylor students, faculty and staff then joined Steelman in a soothing yoga session as a send-off.

Smith-Davis hopes to see the FitWell Expo continually grow because of its benefit to the Baylor family.

"We want to have this event where students, faculty and staff can come and be able to gain a lot of knowledge that will help to improve their physical wellbeing, their mental wellbeing," said Smith-Davis. "We always tell people we're not guaranteed tomorrow. Don't skip today."

### Antioch Community Church hosts weekend conference

**RAEGAN TURNER** 

Staff Writer

World Mandate, an annual missions conference hosted by Antioch Community Church was this weekend, educating and encouraging students and families alike.

Hundreds of people flocked to Antioch Community Church in Waco this past weekend for

World Mandate, a gathering meant to inspire, engage and equip Christians for a life on mission.

World Mandate has been part of Waco for 31 years and has marked the very beginning of the journey overseas for many long-term and shortterm missionaries. The website for the conference explained the event as an opportunity for everyday people who want to make an impact to learn about, worship and experience God over the course of two days.

"World Mandate is a conference for anyone who wants to worship God and change the world. We are everyday people: students, artists, teachers, business people and missionaries from all over the world who

simply believe we can see the Kingdom of God established on earth in our generation," the website stated.

Many of the conferencegoers were Baylor students or came from nearby cities like College Station and Fort Worth. Others, such as those from Europe and Southeast Asia, traveled a much farther distance in order to participate

in the event. Though Antioch Waco was the live host of the conference, a digital pass was available for outside viewing as well as satellite locations in twelve different cities.

While at the conference in Waco, Woodinville, Wash. junior Meghan McCahill expressed her desire to encounter God and others' testimonies as the reasons for her eagerness to attend.

"I came to World Mandate because I was really expectant to meet with God, and I had heard so many incredible things about people being transformed by hearing words here," McCahill said. "Really just being able to spend intentional time with God over a whole weekend made me excited to be a part of what is happening and going to happen."

Though this was her first time at the conference, McCahill spent multiple weeks on an international mission trip this summer telling people about Jesus and engaging in discipleship, an experience reflective of the vision shared throughout the weekend by speakers and participants alike.

Vertical Ministries director and Baylor alum, Dale Wallace, was present at the conference this year as well as in 2018. After receiving a lifechanging encouragement from a friend urging him to continue in ministry rather than chasing monetary success at last year's conference, he returned this year and experienced a similar encounter during a sermon given by Francis Chan,

"Right when I think I am getting the hang of my role at Vertical Francis Chan comes in and rocks my world! Chan mentioned how Christians are creating man-made waves that are measured and consistent. This is causing us to miss out on being in the ocean and riding the real waves, no matter how large or small they may be. That destroyed me. I have been fighting to find routine and "input" certain things in order to create certain "outputs" at Vertical. That limits God. World Mandate began a process of transforming the way I view ministry." Wallace expressed.

The speakers at this year's gathering included Francis Chan and Jimmy Seibert, both pastors and authors, along with Dayna Curry, overseas worker and author of Prisoners of Hope, and Michael Miller, founder and senior pastor of UPPERROOM Dallas and movement. The UPPERROOM worship team were also in attendance and led a session on Saturday.



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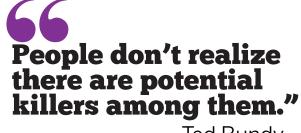
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Ted Bundy

### Newshow dissects the mind of a murderer

#### **LINDSEY REYNOLDS**

Reporter

Jan. 24 marked 30 years since serial killer Ted Bundy was executed by electric chair at Florida State Prison. This date also marked the release of Netflix's new true-crime docuseries "Conversations with a Killer: The Ted Bundy Tapes.'

Before Bundy's execution, journalist Stephen Michaud took advantage of Bundy's degree in psychology and prompted the mass murderer to speak about these crimes in third person as an "expert witness." Thus, the Ted Bundy Tapes were created.

"Well it's not an easy question, but I think we can speculate," Bundy responded when asked who he thought could have committed these atrocities. "We can generally describe manifestations of this condition of this person's being skewed towards matters of a sexual nature that involve violence."

Ted Bundy, whose actions coined the term serial killer, was a handsome, articulate and educated man. He used these traits to his advantage when luring victims to his 1968 Volkswagen Beetle. Many times he would be dressed as a law enforcement officer or pretend to have an injury in order to get help from the victim.

Once lured into the Beetle, Bundy proceeded to immobilize his victims by bludgeoning and handcuffing them, and later raping and dismembering the bodies. He always left a double bite mark on his victims — his signature. His primary victims were college-age women with dark

Ted Bundy killed over 30 women in this fashion. He escaped custody twice, the final time fleeing to Tallahassee, Fla., where he abducted and murdered a 12-year-old girl and two women at the Florida State University Chi Omega house.

In his confession, Bundy admitted to an obsession with pornography as well as necrophilia. He also noted in the tapes that he suspected the killer began to "connect naked women with violence."

Due to the lasting impact of Bundy's crimes coupled with the type of victims he chose, one can see how the Netflix docuseries could gain prominence on social media and on college campuses. But what is it that's so fascinating about revisiting this horrific piece of history?

Directed by esteemed documentarian Joe Berlinger, "The Ted Bundy Tapes" trace the infamous serial killer's life up until his execution. Throughout the series, journalists, FBI agents, law enforcement and Bundy's close friends and family gave their testimonies on their experiences with

Although seemingly necessary to include

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Bundy's family as witnesses, their fond remembrances served only to humanize and, at times, glorify the life of this killer. These moments were juxtaposed with flashing pornographic images and grisly photos from the crime scenes, sequenced in a sort of sickening, artsy montage.

These montages continued throughout the series as transitions and hinted at the glamourization and sensationalization of these murders within the film. His attractive appearance was mentioned many times throughout the series in order to supplement the hysteria that one may never know who could become a serial killer.

The final episode focused on Bundy's trial. Archival footage revealed a strange obsession many college-age women had with Bundy. Many even attended the trial in order to watch and fawn over him. This specific footage attributed to the true-crime series' hollywoodization of the life of Ted Bundy, disguised as a seemingly important part of his criminal profile.

This calls into question the ethics of "The Ted Bundy Tapes." The information presented in the series is nothing many people don't already know, and can be easily found online. Does releasing this series on the anniversary of his death denote a celebration? Is there a necessity to relive these crimes by bingewatching four hours of Ted Bundy's macabre legacy?

"Murderers do not come out in the dark with long teeth and saliva dripping off their chin," Bundy said. "We want to be able to say we can identify these dangerous people ... you can't identify them. People don't realize that there are potential killers among them."

The previous quotes from Bundy were used as the last dialogue in the series. This voiceover was specifically chosen to leave the viewer in a timid and uneasy state. If simply a documentary that recollected the events of this time, this placement of dialogue wouldn't be necessary. This creative choice attributed to the dramatization of the docuseries.

Despite its questionable tactics and postproduction choices, "The Ted Bundy Tapes highlights a dark and interesting period in American history. Instead of glorifying Bundy as a nefarious villain, focusing more on the victims and their legacies would have been a more ethical approach to this 30-year anniversary.

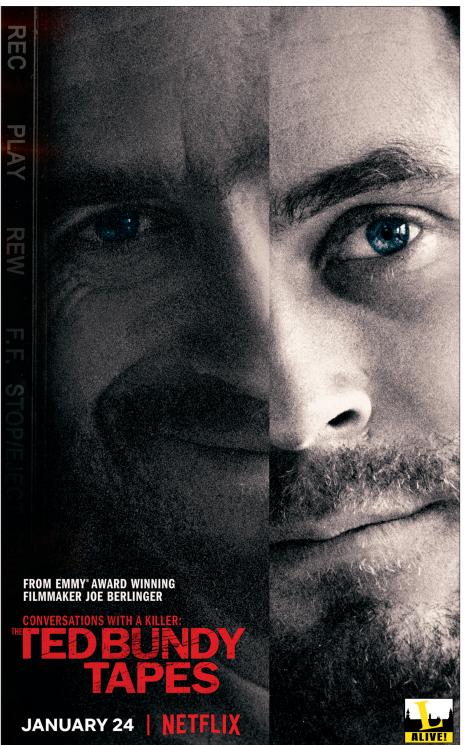


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**INFAMOUS** The new Netflix show "Conversations with a Killer: The Ted Bundy Tapes" retells the life, crimes and death of notorious murderer Ted Bundy. The show utilizes graphic images and real recordings of Bundya, a creative decision that some viewers have found questionable.

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<b>10.</b> Read about Martin Luther King Jr.	11. Start reading a book by a black author	<b>12.</b> Learn about the harm of cultural appropriation	<b>13.</b> Read about Thurgood Marshall	<b>14.</b> Follow black influencers on social media	<b>15.</b> Watch "Moonlight." Read about	<b>16.</b> Read about Madam C.J. Walker
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<b>24.</b> Watch "Hidden Figures"	<b>25.</b> "The Wiz"   Waco Hippodrome   7 p.m.	<b>26.</b> Black Jeopardy: Game Show   Rogers Room 109   7 p.m.	<b>27.</b> Watch "Black Panther"	<b>28.</b> Black Heritage Banquet   Tickets available   Cashion 506   7 p.m.		

### School of Music hosts musicologist

#### **THOMAS MORAN**

Arts and Life Editor

Have you ever wondered what the great composers dealth with while composing their masterpieces? Dr. Bettina Varwig, musicologist and lecturer in early modern music at the University of Cambridge has the answers. Varwig visited Baylor Monday afternoon as a part of the Lyceum Series. Her presentation was focused on examining some of Johann Sebastian Bach's religious music and the debate surrounding it.

Varwig opened her presentation by explaining the historical context during which Bach composed much of his music. Bach lived in Germany relatively soon after Protestantism began spreading through Europe. As a member of the Lutheran church, a younger denomination that was working to establish its theological understandings, Bach was often subjugated to scrutiny from authorities in the denomination. The primary point of controversy was whether or not music used in literagy needed words or not to still constitute as worship.

"[Bach] was required to sign a contract which contained a number of courses to try and contatin any undue musical excesses," Varwig said. "He was to arrange the music so that it would not last too long and be of such a nature as to not give an operatic impression."

Some felt that too intricate of musical accompaniment would detract from the words which were the substance of worship. Others argued that the instrumental composition itself could be worship.

"Music seemed to stretch beyond the liturgical words' usefulness and towards a sense of artistic self sufficiency," Varwig said.

Using Bach's cantata 180, Varwig highlighted how Bach worked to unify the music and the words by employing various techniques that mirrored the words, like heightened rhythm when the words addressed God knocking on the heart of a believer.

In response, some critics changed their tune, Varwig said. Some even suggested, using an archaic perspective on human anatomy, that the music itself could permeate the pores of men and women and enter their heart and mind.

Varwig allowed the audience to ask questions regarding her presentation, one of which hinted at her stance on the issue.

"There is something potentially mysterious that escapes capture through words and concepts," Varwig said.

According to the website, Baylor School of Music's Lyceum Series, funded by the Meadows Foundation of Dallas and initiated in 1976, is designed to offer the Baylor community the opportunity to hear and learn from some of the most important people in the world of music today. A percussion master class, a lecture concerning opera and others have already been featured in the series this semester.



Thomas Moran | Arts and LIfe Editor

WORDS OR ACCOMPANIMENT Musicologist and lecturer in early modern music at the University of Cambridge Dr. Bettina Varwig presented on her research regarding the pressures Bach faced when composing his music for the early Lutheran church.

### **FEBRUARY NETFLIX ADDITIONS**

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About a Boy American Pie American Pie 2 **American Wedding** As Good as It Gets Billy Elliot Dear Ex

**Final Destination** Free Rein: Valentine's Day Hairspray

Hostel Jaws Jaws 2

Jaws 3 Jaws: The Revenge Personal Shopper Pretty in Pink Russian Doll Siempre Bruia The Edge of Seventeen True: Happy Hearts Day

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Bordertown: Season 2 AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 6

The Soloist **AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 8** 

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Ken Jeong: You Complete Me, Ho
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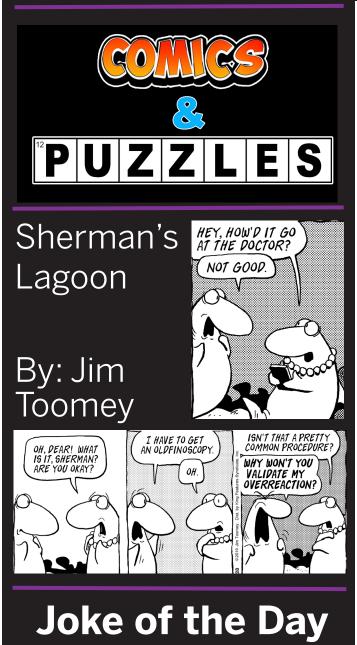
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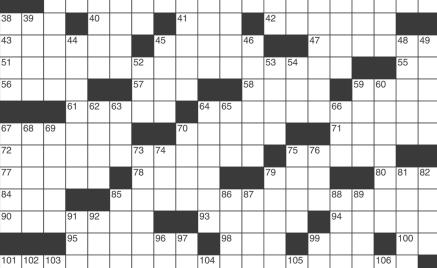
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### Men's Basketball Weekend Brief

## Mason drops 40 as Bears dominate Horned Frogs

**JESSIKA HARKAY** 

Sports Writer

A dominating and career-high game for senior guard Makai Mason led Baylor men's basketball to its sixth-straight win, defeating Texas Christian University 90-64 Saturday night at the Ferrell Center.

Following five lead changes within the first six minutes of the game, blocks by four different Baylor players, an early penalty from TCU's JD Miller and shooting 6-for-11 on 3-pointers gave Baylor the opportunity to gain and maintain a lead for nearly 17 minutes of the first half.

Though trailing Baylor 39-28 into the half, TCU held an advantage in field goals with a 71 percent rate compared to Baylor's 51 percent. Baylor countered with 46 percent shooting from 3-point range with Mason leading the Bears with three makes from deep. Mason humbly credited his teammates for finding him for what he called, "easy looks."

"I was kind of just locked in," Mason said. "My teammates did a great job of finding me. We got some pretty easy looks. ... It didn't feel too abnormal but it was one of those nights, I guess. ... [My teammates] were hyping me up the entire game. They were just wanting me to shoot."

TCU head coach Jamie Dixon said Mason's success was due to having the opportunity to attempt second shots and TCU's inability to adapt.

"It was [Mason] making the shots and finishing plays, but I think it was the second shots and a lot came from kick-outs," Dixon said. "I think that opened it a little for them. We got down. We extended ourselves out and that didn't work. We tried different defenses that were not very good. ... We're not good at certain things that we tried tonight in desperation down 20, and he just kept going. Obviously, he had a big night."

The Bears led 68-44 going into the last 10 minutes of the matchup. TCU picked up a little speed entering the final five minutes, scoring 12 points, but their defense couldn't hold up as Baylor's offense grew to 58.9 percent in field goals and 58.3 percent in 3-pointers. Baylor head coach Scott Drew said Mason's 3-point success opened doors for the rest of the team.

"Anytime anyone has a big game it's great because the other team has to focus on that person even more," Drew said. "That's what makes you a great team. When you have multiple people that can step up and have good games. You're not going to have good games all the time. That's why it takes a team to win. The good thing is, that attention that he gets, allows other people to have [an] opportunity."

Mason left the rival game as the first Baylor player to score 40 points in a conference game since 1985. Likewise, the Bears have tied their longest consecutive Big 12 win streak at five after defeating the Horned Frogs 90-64.

The Bears will play the University of Texas at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Austin.

### Sports Schedule

### Men's Basketball @ Texas

Wednesday, 7 p.m. Austin

### Softball vs. South Carolina, BYU & North Carolina

Thursday & Friday
Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

### Women's Basketball vs. TCU

Saturday, Noon Ferrell Center

### Men's Basketball vs. Kansas State

Saturday, 5 p.m. Ferrell Center

### **Equestrian vs. Oklahoma State**

Saturday, 11 a.m. Willis Family Equestrian Center



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**RIM PROTECTION** Baylor senior center Kalani Brown contests a shot by Texas on Monday in Austin. Brown scored 15 points and grabbed six rebounds in the Lady Bears' 74-68 win over the Longhorns.

# Top-ranked Lady Bears cruise to fifth straight win over Longhorns

**KAITLYN DEHAVEN**Digital Managing Editor

No. 1-ranked Baylor women's basketball defeated No. 14-ranked Texas 74-68 Monday night in Austin. The win brought the Lady Bears to 11-0 in conference play.

Baylor took the lead seven minutes into the game and never looked back. The Lady Bears led for for 82.2 percent of the game.

At halftime, Baylor held a 36-29 lead thanks to hot shooting from sophomore guard Moon Ursin.

The Longhorns attempted to make a comeback in the fourth quarter, scoring 28 points to Baylor's 13, but the effort was not enough.

Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said while the Lady Bears had a strong lead going into the fourth quarter, she was a bit nervous when the points started stacking up in favor of the Longhorns.

"I get nervous every time I coach. It's just the way you coach, with a fear of failure," Mulkey said. "We tend to remember losses better and longer than we do the victories."

Texas head coach Karen Aston said that although she knows her team will look back on tonight's game and see ways they could have played better, she's proud of how well the team kept up.

"I thought that it was good for our team to show a little grit and a little character tonight," Aston said. "I definitely thought that we didn't give in at any point and let this thing get away from us completely." Mulkey said there were two areas that were very important for the team to stay strong on for the Lady Bears to beat Texas — transition defense and keeping Texas off the offensive board. She said that she felt her team did an outstanding job with both of these areas, and these were large contributors to the win against Texas.

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MOON URSIN | SOPHOMORE GUARD Two of the other key contributing factors to Monday's win were the highest scoring players this game — Ursin and junior Juicy Landrum. Ursin was on fire Monday night, scoring 20 of the Lady Bears' 74 points. Ursin scored 12 of her 20 points in the first half. Landrum on the other hand, swooped in during the second half, scoring 15 of the 74 points and went 3-for-3 on free throws.

Mulkey said that Ursin has been a great asset to the team this season.

"Moon has been a spark for our team. ... Her confidence is just sky-high right now," Mulkey said. "Moon came in and didn't miss a beat.

Ursin said that coming into this game, it was most important for her to just keep her composure and play ball. She said that the cheering from the stands really motivated her as she was playing as well.

"I was just stepping up with confidence and knocking them down," Ursin said. "To look into the stands and see the green and gold — I was just ecstatic."

Mulkey said the standard they've built in the program is something that keeps the team hungry and ready for action.

"We're still relevant and that's what you want to be. You want to be relevant. You want to be an elite program," Mulkey said. "We may never make it to the Final Four again but what we're doing, I think it's pretty darn good."

The Lady Bears look to stay hungry and face the TCU Horned Frogs at noon Saturday in the Ferrell Center.



Associated Press

**THREES, PLEASE** Baylor sophomore guard Moon Ursin celebrates after knocking down a 3-pointer against Texas on Monday in Austin. Ursin scored a game-high 20 points on 7-for-14 shooting from the field in the Lady Bears' 74-68 win over the Longhorns. Baylor has won 32 consecutive Big 12 road games.

Associated Press

**TOO MANY RINGS FOR ONE HAND** New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady smiles for an interview following his team's 13-3 win over the Los Angeles Rams Sunday in Super Bowl LIII. Brady now has six championships during his 19 year career.

# The greatest of all time

#### **CAMERON STUART**

Radio Director

Another NFL season has gone by and the song remains the same: Tom Brady is the greatest human being ever created by sperm. I add "by sperm" in deference to my Baptist counterparts at Baylor, but I must say, serving a four-game suspension for a phantom cheating scandal is the closest thing we have seen to someone dying for other people's sins.



Narrowly beating out contestants such as Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King and my own father, Brady's status as the greatest human being should seldom be questioned. Since he has climbed the hills of greatest quarterback of all time, greatest football player of all time, and greatest athlete of all time, this was the logical next step for Brady.

Within the confines of a football field, his greatness is simply unparalleled. When measuring how great a player is, it is important to look at two factors: their statistics and their championship pedigree. In a cruel twist of fate for his doubters, Brady will retire at the pinnacle of both factors.

Unlike maybe any player before him, Brady has had two Hall of Fame careers in one. Before 2007, he was a Pro Bowl level-quarterback but a far statistical cry from the consensus best player at the position, Peyton Manning. Unlike Manning, however, Brady had three Super Bowl titles and didn't lose a playoff game until his fourth trip to the postseason.

The critical split between his two careers would be the 2008 season when he missed the entire year with an ACL tear, but 2007 was unlike any season Brady or any NFL quarterback had ever had. As I said, Manning had the records, the most eye-popping one being his 49 touchdown passes in 2004. Three years later, Brady threw 50 and the 2007 Patriots went to Super Bowl with an 18-0 record. Brady's team put up the most points in NFL history and left the field in Super Bowl XLII with a lead before suffering one of the most massive upsets in sports history. Nonetheless, a quarterback who was called a game manager had become the MVP.

Since then, he has added two more MVPs, including the NFL's only unanimous decision in 2010 and being the oldest winner at the tender age of 40 in 2017. He's had two of the best Super Bowl performances of any player in the history of the sport, torching a generational Seahawks defense for a nearly spotless fourth quarter in 2014 only to pull off a 25-point comeback in the Super Bowl two years later. He has set the Super Bowl completions record three separate times and the passing yards record twice. Even when he loses, he does it with

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gusto. In three Super Bowl losses, he's left the field with the lead twice and threw for 505 yards in last year's loss to the Eagles. Oh yeah, and he now has as many Super Bowl championships as any other team in the NFL.

More impressive than the numbers is the context. I defy you to find one time in Peyton Manning's career where he didn't have at least one Hall of Famer or Hall of Fame caliber player on his side of the ball. Brady, on the other hand, has Rob Gronkowski, Wes Welker, and just three years of Randy Moss. In fact, the leading receivers on the team for his first three Super Bowl wins were Troy Brown, Deion Branch, and David Givens. I will forgive you if you've never heard of them.

Outside of the lines, Brady is an upstanding man and a role model. Brady's main charity, Best Buddies, has raised over \$20 million for children with special needs by 2017, according to Sports Illustrated. Through his charities and false cheating claims, he has withstood it all with grace and dignity. His own hometown paper, The Boston Globe, wrote a hit piece on how Brady reallocated his charity earnings to other charities. When he was accused of intentionally deflating footballs in 2015, the claims had so little evidence that the case was laughed out of court. To quickly debunk the two "cheating scandals": the ideal gas law slightly deflated footballs in a 45-7 win and Brady was only suspended because NFL commissioner Roger Goodell has an absolute tyrannical rule over the league. Moreover, "spygate" was an infraction on where the Patriots' cameras were, not filming practices or walkthroughs like other teams have falsely claimed.

Super Bowl XLIII and the surrounding festivities showed just how classy Brady really is. During Super Bowl media day, a child reporter asked him how he deals with "the haters," to which Brady simply responded with, "We love them." When the Patriots won on Sunday, he deflected all the credit to his teammates, delayed a postgame interview to shake hands with some of the Rams and congratulating the game's MVP Julian Edelman, and stood on the podium with the Lombardi Trophy in one hand and his young daughter in the other.

Tom Brady has withstood more unreasonable hate and vitriol than any other athlete of the last 50 years and has still come out of it as a philanthropist, a family man, and a champion. He dedicates Super Bowl titles to his ailing mother and recognizes his dad as his hero.

Throughout relationships, graduations, career moves, and loss, an entire generation has stuck true to Brady, not the least of whom is me. The only thing I can think of when I think of Tom Brady is "Nobody Does it Better" by Carly Simon. So yes, Tom Brady is the greatest human being ever created, and it sure has a nice ring (or six) to it.

### Overrated

#### JESSIKA HARKAY

Sports Writer

Tom Brady has made the Super Bowl nine of the last 16 years. If you're anything like me, you're probably sick of the Patriots' Super Bowl reign and the same old same old Super Bowl matchup that feels as if we're watching the same game.

Every. Single. Year.



Of his 18 years in the NFL, he's won six Super Bowls and four MVP's; and although he's impressive without a

doubt, he's overhyped and it comes down to one thing — I hate Tom Brady.

Tom Brady will inevitably go down as one of the best, if not the best, quarterback in the NFL. There's no fighting it. There's no huge argument against it. Even if you don't like him, we have to accept the fact that he has set all-time records in the playoffs and ranks closely to all-time greats like Brett Favre and Peyton Manning.

There's something to set straight, though: Tom Brady isn't the football god people make him out to be. The first thing to address is New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick and how that ties into Brady's consistency. Without having to endure any big change, with coaching and his overall lineup around him, Brady's statistics look less impressive next to Manning, who got to the Super Bowl with four different coaches and two different teams.

Maintaining a generally consistent and healthy team inevitably brings success. You learn what clicks. More importantly, you learn what doesn't work and how to create a certain momentum. Most of the Patriots' success has to be accredited to Belichick. The Patriots

went 3-1 with a backup quarterback during Brady's suspension in 2016 and 11-5 when Brady tore his ACL in 2008. Players are as good as the coaches around them, as evidenced by the Cowboys' '90s decline after the firing of Jimmy Johnson.

Another thing to consider is the strength of the AFC and who's really a threat. This year, the Kansas City Chiefs did build momentum, but during their matchup we have to look back at quarterback experience and weapons around the quarterback — both of which favored the Patriots. When we look at the AFC in the grand scheme of things, no team genuinely has stood out as a threat or strong contender throughout the years to match the Patriots' consistent momentum. The NFC even holds more Super Bowl wins the last 10 years (6-4).

When we get down to the statistics of it, it's not so much Brady's talent, but rather the talent around him, which magnifies the illusion that Brady is the "GOAT." Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes, New Orleans' Drew Brees, Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger and Indianapolis' Andrew Luck all outranked Brady in total quarterback rating, according to ESPN. This year Brady's completion percentage was 24th out of 32 in the league. Even last year, Brady was ranked No. 10.

Brady is the product of a successful overall team. We could get into the deflategate argument, which comes down to how the NFL found he was generally aware of the whole scandal and how it was suspicious he destroyed his phone during the investigation. Regardless, the argument about what makes him seem like a godly quarterback is not only more accurate but interesting to consider.

Tom Brady is overrated and I hate the character that people make him out to be. Tom Brady isn't the "GOAT," he's just another player in the herd.

