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## Students get course credit for community service

**TAYLOR WOLF**  
Social Media Editor

Baylor's Philanthropy and Public Service Program, housed by the Honors College, offers a unique opportunity to students – receiving course credit that can substitute for a lifetime fitness credit.

While it's a required course for a Bachelor of Social Work degree, students working toward a Bachelor of Science, fine art or art degree may substitute service for a lifetime fitness credit. The course is open as an elective to all other students.

According to the current course catalog, "In addition to one weekly classroom hour, a minimum of two hours per week of community service is required. May be repeated a maximum of four times with a different topic each time."

The PPS 1100 course, Citizenship and Community Service, offers 12 sections that cover 11 topics of community service. The variety of topics range from Waco poverty to community gardening to law and public service.

Dr. Andrew Hogue, director of Baylor's philanthropy and public service program and senior lecturer in the Honors College, said the variety of instructors and various topics of the 1100 sections stay consistent for the most part

even though one may get removed on occasion due to instructor availability.

"Most of our instructors of those courses are actually leaders of local nonprofits," Hogue said. "Because they are embedded in nonprofits here in the community, they're able to provide students with meaningful opportunities for service."

Most sections consist of one lecture hour a week in the classroom and two hours of volunteer service outside the classroom – sometimes independent, and other times group coordinated.

"It's not just service for the sake of service," Hogue said. "It's connected very directly to the learning in the classroom. What's learned in the classroom, hopefully, creates more informed service. What happens in service, hopefully, informs the conversations in the classroom."

For example, when learning in the classroom about contributing factors to homelessness, a more informed student could better serve the local homeless population when volunteering in the community by understanding the causes.

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Kennedy Dendy | Broadcast Reporter

**CARING COVE** In its third year of providing help to homeless youth, The Cove provides a nurturing center with access to cell phone chargers, food, laundry and a shower. Mentorship is also offered as an accountability program for teens.

## The Cove gives help to homeless youth

**KENNEDY DENDY**  
Broadcast Reporter

Across the United States, there are more than 1.6 million youth who experience homelessness each year. The Cove is in its third year of providing services for homeless youth in Waco.

Kelly Atkinson is an alumna of the Diana R. Garland School of Social Work and taught at Baylor for 10 years. She currently serves as the executive director at The Cove.

"The Cove is a safe place for young people experiencing homelessness to thrive," Atkinson said. "We have what is called our Nurturing Center. It's a safe place to go where you might charge your cell phone, get a hot meal, access showers and laundry. Those are basic needs that students experiencing homelessness have."

Not every student at The Cove identifies with the standard definition of "homeless." Atkinson said that the McKinney-Vento Act is a law that assists education institutions in giving students the appropriate support if they are living in unsafe conditions.

"It's not necessarily that our students are living on the streets or don't have a single place to go," Atkinson said. "It might be bouncing from one family member's house to another."

Guenevere J.\* is a high school senior and said she dreams of opening up a bakery. She currently works two jobs and said she has had a positive experience at The Cove.

"The Cove is amazing," Guenevere said. "They welcome you with open arms and treat you like they are a part of their family. They don't treat you any different than anyone else. They treat you like they're your family."

Mentorship is very important among everyone at The Cove. One program was created to provide accountability for the teens who come to the center.

"They're pretty much your biggest fans and your supporters," Guenevere said. "They push you to the extreme to do what you can to achieve your goals. They are really supportive and fun, and it's pretty much like another family you have."

The Cove and Baylor partner

directly to give students the opportunity to experience the center and learn more about the students that the center serves.

"We would not exist apart from Baylor," Atkinson said. "We have Baylor students who volunteer in the evenings with our Cove scholars. There are so many different ways that different departments, faculty, staff and students at Baylor have supported our work."

The Cove strives for empowerment and provides every student with a sense of community.

"We want every single student to thrive. That could include dealing with difficulties from their past, but it could also include looking ahead at the capacities that they have to have a bright future."

The Cove serves students from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and will be open for the summer as well. For more information or for volunteer inquiries, head to The Cove website.

*\* Guenevere J. agreed to appear on camera for Lariat TV News, but her last name was left out of the story and video for safety reasons.*

## Lula Jane's named in top 100 eateries in the nation



Shae Koharski | Multimedia Journalist

**TOP 100** Midland senior Anna Grace Stallings takes a break from studying on campus to go to Lula Jane's. The bakery was recently awarded No. 71 on Yelp's "Top 100 Places to Eat in the U.S. 2019."

**BRIDGET SJOBERG**  
Staff Writer

Whether it be by eating their chocolate chip cookies at "milk and cookies night" at Line Camp or stopping by on Saturday morning before a football game, many Baylor students have made it to local restaurant Lula Jane's at least once during their four years.

Lula Jane's opened up in East Waco on Halloween 2012 and has quickly grown to be a favorite spot in the Baylor and Waco communities. It was even listed as No. 71 on Yelp's "Top 100 Places to Eat in the U.S. 2019," yet owner Nancy Grayson said that the honor wasn't something Lula Jane's was aware of until after the list came out.

"We didn't know the list existed before or even after — we got a Facebook notification from a friend about it, which is how we found out. Yelp never contacted us, so it's not something you actively work towards," Grayson said. "We saw it, thought it was nice and went back to baking, because that's not why we do things. We serve up excellence and whatever falls our way is okay."

Grayson, who has been baking since she was a child, comes up with Lula Jane's breakfast and bakery recipes herself and said that she constantly strives to improve, even if that means making mistakes along the way.

"I use a lot of chemistry when I bake — when I amend a recipe I think about pH levels and other factors that truly involve chemistry, which is a huge component. I've read a lot, practiced a lot and made lots of mistakes, which are great. I believe in making mistakes, lots of them," Grayson said. "When we get comments from customers about something they felt wasn't quite right, we'll go back to the drawing board, even if we've been serving it for six years, and think about how we can do things better. We're a service industry, so we listen and are responsive and we care. I read and answer every review myself because I want to know what people think so we can be better than we are. Good is never good enough — you should always strive to be excellent and excellent is hard to reach."

All ingredients and recipes made at Lula Jane's are completely from scratch, which Grayson said makes Lula Jane's the first garden to table and farm to table restaurant in McLennan County. Grayson is also working on opening a grocery store in East Waco, a project that is four years in the making, to offer fresh food options to the community.

"Everything we make here is fresh and from scratch — we don't cook any frozen food, which is rare in Waco," Grayson said. "We've been consistent about our approach to food with healthy

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EDITORIAL



Rewon Shimray | Cartoonist

# Shop off-line

## Addictive online shopping leads to waste

For those of us who shop online, Christmas comes more than once a year. Instead of shuffling down the chimney, Santa knocks on our doors, dressed in a FedEx delivery uniform. Searching for that feeling of euphoria that comes from receiving a gift — even one you got yourself — in a brown cardboard box can be an addictive, wasteful and expensive habit.

Researchers from Beijing Normal University published a study in 2017 that linked the addictive behavior of online shopping to internet addiction and compulsive buying. That is to say, online shopping addiction has connections to not one but two other kinds of compulsive behaviors that aim to alleviate stress or negative emotions. Their research, however, found that online shopping addiction is most closely related to compulsive buying.

A 2018 NPR/Marist poll found that Amazon is the most popular source of online shopping among Americans. In fact, more than half of Americans say they’ve bought something on Amazon, and more than 40 percent say they buy something on Amazon once a month or more.

Amazon’s popularity among American shoppers likely stems from its simple two-day shipping, storing of credit card and shipping information, ability to browse for hours on end to find the best product for the best deal, and vast inventory of products from a wide variety of retailers. After all, there is little Americans value more than convenience.

However, even the convenience aspect of online shopping is brought into question when you consider the danger of not seeing an item in person until it arrives at your doorstep. This is particularly true with clothes and shoes. Though customer reviews online aim to give shoppers an accurate idea of the fit of the product, there’s always room for error. The Atlantic reported that nine out of 10 online shoppers simply don’t return items they don’t plan to use because it’s not worth the hassle. This is largely due to how cheap online goods are in the first place.

At the same time, online shopping causes an unprecedented amount of waste. While goods stocked in a traditional store are usually packaged in bulk, items purchased online are packaged

individually to be sent directly to the shopper. This leads to waste from packaging. All those cardboard boxes that arrive at your door with your latest Amazon purchases have to go somewhere once the item you bought is hanging neatly in your closet. They usually end up in the landfill.

Further waste is caused by having an excess of goods. When we have access to endless streams of cheap clothing, we are more likely to find older items in our closet obsolete. While most people don’t throw away unwanted purchases, many of them try to donate unwanted goods like clothes, dishware and shoes. Although this act is done with good intentions, most of the clothes donated (at least 70 percent at Goodwill, the company told Newsweek) don’t get sold. Meaning most of them end up in the landfill though the inevitable was delayed in the process.

As fun and stress-free as online shopping is, this habit-forming practice can have disastrous results on the environment — and your wallet. A simple fix is simply to start shopping in brick and mortar stores as often as you can. It might be a bit more expensive and take a little extra time out of your day, but the process may end up saving you money in the long run. The act of driving to a store, shopping around and waiting in line gives you more time to think critically about your purchase and whether it’s worth your time and money. Since online shopping addiction by its very nature is compulsive, the easiest way to combat that impulse is to take time to think critically about your purchasing choices.

You can also try sustainable shopping, buying goods that were produced ethically or with recycled materials. Some shoppers fight shopping addictions with minimalism or capsule wardrobes, which utilize a few key fashion items that can be paired in a variety of ways while keeping your closet small. More extreme measures include going shopping-free for a year in which you only buy things you absolutely need like food or replacements for broken possessions. Online shopping can be fun and convenient, but that all comes at a cost. It’s an addiction we can each fight in the way that works best for us, our priorities and our budgets.

COLUMN

# Don’t be afraid to branch out to new interests

**BEN EVERETT**  
Sports Editor

Well-roundedness is a seemingly growing phenomenon. It used to be the norm to stick to one job and field of interest for an entire career. Now our society encourages people to pursue a variety of avenues.

As of 2017, 42 percent of millennials expect to change jobs every one to three years, according to Jobvite. People don’t want to stay in one place anymore.

Professional athletes are a great example of this renaissance man trend. Superstar basketball players like LeBron James and Kevin Durant don’t just play basketball. Both players have a clothing and shoe line and a media/entertainment company that produces a TV show. Additionally, Durant and LeBron each have expressed a desire to own an NBA team one day.

Some NBA players, like the Warriors’ Andre Iguodala, are getting involved in venture capital projects in Silicon Valley. Sacramento Kings rookie Marvin Bagley III moonlights as a rapper.

I’ve always had a wide array of interests. My major and career goals reflect that. I’m majoring in finance and accounting and minoring in news-editorial, but I want to work in basketball operations.

From a young age, my parents encouraged me to try different activities and cultivate a variety of interests. It’s never something that I consciously made a point to stick to, but looking back, I realize now how being a well-rounded person has shaped who I am.

“While I don’t want to have a career in journalism, my job has allowed me to stay close to the sports world...”

According to Ken Bain’s “What the Best College Students Do,” there are pros and cons to being heavily involved in many areas of life. Bain writes that a range of experiences can help students become more prepared for an array of challenges in the future. Moreover, being involved shows potential employers that a student has time management and other professional skills.

College students can easily diversify their time and skill sets through the resources available at universities. I’ve been able to learn a wide array of material thanks to my major. Business Fellows has allowed me to take more electives, and there are other majors and programs that provide similar opportunities. Although my main studies have centered around business, I’ve taken classes like Great Texts, statistics, philanthropy and sportswriting that have broadened my horizon.

Aside from classes, there are many ways to get plugged in to other activities. One of the ways I did so was by applying to work for The Lariat. While I don’t want to have a career in journalism, my job has allowed me to stay close to the sports world and given me experience working a real job while refining my writing skills.

For others, this might look like rushing a fraternity or sorority, participating in a club or volunteering for a service organization. The more you get involved, the more you learn different perspectives and the more well-rounded you become.

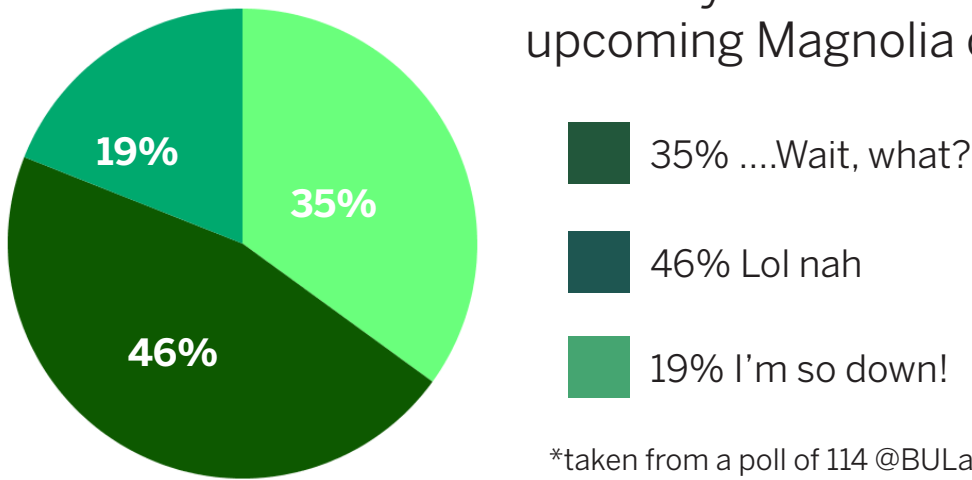
Bain writes that a major con of participating in a lot of different things is being spread too thin. This is easily avoidable if you know your limits.

People like Lavar Ball would tell you to stay in your lane. But I say don’t stay in your lane. Learn something new. Try something different. You’ll be better for it.

*Ben is a Baylor Business Fellows and accounting double major from Monroe, La.*

TWITTER POLL

How do you feel about that upcoming Magnolia coffee shop?



\*taken from a poll of 114 @BULariat Twitter followers

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Photo courtesy of Jimmy Dorrell

**SERVICE CREDIT** Student and adult volunteers cook breakfast for 125 homeless people on Feb. 15 at the Meyer Center.

“We hope these kinds of experiences are shaping students for the long haul,” Hogue said. “That this is helping people begin to understand what it looks like to be part of a community, to be engaged in the life of the community, to try and make sure it flourishes.”

In some cases, Hogue said students will decide to enter the service field or continue working with an organization after completing the course – increasing their engagement with the community and the issues.

Dallas junior Riley Howard, who is taking the careers in law section of the PPS 1100 course, was looking at her lifetime fitness course credit options when she found the philanthropy and public service course. As a pre-law student, the course offers a unique opportunity to get involved in other areas and with students outside her area of study.

“It’s made me think about areas of law that I might not have explored before,” Howard said. “It’s just cool because it’s not degree specific — for example, in my class, there’s a pre-med student and a social work student. The mix just brings in a lot of different perspectives.”

Hogue said the program numbers remain steady from semester to semester in the effort to be able to meaningfully place students

in service opportunities within the community and not over-run service organizations with students.

“It is a disservice to organizations if we are flooding them with volunteers,” Hogue said. “They couldn’t accommodate 3,000 students. So, we have about 300 or so [students] who take these classes every semester, and that’s a good number.”

While a consistently small program in terms of size, it’s been a part of Baylor for almost 30 years.

“Baylor was actually on the cutting edge of a national movement to embed service learning into the curriculum, and so in 1991 the program began,” Hogue said. “It was then called the Civic Education and Community Service Program — that was when the 1100 course came on the books, and it’s been operating continuously ever since.”

On the program’s webpage, students can find philanthropy and public service education resources such as lists of community partnerships and the civic learning courses.

While current students can earn lifetime fitness credit for taking the PPS 1100 course, Hogue said that may not be the case for entering students as the core curriculum changes. This new option could potentially change Bachelor of Art, fine art and science

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options that are also delicious and fill you up. Showing people that eating that way can be done and make people happy has been good. The grocery store we’re doing up the street is an extension of this in looking at fresh food and making it available to the neighborhood, so they can continue eating in a way that serves them well. We’re also training people in East Waco to garden so we can buy their fresh foods from them. It’s a self-sustaining approach to community and good food.”

Grayson said that a primary mission of Lula Jane’s is to feed people, particularly the people of East Waco, and all profits made from the restaurant are invested back into the local community. She has also opened a public charter school in East Waco, and with her husband, she has worked to build and develop homes in the area.

“My goal was to help foster community and economic development for this neighborhood. I’ve been in the neighborhood since 1998 with the opening of the school,” Grayson said. “Since the opening of the school to today, I take no money home. I’ve worked 70 hours a week for 20 years, and I take no money home because for us it’s about fostering community in a neighborhood that we think is fantastic. We love Waco which is why we give back — Waco has been good to us, so we need to be good to Waco.”

Ida Jamshidi, a frequent visitor of Lula Jane’s, appreciates the work that Grayson has done to give back to the community and encourages growth in the local neighborhood.

“I know that revitalizing East Waco was a part of Nancy Grayson’s vision when she

opened Lula Jane’s more than six years ago,” Jamshidi said. “She’s been intentional about welcoming everyone who walks through the doors of the bakery and actively searches for opportunities to give back to the community. I truly believe that this philosophy has set the tone for other businesses who have been drawn to the area.”

One of Jamshidi’s favorite aspects about Lula Jane’s is the community aspect the restaurant encourages through friendly staff and a welcoming atmosphere.

“Lula Jane’s is all about bringing people together around great food,” Jamshidi said. “Everyone is valued there regardless of your background. You could be a first-time visitor from out-of-state or someone like me who comes in several times a week — the staff will always make you feel like you’re home.”

Grayson reflects this vision of acceptance and community through hiring dedicated staff and making a conscious goal to welcome all people that step inside the restaurant.

“It’s important to us that whoever works here plugs into our community at Lula Jane’s. Our environment and welcoming approach is that everyone who walks through our doors has value, and they need to know that to work here,” Grayson said. “Our goal is gather people together — we don’t have a huge interior space, so you often have to sit with and get to know other people. This strengthens the sense of community within Lula Jane’s and hopefully within the greater community. The people keep us happy to be here — if we can add joy to people’s days through food or connections, we’ve done our job.”

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All-male pageant raises funds for breast cancer research

MADALYN WATSON  
Staff Writer

The sisters of Alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority, Inc. hosted its first Mr. Pink Pageant to raise funds for breast cancer research and education on Friday.

However, the calculations for how much money they raised during the pageant will not be completed until the end of the school year.

Four male contestants competed for the Mr. Pink title, sash and crown in the Paul L. Foster Success Center at 7 p.m. that evening.

After the three sections of the pageant, only one contestant, Houston junior Marion DuBose, achieved the title of Mr. Pink 2019 after playing a song on his electric violin for the talent portion of the pageant.

“I’ve heard about a male pageant before, but I hadn’t actually seen it in action, so I thought that was kind of interesting,” DuBose said.

DuBose heard about the pageant through his friend, one of the pageant chairs and new member educator for the sorority, Chicago senior Elizabeth Keomanikhoth.

“We’ve been planning this since last year, just kind of throwing the logistics together, and kind of like what we wanted to do, and ideas we wanted to take from other chapters, and what spin we wanted to take on it,” Keomanikhoth said.

The all-male beauty pageant is a tradition among other chapters of the sorority, but this is Baylor’s chapter’s first year hosting the pageant.

The pageant consists of three portions: introduction, talent portion and Q&A portion.

“There’s going to be an introduction where the contestants basically explain a little bit about themselves — where they’re from, what they’re majoring in

and aspirations in their life,” Keomanikhoth said.

During the introduction, the four contestants revealed their personalities to the judges by highlighting their organizations, interests and achievements.

The other three contestants competing to be the winner of the Mr. Pink pageant were: San Francisco senior Charlie Pugada, Houston junior Mark Lacanilao and Overland Park, Kan. freshman Daniel Dong.

“And then there’s a talent portion where they can showcase whatever talent that they may deem appropriate,” Keomanikhoth said.

During the talent portion, the contestants showed off their personalities even further through song, dance, music and yo-yo tricks.

DuBose performed his own rendition of the song “Secrets” by OneRepublic on his electric violin.

“I’ve been playing the regular violin since the seventh grade, so that’s about eight years now,” DuBose said.

However, DuBose taught himself electric violin his

sophomore year of high school after watching someone play it on YouTube.

“I was interested in the whole talent portion as well as the presentation of going down a like runway and trying to show off to the crowd,” DuBose said.

After the talent section, the contestants picked random questions out of a basket that one of the members of the sorority passed around the stage.

“In the Q&A section, there’s a breast cancer awareness fact question, and then there’s a random pageant question,” Keomanikhoth said.

Plano senior Julia Huang, a pageant chair and the internal vice president of the sorority, said that they want to make it very clear that the pageant is for breast cancer awareness.

“We give them the questions [ahead of time] so that they can study the breast cancer facts, so that they’ll know what’s going on and how impactful this is on women and even men,” Huang said.

Huang said that she joined the sorority because of her love of

philanthropy and to honor her grandmother who passed away from breast cancer.

“I wanted to join kind of like a smaller, tight knit community of girls, I could really kind of share my passion is like my love of philanthropy for, so when I came across Alpha Kappa Delta Phi as a freshman, and I talked to a lot of the girls, they also have that same passion,” Huang said.

All of the proceeds made from the Mr. Pink pageant will go to breast cancer research and education.

After the the last portion, there were a few performances from members of the sorority while the judges made their decisions.

Other than the award for Mr. Pink, first and second runner-up sashes and awards were given to contestants Pugada and Lacanilao.

The People’s Choice award, audience members voted on their phones for, that was given to Lacanilao. The Mr. Community award, which was given to whoever sold the most advertisement spaces in the pageant’s pamphlet, was awarded to Pugada.

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“She announced that we got third place. It was a very surreal moment.”  
Sydney Symes

TRAGEDY >>> Television star Luke Perry suffered a severe stroke and died Monday morning in the hospital. BaylorLariat.com

# You are my candy girl

## Kappa Chi Alpha makes history with Sing act ‘Home Sweet Home’

THOMAS MORAN  
Arts and Life Editor

For the first time in the organization’s history, Kappa Chi Alpha sorority’s All-University Sing Act qualified for Pigskin Revue and earned third place among the 19 organizations that competed.

The show, called “Home Sweet Home,” opened with a sequence featuring candy canes and lollipops dancing and singing of their happiness in Candyland. After the opening sequence, the licorice entered the stage to overtake Candyland. After a confrontation between the two groups, the licorice changed its tune and the candy groups decided to live in harmony.

Baytown senior Abigail Gregorcyk performed as a lollipop in the act and said that, beyond the dancing and singing, Sing drew the group to a new level of closeness.

“It was honestly amazing,” Gregorcyk said. “Sing is just one of those opportunities, especially with the bond that KXA has with our foundation in Christ, to get to know everybody better. You create stronger friendships. It was really cool to create the sisterhood that we stand by. I’m now friends with people that I barely knew.”

Gregorcyk offered insight into the way Kappa Chi Alpha faces the challenges of Sing every year.

“We have a word that goes



with each Sing act,” Gregorcyk said. “Last year, the word was ‘contender.’ Because we only had about 60 girls last year, we knew our chances for Pigskin were lower, but we just wanted to be contenders in the show and have people know who we are and just radiate the Lord. This year, we had 92 girls, so we were 92 strong and had the mindset of ‘competitor.’”

Beyond this change of mindset, there was another quality that Gregorcyk said she believes set the group apart this year. Unlike the other sororities that competed in Sing, Kappa Chi Alpha is an explicitly Christian service sorority.

“The whole point of the show was to radiate joy and not only the joy of Sing, but the joy of the Lord” Gregorcyk said. “I think our colors and our songs and our positivity helped us to radiate that.”

After the final night of Sing, students from the various participating organizations piled into Waco hall and the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation to hear the results. Among the students was Allen senior Sydney Symes, one of this year’s Kappa Chi Alpha Sing chairs and lead singers. They first announced the acts that qualified for Pigskin Revue, and with only one slot left, she feared the group hadn’t qualified.

“We had figured since there was only one spot left, that there wasn’t a huge chance that we were that last one,” Symes said. “We had kind of started trying to bring our hopes down.”

Despite their doubts, the announcer said Kappa Chi Alpha had earned the final spot in Pigskin Revue — something Symes described as surreal.

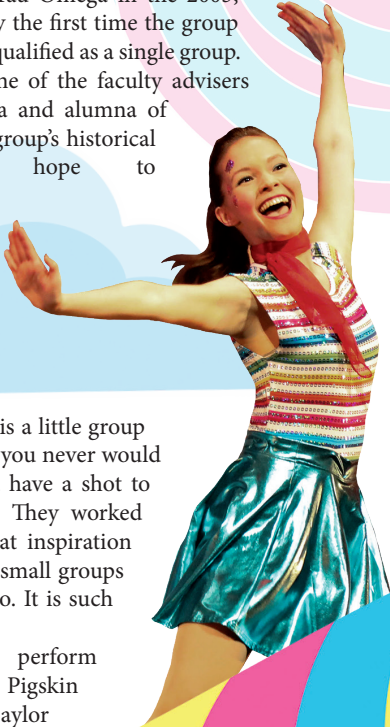
“It was zero to 60,” Symes said. “We went from thinking that we didn’t make Pigskin

at all, but when we got on stage, while we were wrapping our brains around the fact that we got to go to Pigskin, she announced that we got third place. It was a very surreal moment.”

Kappa Chi Alpha had only qualified for Pigskin Revue once previously when they paired with Alpha Tau Omega in the 2005, making this not only the first time the group has placed, but also qualified as a single group. Maxcey Blaylock, one of the faculty advisers of Kappa Chi Alpha and alumna of the group, said the group’s historical win will provide hope to other smaller groups who participate in Sing.

“There are kind of traditional Sing powerhouses that always win and this is a little group that a few years ago, you never would have thought would have a shot to make it to Pigskin. They worked hard and can be that inspiration and can show other small groups that they can do it to. It is such an encouragement.”

The group will perform their act at Pigskin Revue during Baylor Homecoming 2019.



Aadil Sheikh | Roundup Photographer

# Everything Coming to Netflix in March

<p><b>March 1</b></p> <p>A Clockwork Orange</p> <p>Apollo 13</p> <p>Budapest</p> <p>Cricket Fever: Mumbai Indians</p> <p>Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon</p> <p>Disney’s Saving Mr. Banks</p> <p>Emma</p> <p>Junebug</p> <p>Larva Island: Season 2</p> <p>Losers</p> <p>Music and Lyrics</p> <p>Nick and Norah’s Infinite Playlist</p> <p>Northern Rescue</p> <p>River’s Edge</p> <p>Stuart Little</p> <p>Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street</p> <p>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</p> <p>The Hurt Locker</p> <p>The Notebook</p> <p>Tyson</p> <p>Wet Hot American Summer</p> <p>Winter’s Bone</p> <p>Your Son</p>	<p><b>March 2</b></p> <p>Romance is a Bonus Book</p>	<p><b>March 3</b></p> <p>Patriot Act with Hasan Minhaj: Volume 2</p>	<p><b>March 5</b></p> <p>Disney’s Christopher Robin</p>	<p><b>March 6</b></p> <p>Secret City: Under the Eagle, Season 2</p>	<p><b>March 7</b></p> <p>Doubt</p> <p>The Order</p>	<p><b>March 8</b></p> <p>After Life</p> <p>Bangkok Love Stories: Hey You!</p> <p>Bangkok Love Stories: Innocence</p> <p>Blue Jasmine</p> <p>Formula 1: Drive to Survive</p> <p>Hunter X Hunter</p> <p>Immortals</p> <p>Juanita</p> <p>Lady J</p> <p>Shadow</p> <p>Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams</p> <p>The Jane Austen Book Club</p> <p>Walk. Ride. Rodeo.</p>	<p><b>March 12</b></p> <p>Jimmy Carr</p> <p>Terrace House: Opening New Doors: Part 6</p>	<p><b>March 13</b></p> <p>Triple Frontier</p>	<p><b>March 15</b></p> <p>A Separation</p> <p>Arrested Development: Season 5</p> <p>Burn Out</p> <p>Dry Martina</p> <p>Girl</p> <p>If I Hadn’t Met You</p> <p>Kung Fu Hustle</p> <p>Las muñecas de la mafia: Season 2</p> <p>Love, Death &amp; Robots</p> <p>Paskal</p> <p>Queer Eye: Season 3</p> <p>Robozuna: Season 2</p> <p>The Lives of Others</p> <p>Turn Up Charlie</p> <p>YooHoo to the Rescue</p>	<p><b>March 16</b></p> <p>Green Door</p>	<p><b>March 19</b></p> <p>Amy Schumer Growing</p>	<p><b>March 21</b></p> <p>Antoine Griezmann: The Making of a Legend</p>	<p><b>March 22</b></p> <p>Carlo &amp; Malik</p> <p>Charlie’s Colorforms City</p> <p>Delhi Crime</p>	<p>Historia de un crimen: Colosio</p> <p>Mirage</p> <p>Most Beautiful Thing</p> <p>ReMastered: The Miami Showband Massacre</p> <p>Selling Sunset</p> <p>The Dirt</p>	<p><b>March 26</b></p> <p>Nate Bargatze: The Tennessee Kid</p>	<p><b>March 28</b></p> <p>Ainori Love Wagon: Asian Journey: Season 2</p>	<p><b>March 29</b></p> <p>15 August</p> <p>Bayoneta</p> <p>Osmosis</p> <p>Santa Clarita Diet: Season 3</p> <p>The Highwaymen</p> <p>The Legend of Cocaine Island</p> <p>Traitors</p> <p>Tucker and Dale vs. Evil</p>	<p><b>March 30</b></p> <p>How to Get Away with Murder: Season 5</p> <p><b>March 31</b></p> <p>El sabor de las margaritas</p> <p>The Burial of Kojo</p> <p>Trailer Park Boys: The Animated Series</p>
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Associated Press

**FASHION** Several controversies have arisen in the fashion community over the past year, including racial and suicide insensitivity. In repsonse, pop singer and actress Zendaya teamed up with Tommy Hilfiger to create a diverse show for Paris Fashion Week.

LINDSEY REYNOLDS  
Reporter

Fashion month concludes Tuesday in Paris. Thousands of looks designed by the most prestigious fashion minds across the globe graced the runways in New York, London, Milan and Paris. Some of the looks appeased the industry’s elite, while others highlighted social taboos that left the masses with their jaws on the floor.

Burberry retracted designs that generated social outcry amid the industry and the public. Among this season’s designs, the label released a sweater with a drawstring resembling a noose. The sweater was interpreted as a sinister reminder of past lynchings and present suicide numbers.

Liz Kennedy, a runway model for Burberry and other couture brands, made a statement via Instagram about her thoughts on the sweater.

“Suicide is not fashion,” Kennedy said. “It is not glamorous nor edgy.”

Kennedy expressed her disappointment for the brand’s negligence, and continued to describe her experience during her fitting for the London Fashion Week show. She said while backstage, the crew hung up the sweatshirt to fix the knot and laughed about its resemblance to a noose.

Burberry released an official apology days following.

“We are deeply sorry for the distress caused by one of the products that featured in our A/W (Autumn/Winter) 2019 runway collection Tempest. I called Ms. Kennedy to apologize as soon as I

became aware of this and we immediately removed the product and all images that featured it,” Marco Gobbetti, CEO of Burberry, said in a statement to E! News. “Though the design was inspired by the marine theme that ran throughout the collection, it was insensitive and we made a mistake.”

This is not the first instance of brands being called out for insensitive designs. Gucci, Prada, Katy Perry, Zara and others have had to retract products resembling blackface and neo-Nazi themes from their collections in recent years.

San Antonio junior Melanie Moon is a fashion merchandising major and expressed her thoughts on the recurring issue of negligence in representing people of color in the fashion industry.

“Diversity is really difficult for some reason in fashion to get exactly right,” Moon said. “We have seen that recently with the black face by Gucci, the offensive merchandise created by Burberry. We’ve talked about the Gucci and Burberry mishaps in class, and we really think it’s purposeful. The designers don’t really sound that apologetic, and if you’re selling to a specific market, you need to be educated.”

Although fashion month began grimly, a collaborative collection by American actress and singer Zendaya Coleman and fashion powerhouse Tommy Hilfiger made a statement in Paris with their runway show that featured models of many shapes and sizes.

The ’70s themed collection emphasized black and women empowerment, immediately following

Black History Month and entering Women’s History Month.

“This whole night is about a tribute to these women, and the new women that are coming up, but also the women who paved the way for all of us to be here,” Coleman explained in an interview with W Magazine. “I think it’s about celebrating all they’ve done for our industry and our community.”

The ‘Tommy x Zendaya’ collection casted over 70 women of color, in an array of shapes, sizes, ages and nationalities. Grace Jones closed the show as a tribute to the iconic black women of the ’70s.

When asked about the show, Moon explained that Coleman’s casting was an outstanding display of inclusion to a market not usually represented during fashion weeks. She said that variance of both color and size is a rarity to European couture and is only just becoming prominent in the American fashion market.

“Growing up, something I wanted to see when I walked into a store was to be represented. Now as more companies and brands are starting to use men and women of color in their advertising campaigns or in runway campaigns, it’s allowing them to tap into different markets that they didn’t originally think of,” Moon said. “It just shows everybody can be included and everybody should be included, and that you can tap into so many markets if you do it tastefully, with good intentions and with your consumer in mind. That’s what Zendaya did.”

Live coverage of the shows and events can be found on FashionWeekOnline.com/live or on Vogue.com.

# WHAT TO DO IN WACO

Tuesday, March 5

Open mic night at The Backyard | 8 - 9 p.m. | Backyard Bar Stage & Grill | Free | The local restaurant and performance venue welcomes anyone interested in performing to sign up. Slots are given on a first-come, first-served basis.

Waco Community Band | 7:30 p.m. | Ball Performing Arts Center | Free | The group performs frequent concerts during its eleven-months season.

## Wednesday, March 6

Meet & Catch Up | 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Art Forum of Waco | Free | Participants and visitors of the Hispanic Heritage Art Show and Celebration in September are invited to the venue to reconnect with each other.

Christian Writers Workshop | 6 - 7:30 p.m. | First Baptist Woodway | The group meets every week at 101 N. Ritchie road to share their writing.

Open mic night at Commons Grounds | 8 - 10 p.m. | The local coffee shop will host its weekly mic night with spots given on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Thursday, March 7

The Art of Celebrity and Brand Making: Pop | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Cultivate 7twelve | The exhibit features local artists focused around pop culture.

ReStore ReStart Fine Art Show | 6 p.m. | Cultivate 7twelve | The show features art from recycled products. There will be a silent auction to benefit the community.

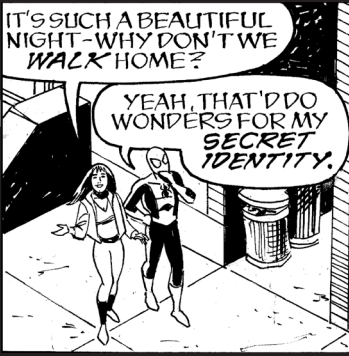
## COMICS



## PUZZLES

### Amazing Spiderman

By: Stan Lee



### Dennis The Menace

By: Hank Ketcham



## PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

### SUMMONING JEKYLL AND SEUSS ACROSS

- 1 Stallion, e.g.
- 6 Saudi, e.g.
- 10 Floats gently
- 15 Livens (up)
- 19 Optic layers
- 20 Female adult
- 21 Accustom
- 22 Roman 951
- 23 Sweet capsicum variety
- 25 Bacon piece
- 26 Give kudos
- 27 Queen, in Spanish
- 28 Mickey & Sylvia hit of 1957
- 31 Don —
- 32 Suddenly become alert
- 35 Tetley pouch
- 36 Extremely scarce
- 41 President pro —
- 43 Brainy bunch
- 44 Bit of Vail gear
- 45 The “sum” of “Cogito, ergo sum”
- 46 Bona —
- 47 Christmas poem opener
- 49 Sinister powers
- 54 Wooded with tunes
- 58 Comic blows
- 59 Fragrant
- 60 Best Actress nominee for “Breaking the Waves”
- 63 Turn aside
- 64 Category
- 65 Hit, as a gnat
- 66 Place
- 67 Lure for fish
- 71 Deodorant target
- 74 Song from “Oklahoma!”
- 77 How fast a plane is flying
- 80 Govt. agent
- 81 Comic Gilda
- 82 Deep pessimism
- 84 Installed, as brick
- 86 Actor Ladd
- 87 Soft throw
- 88 Chum
- 89 Lhasa — (small dogs)
- 94 Visibly angry
- 95 Highly venomous cephalopod
- 101 Filled the fuel tank, with “up”
- 103 User of four-letter words
- 104 “— Smile Be Your Umbrella”
- 105 “Guys and Dolls” guy
- 109 Rockers Clapton and Burdon
- 111 Fitzgerald of jazz
- 112 Cliffside nest
- 113 What you do when you look at the ends of nine long answers in this puzzle

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- 117 Regal Norse name
- 118 Adorn fussily
- 119 Morales in movies
- 120 Haggard of country
- 121 Where AT&T is “T”
- 122 Squiggly letters
- 123 Breeding 1-Across
- 124 Came — (Baja dish)

### DOWN

- 1 Central area
- 2 Make hackneyed
- 3 Brush up on
- 4 City near Monterey
- 5 Fox Sports alternative
- 6 High, rugged peak
- 7 Drake’s music
- 8 University in Nassau County
- 9 Mechanical way to learn
- 10 Prudent
- 11 Part of ABM
- 12 Animal coats
- 13 French for “sad”
- 14 Days of the week, e.g.
- 15 Campus workstation locale
- 16 Tending to radiate something
- 17 Provided juice for?
- 18 Pro or con
- 24 Give relief to
- 29 Composer Carl Maria — Weber
- 30 Cheer shout
- 31 Printer clog
- 33 Org. in “The Martian”
- 34 With 53-Down, requests
- 37 Broken-down
- 38 Knights, e.g.
- 39 Tic-toe link
- 40 Retired professors
- 42 Defrost
- 46 Was achy or regretful
- 48 “Holy cow!”
- 49 Hoof or paw
- 50 Totally dominate
- 51 Good craps roll
- 52 Keats work
- 53 See 34-Down
- 54 Place
- 55 Novelist Tan
- 56 Small bite
- 57 Comedic actor Jackie
- 58 H.S. junior’s exam
- 61 It has fluttery leaves
- 62 Twirl, as one’s thumbs
- 63 Naturalist Fossey
- 66 Con game
- 68 “Anthem” writer Rand
- 69 Suffix with hero
- 70 The Raptors, on NBA schedules
- 72 Engine stat
- 73 “— culpa”
- 74 “I think,” in texts
- 75 Half of hexa-
- 76 Anwar of Egypt
- 77 Culture base
- 78 In a criminal way
- 79 Book full of street maps
- 80 Desert in Mongolia
- 83 Palme —
- 84 Sonny boys
- 85 Balm plant
- 88 Most cheeky
- 90 Maintains order over
- 91 Prisms’ color bands
- 92 Was a better peddler than
- 93 Org. issuing nine-digit IDs
- 95 Youth org. with troops
- 96 Delaware Valley tribe
- 97 Cows’ milk deliverers
- 98 Pvt.’s superior
- 99 False appearances
- 100 Street — (urban acceptance)
- 102 Cut off stubble
- 105 An inert gas
- 106 Certain dwarf planet
- 107 Clock info
- 108 Gym lifter’s units
- 110 Tomato variety
- 114 Water, in Nantes
- 115 Give relief to
- 116 Irish actor Stephen





Associated Press

**BRING OUT THE BROOMS** Baylor senior guard Chloe Jackson drives the ball against West Virginia on Monday in Morgantown, W. Va. The Lady Bears defeated the Mountaineers 61-57 to complete the sweep of the Big 12 regular season for the fourth time in school history. Baylor is 28-1 heading into the Big 12 Tournament.

# Baylor sweeps Big 12 regular season for fourth time in history

JESSIKA HARKAY  
Sports Writer

No. 1-ranked Baylor women's basketball went undefeated in the Big 12 regular season for the second year in a row and the fourth time in school history, avoiding a near upset from the West Virginia Mountaineers 61-57 on Monday in Morgantown, W. Va.

With their 35th straight Big 12 road win, the Lady Bears finished the Big 12 regular season 18-0. Baylor went undefeated in conference play in 2012 and 2013 in addition to the past two years.

Only two other teams have gone unbeaten in Big 12 play: Oklahoma in 2006 and Nebraska in 2010.

In the win over the Mountaineers, the Lady Bears were led by junior forward Lauren Cox with a double-double game, notching 22 points (7-for-10 on field goals, 7-for-8 on free throws), and 10 rebounds. The Mountaineers had three double-

digit scorers. Forward Naomi Davenport led WVU with 17 points, 3-for-6 on 3-pointers, and 13 rebounds.

Both teams opened the game unable to score. By mid-quarter Baylor was on an 8-0 scoring streak, as the Mountaineers were shooting at a 13 percent field goal rate (1-for-8). By the end of the first quarter, all 11 of the Mountaineers' points came from Lady Bear mistakes, including nine points from turnovers and two from foul shots.

Cox opened the second quarter with a quick jumper within the first minute to bring the score to 17-11. The two teams continued to struggle offensively as the fight for the stronger defense battled out. Both teams continued to struggle with turnovers as neither team gained a clear advantage. With two minutes left in the half, the game was within four points, but Baylor began gaining offensive momentum with four late points from freshman center Queen Egbo. The lead grew 31-23 by the break.

Coming out of the break, Mountaineer sparks of offense began to develop, outscoring the Lady Bears 8-7 by mid-quarter to bring the game to 38-31. Both teams went into two-minute scoring droughts until a jumper from senior center Kalani Brown led the start of a 6-0 run. The Mountaineers countered with a 7-0 run.

By the fourth, the Lady Bears still didn't have an edge and struggled on both sides of the ball. Holding Baylor to a scoring average of 15 points per quarter and a 31 second-half field goal percentage, the Mountaineers were in the game 44-38.

WVU held the Lady Bears to a 1-for-6 on field goals in the first five minutes of the fourth, meanwhile converting 2-of-5, to bring the matchup back to a four-point game. The end of the game became a fouling battle and Baylor held on for the 61-57 win.

Baylor will compete in the Big 12 Tournament starting Saturday in Oklahoma City.

# Lindsey announces retirement

BEN EVERETT  
Sports Editor

Baylor men's basketball senior guard Jake Lindsey announced on Monday that he has played his last game in a Baylor uniform.

Lindsey, who had been redshirting this year due to complications from offseason hip surgery, published a story on [Baylorbears.com](http://Baylorbears.com) on Monday afternoon detailing his medical issues and announcing his retirement. Lindsey said playing for the Bears was a dream come true.

"Getting to be on the Baylor men's basketball team is truly a childhood dream that I've been blessed enough to live out every day for the last four years," Lindsey said.

Lindsey wrote he had been dealing with hip issues for the majority of his college career, and offseason surgery after last season complicated things. Following the surgery, he experienced nerve pain in his shoulder and was later diagnosed with Parsonage-Turner syndrome. Lindsey said the doctors told him recovery would not be easy.



Lariat File Photo

**ONCE A BEAR, ALWAYS A BEAR** Baylor senior guard Jake Lindsey drives the ball against K-State on Jan. 22, 2018, at the Ferrell Center. Lindsey announced his retirement from basketball on Monday.

"I'll never forget the way [the doctor] looked at me when he told me he wasn't sure if I'd ever play high-level basketball again," Lindsey said. "There was no certain answer. The nerves had to grow back, and that could be months, or it could be years. Even then, I'd have to rehab them and hope that my shoulder stayed healthy."

Lindsey played in 103 games throughout his three-year career, starting

18 games while putting up career averages of 3.8 points and 2.8 assists per game. Lindsey helped the Bears to two NCAA Tournament appearances and one NIT appearance.

Lindsey, who graduated in 2018, will move to Salt Lake City to attend law school once his fiancée Tiger Maddox graduates in May.

## Men's Basketball Weekend Brief

### Turnovers doom Bears in road loss to Kansas State

BEN EVERETT  
Sports Editor

Baylor men's basketball fell to No. 16-ranked Kansas State 66-60 Saturday night in Manhattan, Kan. to fall two games back of the Big 12 lead.

The Bears (19-10, 10-6) committed 19 turnovers and shot 12-for-20 from the free throw line in the six-point loss.

Kansas State senior forward Dean Wade dominated on the offensive end, scoring 20 points on 9-for-15 shooting.

Sophomore forward Mario Kegler led the way for Baylor, notching 13 points on 6-for-10 shooting from the field, but fouled out with five minutes left in the game.

The Bears took an early 7-4 lead thanks to Kegler making plays on offense and defense.

The lead would not last long as Kansas State embarked on a 17-0 scoring run, suffocating the Baylor offense and getting senior forward Dean Wade the ball in the middle of the Bears' zone.

After a seven-minute scoring drought, the Bears' offense finally got Kegler to the rim and the Bears converted on 3-pointers, cutting the lead to 24-18 with five minutes to play in the first half.

Freshman guard Jared Butler drained a pull-up 3-pointer at the end of the first half as the Bears trailed the Wildcats 32-30 at the break.

The Bears came out firing in the second half with senior guards Makai Mason and King McClure leading the way. The two combined for seven straight points to put Baylor ahead 37-36 five minutes into the half.

K-State responded, as a 3-pointer from junior forward Xavier Sneed put the Wildcats up 46-40 in front of a raucous crowd.

The Bears stuck around late in the game. Junior forward Freddie Gillespie cut the lead to seven with under four minutes remaining.

Baylor made it a three-point game in the final minute, but K-State iced the game at the free throw line.

The Bears will return home to face Oklahoma State at 8 p.m. Wednesday for senior night.

## Sports Schedule

**Softball @ Texas State**  
Wednesday, 6 p.m.  
San Marcos

**Men's Basketball vs. Oklahoma State**  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.  
Ferrell Center

**Women's Tennis vs. TCU**  
Thursday, 3 p.m.  
Hurd Tennis Center

**Men's Tennis vs. Arkansas**  
Thursday, 6 p.m.  
Hurd Tennis Center

**Baseball vs. Nebraska**  
Friday, 6:35 p.m.  
Baylor Ballpark

**Equestrian vs. Texas A&M**  
Saturday, 11 a.m.  
Willis Family Equestrian Center





Courtesy of Baylor Athletics

**BIGGEST FAN** Baylor junior pitcher Cody Bradford cheers on the Bears from the dugout on Friday against Texas A&M in Houston. The Bears, riding an eight-game win streak, went 1-2 in the Shriner’s Classic.

# Don’t be distraught by Bears’ ups and downs

DJ RAMIREZ  
Sports Writer

Going into the college baseball season, I had very few questions about how Baylor’s baseball team would shape up this year.

What was the bullpen going to look like? How tough was the playing field going to be?



What are the chances of seeing the green and gold in Omaha?

I’ve followed the ups and downs that the Bears have gone through since the very first day I stepped foot in Baylor Ballpark. Watching them play, I felt like an 11-year-old girl falling in love

with the game all over again.

I knew the bullpen would be young with a few veterans there to provide leadership. I knew all of last year’s starters were coming back so the lineup would look pretty much the same. I knew I would probably back out of my study abroad trip to Italy this summer because there was no way I was missing the NCAA championship.

Now that the season has started, I have a new set of questions, however.

One of the things that I love and hate about baseball is that it can sometimes be as unpredictable as Texas weather. No matter how good or bad a team is, there are obstacles that you just can’t count on facing. The game is a lot like real life in that way.

No team is going to start out healthy. That’s something head coach Steve Rodriguez acknowledged when the season started. Some of the guys started off a little banged up or suffering from illness.

But no one planned on the team’s Gold Glove-winning catcher breaking his wrist so early in the season. Or on the 2018 Big 12 Pitcher of the Year being moved from the Friday guy to the Sunday guy due to shoulder soreness. Even the starting first baseman who is also a backup behind the plate was out sick to start off the year.

However, the reaction to the early challenges they’ve faced shows Baylor baseball’s true character and tenacity.

With junior backstop Shea Langeliers sitting out a couple weeks, freshman catcher Kyle Harper has done a great job filling in and with junior pitcher Cody Bradford being limited the bullpen has really shined.

The Bears started the season with eight straight wins and confidence was building.

## SPORTS TAKE

So when they suffered their first loss of the year to Texas A&M last Friday on the opening day of the Shriner’s College Classic, it was like the “baseball gods” were saying, ‘Not so fast Baylor.’

And then they lost to Rice University the next day and I couldn’t help but feel slightly disappointed.

Everyone knew facing A&M was going to be difficult. Baylor’s first eight wins came against two teams who currently sit at last place in both their leagues. The Aggies were coming off a 2018 postseason run themselves with contribution from their current Friday night pitcher John Doxakis, whom the Bears didn’t fare too well against with 12 strikeouts in their loss. They didn’t fare any better against the Owls the next night, so going into Sunday, everyone was hoping for a comeback.

Baylor delivered.

With two outs in the bottom of the ninth against Texas State, senior center fielder Richard Cunningham, who had started the game with a homerun, doubled to bring up sophomore short stop Nick Loftin. Loftin singled to score Cunningham and tie the game and then the Bears took the lead with an RBI double off the bat of junior third baseman Davis Wendzel.

I had made my way down from the press box so that I wouldn’t be late to post-game media and got a front row seat to what Cunningham called a “dramatic” win. Baylor returned to play defense in the bottom of the ninth as the Bobcats went in search of a walk-off. Sophomore right fielder Davion Downey stole a homerun with an epic jump against the home bullpen and then senior closer Kyle Hill struck out the next two batters to seal yet another comeback for Baylor.

“You’re going to get beat and that happens, but I think what happened is, today we established and we decided, ‘You know what? Two’s enough,’” Cunningham told me in post-game media. “You know we’re not going to go through a long lull. We lose a couple games; that happens. That happens to baseball teams and we have to reestablish momentum and now there’s no looking back.”

Overall, I feel like the Shriner’s Classic not only showed Baylor that although they’re going to face some tough challenges going forward, the comeback is what matters. And I learned that, with the privilege I have covering this team, I have the opportunity to grow along with them.



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**FULL SPRINT** Baylor freshman catcher Kyle Harper rounds the bases against Texas A&M on Friday in Houston. The Bears fell to the Aggies 5-2 and lost to Rice 6-3 before defeating Texas State 5-4 to close out the weekend.

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