



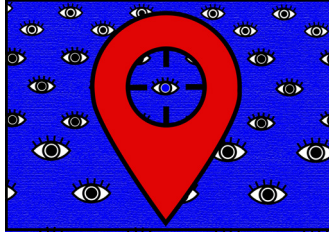
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# Two petitions battle LGBTQ club inclusion

**MATT MUIR**  
Staff Writer

Two petitions, one urging Baylor to allow LGBTQ groups on campus and the other opposing them, circulated online in recent weeks. Both of the dueling petitions surfaced in the lead-up to conservative commentator Matt Walsh's controversial visit to Baylor last week.

The pro-representation petition, most recently titled "Join more than 2,700 members of the Baylor family standing up for all of Baylor's students, including those in the LGBTQ community," claimed Baylor's approval of the Walsh event and its organizer, Baylor Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), represented a "fundamental unfairness" in Baylor's treatment of student groups. The petition, which was drafted as a letter to President Linda Livingstone and Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life, says that Baylor should not worry allowing LGBTQ groups seeming like an endorsement if it's already willing to allow YAF to invite a speaker with views as controversial as Walsh's.

According to the petition, Baylor's treatment of other student groups shows that groups don't have to "maintain views, positions, or advocacy that are entirely consistent with what it perceives to be required by 'Biblical teaching.'" The petition specifically mentions the Baylor Sexual Identity Forum (SIF),

described on its own Facebook page as "Baylor's unofficial gay club," as a group that should be chartered by the university.

The "Save Baylor Traditions" petition began as a direct response to the pro-representation petition and urges Baylor to continue to forbid the chartering of LGBTQ groups. Supported by YAF, the petition argues that chartering LGBTQ groups like SIF would put Baylor at risk of losing its affiliation with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, which could result in a loss of donors and a "fundamental redefinition of what the University is."

The petition clarifies that it is not an opposition of LGBTQ rights or free speech, but is about maintaining Baylor's status as a "traditional Christian institution." The petition does call objections to the Matt Walsh event an "embarrassing uproar" and says students who do not support the positions held by Baylor and the BGCT are "free to enroll at a different school."

Currently the pro-representation petition has more than 2,000 signatures, the "Save Baylor Traditions" petition received roughly 100. Both petitions include signatures from current students, alumni, parents of students and faculty and staff members.

Austin freshman Anna Tabet signed the pro-representation

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**HIT LIKE A GIRL** A free self-defense class held Tuesday night in the Bill Daniel Student Center provides women with moves that they can use in real-life situations.

# Just kickin' it

## Program teaches women self-defense

**MADALYN WATSON**  
Staff Writer

The free "Hit like a "Girl"" self-defense class taught women several self-defense moves that they can use in real-life situations at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Hosted by the women of the Alpha Eta chapter of Hermandad De Sigma Iota Alpha Inc. in conjunction with the women of Gamma Alpha Omega, participants learned strategies to keep themselves safe.

Dallas senior Kylie Smith, mixed martial arts instructor for Group X, taught different kicks, punches and ways to dodge punches while keeping the mood light with

several jokes and connecting with each woman in the class.

"There are some statistics published by different police departments about how they're going to attack. So I taught them how to strike, how to defend and how to dodge. And just a couple of other movements, like how to get out of a close encounter," Smith said.

Most of the moves taught by Smith were aimed to create distance between oneself and their attacker.

"The most important is to create distance between you and an attacker. You want to always be able to escape the situation. So if you get the chance to run, run," Smith said.

Smith teaches that the most important takeaway from her self-defense classes is a sense of empowerment.

"There's a lot of times, if you see how people's body languages at first, whenever they're striking, is that they have to have confidence and the strength within themselves to know, 'I can fight back. I can defend myself. I am worthy,'" Smith said.

One of the main goals set by the women of Hermandad De Sigma Iota Alpha Inc. is female empowerment, according to Murrieta, Calif., junior

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Claire Boston | Multimedia Journalist

**END-OF-YEAR ANXIETY** Students open up about struggles with anxiety as the semester comes to a close. Seniors especially struggle as they prepare to enter the job market.

# End of semester brings heightened anxiety

**EMMA WHITAKER**  
Reporter

As graduation and final exams approach campus, summer isn't the only thing on people's minds. According to students and faculty, the end of the semester brings heightened anxiety because of looming test grades and future plans.

Temple senior Tristan Coffee is graduating in May and she admits to experiencing anxiety about her job plans but also plans to finish her college career strong.

"Anxiety is kind of an unsaid normality of senior year. Instead of thriving, I feel like

when we ask each other how we're doing, seniors are just like, 'Oh, I'm making it,'" Coffee said. "There is a pressure to know what you're going to do when you graduate. It can make someone feel lesser than if they don't have a firm plan."

El Paso senior Victoria Malone said she agreed with Coffee that graduation can cause deep anxiety for graduating seniors. However, Malone said she tries to find ways to alleviate the stress of senior year.

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# I-35 construction to begin in two weeks

**MORGAN HARLAN**  
Staff Writer

Beginning on April 28, the Texas Department of Transportation plans to start construction in Waco on Interstate 35 from 12th Street to N. Loop 340. The construction will start with the main lanes on the interstate. The northbound lane and shoulder will be closed to rehabilitate and widen the shoulder and then overlay pavement in preparation for mainline work. The road construction is expected to continue through 2024.

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, the purpose of the construction is to improve safety, add capacity, incorporate technology, and improve aesthetics. The improvements will include widening main lanes to four lanes in each direction, improving frontage roads and ramps, reconstructing bridges and improving interchanges, adding U-turns, and improving bicycle and pedestrian access.

U-turns will be added at University Parks Drive, MLK Jr. Boulevard and BUS 77. The pedestrian bridge at Eighth Street, which connects Baylor to the other side of I-35, will be permanently removed.

The Texas Department of Transportation hosted an open house meeting on Wednesday evening to discuss the changes.

"The construction project is complex considering the significant amount of daily traffic through the core of Waco. We will be working hard to get this job done safely and efficiently while being considerate of the impacts and inconvenience of construction,"

according to a handout given at the event.

The construction information packet said to expect a 24/7 work schedule, lane closures, noise and vibrations, dust, congestion, property access, lane closure restrictions for major traffic generating events such as holidays, Baylor University home games, graduation and Spring at the Silos. There will also be work occurring in multiple locations simultaneously to maintain flexibility and progress.

Waco junior Alex Waitley, a marketing and entrepreneurship major, said the reasons for construction on I-35 are good for the university as a whole.

"Traffic around Baylor can get really intense and stressful, so anything to help with that and make it safer would be awesome," Waitley said. "Being in Waco this summer does make the construction a little challenging, but I guess if it is for the greater good than it is worth it."

Interstate 35 spans 505 miles in Texas and 1,569 miles from Mexico to Texas. Approximately 45% of Texans live along the I-35 corridor and \$750 billion in goods carried per year. There will be an 82% increase in population along the corridor by 2040.

"We are committed to closely communicating with the community and travelers on I-35 to get you the information you need. Our team is available and encourages you to reach out and stay updated," said the Texas Department of Transportation on their I-35 information packet.

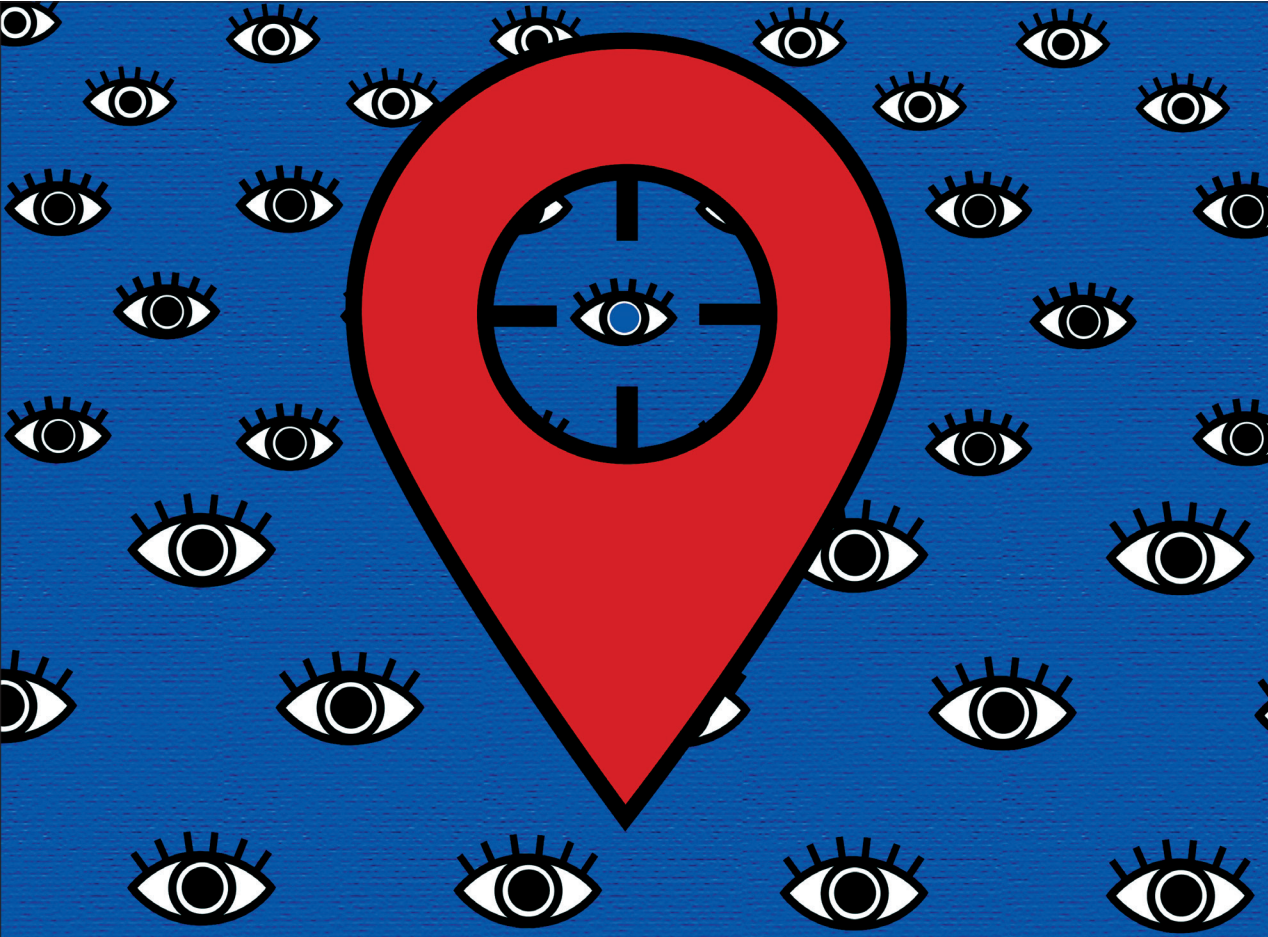
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EDITORIAL



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# Don't be creepy

## Location sharing with friends isn't necessary

In a world dominated by social media, we have all become used to the idea that nothing is sacred or forgotten. Nothing we have typed out online can fully be erased and, through our many devices, our whereabouts are rarely in question. With the rise of apps like Find My Friends, which comes standard on all iPhones, we need to realize the benefit of having a little privacy in our lives.

We hear friends ask each other all the time to share their locations with each other, almost as if it is some sacred step in the relationship. This question, however, is really strange when you think about it. Can you imagine asking someone to know where they are at all times? If we do ask this, it might seem unclear whether we want to be better friends with the person or we want to kidnap them. The practice of sharing your location with so many people would seem undeniably creepy in any other period of human existence.

That being said, it is OK to deny your friend or your significant other your location at all times. Without sharing your location, you allow natural trust to build, especially in a romantic relationship. As an adult, no one needs to know where you are at all times. If a significant other cannot trust you enough that he or she has to literally track where you are going, it could be the sign of a toxic relationship. Similarly, parents will track their kids' phones as well, especially in high school or early in college — our early independent years. While parents have good intentions most of the time, kids who are being tracked by them 24/7 cannot possibly mature enough to live on their own. Being in college is for us to learn to live on our own and transition into adulthood.

An integral part of that is not having someone look over your shoulder all the time. In fact, this time in our lives is designed for the exact opposite.

Of course, there are some outlier situations where sharing your location can be beneficial. If one of your friends is lost from the group or you can't find them, obviously having their location is a big help. These are primarily safety concerns. Not only are these situations rare, but they also show the potential faults in location sharing. Locations can take a while to buffer and update, meaning that you could go to the location your friend's phone says, but they could already be a mile down the road. Location sharing is only sparingly accurate and, if you're on the move, it is always lagging behind, rendering it almost completely ineffective.


Location sharing can also limit our communication skills and patience, two practices that are already reduced by our excessive social media use. For example, a common reason for location sharing among friends is to see whether their roommates are home, instead of simply knocking on their door or calling them. When waiting for a friend to arrive, people will check their locations even though a phone call would be just as fast with the added touch of actual human conversation. Another solution for the tardy friend is to just, you know, wait a few minutes.

Even in today's age where we have everything we need right at our fingertips, there are moments when it's necessary to take a step back. No matter how much you love someone or someone loves you, sharing your locations with them at any given time is not only unnecessary but also, quite frankly, excessive and creepy.

LARIAT LETTER

# Support special needs community

**HOLDEN FRUEH**  
Contributor



The special needs community desires people to help and serve them and just spend time with them. These people need connections, and they need to feel loved. Many people will support them with their words and say that they care about the special needs community, but few do anything about it.

This is such a flaw that so many of us have. We will continue to say that we care about the special needs community, but what are we doing to support them? Does us saying that we care about these people

really make a difference in their lives? How will any of these people feel the impact of our thoughts if they never even meet us?

I have spent time with special needs children throughout high school and now in college. Every one of these children wanted nothing more than a friend they could count on. More of us should find any way possible to reach out to the special needs community.

Through your school, your church or whatever organizations you are in, there are so many opportunities to go out and serve this community. There are organizations within our community that strive to build these friendships and we need to do a better job of seeking these chances out and truly pursuing them. There is a ministry called Helping Hands that is all about teaching these young children. Another group, Best Buddies, strives to build relationships between the special needs community and our community.

I am tired of people voicing their support for this group of people and doing nothing about it. If you truly did support this group and want what is best for them, then I really think you should be reaching out to this community and do whatever you can do to support them. I understand that it may not always be easy or convenient, but it is so important that we do all that we can to make sure that this community feels loved and cherished.

*Holden Frueh  
Sophomore pre-business major  
Spring*

BEARS IN THE BIG CITY

# Austin is the best city in Texas

**MADISON DAY**  
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Sooner or later, we will be graduating, getting jobs and moving to new cities. There are many great cities in the state of Texas and the rest of the country, but none truly compare to the glory of Austin. As is one of the fastest-growing cities in the country right now and the top city to live in the United States, according to U.S. News & World Report, the job opportunities and activities are endless.

Austin is chock-full of beautiful outdoor sites and yummy taco places and is not named the live music capital of the world for nothing. There are a lot of choices as far as cities to move to post-graduation, and here are a few reasons why you should consider Austin as your future home.



**1. Austin has been named the one of the best places to start a business for several years.**

The Austin culture is centered on promoting small businesses, and as the business industry is flourishing in Austin, so are the job opportunities. Whether you're an entrepreneur looking start your own business or simply in need of job, the opportunities in Austin are plentiful. With hundreds of new startups looking for young and fresh employees, it's a great place to get your start in the tech or business world and learn the ropes of the industry.

“You can have tacos for literally every meal in Austin, even dessert.”

**2. Austin is home to two of the biggest music festivals in the country: Austin City Limits and South by Southwest.**

The famous statues of Willie Nelson and Stevie Ray Vaughn adorn the city, and coined the live music capital of the world, you can find live music in a plethora of bars and restaurants on any given night. Twice a year, in October and March, Austin's most famous music festivals return and flood the city with top-notch musicians and a plethora of visitors. Does traffic during these times extremely suck? Yes. But is it worth it? Obviously. Every October, Austin City Limits returns, bringing two glorious weekends of headliner bands and smaller artists performing at Zilker Park, and every March SXSW takes over the city for a full week of music and movies.

**3. Tacos, tacos and more tacos.**

If you love tacos — and who doesn't? — Austin is the perfect city for you. You can have tacos for literally every meal in Austin, even dessert — yes, there are dessert tacos at places like TacoSweets. It has been said that true Austinites can exist on tacos alone, although this may not be the healthiest way of life. Some of the best taco places in the city are Fresa's, Taco Deli, Dai Due Taqueria, El Primo and Vaquero Taquero — although this is just the tip of the iceberg. Austin also offers a plethora of other amazing dining cuisines from the brisket at Franklin Barbecue to the soup dumplings at Wu Chow.

**4. Outdoor glory fills this beautiful city.**

Austin is a city for nature lovers. You can go hiking in the Barton Creek Greenbelt, and if you're feeling adventurous, go cliff jumping into the creek. You can take a lovely stroll or jog around the hike and bike trail on a Saturday morning, or escape the smoldering summer heat by taking a dip in the healing cool waters of Barton Springs. You can even rent paddle boards or kayaks and watch the famous bats emerge from Congress Avenue Bridge at sunset.

I may be slightly biased since I've lived in Austin my whole life, but it is the perfect city to live during your 20s.

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# Hit me with your best job

## Students learn how to market themselves when job searching

**MATTHEW MUIR**  
Staff Writer

As graduation and summer approaches, students learned how to effectively network and pitch themselves for a job at the inaugural Liberal Arts Career Summit at the Mayborn Museum this past week.

The career summit featured guest speakers from companies such as Google and Chick-fil-A, booths from numerous employers and breakout sessions to help liberal arts students make connections and learn how to market themselves when searching for jobs or internships.

Shelby Cefaratti, a marketing and graphic design specialist for the career center, said the career summit aimed to offer a different experience from the typical career fair.

“Typically [at a] career fair you go with your resume up to different employers and you do kind of a mini-interview; you find out who you want to work with,” Cefaratti said. “This is going to be some of that but it’s also learning how to network. Networking is so important. When [students] are graduating networking is a challenge. It’s new. It’s different.”

Houston junior John Wunsch is an MIS major, attended the career summit .Wunsch said the networking experience that comes with events like the career summit is important because it’s not taught in the classroom.

“When you’re doing English or journalism or political science getting a job isn’t [something you’re taught],” Wunsch said. “Like one of the panelists said before, there isn’t like a psychology company. You kind of have to gravitate towards a position that you find inherent skills in regardless of your major. It’s very helpful for people that are in majors... [where] it’s not as easy to find the road.”

Wunsch also shared some advice delivered by Kyle Ali, the staffing channels associate team lead at Google, during the alumni panel.

“When [students] are graduating networking is a challenge. It’s new. It’s different.”

**SHELBY CEFARATTI | CAREER CENTER**

“There was a guy from Google who was talking a lot about how to network in the sense of starting a conversation with a genuine interest in getting to know someone before you use your strategy of trying to get the position,” Wunsch said.

According to Cefaratti, networking skills are especially important for students with liberal arts degrees because of the broad range of jobs and fields graduates can go into.

This broad range was reflected in the list of guest speakers, most of whom are alumni. Desiree Foley, an employer relations specialist with the career center, said guest speakers were chosen specifically to account for the versatile nature of liberal arts programs.

“We intentionally chose employers and alumni and panelists who have a humanities or a liberal arts backgrounds but were in

different roles,” Foley said. “We wanted each speaker to kind of represent a different population whether they have a political science background, or communication background or any other area.”

Blair Brooks is the director of marketing for Chick-fil-A Baylor and graduated from Baylor in 2010 with a degree in speech communication,

(now called corporate communication). She led the breakout session on building relationships in the workplace and making the most of an internship. Brooks said events like the Career Summit are a great way to show liberal arts students that their degrees can take them in different directions than they may have first thought.



Branson Hardcastle | Multimedia Journalist

**NETWORK** Kyle Ali, Staffing Channels Associate Team Lead at Google, was one of the speakers at the Liberal Arts Career Summit this past week. He explained to students how networking can be starting a genuine conversation with someone before you try to get a certain position.



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petition. Tabet said the petition is part of an ongoing conversation about LGBTQ rights at Baylor that is “long overdue.”

“Completely ignoring a group of people has never served anyone right,” Tabet said. “I felt like signing that petition was drawing attention to people who have been marginalized on this campus and hopefully giving them a space to be recognized.

Robinson junior Stefan Fitting signed the “Save Baylor Traditions” petition. Fitting said through text messages that preserving Baylor’s membership in the BGCT and status as a Christian university was why he signed the petition.

“Adopting a pro-LGBT club would certainly lose us our [BGCT] membership along with all the benefits that entails,” Fitting said. “Baylor being an unapologetically Christian school is one of my favorite things about Baylor, and I would hate to see Baylor go the way of TCU and lose their Christian environment.”

Fitting said he views the Bible as the “inerrant word of

God” and that he must accept that “living a LGBT lifestyle constitutes a sin” because of this. Different interpretations of the Bible are what Fitting said he thinks leads people to different conclusions.

“I think we are both working out of what we think the loving course of action is,” Fitting said. “Affirming LGBT lifestyles to me is not only not loving but the opposite. They are preaching a false gospel, and telling others that their sin is not a sin.”

Tabet said people who signed the “Save Baylor Traditions” petition could benefit from hearing opposing views on the issue of LGBTQ rights.

“Just as they encouraged people to come out and listen to Matt Walsh, I think that they should come out and listen to people that believe differently than they do, and I think that that can’t happen unless we all advocate for free speech on this campus,” Tabet said. “Just as they wanted us to respect Matt Walsh’s beliefs, I think that’s a bit hypocritical if they don’t do the same.”

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and President Krista Cardenas.

“We were looking to find an event to help empower women,” Cardenas said. “I really like these workout type classes because of the more social aspect, but I also liked the whole idea of self defense.”

Cardenas said they wanted to make the theme of the event Hit like a Girl because of stereotypes about the limits of women’s strengths and abilities.

“I think a lot of times women are portrayed to be weak, and like they can’t defend themselves,” Cardenas said. “So I wanted to give the girls an opportunity to learn how to get out of these situations if they were ever to be put in one.”

The class was catered specifically to female students at Baylor to help them protect

themselves in dangerous situations.

“There are a lot of things that happen on [college] campuses, and I just want girls to be safe going out and knowing those skills and be able to come home safe,” Cardenas said.

Although the mixed martial arts classes offered in the Student Life Center are not specifically for self-defense, Smith said that classes, like the ones she teaches, can help empower women and men at Baylor alike as well as an outlet for physical fitness.

Group X, Baylor’s extensive aerobics program that includes classes like mixed martial arts, has a \$50 membership fee for each fall and spring semesters, but a \$30 membership fee for the Summer, according to the Baylor Wellness website.

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“It’s helpful to be vulnerable with one another about the stressors in your life. My friends and I stay up late at night talking with each other, being there for one another,” Malone said. “It’s important to stay in the moment and trust the Lord, instead of worrying about the future.”

Another component of anxiety can sometimes come from home, according to Cypress sophomore Mateo Rueda. He said his anxiety comes from his family expecting a high level of academic success.

“Sometimes when I have anxiety, all I want to do is curl up in a ball or jump into a sea of molten lava. There is just this strong feeling of failure,” Rueda said. “Having to go back and see your parents for an entire summer, after you’ve done poorly in an academic year, is overwhelming to say the least.”

In fact, Rueda said during final exam season he feels his anxiety dramatically rise.

“I do. I think a lot of the pressure is the feeling that if you fail, you’re failing a semester. There’s more room to fail than to pass. I get really bad anxiety around finals season. My freshman year, I would even get bad panic attacks,” Rueda said.

Academic mentor Rachel Hoarty said she understands

the pressure students undergo throughout college.

“There is a lot of pressure on students, whether it comes from family, professors or themselves, to perform well in school. I think this is a major reason why students struggle with anxiety,” Hoarty said.

While Hoarty understands the students’ pressure and anxiety, she said she encourages students to look at the bigger picture and their grade point average isn’t the “end all be all.”

“It’s important for students to understand that, as they move in to the professional world, grades are important, yet it’s also important to be a well-rounded individual in and out of the classroom,” Hoarty said.

Some students, such as Fort Worth sophomore Lance Smith, found ways to defend off anxiety as the school year comes to a close.

“A lot of people think their worth or identity comes in school. But really it’s not. Our salvation is not dependent on grades,” Smith said.

If students are experiencing stress, the Paul L. Foster Success Center, located in the Sid Richardson Building, aims to help students manage their academic stress. The learning lab is open 1-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday or by appointment at the front office.



Josh Aguirre | Multimedia Editor

**RING BY SPRING** With changes to dating culture like social media, Baylor’s dating culture is changing to fit modern times. Students also are pushing against the common stereotype of achieving a ‘ring by spring.’

# How Baylor’s dating culture compares

**EMMA WHITAKER**  
Reporter

Baylor has long had a reputation of a “ring by spring” culture. Many students push back against this stereotype, and many believe the dating culture is changing dramatically.

“Since dating has become more social media based, I feel like the dating culture is much more casual than it used to be, even within Christian, conservative circles,” San Antonio freshman Donese Cole said.

San Juan sophomore Michael Salazar said he feels the changing culture has inspired people more to put themselves out there.

“I feel comfortable, casual, when going up to meet someone, without it seeming formal at all,” Salazar said.

Yet, some students still feel the ‘ring by spring’ influence of the past. According to College Station junior Grace Wall, she still feels like ‘ring by spring’ exists, even if people aren’t aware of their mindsets.

“I feel like ‘ring by spring’ is still a thing. I don’t date much because I don’t really like the dating I’ve seen at Baylor. I think the “ring by spring” culture produces pressure in a relationship. It’s hard to know if people have the end goal of marriage that I might not be ready for,” Wall said.

Junior Texas A&M student Noah Jeter explains that A&M’s Christian culture has a “ring by spring” mentality similar to that of Baylor’s.

“I have four close friends getting married within a short time period of one another,” Jeter said.

Unlike Baylor however, A&M seems to have its own collegiate dating language, and it begins with the word: “Howdy.”

“Dating in Aggieland in my experience is pretty relaxed. You could just be walking around campus and see someone you find attractive and instead of the awkward conversations or having to think of something crazy creative, you just open the conversation

by saying “Howdy,” and if they say howdy back you see where things go. If things are going well you take them to Freebirds or Double Dave’s or something. It’s a very laid back, friendly thing and people are very genuine and nice most of the time. It makes dating and searching for your significant other a lot less intimidating in my opinion,” A&M junior Coby Chambliss said.

Spring sophomore Emma Vollands’s boyfriend attends A&M, so she said she is easily able to compare to two dating cultures.

“I find that at A&M the dating culture is more casual, and there is less pressure when going on a date. At A&M I feel like there are a lot of people that would say they want to get married, but in the future, or down the road, kind of thing,” Vollands said.

Yet, the “ring by spring” ideology travels across state borders and specific school traditions. Tanner Sanderford, a junior at King’s College in New York City, explains that Baylor is not the only school that seems to marry off students young. According to Sanderford, the “ring by spring” phenomenon may be more of a private Christian school normality, than it is a Central Texas, Bible Belt normality.

“There’s a saying in my school that especially applies to outgoing seniors — “ring by spring.” A lot of people who’ve been dating at my school for years will often marry. It may seem like they’re marrying young, but for New York, it’s very pragmatic. Marrying allows students to rent out one-bedroom apartments instead of two,” Sanderford said.

According to University of Texas junior Taryn Cook, even students who were not Christians have been influenced by a Bible Belt culture. According to Cook, many of her friends do not want to live with someone before marriage, simply because they grew up in an area where that was shamed.

“I think dating is definitely just as prized here, as something people strive for, but I think the process of it and

what dating looks like might look a lot different than what it might look like at Baylor,” Cook said. “I think ‘talking’ is a big thing down here. People have someone that they’re like hooking up with and talking to, and that happens for a long time before anything is actually serious.”

Cook explains how sometimes the Christian community within a college, Baylor as well, can be different that the overarching collegiate dating culture.

“But within the Christian community, there is a lot of variation in what dating looks like,” Cook said. “Especially since there are variations in when people came to their faith. If they just became a believer in college, then their dating habits that were developed in college kind of come into their dating habits as a believer in college. Whereas people who were believers there whole life or in high school approach dating differently. But I think “ring before spring” is definitely something people more role their eyes at here. I think dating is more casual here, and it’s definitely not viewed as a means to check out someone for marriage, but more of a ‘Oh, I like this person, I like spending time with them,’ and then you definitely don’t have to put a label on it, unless that’s what both parties want.”

According to Austin junior Lena Lee, many Baylor students would prefer a continually more relaxed dating atmosphere, similar to that of University of Texas.

“Many of the Baylor students I have met come from southern, traditional households, so that is the kind of relationship they are looking for. They seem to have expectations for the future like get married after college, have a blue collar job, have a white picket fence,” Lee said.

According to Cook, a student’s perception of their school’s dating culture directly correlates with the groups they are in, and the people they experience within their university. In a large collegiate community, many dating cultures are sure to exist.

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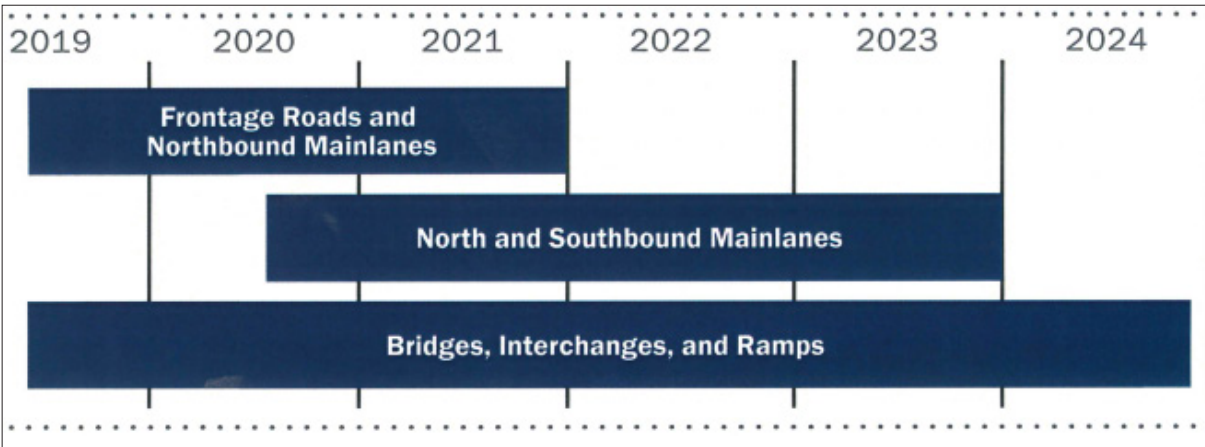


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Here is where to be and when this week in Waco

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“It was very fierce competition this year ... We had to turn down a lot of really good films this year.”  
Maverick Moore



# Students gear up for the 20th annual event

**THOMAS MORAN**  
Arts and Life Editor

In 1999, Baylor film students held the first Black Glasses Film Festival to provide students with the opportunity to share their film creations with a wider audience. Since then, the festival has grown to be a competitive and widely anticipated event among the students in the film and digital media department and beyond. This year marks the festival’s 20th anniversary, and students are gearing up for the event, which will take place April 27 at the Hippodrome Theatre in downtown Waco.

Maverick Moore, film and digital media lecturer, is coordinating the event and, with the rest of the department staff, helped select the films being featured.

The department received many film submissions this year, making for one of the most competitive years yet, Moore said.

“We judge them on merits of production quality, on story quality, on artfulness, on a wide range of factors that we put into consideration,” Moore said. “From that consensus, we then selected films to be included. It was very fierce competition this year — probably one of the most fierce competitions this year. We had to turn down a lot of really good films this year.”

This year’s festival will feature 17 total short films of varying length across an array of genres and styles.

“We have documentaries. We have narratives. We have more experimental film,” Moore said. “We have a wide range of films that all kinds of people can enjoy. The festival fits all kinds of taste.”

Waco senior Andy Racoti will have two

short films featured in the upcoming festival. The first film, a fantasy western called “The Man with Bloody Tears,” was also featured in the recent Deep in the Heart Film Festival. His second film, “Decay,” is a horror film and will be premiering at Black Glasses.

“I’m kind of nervous about the premiere because ‘Decay’ was based on a nightmare I had,” Racoti said. “It’s kind of a more personal story. I get the reactions that I want from people, which is like pained surprise.”

Racoti said he wanted to keep the meaning somewhat vague so that viewers might be able to derive their own meaning from the film.

“That’s what I like with my films. I like people thinking and people putting themselves in those situations,” Racoti said. “I don’t like the clear-cut answers. I feel like that’s lazy, and I don’t think people watch movies for clear-cut answers.”

Matthew Aughtry works for Baylor Marketing and Communications but is also working toward his Master of Arts in Film and Digital Media. Aughtry directed a short documentary called “How Profound Our Hope,” which features a Silver Spring, Maryland, Ph.D. candidate Malcom Foley.

“I actually originally made it for Baylor marketing, and it was accepted as a short documentary for the competition,” Aughtry said. “I mainly make a lot of two to three-

minute documentaries profiles on faculty and alumni and such. I thought this might actually work just as a short documentary, and it got in.”

Back in the fictional realm, “ULTRAVIOLET,” is a psycho-thriller directed by Dallas senior Joy Schmitz, and will also be featured in the film festival.

“My short film is a psychological thriller about female body image that mainly follows the story of two different characters, their relationship and how they see themselves and other people,” Schmitz said.

Though the film was made in conjunction with a short film production class, the film was less an assignment and more of a project with great personal significance, Schmitz said.

As unique as the films they’ve made, each of the directors has unique methods and processes of creating a film from start to finished product. For Racoti, most of his films originate as rough sketches in his many notebooks.

“I keep a bunch of journals and notes, and I start with sketches,” Racoti said. “I love to draw, so I start with storyboarding. I try to figure it out visually, and then I go ahead and start writing the script. Then I go back to storyboarding after I have it all written down, and I flesh it out a bit more ... That’s my process. Super messy. But the end result is a little more cleaned up.”

While some might suggest starting with

a concept or storyline first, Schmitz uses an alternative process.

“I start with a title, which sounds really weird,” Schmitz said. “But there will be a title that I find very interesting like “ULTRAVIOLET.” Then I go about think about an issue or topic that I want to look into. From that, I was in a class called Short Film Production, taught my Maverick Moore and Sam Henderson. Through that class, I was able to create my idea.”

Many classes in the department work together to help students produce their films.

Regardless of the genre, style or creative process of the film, anticipation and excitement is growing as the festival nears.

“It’s great this year to be a part of it because I’ve gone for the past two years just to support it and see what was going on,” Aughtry said. “Baylor film and digital media is part of the reason I came to Baylor. It’s great to finally feel a part of it, and that’s what I feel, especially being a part of Black Glasses.”

As the 20th year of the festival, the department is holding special events including a dinner, reception and panel to celebrate the milestone. But ultimately, the event is geared toward the students.

“Black Glasses is a great resource because it allows students to have their films seen on a big screen in front of a big audience so you see what it’s like and how people react to it, and it gives them an opportunity to know how to behave professionally and showcase their film professionally at a film festival,” Moore said.

After the one-night event, films will be awarded for best cinematography, editing, screenplay, audience and best picture, each with a cash prize.



## Easter Traditions Around The World



**Czech Republic** - Men and boys roam the streets with decorated sticks and lightly whip women to encourage health and beauty.

**Australia** - Confectioners make chocolate bilbies rather than bunnies to raise awareness for the endangered species.

**Haux, France** - Locals celebrate Easter by making a 5,000 egg omelette. Each family brings their own eggs and add them to the pan.

**Philippines** - Some people self-flagellate to unite their suffering with that of Jesus Christ, though it’s been discouraged by the Roman Catholic Church.

**Greece** - Easter eggs are only dyed red — a symbol



of Christ’s triumph over death.

**Norway** - It is custom for some to read a mystery novel or watch a mystery T.V. show — a tradition that started with popular crime novel “Bergen Train Looted in the Night” by Nils Lie in 1923.

**Otago, New Zealand** - It is common for people to hunt rabbits on Easter as a part of the tradition of ridding the land of pests.

**Hungary** - Men will splash women with water and ask for a kiss. People used to believe it had a healing and fertility-inducing effect.

**Sweden** - Children dress up as witches and go door to door with drawings and paintings in hopes of recieving a treat in return.

**United States** - The president hosts an Easter egg hunt the on Easter Monday.



# Shall I compare thee to Oasis?

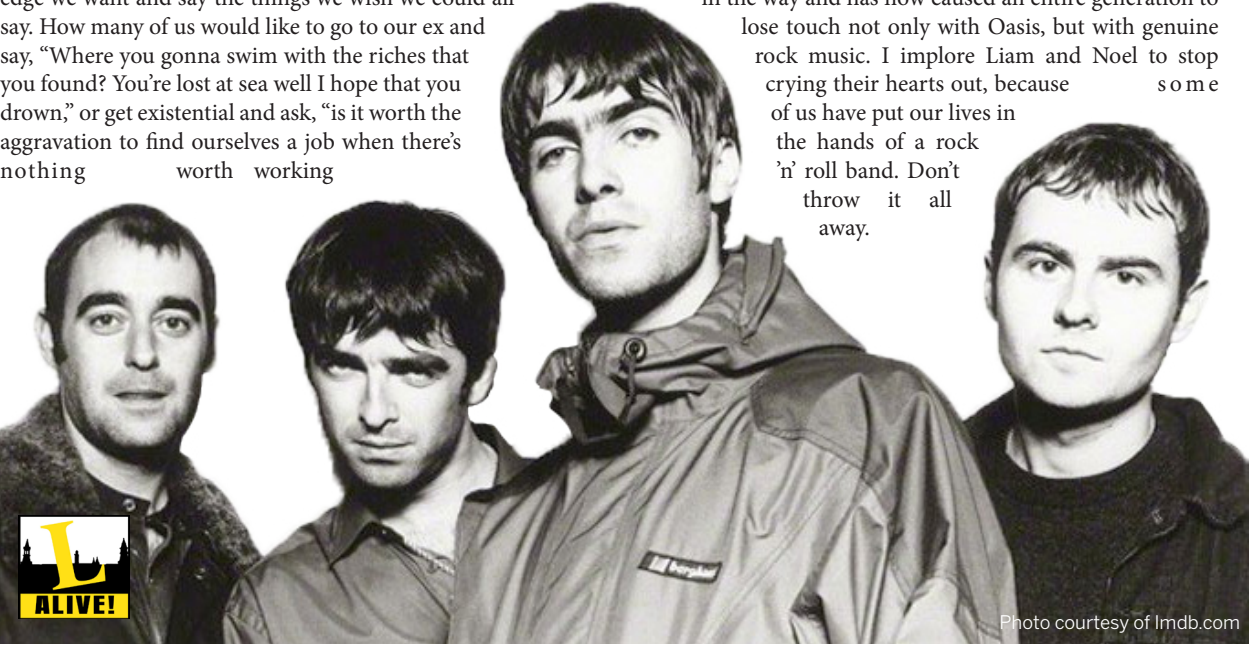
CAMERON STUART  
Radio Editor

Every music fan has that one band — the one band that changes everything for them. They make everything right and can pull you through any mood or adversity you hit. They transcend significant others, schoolwork, career stress and all the other matters that seem trivial when the opening riffs of their songs play. Like a character fastened firmly in a Shakespearean tragedy, my band is Oasis.

Oasis is, with little doubt, the greatest rock band to pick up guitars since The Beatles broke up, yet the Manchester outfit has about as good a chance of releasing new music as John Lennon does. I, like millions of other crazed fans worldwide, need this to change. Brothers and co-founders of the band, Liam and Noel Gallagher, haven't spoken to each other in nearly a decade since the band split up in June 2009. In an industry filled with scandals and oddball characters, the row between the two brothers keeping some of the greatest living rockstars on the planet from making music is truly one of the most bizarre.

What makes Oasis so great and what made them such an epidemic in the '90s was their throwback style, which was so different from the overdubbed and over-directed pop music of the '80s. The band went back to the basics: epic guitar riffs, a poignant message and a gritty attitude. Essentially the boys of Oasis cared about three things: football, drugs and making really good music. They were relatable because they were kids from the council estates of Manchester who didn't let the fame change them. They might have been brats who became tabloid fodder during the peak of their careers, but they were always that way. To this day, a quarter century after they thrust themselves onto the music scene, they wear the same clothes, play the same music, though not together, and cuss the same amount.

In many ways, Oasis was just like you and me. They were a couple of kids who grew up together and were misunderstood until they stood next to each other as the biggest band on the planet. They played some of the most epic live shows in British history, smashed record sale records and never lost themselves along the way. They were like us, but had the edge we want and say the things we wish we could all say. How many of us would like to go to our ex and say, "Where you gonna swim with the riches that you found? You're lost at sea well I hope that you drown," or get existential and ask, "is it worth the aggravation to find ourselves a job when there's nothing worth working



for?" They gave a voice to the disillusioned youth that made a serious comeback in the '90s, putting their voices right next to bands like Nirvana as the most influential of the decade.

Their music was simple, endearing and had nothing synthetic about it. It was guitars and basic, relatable stories of real human emotion with some of the best song writing of an entire generation. Songs like "Supersonic," "Wonderwall," and "Don't Look Back In Anger" became anthemic and is the type of music we desperately need today. Evidence of the impact of Oasis' music came in the spring of 2017, following the Manchester Arena bombing, when "Don't Look Back In Anger" not only became a rallying cry for grieving Mancunians, but also returned to the singles chart in the U.K., some 21 years after its release.

Liam Gallagher has even gone on to a new venture as of 2017 — a successful solo career. When the brothers Gallagher both released new albums in 2017, each of them hit No. 1 in the U.K. It was Liam's "As You Were," however, which battered Noel's much more established band's "Who Built The Moon?" by outselling his big brother by some 25,000 copies in its first week.

In an era where popular music has lost touch with its roots and reality, instead opting for autotuning and elaborate music videos, we need Oasis in 2019 just as much as we needed them in 1994. All we need is for two brothers, who have endured regular physical abuse from their own father, failed messages, health scares and international superstardom to swallow their pride and get back together. For me personally, it is a pipe dream. This band means more to me than almost anything else in my life. They have pulled me through my toughest times more than any friend, relative or therapist ever could. Their impact not just on me, but on millions of people worldwide, is immeasurable and it is being wasted on their own side projects that will never reach the fame of Oasis. They made some of the greatest rock anthems ever and they're both still alive. While The Beatles, The Doors, Nirvana and Queen can never be complete again, Oasis can. They can take the world back by storm at the drop of a hat, but their own pride has gotten

in the way and has now caused an entire generation to lose touch not only with Oasis, but with genuine rock music. I implore Liam and Noel to stop crying their hearts out, because some of us have put our lives in the hands of a rock 'n' roll band. Don't throw it all away.

# WHAT TO DO IN WACO

## Thursday, April 18

Texas Fine Artists Spring Show | 6 -8 p.m. | Springhill Suites Waco Woodway | Free | The show will have musical accompaniment by Frank Exum and Isis Lee.

Artist Talk - Photographers Michael Larsen and Tracey Talbert | 6 - 7 p.m. | American Bank | Free | The two artists will be sharing about their journeys as artists.

## Friday, April 19

National College Equestrian Championship | 8:30 a.m. | Extraco Events Center | Free | The quarterfinals will take place all day.

Night Hikes at Lake Waco Wetlands | 7:30 p.m. | Wetlands Research Education center | The hikes are led by Cameron Park Zoo staff.

## Saturday, April 20

Waco Downtown Farmers Market | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | McLennan County Courthouse parking lot | The weekly event will take place, featuring a variety of vendors and goods for sale.

Heart of Texas Poets Society | 2 - 4 p.m. | Cultivate 7twelve | Free | The group meets on the third Saturday of each month.

National College Equestrian Championship Finals | 8:30 a.m. | Extraco Events Center (see above)

## Sunday, April 21

Easter Egg Hunt | 10 a.m. | Hewitt Community Church | The local church is hosting a variety of Easter celebratory activities and services.

# HAPPY EASTER

# COMICS & PUZZLES

## Amazing Spiderman

By: Stan Lee



## Dennis The Menace

By: Hank Ketcham



## PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

### HIT SINGLES

#### ACROSS

- Insurance giant
- Italian side dish
- Govt. media watchdog
- Once lived
- Cheek makeup
- Put out of memory
- "Impressive!"
- Skiing peak
- "Glamorous" singer who's a member of the nobility?
- Dodgy
- Not disproven
- "This Old House" ainer
- Hot and heavy
- Size above med.
- Kind of camera, for short
- "Raise Your Glass" singer being scandalous?
- Cheese variety
- With 82-Across, Tour de France, e.g.
- Resident doctor
- "Kiss From a Rose" singer after lots of coaching?
- Initis, on an ambulance
- Romeo
- "Marat/Sade" playwright Peter
- With 35-Down, short, easy putts
- Cup edge
- Lowly
- Hostelries
- Tilted text: Abbr.
- "Material Girl" singer of high birth?
- "— chance!"
- Neither's partner
- Bit of dust
- Galena, e.g.
- Ending for peer
- "Every Breath You Take" singer working as a spy?
- -TURN (traffic sign)
- Suffix with mountain
- Writer Haley
- Clutch sitter
- Moby Dick's pursuer
- "Have You Ever?" singer doing commercials for Mac computers?
- Brazilian soccer great
- See 38-Across
- Make an exit
- Negatives
- In the style of
- Readily bent
- -deucy
- Needle hole
- "Yeah!" singer as a deacon?
- Cheese variety
- Co. leaders
- Cry of pain
- "Hot in Herre" singer on edge?

#### DOWN

- Paula of pop
- Tossed
- "Filthy" gain
- Court champ Arthur
- Emeril, e.g.
- Stole stock
- Deduce
- Olympic racer
- Atop, in odes
- "It" game
- Easel, often
- Last non-A.D. year
- Rival
- London's — Garden
- Vehicle navig. aid
- Bar bill
- UFO pilots
- Outer: Prefix
- Decided by ballot
- Deviate
- "You Were Meant for Me" singer whom everyone treasures?
- "Sort of" suffix
- Sharp bark
- Most ethereal
- Popular font
- No longer active: Abbr.
- Ocean
- Frightful flies
- Shabby
- Cavalry cry
- Be part of a queue
- Ailey of dance
- Bit of dust
- "Wake Up Little —"
- Hitter of high notes
- Revealing, as a bikini
- Dial or Coast
- Actor Linden
- See 49-Across
- Africa's Guinea- —
- ER workers
- Not fake
- Bed size
- Nevada city
- "— I a stinker?"
- Ring who was knighted
- Downy duck
- Air blowers
- "Ah, me!"
- Kind of paint
- Nautical
- Shangri-la
- Seeing red?
- "— is human ..."
- -dovey
- Super 8, say
- Sculpts
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- Crop off
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- It's a pain
- Lager, e.g.
- Time between flights
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- In addition
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- Nav. rank
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- Coartown evasions
- Shucks
- Fiscal sums
- Oz resident
- Leachman of "Phyllis"
- Lowest point
- "Beloved" actress Kimberly
- Yank in Europe, say
- Skein bird
- "Namely ..."
- Really got to
- Tummy
- Connections
- Open a bit
- Lynn or Miles
- Hot tub site
- Afore
- Op. — (kin of "ibid.")



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**BUILDING A FOUNDATION** Baylor head coach Matt Rhule celebrates following the Bears' win over Texas Tech on Nov. 24 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. Rhule and the Bears completed spring football with a closed scrimmage on Saturday at the Allison Indoor Practice Facility.

# Rhule's process evident throughout spring football

JESSIKA HARKAY  
Sports Writer

When one player didn't show up to a 6 a.m. Friday practice before the Green and Gold game, head football coach Matt Rhule sent everyone home.

The bigger picture is creating a team mentality, Rhule said — even when one player doesn't show up, it isn't the full team.

"We're a team. It's not just the guys hanging on the banner. It's a team," Rhule said. "So if we're not all here on time the day before a game, is our mindset right? So we came back that afternoon. Trying to get 100 18-to-22-year-olds to think of it in terms of a team is not easy, but I relate it back to me. I didn't want to be out there standing outside in 90-degree heat, but that's what the team needs. We just need to keep elevating the standard of what we expect."

One percent better is a phrase that echos on the football field and is

beginning to be instilled in each player. Not only focused on in-field play, the phrase correlates to taking control. Senior defensive end James Lockhart said when practice was canceled, it was time for the team's veterans to step up.

"We met outside by the goal post and we were like, 'You know what? We're going to do something. We're already up here. Let's do some drills,'" Lockhart said. "Me and James Lynch grabbed the defensive line and I worked with the ends. We did pass rush moves. James and the defensive tackles did some of their drills. Everybody else, the leaders, the veterans of the groups, grabbed their positions and we worked on things."

Lockhart also emphasized that Rhule has especially stressed the importance of leadership.

"All these coaches really want to do is to coach guys," Lockhart said. "They just want to come in and talk football. They don't want to have an unnecessary

distractions on or off the field to affect the team. He really wants the older guys to set an example and bring guys along with them."

Other than stressing older players to step up vocally and constantly improving on-the-field expectations, Rhule is focused on mentally developing his team.

"We're still somewhat of a young-minded team. We're trying to mature. What I mean by that is, you can't do what you're asked to do when it makes sense to you, you also have to do what doesn't make sense to you to be part of the team," Rhule said. "For them to understand, as I told them, you know I spent two years trying to explain everything to them, this is why we do this, this is why we do that [...] it's time to grow up as a football team, grow up as program and have a championship mindset where we attack everything."

A well-rounded team academically,

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## Baylor quidditch combines play, competition

EMILY CASEY  
Contributer

J.K. Rowling's best-selling novel series Harry Potter is where the magical sport of quidditch was born. Wizards riding flying broomsticks and chasing after a golden snitch seems impossible to recreate in real life, but today, quidditch is a nationally recognized sport.

Middlebury College founded quidditch in 2005 and in 2011, the Baylor Quidditch Organization was founded.

Baylor University's own quidditch team made it to the round of 32 in the U.S. Quidditch Cup in Round Rock this past weekend. While the game comes from Harry Potter, the quidditch that is played by many today, including Baylor, loosely follows the game description in the books.

I just want people to know that quidditch is a real sport. It's nationally recognized and a lot of fun to participate in."

ISABELLE PERELLO |  
SEABROOK SOPHOMORE

Despite being a nationally recognized sport, many people are still unaware they can play quidditch in real life. When new members join the quidditch team, the unfamiliar sport makes everyone beginners again. Many members with prior experiences in other sports join quidditch as a way to stay active or to fulfill their Harry Potter fantasies. Whatever the motive players have for joining, the game is loved across regions. Baylor quidditch members want more people to experience the fantasy game's reality and to recognize the excitement of their beloved sport.

Seabrook sophomore Isabelle Perello is a quidditch team member and wants people to explore the sport at Baylor.

"I just want people to know that quidditch is a real sport," Perello said. "It's nationally recognized and a lot of fun to participate in."

The U.S. Quidditch Cup, hosted yearly by the nonprofit U.S. Quidditch Organization, consists of the top 16 teams from four different regions. To prepare for their games, Baylor quidditch practices two to three times a week, giving them ample time not only to perfect their skills, but to create bonds of friendship with their team members. San Antonio junior Savannah Senger said quidditch is a good way to build community.

"Quidditch isn't just about the sport," Senger said. "It's also about making friends that are just as nerdy as you."

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# Bears travel to Lubbock to face struggling Tech

DJ RAMIREZ  
Sports Writer

When college baseball season began in February, No. 16 Texas Tech was picked to finish first in the Big 12 with No. 18 Baylor coming in second. Now entering into the ninth week of the season and fifth conference match for both teams, the Bears are leading the conference with an 8-3 record, 25-10 overall while the Red Raiders are tied for third at 6-6, 23-12 overall.

Baylor packed up the bus and hit the road en route to Lubbock as they gear up to face Tech on Thursday. Junior infielder Andy Thomas said while the Bears have a chance to make a statement, they're just taking it one game at a time.

"They were picked to win it and we were second, but honestly we're just focusing one game at a time right now," Thomas said. "Thursday is going to be a huge, huge day. We're going to have to go out and play the best we can and hope for the best the rest of the weekend."

The Bears may be on top but that doesn't mean that Tech won't bring a challenge. The short week means that neither team will have a day off until Easter, which puts some pressure on the pitching staff.

The rotation for the Bears will be pretty much the same as the last two weeks, with sophomore righty Jimmy Winston taking the start in the opener and junior lefty Paul Dickens throwing on Friday. The finale starter is to be determined later. Head coach Steve Rodriguez

said he thought freshman righty Blake Helton could make another great start like he did last Sunday, but that no decision will be made as the first-year has also had a crucial role as a reliever.

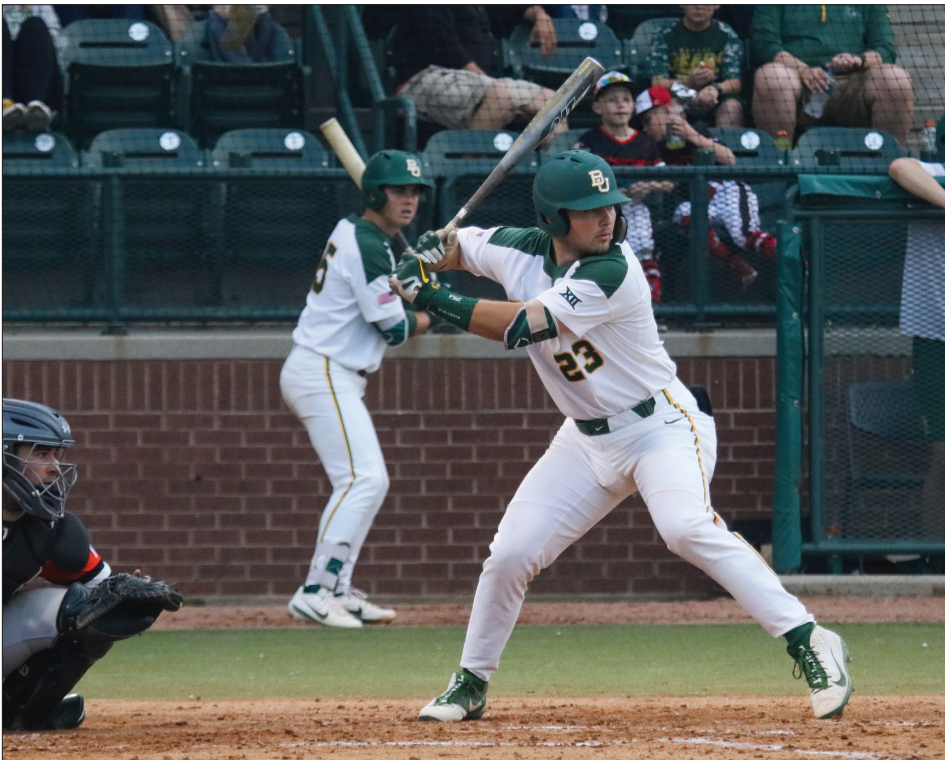
"I'll be honest, Helton did a great job for us, but if we have to use him earlier in the weekend, we will, and then we'll figure out Saturday when we have to," Rodriguez said. "Right now, we just need to focus on winning that ball game that day. I don't want to start worrying about Saturday when Saturday is way too many innings away."

The bullpen continues to be one of Baylor's best assets. Veteran pitchers like senior closer Kyle Hill and junior relievers Ryan Leckich and Luke Boyd have really begun to anchor the pen, and many of the first-year players now have some experience to bolster their talent. Hill has continued to put on consistent outings and is the only guy on the pitching staff who still holds a 0.00 ERA. The Corpus Christi native credits the guys on defense for that, however.

"I know it's zero. But, that's just because of the guys behind me. You look at my strikeouts, 23 strikeouts in 21 innings. It's because of the defense behind me, so just put the ball over the plate and let 'em hit it," Hill said.

Redshirt sophomores Jacob Ashkinos and Daniel Caruso have also become go-to guys in relief. As players like junior transfer Logan Freeman make their way into the action after coming off of injury, the Bears have more arms to get them through the week against a good hitting ballclub.

While the Red Raiders may only have a team



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**ROAD TRIP** Baylor junior catcher Shea Langeliers sets up for a swing against Sam Houston State on Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark. The Bears head to Lubbock for a weekend series against Texas Tech, who is ranked No. 22, but has lost four of its last six games.

batting average of .299, Tech junior infielder Brian Klein holds a .359 batting average, sitting at third in the Big 12 behind Bears junior third baseman Davis Wendzel who has a .380 average. Klein also has 35 RBIs, second most in the conference after his fellow teammate, Tech first baseman Cameron Warren, who has 42.

Junior catcher Shea Langeliers will have to keep his eyes on Tech sophomore Gabe Holt, who has taken the top spot in stolen bases with 21. Langeliers threw out his 10th base runner of the season on Tuesday against Sam Houston State and holds a perfect fielding percentage.

Aside from the technical aspects of the game, the Bears will also have to deal with windy weather and a passionate Red Raiders fanbase. But according to Thomas, the team is excited for another conference match against a challenging team.

"It's always fun to play in Lubbock. Their crowd is a little interesting, they heckle a little bit more than anybody," Thomas said. "So it's fun to go up there and play. But, they're a good team. It's always exciting, to go up there and play probably one of the best teams in the Big 12. So it's an exciting weekend for us."





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**BACK ON THE MOUND** Baylor junior pitcher Regan Green throws a pitch against Kent State on Feb. 23 at Getterman Stadium. Green won Big 12 Pitcher of the Week earlier this season but has been out with a rib injury since then. Baylor takes on Iowa State in a weekend series at Getterman Stadium.

# Green returns as Lady Bears face Iowa State

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With the return of junior pitcher Regan Green, Baylor softball is looking to squeeze its way into the Big 12 Tournament after snapping an eight-game losing streak with back-to-back shutout victories against Lamar University. With seven games left in the season, the Lady Bears tackle a series against Iowa State beginning Thursday at Getterman Stadium.

Green was the Big 12 Pitcher of the Week in early March. Her performance against Southern Utah was one of the best of her career with 11 strikeouts and a 50% strikeout rate. Yet, shortly after her impressive game, a rib stress fracture took Green out for weeks, leaving the Lady Bears to struggle without one of their leaders.

Junior outfielder Madi O’Neal said Green’s return will allow Green to play a bigger part in guiding the team to success.

“Obviously, Regan has always been a leader on the team,” O’Neal said. “Coming through last year, she’s been a vocal leader, so even though she can’t have a part playing these past few weeks because of her injuries, she’s still been a

leader on the bench. And now that she’s on the field, she’s even more of a prominent leader. And we’re just excited for her to come back and see what she can do.”

Head coach Glenn Moore agreed, describing how Green’s return gives the team some options in the lineup.

“The lineups we’ve been facing with top 15 and top 10 lineups – there’s no forgiveness in those lineups,” Moore said. “We’ll be using Regan a couple of innings or maybe one of the other two gives us a little more excitement and some more options. Our hands have been tied. Either it’s going to work or it’s not. We can’t really deviate, but now we can deviate a little and try some things.”

The Lady Bears go into the Iowa State series on a two-game win streak which Moore described as something to have the team feel good about and gain energy.

“You just need to find small victories. I don’t even think those were small victories for us right now,” Moore said. “We’re having trouble getting in sync with each other and just playing consistent fundamental softball, and we were able to do that and put two complete games

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together. I’m very grateful for the way they haven’t thrown the towel in because it would have been easy to do. When you throw the towel in, anybody can beat you.”

Iowa State comes into the matchup at 24-18 but with only one conference win. Baylor has won the last 11 games since 2015 against the Cyclones and with momentum going into the series, hope to make it 12. Regardless, Moore said Iowa State is a strong competitor.

“We would never take anybody lightly. It would be a joke to say we would take anyone lightly,” Moore said. “But we’re certainly not taking Iowa State lightly just because they only have one win (in Big 12 play). We’ve watched some of the games they’ve played and how they’ve competed. And they competed well against us last year up there when we were a much stronger team. And they always do. They always swing the bats well, and they’ve got adequate pitching, too. We’re going to have to play good ball, still.”

The matchup starts at 6 p.m. Thursday at Getterman Stadium.

## Weekend Sports Schedule

### Thursday

Equestrian vs. Georgia - 8:35 a.m.  
NCEA National Championships  
Extraco Events Center

Women’s Tennis vs. Iowa State - 10 a.m.  
Big 12 Championship  
Lawrence, Kan.

Baseball @ Texas Tech - 6:30 p.m.  
Lubbock

Softball vs. Iowa State - 6:30 p.m.  
Getterman Stadium

### Friday

Track & Field - All Day  
Michael Johnson Invitational  
Clyde Hart Stadium

Baseball @ Texas Tech - 6:30 p.m.  
Lubbock

Softball vs. Iowa State - 6:30 p.m.  
Getterman Stadium

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personally and on the field is something the program emphasizes. Going forward Rhule hopes his players take this mentality into their future endeavors.

“That’s why when players come out of our program, people will want to draft them. They’re not going to be late. They’re not going to get fired. They’re going to be pros,” Rhule said. “And the guys that don’t play NFL and go off working whatever field they do, I want them to get there early and stay there late. I want them to lead by example.”

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Senger, the risk management officer of the Baylor quidditch team, has been a member of the team for the past three years. During this particular season, she has seen the team push through the struggles of dwindling member numbers and harsh injuries. Senger said the team has prevailed to nationals through the use of hard work and building their skills as a team.

“This season, the team has done well at adapting to different obstacles,” Senger said. “Teamwork has been better this year than any other.”

Just like most sports, quidditch requires the use of calculated strategy. As a full contact sport, teams must navigate through new game plans with every injury blow.

“Since I’ve joined this team, I’ve gained countless bruises, seen my team members injured pretty badly and have gone through periods of pure exhaustion during tournaments,” Perello said. “I wouldn’t trade it for the world.”

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