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THE HOME STRETCH Support crew members welcome in the triathletes to the finish. By the time athletes had crossed the finish line, they had been tested in a 70.3 mile race that tested the athletes running, biking and swimming skills.

Waco Ironman brings in thousand to compete

McKENZIE OVIATT
 Reporter

Each year, Waco hosts the Ironman Triathlon, bringing in more than 1,000 racers from across the country to compete in the rigorous course. Sunday's 70.3-mile race tested even the best of competitors.

Families can stay along the sidelines to cheer on the athletes or can bike or hike around Cameron Park while the race unfolds. Some chose to stay at Magnolia Market, which provided refreshments for those supporting the racers.

The course is difficult, yet beginner-friendly, and the event coordinators kept the swimmers just 50 meters from shore to maintain safety. This year, the swimming portion was even more approachable than normal because participants were allowed to wear a wetsuit.

One competitor, Maddie Kovacs, said the swim accommodations made the race more enjoyable.

"The swim was surprisingly the easiest part with it being wetsuit-legal. I personally would not do it again, but I enjoyed my experience of the town, Bicycle World being walking distance and the views on the race course," Kovacs said.

The bike loop encompasses many of Waco's scenic views. Biking 56 miles in a single loop, riders traveled past Lake Waco and into the Waco wetlands. During the first 20 miles, there is a steady climb that becomes more intense with increasing hills in the middle, finishing on the flat streets of downtown Waco.

The 13.1-mile run goes over the Brazos River bridges, through downtown Waco and into Cameron Park. The notorious hills in Cameron Park make this particular triathlon exceptionally difficult. Waco's annual half marathon, hosted in May, is known as the "toughest half in Texas" in large part due to Cameron Park. The finish line is on the

Suspension Bridge in downtown Waco.

"Waco was very different from every other race because of the steep hills on the run. They were very challenging," Kovacs said.

One Baylor club, in particular, directly prepares athletes who participate in the Ironman race. Baylor has a triathlon club that meets weekly for training exercises. The club does not hold tryouts for those looking to become members, but rather takes the student's base skill sets and builds upon them to enhance the members' athletic endurance.

McKinney junior Derek Page, co-president of the Baylor Triathlon Club, competed in the Ironman 70.3. Page said he loved the race being in Waco and the course was scenic and presented some good challenges. Page said the club provided him with ample training.

"We do races that are about half the distance of the Ironman 70.3, so I was

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FitWell HALOween promises costumes, workout info

TYLER BUI
 Staff Writer

Baylor's FitWell program is hosting its third annual HALOween Bash at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the McLane Student Life Center, featuring different types of workouts like Zumba, boxing, Barre and yoga.

Students are also encouraged to dress up in their Halloween costumes and participate in the costume contest prior to the event.

Van Davis, assistant director of the wellness and FitWell programs at Baylor, said the event is an opportunity to bring students together with fitness.

"It's a way for students to come out and have a great workout; and we normally do it around Halloween time so people can dress up," Davis said. "It's fit, and it's fun, and it's bringing people together through fitness."

Davis said it's also a great way to unite the Baylor community while providing an opportunity for students to experience different aspects of the FitWell program.

"We're always trying to find ways for students and the Baylor community to come together. To me, there's no better way than to have fun and be fit together, so it's a fit and fun event," Davis

said. "It's also for people to come try different facets of our program. It's a great way for us to showcase our instructors and our program and you can't beat free."

Trabuco Canyon, Calif., graduate student Kelsey Stevens is a yoga instructor for FitWell and the graduate assistant for the program. She said the HALOween bash will be an opportunity to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle to students, faculty and staff.

"We want them to have fun and spread the word about how to have fun while staying fit — costumes or no costumes, we just want to get students and staff on campus involved in either starting or continuing their wellness health journey," Stevens said. "It's free, it's on campus, it's going to be fun. If Halloween is one of your favorite holidays, you should come work out with us to combine it all together."

Richmond, Ky., junior Jordan Cottrell is a boxing instructor for FitWell and will be teaching the boxing portion of the HALOween Bash tomorrow.

"I'm really passionate about boxing, self-defense and martial arts, so I'm looking forward to the [HALOween Bash]," Cottrell said. "I think students should

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Golden Wave Band displays endurance at half-time

DAVID GARZA
 Reporter

The Baylor University Golden Wave Marching Band has performed a variety of shows during football game halftimes throughout the semester - its performances including the Boy Band show, the Queen show and its tribute to the Baylor women's basketball team.

During the boy band show, the band performed popular music from One Direction, the Jonas Brothers and the Backstreet Boys.

The Queen show, which was held during halftime against Iowa State, featured a bicycle race in which the track was formed on the field by the marching band members. Four of the members, one of which was carrying a tuba, raced while the band played.

For the homecoming football game, the band's show was a tribute to the women's basketball team. The band formed two stick figures who passed a band-formed basketball to each other while one of the figures turned into a basketball hoop and the other scored.

Dr. Isaiah Odajima, director of the Golden Wave Band, is the mind behind the performances of the band during halftime. According to Odajima, the ideas for the season are all determined by June, and he is open throughout the semester to input from band members on what the shows for next season should be.

"The shows are decided before the season

but are not made public to the band until we know for sure the show will happen," Odajima said.

Odajima said there may be a period when the band is unable to practice due to weather conditions or scheduling conflicts, which could lead to the originally-planned show being cancelled. The band also does not have a facility in which they can "drill inside," so their shows are affected heavily by the weather. The Halloween show was "modified up until a week ago because of rehearsal conflicts," said Odajima.

The shows are also affected by the number of members the band will have for that season and copyright issues that have to do with the music being performed for each show.

According to Fort Worth senior Brandon Johnson, one of the three drum majors, everything in a show is subject to change.

"We don't like to let people know things unless they're for sure [going to happen], because why would we let them know, 'Hey we're going to do this,' but then we might not because of logistical reasons," Johnson said.

Johnson said the idea for the bicycle race in the Queen show was first brought up during a meal with Odajima and the drum majors around March or April.

"We were thinking of doing a Queen show... and we said we should do a bicycle race and have a tube ride a bicycle, but it took a lot of time," Johnson said.

The band practices Mondays, Wednesdays



Cole Tompkins | Multimedia Editor

SPORT SUPPORT The Courtside Players, part of the Baylor University Golden Wave Band, were out in force for Baylor's home conference matchup against the Oklahoma Sooners earlier this year.

and Fridays from 4-6 p.m. Pittsburgh freshman Jessica Stepp is a member of the Golden Wave Band, and has performed with the band for her first semester. She has also been a member in a band for six years before joining Golden Wave Band.

"I'm very passionate about music, and I really love the [band's] atmosphere. You just feel like a family, and everyone is very accepting," Stepp said. "The most difficult show of the semester

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EDITORIAL

BU climate survey warrants trigger warning

Warning: This editorial includes detailed descriptions of acts labeled as sexual misconduct, some of which are graphic and unwanted sexual situations. All of these descriptions have been pulled from Baylor's Social Climate Survey.

Baylor University distributed a social climate survey to randomly selected students through their Baylor email addresses on Oct. 15. A follow-up email was sent out to those same students as a reminder to take the survey on Oct. 22.

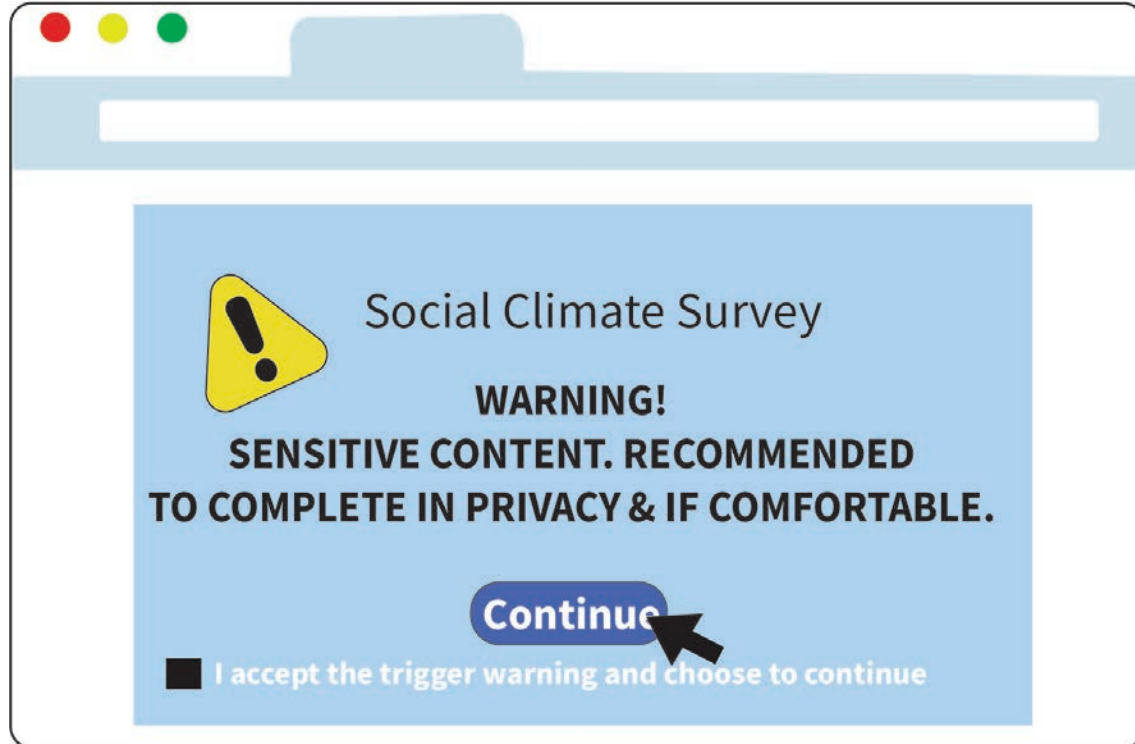
Many parts of the survey prompted the recall of traumatic or harmful personal events. Due to the graphic and specific nature of many of the questions asked, the survey should have featured a warning for students so they could prepare for the survey or just not take it if necessary.

Within the second sentence of the email, the voluntary survey is described as "a way to share your voice, your perspective, and your experiences around interpersonal relationships and campus safety at Baylor University." This description does not adequately describe or even indicate the topics to come: harassment, stalking, dating and sexual violence.

Students who voluntarily take the time and effort to contribute to the research Baylor conducts deserve to know what they are about to experience. Many participants, despite having personal traumatic experiences, may still be willing to answer the questions. Being informed can help them better prepare for the experience — psychologically and physically. For example, finding a more private or quiet place to take the survey could support a calmer state of mind.

At the beginning of the survey, the introduction lists a few things for students to keep in mind while taking the survey: confidentiality and the definition of sexual misconduct.

Although the definition is informative, it is not sufficient to warn students the manner of the questions



Hannah Holliday | Cartoonist

asked and degree of detail that would be included. It also should have been disclosed before a participant agreed to even begin the survey at all.

Some of the questions asked would not warrant a trigger warning, such as asking one to recall moments they spoke up against sexist jokes.

A warning shows up preceding more personal questions: "The following questions concern sexual experiences that you may have had that were unwanted. We know that these are personal questions, so we did not ask your name or other identifying information."

This section of the survey began to ask participants to recall past sexual experiences they have had on or off campus since attending Baylor University.

It asked how many times "someone fondled, kissed, or rubbed up against the private areas of my body (lips, breast/chest, crotch or butt) or removed some of my clothes without my consent (but did not

attempt sexual penetration) by," and then lists things like, "threatening to physically harm me or someone close to me," as well as "taking advantage of me when I was too drunk or out it to stop what was happening."

The survey asks the participants to remember how many times "someone had oral sex with me or made me perform oral sex on them without my consent by..." and lists different situations where consent could not be provided or was refused.

It continues with similar questions about non-consensual penetration as well as attempts to perform any of these sex acts without consent.

The survey, later, asks more details if the student picked any number of times other than zero. "Now think about the ONE SITUATION that had the greatest effect on you and answer the following questions," the survey asks. Then it asks the gender of the person involved in the situation as well as the relationship the participant had with them.

All of these situations can be highly traumatic. Asking someone to think about memories of these kinds of situations without warning is not OK. By recollecting or reliving these situations in detail, students can undergo stress, anxiety, fall into depression as well as a number of mental health issues that can be linked to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and coping with sexual assault or harassment.

The American Psychological Association (APA) holds an ethics code for research which mandates that "individuals are voluntarily participating in the research with full knowledge of relevant risks and benefits," which includes "reasonably foreseeable factors that may influence their willingness to participate, such as potential risks, discomfort or adverse effects."

A study conducted by the University of Stellenbosch said, "Because of the sensitive nature of the inquiry in trauma research,

participants should be informed that they may refuse to answer any questions should they choose and that they may terminate participation at any time."

It found that research interviews that "elicit traumatic memories and exacerbate symptoms of acute stress," comparable to the social climate survey, may worsen psychological distress.

The social climate survey should have taken the precaution to ensure that students were giving informed consent. While describing participation as "completely confidential" and "voluntary," it was not explained that any questions could be skipped out of discomfort or that discontinuing the survey was acceptable.

In Baylor's social climate survey from spring of 2017, out of the 15,754 Baylor students the survey was shared with, only 4,523 responded.

In the past, the survey has helped inform the university and inspired new efforts to protect its students.

The survey itself is justified for an important purpose and will provide a deeper look at Baylor students' views on and experiences with harassment, stalking, dating and sexual violence so that the university is aware of its social climate and how they should change it. Baylor statistics are important but should not be gathered at the cost of someone's emotional well-being.

All we need is a warning. When releasing the "Avoid. Deny. Defend." active attack training video in September, Baylor sent out a campus wide email 24 hours in advance to warn potential viewers about its sensitive material, including resources with the counseling center and office of spiritual life. Having a similar protocol for this survey would have made a real difference to the experiences of participants.

We even included one before this editorial, and it didn't take long to write. It only takes a few sentences to prevent or minimize harm.

LARIAT LETTER

Non-gender inclusive social climate survey reaps inaccurate data

On Tuesday, Oct. 15, Baylor University sent out a social climate survey. However, the results from this survey will not accurately represent the social climate given Baylor's failure to make the survey gender inclusive.

On Oct. 26, 2016, the Human Rights Campaign published official guidelines for collecting inclusive data in the workplace in terms of gender identification and sexual orientation. These guidelines, or similar ones, are implemented by R1 Institutions (schools with high research activity) such as Harvard, Brown, Carnegie Mellon, Princeton, Georgia State, Auburn, Mississippi State, Florida State and more. Duke is a religiously affiliated university

(United Methodist Church) and still implements transgender inclusive guidelines in its research programs. The lack of

Baylor's compliance with these gender inclusive guidelines hinders Baylor's ability to excel as a research institution while R1 institutions continue to progress in its diversity inclusion.

Baylor limiting the gender options in the social climate survey to male and female only demonstrates its resistance to the changing social climate in the world outside of Baylor, but these changes exist on Baylor's campus.

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LARIAT LETTER

Lessons from campus Hong Kong advocacy

[On Oct. 21], the Baylor Young Conservatives of Texas hosted a Pro-Hong Kong tabling event. During it, we held up the Hong Kong flag, as well as a "Communism Kills" sign and a quote from Thomas Jefferson: "The tree of liberty must be watered from time to time with the blood of Patriots and Tyrants." This caused a lot of debates to occur, primarily between members of my group and Chinese exchange students. Thinking in line with President Livingstone's Baylor Conversation series, which stresses civil discourse, I wish that everyone could have witnessed these debates. I would argue that we can separate the discussions we had Monday into three types: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly.

The Ugly

Some of the discussions we had were rendered useless right as they began. One student approached us shouting "What the f--- are you doing here? Don't f---ing talk about something you don't know anything about!" We talked him down a little, but the initial hostile encounter made any real dialogue hard to accomplish. It was hard to find common ground with someone who was angry with us before our conversation could even start. Many

other dialogues went this way, especially when the mob formed.

The Bad

Other discussions had at least some merit but were based on flawed premises. One group of girls came up to me indignantly and told me that what was happening in China was none of my business. I responded that I believe that human rights all across the world should be defended by everyone, but this argument was less than persuasive to them. They seemed to be caught on the idea that by holding this rally, we were trying to divide or weaken China by supporting Hong Kong's independence. This was actually not our argument, as we were there to support the rights of Hong Kong's citizens, though admittedly among those was the right to overthrow a tyrannical government.

The Good

Fortunately, through some of the better conversations we had today, I was able to better understand some of the angry students' points of view. During one such discussion, we talked about the merits of giving up some liberties for security and stability. Though we

ultimately disagreed, as it is a pivotal belief of YCT that a right that the government can take away is no right at all, we both expressed our opinions politely and learned something from each other. One of my Chinese friends, who has been learning Japanese with me these last two years, had a one-on-one conversation with me about the issue, and I think it was a very beneficial one. I was relieved that disagreeing on a political issue would not harm our friendship, an all too common occurrence today in American politics.

All in all, these few conversations where both sides treated each other with respect and acknowledged that both sides came from different backgrounds were able to be the most enlightening. Though being respectful does not mean standing down in your beliefs, taking the time to listen to what the other side thinks can help both of you more fully address each other's argument, if nothing else. So while we will continue to gladly talk with those who do not support Hong Kong and try to understand why, our support for human rights is unwavering.

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FINISH LINE After completing the final leg of the race, athletes took pictures with family and friends who came to support them.

in pretty good shape to begin with. I had about a month to ramp up my distance training before the race," Page said.

Many of the participants have already competed in other Ironman triathlons. One athlete, Claudia Thompson, has been a bike law ambassador and a two-time All-American for Team USA.

"I've raced a lot this year. My last 70.3 was in September, so I really just carried that fitness into this race. I did a lot of intervals for a month to keep my fitness sharp," Thompson said.

Although the swimming portion was modified with the wetsuit, there were still some obstacles that added challenge to this year's Ironman.

"The wind got pretty rough on the bike course and running the hills in Cameron Park is always painful. But the Brazos cooperated for us and the weather didn't get out of hand," Page said.

The course has been tested throughout the years and amended to be safe for the athletes and accessible for viewers.

"Waco was super well-organized. I never got lost nor did I feel like I was in an unsafe situation," Kovacs said.



Kristen DeHaven | Multimedia Journalist

A QUICK BREAK An athlete stopped during the running part of the event to give a hug to family before continuing on.



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attend this event because it's going to be a lot of fun. It's a way to connect with other students who are passionate about fitness; it's something fun to do and a good way to meet other students and get fit at the same time."

Davis said she hopes students will attend, regardless of their fitness experience.

"I hope to see the whole basketball court full of people," Davis said. "It's open for all faculty, staff and students. Even though it's a FitWell event, you don't have to be a part of the FitWell program. It's for anyone who wants to get a good workout and have a fun time."

Davis said fitness is a great way for students to relieve stress and stay mindful of their well-being.

"Physical activity and academic success go hand in hand," Davis said. "Research shows that if you're working out regularly, it's going to help with your academic success. More importantly, if students are stressed out, physical activity will help reduce stress. If students come regularly, they will be able to think more clearly and concentrate in class better. The benefits to working out are endless."



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WEEKDAY FUN Students will have the opportunity to dress up and compete in a contest before the main event begins.

Job fair provides faith-related opportunities for students

MATTHEW MUIR
Staff Writer

Representatives from around the world will converge at Baylor Tuesday for the International Christian Schools Job Fair, which will give students the chance to learn about job opportunities at international schools and organizations.

Held from 2-6 p.m. in 506 Cashion Academic Center, the job fair was planned by Baylor's Career Center in conjunction with the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). The job fair is a traveling event organized by ACSI with Baylor being the third stop; the job fair previously visited Grand Canyon University and Liberty University.

More than 30 organizations from five continents are represented. Shelby Cefaratti, marketing communications coordinator for the Baylor Career Center, said the job fair is a unique opportunity for students to find work abroad.

"The chance to be a student, recently [graduated], to travel around the world, to get work experience, to get cultural experience, to get just world experience, is phenomenal," Cefaratti said. "It's such an eclectic group and such a wide variety of different places that you could just put your finger on a map and say, 'I want to travel here and work,' and they might be able to help you with that."

Desiree Foley, assistant director of the Baylor Career Center, served as the project lead for the job fair. Foley said the participating institutions want to fill full-time positions.

"[The ACSI] actually [works] with these schools and bring them to the United States, to various colleges, to recruit students for full-time positions in their schools," Foley said.

"The majority of those [jobs] are to teach English because these schools are coming from all over the world."

In addition to teaching English, Cefaratti said that opportunities are offered in a myriad of fields.

"We do feel like it's a very good opportunity for our students... there's lots of different opportunities that are available from marketing, business, financing, teaching... you name it," Cefaratti said.

Foley said the Christian institutions at the job fair also have numerous openings for jobs in the field of religion.

"[There are] also Bible teacher[s]," Foley said. "Lots and lots of Bible teacher jobs and some chaplain jobs."

Foley said the intersection of faith and far-flung locales make the job fair an event well-suited for the interests of Baylor students.

"We really want to bring every opportunity to our students. We really as a career center try to cater and tailor the types of opportunities we bring to students based on their interests," Foley said. "If we have students that want to work overseas and we can make that available to them and make it easier for them to do that, we want to do that... this is just one very unique calling some students might have."

Drawing from the university's stance that the world needs high-profile Christian institutions like Baylor, Cefaratti said the job fair is a way for students to spread Baylor's teachings around the world.

"It helps spread the message [about] what Baylor is," Cefaratti said. "There's the idea that Dr. [Linda] Livingstone said: the world needs a Baylor. This is providing the world with our Baylor students."



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music-wise was the Queen show, while the Boy Band show was the hardest set-wise... it's really cool to see how the crowd reacts to the intensity of some of [the shows], like the Lady Bear show. I feel so involved in Baylor [because of the band], and it really helped me get that college experience early into college."

As a biochemistry major, Stepp is part of a large group of Golden Wave Band members who are not music majors. Johnson said that only 18% of band members are music majors. "Excluding the music education majors

who have to be there, the other 82% are making a conscious decision to be there," Johnson said. "That amazes me because of the amount of work, time, energy, sweat, and in some cases blood, that it takes to be a part of the Baylor University Golden Wave Band. To see that, year after year after year, the heart and soul and the people that are making this program amazing are people that aren't even majoring in music... it kind of shows you something about how powerful music is."

DAILY CRIME LOG

Oct. 22-28

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Date Occurred: -
Disposition: Handled by Waco Police Department

Date Reported: 10/25/2019
Location: 1900 Block of S 5th St.
Offenses: EPRA- Domestic Disturbance
Date Occurred: -
Disposition: Handled by Waco Police Department

Date Reported: 10/25/2019
Location: Draper Academic Building
Offenses: Theft of Property
Date Occurred: 10/25/2019
Disposition: Suspended

Date Reported: 10/25/2019
Location: 1900 Block of S 10th St.
Offenses: CSA- Dating Violence (Reported to Title IX Office)
Date Occurred: -
Disposition: Being Handled by Title IX Office

Date Reported: 10/25/2019
Location: 2000 Block of S 5th St.
Offenses: EPRA- Minor Consuming Alcohol
Date Occurred: 10/25/2019
Disposition: Referred to Waco Police Department

Date Reported: 10/25/2019
Location: 2000 Block of S 5th St.
Offenses: EPRA- Purchase of Alcohol by Minor
Date Occurred: -
Disposition: Handled by Waco Police Department

Date Reported: 10/24/2019
Location: 1400 Block of S 10th
Offenses: EPRA- Burglary of Motor Vehicle
Date Occurred: -
Disposition: Handled by Waco Police Department

Date Reported: 10/24/2019
Location: 500 Block of James Ave.
Offenses: EPRA- Accident Failure to Stop and Identify
Date Occurred: -
Disposition: Handled by Waco Police Department

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Offenses: Accident- Failure to Stop and Identify
Date Occurred: 10/23/2019-10/24/2019
Disposition: Closed

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Location: 1000 Block of Speight
Offenses: EPRA- Theft
Date Occurred: -
Disposition: Handled by Waco Police Department

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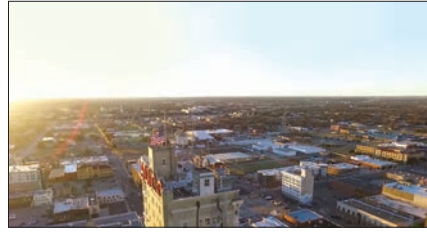
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Horror film class returns for spring

MADALYN WATSON
Arts & Life Editor

For students who are still in the mood for horror once Halloween has come and gone, an opportunity to study this movie genre will reemerge via "The Horror Film" class next year. This spring, the course will be available to students in the film and digital media department as an upper-level course or as an upper-level elective for students in other departments.

Dr. James Kendrick, professor and undergraduate program director in the film and digital media department, has taught this genre study class for a decade now.

Kendrick said he typically structures the course like a history class, moving chronologically from pre-cinematic horror through different decades in horror history. In the last week of class, he focuses on more modern films or what he classifies as "post-9/11 horror."

minor in the spring of 2018.

"That class kind of helped me flesh out, understand the cultural and the social phenomenon surrounding a lot of the themes that were in those horror films and how that translated into popular culture," Reynolds said.

Several decades of film covered in the class stuck with her, including the atomic fear of the '50s.

"It was interesting how that cultural paranoia kind of translated into art and into the horror genre, specifically in the time period," Reynolds said.

However, the trends in horror films following the atomic age actually inspired a project that she is currently working on about the relationship between gender, feminism and horror.

"The most interesting time period, for me, was looking at a horror film in the '60s and '70s and how that affected the second wave of feminism," Reynolds said.

While she was in Kendrick's class, Reynolds said they compared the differences and similarities between their "final girls."

The "final girl" refers to the last girl alive in a horror film who confronts the killer. Reynolds said that in the class, they compared two quintessential final girls: Laurie Strode, played by Jamie Lee Curtis, from "Halloween" and Nancy, played by Heather Langenkamp, from "Nightmare on Elm Street."

"There's a lot of representation in both those characters of how women are trying to overcome this barrier, this victimization of their gender," Reynolds said.

Kendrick said that a common misconception about slasher films is that there are more female victims than male. He said it seems that way because male characters have quicker deaths and the female characters are stalked for longer periods of time and tortured by the antagonist.

"In some ways, while the horror genre unfortunately replicates a lot of gender bias, it also subverts it at the same time," Kendrick said. "For example in a horror film, you don't want to be a male hero because the horror film doesn't have male heroes. The person who would be the male hero: the police officer, the father figure, [and] the boyfriend... they're utter failures. They come riding in thinking they're gonna save the day, and they die."

Kendrick has written articles on the genre such as "Razors in the Dreamscape: Revisiting 'A Nightmare on Elm Street' and the Slasher Film" in the journal Film Criticism.

Several of his other works include "Hollywood Bloodshed: Violence in 1980s American Cinema" and "Film Violence: History, Ideology, Genre."

"There was kind of a lot of writing coming out in the late '90s about [violence] — kind of rethinking it and its place within film," Kendrick said. "Because the bottom line is that — whether

Editorial

Film, television violence leaves little to imagination

Ah, late October. The time of year for haunted houses, spooky ghosts and chocolate-crazy trick-or-treaters.

At your local cineplex, however, it's just another month in a growing trend of serial murderers, blood and gore. It seems as if movies are becoming more violent these days, many leaving absolutely nothing to the imagination. It is no longer good enough to see a bloodied murderer walk away from a crime scene. Now, directors feel we need to SEE the murder being committed in graphic detail on a huge screen. Not only that, but through the wonders of Dolby digital sound, we now get to HEAR crystal clear every blood-curdling scream and last gasp for breath.

Popcorn, anyone? There is a difference between scary films and violent films. Scary movies such as "Psycho" and "The Silence of the Lambs" scare us because they play with our minds by not showing us everything. The directors and actors have worked their magic in such a way that the audience doesn't need to see everything.

"The Devil's Advocate," which stars Keanu Reeves as a hot shot lawyer who never loses and Al Pacino as Satan himself, has its graphic moments, but for the most part, it revises the Hitchcock style of Hollywood horror where dialogue and the things you don't see can be scarier than what actually appears on screen.

However, there are other movies like Oliver Stone's "Natural Born Killers" and his latest film, "U-Turn," that seem to throw in violence just to see how repulsed the audience can get. "Kiss the Girls" and "Seven" are two serial killer films that have crossed the line when it comes to portraying violence. It seems as if the makers of these movies are competing with each other to see how many bodies

they can pile up in two gruesome hours.

Recent slasher movies like "I Know What You Did Last Summer," "Scream" and the upcoming "Scream 2" have made a habit of poking fun at themselves for their outrageous violence. Everywhere you look, there's blood, blood and more blood. And it sure doesn't look like ketchup anymore.

Some will say these films are art and the violence is an integral part of them. If this is true, then maybe these movies should not be viewed as art. It is a fact that many violent movies reflect what is going on in the real world, but some movies glorify this violence and in the process are numbing audiences to how horrible it is. The more violence one watches, the more used to it one becomes. Also, studies are being done on how on-screen violence affects violent actions in real life.

Associate professor of telecommunications Bill Loges said these types of movies aren't going "to turn a pacifist into Rambo," but if someone has a predisposition to violence, then it may confuse them into thinking violence is acceptable at times.

While this may not be true for everyone, it is a growing trend. For a generation that typically doesn't read, Hollywood is becoming a powerful influence, and not just with violence. Even on television, the language has become worse and sex scenes are much more explicit. Ratings for movies and television help some, but not very much. People don't seem to take them too seriously when deciding what to watch.

Here is a scary thought for Halloween. If the violence and other moral depravity we see from Hollywood is this bad now, how much worse will it be when we have children and when our children have children?

Sounds like a scary movie already.

Photo Courtesy of Baylor University's Archives

FLASHBACK TO 1997 This editorial written by the Lariat's Editorial Board in 1997 critiques violence in films. Dr. James Kendrick wrote a letter in response that was published later.

you want to admit it or not, everybody likes film violence."

When Kendrick attended graduate school at Baylor, he read an editorial in the Oct. 28, 1997, edition of The Baylor Lariat about movie violence.

"They were going on about what a horribly violent movie ['Seven'] is and that it's a real sign of how bad things have gotten and that we need to go back to movies like 'Psycho' that weren't so violent," Kendrick said.

Kendrick disagreed and wrote a Letter to the Editor to the Baylor Lariat, which was featured in the paper two days later.

"What's interesting about ['Seven'] is that the vast majority of the violence is either implied or you see the end result of the violence, not the violence," Kendrick said. "Whereas 'Psycho' is explicitly violent."

Kendrick said he felt the editorial board was referring to something completely different from what he would refer to as violence.

"I think one of the reasons that talking about film violence and media violence is so difficult is because we literally lack more sophisticated terminology that we're all sort of sometimes talking past each other about it," Kendrick said. "What some people call violence, other people don't."

While at Baylor, Kendrick also wrote several movie reviews for the Baylor Lariat, including one for the 1996 Halloween edition with the headline "Horror movies remain staple of film industry."

Kendrick will continue sharing his research and analysis of the horror genre today in the classes that he teaches, including his upper level film and digital media class in the spring.

"I get one of two kinds of students," Kendrick said. "I either get students who like the genre already and have more than likely already seen most of what's on the syllabus, and then I get students who either know nothing about the genre or actively don't like it."

The history of horror is the history of what we are anxious about as a culture.

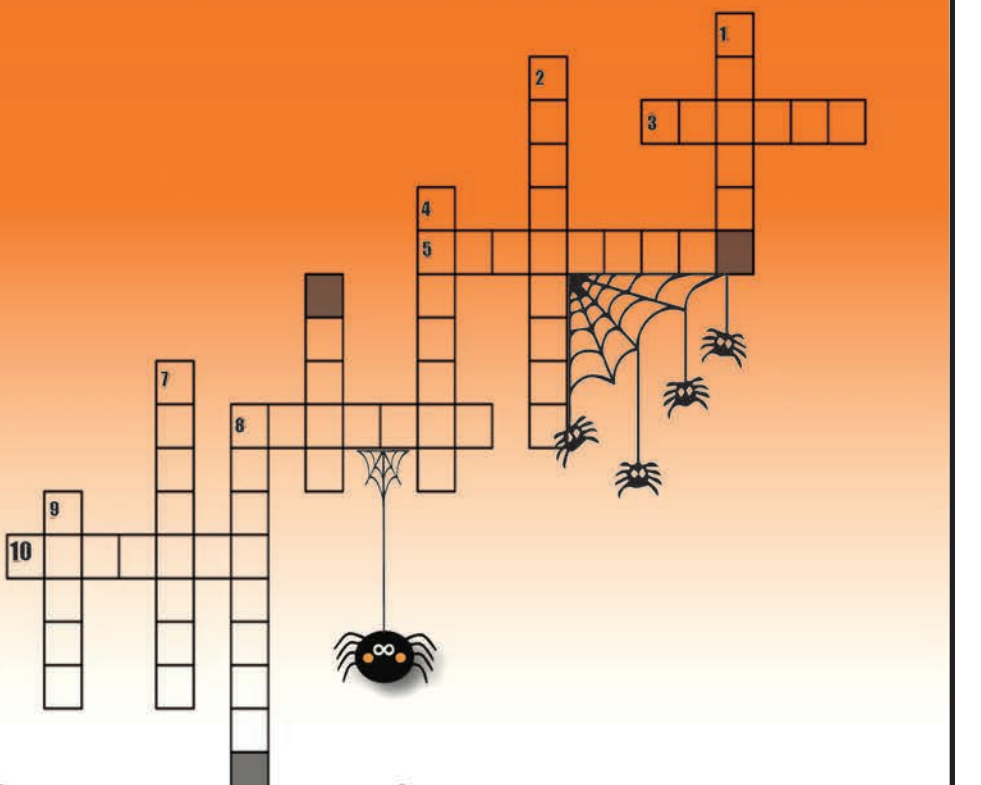
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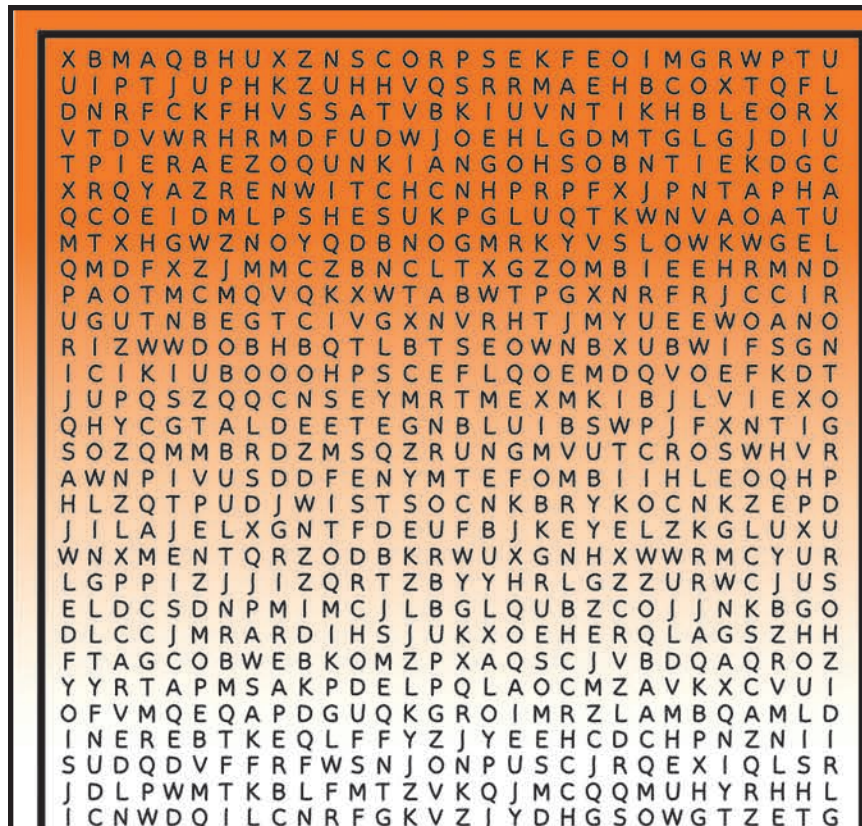
"Horror films work because they strike nerves; they strike fears; they strike anxieties; they bring those to the surface," Kendrick said. "In a lot of ways, the history of horror is the history of what we are anxious about as a culture."

Kendrick said that successful films in the horror genre are actually about a real, tangible fear under the plot's surface.

Athens, Ga., senior Lindsey Reynolds took the horror class for her media management



- Down**
- He's all wrapped up
 - Spooky, Scary
 - Month of Halloween.
 - Whats a witches best friend?
 - Vampires hate this.
 - Howls at the moon.
 - What do children get for Halloween?
- Across**
- He wants to eat your brains.
 - A place with many tombstones.
 - Who uses caldorns?
 - Sleeps in coffin



Jack-O-Lantern	Frightening	Broomstick	Grim Reaper
Cauldron	Cemetery	Gruesome	Werewolf
Ghoulish	Warlock	Vampire	Haunted
Howling	Wizard	Zombie	Goblin
Undead	Creepy	Corpse	Coffin
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DOMINATE Junior defensive end James Lynch sacks Texas Tech quarterback Jett Duffey during Baylor's 33-30 win in a double overtime contest on Oct. 12 at McLane Stadium. Lynch leads Baylor's defense with 8.5 sacks for 49 yards. The junior is a sack away from setting a new Baylor record in career sacks and is tied for fourth in season leaders for sacks with six games left to play.

No. 12 Bears host WVU on Halloween

DJ RAMIREZ
Sports Editor

No. 12 Baylor football is walking into a burning house coming off a bye week and a big win against Oklahoma State in Stillwater, Okla. After a weekend of upsets, in which all favored teams in the Big 12 were defeated, the undefeated Bears sit alone on top of the conference and are one of eight teams in the nation without a loss so far.

But according to head coach Matt Rhule, the rankings and hype are just outside noise. For Rhule and his team, it's all about playing good football.

"To me, it's always just trying to get them to come back to the football, the football, the football. Because when you watched the games on Saturday – you guys asked about the games – what you realize is guys won or lost, not based upon their ranking, not based upon anything else, not what uniforms they wore or who's in the crowd," Rhule said. "They won or lost based upon one thing and one thing only, whoever played better. So, if you have four turnovers, you're probably going to lose. It's just always trying to get our guys' minds to go back to the football. Go back to the football."

Baylor welcomes a young West Virginia team for a Halloween game at McLane Stadium Thursday night. The 3-4 Mountaineers are also coming off a bye week after a loss to Oklahoma Oct. 19. Despite dropping in caliber from previous years, West Virginia still has plenty of threats for the Bears to look out for.

Baylor faces another strong quarterback in Austin Kendall, who ranks 30th in the nation and fourth in the Big 12 in completions per game with 20.1. The redshirt junior has a 63.51 passing percentage and has thrown for 11 touchdowns but also has seven interceptions.

But bigger than Kendall, the Mountaineers pose a dangerous

challenge in the defensive line and in special teams. West Virginia has the third-best special teams unit in the Big 12. WVU has 18 sacks this year, good for third in the conference, with the Bears leading in that category. They also have 45 tackles for loss on the year, which puts them at fifth in the conference.

Senior offensive lineman Sam Tecklenberg said that the Mountaineers defense shifts in their scheme and the Bears continue studying ways to spot that shift a lot easier in order to counter it.



"We want to win. We've lost these past two years, and I'm tired of losing, honestly.**"**

JORDAN WILLIAMS | SENIOR LINEBACKER

"Their defense is a little different. You don't see a lot of people doing what they're doing," Tecklenberg said. "They switch back and forward between four-down and three-down, kind of keeping the same personnel. So, kind of [identifying] what they're in, every play, is probably going to be really big this week. So, we're getting in the film room and seeing if we can pick up on

any tips or anything, but that's probably the biggest thing."

Baylor's defense is still standing strong even with the loss of senior linebacker Clay Johnston. In the Bears' last three wins, they have totaled 13 sacks and 29 tackles for loss. Baylor's 25 sacks on the year is the most to open the season since 2000.

Junior defensive tackle James Lynch leads Baylor's defense, as well as the Big 12, with 8.5 sacks and is second in conference in tackles for loss with 11.5. With 17 career sacks, Lynch is only 0.5 sacks away from tying the Bears' career record, and with five regular season games left, the Round Rock native is closing in on passing former defensive end Shawn Oakman on the leader board.

Despite being undefeated and putting up some impressive defensive numbers, Rhule said the Bears need to improve on both sides of the ball.

"Our offense has been a little more big play oriented — they're scoring quicker. The defense is having to be out there longer [and] hasn't been as good on third down. Offense hasn't been as good on third down. So, there's some things that we'd like to correct," Rhule said. "I think everyone on defense has to play better and tackle better; I think everyone on offense has to block better."

In Rhule's eyes, and in the eyes of the team, Baylor has to be really prepared to play the Mountaineers as the Bears have not won against West Virginia since 2015. Senior linebacker Jordan Williams said Baylor will continue with its 1-0 mentality going forward but the Bears would like to finally break that streak.

"We want to win. We've lost these past two years, and I'm tired of losing, honestly," Williams said.

As the only nationally televised college football game scheduled for Thursday, all eyes will be on Baylor and West Virginia when the two Big 12 teams face off at 7 p.m. at McLane Stadium on Halloween.

Volleyball's Yossiana Pressley: Killing for sport

MATTHEW SODERBERG
Sports Writer

Baylor volleyball's Yossiana Pressley ranks second in the country with 5.59 kills per set. She efficiently hunts for her spot, finding her prowling grounds behind the left post before rising above the net to feast on her opponents' hopes and dreams.

The junior outside hitter leads the No. 3 Bears in kills and attempts, seeing the lion's share of both sets and defense's attention. She said that once she gets in the air, there is one goal on her mind.

"I don't think of anything except crushing the ball to the floor or placing a ball where they are out of system," Pressley said. "Afterwards, if I don't get a kill, cool. If I get blocked straight down, I laugh ... But whenever I get blocked and somebody stares me down or something, I just I don't talk about the game, do the talking or the trash talk."

One of her favorite parts of playing offense is the act of the surprise kill. During the Texas match, the team was constantly down and looking defeated, so McGuyre would call timeouts to get his girls back on track. Out of the break, junior setter Hannah Lockin would set Pressley up the middle, coming out of nowhere to knock a ball into the opponents' side of the court.

"I have a lot more fun with [those plays] because some teams don't see it coming, especially early on in preseason ... and it's even more fun when we get into Big 12 play and they know that it's coming from previous years that I've played them," Pressley said. "Whenever I do get that kill because you knew it was coming but I still got the kill. It's very liberating."

Perhaps one of the scariest things about Pressley's game is her ability to go up a notch when sets get close. She has repeatedly saved the team when facing set points and reeled the team back into position when they start to slip off of a big lead. Baylor's leader on the outside said that while everyone does that part, she loves to help put her team over the top.

"Either I take over by getting a kill, or I take over by distracting the blockers so my other teammates can get a kill ... whenever you see somebody late to block me is because [my teammates] got that previous point or they're being disruptive and, you know, kind of letting me sneak my way into getting a kill," Pressley said.

She affects every facet of the game for opposing defenses, and head coach Ryan McGuyre has taken notice. He said that her success this season has been guiding the team.

"[She's a] no-brainer first-team All-American, with the sets she's getting, how many kills she's getting, and we are really seeing teams leaving the blockers early to go get her," McGuyre said.

Baylor has produced success unseen before in the history of the volleyball program on campus, having never been ranked above No. 12 before their historic 16-0 run to start the season. Even with their success, she is convinced Baylor is still the underdog in the grand scheme of things, but that doesn't mean her beliefs in this team have to be any different.

"I have no doubt in my mind that we're going to win the Big 12 ... I'm so confident in my teammates because we hold each other accountable every single day," Pressley said. "We expect to win every set. It didn't work out, but we can still try again. I have no doubt in my mind that we'll go as far as we need to."



Cole Tompkins | Multimedia Editor

NO MERCY Junior outside hitter Yossiana Pressley executes a kill against Texas Tech during Baylor's sweep of the Red Raiders on Oct. 19 at the Ferrell Center.



SPORTS COLUMN

College football in review: Week Nine

MATTHEW SODERBERG
Sports Writer

College football hurts my brain. By way of the Don't Feed the Bears podcast, I was wrong a lot this week. I didn't expect any of the Big 12 losses, I had Notre Dame covering against the Wolverines and I thought Wisconsin would have been competitive. At least now things are more fun to talk about.

Big 12 Twister

The conference that has seen 70% of its' teams ranked at some point this season has parity. Who knew?

Each of the four teams who were favored Saturday lost, creating a black hole in the power dynamic. No. 12 Baylor is now on top of the conference, something nobody, except possibly LTVN's Drake Toll, saw coming heading into this season. The Bears are the only undefeated squad left after Oklahoma lost to the Wildcats, setting up a massive matchup for Nov. 16 in Waco.

The Sooners lost a wild one to Kansas State, 48-41. Jalen Hurts continued his highlight real-driven Heisman campaign, posting 491 yards and four scores. CeeDee Lamb notched five receptions for 135 yards and a touchdown, as well. The problem isn't the offense. It hasn't been for the entire Lincoln Riley run.

The defense just couldn't keep the Wildcats

from scoring. Kansas State scored at will, making a touchdown in each quarter and 17 points in the middle two frames. KSU quarterback Skylar Thompson totaled 318 yards and four touchdowns, and the Wildcats punched it through on the ground two more times.

After the UT matchup, I was confident in the other side of the ball. Obviously, that was a mistake. The Baylor game looks tasty for every Bear fan, but be careful: OU's offense is still dangerous.

Meanwhile, Texas and Iowa State continue their fall from grace to 5-3 with losses to TCU and Oklahoma State respectively. Both dropped out of the rankings after their losses, leaving Baylor as the only ranked school left in Texas.

Everything so far is shaping up for the Bears. Upper-tier Big 12 schools are losing while they sit at home on bye. Weaknesses are being exposed in their tough matchups with Oklahoma and UT coming up next month, and it's not out of the realm of possibilities that Baylor could make it to the conference championship game as the top seed.

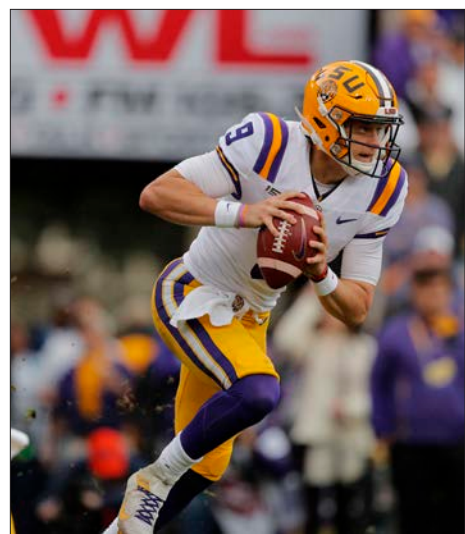
The big worry is that the Bears sleep on those lower-end teams. West Virginia and TCU have knocked off teams and been competitive all season, and Kansas just beat Texas Tech. Those three won't necessarily be easy victories, but they'll be easy to look past as Baylor dreams of bigger things.

John Harbaugh Hype Train

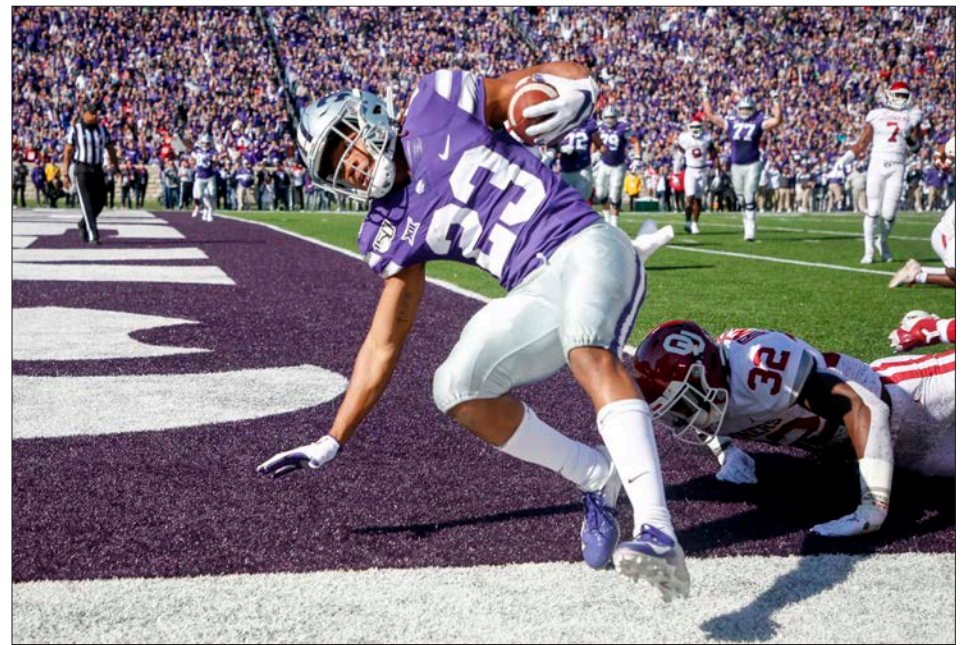
Welp. The Wolverines might be back. The two-loss squad ran its way to victory over the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame Saturday, 45-14. Shea Patterson threw for only 100 yards, but Michigan ran for 303 in total on 57 carries to put away their South Bend rivals. Yes, folks, you read that right, 57 carries!

Honestly though, as good as Big Blue's running-game looked, the defense just finally looked up to snuff as Jim Harbaugh expects them to. Notre Dame was held to only 180 total yards on offense and only mustered two scores, both coming after the Fighting Irish were down at least three scores.

Harbaugh's defense forced two fumbles, and Notre Dame punted the ball on 10 drives. The loss practically forces the losers out of playoff contention, now with two losses, but it propels Michigan back into the national discussion. The Wolverines' only two losses have come to ranked squads, and they still have Ohio State coming to the Big House on Rivalry Weekend.



TIGERS TAKE THE WIN LSU quarterback Joe Burrow (9) scrambles in the first half of an NCAA college football game against Auburn on Saturday in Baton Rouge, La.



WILDCATS GO WILD Kansas State Wildcats wide receiver Joshua Youngblood (23) steps out of an attempted tackle by Oklahoma Sooners safety Delarrin Turner-Yell (32) while scoring a touchdown at Bill Snyder Family Stadium in Manhattan, Kan. Saturday.

Not Too Wary of Wisconsin

Before I get to LSU's quarterback, Chase Young of Ohio State needs to be in the Heisman conversation. Ohio State's defense was stout Saturday in their 38-7 win over Wisconsin, and it's all thanks to the star defensive end.

Young sacked Wisconsin's quarterback four times, showing his dominant speed and power, both on plays where he got the stat and also when he just affected the entire flow of the offense based purely on his on-field presence.

The Badger offense just looked awful. They totaled only 191 yards, holding another Heisman hopeful, Jonathan Taylor, to just 52 yards on 20 carries. The lack of a run game for Wisconsin affected its' air attack, as Jack Coan threw for only 108 yards, lost two fumbles and garnered a 13.9 QBR.

Ohio State, by comparison, rushed for 264 yards. It firmly established itself as a strong playoff contender, but it still has matchups with No. 5 Penn State, No. 14 Michigan and either No. 13 Minnesota or a rematch with No. 18 Wisconsin left on the docket.

Joe Burrow for Heisman

Now, I'm just going to heap some praise on

the savior of LSU football. Joe Burrow, with the help of passing-game coordinator Joe Brady, has revamped offense down on the bayou.

Burrow threw for 321 yards and a touchdown, also rushing for a touchdown against the staunch Auburn front line. The receivers definitely helped, but he has performed like an NFL quarterback so far this season.

Burrow has thoroughly established himself as one of the best quarterbacks in the country this year with a 30:4 touchdown to interception ratio, thrown for 2,805 yards and completed 78.8% of his passes. The LSU quarterback averages 10.8 yards per attempt this season, and he ranks fourth in the nation in QBR at 91.4.

The numbers are a massive improvement from last year, and that success has shown itself in the team's performance this fall. The Bayou Bengals already have three top-ten wins this season, and they have looked dominant each time.

If Joe Burrow and the Tigers defeat Tua Tagovailoa and Alabama Nov. 9, which would be LSU's first win over the Crimson Tide since 2011, Burrow will be hard to deny college football's most prestigious award this December.



SOCCER SWEEPING UP THE VICTORY



EPIC CORNER KICK Redshirt senior defender Kylie Ross takes a corner kick for the Bears during Sunday's 2-0 victory over Iowa State.

'OVER THE MOON' WIN



GOING FOR THE LAYUP Junior guard Moon Ursin goes for a layup during Baylor's blowout win against Langston Saturday.

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