As fires continue to rage thousands of miles away in the Amazon rain forest, the environmental cost will likely far exceed the borders of any political boundaries. “The Amazon is like a lung to our planet,” said Professor Julie King, a professor of geography and environmental science. “It is a part of ourselves, and we can’t take for granted that it will always be there.”

King described how the Amazon rain forest is a critical resource for the world’s climate. “The Amazon is a massive carbon sink, absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere,” she said. “Its destruction would have a significant impact on global climate.”

Kevin Coogan, a chemical engineering professor at Baylor University, agrees. “The Amazon is a critical ecosystem for the planet,” he said. “Its destruction would have a significant impact on global climate.”

King and Coogan both emphasized the importance of protecting the Amazon rain forest. “We need to take action now to protect the Amazon,” said King. “We can’t afford to wait.”

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The Baylor Bear football team could actually go 11-1 this regular season. The competition is not as bad as last year where the big 12 could see more competition than usual. This is due to the fact that Kansas, Kansas State, TCU, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas Tech, and Iowa State are all expected to be good for the upcoming season. With the conference as a whole it may be more dramatic than the most recent constant of "The Bachelorette," this year's race does differ greatly from the 2017 team that was won by Cardinali. Kelli, who showed the biggest and most dramatic orderliness has been paths and sidewalks. During my time and the lack of cracks along walking campuses. One of the smaller things I remember being amazed by the emphasis on safety for students. On walk, skate and bike to class and work. any for Baylor to improve the safety of Campus needs safer sidewalks to it. Anyone, no matter of power and influence to unprecedented amount of power and influence to

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First in Line professors provides academic, personal support

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Staff Writer

In 1993, Baylor began a mentor program for its students to help them understand the effects and knowledge needed to complete and have a successful semester. The program is composed of Baylor graduate students ready to assist undergraduates with their daily schedules both inside and outside the classroom. Trish Baum, program manager for resources, works directly with the mentor program and wants to provide students with important skill sets to confidently ready them for the work force in the future.

“Our mentors, who are graduate students, have recently finished their undergraduate career so they know how to handle the difficulty and current stresses the undergraduate students are encountering,” Baum said.

Baum believes having graduate students as mentors provides current students with people who understand common challenges faced throughout the school year and who can provide ideas for alleviating the stress and weary students may feel.

Baum credits her ability to have the only mentor program that hires graduate students as academic mentors. “We are the only university where the students are the mentors; we are so unique in this way. We can offer something unique to the students. The mentors are so brilliant, so talented in the things that they do, and they can help other students,” Baum said.

Baum believes that students can have greater support in their education when the relationship between mentor and student is personal. “Mentoring is guidance on how to navigate the semester with academic success—it is not tutelage of any kind. It is how to read a syllabus, how to balance work and school, and how to take effective notes, how to make study tools, how to balance fins and academics, and more.”

Baum said is proud to set Baylor to a standard in which students can thrive even when given the opportunity to partner with a mentor willing to give more than just advice, but continued support as well.

Academic mentors provide accountability, guidance, and support. Their mentors also said in sharpening the students’ teaching skills.”

Student Hansen Current Mason shared about the positive benefits that came through her involvement in the mentor program. “I was so happy since having someone that I could talk to once a week and wrestled from the stresses of school,” Mason said. “At first, I was a little nervous to have a mentor feel as though I needed a mentor, but I’m so thankful to have had a mentor.”

Not only did Baum see her organizational skills improve, but her mentor’s advice, the one her time management skills improved as well. “My work ethic definitely changed through having a mentor. I feel like being accountable, even when I thought I didn’t need to,” Mason said. “I definitely consider becoming a mentor. I would absolutely love to have an impact on someone— it definitely takes a special person.”

For any appointment, students can contact or visit the Academic Support Center located in the basement of the stall in the Classroom Building.

First in Line professors, celebrates first-generation students

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Baylor’s First in Line program provides support and guidance to first generation college students while they adjust to a new environment, preparing them for their adult endeavors.

The program includes a range of different events, resources and organizations that build a supportive network for students of diverse backgrounds so they make their way through the college landscape.

Michelle Cohenour, director of Student Success Initiative and interim program manager for the First in Line program, said the program was created to support first-generation students who do not have family members who have previously navigated the higher education system.

“We define ‘first generation’ very broadly at Baylor and we do that intentionally so that we can serve more students in the program,” Cohenour said. “We hope and believe that the program is to make sure that our first-generation students have support, resources, connections and opportunity at Baylor so that they can reach their full potential and have a meaningful experience.”

Within the First in Line program, the First in Line Success Academy (ILSA) is an academic support program for first-generation students with scholarships and support from peers and mentors. This year, there are 95 students enrolled in ILSA.

“ILSA is a full-time semester support for students. It began three years before Welcome Week and continued through their first year,” Cohenour said. “The students first year, which was last spring, is tailored to meet each month and had specialized workshops. The workshops are led by students, who work with their graduate student mentor. They also meet monthly with their peer mentor, who are first-generation students themselves.”

Upland, Calif., freshman Haley Peterson, who is a first-generation student, said she feels she has more support in her education when the relationship between mentor and student is personal. “It’s really awesome to connect with other first-generation students and want to make meaningful experience. ”

“Being a first-generation student means so much; not only to me but my family as well,” Peterson said. “It was really awesome to connect with other first-generation students and who wants to make more one-on-one weekly meetings with their mentor. We also have STL courses called ‘First in Line Success Academy’ that is required for students in the First in Line program. We also have an online program, visit the Baylor website.

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Florida residents picked up supplies and braced for the heavy wind and lined up at gas stations Thursday in an effort to avoid what forecasters are calling a catastrophic Category 4 storm. The National Hurricane Center said Hurricane Dorian, which has strengthened to a Category 4 storm, is expected to make landfall late Monday or early Tuesday. "It's going to be very bad," Trump said in a video he tweeted Thursday morning. "We've been monitoring Dorian to Hurricane Andrew, which decimated South Florida in 1992."

With the storm still inching closer, mandatory evacuations were ordered. Along Florida's east coast, local governments began distributing sandbags, shopping centers closed to stock up on food, and pharmacies and emergency supplies at supermarkets and hardware stores raked their shelves and motorists topped off their tanks and filled gasoline cans. Some supplies at supermarkets and hardware stores in the Cape Canaveral area. Delays in forecast tracks have led to cancellations in labor day weekend evacuations were ordered. Along Florida's east coast, local governments began distributing sandbags, shopping centers closed to stock up on food, and pharmacies and emergency supplies at supermarkets and hardware stores raked their shelves and motorists topped off their tanks and filled gasoline cans. Some supplies at supermarkets and hardware stores in the Cape Canaveral area. Delays in forecast tracks have led to cancellations in labor day weekend evacuations were ordered.

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Fabled Bookshop & Cafe is finally open, after co-owners announced plans for a bookshop back in December 2017. Fabled proves to be a safe haven for book lovers and families alike.

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Conway found her own cozy reading nook tucked hidden behind shelves and strolls of books in her place of work. "There's also a fabulous chair in that corner," Conway said. "It kind of encompasses you. It almost wraps around like a good friend or a little hideaway place. It's a good little reading spot, if you can catch it."

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**Tik Tok, a creative outlet**

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There’s a reason TikTok’s motto is “Make Your Day.” One of the notable reasons for TikTok’s success is the fact that it focuses less on being a social platform, and instead focuses on people’s creativity.

Granbury sophomore Ashley Brooke Boyd uses TikTok for multiple reasons; most notably, she thinks it’s a fun way to blow off steam. When Boyd isn’t working on her latest bible study, she spends her free time editing and making stickers. She also said TikTok is a good platform for people who are trying to promote their art in a fun and creative way.

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ASHLEY BROOKE BOYD | GRANBURY SOPHOMORE

“You just need to make a cool video that shows off your product in the hopes that it will go viral,” Boyd said. “So what I did is I made a sticker chair for my room with all of my stickers [that I made]. I think I got around 150,000 views.”

The only downside to TikTok—it’s very easy to lose track of time while scrolling through the “For You” page, according to Boyd.

“I was about late to an event because I was just scrolling through videos,” Boyd said. “It doesn’t have the time up at the top, so I wasn’t just scrolling, not realizing that time was passing quickly.”

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“Lately, I’ve been spending a lot more time on TikTok than I ever have,” Pitones said. “It’s great though, because my best friend and I have a lot of inside jokes and we send a lot of quirky videos to each other using TikTok.”

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“Their mission is to capture and present the world’s creativity, knowledge and moments that matter in everyday life,” according to TikTok’s website.
DIG FOR IT Freshman Bears Joe Rally looks for a ball during the Wednesday's practice on the court at the Ferrell Center. Presley and senior middle blocker Shelly Stafford were chosen for the 2019 Preseason All-Big 12 Team.

MATTHEW SOODERG
Contributor

This weekend, No. 20 ranked Baylor volleyball opens its season in Lincoln, Neb. against unranked UCLA and No. 18 Colorado State.

Baylor has scheduled 16 matches against nationally ranked squads, good enough to give them the fifth-hardest schedule in the country. Junior setter Hannah Loveck beheld her team's willingness to schedule gritty opponents early in the season.

“Just to know that our tough competition is there, it’s a really cool opportunity to start really strong,” Loveck said.

Head coach Ryan McGuyre has a season-long mission on taking on tough competition early on and it has to do with where the team landing in the season.

“We scheduled to give ourselves a chance to be,” McGuyre said. “If you坐下, it works great. If we lose, then we know where we gotta go, and we have plenty of time to do it.”

The Bears may have to battle early against teams like UCLA, Colorado State and Washington, but by the time conference play rolls on, then they should be well prepared for an easier slate of games. The only team currently ranked above them in the Big 12 is No. 4 Texas.

To prepare for the season, Baylor went down to College Station for an exhibition match against Texas A&M and did so with a four-set win. McGuyre said afterward that the Bears are “trying to make something happen” this year, and that he likely how his team played “pretty center offensively.”

“I really believe it’s the maturity of our team girls made our practice really strong and really good this year,” McGuyre said.

Since Coach McGuyre took over in 2015, the Bears have lost both times against the Bruins. Last season, Baylor was defeated in three sets by the No. 16 Stanford in San Diego. In 2016, Baylor lost in straight sets to the Bruins on their home court in Los Angeles. That being said, both of those matches came against ranked UCLA teams.

This is the only game away from the friendly confines of that matchup. Baylor only beat one of the ranked squads last season, and they get Colorado on day two. While the Bears have a lot of experience against their Pac-12 opponent, they have zero Big 12 experience in the history of the two programs.

Baylor also comes into this season healthier than last year. Suffered in just past week, several Bears including Loveck and fifth-year senior middle blocker Shelly Stafford return to the court unbothered by ailments. According to McGuyre, having Loveck back adds to the squad’s offensive edge.

“She’s been phenomenal,” McGuyre said. “She’s playing as well as she has, she’s an offensive threat. She’s truly tripled her ability to be a short setter for us, which is a fun, nice bonus to have.”

The Bears face the Bruins at 6:30 p.m. today in the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln, Neb.

LIGTHS, CAMERA, ACTION Junior outside hitter speaks to reporters prior to Wednesday’s practice on the court at the Ferrell Center. Presley and senior middle blocker Shelly Stafford were chosen for the 2019 Preseason All-Big 12 Team.

SERVE IT UP Freshman outside hitter KJ Johnson practices a serve during Wednesday’s practice as the team prepares for their first official game of the year against UCLA on Sept. 6 and ESPN+.

Coming up on their fifth matchup since 1998, Baylor aims to remain unblemished against Stephen F. Austin in their season-opener this Saturday.

Last facing SFA in 2013, the Bears were led by Robert Griffin III and tallied a 48-0 victory in just three quarters before the game ended due to weather. Baylor averaged 50 points in 10 games and have held the Lumberjacks to 26 consecutive shutouts.

With an eventful past leading up to the game, head coach Matt Rhule respects the Lumberjacks’ consecutive shutouts.

“We know the things that have given us trouble last year, now we learn where to go,” Rhule said. “It’s as much watching the things that Vanderbilt did to hurt our defense, and watching what they do and watching their personnel.”

Rhule described his concern in having a young defensive line, noting that the team will play “five freshmen T.J., Franklin and Gabe Hall.”

“Those are some bumps in the road when you play young guys,” Rhule said. “But they’re tremendously talented and have worked really hard. As we play them, we understand what happened, and coach them up and try and get them better, work and work out.”

Senior defensive end James Lockhart, named most improved player of the spring, emphasized his confidence in the defensive unit going into a new season and his young counterparts.

“I feel like personally I’ve developed more and more confidence in the way we run this defense,” Lockhart said. “Gabe is a guy who if you look at him you like Miky Grant is a guy in size, a 20 year old kid, but he’s 18. That was very shocking to me. For a big guy he’s very explosive, does not move like a typical nose or defensive tackle, he moves like a star. He’s very, very limber. T.J. Franklin is a guy who has, especially in spring ball, turned some heads, a hard worker, tough, competitive, very competitive.”

SFA comes into the game with a new coaching staff lead by head coach Colby Carthel who previously spent six seasons as A&MCommerce and led the team to six consecutive post-seasons, cinched the 2017 NCAA Division II Football National Championship and held an overall .766 win percentage.

Understanding the success Carthel had with the Lions, Lockhart has his eye on the potential run that can outAttack the Bears’ defense.

“They’re a big outside zone team as far as running the ball goes,” Lockhart said. “Obviously they have new coaches from A&M Commerce, so personally, I’ve been studying some of the things they did there and trying to get an idea of what did for the game and what they do.”

Defensively, confidence is waning with the veteran group. Rhule explained that the offensive line is “35-40 men deep,” and running junior quarterback Charlie Brewer “knows exactly what do.”

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YOUNG BLOOD Sophomore wide receiver Tyquan Thornton makes a reception in the end zone for a touchdown against Duke University on Sept. 29, 2018. The Bears start several young players on Saturday, including freshman defensive tackles T.J. Franklin and Gabe Hall.

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Cross country to rebuild, host Bear Twilight Invitational

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No. 6 Baylor cross country is set to take the stage tonight as the host of the Bear Twilight Invitational.

There are a lot of newcomers to the team this season, and head coach Josh Capron has big visions for his runners and the achievements they hope to accomplish.

“I am looking for growth,” Capron said. “I want us to get better from top to bottom — that’s what it is. Across the board, I think everyone on my team has the capacity to run much faster than they have so far. They all have the opportunity to do so, and that’s something I am very excited about for this season in general.”

With many of the veterans gone, the team is fairly “young” with six freshmen, three sophomores, two juniors and one senior.

Many of the returners this season are sophomores that have taken the spotlight not only to shine in competition, but to blaze the trail for the freshmen who have been recruited to the team.

Some of the key runners this year for the Bears include sophomore Cells Holmes, freshman Ryan Hodge and senior Lindsay Walton. Holmes expressed her enthusiasm in stepping up for her squad.

“I am excited to help lead the team this year,” Holmes said. “I just really want to help out as much as I can.”

Holmes is a young talent on the roster this year and one to look out for. The Waco native was one of only three Bears to score at all six meets, and she made her collegiate debut with an 8th place finish at the Bear twilight Invitational last fall.

The men’s season was cut short last year due to injuries, but Capron hopes that won’t be the case this year. One positive thing came about due to those injuries: the depth chart available for Capron.

The University of Texas will be competing in the Bear Twilight Invitational for the first time, which has many of the Bears, including senior Lindsay Walton, who is excited for the upcoming meet.

“We’ll get to race against them, and then again when they come back for conference,” Walton said. “So, it should be a good time to see them on our home turf for the first time.”

The team has been training since their beginning with the Bear Twilight Invitational at 7 p.m. Friday at the Heart of Texas Soccer Complex.