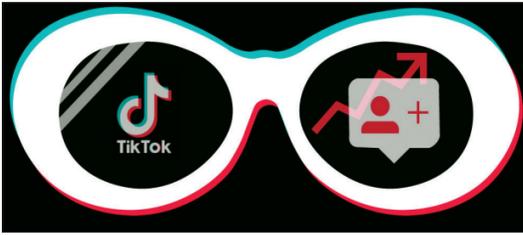


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## First daughter joins Baylor volleyball as assistant coach

TYLER BUI  
Staff Writer

Shelby Livingstone, daughter of Baylor president Dr. Linda Livingstone, has been named the new volunteer assistant coach for Baylor Volleyball.

Livingstone, a recent graduate of Rice University, was an outside hitter for its volleyball team during her five-year career as a student athlete.

“Just a few weeks ago, coaching wasn’t even something I was looking into,” Livingstone said. “But looking back on my own volleyball career at Rice, my coaches were super influential not only on the court but also in my life off the court. Knowing the coaches here at Baylor and how much they pour into the girls made me want to be a part of the team.”

In addition to her position as the volunteer assistant coach, Livingstone is also attending the George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

“I am doing the sports ministry program, so doing something along the lines of sports chaplaincy would be cool,” Livingstone said. “I’m excited — working with the volleyball team is a really good practical application of what I’ll be learning in class.”

Head coach Ryan McGuyre said Livingstone’s recent experience as a student

athlete is a benefit for the team, and mentioned her faith as one of her strengths.

“Her trust in the Lord is really evident and when we trust Him, we get to give Him credit for the things He is doing,” McGuyre said. “She brings a strong sense of humility; she is confident in what she is saying but it has never been about her. It has been about how she can serve and help, and the best leaders are the biggest servants.”

Waco senior Braya Hunt is a defensive specialist and setter on the team and said she was ecstatic when Livingstone was announced as the new volunteer assistant coach.

“She is a woman of faith, and she is someone I’d call in any time of need— simply because I know that she is kind and truthful,” Hunt said. “Ever since the Livingstone’s have become a part of the Baylor family, you can feel that they appreciate athletes. We are just really glad to have her as a part of the team—she was a great athlete at Rice, and we know she has a lot of wisdom.”

Livingstone said she enjoys being the president’s daughter and now serving as a coach at Baylor.

“It’s really fun — obviously our family loves Baylor,” Livingstone said. “I loved my time at Rice, but I knew that Baylor is something special and I couldn’t wait to get to Waco.

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Kristen DeHaven | Photographer/Videographer

BACK IN TOWN Shelby Livingstone, the daughter of Dr. Linda Livingstone, was an outside hitter for Rice University, and was named to the C-USA All-American Team.



Lariat File Photo

A COMMON OCCURENCE Baylor students may not realize that many students made changes to their schedule during the first week of class

## Report: last year thousands changed schedules in first week

MATT MUIR  
Staff Writer

Baylor University students collectively make thousands of schedule changes over the course of each semester, especially during the first few weeks of classes.

Baylor’s office of the registrar keeps statistics pertaining to adding, dropping or being waitlisted for classes. Hannah King, associate registrar for business operations and analysis, provided statistics for each of the most recent fall and spring semesters.

In each of these semesters,

nearly 3,000 Baylor students made changes to their schedule during the first five days of classes. These changes included adding, dropping or moving onto or off of the waitlist for a class. The statistics also showed more than 2,000 total dropped classes each semester from the sixth class day to the 50th class day, which is the last day to drop a class without failing a course.

Brazoria senior Griffin King made schedule changes during both the first five class days and later in the semester during his time at Baylor.

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## Professors describe horrific effects of Amazon fire



Associated Press

INFERNO A firefighter works to put out a fire in the Chiquitania Forest in Santa Rosa de Tucabaca, on the outskirts of Robore, Bolivia, Wednesday.



Associated Press

DIVISION A lush forest sits next to a field of charred trees Tuesday in Vila Nova Samuel, Brazil.

MATT MUIR  
Staff Writer

As fires continue to rage thousands of miles away in the Amazon rain forest, the environmental costs will likely be felt around the globe.

For weeks, fires in the Amazon have torched hundreds of square miles — the

majority of them were caused by farmers clearing land for crops or livestock, first by cutting down trees and then by burning the area to clear out the remaining vegetation.

Dr. Melinda Coogan, professor of environmental science, described the impact of the fires as a “quadruple-whammy.” Trees that would normally absorb carbon diox-

ide and release cooling moisture are now burning, spewing pollutants into the air. Coogan said environmental issues like the Amazon fires should concern even those thousands of miles away from the blaze since the cost of climate change is shared by everyone.

“We tend to look at things isolated and in reality they’re all interconnected,” Coogan

said. “We’ve already seen the hottest July ever, globally. As we increase temperatures here, that impacts [you] if you’re a rancher or farmer— it impacts your livelihood. People here in the city— we don’t seem to think much about it because we go into our air conditioning, but our bills increase.”

Julie King, a professor of environmental law at Baylor,

said the fires are part of a larger pattern of environmental damage caused by deforestation.

“Land use changes significantly impact climate change,” King said. “This is something that impacts everyone on the globe— it affects all people.”

In addition to climate change, King mentioned the loss of biodiversity as another worrying consequence

of the fires, comparing the Amazon’s deforestation to the tragedy of the commons.

“We talk about these areas sort of as global commons areas,” King said. “Biodiversity is really increasingly thought of as one of the resources that we all share... species don’t know any political boundaries.”

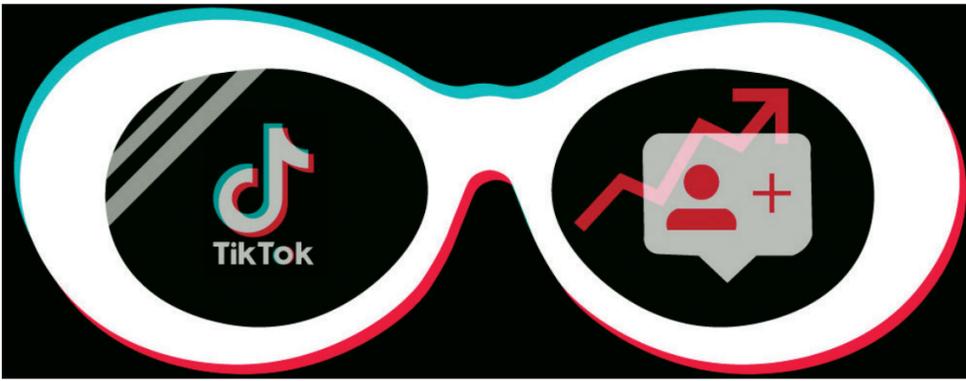
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## EDITORIAL

## The truth about internet dares



Ashley Brooke Boyd | Cartoonist

Earlier generations grew up with the looming moral dilemma “If your friends jumped off a bridge, would you?” The more pervasive question for today’s youth is: “If someone online pulled a stunt, would you?”

As tempting as it may be to jump on the newest Internet trend, the long-term consequences will likely outlast the temporary clout boost.

Many trends of wreaking havoc in grocery stores have arisen over the years: returning licked ice cream or spat-in Listerine to the shelf, smashing gallons of milk in aisles and unfortunately the list goes on.

Each of these pranks started as single incidents but were quickly copied and spread through viral videos.

The internet hands an unprecedented amount of power and influence to every person who has access to it. Anyone, no matter their geographical location, age or social reach, can post something accessible

to millions of other internet users. There are no boundaries of distance or hierarchies of power. It is a democratic forum.

If we think about our historic mediums for mass communication, it used to be that even printing presses — the most common way to spread ideas to broad audiences — had prior restraint, in which all content was previewed and censored by the U.S. government. Today, even major publications — newspapers, magazines, books — go through numerous editors before a final product is published.

Within social media, arguably the most popular publication today, there are no gatekeepers. Besides restrictions against hate speech or offensive content, there are no limitations on what people can post online.

With great power comes great responsibility. Users, both content-creators and consumers alike, should give more thought to how

their online activity affects the broader community.

The spread of internet trends has ranged from harmless dances to dangerous pranks. Even if stunts were fake and did not cause harm immediately, the aftermath did. The nature of the internet, especially within meme culture, is to adapt and mimic content.

The “In My Feelings” challenge inspired videos of people dancing to the Drake bop outside moving cars. While the originator, American comedian Shiggy, filmed on vacant suburb roads, others took to the fast-moving freeway. Injuries and accidents followed.

Another example is the Tide Pod challenge — the on-camera consumption of laundry detergent. Many videos were faked, but viewers did not know that. Just a few weeks after the start of the fad, the American Association of Poison Control Centers handled 39 cases of

teenagers exposed to detergent packets.

Besides the dangers they pose to viewers, Internet stunts also place the poster in danger. Whether or not the stunt was real, it can be subject to legal punishment.

The Louisiana man who posted a video licking and then returning ice cream to the shelf had a receipt proving he bought the carton, but he was still charged for “unlawful posting of criminal activity for notoriety and publicity.” He was arrested and detained. Food tampering can be considered a felony.

At your fingertips, with each post you post or share, you have the ability to spread mayhem or quell it. Question what behavior you may be inspiring or encouraging with your online activity. Challenge what your peers may be inciting. Trends can only be popularized by people’s support and spread of them.

## COLUMN

## Bears could win Big 12

DRAKE TOLL

Broadcast Reporter

The Baylor Bear football team could accidentally go 11-1 this regular season. Obviously winning games is no accident, yet I find no better word in a year where the Big 12 could see more parody than the infamous 2007 season in which Kansas (yes, Kansas) finished 12-1 and defeated No. 3 Virginia Tech in its only BCS bowl victory in school history.

While the conference as a whole may be more dramatic than the most recent installment of “The Bachelorette,” this year’s Baylor squad differs greatly from the 2007 team that was quarterbacked by Blake Szymanski, who threw a Big XII -leading 18 interceptions and guided the Bears to a 3-9 record that assisted a 14 year stretch without more than five wins in a single season.

This season’s group is not just exponentially better than the 2007 squad, but the Bears have the potential to ride a deadly passing attack and experienced defense all the way to the Big 12 championship game — just hear me out.

Breaking down the 2019 schedule, Charlie Brewer and company are obviously heavy favorites against the likes of Stephen F. Austin, UTSA, Rice, West Virginia and Kansas. At this point, Baylor has an 82% chance or better of winning each of those contests individually, according to ESPN.

Yet parity is found in the remaining seven games on the docket that take place against Iowa State, Kansas State, Texas Tech, Oklahoma State, TCU, Oklahoma and Texas. We can start with analyzing the top three teams from this group.

Baylor, coming off last year’s bowl win in coach Matt Rhule’s second season, has arguably the easiest conference schedule makeup in a round-robin league like the Big 12. The evidence of this lies in McLane Stadium playing host to the only three conference teams ranked in the preseason top 25, No. 4 Oklahoma, No. 10 Texas and No. 21 Iowa State. We’ll say, as the optimistic Bear supporters that we are, Baylor is able to pull off an upset win in two of these three thanks to a few rowdy nights on the Brazos. That, coupled with the five wins in games that Baylor is heavily favored, puts the green and gold at a record of 7-1 in those eight contests.

The remaining four games that we are missing need a bit more breakdown considering they, like most of the schedule, are highly volatile.

Let’s start the detailed analysis with the fifth Saturday of Baylor football that sees the Bears travel to Kansas State coming off of an upset win against #21 Iowa State in Waco. Baylor will march in at 4-0 against a Wildcat squad that should come into the game at a record of 2-2 in Chris Klieman’s first year in Manhattan. Most analysts will give Baylor the nod in its first true road test that boosts the Bears to 5-0.

The next toss-up game comes the following week against Texas Tech in Waco. This game is borderline a guaranteed win, as ESPN gives Baylor a 73% chance of victory.



I project that the Red Raiders limp into McLane coming off two straight losses under first year head coach Matt Wells only to be blown out by a 5-0 Bears team that is cracking into top 25 polls. Baylor will be an undefeated 6-0 in the first half of the year, and if you’re keeping up with the maze of analysis, this puts coach Rhule and the Bears at 9-1 in the games that have been broken down with two tough games left to settle.

The first of these tossups comes immediately after trouncing Texas Tech. Baylor will take a 6-0 record into Stillwater to face an Oklahoma State team that will likely be sitting at 5-1. At this point, both programs will be in the top 25 polls and this will make for a high stakes battle between two ranked teams.

Why on earth would Baylor get the edge in a road game against a top 25 opponent? The Cowboys don’t have a quarterback. Mike Gundy is still a man, but he’s far removed from being 40 and has so much uncertainty in the QB position that he has yet to even name a starter. Brewer puts on a show, and the Bears go into their second bye week at 7-0.

After a blowout win over West Virginia on Halloween night, we have just one more game to dissect as Rhule and his bruins boldly charge into the Holy War at 8-0 to face a likely 6-2 Horned Frog army.

Can the Bears sneak a victory? I don’t know about you, but I like their chances.

TCU, like Oklahoma State, has little certainty at quarterback. By this time, Brewer will be in the Heisman discussion and fry up the Frogs to propel Baylor to 9-0 for the second time in school history. Subsequently, Baylor will likely host ESPN’s College Gameday in Waco the following week for a showdown with Oklahoma. Even if you count this as a loss, I tab the Bears with winning out against Texas at home and Kansas on the road.

There you have it. While unlikely, it is very possible to see the Baylor football team finish with 11 wins and one loss come December. This feat will surely punch their ticket into the top 10 national rankings and land them with a spot in the Big 12 championship game.

Honestly, as long as we’re talking hypothetically, Baylor could even win the conference championship game and land a spot in the four-team playoff. If you think about it long enough, a national title win isn’t even too far out of reach at this point. Maybe I’m just an optimistic Bear fan, or maybe there’s a realistic method to my madness.

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## COLUMN

## Campus needs safer sidewalks

CARSON LEWIS

Page One Editor

With heavy construction ongoing with I-35, now is as good a time as any for Baylor to improve the safety of its sidewalks and roads for those who walk, skate and bike to class and work.

During high school when I was looking at universities to attend, I noticed that most campuses emphasized safety for students. On Baylor’s campus, the emergency yellow poles are a great example of this. However, safety can appear in different forms and might be less obvious.

When visiting the other colleges, I remember being amazed by the quality of paths and roadways on their campuses. One of the smaller things I noticed was the smoothness of concrete and the lack of cracks along walking paths and sidewalks. During my time at Baylor, that orderliness has been somewhat elusive. I’ve found myself tripping over cracks that often seem to rise up from the sidewalk, which seemed to be nonexistent on campuses of other top universities in the nation.

While part of this issue may come from my inherent clumsiness or carelessness, I think there’s something to be said about the quality of sidewalks on Baylor’s campus. The neglect that the paths have fallen into can be harmful.

I recall last semester, when I skateboarded around campus with my friends by the Bobo Spiritual Life Center, I hit a particularly nasty piece of concrete and tumbled to the ground. I was not seriously injured, but when I looked back at the place where I fell, I realized that the space could be easily tripped over by anyone, whether they be running, skating, or walking on campus. I was lucky to not be hurt, but it may only be a matter of time before some unfortunate freshman late for class breaks a bone falling over that same spot in a desperate bid to avoid a tardy to an 8 a.m. Christian Heritage class.

I think this spot, among others on campus, should be fixed to improve the safety of all who navigate the campus on a daily basis. A few problematic locations that should be fixed include: the root-displaced intersections of Founders Mall, the deadly lip of Penland dining hall and the dangerous assortment of misaligned concrete across the street from Castellaw Communications Center.

Other colleges offer students resources to report potentially unsafe walkways to be repaired. On Cornell University’s website, students can call a number to report potholes and other hazards on campus property and also see what services the university



provides in order to keep the campus safe and beautiful. I think that this system might work well at Baylor, as it allows for students to help observe places that might need to be made safer.

While not an expert by any means on campus design, I think these places in particular can be dangerous to guests and freshman, and should be fixed before an accident occurs. If nothing else, these locations also are an eyesore of an otherwise beautiful campus, and should be looked at for improvement by Baylor administration just as much as upgrades made to guest services and academic buildings.

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# First in Line supports, celebrates first-generation students

**TYLER BUI**  
Staff Writer

Baylor's First in Line program provides support and guidance to first-generation college students while they adjust to a new environment, prepping them for their future endeavors.

The program includes a range of different events, resources and organizations that help first-generation students of all ages and backgrounds as they make their way through their undergraduate career at Baylor.

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

"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. "The hope and mission for the program is to make sure that our first-generation students have support, resources, connections and opportunities at Baylor so that they can fully thrive and have a meaningful experience."

Within the First in Line program, the First in Line Success Academy (FILSA) is an incentive program that provides students with scholarships and support from peers and mentors. This year, there are 65 students enrolled in FILSA.

"FILSA is a pre-fall semester experience for students. It begins three days before Welcome Week and extends throughout their first year," Cohenour said. "In the students' first year, we hold dinners on the first Monday of each month and have specialized workshops. The students have one-on-one weekly meetings with their graduate student mentor. They also meet monthly with their peer mentors, who are first-generation students themselves."

Upland, Calif., freshman Haley Peterson is a part of FILSA and participated in the orientation program prior to Welcome Week.

"During those few days before Welcome Week, we had orientation with the leaders and counselors who are a part of FILSA," Peterson said. "We participated in academic workshops, did team bonding activities and community service. In the academic workshops, we learned how to read a syllabus, how to contact a professor, tips on note taking and information on office hours."

Peterson said it was helpful to move in early and become familiar with Baylor before classes started.

"My favorite aspect of the First in Line Program is how they give first-generation students support and guidance, especially with resources that we wouldn't know how to access or how to use," Peterson said. "Even just meeting people those few days before Welcome Week made such a big difference. It was really awesome to connect with other first-generation students who were experiencing the same thing I was."

Other resources within the First in Line Program include the First in Line Student Society, a strategic learning course and the Peer Leader Program.

"The Student Society is a student organization founded in 2017. It is largely a social organization for our students, but they also hold events and special programming



Photo courtesy of Haley Peterson

**FIRST BUT NOT LAST** First generation college students make Judge Baylor proud.

to help prepare students for the future," Cohenour said. "It's mostly a social and networking opportunity for first-generation students. We also have an STL course called 'First Generation in College' with 20 students enrolled this semester. It's a wonderful opportunity to provide a really supportive classroom environment where students can ask questions."

The Peer Leader Program connects the First in Line freshmen students with other peers who are first-generation as well.

"First in Line Peer Leaders will assist first-year, first-generation college students during their transition to Baylor. Peer Leaders will have the unique opportunity to positively impact first-year students' college experience," the website states.

The First in Line program is based around three major components that encompass their mission.

"First is the strong academic start. Second is a sense of belonging and connection," Cohenour said. "The third component is the overall college life experience which includes understanding finance in college and knowing when to ask for help. We try to reiterate to our First in Line students that asking for help and guidance is not weakness, but rather something positive."

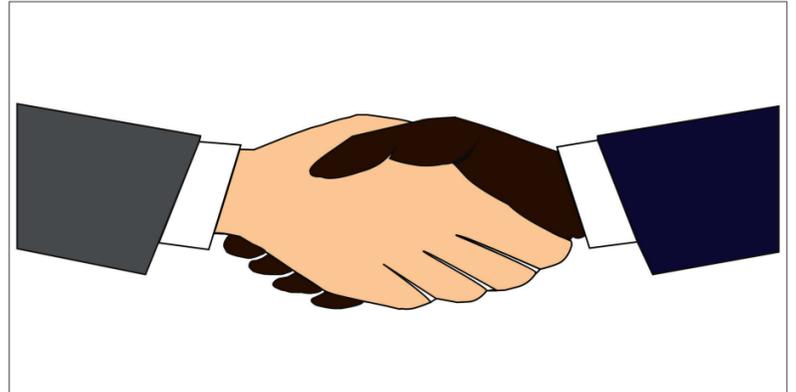
Cohenour said there were two specific aspects she enjoys most about the program.

"One is the recognition that being first-generation is so important. I think that is something we try to celebrate in every interaction—that these students are chartering a new and exciting life for themselves and their future family," Cohenour said. "The second thing I am most excited about is just the robust support system we have—we use the term 'investing in our students' often, and we have so many people who are ready and willing to invest in them."

Peterson and Cohenour share a similar perspective on the significance of being first-generation.

"Being a first-generation student means so much; not only to me but my family as well," Peterson said. "I have a sense of pride being a first-generation student and want to make my family proud of what I accomplish here at Baylor."

To learn more about Baylor's First in Line program, visit the Baylor website.



Kristen DeHaven | Photographer/Videographer

**ONCE A BEAR, ALWAYS A BEAR** Graduate students are eager to provide academic support to fellow undergraduates in a weekly mentor program.

## Mentor program provides academic, personal support

**EMILY LOHEC**  
Staff Writer

In 1993, Baylor began a mentor program for students to learn about the effective tools and knowledge needed to complete and have a successful semester. The program is composed of Baylor graduate students ready to assist undergrads 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 first hand the difficulty and current stressors the undergraduate students are encountering," Baum said.

Baum believes having graduate students as the 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 worry students may feel.

Baum gives credit to Baylor as having the only weekly mentor program that hires graduate students as academic mentors.

"We are the only university where the mentors meet weekly, not monthly, with our students. Our mentors want to be there for their students through the academic triumphs and pit falls. You can't do that if you only see your students once a month," Baum said.

Baum believes that students can have greater support in their education when the connection between mentor and student is personal.

"Mentoring is guidance on how to survive

the semester with academic success— it is not tutoring of any kind. It is how to read and comprehend what you have read, how to take effective notes, how to make study tools, how to balance fun and academics and more," Baum said.

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

"Academic mentors provide accountability, guidance and support. Our mentors also aid in sharpening the students' studying techniques," Baum said.

Houston junior Camryn Manson shared about the positive benefits that came through her involvement in the mentor program.

"It was super nice having someone that I could talk to once a week and rewind from the stresses of school," Manson said. "At first, I was kind of skeptical because I didn't feel as though I needed a mentor, but I'm so thankful I had one now."

Not only did Manson see her organizational skills improve, but through her mentor's advice, she saw her time management skills improve as well.

"My work ethic definitely changed through having a mentor. She held me accountable even when I thought I didn't need to be," Manson said. "I would definitely consider becoming a mentor. I would absolutely love to have that impact on someone—it definitely takes a special person."

To make an appointment, students can contact or visit the Academic Support Center located in the west wing of the basement in the Sid Richardson Building.

### ARREST LOG

Aug. 26-28

Provided by the Baylor Police Department

#### Resist Arrest Search or Transport

Arrest Date: 08/28/2019  
Disposition: Released to Jail  
Stat Code: Booked  
Name: Ortiz, Edward Victor Jr.

#### Trespass, Damage, Defacement Private Higher EDU

Arrest Date: 08/28/2019  
Disposition: Released to Jail  
Stat Code: Booked  
Name: Ortiz, Edward Victor Jr.

#### Failure to Identify

Arrest Date: 08/28/2019  
Disposition: Released to Jail  
Stat Code: Booked  
Name: Ortiz, Edward Victor Jr.

#### Assist Other Agency

Arrest Date: 08/26/2019  
Disposition: Released to Jail  
Stat Code: Booked  
Name: Banda, Refugio Cisneros

### BAYLOR DAILY CRIME LOG Aug. 26-28

This list is mandated by the Clery Act and is a compilation of all crimes reported to Baylor authorities in specific categories named in federal guidelines. Such reports are investigated but not all confirmed.

#### Offense: CSA- Stalking (Reported to Title IX Office)

Date: 08/28/2019  
Location: Numerous Locations on Campus  
Disposition: Being Handled by Title IX Office

#### Offense: Harassment

Date: 08/28/2019  
Location: Dawson Residence Hall, 700 block of Baylor Ave., RHD Office  
Disposition: Active

#### Offense: CSA- Stalking (Reported to Title IX Office)

Date: 08/28/2019  
Location: Numerous Locations on Campus  
Disposition: Being Handled by Title IX Office

#### Offense: Accident- Failure to Stop and Identify

Date: 08/28/2019  
Location: Speight Parking Facility, 1500 block of S 4th St.  
Disposition: Closed

#### Offense: Fail to Identify to a Police Officer, Resist Arrest Search or Transport, Trespass, Damage, Etc.

Date: 08/28/2019  
Location: 900 block of Speight Ave.  
Disposition: Cleared by Arrest

#### Offenses: CSA- Stalking (Reported to Title IX Office)

Date: 08/28/2019  
Location: Numerous Locations on Campus  
Disposition: Being Handled by Title IX Office

#### Offenses: CSA- Rape (Reported to Title IX Office)

Date: 08/28/2019  
Location: 1300 block of Park Ave.  
Disposition: Being Handled by Title IX Office

#### Offenses: EPRA- Burglary of Motor Vehicle

Date: 08/27/2019  
Location: 2000 block of S 10th  
Disposition: Handled by Waco Police Department

#### Offenses: Criminal Mischief

Date: 08/27/2019  
Location: East Campus Parking Garage, 200 block of Daughtrey Ave.  
Disposition: Suspended

#### Offenses: Criminal Mischief

Date: 08/26/2019  
Location: Martin Residence Hall, 1100 block of S 5th St.  
Disposition: Being handled by Judicial Affairs

#### Offenses: EPRA- Incident Exposure

Date: 08/26/2019  
Location: I35 and S. University Parks Drive  
Disposition: Closed

#### Offenses: Criminal Mischief

Date: 08/26/2019  
Location: Penland Hall, 1100 block of S 5th St.  
Disposition: Suspended

#### Offenses: Assist Other Agency- Warrant Arrest

Date: 08/26/2019  
Location: 1 block of Daughtrey Ave.  
Disposition: Cleared by Arrest

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# Freshmen, seniors connect through Baylor Line signing tradition

**MEREDITH HOWARD**  
Staff Writer

Baylor has many well-regarded traditions, but not all of them are as old as homecoming. Baylor freshmen had the opportunity to leave their mark on the literal 'Baylor Line' by signing it for the first time in 2018 the Friday before the first football game of the season.

This year's freshman and senior classes had the same opportunity Thursday at McLane Plaza through Baylor Kickoff Weekend.

Athens senior True Head, Baylor Kickoff Weekend chair, is organizing the event with Baylor Chamber of Commerce. Head said he hopes for the event to be held annually, with freshmen signing their names on the Line and seniors leaving a piece of advice for future Bears.

"It makes a cool connection between our seniors and our freshmen," Head said.

This year's Kickoff events began Thursday from 6 to 11 p.m., with the Line Signing occurring from 7:15 to 9 p.m.

"Kickoff Weekend is a multi day opening celebration to the Baylor Football season that begins with the Baylor Line Signing and freshman class picture at McLane Stadium in the Baylor Line Tunnel," according



Photo courtesy of True Head

**LINE READY** New Baylor students will run the line for the first time this weekend as Baylor football faces Stephen F. Austin.

to the Kickoff website. Brownsville sophomore Sophia Garza participated in the inaugural Line Signing last year.

"[Signing the Baylor Line is] a pretty valuable part of your freshman year, realizing that you are actually part of something bigger than yourself," Garza said. "There's a lot that goes into going to Baylor, and not just going to classes or having mental breakdowns, cause everyone has them. But it's a Christian environment and you're just so immersed in the culture that you really realize that it's not all about you sometimes."

Head echoed Garza's sentiment that Baylor traditions impact students positively.

"At Baylor, we're really ingrained in our traditions," Head said. "Tradition is something that is very

important here as compared to other schools, and it's such an old university—the Baylor Line is something that everyone feels a part of."

Kickoff Weekend was formerly known as the Traditions Rally, but Head said the Chamber of Commerce was asked to "reimagine" the event due to dwindling attendance.

Other aspects of this new event include Line jersey pickups and a showing of the 2018 Texas Bowl at McLane Stadium on Thursday, and tailgating and a chili cook-off on Saturday.

Signing the Baylor Line is not listed on Baylor's page of official traditions yet, but Head said the Chamber is interested in looking into the process of getting it on that list.

To learn more about Baylor Kickoff Weekend events, visit the Baylor website.

# Florida braces for hurricane

**FREIDA FRISARO, ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON**

Associated Press

Florida residents picked the shelves clean of bottled water and lined up at gas stations Thursday as an increasingly menacing-looking Hurricane Dorian threatened to broadside the state over Labor Day weekend.

Leaving lighter-than-expected damage in its wake in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, the second hurricane of the 2019 season swirled toward the U.S., with forecasters warning it will draw energy from the warm, open waters as it closes in.

The National Hurricane Center said the Category 1 storm is expected to strengthen into a potentially catastrophic Category 4 with winds of 130 mph (209 kph) and slam into the U.S. on Monday somewhere between the Florida Keys and southern Georgia — a 500-mile (805-kilometer) stretch that reflected the high degree of uncertainty this far out.

"If it makes landfall as a Category 3 or 4 hurricane, that's a big deal," said University of Miami hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy. "A lot of people are going to be affected. A lot of insurance claims."

President Donald Trump canceled his weekend trip to Poland and warned Florida residents to be prepared.

"All indications are it's going to hit very hard and it's go-

ing to be very big," Trump said in a video he tweeted Thursday evening, comparing Dorian to Hurricane Andrew, which devastated South Florida in 1992.

With the storm's track still unclear, no immediate mass evacuations were ordered.

Along Florida's east coast, local governments began distributing sandbags, shoppers rushed to stock up on food, plywood and other emergency supplies at supermarkets and hardware stores, and motorists topped off their tanks and filled gasoline cans. Some fuel shortages were reported in the Cape Canaveral area.

Josefine Larrauri, a retired translator, went to a Publix supermarket in Miami only to find empty shelves in the water section and store employees unsure of when more cases would arrive.

"I feel helpless because the whole coast is threatened," she said. "What's the use of going all the way to Georgia if it can land there?"

Tiffany Miranda of Miami Springs waited well over 30 minutes in line at BJ's Wholesale Club in Hialeah to buy hurricane supplies. Some 50 vehicles were bumper-to-bumper, waiting to fill up at the store's 12 gas pumps.

"You never know with these hurricanes. It could be good, it could be bad. You just have to be prepared," she said.

As of Thursday evening, Dorian was centered about 330 miles (531 kilometers) east of the Bahamas,

its winds blowing at 85 mph

(137 kph) as it moved northwest at 13 mph (21 kph).

It is expected to pick up steam as it pushes out into warm waters with favorable winds, the University of Miami's McNoldy said, adding: "Starting tomorrow, it really has no obstacles left in its way."

The National Hurricane Center's projected track had the storm blowing ashore midway along the Florida peninsula, southeast of Orlando and well north of Miami or Fort Lauderdale. But because of the difficulty of predicting its course this far ahead, the "cone of uncertainty" covered nearly the entire state.

Forecasters said coastal areas of the Southeast could get 5 to 10 inches (13 to 25 centimeters) of rain, with 15 inches (38 centimeters) in some places, triggering life-threatening flash floods.

Also imperiled were the Bahamas, with Dorian's expected track running just to the north of Great Abaco and Grand Bahama islands.

Jeff Byard, an associate administrator at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, warned that Dorian is likely to "create a lot of havoc with infrastructure, power and roads," but gave assurances FEMA is prepared to handle it, even though the Trump administration is shifting hundreds of millions of dollars from FEMA and other agencies to deal with immigration at the Mexican border.

"This is going to be a big storm," Byard said.

## COACH from Page 1

Having the chance to go to school at Baylor and being able to work here is absolutely amazing. I'm just really glad to have this opportunity."

Reflecting on the team, Livingstone said that she was inspired by the strong sense of faith that the girls share.

"I think the number one thing that stands out is the high standard that they hold themselves to, [especially] in practice where the girls hold each other [accountable] for not cutting any corners," Livingstone said. "The core faith-based aspect

of the team—they really do it the right way and hold each other to a biblical standard as well."

McGuyre shared his hopes for this upcoming Baylor Volleyball season.

"I expect us to have a strong season with a lot of wins and victories on and off the court," McGuyre said. "With that in mind, we want to be able to cherish each day so that we can hold onto the things that make it special, the things that we learn and the things that we grow into."



Her trust in the Lord is really evident and when we trust Him, we get to give Him credit for the things He is doing. She brings a strong sense of humility.

**RYAN MCGUYRE | HEAD COACH**

## FIRE from Page 1

The number of fires so far in 2019 is up 79% over last year's total at the same point. Coogan said that as the world approaches the "tipping point" for preventing a widespread climate crisis, the

most aggravating problem isn't the fires themselves, but a lack of action in response.

"Scientists are indicating that we have about 11 years to drastically turn things around—that was before all

this burning started. This is going to accelerate that...

I see that getting a little bit shorter," Coogan said. "I wish it would stop... there are solutions—I think that's the thing that frustrates me."

## CLASS from Page 1

Griffin King said one of those changes occurred around the 50-day mark in the semester when he dropped a math class to preserve his GPA and retake the course for a better grade.

"It wasn't a great learning environment—not to say I wasn't to blame too," Griffin King said. "I made a C-something on the first test and then the second test was another C. I didn't want to make a C in the course."

Griffin King's situation is not uncommon. Hannah King said university records show spikes shortly before the twelfth class day, which is the last day to drop a class without it being marked on a student's transcript, and before the 50th day.

Griffin King said his other schedule change came earlier in the semester when he dropped one elective in favor of another.

"If I recall correctly, there was an opening in another class," Griffin King said. "I'm not clear on which one it was but it was much more appealing."

New Orleans senior Rutger Fury also said that he has made schedule changes during a semester.

"One time I added an Air Force class in the first week of school and I did it because I wanted to try out the Air Force," Fury said. "It was like an ROTC course but not affiliated with ROTC."

Fury also said he dropped a cycling course during the first week of class, describing it as "too heavy of a commitment" for him to take at that time.

Griffin King sees the ability to drop a course as a useful tool for students to take advantage of.

"If you're in a really intensive major that requires lots of hours in few semesters, then perhaps it would be better to stick it out and tank the C, but otherwise just roll out," King said. "Exhaust all the resources possible... if you've done all that and it comes down to it and it's 'I'm going to make this terrible grade or I'm not going to pick up my minor because of it,' just drop it."

Fury also said that in some situations, dropping a course can be the right thing to do.

"No shame at all - it's a smart move," Fury said.

*With all of the books you have to remember this year...*

*Don't forget the one that will remember you.*

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BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

The Baylor Roundup yearbook will host photo sessions once in the Fall and once in the spring.

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## TIK TOK CRAZE

Avid “Tik Tokers” explain why they love the app and why they believe it’s sweeping the nation  
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## ON THE MAP

Iconic restaurants and hidden gems of Waco in different downtown districts.  
**COMING SOON**

**Books and coffee. I mean, that’s a match made in heaven.**

Kimberly Batson, co-owner of Fabled Bookshop and Cafe.

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# Raising your shelf awareness



Nathan De La Cerda | Multimedia Journalist

**FABLED DREAM, FINALLY A REALITY** Fabled Bookshop and 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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**STUDY BREAK** Girls take a break from their school-work and the stress of the day-to-day with a good story book from Fabled’s extensive library.



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**HOO ARE YOU?** Patrons of Fabled are greeted by 6-foot statue of an owl when they enter the bookshop.

# Owners dream up Waco bookshop cafe

**MADALYN WATSON**  
Print Managing Editor

Patrons are almost immediately greeted by the statue of an owl as if he were about to remove his top hat, press it against his feathered chest and bow his head. A greeting well-suited for the book lover’s haven, Fabled Bookshop & Cafe.

Kimberly Batson and Alison Frenzel, co-owners of Fabled, incorporated thematic elements into the bookstore, from a hidden reading nook resembling Harry Potter’s bedroom under the stairs to a secret entrance through a wardrobe that leads to Narnia.

Batson, the co-owner of Common Grounds and Heritage Creamery as well as Fabled, said the bookstore is a safe place for people to congregate, learn and treasure the tales from their bookshelves.

“We want to be a sanctuary or a haven for people who love to read or who are not yet readers,” Batson said.

Batson wants to give her customers a place that inspires discovery and a quest for knowledge, as well as a place that immerses them into the magic of reading.

“Our purpose is to champion the transformative power and effect that reading has on an individual,” Batson said. “And if we can just bind a love of reading to the hearts and minds of kids at a young age, that’s going to set them up for a life of learning.”

Ever since she was a child, Waco sophomore Beth Butler loved reading and imagined a place where she could read in peace and talk to other people about her love of books. Now she works there.

“So many people would come in and be like, ‘Oh, it’s such a magical area,’ especially the kids,” Butler said. “Seeing their faces light up as they walked in—that was very fun.”

When she is not studying philosophy and great texts at Baylor, Butler can be found meticulously shelving and organizing books with a satisfied smile and concentrated look in her eye.

“The owners and the managers did an awesome job of [collecting] a really intentional book selection for the community,” Butler said. “So that’s been a really special part of the process to me, especially being a very proud Wacoan, knowing that the store was built for Waco.”

Local Wacoans and Baylor students alike eagerly waited in anticipation for the book hub, including Montrose, Colo., graduate student Karleigh Conway.

“Having lived in Waco for a little while, I had heard that two

## Fabled Info

215 South 4th St.  
254-296-8143

### Hours:

Mon. - Thu.  
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Fri. - Sat.  
9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Sun.  
Noon - 6 p.m.

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women were dreaming up a bookshop,” Conway said. “And I knew that it sounded super dreamy and something I would be interested in being a part of.”

The Baylor student discovered where she belongs among the books, coffee and smiling faces and now works as a shift lead at Fabled. Conway described their team at Fabled as dynamic, caring for one another and working together to create one vision.

“The more that we get our feet wet in the book industry, we see more and more that every bookstore has its own feel,” Batson said. “It has its own personality.”

Batson perused several bookshops when she lived in England before she could find a personality that would fit her own bookshop one day.

Not very far from where Batson lived in England, she lost herself in stories while drinking tea in Barter Books, a bookshop converted from an old train station in Alnwick.

“The wife had a love of books, and the husband had a love of trains, so they bought an old train station and made it into a bookstore,” Batson said.

Another bookshop and cafe that was very formative for Batson was Shakespeare & Co., a popular destination for bookworms traveling through Paris.

“Obviously, we have a very different feel,” Batson said. “[Shakespeare & Co. is] kind of a cozy, nookish kind of place and we’re a little bit more open. But just that sense of like old world, we really wanted to integrate it here to make it feel like it has been here forever.”

Conway found her own cozy reading nook tucked hidden behind shelves and shelves 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.”

From the exposed white brick walls and the cozy seating arrangements to the magical elements for children and bookish merchandise, all of the pieces come together to create the atmosphere of Batson and Frenzel’s fantasies.

“There were a lot of places and elements of shops abroad that we wanted to bring in to Fabled, including our English pub sign that hangs over our cafe bar,” Batson said. “He watches over us.”

At their cafe, patrons chat over drinks yanked out of their favorite books from their childhood: the Muggle Mocha inspired by Harry Potter, the Raspberry Cordial inspired by Anne of Green Gables and the Froboscottle inspired by The BFG, to name a few.

“Books and coffee. I mean, that’s a match made in heaven,” Batson said.

## Upcoming Events

Sat. Sept. 7 at 10 a.m.

A visit from *J.H. Reynolds*  
Author of “The Monster Street Series”

Thu. Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.

A visit from *Stephen Harrigan*  
Author of “Big Wonderful Thing: A History of Texas”

Tue. Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.

A visit from *Autumn Krause*  
Author of “A Dress for the Wicked”

# Make it your way

# TikTok

## Tik Tok, a creative outlet

**PRESTON GOSSETT**  
Arts & Life Editor

There's a reason Tik Tok's motto is "Make Your Day."

One of the notable reasons for Tik Tok's success is the fact that it focuses less on being a social platform, and instead focuses on other people's creativity.

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



I was almost late to an event because I was just scrolling through videos.

**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 made a sticker chair for my room with all of my stickers [that I made] on it. I think it got around 150,000 views."

The only downside to Tik Tok—it's very easy to lose track of time while scrolling through the "For You" page, according to Boyd.

"I was almost 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 was just scrolling, not realizing that time was passing so quickly."

For Mission Viejo, Ca., sophomore Allie Pitones, she enjoys Tik Tok more for the videos and funny content rather than creating any original content. Tik Tok is more than an app to her—she said it's brought her frined group closer together, and they even have a group text where they just send each other videos.

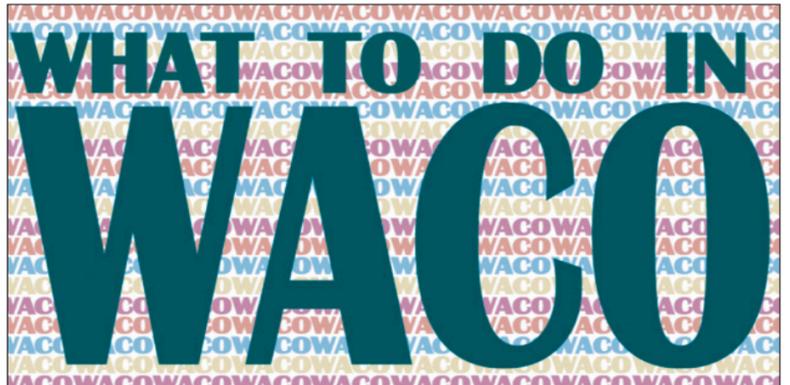
"Lately, I've been spending a lot more time on Tik Tok than I ever have," Pitones said. "It's great though, because my best friend and I have a lot of inside jokes and spend a lot of quality time together making funny Tik Toks no one is ever going to see. They're never leaving my drafts."

Pitones and Boyd both appreciate Tik Tok for different reasons, but one thing they both agree on: Tik Tok has made some very interesting things trendy.

"The other day, I saw someone painting hydroflasks with scenes from different movie scenes, and one of them was a Stranger Things hydroflask," Pitones said. "I immediately went to her profile, messaged her and ordered one."

No matter what people choose to use Tik Tok for, the creators hope people are sharing their creative expression through their videos.

"Our mission is to capture and present the world's creativity, knowledge, and moments that matter in everyday life," according to Tik Tok's website.



**PRESTON GOSSETT**  
Arts & Life Editor

## Friday, Aug. 30

**Late Night** | 8 – 11 p.m. | Moody Library, Bill Daniel Student Center, McLane Student Life Center, Bobo Spiritual Life Center, Russell Gymnasium | Over 225 student organizations open booths with free food, live music, games and other activities.

## Saturday, Aug. 31

**Nature Hike** | 10 a.m. | Waco Mammoth National Monument | If you want to enjoy nature, join a nature walk with one of our rangers

**Football: Baylor vs. Stephen F. Austin** | 6 – 10 p.m. | McLane Stadium | Price Varies, Check Website | Support the Bears as they kick off the 2019 season vs. Stephen F. Austin!

**Tough on Fridays** | 8:30 – 11:00 p.m. | Nexus Esports | \$20 | The band will be rolling out their brand new originals as well as some old favs with Alex Owens opening. All tickets will include an autographed show poster from Tough On Fridays and a photo opportunity with the band!

## Sunday, Sept. 1

**Not Just Another Pretty Face** | 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Dr Pepper Museum | The exhibit covers what the soda pop industry and science field is like for women as well as how women have been portrayed in advertising throughout history.

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## Bears vs Bruins: Volleyball hits the road



Kristen DeHaven | Multimedia Journalist

**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION** Junior outside hitter speaks to reporters prior to Wednesday's practice on the floor of the Ferrell Center. Pressley and senior middle blocker Shelly Stafford were chosen for the 2019 Preseason All-Big 12 Team.



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**DIG FOR IT** Freshman libero Jena Kelly digs for a ball during drills at Wednesday's practice on the floor of the Ferrell Center. Kelly is one of six freshmen joining the Bears this year.



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**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 in Lincoln, Neb.

## Bears looking for fifth straight victory over SFA

**JESSIKA HARKAY**  
Sports Writer

Coming up on their fifth matchup since 1928, Baylor aims to remain undefeated against Stephen F. Austin in their season-opener this Saturday.

Last facing SFA in 2011, the Bears were led by Robert Griffin III and totaled a 48-0 victory in just three quarters before the game ended due to weather. Baylor averaged 50 points in the matchup and have held the Lumberjacks to consecutive shutouts.

With an eventful past leading up to the game, head coach Matt Rhule expects the Lumberjacks to attack the Bears' points of weakness.

"What we know is the things that have given us trouble last year, we know we're going to see them," Rhule said. "It's as much watching the things that Vanderbilt did to hurt our defense, what other teams did to hurt our defense. It's about watching what blitzes hurt our offense 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 true freshmen T.J. Franklin and Gabe Hall.

"There's some bumps in the road when you play young guys," Rhule said. "But, they are tremendously talented and have worked really hard. So we'll play them, and see what happens, and coach them up and try and get them better week in and week 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're like 'this guy is my age, 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 an in. He's very, very limber. T.J. Franklin is a guy who just, especially in spring ball, turned some heads, a hard worker, tough, competitive, very competitive."

SFA comes into the game with a new coaching staff led by head coach Colby Carthel who previously spent six seasons at A&M Commerce and led the team to six-consecutive postseasons, cinched the 2017 NCAA Division II Football National Championship and held an overall .766 (59-18) win percentage.

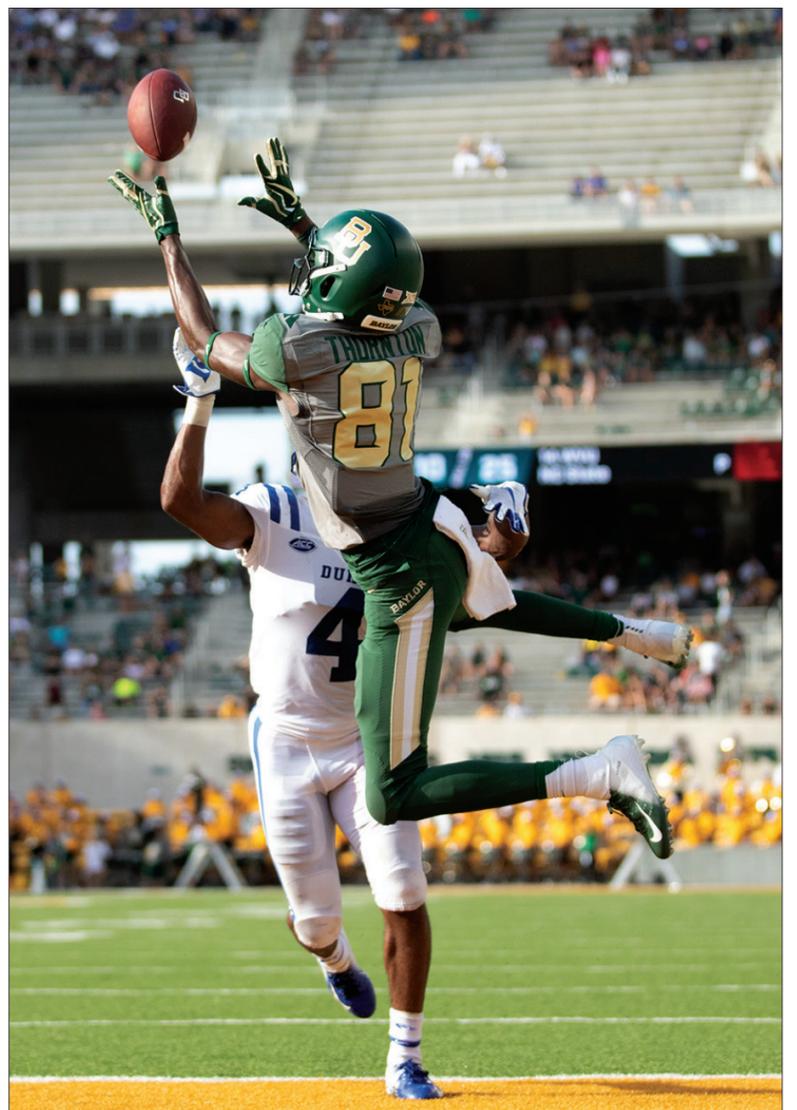
Understanding the success Carthel had with the Lions, Lockhart has his eye on the potential run game that can threaten the Bears' defense.

"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, me personally, I've been studying some of the things they did there and trying to get an idea and feel for the game and what they do."

Offensively, confidence is soaring with the veteran group. Rhule explained that the offensive line is "15 to 16 men deep," and veteran junior quarterback Charlie Brewer "knows exactly what to do." The only challenge now is waiting for game day.

"I'm at the point now that I just want to see the guys play for their sake," Rhule said. "We'll go out and play as hard as we can and I know on Sunday we'll go and wake up and I'll find a thousand problems but I want to see them play, have them play and have some fun."

The Bears kick off the season at home at 6 p.m. this Saturday at McLane Stadium. You can also catch the matchup on Baylor's first-ever broadcast on Big 12 Now and ESPN+.



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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. 15, 2018. The Bears will start several young players on Saturday, including freshmen defensive tackles TJ Franklin and Gabe Hall.

# Meet the Bears 2019



Kristen DeHaven | Multimedia Journalist  
**STARSTRUCK** A fan poses with one of his favorite players from the Baylor football team, sophomore running back Abram Smith.



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**INSTAGRAM DAD** A dad enthusiastically takes a photo of his son with one of the players.



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**NO. 1 FAN** A fan proudly sporting his green and gold meets one of the fantastic women's teams at Baylor.



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**SIC 'EM SIBLINGS** A group of siblings are excited to be filling their posters with signatures at "Meet the Bears" Saturday at McLane Stadium.



Kristen DeHaven | Multimedia Journalist  
**TINY TRIO** Three future Bears meet the football players at the Defensive Backs table at "Meet the Bears."

## Cross country to rebuild, host Bear Twilight Invitational

**AHFAAZ MERCHANT**  
Sports Writer

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 Jon 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 freshman, 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 Celia 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 seven meets this year beginning with the Bear Twilight Invitational at 7 p.m. Friday at the Heart of Texas Soccer Complex.



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**MOVE THOSE FEET** Baylor cross country runners fly off the starting point Aug. 31, 2018 at the Bear Twilight Invitational last season. The men placed first and the women placed second.

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