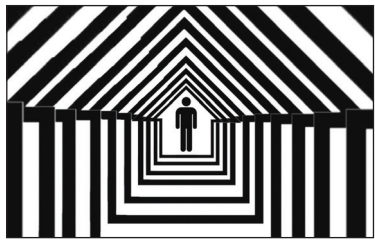


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## 100 years of spirit

**VIVIAN ROACH**  
Staff Writer

### Celebrating Baylor's cheer

The Baylor University Spirit Squad is celebrating 100 years of serving as Baylor ambassadors cheering on the university's sports teams both at home and away.

The spirit squad is composed of all girl yell leaders, co-ed yell leaders, the songleaders dance team and mascots Bruiser and Marigold. They perform at all football games, basketball games and home volleyball games. Team members also travel to postseason football championships and bowl games.

Baylor yell leader alumna Susan Bell said during her time at Baylor from 1986 to 1988, the spirit squad consisted of yell leaders and songleaders, with five men and five women as yell leaders.

"Back in the day, we did it a little differently. I would try to get sleep before games but it was like we were trying to compete with A&M, we had pep rallies at midnight for the football games," Bell said. "I wouldn't get home until 2 or 3 in the morning. Although you get energy once you're in front of the crowd; the adrenaline kicks in."

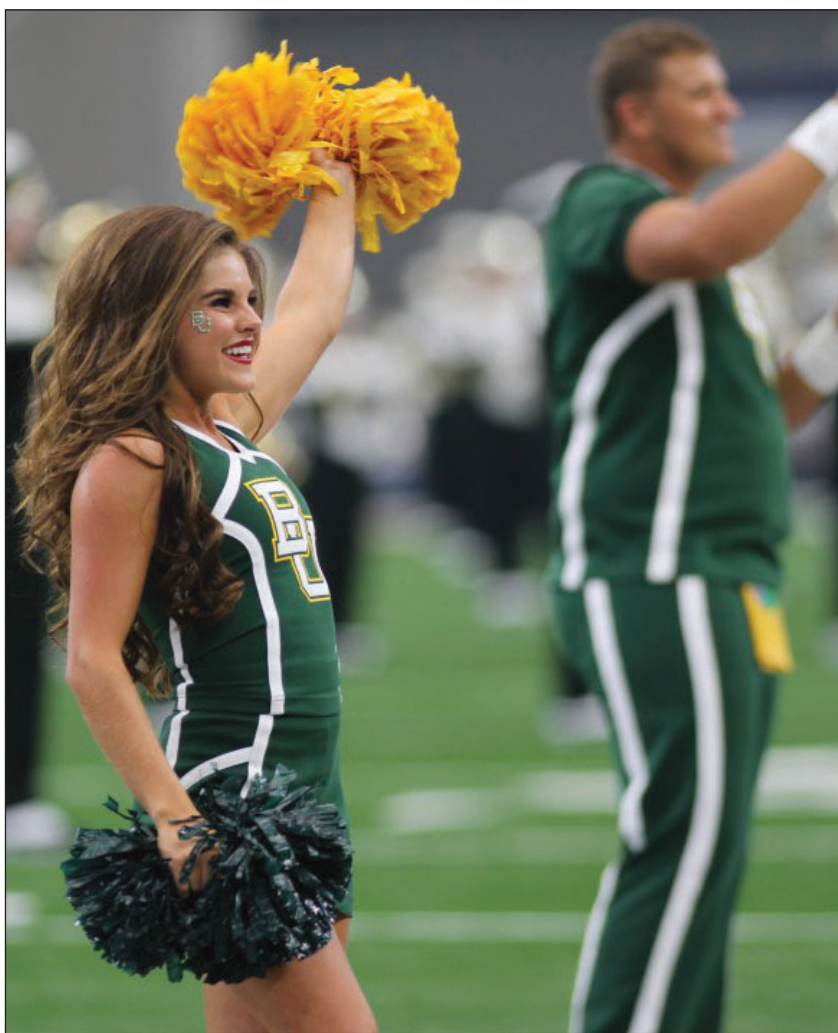
Bell said most of the cheers and the band's music has remained the same. At any game the fight song or "When The Saints Go Marching In" won't be missed.

When Bell was on the sidelines, the bears joined them too. She said they got to be really up close to them, and in proper Baylor fashion, the bears were allowed to enjoy a Dr Pepper too.

It is tradition for the spirit squad to travel to postseason games. Bell traveled to the Bluebonnet Bowl in 1986, and the NCAA men's basketball tournament in 1988 to cheer on Baylor.

San Antonio junior Kathryn Fuller has been dancing as a member of the songleaders and said the long hours are more than worth it.

"We have really long days, wake up at 4 in the morning to get ready but honestly



Lariat File Photo

**DECADE-LONG SUPPORT** The Baylor University Spirit Squad was founded in 1920, and has served the Baylor community in sporting and spirit events. It has kept many traditions from the past, including the fight song and other cheers.

once you get on the field, do pregame and also on the Baylor Line run, you get a new burst of energy," Fuller said.

Bell said that during her time at Baylor only the men ran the Baylor Line.

In 2019, Fuller and Talley traveled with teams to the Big 12 championship game, NCAA March Madness tournament, NCAA volleyball tournament and NCAA Division I women's basketball tournament.

Houston junior Caroline Talley has been a member of the songleaders since her sophomore year, and said she enjoys the tradition of the Baylor spirit squad and

community it has given her.

"When we are all in the locker rooms so early, we just mess around. You make a lot of fun memories hanging out with everyone," Talley said.

As a new tradition for the spirit squad, the songleaders will return to the Dance Team Union's College Classic as last year's national champions during the first weekend of April in Las Vegas. They represent Baylor among other college's dance teams in a number of different dance competitions.

## Professors explain threat of coronavirus

**PRANAY MALEMPATI**  
Staff Writer

China's daily death toll from a new virus topped 100 for the first time and pushed the total past 1,000 dead, authorities said Tuesday after leader Xi Jinping visited a health center to rally public morale amid little sign the contagion is abating.

Though more offices and stores in China were reopening after the extended Lunar New Year break, many people appear to be staying home. Public health authorities are closely monitoring whether workers' returning to cities and businesses resuming worsens the spread of the virus.

Baylor professors gave their thoughts on the virus based on their prior experience and knowledge of the virus.

Dr. Kelli Barr, assistant professor at Baylor and tropical disease biologist, said that the novel coronavirus is actually not any more threatening than other respiratory illnesses currently circulating.

While the fatality rate for the coronavirus is only 2%, less than that of influenza, Barr said there is a right to be concerned.

"The reason why it's viewed as a threat is because other viruses have had severe fatalities," Barr said. "Coronavirus can jump from human to animal and is spread by respiratory contact. When you have those factors combined, the virus has more chance to become more pathogenic and cause

more severe disease."

Dr. Alan Schultz, an anthropology assistant professor at Baylor and epidemiologist, said the reason the coronavirus is a threat is because it is unlike any disease our body has fought off before.

"It's interesting because what exactly sets off the process by which enough changes occur that the immune system can't fight it off?" Schultz said. "It looks like nothing else. It is, in that sense, brand new. So your immune system doesn't recognize it. Nothing you've seen before necessarily affects it, meaning that everyone is vulnerable."

Barr said the global community is not very close to developing something to fight the disease because of the type of virus it is.

"Coronavirus is an RNA virus and it has a very high mutation rate," Barr said. "It is also passed between humans and numerous sorts of animals like bats, cats, dogs, pigs, cows, so it mutates even faster... we probably will [have a vaccine] in the future."

Both professors said that the fatalities related to the disease are mostly among individuals who have some sort of outside factor. They said this includes elderly people, those already sick or those who smoke.

The statistics, according to Schultz, show that out of every 100 people to be exposed to this coronavirus, only about four individuals get infected. However, Schultz said a big reason

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## Candidates congregate in Waco for meet-and-greet

**MATTHEW MUIR**  
Staff Writer

Waco's chapter of the League of Women Voters hosted roughly 20 political candidates for a meet-and-greet Monday night at the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame. The event included candidates from both major political parties running in next month's primary elections seeking local, state and federal offices.

Ivy Hamerly, the voter services chair for the Waco League of Women Voters, said that Monday night's event took months of planning. Hamerly is responsible for reviving the League's Waco chapter following the 2016 election.

She said she wanted to grow a healthy political climate in the local community.

"After the 2016 election I thought - what is something I could do that is constructive and that helps improve our democracy?" Hamerly said. "I read about League of Women Voters chapters having meetings and hundreds of people suddenly showing up. I couldn't find a Waco chapter. It looked like it had gone dormant, and I wrote to the state league and they said, 'Would you like to reboot it?'"

Among the candidates in attendance were six prospective representatives for Texas' 17th congressional district, which included Waco and College Station. Rep. Bill Flores (R), who announced his retirement from the House of Representatives last year, leaving the

seat without an incumbent for the upcoming election. Democrats David Anthony Jaramillo, Rick Kennedy and William Foster III, Republicans Kristin Alamo Rowin and Laurie Godfrey McReynolds and Libertarian Ted Brown all came to pitch themselves to voters.

Every attending candidate vying for the seat made healthcare one of their talking points. As the Libertarian nominee, Brown is the only candidate so far guaranteed to be on the ballot for the general election in November. Brown pitched himself as the "anti-war candidate" and said he believes in the Libertarian principles of free market economics and personal freedom. This applies to his healthcare proposals as well; Brown said the key to fixing America's healthcare system is making use of the free market.

"I think there's too much government involved in healthcare, that what causes it to become so expensive and so over-regulated," Brown said. "Is healthcare a right or is it a privilege or whatever? I don't think it's either. It's a service, and goods and services should be provided by free-market competition."

Kennedy, one of three Democrats in March's primary, secured the party's nomination in the 2018 election. Kennedy is tight-lipped about his strategy to win, but voiced his opinions on income inequality, infrastructure and healthcare.

Rather than pursuing less government

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## Wednesday's Career Day sparks student interest

**LUCY RUSCITTO**  
Staff Writer

Baylor's Career Day is scheduled from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation and in the fifth floor of the Cashion Academic Center.

The campus Career Center hosts Career Day to provide students with an opportunity to introduce themselves, create connections and seek out internship and job opportunities with over 150 employers.

In the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation atrium, for-profit companies can be found meeting with students, and the fifth floor of the Cashion Academic Center will host nonprofits and government agencies.

Shelby Cefaratti, the marketing communications coordinator at the career center, said there is a heavy emphasis on the fact that Career Day is all-encompassing for students in every area of study.

"For business, liberal arts and STEM [majors], we really try to look at what companies are going to be hiring lots of different majors," Cefaratti said. "Then, we look at what are some of those more specialized companies, and make sure that we bring those in too."

Cefaratti said in the past, the Career Center used to put on multiple smaller, major-specific fairs for students, but found they were difficult to publicize and attract students to because

there were so many of them throughout the academic year. Many of the employers come specifically seeking Baylor grads to recruit.

"We have it early in the semester because that's when employers are going to be recruiting," Cefaratti said. "We do it all together so that the students, instead of taking numerous days, can take one day they can dedicate to this."

Las Vegas sophomore Anchal Chandra is on the pre-dentistry track at Baylor. She said this Wednesday will be her first time attending Career Day, but she has fully utilized the Career Center and its resources in order to receive her first collegiate internship.

"I went to the Career Center to amp up my resume, tailored towards internships I was aiming at for the summer. They also helped me with writing my personal statements and other application essays," Chandra said. "It really helped me out, gave me confidence about what I'm doing and what I'm writing about, and how to tailor it in a way where it's professional."

Cefaratti said she acknowledges that the Career Center is an underrated source for students.

"I am working to try to make sure the Career Center is part of the vocabulary and the experience [of students]. It's part of the

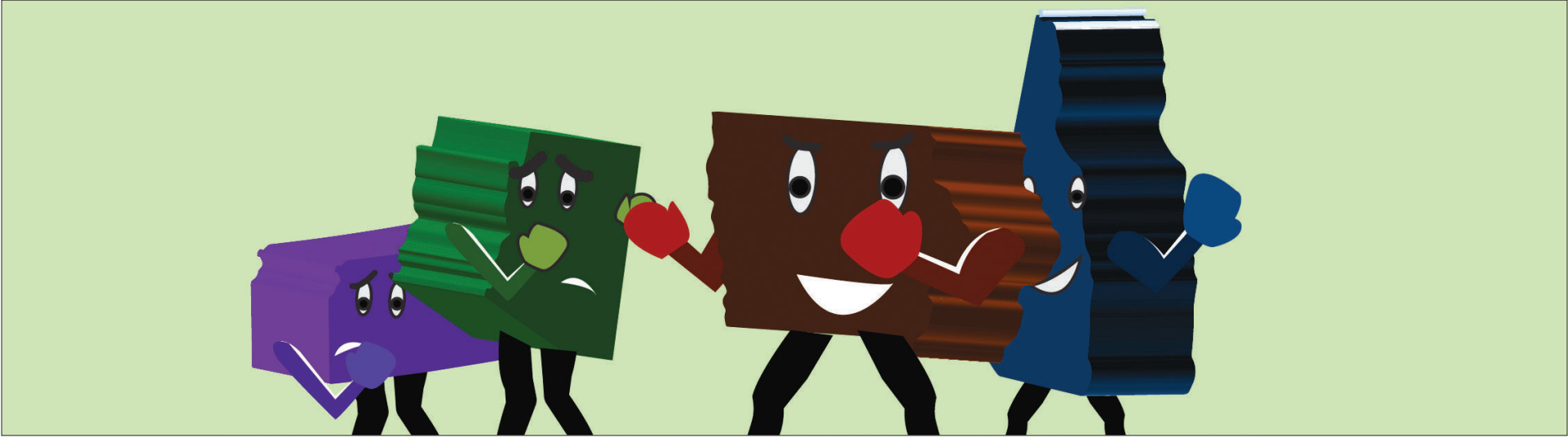
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EDITORIAL



Hannah Holliday | Cartoonist

# Share the primaries voting system

The Iowa caucus was a disaster, and while New Hampshire was a simpler voting process, it still has an outsized effect on the national discussion due to its early placement in the voting calendar. The primary season needs an overhaul.

Iowa is the No. 16 state for best representative of the national voting body, according to a NPR study.

It's close to the top in similarity in education level, age, income and religious fervor, but Iowa is 85% white, while America is just 60%. New Hampshire is much farther down the

list, No. 49 to be exact. The state is bottom-eight in four of the categories and No. 33 in education.

Now every state has its issues, and every state will eventually have its primary or caucus. But, and this is a big but, according to multiple studies, a vote in one of the first two states counts as many as 20 votes later in the season. Also, in the last 40 years, only one candidate has won a candidacy without winning Iowa or New Hampshire: Bill Clinton in 1992.

It is a problem that states that are so out of sync with the rest of the

country have so much influence on presidential candidates.

So they shouldn't be first. States that are more representative of the national body should be first. And there shouldn't be one state with too much influence.

If instead of four states in four weeks before Super Tuesday in March, there was a mini Tuesday with four states all at once, maybe the national discussion would be more aligned with outcomes in the early primaries.

The U.S. Census splits the

nation into four regions: Northeast, Midwest, South and West. What the NPR study doesn't take into account is regional differences, which could be accounted for if there were states picked from each region.

The largest states in the nation also shouldn't go first. If states with hundreds of delegates went before the smaller samples, those states may look at their votes as only confirming previous results rather than helping them pick who won.

From the top 10 states in NPR's study, and states with lower delegate

counts, Arizona (No. 3 and 67 delegates), Kansas (No. 2 and 39), North Carolina (No. 5 and 110) and Rhode Island (No. 10 and 26) would all be worthy candidates to help the nation get a grasp on who can be a viable presidential nominee.

Sure, there are good people in Iowa who care about their political responsibility. And the same goes for those in New Hampshire. But no state, or two states, deserves as much influence as they have, and especially not two whose demographics don't show the whole picture.

COLUMN

# Explore the power of living independently

IGOR STEP CZYNSKI  
Broadcast Reporter

When we are college freshmen, one of our most fundamental standards of life is changed: living away from our family. Whether you are an only child or a sibling to many, simply existing without a leash is a drastic and magical change in our young adult lives.

Once freshman year concludes, most people usually opt to move off campus with newly chosen roommates while cherishing the privacy of their own bedroom and bathroom. Yet there is often a common unspoken desire of the total privacy that comes with living alone, or as I prefer to say, living independently.

I was one to have such desires and decided to act upon it by living by myself senior year. However, nobody warned me about the intimate contact I would have with three powerful forces, each with their own dual opposing energy. If you are considering living alone, this column is an honest and personal advanced notice from me, yours truly, of things I wish I was told before learning them the hard way.

### The Power of Self-Autonomy

The first thing you will come in touch with is the power of complete self-autonomy.

Living alone exposes you to unprecedented interaction between you and your living space. The only opinion to take under consideration is your own.

Beware: This power is both sobering and intoxicating. It is sobering in the fact that you are in full control of what happens and when it happens. Bid adieu to constant decision making that needs to consider another person's functioning and fair share of utility. It's all up to

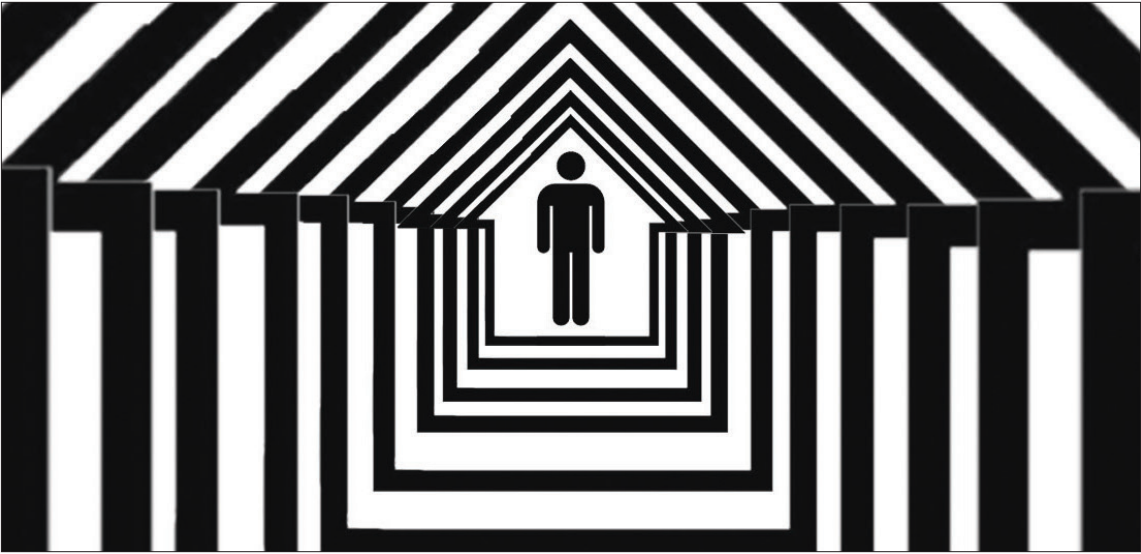


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you in choosing when to wake up, go to bed, have people over, study, party or meditate.

You are the only pilot in the cockpit, with the choice to fly toward whatever is appealing at any time.

This power is also intoxicating, as it no longer has an appropriate outside buffer such as a roommate. Your plane is no longer subjected to the health of passengers or other co-pilots.

You may often find yourself doing things at an inappropriate hour, thus influencing your circadian rhythm and safety. There will be times when the line between your virtues and vices will blur.

Character may be who you are when nobody is watching, but true character development is learning what you aren't when nobody is watching.

Prepare to find both the beauty and ugly in yourself, and learn how to face each one accordingly to prevent the line from being blurry for too long.

My tip? Make meditation your best friend. It's healthy to experience the wounds of your self-autonomy.

Meditation will prevent you from rubbing salt in it.

### The Power of Silence

The second force you will sensitize yourself to is the power of silence.

It is healing to listen to yourself without the noise of another. Gone are the days of muting out a roommate and being muted out by them. The sound of footsteps, door shutting, water running or other physical actions will no longer catch you off guard because you are the only stimulus to the noise around you. At any time, you can tune into your thoughts without interruption.

But beware: Silence can also be damaging. It can be very loud when you are alone.

When the physical realm around you is silent, thoughts and voices in your head begin to be louder than ever before.

The thoughts and voices in your head aren't subject to the laws of physics, where the loudness of a sound wave can be measured and manipulated with its amplitude. That can be a positive

thing when the thoughts are desirable; but when they are left undistracted or uncontrolled, they can turn out to be just as damaging to your psychological health as a boombox speaker is to an eardrum.

My tip, other than keep yourself busy? Again, make meditation your best friend. Also, personalize your space by decorating. Make it easier for your mind to like the silence by providing an aesthetic appeal that warrants a positive reaction.

### The Power of Presence

The last force you will grow to know is the power of presence, more specifically the lack thereof.

When you have a roommate, you grow to revel in the few instances you do have the place to yourself. The presence of others can feel apathetic, especially in a dormitory or in a classroom. Even when you hang out with friends, you may not pay much attention to the quality of a specific time when the quantity is high.

Beware: You will grow sentimental over those apathetic moments when

living alone. You really don't truly realize what you have until it's gone.

Coming home to somebody's presence feels routine when you have a roommate. People frequently coming into your home was something expected.

Yet, as somebody who now lives alone and keeps himself busy, I fully took it for granted. When I think about the times when I came home to see my friend on the couch or vice versa everyday, I am overcome with nostalgia and sometimes sadness. You'd think the likelihood of people coming over and being present would be high when living alone, right? Unfortunately, that's not the case.

Gone are the days of effortless interaction in your home. It's a tough pill to swallow, but the presence of others becomes an effort.

When starting to live alone, you will feel left out. You will feel sad. You will feel lonely. But you begin to cherish the value of being present with friends and friends being present with you. You learn new ways to see each other, and it will feel more worthwhile. The presence of friends in your living space will now emphasize quality, not quantity like before. That's what adulthood is.

My tip? Keep yourself busy, in a social sense. The appeal of "staying in" will grow dull when living alone, especially during your senior year.

At the end of the day, living alone makes you look reality in the face and become more of an adult in many different facets. It will come to most of us eventually, and it will make us a better friend and spouse in the future. However, I can wholeheartedly say that it is not for all of us. It comes with many advantages, but not without a price to pay. I hope this column helps in your decision as to whether you feel ready to live alone.

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# Shadow’s story: inspiring positive pet treatment

JESSIKA HARKAY  
Reporter

Castellaw Communications Center has a special four-legged friend who has taken over a corner of one of the building’s back entrances and has since become a personal greeter.

Journalism senior lecturer Maxey Parrish said the black cat named Shadow first appeared three or four years ago. After the cat’s countless appearances at the building, different staff members began to leave out food and water. Now the space is occupied with a bed, blanket and occasional students stopping by between classes to say hello.

“She’s been adopted, essentially. It’s interesting because she will not come inside. She just got her space and she occupies it, and she’s happy to share with people and other animals,” Parrish said.

Although her friendliness shocked Parrish, who said he’s never seen or heard about a similar situation in other departments, feral cats in the area are not uncommon. The Humane Society of Central Texas, which covers a 20-mile radius around Waco, identified 131 stray cats in July 2019.

Emily Hunter, a Waco native and administrative assistant at Fuzzy Friends Rescue, said the problem is not tied necessarily to Baylor or Waco, but homeless animals are an issue at most college campuses.

“There’s often an issue with new students coming in, and they miss their pets at home so they get a pet, then they come to the end of the semester,” Hunter said. “They realize they’re going home and they don’t have a way to transport the pet. Sometimes the thinking is that it’s kinder to let the pet go instead of taking them to a shelter.”

Hunter continued explaining that throughout years of students letting pets go, the animals begin to breed with one another. After a few generations, the once household animals become feral and unsocialized.

The solution isn’t to get rid of the furry friends, Hunter said, but instead stabilize the



Tyler Bui | Assistant News Editor

**FURRY FRIEND** Shadow the cat greets students and professors outside Castellaw Communications Center.

population through trap, neuter and release (TNR) programs.

“One thing you can tell is if the kitty has the tip of its ear clipped off it’s usually the left ear. But sometimes they’ll do the right ear, that’s a sign that it’s part of a TNR program,” Hunter said.

A popular Waco resource is the Animal Birth Control Clinic, which allows individuals to put down a deposit for a trap to bring the stray pet in to receive same-day reproductive surgery. Afterwards the deposit is returned and the animal is released.

Shadow is one of the cats who has gone through the process and has proven she’s “here for a reason,” Parrish said.

Going forward, the biggest thing now is to encourage awareness.

“Even as a part of freshman orientation, or something, just talking to students if they’re thinking about getting a pet, all the responsibility and all the stuff they need to think about beforehand,” Hunter said.

As for Shadow, she has found her place. “She does some good. She probably catches some mice. You know...it’s going to be a sad day when she’s not there,” Parrish said. “I think she’s kind of nice to have around, to kind of shows a little bit more of a human side of what we’re doing here and that’s a good thing.”



Brittney Matthews | Multimedia Journalist

**OPPORTUNITY** During “Done in a Day”, business students get to have an admissions interview at DIAD while receiving an admissions and scholarship decision within 24 hours.

# MBA ‘Done in a Day’ event decides admittance in 24 hours

SARAH PINKERTON  
Staff Writer

Monday’s “Done in a Day” event allowed Baylor MBA applicants to fit their entire application, interview and acceptance process into a 24-hour window. The event was held in the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation.

The event was geared toward individuals who have already submitted an application, but many prospective applicants attended also.

Scot Sanders, assistant director of admissions in the graduate business programs, planned and hosted this event for Baylor students.

“The day is designed to give our prospective students full access to all things Baylor MBA while introducing them to the culture of the program and that of Baylor University,” Sanders said.

Maria Morales Menendez, current MBA student from Lexington, Ky., has attended the event in the past and said the efficiency of “Done in a Day” and the ability for her to visit Waco is what drew her to attend.

In addition to an admissions interview and the ability to network with current staff and students, attendees were able to sit in during an MBA class and work with current students on a case study.

“I loved engaging in conversation and being able to problem-solve with other people,”

Morales Menendez said. “By them setting that up for me, it really allowed me to see that Baylor is about collaboration and learning through conversation.”

They were then able to hear presentations from the Career Center and student services as well as scheduling appointments with their advisors and career management team.

There was also a panel of faculty members representing cybersecurity, data analytics and entrepreneurship and corporate innovation. All are available as part of the MBA. In addition, medical MBA programs held separate breakout sessions.

“These two sessions help students understand the various areas of focus offered in the MBA program,” Sanders said. “It helps students understand what the career options are associated with each concentration.”

A new speed-networking session was also introduced to allow attendees to meet and connect with current staff, students and ask questions in a speed dating style.

After the conclusion of the event and interview, students will receive an admittance decision within 24 hours, making the Baylor MBA program the only one at Baylor to offer an event like this to prospective students.

“It’s a fast-paced and well-loved event that really puts our fantastic facilities, our extremely well-qualified faculty, passionate staff and outstanding students on display,” Sanders said.

## DAILY CRIME LOG Feb. 06-10

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Offense(s): Possession of Alcohol by a minor, possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
Date Occurred: 02/06/2020  
Disposition: Cleared by citation

Date reported: 02/07/2020  
Location: Outpost Apartments  
Offense(s): Evading Arrest/Detention  
Date Occurred: 02/07/2020  
Disposition: Cleared by arrest

Date reported: 02/07/2020  
Location: East Campus Parking Garage  
Offense(s): Failure to stop and identify  
Date Occurred: 02/07/2020  
Disposition: Closed

Date reported: 02/08/2020  
Location: 900 block of Bagby Ave.  
Offense(s): Burglary of Motor Vehicle  
Date Occurred: Unspecified  
Disposition: Handled by Waco Police Department

Date reported: 02/10/2020  
Location: Penland Hall  
Offense(s): Criminal Mischief  
Date Occurred: 02/10/2020  
Disposition: Suspended

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Location: Speight and S. 8th St.  
Offense(s): Accident failure to stop and identify  
Date Occurred: Unspecified  
Disposition: Handled by Waco Police Department

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Offense(s): Domestic Disturbance  
Date Occurred: Unspecified  
Disposition: Handled by Waco Police Department

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Location: 800 block of Bagby Ave.  
Offense(s): Burglary of Motor Vehicle  
Date Occurred: Unspecified  
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## ARREST LOG Feb. 06-10

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# ‘Tailgate Guys’ to bring new tailgate experience for Baylor football fans

MEREDITH PRATT  
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Tailgate Guys, a company specializing in tailgating services, will be partnering with Baylor Athletics for the 2020 football season. The partnership plans to bring a new tailgating experience to Baylor fans at McLane Stadium with bellhop services from on-site Tailgate Guys staff.

Founded in 2009 at Auburn University, Tailgate Guys has developed over 50 partners nationally in the past 10 years and are is partnered with six Big 12 schools, as well as many other collegiate, NFL, MLB and MLS programs.

Tailgate Guys services include loading and unloading assistance, coolers with ice, tents, tables, chairs, custom tailgate signage and equipment cleanup and breakdown. Local food and beverage services will also be available for purchase.

The tailgate packages start at \$1,000 and cover the entire season, and single-game rentals will be available for select games. The packages and their individual pricing can be found on their website.

Alicia Korte, regional director of sales for Tailgate Guys, has conducted several phone calls with Baylor fans to answer questions they have concerning the partnership.

“There’s been a lot of misinformation,” Korte said.

Many fans called Korte afraid they would lose the tailgating spot they have had for years or were unsure if they could continue to bring their own food to the tailgates.

Korte said that 98% of the phone calls have been positive once she explains the new options and procedures to fans.

“We are grandfathering in any individual that has had custom tailgate trailers made because we understand that’s an investment,” Korte said.

Fans can also continue to bring their own chairs, TVs and other personal items to the tailgates.

Current tailgaters can renew their tailgate location from March 5 to April 30.

Baylor director of athletics Mack Rhoades said that this was not a decision made solely with revenue in mind.

“We certainly feel like it will enhance the customer experience,” Rhoades said.

The new tailgating experience with Tailgate Guys is structured to allow more groups to have the opportunity to tailgate, whereas before there was a waitlist of fans without the space to do so. Rhoades said he also predicts that organization will improve and surrounding traffic will lessen.

The company will be having a pop-up tailgate at the Baylor’s spring football game on April 18 to preview their services to fans.

“Tailgate Guys are absolutely the best in the business,” Rhoades said. “They get it.”

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transformational education that you get. This is part of your tuition,” Cefaratti said.

Cefaratti said the Career Center’s best tips for preparing for Career Day include dressing the part, trying on your outfit many times beforehand, bringing numerous copies of one’s resume and going with an open mind. Cefaratti also said it is imperative that students register for Career Day through Baylor’s Handshake website.

“If you don’t have a resume, come see us. Every office has drop-in hours. You can make an appointment. We also have resume templates online through Handshake,” she said.

Chandra said she has been preparing for Career Day and recommends that students practice their introductions with employers.

“Networking and creating that elevator speech, where you’re selling yourself and your

credentials, who you are and what your goals are,” Chandra said. “Practice it in the mirror a couple times... maybe with your professors that you’re comfortable with, and make sure you’re able to deliver it in a confident manner and be able to share yourself with grace.”

Despite the push for campus-wide involvement, Cefaratti said she believes that there has been a stigma of anxiousness built up around Career Day. Another stigma she said students believe is if they’re underclassmen or not a business major, they cannot attend.

“Looking for a job is not fun or easy, or I think a lot of students are very intimidated by it,” Cefaratti said. “Going to the career fair as a safe way to do it. You can go, you can talk to different employers, you can practice introducing yourself in a real environment.”

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this virus spreads quickly is because of the time gap between when someone becomes infectious and when they feel symptoms.

“[Four people out of 100] sounds like a low number, but it’s epidemic... There is a significant asymptomatic period. This means people will get it and they’re infectious, but they’re not otherwise sick or it’s not obvious that they’re sick with this [coronavirus] in particular,” Schultz said. “So they are otherwise likely to continue living their lives because it feels like a very mild cold. But the truth is they’re infectious and then the symptoms ramp up afterwards. Sort of the way the disease progresses might be one of those setups that makes it more difficult to clamp down. People get it, they’ don’t realize it and think ‘I can’t infect people,’ and then they

do.”

Schultz said that because we are in a developed and rich area of the world, the coronavirus is unlikely to cause an epidemic here.

Barr said there isn’t much reason to worry, but that it doesn’t hurt to be careful.

“There’s no reason to be upset or paranoid,” Barr said. “We’re at a very low risk. If you’re concerned, don’t go out where there’s a lot of sick people. Wash your hands. Don’t touch your face. This virus is easily killed with soap and water, so wash your hands with soap and water frequently.”

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

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involvement, Kennedy said he would advocate for expanding Medicare to all Americans who want it.

“I would want to open up Medicare to a public option to allow anyone to enroll,” Kennedy said. “You’ll extend healthcare to the 30-plus million Americans who don’t have it, it’s going to start to help bring down costs... it’s going to get people access to primary care... it’ll have protections against bankruptcy due to healthcare costs and it’ll preserve Americans’ choice to stay with their employer-subsidized insurance.”

McReynolds was one of two from the field of 12 Republican challengers to attend the League of Women Voters event. McReynolds said government involvement in healthcare is “killing us,” and that the U.S. should rely more on the free market, but proposed a solution to help those in poverty.

“You need to look per capita and you need to see how many people are at poverty level, and then you figure out how many doctors approximately it would take to take care of that many people,” McReynolds said. “And you don’t give it away... If you could go to the doctor for say \$10 or \$15 and then get a prescription for \$5 or \$10, and then you could go get maybe a mammogram... Then I think that I think that you could take care of more people, they would have a little skin in the game.”

Foster, one of Kennedy’s Democratic contemporaries, listed education and jobs along with healthcare as his key issues. On the healthcare front, Foster went even further than Kennedy, saying he wants universal healthcare.

“I think that healthcare should be a right for every citizen in this country,” Foster said. “Certainly we can, in District 17, make it a model for the people in the country.”

Republican Kristen Alamo Rowin said her most important issues were “family issues,” which include the economy, unemployment and healthcare.

Alamo Rowin leans strongly toward free market healthcare over government programs, and said the Affordable Healthcare Act and Veterans Affairs are proof more government involvement leads to worse outcomes.

“I believe that the [Affordable Healthcare Act individual] mandate was unconstitutional, it hurt people like me, working people that couldn’t afford insurance,” Alamo Rowin said. “I think that we see that in the VA system, which the government runs, there are a lot of deficiencies that we see when the government controls things. I also do not believe that it is the role of the government to secure healthcare because I believe that healthcare is a service. It is not a right.”

Alamo Rowin said her presence at the event was an act of defiance against establishment politics. Late last month, the Republican Party of Texas issued a bulletin to its members advising against attending events with candidates from other parties before the primary election. Alamo Rowin said she thought shutting out non-Republican constituents would be the wrong thing to do.

“For me, as I mentioned being the anti-establishment candidate, I will always stand up for what I believe is right, and I believe it is right to reach all of my constituents,” Alamo Rowin said.

Jaramillo, the third Democratic hopeful, is running heavily on healthcare reform. A Marine Corps veteran himself, Jaramillo said his platform includes a focus on veteran care through the VA.

“I’m also running on VA healthcare benefits and reform,” Jaramillo said.

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# Look into life at Homestead Heritage

PHOEBE ALWINE  
Reporter

Pottery spinning, yarn weaving, wood chippings, metal tools and the smell of baked goods are some of the treasures at Homestead Heritage, a community approximately 20 minutes away from Baylor.

Homestead prides itself on being an intentional Christian community valuing sustainability, agriculture, self-sufficiency and craftsmanship. Seated on 510 acres and consisting of a craft village, farming land, pastures and housing, the close-knit community is home to around 1,000 members.

Homestead Heritage’s website states that while not affiliated with a larger organization, it shares beliefs with many Christian groups such as Baptist, Mennonites and Methodists.

“We are nondenominational, but our roots do go back to Anabaptist roots,” Hailey Scarbrough, a potter at Homestead, said.

The community stresses the importance of bringing the Bible into everyday activities. The website also shares that members believe in living a simplistic life, which is a main reason for their agrarian and craftsmanship lifestyle.

“Faith has to do with everything I do and the kind of person I’m hoping to be,” Angela Annunziato, a gristmill worker at the Homestead, said.

Their faith and beliefs lead the members of the community to utilize craftsmanship as one of the main resources to life at the Homestead. Their skills include pottery, blacksmithing, basket weaving, carpentry, the gristmill, yarn weaving and agricultural work.

“Products made from scratch are a lot better quality than factory-made products, and it’s very rewarding to use something that you made from scratch,” James Collins, blacksmith at the Homestead, said.

Children in the community begin crafting at an early age, enabling the members of the Homestead to be well-rounded in all crafts.

“You can start kids with hand sewing as young as 4 or 5. For pottery it would be a bit older you have to have good hand-eye coordination,” Brandon Trevino, a potter at the Homestead, said. “Most people in the community have knowledge in each of the different crafts.”

The community stresses an agrarian lifestyle, meaning they produce and maintain farmland. The website also explains that the members use natural farming techniques such as draft horses for plowing, mules for cutting grain and a water-powered gristmill, which grinds grain.

“The advantage to farming our own food is that we know where it comes from,” Annunziato



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**FIRE UP IMAGINATION** One of the classes offered at the Homestead to local Wacoans and other non-community members is blacksmithing.

said. “It’s high quality stuff; organic, non-GMO, no pesticides. We know exactly what we’re mixing into all our baking mixes.”

While they maintain a life of farming, self-sufficiency, crafting and producing, the members of the Homestead Heritage, such as Scarbrough, also value being connected with the Waco community.

“We offer many classes here for crafting. People will come in here and spend eight or nine hours with us,” Scarbrough said. “I teach most of the [pottery] classes and I’ve personally become good friends with a lot of people in the surrounding Waco area.”

The Homestead offers around 120 classes at The Ploughshare Institute for Sustainable Culture. Classes include woodworking, blacksmithing, basket weaving, knitting, yarn spinning and kitchen skills.

During these classes, people learn key craftsmanship skills taught by various craft masters of the community. Offering classes

enables the Waco community to learn the ways of the Homestead Heritage.

Saturdays at the Homestead are a great way for the Waco community to be involved with their way of life. The Homestead offers “make-your-own” activities for children, where kids can learn to weave baskets, make clay pots, shape a spoon with the blacksmith and stamp leather.

The Homestead’s website provides information on how to register for classes or to check availability. They also have hay rides around their community to share their agrarian way of life with outsiders.

The Thanksgiving Fair is an annual tradition bringing thousands of outsiders to The Homestead. This action-packed two-day event includes craft demonstrations, agricultural exhibits, live Gospel music from the Heritage Choir and Orchestra, food and shopping.

“In 2019 we had around 15,000 people come out [to the fair]. It’s a big way for us to come

together,” Trevino said. “I think the biggest reward is getting to interact with the people during crafts, food and the music.”

The Homestead Heritage furthers its connection with the Waco community through the Café Homestead. This on-site restaurant is a favorite among locals and serves farm-to-table meals.

“We will basically have a new menu every season because different foods grow better in other seasons,” Andrew Taylor, the general manager of Café Homestead, said.

Due to the Homestead’s emphasis on growing its own produce, all of the food at Café Homestead is all natural and mostly organic.

“The café brings in a ton of people from the Waco area,” Taylor said.

The Homestead Heritage’s focus is on a self-sustaining, agriculture-forward, craftsmanship lifestyle. Yet the members of the community greatly value the connections with the surrounding Waco area.



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**POTTERY BARN** A potter from the Homestead Heritage community molds a pot with her hands. The pottery house, where she works, is one of the buildings that make up Craft Village.



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**FORGE N’ HAMMER** This Homestead resident makes tools. Homestead Heritage offers classes on blacksmithing and other crafting arts, where participants can make their own kitchen tools.



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**THAT’S SO METAL** The members of the Homestead Heritage community are craftsmen in the arts of woodworking, weaving and spinning, basket making as well as blacksmithing.



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**SWEET DREAMS** Another member of Homestead Heritage community makes a blanket using a loom in the fiber-crafts cottage which is one of the buildings in Homestead’s Craft Village.





ANDIE CHILSON | Reporter  
JAZZ MEETS ART Chelsey Smith is the featured artist at the Kieran-Sistrunk Fine Art Gallery.

# Local art gallery displays abstract expressionism

ANDIE CHILSON  
Reporter

Abstract expressionism and collage artist Chesley Smith brings an eclectic body of work to Waco's Kieran-Sistrunk Fine Art Gallery as its featured artist for February.

Smith's work will be exhibited through Feb. 28 at the Kieran-Sistrunk Fine Art Gallery, located at 2120 Washington Ave.

"[Smith] found us," Kieran-Sistrunk Fine Art Gallery co-owner Susan Sistrunk said. "He came walking in a few months ago and said, 'How would you like to show my work here?'"

Mark Kieran, the other co-owner of the gallery, said they have never featured collage-style work like Smith's in their gallery before.

"It's really interesting stuff, it's different than anything else we've showed in here," Kieran said. "We've done abstract, we've done oil painting, we've done landscape artists ... but it's different because of the collage aspect."

Smith said he draws inspiration from memories and music, particularly jazz. The abstract, varied nature of his work reflects his perception of jazz music.

"If I'm listening to smooth jazz, then the colors will be blues and greens, but if I'm listening to blues jazz, it gives me a different kind of inspiration," Smith said.

"Proverbs have psalms and singing and things like that," Smith said. "But my two main areas of interest are music and memories."

In addition to drawing inspiration from his personal experiences and the music he listens to, Smith also said he likes to title a piece of art before starting it.

"The title directs the piece," Smith said.

Kieran and Sistrunk saw the unique nature

of Smith's artistic approach and they wanted to give him a place to showcase his work to the Waco community.

The art exhibit's purpose is to give such an opportunity to other artists in the Waco area and beyond who find it difficult to find a professional setting to exhibit their work.

"There's a limited amount of availability for local artists to be able to showcase their work around here," Kieran said.

"We enjoy giving a room every month to an artist to showcase and bring their friends and family and make it about them for an entire month," Sistrunk said.

So far, Kieran and Sistrunk have featured 10 artists from Texas and Louisiana in the gallery, which has been open since March of last year. So far, the duo has sold 60 original works – a great feat for a new local gallery, according to Sistrunk.

However, Kieran and Sistrunk are discerning about the artists they feature in their gallery.

"They have to have quality work, and they also have to have a body of work ... and something that's kind of cohesive in nature," Kieran said.

In addition to a robust body of work, Kieran and Sistrunk also look for artists who know how to present their pieces well.

"Framing education is also good," Sistrunk said. "If an artist knows how to frame and show their work, that helps a lot."

Kieran and Sistrunk will exhibit Smith's work in their gallery through February before they welcome a new artist in March. To learn more about the gallery, local Wacoans and Baylor students can check out the exhibit on Facebook.

## WHAT TO DO IN WACO

### TUESDAY

**Barnes Decorative Arts Course: American Decorative Arts (1650 - 1840)** | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Education Center at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum, 102 Texas Ranger Trail | \$75 or \$50 (students) for the entire course; \$15 per course for up to three courses

**Karaoke Tuesday** | 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. | Buzzard Billy's Swamp Shack, 100 N Interstate 35 Frontage Road | Free

### WEDNESDAY

**The True Love Dating Show** | 8 p.m. | Truelove Bar, 414 Franklin Ave. | Free | Hosted by local comedian Michael McBrine, the live dating style game will lead to a few of Waco's eligible bachelors and bachelorettes winning a date

**Lyle Lovett and his Acoustic Group Concert** | 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. | Waco Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave. | Tickets range from \$49.75 to \$99.75 | Lovett will be playing cuts from his new album, "Release Me."

**Open Mic Night** | 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. | Common Grounds, 1123 S. Eighth St. | Free

### THURSDAY

**Galentine's Trivia and Waffles** | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Painting with a Twist, 1621 N Valley Mills Drive | \$45 | This event is for ages 15 and up

**Valentine's Dinner** | 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Honky Tonk Kid BBQ, 112 Mary Ave | \$55 | By reservation only, the dinner features four courses

**Blind Date with a Book: Galentine's Day Edition** | 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Fabled Bookshop & Cafe, 215 South 4th St. | \$25 (one book, one drink and one dessert)

**Ayham Hammour (piano) Concert** | 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Roxy Grove Hall, Waco Hall | Free | Ayham Hammour is an active performer, most recently giving recitals in prestigious concert halls of Poland, Austria, Spain, Slovakia and Italy



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- 57 Ballot spike
- 58 Trusty horse
- 59 Corp. execs

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### Dennis the Menace



"MR. WILSON SAID HE **LOST** A FEW POUNDS, BUT... I DON'T THINK HE **LOOKED** VERY HARD FOR THEM."

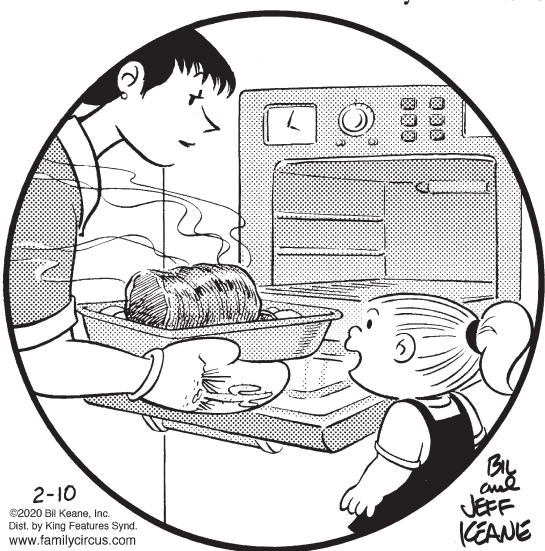


"THE THINGS A GUY HAS TO EAT JUST TO GET SOME DESSERT."

### The Family Circus

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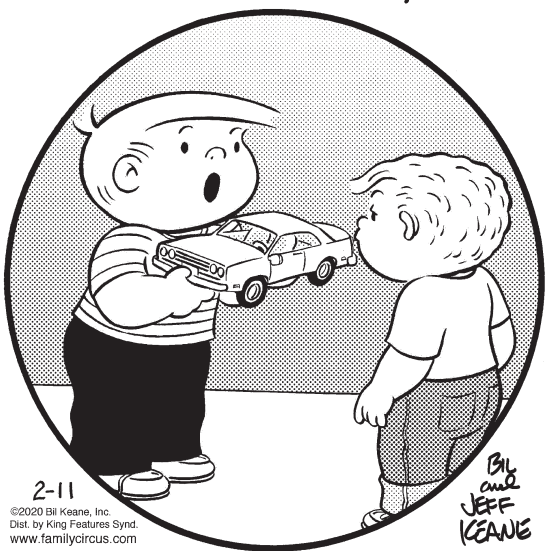
By Bil Keane



"Oh boy, roast beef! I know two of my toes are gonna be happy!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"This car already has 10,000 miles on it. It came from China."





Brittney Matthews | Multimedia Journalist

**TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK** Junior forward Mark Vital and sophomore guard Jared Butler help redshirt sophomore Davion Mitchell up after he was knocked down during Baylor's 78-70 win Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

# Bears still on top of CBB

**MATTHEW SODERBERG**  
Sports Writer

On Monday, Baylor men's basketball was picked as the No. 1 team for the fourth time in a row. Big 12 teams have also been ranked for five weeks this season, more than any other conference in the country.

Kansas and Baylor have been ranked in the top five for the past month, with West Virginia right behind No. 14 and the defending national runner-up in Texas Tech hovering around the edge of the rankings. Baylor redshirt junior guard MaCio Teague said they are proud to be the top team in the nation.

"We get every team's best shot," Teague said. "We just try to embrace that, and we know that'll help us in the long run ... It feels good and everything to be No. 1. We don't really think about it too much because that's when you get complacent ... We're just trying to stay locked in night in and night out and go 1-0 each day."

On top of the high ranking, Baylor's schedule is also among the toughest in the country. According to KenPom, the team has had the 43rd-hardest schedule this season, and an even harder conference schedule than most other high-major schools will play this season. Head coach Scott Drew said the depth of the Big

12 is what makes it a truly great conference.

"For six straight years, the No. 1 conference in the country has been the Big 12, and it's never been because of the No. 1, 2 or 3, it's been because of teams six, seven, eight, nine and 10," Drew said.

Redshirt senior forward Freddie Gillespie said the team doesn't even look at records before the game because they don't reflect the quality of the team they're going to face.

"Record is not an indicator of how good of a team they are," Gillespie said as Teague nodded his head. "And I stand by that."

Drew has been at this for a while. In his 17th season on Baylor's campus, the team has been ranked No. 1 twice in the past three years after never receiving the honor before in the history of the program. Oklahoma State head coach Mike Boynton Jr. said what Drew has been able to do in Waco is a testament to his skill as a coach and leader.

"I think all the people in Waco ought to be proud that [Drew's] been here this long, has built this thing into a national championship-type program," Boynton said. "I've got a lot of respect for him and his staff and the way they go about things, and his kids play the game the right way."

"When you get a group of guys who have bought into everybody having a role carved out and being the best that they can, you have a chance to be very, very good nationally."

## College Basketball AP Top 25 as of Monday

1. Baylor
2. Gonzaga
3. Kansas
4. San Diego State
5. Louisville
6. Dayton
7. Duke
8. Florida State
9. Maryland
10. Seton Hall
11. Auburn
12. Kentucky
13. Penn State
14. West Virginia
15. Villanova
16. Colorado
17. Oregon
18. Marquette
19. Butler
20. Houston
21. Iowa
22. Illinois
23. Creighton
24. Texas Tech
25. LSU



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**HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE** Travis "T-Rex" Carver holds up his signature "Saturdays are for the Bears" flag in support of Baylor men's basketball Saturday during the Bears' 78-70 win over Oklahoma State at the Ferrell Center.



Photo courtesy of Travis Carver

**SIC 'EM BEARS** Travis Carver pumps up the Baylor men's tennis team prior to the Bears' season opener against Boise State on Jan. 18 at the Hawkins Center.

# Saturdays are for the Bears: Super fan by choice

**BRADEN SIMMONS**  
Reporter

If you are finding yourself in an argument with someone who believes they are Baylor University's No. 1 fan, you should advise them they are fighting for second place.

Travis Carver, or better known to Baylor Nation as "T-Rex," is an indisputable super fan of the university. On an average Saturday in Waco, you will undoubtedly see him decked out in green and gold creating a home-field advantage to one or multiple Baylor teams in the day.

Carver said his love for Baylor started young as he grew up in Waco around the university. Carver said it started from his dad putting a Baylor shirt on him and taking him to a game, and turned into being a "brainwashed fan" until he fell in love with Baylor.

"My dad grew up a Baylor fan, so he raised my brother and I the same way," Carver said. "We have been season ticket holders for 30 years and grew up going to football, mostly, but then it grew to more."

Continuing his passion for the university, Carvers' love for

Baylor athletics as well as his consistent presence as a fan didn't stop when his work took him to Kansas City after graduating from McMurry University. Carver attended multiple Baylor games on the road at Kansas, Kansas State and Iowa State.

Carver said he is never bothered by opposing crowds and a hostile environment while supporting the Bears.

"My brother and I walk in with our masks on and fans are yelling at us or talking trash," Carver said. "I make it known from the start that for four quarters you will know I am here. The look on their faces feels like they have never had fans come in and act like they own the place, but it's how we walk in there."

Now residing in Texas once again, Carver said he enjoys being back in his home state and loves the opportunity to be closer to Waco to see games both at home and on the road.

Known to most for his leadership in bringing energy to the team and other fans, Carver said he hopes there can be more of a transformation at Baylor to bring an even better home-field advantage.

"It's definitely been better than it was but I believe we truly don't have a true home-field advantage," Carver said. "I go to a lot of away games and see their fan sections. They can be bad that

season and their school still has a passion for making it to games and being loud, and I hope at Baylor we can get each arena or stadium loud or rocking to help impact the game."

Baylor men's tennis head coach Brian Boland told the Lariat how much of an impact Carver has made with his support for Baylor.

"He supports all of the coaches and teams at Baylor Athletics and is the most positive, energetic and passionate fan I have ever seen," Boland said. "He bleeds green and gold, and I know the coaches and student-athletes are grateful for his efforts."

In 1986, Baylor started the Alumni by Choice program to highlight individuals that weren't able to attend the university but still upheld values true to Baylor. In January, Carver was awarded as an honorary Alumni by Choice for his devotion and support of Baylor athletics.

"Receiving the alumni by choice decree was an amazing honor," Carver said. "My dad received it years ago, so to follow in his footsteps as a supporter of Baylor along with my brother was great. My family has always been big supporters so to know that our support has been recognized just reinforces the love of Baylor that we have and always will."



PRO SPORTS



Associated Press

**PRO BEARS** Former Baylor football player Shawn Oakman completed the only sack for Los Angeles during XFL football game Saturday in Houston. Oakman held Baylor's record for single-season sacks until James Lynch broke it last season.

# XFL debuts to positive reviews

**PRANAY MALEMPATI**  
Sports Writer

The NFL season ended last weekend with the Kansas City Chiefs taking the Super Bowl LIV trophy home. But this year, a new league has come about to fill the appetite of football fans. WWE chairman Vince McMahon brought back the XFL this weekend, which only survived for one year in 2001.

The XFL has eight teams, so there were two games on Saturday and two on Sunday. There are quite a few former NFL players in this new league. While most were not big-time NFL players, there are a few recognizable names on XFL rosters.

The first game of the season was held Saturday in Washington, D.C., between the D.C. Defenders and the Seattle Dragons, which the Defenders won 35-19. The game was tightly contested for three quarters, until the Defenders broke a 19-19 tie late in the third with a touchdown pass from Cardale Jones to Rashad Ross.

Yes, that is the same Cardale Jones who came out of nowhere and led Ohio State to a national championship in 2014 during the first-ever edition of the College Football Playoff. Jones served as an NFL backup quarterback for a few years and is now a starter in the XFL.

In Saturday's game, Jones finished with 235 passing yards, two touchdowns, no interceptions and a passer rating of 116.7.

There was another recognizable name in the first XFL game: former Baylor star and Dallas Cowboys receiver Terrance Williams, who now plays for the Dragons. He had four catches for 27 yards and a touchdown.

In Saturday's second game, the Houston Roughnecks hosted the Los Angeles Wildcats. Houston defeated Los Angeles 37-

17. A couple of former NFL players in this game were running backs Elijah Hood, who starts for the Wildcats, and DeAngelo Henderson, who is a backup for the Roughnecks.

Shawn Oakman, a former star defensive player for Baylor, was the Wildcats' only life defensively. He put up the only sack and only two QB hits LA had for the whole game.

In addition, the backup quarterback for Los Angeles is Jalan McClendon, who spent some time at quarterback for Baylor in 2018, splitting time with Charlie Brewer in a few games that season.

Sunday's first game, with the New York Guardians hosting the Tampa Bay Vipers, was a blowout. The Guardians won 23-3 and controlled the game throughout. New York quarterback Matt McGloin was a solid backup in the NFL for five years before joining the XFL. He had a passing touchdown as well as a rushing touchdown.

The only road team to win in week one was the St. Louis BattleHawks who went to Dallas and took down the Dallas Renegades 15-9.

BattleHawks quarterback Jacob Ta'amu showed out, completing 20 of 27 passes for over 200 yards and a touchdown. He also had nine rushes for 77 yards. The BattleHawks have a couple of former NFL running backs on the roster in Matt Jones and Christine Michael.

The XFL's week one was a relative success, as between 15,000 and 20,000 fans showed up for each game. The television ratings for the first game between D.C. and Seattle, which was broadcast on ABC, drew 3.3 million viewers, according to 247sports. The big question now will be whether McMahon's football league will last longer this time around than it did in 2001.

## Weekly Home Schedule

**Wednesday:**  
WBB vs. TCU  
7 p.m. at the Ferrell Center

**Thursday:**  
Softball vs. Abilene Christian  
5 p.m. at Gettman Stadium

**Friday:**  
Softball in Gettman Classic  
3 p.m. vs. Prairieview A&M  
5:30 p.m. vs. Grand Canyon  
at Gettman Stadium

Baseball vs. Nebraska  
6:30 p.m. at Baylor Ballpark

**Saturday:**  
Softball vs. Western Illinois  
12:30 p.m.  
at Gettman Stadium

Baseball vs. Nebraska  
2 p.m. at Baylor Ballpark

MBB vs. West Virginia  
3 p.m. at the Ferrell Center

Gettman Classic Semifinals  
3 p.m. at Gettman Stadium

**Sunday:**  
Softball in Gettman Classic  
Consolation Match 10 a.m.  
Championship Noon  
at Gettman Stadium

Baseball vs. Nebraska  
1 p.m. at Baylor Ballpark

Women's Tennis vs. Illinois  
Noon at Hawkins Center

## BIG 12 DOMINANCE



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**YOU SHALL NOT PASS** Redshirt senior forward Freddie Gillespie guards against Oklahoma State's Isaac Likekele during Baylor's 78-70 win over the Cowboys Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

No. 1 Baylor men's basketball completed their 21st-straight win with a 52-45 win over Texas Longhorns Monday night at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. The Bears are 11-0 in Big 12 play. Read the full game recap by sports writer Matthew Soderberg online at [baylorlariat.com](http://baylorlariat.com).



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