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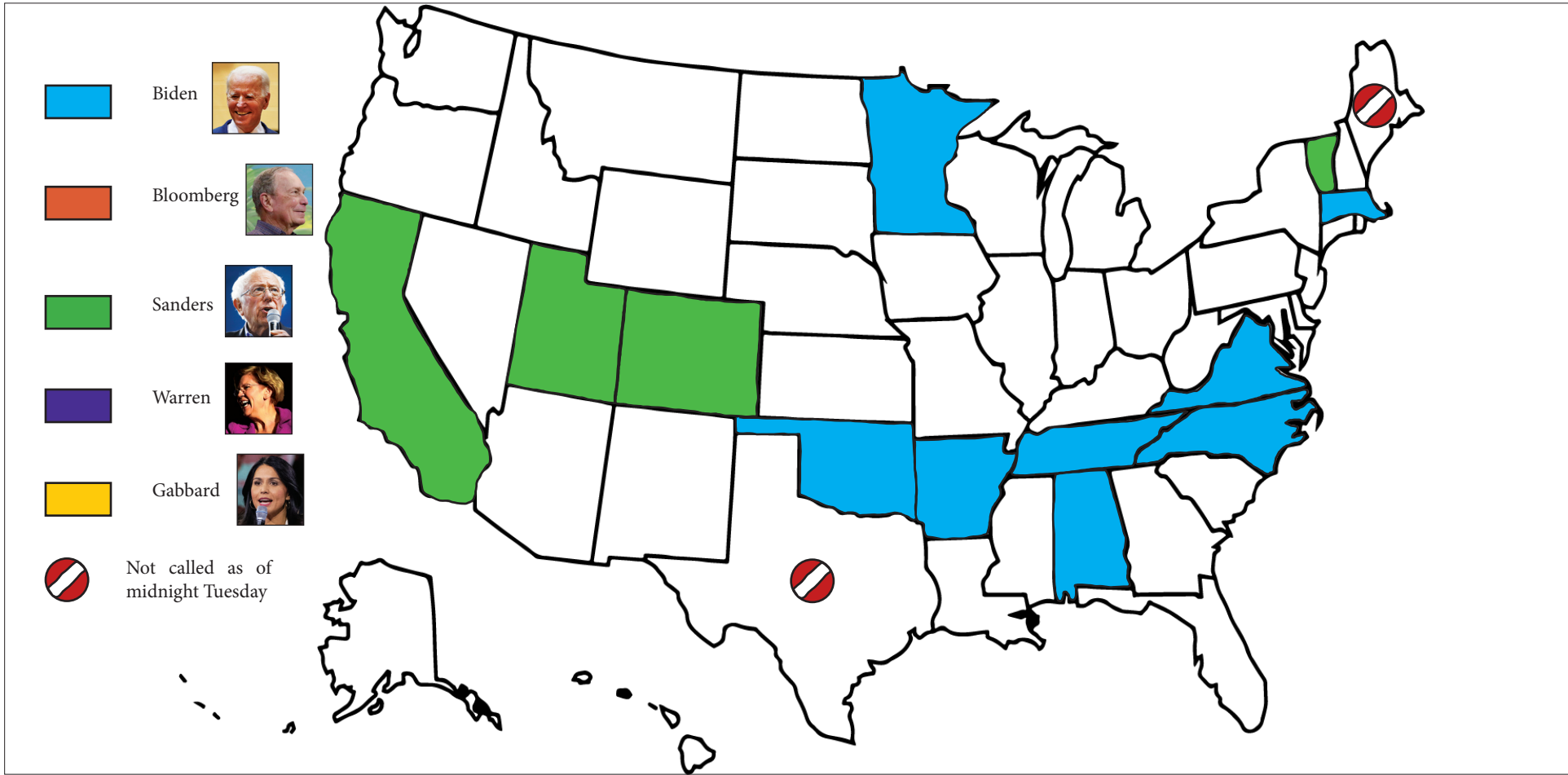
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## Super Tuesday sweeps the states



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**BIG NIGHT FOR BIDEN** Joe Biden won upsets in both Massachusetts and Minnesota in the Super Tuesday Democratic primaries, while Bernie Sanders won the big state of California. As of midnight Tuesday, the races in Texas and Maine were still uncalled, but both were leaning in support of Biden.

## Sanders wins top prize, California; Biden surges across the nation

**STEVE PEOPLES & WILL WEISSERT**  
Associated Press

A resurgent Joe Biden scored sweeping victories across the country with the backing of a diverse coalition and progressive rival Bernie Sanders seized Super Tuesday's biggest prize with a win in California as the Democratic Party's once-crowded presidential field suddenly transformed into a two-man contest.

The two Democrats, lifelong politicians with starkly different visions for America's future, were battling for delegates as 14 states and one U.S. territory held a series of high-stakes elections that marked the most significant day of voting in the party's 2020 presidential nomination fight. The winner will take on President Donald Trump in the November general election.

The other two high-profile candidates still in the shrinking Democratic field, New York billionaire Mike Bloomberg and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, were teetering on the edge of viability. Warren finished in an embarrassing third place in her home state, and Bloomberg planned to reassess his candidacy on Wednesday after spending more than a half billion dollars to score a single victory — in American Samoa.

The new contours of a nomination fight pitting Biden against Sanders, each leading coalitions of disparate demographics and political beliefs, were crystallizing by day's end as the former vice president and the three-term senator spoke to each other from dueling victory speeches separated by 2,500 miles (4,000 kilometers) Tuesday night.

"People are talking about a revolution. We

started a movement," Biden charged in Los Angeles, knocking one of Sanders' signature lines.

And without citing his surging rival by name, Sanders swiped at Biden from Burlington, Vermont.

"You cannot beat Trump with the same-old, same-old kind of politics," Sanders declared, ticking down a list of past policy differences with Biden on Social Security, trade and military force. "This will become a contrast in ideas."

The balance of Super Tuesday's battlefield — with Biden winning at least eight states and Sanders four — raised questions about whether the Democratic primary contest would stretch all the way to the July convention or be decided much sooner.

Biden's strong finish punctuated a dramatic turnaround in the span of just three days

when he leveraged a blowout victory in South Carolina to score sweeping victories on Tuesday that transcended geography, class and race. And lest there be any doubt, he cemented his status as the standard-bearer for the Democrats' establishment wing.

The former vice president showed strength in the Northeast with a win in Massachusetts, won Minnesota in the upper Midwest and finished on top across the South in Virginia, Alabama, North Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas — in addition to Oklahoma.

Sanders opened the night as the undisputed Democratic front-runner and was in a position to claim an insurmountable delegate lead. And while he scored the night's biggest delegate-prize in California, he scored just three other decisive

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## Waco watch parties draw political crowd

**MATTHEW MUIR & MEREDITH PRATT**  
Staff Writers

The major political parties of McLennan County gathered Tuesday eager to discover which candidates would win their respective nominations.

As polls closed around the country, Democrats and Republicans found their respective election night watch parties. Members of the McLennan County Democratic Party met at the Klassy Glass Wine Bar, while McLennan County Republicans gathered at their offices around town.

The Democratic race for the presidential nomination came down to a showdown between Bernie Sanders and Joe Biden which was still too close to call at

midnight. In a dynamic primary race which saw Tom Steyer, Pete Buttigieg and Amy Klobuchar drop out in the days leading up to Super Tuesday, Erin Shank, an election judge and precinct chair, said her choice came at the last minute.

"Well you know I'm a very strong Democrat and it really took me until the last minute to kind of figure out who to vote for, but today I did vote for Joe Biden," Shank said. "I think he is the candidate that is most qualified to beat Trump and I think we need someone after the damage that Trump has done to us, especially in foreign policy, to bring us back into respect internationally."

Brad Holland, the unopposed



Matthew Muir | Staff Writer

**DEMOCRAT** Katherine Turner-Pearson (D.), running for Texas House of Representatives, was one of two candidates to attend.

### Reporting from the event by LTVN. Scan and watch!



## House field whittled down

**CASSANDRA SHIN & BECCA MUNCY**  
Reporters

Candidate Sessions led the Republican primary election for the U.S. House of Representatives Tuesday night with 30.39% of the vote as of midnight Tuesday.

Rick Kennedy led the Democratic primary for the House seat with 49.61% of votes as of midnight Tuesday.

Hailing from Waco, Sessions previously served in the House for 11 terms before losing a Dallas-area seat in 2018.

"The goal that we have always had is to offer strong messaging and representation to the people of this district where they understood how important T-17 is, not just to the Republican Party but really to the conservatives of Congress," Sessions said.

Democratic candidate David Jaramillo received 31.92% of votes, and said at a McLennan County Democratic Party election watch party that the district needs representatives who "represent the district,

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EDITORIAL

# Grow up with grown-ups

From a young age, we are taught to respect our elders. Sayings like “this is grown-up talk” and “you’ll understand when you get older” instilled a concept of a bar of entry to adulthood. There is an invisible yet very salient relational distance between those who are adults and those who are not.

For college students, who have always grown-up with this reverence and even fear of adults, it is time to knock those walls down.

The gap between us and the adult world is quickly closing. The reality is that we are adults now, too. Once we hit that 18-year mark, we earn the legal standing of “adult.” And college seniors are approaching the next life landmark at which they lose the classification of “student” and trade it in for a job title.

Embracing adulthood means beginning to associate with other adults. You are one of them; start acting like it.

We can feel intimidated by the authority figures in our life — mentors, professors, bosses, etc. While retaining a respectful reverence

for these people, it is important to remember that you don’t need to be afraid of adults anymore; you are one.

Fear of adults can manifest in nervousness and timidity that keeps you from fully communicating. At one point, everyone has operated within an ultra-formal persona in front of an adult they were afraid of: few in words, stiff in movements.

Continuing to resort to this guise will hold you back in the career field. In interviews, you may come off as too closed off or unconfident if you feel you can’t share anything of substance about yourself. In the workplace, you may not negotiate salary or contribute ideas in fear of speaking out.

While we should still act within professional bounds, we should learn how to make substantial connections with other adults.

This can start in college by making more meaningful relationships with professors. Professors specialize in interacting with college students. Talk to them before or after class and go to their office hours.



Hannah Holliday | Cartoonist

Another step could be taking advantage of the Career Center’s interview training.

Getting over the intimidation of adults is necessary for future success. Have confidence

in your right to be treated and be heard on parity with everyone else in your workplace.

COLUMN

# Presidential debates need polishing

LILLY PRICE  
Reporter

Democratic debate season is well underway, a chance for the American people to get acquainted with the Democratic presidential candidates as primary elections are beginning to be held across the country. Or at least, that’s the function debates are supposed to serve. However, as we get closer and closer to selecting a Democratic presidential candidate, the debates get messier and messier. An opportunity for the politicians to share their views on different policies has turned into a mudslinging, chaotic, disorganized show. And nothing made this more clear than the debate in South Carolina on Feb. 25.

The first question of the night addressed to Bernie Sanders about the value of democratic socialism when the unemployment rate is currently so low turned into a chance to dig at candidate Mike Bloomberg for being a billionaire.

The debate progresses with each candidate proposing why they would be a better fit for president than Sanders, often cutting off the moderators, interrupting other candidates, and going over their allotted time. And rather than focus on current issues, the moderators also brought up former decisions or policies made by candidates, such as Bloomberg’s stop-and-frisk program during his tenure as

mayor of New York City, which only further incited criticism from the fellow candidates. And while addressing a candidate’s past is a natural part of the campaigning process, it’s wasteful to use debate time talking about a candidate’s past when the focus should be their plans and policy stances for the future. Not only were past sins brought up and picked over by the participants, but accusations ran rampant, like when Warren claimed that Bloomberg told one of his former employees to “kill” her unborn child.

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LILLY PRICE | REPORTER

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of political debates.

But the candidates themselves cannot take all the blame. The moderators and questions have come under fire for being inflammatory and partisan. A Democratic debate held in Detroit in July 2019 included many questions from moderators that were accused of being Republican talking points. One of the questions, directed to Sanders, included a quote from a Republican congressman that said government-sponsored health care would be the type of policy that gets Donald Trump reelected.

A Vox article about the line of questioning stated “the debate sometimes felt like it was more about attacking progressive policy proposals ... than it was substantively exploring the difference between the candidates.”

It’s clear that presidential debates need massive adjustments if they are to serve voters as they were originally intended. More emphasis needs to be placed on the development of nonpartisan questions, ones that look to open a discussion about policy rather than personality. Moderators are there to do just that: moderate. They need to be more intentional about controlling the candidates, enforcing time limits, and preventing participants from following rabbit trails. Rather than a show where the goal is to attack the opponent, more work needs to be put into creating televised debates that actually inform the voter. Democracy only works if people know and understand the positions of their delegates.

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COLUMN

# Voting process misrepresents majority vote

PRANAY MALEMPATI  
Sports Reporter

The Electoral College gives each state a certain number of electors based on its population; in most states, all the electoral votes in the state go to the candidate who wins the popular vote in that state. This system has been in use for over 200 years.

But the Electoral College has to be changed. It causes many voters to stay home on Election Day, specifically those who live in states that have been historically dominated by one party. This system makes these voters believe that their votes will not matter since the state’s outcome is essentially guaranteed.

The issue is that often these voters are right. Every vote for a losing candidate in a state is essentially eliminated from the electoral equation.

For example, in the 2016 election, Hillary Clinton received 43% of the votes in Texas, while Trump received 52% of the votes. However, Trump received all 36 electoral votes that were delegated to the state, washing away the nearly 4 million voters who voted for Clinton. This works in both directions, as the same thing happened to Trump in Virginia. He received 44% of the votes while Clinton received 49% and swept all 13 electoral votes in that state.

The Electoral College system not only keeps

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PRANAY MALEMPATI |  
SPORTS REPORTER

many potential voters at home, but also nullifies the effect of many Americans who actually make the effort to come out to the polls.

However, we cannot move to a purely popular vote. Even though that make every individual’s vote worth the same, it would also incentivize candidates to campaign solely in major population hubs such as California, Texas and New York.

What, then, would be best system? What would inspire more voters to participate, but also make sure candidates campaign across the country?

The best way to conduct our presidential election would be to move to a proportional delegate-based system. The electoral votes in each state should be divided between candidates based on the percentage of the popular vote they receive in that state.

That way, votes for a losing candidate in a certain state will still matter towards the election, especially if the state’s voting is close. Further, candidates will still have to campaign in cities and states that are not heavily populated, such as rural areas, because the electoral votes of those states will still matter.

Turning to a delegate-based electoral college will bring more voters to the polls in states that are dominated by one party and, in turn, involve more Americans in the selection of our president.

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Mireya Sol Ruiz | Multimedia Journalist

**HEALTHY CHOICES** Jessica Dugan, general manager of Luna Juice Bar, pours a smoothie for a customer.

# Baylor external affairs promotes local businesses

**VIVIAN ROACH**  
Staff Writer

Local businesses are partnering with Baylor's Go Gold! Program under the Solid Gold Neighbor initiative city growth pillar to encourage local shopping by offering discounts.

The goal of the city growth pillar is to keep students and staff in Waco after their time at Baylor. By partnering with local businesses, Krista Brinser, external affairs assistant director of community relations, said she hopes the initiative will foster relationships between the campus community and Waco so they want to call the city home.

The Go Gold! Program has partnered with over 60 businesses since last summer, and the list continues to grow. The program also hosts events on campus for the Waco community, organizes cultural events at the Mayborn Museum Complex and has special events and other activities in addition to driving campus traffic their way.

"Everything we do is built on the power of collaboration and partnership," Brinser said. "We partner externally, but we also have incredibly strong internal partnerships. We wouldn't be able to do any of the work that we do without the people that we link arms with, and it wouldn't be valuable unless those partners were to pick it up too."

Not only do their business partners offer discounts on dining at local restaurants like La Fiesta and Torchy's Tacos,

but they also offer them for gym memberships, museums and leisure activities.

There are five pillars to the Solid Gold Neighbor initiative along with city growth: economic development, health, education and cultural wealth.

Holly Burchett, external affairs director of community growth, focuses on the health pillar to bring awareness to good healthy habits in the community.

"Through the health pillar of the Solid Gold Neighbor initiative we hope to provide connection, coordination and engagement to bridge resources between Baylor and Waco," Burchett said.

Currently, the program is planning the Gil Taylor Behavioral Health Symposium in collaboration with local health entities. Burchett hopes the event will create a greater awareness around depression, anxiety and addiction.

Brinser is also looking forward to an upcoming project with Creative Waco called Chalk Waco. The night before the Silos District Marathon, professional artists will be creating chalk murals the size of parking spaces on Austin Avenue. Each mural will represent a different local business or supporter.

"To get this out, not only as a service to the campus community, but as a service to those local businesses knowing that the easiest way that Baylor can support the Waco community is by spending our money locally, makes a huge difference," Brinser said.

# Sen. Cornyn discusses plan for general election in November

**LAUREN GASSEL**  
Reporter

Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) spoke to a packed house in McGregor on the evening of Super Tuesday. He discussed the plan that has to be executed in order to win the general election in November.

Cornyn didn't shy away from the fact the last Senate election between Beto O'Rourke and Ted Cruz was close.

"This is a fight for time, because you have people with incredibly bad ideas, who think they know better than you do and how to run your life and how to run the country, and they're going to run it right into the ground," Cornyn said. "They view Texas as being ground zero in that fight. They got so close in 2018. They are emboldened and you're going to see a lot of money and a lot of effort trying to turn Texas from red to purple to a blue state."

In McLennan County, Cornyn won the Republican

primary vote with 78.47% of votes in his fourth Senate race. Democratic frontrunner Mary "MJ" Hegar led with 26.65% of votes.

In 2014, Cornyn won McLennan County with 71.06 percent of votes cast.

Statewide, Cornyn led the Republican primary in early returns with 79.3% of the votes as of midnight, while Hegar led the Democratic primary with 33.5%.

Cornyn discussed how important the election will be in November. In 2002 when he ran, 4.7 million people voted. In the 2018 election between Beto and Cruz, 8.3 million voted. In the 2020 election, it is projected that 11.6 million people will turn out to vote.

With President Trump endorsing him, it poses the question if his recent impeachment will affect Cornyn's votes in November.

"I think President Trump will be responsible for 100% of the turnout in November. About half of those people love him and about half of the

people not so much, so it's going to be a huge contest."

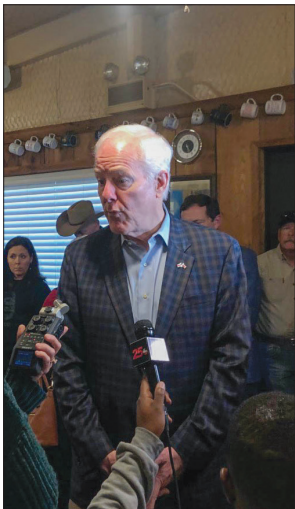
Cornyn was first elected to the U.S. Senate on Nov. 5, 2002. He won with 55% of the votes cast. He won a second term in 2008 and went on for a third term in 2014.

In his third term as Texas senator, Cornyn was elected to serve as the majority whip, giving Texas a strong voice at Congress' leadership table.

Out of the 12 Democratic candidates running to face Cornyn, frontrunner Hegar, a 43-year-old Purple Heart recipient from the Austin area, has raised \$4 million in campaign funds. In a recent University of Houston poll, Hegar led the Democratic field with 41% of the votes.

"A third of the state is not that interested in policy nuance. They want to see toughness, they want to see somebody who's gonna go and fight for them, not fight to pad their own resumes," Hegar said.

Currently, the U.S. Senate



Lauren Gassel | Reporter

**ELECTION DAY** Sen. John Cornyn spoke on the importance of the November election in McGregor.

is held by the Republicans with 53 seats and the Democrats trailing with 47 seats. There are 35 seats up for election in the 2020 Senate race, with the Republicans holding 23. If Democrats could gain three to four seats, they would then take control of the Senate.

# Ballot propositions gauge voter opinions on current political issues

**CALEIGH DALTON**  
Reporter

All Republican propositions led with affirmative votes by a large margin in early voting with more than 200,000 votes counted statewide. Republican Proposition 8, which is election officials being able to "purge illegal voters from voter rolls," led with the highest number of votes.

Democratic propositions led with affirmative votes in early voting, with more than 130,000 votes statewide. Democratic Proposition 3 on the "right to clean air, safe water and a responsible climate policy" led with the highest number of votes.

In the March 3 elections, voters were given 10 to 11 opinion polls, called propositions, on high-profile party issues at the bottom of their voting ballot. Each party ballot poses written statements for the voters check whether they approve or reject the statement.

The propositions in the primary are used to gauge voter opinions in order for both political parties to improve their strategy going into the November elections and to help determine



Peter Enoch | Multimedia Journalist

**PARTY PROPOSITIONS** Voting for Republican and Democratic propositions takes place at Cesar Chavez Middle School.

legislative priority for various bills.

"Every state is different in how it's set up. Some states may have more [propositions], some may have less ... For example, California is notorious for how many they have," Dr. Curt Nichols, a professor of political science, said.

Propositions can be examples of direct democracy, where citizens get to approve or reject legislation, though "anything on a primary [proposition] won't become law," Nichols said.

The Republican ballot asks about issues such as prayer in public schools and possession of firearms.

The Republican proposition goes on pose statements about "the construction of a physical barrier ... along the entire southern border of Texas," and gauging voter sentiment on "the directives of the Office of the Governor to purge illegal voters from the voter rolls."

The Democratic propositions include issues such as climate change, the criminal justice system, discrimination and healthcare.

The ballot has two propositions that refer to racial discrimination. Proposition 9 is on "The Right to a Fair Criminal Justice System" to put "an end to the mass and disproportionate incarceration of people of color for minor offenses," and Proposition 5 is "The Right to Dignity and Respect," asking voters if they feel that everyone deserves to be free from "discrimination and harassment anywhere."

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victories, winning his home state of Vermont, along with Utah and Colorado.

Still, Sanders proved he could deliver in perhaps the greatest test of his decades long political career. His success was built on a base of energized liberals, young people and Latinos. And his conclusive win in California marks a huge reversal in a state he lost four years ago.

Biden racked up his victories despite being dramatically outspent and out-staffed. Moderate rival Bloomberg, for example, poured more than \$19 million into television advertising in Virginia, while Biden spent less than \$200,000.

A key to Biden's success: black voters. Biden, who served two terms as President Barack Obama's vice president, won 60% of the black vote in Alabama, where African Americans made up more than half the Democratic electorate on Tuesday. Bloomberg earned 25%, and Sanders won about 10% of African American votes, according to AP VoteCast, a wide-ranging survey of the electorate.

The Democratic race has shifted dramatically over the past three days as Biden capitalized on his commanding South Carolina victory to persuade anxious establishment allies to rally behind his campaign. Former rivals Amy Klobuchar and Pete Buttigieg abruptly ended their campaigns in the days leading up to Super Tuesday and endorsed Biden.

In Biden and Sanders, Democrats have a stark choice in what kind of candidate they want to run against Trump.

Sanders is a 78-year-old democratic socialist who relies on an energized coalition of his party's far-left flank that embraces his longtime fight to transform the nation's political and economic systems. Biden is a 77-year-old lifelong leader of his party's Washington establishment who emphasizes a more pragmatic approach to core policy issues like health care and climate change.

Across the Super Tuesday states there were early questions about Sanders' claims that he is growing his support from his failed 2016 presidential bid.

Biden bested him in Oklahoma, though Sanders won the state against Hillary Clinton four years ago. In Virginia,

where Democratic turnout this year surpassed 2016's numbers by more than 500,000 votes, Sanders' vote share dropped significantly. And in Tennessee, Democratic turnout was up more than 30% from 2016, but Sanders' raw vote total was only a few hundred votes greater than four years ago.

Meanwhile, Bloomberg was trying to look beyond the primary to the November election against Trump, who racked up easy victories in lightly contested Republican primaries across the country.

"We have the resources to beat Trump in swing states that Democrats lost in 2016," he said Tuesday night while campaigning in Florida.

The billionaire former New York mayor, who threw more than a half a billion dollars into the Super Tuesday states, will reassess his campaign on Wednesday, according to a person close to his operation who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe internal deliberations.

Warren was also fighting to be optimistic.

Facing a roaring crowd in Michigan before news of her disappointing home-state finish was announced, she called on her supporters to ignore the political pundits and predictions as her advisers insist she's willing to go all the way to a contested convention in July even if she doesn't claim an outright victory anywhere.

"Here's my advice: Cast a vote that will make you proud. Cast a vote from your heart," Warren declared. She added: "You don't get what you don't fight for. I am in this fight."

With votes still being counted across the country, The Associated Press has allocated 362 to Biden, 285 delegates to Sanders, 30 to Bloomberg, 20 to Warren and one for Rep. Tulsi Gabbard. The numbers are expected to shift dramatically throughout the night as new states, none bigger than California, report their numbers and as some candidates hover around the 15% vote threshold they must hit to earn delegates.

The ultimate nominee must ultimately claim 1,991 delegates, which is a majority of the 3,979 pledged delegates available this primary season.

but even with the endorsement from Bill Flores, Sessions overtook the votes.

George Hindman, who came in third, is from Germantown Pennsylvania and owns Keystone Aerospace, a small business focusing on advancing aerospace research and development. Hindman is a certified commercial pilot, flight instructor and professional engineer. He became involved with Texas politics as a volunteer and later assisted in the 2000 Bush presidential campaign in Austin.

District 17 is made up of McLennan, Bastrop, Brazos, Burleson, Falls, Freestone, Lee, Leon, Limestone, Milam, Robertson and Travis counties.

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Chairman, said it was a "pretty competitive race" for the Democratic nomination and that he hopes Trump "takes nothing for granted and puts everything into this race."

David Jaramillo, one of three Democratic candidates for the House of Representatives in Texas' 17th district, joined other Democrats at the watch party. Though he declined to voice his support for any presidential candidate, Jaramillo said he was committed to backing the party's nominee come November.

"I thought everybody brought something to the table that was really beneficial for everybody," Jaramillo said. "I'm going to back the nominee ... [Until then] I will see what happens."

As of midnight, Jaramillo trailed Democratic frontrunner Rick Kennedy, but a runoff was not out of the question as Kennedy hovered around 50% of the vote. Jaramillo said he was proud of the campaign he had run, and hoped to get another chance at winning the nomination.

"It's to be expected a little bit. Rick has about three years on me. I have about five months [of political experience]," Jaramillo said. "We have run a very great campaign. We've gone out to talk to as many people as we can, we got some really good endorsements... It's looking like at the end of the night it might become a runoff."

Texas' 17th District, which encompasses both Baylor University and Texas A&M University, has a vacant seat now that Republican Congressman Bill Flores is retiring. Flores has publicly endorsed Renee Swann to take his place after he retires.

Late Tuesday night Swann trailed behind Pete Sessions, the frontrunner of the 11 Republican candidates, who also hosted a watch party at his Waco office.

If no candidate reaches 50%, a runoff will take place May 26 to determine who will secure the nomination.

Sessions said that he understands that for college students "it's hard to know who local candidates are."

Because of this, Sessions has met with Baylor's Young Republicans organization and has also campaigned outside of the Ferrell Center before and after basketball games.

As results trickled in across Texas throughout the night, the Democratic Senate race found itself in runoff territory. Frontrunner M.J. Hegar failed to secure a majority of the votes ahead of an array of challengers. Chris Qualls, Jaramillo's deputy campaign manager and a registered Independent, said he was a fan of multiple candidates in the Senate race.

"Personally, I'm a big fan of M.J. Hegar. I think that she's done what's necessary to prove to me that she could handle that race and handle that seat," Qualls said. "But again, Ms. [Cristina Tzintzún] Ramirez also is an impressive candidate."

Incumbent Sen. John Cornyn easily secured the Republican nomination.

In large races like the presidential and Senate primaries, hundreds of thousands of votes were cast, but totals are far smaller in local elections. Celebrating his 9,927 votes at the McLennan Republican Party's office, Holland said that while "getting students to vote is always a challenge," they have the potential to make a difference in local elections.

"Some of these races tonight are being decided by less than a hundred votes," Holland said. "We don't want to take anything for granted on the local level."

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not interests," and "believe in something, not just a party."

Jaramillo also said McLennan County Democrats can expect all the candidates to unite for change and support each other, no matter who wins the nomination.

Sixteen candidates were vying for the District 17 seat in the House with 12 candidates being Republican. Five Waco residents ran in the Texas Primary elections including David M. Saucedo, Kristen Alamo Rowin, Renee Swann and Scott Bland.

Swan, co-owner of Brazos Eye Surgery of Texas, was endorsed by Congressman Bill Flores going into this election and came in second in the Texas Primary. Swan views herself as a servant to the 17th Congressional District





I AM ACTUALLY OKAY WITH THIS

Arts & Life editor Madalyn Watson reviews the new Netflix original series “I Am Not Okay with This” about a teenager who discovers she has telekinetic abilities. **Page. 6**



“We really just want to celebrate our heritage.”

Will Suarez, co-owner of Kurbside Coffee and Goods. **Page. 5**

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**COFFEE, COFFEE, COFFEE!** Some of the popular items served include the Dirty Horchata mixed with espresso, as well as Conchella, bread with Nutella and fruit.



Hannah Holliday | Cartoonist

# Cafecito in Waco

## Couples blend their heritage with coffee

CLAIRE VAN ZEE  
Reporter

Kurbside Coffee and Goods, one of Waco’s newest storefront coffee shops, is bringing something new and different to the Waco coffee community.

Located in Union Hall at 720 Franklin Ave., Kurbside is celebrating culture through their one-of-a-kind, culturally inclusive menu.

The name Kurbside came about in honor of the traditional Mexican street sellers, “paleteros,” who sell items like ice cream, tacos and corn, said one of the four co-founders, Will Suarez.

“We really just want to celebrate our heritage,” Suarez said. “Personally, I’m super grateful to my parents who immigrated here to give me a better future. There are so many people like us, who are having success because of their parents and the culture that raised them.”

Saurez said Kurbside is their way of saying thank you to the culture that allowed them to be where they are.

The coffee shop’s founders are two couples, Ismael and Kayla Olvera as well as Will and Claudia Suarez.

They spent months brainstorming ways they could intertwine their Hispanic culture into the menu.

“We are trying to incorporate our heritage with products that are already out there,” Suarez said.

With items such as the fan-favorite Mexican beverage, “Dirty Horchata,” mixed with espresso, and the “Conchella,” a Mexican bread filled with

“We are trying to incorporate our heritage with products that are already out there.”

WILL SAUREZ |  
CO-OWNER OF KURBSIDE  
COFFEE

Nutella and fruit, Kurbside completely reimagined some of the most traditional Hispanic foods.

Kurbside was originally established in Mexia in

2017. The founders knew that if they wanted to expand their sales, they would need to get more exposure in Waco, or somewhere other than Mexia, Suarez said.

So they headed to the Waco Downtown Farmers Market, where they still have a booth every Saturday, before opening their first storefront in Union Hall this January.

Kurbside Coffee barista, Rachel Cloer believes Union Hall and the farmers market put Kurbside in the perfect place.

“I feel like Kurbside is good about initiating conversations around culture,” Cloer said. “We have people come up and ask certain questions like ‘What is this?’ or ‘What is that like?’ I think having Hispanic culture in it is really awesome and really just brings something different to Waco. It’s not like regular coffee because we put our own little Mexican twist to it.”

The company also expanded by collaborating with other businesses in town.

Most recently, they have collaborated with Milk Bottle Cookies to make the mazapan cookie and William Hoyt Bagel and Brew to make the churro bagel.

Within the next few months, Kurbside Coffee will be adding a new trailer location outside the First Methodist Waco Wesley House at 821 Speight Ave.

“It’s going to be right in the hub of everything,” Suarez said.

## WHAT TO DO IN WACO

### WEDNESDAY

**Greg Peters Animation Series**  
| 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Cultivate 7twelve, 712 Austin Ave. | \$225 for all sessions | This 6-week course will cover all aspects of character design within animation taught by the animator of “Timon & Pumbaa,” Greg Peters.

**Open Paint Night**  
| 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Kieran-Sistrunk 2120 Washington Ave. | \$20

**Duo Besant: Nick Zoulek (saxophone) and Amy Petrongelli (soprano) Concert**  
| 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Meadows Recital Hall, Glennis McCrary Music Building | Free |

**Martians Concert**  
| 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. | Common Grounds, 1123 S. 8th St. | Free

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

### THURSDAY

**DC Universe Trivia Night**  
| 5:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. | The Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave. | Free | Teams should sign up beforehand

**Stars Over Texas Jamboree**  
| 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. | Lee Lockwood Library and Museum, 2801 W. Waco Dr | Tickets range between \$10 and \$14

**Keith Barany with Alvin Newsome**  
| 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | The Silo District Comedy Club, 324 S. 6th St. | \$24.95

**Kimberly Monzón (soprano) Concert**  
| 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Roxy Grove Hall, Waco Hall | Free



Brittney Matthews | Multimedia Editor

**CAFFEINE FOR THE SOUL** Kurbside Coffee and Goods is one of the storefront restaurants and shops featured in Union Hall, which opened this January.



REVIEW

# Not just another telekinetic white girl

## Netflix learns from past hits with ‘I Am Not Okay with This’

MADALYN WATSON  
Arts & Life Editor

Netflix released its original series “I Am Not Okay with This” on Feb. 26. I knew from the start that the series was catered directly to an audience like myself, but honestly, I’m okay with that.

The series appears shameless with its teen drama clichés: an angsty teenage girl with emotional problems, baggy sweaters and telekinetic abilities; her beautiful and bubbly best friend hypnotized by the stereotypical jock; and the flamboyantly dressed stoner with a beat-up car.

But that didn’t stop me from finishing all seven of the less-than-30 minute episodes in one sitting.

Netflix learned from its many recent successes with shows like “Stranger Things,” “The Umbrella Academy” and “The End of the F\*\*\*ing World” and put similar themes into play in this adaptation of Charles Forsman’s comic book of the same name.

Forsman is also the creator of the comic book that “The End of the F\*\*\*ing World” is based on and both series were directed by Jonathan Entwistle. (“I Am Not Okay with This” even has the same producers as “Stranger Things.”)

The supernatural coming-of-age story follows Sydney (played by Sophia Lillis from “It” and “It Chapter Two”), a self-proclaimed “boring” 17-year-old girl who believes she “is not special” as she tries to cope with the loss of her father.

Just as her best friend Dina (played by newcomer Sofia Bryant) starts focusing on the golden boy football star, and Sydney’s weird, always-barefoot neighbor Stanley (also played by “It” star Wyatt Oleff) starts hanging around her, she is forced to acknowledge that her temper tantrums can lead to earth-shattering results.

The series deals with a lot in a short amount of time, from struggling with sexual orientation, grief and suicide to PTSD ... this is in addition to superpowers and a little bit of blood, so it’s not exactly for everyone.

However, I believe almost anyone can relate to the series and the feelings the characters get when they try to bottle up their emotions and push them deep down inside.



Photo courtesy of Netflix

I was a bit wary to start watching the new teen drama because it is sincerely reminiscent of many of its predecessors, specifically the Stephen King classic “Carrie.”

However, the John Hughes feel, the actors’ chemistry and the series’ twists on the familiar favorite made it an entertaining watch in my book.

Not only is the show filled with references to ‘70s and ‘80s pop culture, but it appears to be timeless. While Dina dresses more like a modern-day teen, both Sydney and Stanley sport vintage-inspired

clothes throughout the series, (I wouldn’t mind, but it could just be that they are painfully pretentious hipsters.)

In one scene, Stanley declares that VHS tapes “are the best platform there is,” and when Sydney teases him for it, he tells her he hates LaserDiscs (these were created in 1978 and became completely irrelevant with the invention of DVDs, BluRay and eventually online streaming services).

Although the

series can’t seem to pick an era, other similar shows like “Sex Education,” for example, also refuse to commit to the aesthetic of one time in history and are still successful.

Since the two young actors already have experience interacting together on the set of “It,” it’s no surprise that Lillis and Oleff worked extremely well together. The pair’s banter came off naturally, and their adorably awkward friendship tied the whole show together.

Even though Bryant was the new kid on the block, she stood her ground. I am excited to see what the actress will do next.

Honestly, I am obsessed with all of the characters in this series. Some of the characters may start out seeming flat and underdeveloped characters, but by the end of the short season, you will begin to understand where almost every character is coming from (emphasis on almost).

I also just want to give Oleff’s character a big hug, as he’s adorable with his “Pretty in Pink” Ducky-esque personality.

My main complaint with the series is expected. Even before it became available on Netflix, Twitter was not happy with the lack of diversity in “I Am Not Okay with This.”

I believe this lack of diversity is more obvious and apparent to audiences because of the series’ similarities to other shows.

With “I Am Not Okay with This,” Netflix missed its opportunity to appeal to a wider audience. Even though some of the characters are part of the LGBTQ+ community and Dina is African American, the majority of the cast is still white and straight.

I thought the series did especially well with their portrayal of the LGBTQ+ community as well as their depiction of grief. It shows the real effects of suicide loss on a family and specifically on Syd as she deals with anger issues.

The series “I Am Not Okay with This” is a Frankenstein monster creation including a lot of things that I love and that a lot of people in my demographic would likely love as well.

The creators knew what they were doing with “I Am Not Okay with This.” They looked at what was bringing in streams, fans and money and just rolled with it.

So if you think that the show seems a bit familiar, you’re not wrong ... but so what? I’m okay with it, so maybe you should, too.

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13 Spelling-out phrase

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15 Flight stat

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Today’s

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword solutions found at

baylorlariat.com

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Dennis the Menace

“YOU KNOW, AFTER KINDERGARTEN THEY EXPECT US TO GO TO SCHOOL... UNTIL WE GET A JOB!”

“ARE YOU JUST GOING TO STAND THERE WHILE WE CARRY IN THE GROCERIES?”

“WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO STAND?”

The Family Circus

“This is a baby ‘m’ and this one’s a grown-up.”

“DO YOU LIKE YOUR NEW SWEATER, DOLLY?”





Photo courtesy of Baylor Crew

**IN UNISON** Arjun Patel (top), Megan Baniewicz, Adrianna Vinogradov and two other members of Baylor Crew compete at Riversport Adventures on Sept. 29, 2018 in Oklahoma City.

# Row, row, row your boat

## Crew builds on intense competition

STASYA HOPP  
Reporter

Track, but on water. This is how Baylor Crew president Megan Baniewicz would describe crew to a person who had no knowledge of the sport.

Baylor Crew is a unique team — everyone may row individually, but working together is imperative to their success.

Crew is currently a club sport, but Aveiro, Portugal, native Lucas Jorge, who was appointed crew head coach in the fall of 2019, said Baylor Crew could be on its way to becoming a Division I Baylor team. There are currently only two Division I rowing teams in Texas: Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas.

Jorge said he believes the intensity of crew combined with the immaculate teamwork it requires draws people to the sport. Crew is “about racing, it’s about being faster, but it’s also about community,” Jorge said.

This community is founded on the uniqueness of the sport and the precise teamwork it requires. Sophia Branden, head coxswain of Baylor Crew, said crew is truly a team sport.

“It’s so cohesive and so intense,” Branden said.

Rowers compete in regattas in boats or racing shells, in teams of two, four or eight. Boats of four and eight have an additional fifth and ninth person in their boat, respectively, called a coxswain. A coxswain steers and directs the boat while making sure rowers are in sync. Branden said every

rower must be perfectly in tune with the team in order to compete successfully.

Baylor Crew competes in regattas like the Steerhead Regatta in Fort Worth, and even puts on its own regatta called Head of the Brazos. Baylor competes against other university teams like Texas, TCU and Texas A&M.

In crew, teamwork is essential to success, and it’s something Jorge said is supported by the team’s environment of “unity and diversity.”

“Becoming better and becoming a family is what keeps us waking up at 5 a.m.,” Jorge said.

This kind of intensity is why Baniewicz said crew has taught her work ethic, and she said about her teammates, “if I called on any of them, they’d help me out, and I want to pour back into them.”

Jorge rowed for 10 years in Portugal, including his time competing for the Portuguese national team, medaling nationally in 2012 and 2013. Jorge said he came to Baylor in the fall of 2017 to earn his Master of Divinity at Truett Seminary and is concentrating in sports ministry because he wants to become a sports chaplain. After rowing for Baylor for a year and a half, he was asked to become the assistant coach and was voted in as head coach this past fall.

“Once you join a team, you know that the narrative is bigger than yourself,” Jorge said. “It’s not that you are just trying to be the best because you want to show off. You want to be the best so you can contribute to a bigger narrative.”

## Lariat Sports Weekend Spotlight

Luke Boyd  
Senior Right-hand Pitcher



Photo courtesy of Tucker Cascadden

DJ RAMIREZ  
Sports Editor

Baylor baseball’s senior righty Luke Boyd earns the Lariat Sports Athlete of the Weekend, recording three of his five saves this season during the Shriners Hospitals for Children College Classic at Minute Maid Park in Houston this past weekend.

The senior closer sealed Baylor’s wins over Missouri, No. 21 LSU and No. 13 Arkansas as the Bears swept their three SEC opponents. Boyd struck out two batters in each of his outings and only one hit across the last three games. The California native holds a 0.00 ERA through seven outings this season.

Boyd was drafted by the Los Angeles Angels in the 38th round of the 2019 MLB First Year Player Draft but opted to remain at Baylor for his senior season and to finish his degree in sports sponsorship and sales.

As a junior, Boyd made 24 appearances as one of Baylor’s most dependable set-up guys for the Bears and has been one of Baylor’s go-to relievers throughout his Baylor career. Head coach Steve Rodriguez said prior to the season that Boyd would take over the closer seamlessly after the departure of All-American Kyle Hill.

“He was a set-up guy who was there to get it to Kyle Hill, “ Rodriguez said. “And I’m not concerned with him taking over that role. I think he’ll do a very good job with it. He’s an older guy, he should be able to step into that role and do quite well.”

**Honorable Mentions:**  
**WBB’s Lauren Cox**  
22 pts and 10 reb vs. K-State  
**Men’s Tennis’ Coni Frantzen**  
Clinched win for BU vs. Illinois  
**Softball’s Aliyah Pritchett**  
14 Ks in 15.1 IP and hit a HR with  
3 RBI in Wooo Pig Invitational

# Acro and tumbling takes home win over Gannon



Emileé Edwards | Multimedia Journalist

**IN THE AIR** Baylor Acro competes in the Compulsory Event during its win over Gannon University Tuesday night at the Ferrell Center. Baylor recorded season highs in five of six events.

MATTHEW SODERBERG  
Sports Writer

No. 1 Baylor Acro & Tumbling defeated Gannon University Tuesday night to the tune of 290.65-280.665. The Bears earned season-highs in five of the six events across the evening.

Baylor started off with records in each heat of the Compulsory Event as well as in the Acro Event. They led 68.8-67.85 after the first two contests, and that lead grew again in a strong, but not record-setting Pyramid Event, allowing the Bears to stroll into halftime with a 1.7-point lead.

The Bears were struck with their lowest-scoring event this year up next with the Toss, but they pulled out a season-high 29.2 points in the fourth event of the night. Sophomore top Sophia Ranni, who participated in both heats Tuesday night, said after the meet that the competitiveness in practice has driven them to these heights.

“We put a lot of work into tosses this week, so it’s just really awesome to see our hard work pay off out there today,” Ranni said. “It’s been really awesome to have that competition at practice where everybody’s pushing each other, and whoever can do it best is what they’re going to put out there on game day.”

Even with the record performance, the Bears still lost the Toss event 29.3-29.2, but it would be the only loss of Gannon’s six chances to overthrow the defending national champs. The Tumbling Event has been Baylor’s bread and butter all season, but even head coach Fee Mulkey didn’t see this kind of output her team

would put out against Gannon.

The Bears scored a 58.9 out of 59.55 in the fifth event of the evening, including season-highs in five of the six heats as well as the overall score. The season-highs included 9.975 out of 10 in the Aerial Pass and the 6 Element Pass, as well as a perfect 10 by freshman tumbler Tori Harris in the Open Pass. She said it’s all about trusting the coaches to put up that kind of number.

“It feels really good,” Harris said. “It just is a confidence booster, and it just makes me feel happy for our team.”

Baylor went into the final event of the night, the Team Event, with a commanding lead, and they only extended it with their best performance of the season. The Bears scored a 104.15, 4.35 points higher than their previous best.

All in all, Baylor scored a season-high in 17 of the 20 heats throughout the night, and just missed adding two more to that list. Mulkey said after the meet that it’s great to see their hard work paying off with improvement.

“We worked on cleaning up some little things,” Mulkey said. “We’re kind of finding our feet now, and the exciting thing is we have so much more room for improvement, so many more things that we can put out there. So we’re excited about today, and then can’t wait to see what we can do at the next meet.”

The Bears will head back out on the road for their next matchup with Presbyterian College and St. Leo University at 7 p.m. Monday in Clinton, S.C.





**GO HAM** Freshman righty Hambleton Oliver pitches against Texas State during Baylor's 12-2 loss Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark. Oliver threw two scoreless innings in his second start this season.

# Bears fall to Texas State

**BRADEN SIMMONS**  
Reporter

The Baylor baseball team was defeated 12-2 by Texas State University on Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark.

Even with the defeat, head coach Steve Rodriguez was positive about being able to give the newcomers some time on the field.

“It was a great opportunity to get new faces out there and a bunch of arms in,” Rodriguez said. “It is good to see in games like today where guys fit in our lineup or if someone gets hurt. I told the guys to take advantage of these opportunities because you don’t know how many times they will come.”

The Bears were not as sharp in the field as they were during the weekend making three costly errors through the first five innings and five wild pitches that resulted in run production from the Bobcats. The Bobcats scored runs in five consecutive innings to take the commanding victory over the Bears.

The Bears got on the board in the first inning with a one-out bases-loaded fielder’s choice by senior designated hitter Hunter Seay.

Freshman infielder Trey Richardson entered the game for injured sophomore Ricky Martinez in the first inning and remained in the game at second base.

Freshman shortstop Benjamin Greer recorded his first collegiate hit in the second inning with a double to left-center field. Rodriguez said he was pleased with Greer getting some playing time.

“It’s great for Ben to get his first hit out of the way,” Rodriguez said. “He has some learning to do still, but anytime he can get game experience is a plus.”

In his second start, freshman Hambleton Oliver pitched two scoreless innings, allowing only two hits and adding a strikeout. Oliver was relieved by sophomore Anderson Needham in the third.

The Bears took a 2-0 lead in the third inning when senior left fielder Mack Mueller drove in junior right fielder Davion Downey on a single to center field.

Texas State fought back in the fourth inning. With two outs in the inning, right fielder Peyton Lewis singled to right field scoring the first run for the Bobcats.

Rodriguez pulled Needham for redshirt junior Jacob Ashkinos during a bases-loaded situation, but the Bobcats then took the lead 3-2 on two wild pitches. An extra-base hit by leadoff hitter Will Hollis gave Texas States a 4-2 lead.

The Bobcats added to their lead in the sixth inning with a one-run single followed by a three-run home run to blow the game open at 9-2. A two-run home run in the seventh made it 11-2 in favor of the visitors.

Senior righty pitcher Hayden Kettler said he knows even though the team didn’t play well today, they know from their performance this past weekend, they can compete with anyone.

“Early in the year we can look back on winning against three great teams,” Kettler said. “It gives us confidence and even though on days like today when we don’t necessarily play our best, we are still capable of beating anybody in the country and we can build off that.”

The Bears will be on the road against Cal Poly University this weekend. First pitch will be at 8 p.m. CT Friday in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

## SPORTS TAKE



**DUNK IT** Philadelphia 76ers’ Ben Simmons goes up for a dunk during the second half of the team’s NBA basketball game against the Memphis Grizzlies on Feb. 7 in Philadelphia.

# Lay off Ben Simmons

**PRANAY MALEMPATI**  
Sports Writer

Philadelphia 76ers star point guard Ben Simmons has been an All-Star the last two seasons and is one of best playmakers in the NBA. Yet fans often bring him up just to talk about his lack of a reliable jump shot and his inability to shoot the three. The NBA community needs to appreciate the skill he brings instead of talking the one aspect of his game that can improve.

Simmons is a 23 year-old 6-10 point guard who has incredible vision and playmaking ability. He has averaged about 16 points, eight rebounds, and eight assists in each of the past three seasons, his first three seasons in the league. This year, he is shooting almost 60 % from the field.

Sure, Simmons’ jumper is not something defenders need to respect. But of course the game of a 23-year-old will have room to grow — he still has years and years to improve his game.

And Simmons has already shown growth in his game. After being just average on defense for his first two seasons, and sometimes being a liability, the guard has ramped up his play on that side of the ball. Simmons has picked up his defensive intensity this season and that, combined

with his length and quickness, has made him such a force that he is in discussion for Defensive Player of the Year.

Yet, many NBA fans love to scrutinize his refusal to attempt three-pointers in games and the overall inconsistency of his jump shot. There is no reason to do that.

Simmons does so many things well on the basketball court, whether it be driving and scoring inside, making mind-boggling passes to his teammates, grabbing boards, or locking down opponents. He is a huge asset to the Sixers and makes his teammates better.

Plus, Simmons showed that he was working on his three-pointer over the offseason. He even takes three-pointers in shoot-around before practice. When he becomes comfortable with his shot, he will start taking them in-game.

Until then, basketball fans might as well appreciate the skill and entertainment value Simmons brings to the table. He is one of the most talented players in the league and is still very young for an NBA star.

So NBA fans, be patient. Let Ben Simmons grow and watch his progress. It takes time for players to develop into superstars.

Lay off the man.

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*and* JUNIORS

Your time is coming!

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AND A PIC

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in Moody Library

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