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Brittney Matthews | Multimedia Editor

**COOL FOR COLOR** ISSA Baylor hosted their annual Holi festival 5 p.m. Thursday on Fountain Mall.

## Holi unites BU in color

**CAMILLE RASOR**  
Staff Writer

Colorful powder covered Fountain Mall and the Baylor community on Thursday as the Indian Subcontinent Student Association celebrated their fourth annual all-campus Holi festival.

Holi, also known as the Festival of Colors, is a Hindu festival that originated in India but has since spread to places in the Indian subcontinent and beyond. The festival celebrates the coming of spring and the triumph of good over evil.

"We really just want to spread our culture around Baylor's campus and show the traditions that we celebrate and the festivals that we have," Burleson senior Krishna Jayaswal, president of ISSA, said.

Holi will be celebrated around the world on March 10, but ISSA decided



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**FRIENDSHIP OF FUN** The Festival of Colors, also known as Holi, involves participants throwing colored powders on other participants, celebrating the coming of Spring.



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**LIFTED UP** The Holi festival has significance for Hindu people. Some modern-day interpretations of the festival state that the colors can help symbolize that discrimination based on race is nonsensical.

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## 250 years after Boston Massacre, Law, history dept. host re-enactment

**ELISABETH GEORGE**  
Reporter

In commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Boston Massacre, the History department and Baylor Law School put on an improvised mock trial in Bennett Auditorium Thursday afternoon.

Dr. Julie Sweet, history professor at Baylor, organized the performance along with Baylor Law professors Gerald Powell and Abner McCall.

The performance was an improvised, unscripted, mock trial based on real events that happened in 1770. In her opening statements, Sweet explained that while only men were permitted to be in court at that time, both men and women would be participating in the trial.

The clerk read the indictment to which the defendants Private Hugh Montgomery and Private High White, portrayed by Temple master's candidate Danny Dunn and Solon, Iowa senior Katy Clevenger respectively, pleaded not guilty. The trial proceeded with the presentment of charges, opening arguments, witness testimony, closing arguments, jury deliberation and the publication of the verdict.

A bailiff strode around the room during the event keeping order. He hushed the occasional hecklers and to the

amusement of the audience, loudly telling some students to "please remove your chapeaus," (referring to their baseball caps) out of respect for the proceedings.

In a Baylor press release, Sweets said that the students performing have studied historical documents from which they have based their characters. She said that the goal of the performance was to show that history is not boring and that there are many different ways to learn and experience it.

Powell said he thought it "presents a unique opportunity for history students to do research in their field and our law students to practice their trial skills."

Blue Springs, Mo. senior Caleb O'Donnell portrayed the witness Benjamin Davis Jr. He said that the groups have been preparing for the mock trial since November.

"We all had to prepare witness statements that included what was actually said in the testimony," O'Donnell said. "We each got a person who was in that trial. And then we took other people's testimonies, we took surrounding scholarship, mainly primary sources, and tried to craft who our character was."

O'Donnell is a history major with a rhetoric, public

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## Area authorities continue to monitor COVID-19

**MATTHEW MUIR**  
Staff Writer

While COVID-19, better known as the novel coronavirus, has thus far stayed away from McLennan County, authorities are preparing to combat cases in the local area.

The Waco-McLennan County Public Health District announced the formation of the McLennan County Leadership Response Team Wednesday to plan a response to the global outbreak. While there were no confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases in the county as of Thursday, the announcement said the team is "actively monitoring patients for risk factors and working to ensure our local health care system is prepared to respond to the situation as it unfolds."

Kelly Craine, public information officer at the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District, said the risk to McLennan County residents is minimal, but everyone should stay vigilant regardless.

"We know that in McLennan County we are not seeing what they call community spread, that means person-to-person spread where the people that are spreading it or getting sick have not been in a travel situation," Craine said. "Right now the risk is very low. It has the potential to grow, but at this moment it's low."

The Leadership Response Team is composed of the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District, Ascension Providence, Baylor Scott & White and the Family Health Center. Craine said the team is scheduled to meet weekly, but through its member organizations, it has the flexibility to act quickly as the COVID-19 situation continues to develop.

"On an agency level or institutional level all of our teams are meeting daily," Craine said. "We meet daily, we know the hospitals are doing their own meetings and planning meetings for their own entity on a daily basis, so we have the option of course of ramping this up."

Baylor University assembled its COVID-19 Task Force in late January and tasked it with monitoring the situation and advising university leadership on how to respond. In a Presidential

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Associated Press

**CORONAVIRUS CONTROL** Jay Butler, Deputy Director for Infectious Diseases at the The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, speaks to the media in regards to the Novel Coronavirus, while standing in front of a map marked with areas having reported cases, inside the Emergency Operations Center, Feb. 13, 2020, in Atlanta.



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“My ex husband went to an event, and he says, ‘Oh you got to see this, you got to see this!’ and drug me out there and we were hooked,” Webb said. “It was actually a rendezvous, which is the mountain Cartwright era, which is a later time period than this. And through the years, we’ve just, you know, you see other things and you just [think] ‘oh, I want to play there!’”

Webb said that she has worn reenactment clothing for the Civil War, Mountain Fur Trade, and the 18th century, the latter being her favorite.



Peter Enoch | Multimedia Journalist

**JUDGING OFFICIALS** Judges carefully listen to a testimony during the reenactment of the Boston Massacre trials in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Boston Massacre, hosted by Baylor Law and History students.

# Emergency Alert Test

The tornado sirens will be tested on the first Friday of each month as severe weather season approaches.

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to celebrate on Thursday because the international celebration will happen while students are away from campus for spring break.

The celebration began with music and dance performances by Baylor students, then continued with everyone grabbing bags of colored Holi powder and throwing them at each other.

“The diverse colors represent facing adversity and creating a unified unit,” Eules sophomore Inaara Tharani, one of ISSA’s social chairs who was involved in planning and facilitating the event said.

Jayaswal spoke on both the modern and traditional significance of the colors within Hindu culture, and the different meanings the celebration has carried throughout the years.

“In modern day, people believe it’s also to reduce racism and discrimination because we all get one colorful appearance, which signifies our souls are all one,” Jayaswal said.

Students across campus and people in the Waco community were invited to participate, and people from several different organizations attended the event. By the end of the event, everyone who participated was covered from head to toe in powder.

“We ordered a whole bunch of Holi colors so we could have everyone enjoy,” Arsh Ladhani, the other ISSA social chair, said. “We’re opening up all the packets, we’re putting them in four different corners so everyone can go get some packets, run to the middle and then just explode the entire field.”

Tharani said she was very thankful that Baylor was so inclusive of ISSA’s culture and traditions.

“We feel like it’s important for us to commemorate our culture and bring it to the campus, a campus that’s predominantly Christian,” Tharani said. “We want to thank Baylor and all the staff members for being so welcoming and open to our culture and our religion.”

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EDITORIAL

# Spring into break while you still can

Spring break is the last time college seniors are allowed to be kids before they graduate and brave the new world. Most students travel, go on a mission trip or find other ways to enjoy the time-honored holiday.

However, many students decide to return to their hometowns or stay in Waco for what has become known as a ‘staycation’ where students spend most of the break sitting on a couch. Instead of opting to lounge at home for spring break, students should go out and explore different opportunities before they lose their chance.

Staycations have many benefits because they allow students to stay at home and recover from the first part of the semester. However, they do not allow students to fully enjoy the opportunities they have during spring break. Compared to other holidays throughout the academic year like fall break or Diadeloso, spring break offers students a full week to travel any and everywhere they want, and students should maximize the amount of time they have to enjoy it.

By using spring break to enjoy time away from classes, students also have the opportunity to catch up on all of the activities they say they want to do outside of the classroom. Throughout the semester, students oftentimes form a list of things they want to do but end up never getting to after coming down from a stressful test week. Spring break provides a way for students to check items off that list, and also lifts some of the pressure from feeling guilt about doing a fun activity instead of paying attention to your studies.

Students who don’t have the budget for a more extravagant trip can still find creative ways to do new things in their hometown. Make the trip your own.

Planning a fun trip or making any sort of plans for spring break apart from your parents can end up being another step in the “adulting” process. For most students, up till now their parents have made all of the arrangements and plans for vacations. Spring break is the perfect



Hannah Holliday | Cartoonist

chance for students to get their first chance at the planning, budgeting and organizing processes that go into planning and saving for trips.

While many students see staycations as a way to relax after a stressful school workload, taking a trip or going on some form of adventure for

spring break could prove most beneficial because it allows students to get out of their normal routines, settings and try something new. Sometimes all students need to clear their minds is a change in scenery, and spring break allows time for students to go anywhere in the

world and explore new things before returning to campus to finish out the semester. Staying at home can be fun, but taking a trip will provide memories that will last a lifetime and students shouldn’t let stress or a lack of effort hold them back from those opportunities.

COLUMN

# Retelling of an unfortunate spring break tale

LUCY RUSCITTO  
Staff Writer

Spring break should consist of golden rays, captivating beaches, some unproductivity, slight sunburns and quality time with cherished friends and family. My 2016 spring break consisted of muggy air, one of Miami’s most crime-ridden pockets, borderline cancerous sunburns and the Zika virus.

2016 was my freshman year of high school, and my parents had decided to treat my younger sister and me to a trip to the Virgin Islands, starting in St. Thomas and ending in St. John. They had traveled there for their honeymoon and wanted us to experience the beauty and people of the gorgeous islands that they had nearly 20 years prior.

The plan was to fly to Florida for the connecting flight from Los Angeles, and from there catch the 20-seater plane to the island of St. Thomas.

Our flight left 30 minutes later than planned, causing us to miss our connecting flight, and leaving us and about 15 other passengers without a

way to get to the Virgin Islands for two days.

Not only was our flight missed, but the airline we had used had hundreds of cancellations, because a tropical storm was approaching to add to the wicked luck my family had been doomed with from the start. The airline that had our luggage refused to give it to us due to the insane number of suitcases accumulated from all of the hundreds of missed flights.

We were forced to find a hotel for two nights. Although we lost the two nights in the rental house we had already paid in full for, my parents decided to try and make the most out of being in Miami since none of us had ever visited the city.

That goal may have been much more attainable, though, if we had stayed somewhere more adequate. Within hours upon arrival, the police had already made an arrest in the lobby for theft. Night one, our toes were greeted with the nipping of bed bugs. My parents were afraid to leave my sister and I alone in the room while they Ubered to grab us toiletries.

Left without contacts, clean clothes or any form of toiletry items, my family cowered in the “hotel” room, occasionally going out for meals, with the utmost precaution due to our hotel being in a highly rated crime pocket.

Finally, after two days in the city from hell, we boarded our flight to the Virgin Islands and arrived days late to the rental home we booked. We got settled, headed to the beach and enjoyed ourselves — for a while.

We had booked a fishing excursion one of the last days of our trip in the turquoise waters surrounding the keys, and the guide was to take us to multiple other islands in the near vicinity of St. John. Cool, right?

Wrong. Somehow, half of our family managed to get ridiculously seasick from the unexpected rough current on that windy day, we caught about less than the number of fingers on one hand of offensively dinky-looking fish and were overcharged by the guide by double of what we had initially agreed to pony up to. The experience was so intense my sister now has navophobia, or the fear of boats. Nice.

To top off the whole weeklong of misfortune and lost opportunities, the days dwindled down to one of our final days on St. John, and we made a catastrophic choice. It was a rainy, muggy day. The beach wasn’t an option, so we decided to go for a hike in a highly rated meditation garden along the side of a dirt road.

We admired the luscious flora and fauna, snapped photos in the dominating green and climbed stairs

to get to the most awe-inducing viewpoints. Despite the bug bites we received due to the humid conditions, it was a tranquil and green wonderland.

Fast forward almost a week later — we had arrived back home in Orange County, Calif. My mom and I unironically came down with nasty flu symptoms at the same exact time. We didn’t go in to the doctor because we both had gotten the flu shot for that year. I missed a few days of school; she stayed in her room.

It wasn’t until weeks later that we realized what had happened. We reflected on our flu-like symptoms: achiness, irritated and inflamed whites of my eyes — all from what I thought was typical jet-lag exhaustion.

Immediately, it struck us that we didn’t contract the flu from the airport like we had assumed. We had been bitten by the infected mosquitoes carrying the Zika virus, which the Virgin Islands had an immense outbreak of while we were visiting. And apparently, drizzly conditions such as the day of the hike set off the laid mosquito eggs for hatching early.

Thankfully, neither my mom nor I had plans of having a child, which the virus affects. We were so immensely thankful that all the virus did to us was make us look like slight potheads

and give us devastating headaches.

The vacation gifted by Satan himself wasn’t all bad, however. When I was in Miami, I did discover that I love Cuban food and the dry heat of the West Coast; I learned to always keep a fresh outfit in one’s carry-on in case of a baggage fiasco; I came to the determination that the hotel I stayed in Miami will never again receive my business; I got to encounter some of the most wildly beautiful beaches I will ever see; and I got to make some pretty unique memories with my family that I don’t think many others can boast of.

Although we had to endure some pretty interesting circumstances, to say the least, one thing (and seriously, only one thing,) remained constant during my tropical getaway: my family’s seemingly never-ending optimism and overall excitement just to all be in the same place at once.

Between the Uno matches while hiding in the hotel, experiencing new cultures and foods together and getting unnaturally baked by the sun, I have memories that I will continue to hold near to my heart well into college and beyond, and I think that may have made contracting the once global health emergency disease all worth it.

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## Dr Pepper Museum to host event for sensory sensitivity

**SARAH PINKERTON**  
Staff Writer

The Dr Pepper Museum will host a sensory sensitivity event for those with special needs from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today at the museum as a part of their monthly First Friday.

First Friday gives the local community free admission to the museum and aims to pair with a special event each month. March's First Friday event centers around sensory sensitivity.

Everything in the museum will be open as it normally is, but the event will allow those with special needs to get hands-on with activities. Lighting will be modified and sounds will be minimized. Quiet areas and sensory sensitivity maps will also be provided, which highlight areas with louder noise and brighter lights.

Mary Beth Farrell, director of development and communications at the Dr Pepper Museum, said the museum has hosted these events in the past and is doing a lot to ensure that the museum is accessible for the evening.

"We've gotten a lot of really great feedback about it," Farrell said. "Specifically, with the sensory sensitive population, it's been overwhelmingly positive. People are very excited about these opportunities."

Atlanta sophomore Lauren Gassel has a younger sister with special needs, and said she thinks it is vital that museums have days set aside for those with sensory sensitivity.

"A lot of special needs kids can't be around the normal things that we can be," Gassel said. "There can be a lot of triggers that wouldn't affect us but would affect special needs kids, and it's so awesome that society is becoming more aware of that."

Farrell said the public programming staff has been passionate about hosting events like this and reaching out to these populations of people.

"It's a great companion to our active school programs that we do, which are more structured," Farrell said. "We want to have experiences for as many different types of people as possible."

Both buildings at the Dr Pepper Museum are wheelchair accessible and offer earbuds and sunglasses free of charge to the public for those with sensory sensitivity.



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**DEBATE** Teammates Takuto Kasahara and Yuta Watanabe compare notes during the debate over COVID-19 policy in regard to quarantines.

## BU, Japanese teams debate COVID-19 quarantine rules

**MEREDITH PRATT**  
Staff Writer

The Japanese National Debate Team participated in a public deliberation with the Glenn R. Capp Debate Forum, Baylor University's debate team, on Thursday night as part of their United States tour.

Nic Nave and Jacob Smith, two graduate students from the department of communication, represented Baylor in the event. Japan's representatives were law students Yuta Watanabe and Takuto Kasahara.

Going into the event, Smith said he was "ecstatic about this opportunity."

"Getting the privilege to debate people from across the world is an experience that not many people get," Smith said.

A few days before the event, the topic was changed from whether the United States should significantly reduce its military presence in Japan to whether quarantines and/or public closings are justified to contain the spread of COVID-19, or novel coronavirus.

"Given that all government offices and public schools in Japan are currently shut down due to fears over the spread of COVID-19, we thought it might be a unique time to tackle this particular topic

while the Japanese were in the U.S. visiting," Dr. Matthew Gerber, Baylor's debate team director and moderator of the event, said.

The Baylor team chose the negative position and presented several arguments against quarantining. One point they debated was that quarantines lead to citizens not reporting symptoms due to fear of being contained.

The Japanese team, who chose the affirmative, argued that quarantines are necessary for protecting citizens and can prevent discrimination by limiting infected patients' access to other people.

"Researching this topic has really changed my perspective on the issue in a way that I didn't expect," Smith said.

As Baylor's chair of the committee on international deliberation and debate, Gerber has been involved in the planning of the event for several months.

Gerber said some of his goals for the event were "to show our guests from Japan the finest in Baylor hospitality, tradition and culture" to "engage in a meaningful, civil debate about a very timely issue," and "to allow a space for our audience, the Baylor students, to ask questions and interact with the Japanese and Baylor

debaters."

"Our goal [was] not to win this debate, but rather to generate an in-depth, objective discussion with our colleagues from Japan, and to reach a "meeting of the minds" with regard to the question of how to contain the spread of COVID-19," Gerber said.

Nave said she "really enjoyed" meeting the Japanese debaters.

"It's really cool to find out that even though we live so far apart from each other, things really aren't that different across the world," Nave said.

Smith said he hoped he was "able to translate [his] skills [he's] honed over the last few years in debate in this public debate."

"My mom always told me that I argued too much with her and she needed me to find an outlet for it, so I joined the debate team in high school on a whim," Smith said. "Here I am eight years later still doing it."

Smith admitted that his competitiveness has "worn off" as the years have gone on.

"What sticks with me now is the drive to ... find different perspectives on how the world should work," Smith said.

## Rhoades named Under Armour AD of the Year

**VIVIAN ROACH**  
Staff Writer

Baylor's athletic director won a title of his own after numerous Baylor athletic teams have brought home titles under his guidance.

Mack B. Rhoades IV, he Baylor University vice president and director of intercollegiate athletics, was awarded the Under Armour AD of the Year Award for 2019 to 2020 Tuesday by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

The award acknowledges seven divisions and this year's winners will be recognized on June 9 during NACDA's 55th Annual Convention at the Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas.

Out of the 28 individuals awarded, 22 received the honor for the first time. The organization's chief executive officer, Bob Vecchione, said he is excited to see new faces among athletic leaders.

Rhoades joined the Baylor athletic force as the vice president and director of athletics in July 2016. Baylor has seen four head coach transitions since then for the football, tennis and equestrian teams. Rhoades has overseen several Big 12 Championship wins and post-season play during his role as athletic director, including: Baylor football Big 12 Championship, 2020 Allstate Sugar Bowl and 2019 Women's Basketball NCAA Championship.

Additionally, he launched 16 department-wide strategic initiatives aimed to better student-athlete achievement



Photo courtesy of Baylor Athletics

### ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP

Mack B. Rhoades IV is the vice president and director of intercollegiate athletics at Baylor University.

both on and off the court, and additionally to better the athletes' future after Baylor.

San Antonio senior James Greenwood said he remembers when Baylor football was 1-11.

"We have really made strides in our athletic program since I was a freshman," Greenwood said. "The athletic director and his whole staff has put Baylor on the map for athletics. I never thought I would see it."

Dallas sophomore Nick Muhlenpoh is a team manager for Baylor men's basketball, and said that he believes Baylor athletics are on the rise.

"The work that Mack Rhoades and all the coaching staff on every team has bought into this school and into the future of our athletic program," Muhlenpoh said. "With all of the things going on at this school, it shows that we are growing and will soon be a power-house school in all sports."

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“My ex husband went to an event, and he says, ‘Oh you got to see this, you got to see this!’ and drug me out there and we were hooked,” Webb said. “It was actually a rendezvous, which is the mountain Cartwright era, which is a later time period than this. And through the years, we’ve just, you know, you see other things and you just [think] ‘oh, I want to play there!’”

Webb said that she has worn reenactment clothing for the Civil War, Mountain Fur Trade, and the 18th century, the latter being her favorite.



Peter Enoch | Multimedia Journalist

**JUDGING OFFICIALS** Judges carefully listen to a testimony during the reenactment of the Boston Massacre trials in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Boston Massacre, hosted by Baylor Law and History students.

## HOLI

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to celebrate on Thursday because the international celebration will happen while students are away from campus for spring break.

The celebration began with music and dance performances by Baylor students, then continued with everyone grabbing bags of colored Holi powder and throwing them at each other.

“The diverse colors represent facing adversity and creating a unified unit,” Eules sophomore Inaara Tharani, one of ISSA’s social chairs who was involved in planning and facilitating the event said.

Jayaswal spoke on both the modern and traditional significance of the colors within Hindu culture, and the different meanings the celebration has carried throughout the years.

“In modern day, people believe it’s also to reduce racism and discrimination because we all get one colorful appearance, which signifies our souls are all one,” Jayaswal said.

Students across campus and people in the Waco community were invited to participate, and people from several different organizations attended the event. By the end of the event, everyone who participated was covered from head to toe in powder.

“We ordered a whole bunch of Holi colors so we could have everyone enjoy,” Arsh Ladhani, the other ISSA social chair, said. “We’re opening up all the packets, we’re putting them in four different corners so everyone can go get some packets, run to the middle and then just explode the entire field.”

Tharani said she was very thankful that Baylor was so inclusive of ISSA’s culture and traditions.

“We feel like it’s important for us to commemorate our culture and bring it to the campus, a campus that’s predominantly Christian,” Tharani said. “We want to thank Baylor and all the staff members for being so welcoming and open to our culture and our religion.”

# Emergency Alert Test

The tornado sirens will be tested on the first Friday of each month as severe weather season approaches.

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WHAT TO DO  
IN WACO

FRIDAY

**“Euphoria” by Kavitha Saminathan Opening** | 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Kieran-Sistrunk Fine Art Gallery, 2120 Washington Ave. | Free | A soulful expression of contemporary paintings through color and texture that will run continuously throughout March

**Melinda Adams Concert** | 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Balcones Distillery, 225 S. 11th St. | Free

**Landscape of the Soul Opening** | 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. | Cultivate 7Twelve, 712 Austin Ave | Features abstract works of multiple mediums including encaustic work and acrylic paintings

**Beatlemania64: A Tribute to the Beatles** | 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. | The Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave. | \$29 - \$39 | A live multimedia spectacular that takes audiences on a musical journey

**Improv Comedy Club** | 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. | Brazos Theatre, 7524 Bosque Blvd | \$10.50 - \$12.50

**Mickey & the Motorcars Concert** | 8:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. | The Backyard, 511 S. 8th St. | \$12 - \$17

**Johnny Joe Ramos Concert** | 9 p.m. - 11:59 p.m. | The Warehouse, 727 Austin Ave. | Free

SATURDAY

**Downtown Farmers Market** | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 510 Washington Ave, across the street from McLennan County Courthouse | Free

**Mindful Movement Dance Workshop** | 10:30 a.m. - Noon | Cultivate 7Twelve, 712 Austin Ave. | \$15 | Mindful Movement integrates basic modern dance technique, gentle somatic movement, conscious deep breathing, and mindfulness exercises.

**Native American Style Flute Circle** | 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. | Good Neighbor House, 712 Austin Ave. | Free

**JD Hicks and the H.O.T. Road Gang** | 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Rocky’s Roadhouse, 926 Lacy Drive | Free

**Dueling Pianos Concert** | 7:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. | The Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave. | \$10

**Improv Comedy Club** | 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. | Brazos Theatre, 7524 Bosque Blvd | \$10.50 - \$12.50

**Jody Booth Concert** | 8:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. | The Backyard, 511 S. 8th | \$15 - 20

SUNDAY

**Skellington Curiosities Grand Opening** | Noon - 5 p.m. | Skellington Curiosities, 7524 Bosque Boulevard | Free | A pop up market in the parking lot to celebrate the event will feature local vendors, artists and food



Claire Van Zee | Reporter

**SPREADING THE CREATIVITY** [From left to right] Fiona Bond, Amanda Dyer and Kennedy Sam are a part of the Creative Waco team. Creative Waco is a nonprofit organization with a mission to support the art community in Waco.

Whimsy Waco  
Local arts agency shapes  
Waco into cultural hub

CLAIRE VAN ZEE  
Reporter

For years, people have looked outside of Waco for their entertainment and arts experiences, but with the help of Creative Waco, the local arts agency, the city’s arts and culture scene is evolving into a hub of its own, and quickly becoming a place students might want to stay in after graduation.

Current executive director, Fiona Bond and a group of locals came together in 2015 when there wasn’t any infrastructure supporting the art scene in Waco.

“At that time, every arts organization was constrained by the lack of opportunity and advocacy,” Bond said.

In order to make a change, the group worked to officially establish the city as a cultural district by the Texas Commission on the Arts. According to the Texas Commission on the Arts, cultural districts help to harness the power of cultural resources to encourage economic development and community revitalization.

Officially making Waco a cultural district was important to the group because they knew it would open doors to new funding and elevate local artists’ abilities to get funding from outside the city, Bond said.

“It’s just what makes Waco seem like more of a grown-up city when it comes to arts and culture,” Bond said.

Now the agency focuses on strategy, funding and catalyst projects that help to grow Waco as a center known for its arts and culture.

Kennedy Sam, director of marketing and communications at Creative Waco, said everything they do falls under three pillars — public art, funding, advocacy and professional development.

Creative Waco

Website:  
www.creativewaco.org  
Address:  
712 Austin Ave.

“Since our projects are so dynamic, they don’t always just fit into one. They often intersect. The main thing is just to make sure that Waco has a well-rounded arts and cultural community,” Sam said.

Another part of supporting the artistic growth of the city is nurturing the local cultural identity. Sam believes Waco already has an identity of its own, and they’re not trying to change that.

“The thing we don’t like is when people say Waco is going to be the new Austin,” Sam said. “We’re not trying to emulate a new Austin, Dallas or Fort Worth, we’re just trying to amplify the things that people are already doing to make Waco more Waco.”

“It’s just been so amazing to see how much Waco’s changed in the five years we’ve been established. Everything is very organic and really driven by locals wanting to bring cool things to Waco.

KENNEDY SAM |  
DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND  
COMMUNICATIONS AT CREATIVE  
WACO

Waco doesn’t need to copy someone else to be successful, Bond said.

“We don’t try to shoehorn ourselves into any particular shape. I think the city already has its own shape and its own peculiarities which are interesting enough without us having to impose any kind of identity on that,” Bond said.

Sam believes Waco is truly growing and diversifying in the arts.

“It’s just been so amazing to see how much Waco’s changed in the five years we’ve been established. Everything is very organic and really driven by locals wanting to bring cool things to Waco,” Sam said.

Creative Waco’s initiative also has its perks for Baylor students. Their hope is to make Waco the kind of place where people might want to stay after graduation.

They also hope to give new graduates a reason to stay by creating pathways for those with great ideas and creative assets that they could offer the community, Bond said.

“When you look at places you want to go, you think, ‘O.K., so what is the arts community like? What can I do on the weekend? What can I do after school or after work to relieve stress and have fun?’” Sam said.

So if your city doesn’t have a notable arts and culture identity, it really is a struggle both to bring in new talent and to retain the current talent you have now, Sam said.

“I would really want students to realize that Waco is probably one of the richest places that they could dive into new arts experiences while they’re a student and experiment while it’s affordable,” Bond said.



# ‘Books Matter’ to celebrate reading community

TYLER BUI

Assistant News Editor

Students from a Reporting and Writing for Media class partnered with Act Locally Waco to create “Books Matter,” a blog to celebrate National Reading Month.

“Books Matter” will post throughout the month of March, and it will feature some of Waco’s most prominent figures, including Mayor Kyle Deaver, the Waco City Council as well as other members of the Baylor community.

Each post discusses the individual’s favorite book and why it is so important and influential to them.

In addition to the blog posts, the Waco-McLennan County Library and Fabled Bookshop & Café will put the mentioned books on display for readers to easily find.

Amber Adamson, lecturer in the journalism, public relations and new media department, is one of the co-creators of the series. Her students in her Reporting and Writing for Media are writing the blog posts.

Along with Adamson, the other co-creator of the series is Ashley Thornton, who is also the founder of Act Locally Waco.

Act Locally Waco is nonprofit geared toward uniting the Waco community and creating a platform for Wacoans to find ways to get involved in their city.

“The purpose of Act Locally Waco is to make it easy for people to get involved in making

Waco a terrific community,” Thornton said. “We try to provide channels of communication where people can figure out how to get involved in Waco and what role they want to play in making this a great community to live in.”

Thornton said National Reading Month is held to energize communities about reading. She said she wanted to create something that would not only celebrate reading but encourage the Waco and Baylor community to read a wide variety of books.

“I love to read, and I was curious about other people in Waco were reading. I thought it would be fun to celebrate this month and feed my curiosity about what other people in Waco are reading,” Thornton said. “It was so fun reading all the different [blog posts.] Some of them really give you insight into that person.”

When choosing the group of people to be featured in the blog, Thornton said she picked people who were not only interesting to her but represented a diverse group within the Waco community.

“I went to some different organizations like MCC, Baylor, libraries and the family health center and asked them to pick some people so that we could have a nice mix of all different kinds of people,” Thornton said.

Adamson also said they made sure to create a list of people that would represent a vast majority of life experiences that readers can learn from.

“I think reading is one of the most powerful ways that we can step into another person’s story

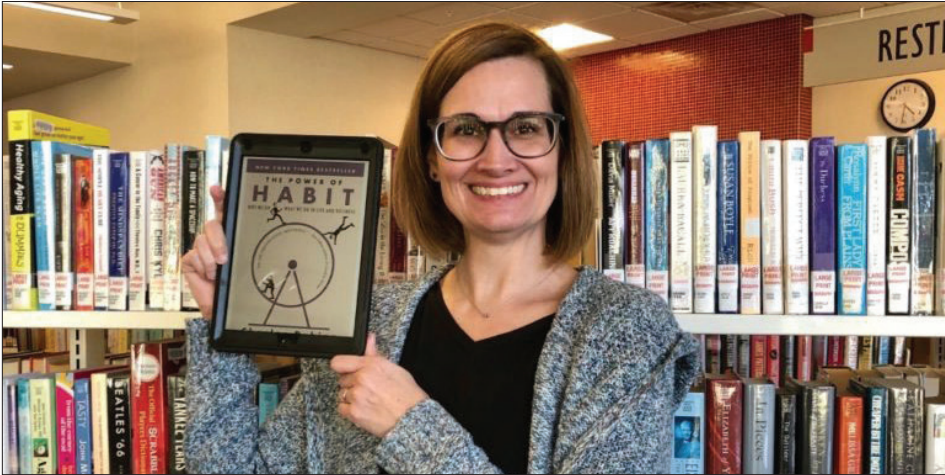


Photo courtesy of Megan Messer

**BOOKISH HABIT** Austin freshman Megan Messer wrote a blog entry interviewing Amy Sassatelli, a library assistant for Waco-McLennan County Library, about her favorite nonfiction book “The Power of Habit.”

and understand their perspective,” Adamson said. “We were very intentional on creating this list that was diverse, that included lots of different people from different backgrounds and perspectives.”

In addition to the mayor and members of the city council, students interviewed Alfred Solano, president of the Cen-Tex Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Hillcrest PDS Elementary Magnet School’s outstanding teacher Ashley Toscano, Dr. Mia Moody-Ramirez, department chair of the journalism, public relations and new media and Alan Bond, external vice president.

San Antonio freshman Kaitlyn McMillan is one of Adamson’s students who wrote for “Books Matter.”

McMillan interviewed Council Member, John Kinnaird. She said he very nice and genuinely wanted to help her adjust to college.

“[Kinnaird] was just really helpful and thoughtful— I [enjoyed] just getting out and getting involved in the community since I’m new,” McMillan said. “I’m a freshman, so it’s difficult at times, so I think that getting out in the community and getting involved is a great opportunity.”

Adamson said “Books Matter” created a great opportunity for her students to get involved in the Waco community outside of the Baylor campus and, to also gain journalism experience in the real world.

“Anytime that we, as the Baylor community, connect with Waco, I think that’s really important. I think it was a great opportunity for my students to get out into the community,” Adamson said.

Adamson said she wants her students to go

out and meet with the leaders of the community one-on-one.

“From the journalistic perspective, that’s important for my students to do, but then just from the community-building perspective for them to see community leaders in different positions, might inspire them to be community leaders themselves,” Adamson said.

Both Thornton and Adamson said the blog is not targeted toward a specific audience, but rather anyone who cares about Waco and reading.

“Reading together and talking about what you’re reading is one way to build community,” Thornton said. “To me, one of the best ways to get to know somebody is to talk to them about some book that was important to them. That’s how you get into what they really care about and get into some deep conversations.”

Adamson said she hopes that “Books Matter” and National Reading Month will inspire people in the Waco and Baylor communities to pick up a book for leisure.

“I think we consider reading sometimes as only an academic pursuit. It can be a stress reliever and leisure activity that can take you to other worlds to experience other perspectives,” Adamson said.

Whenever she is feeling stressed, Adamson picks up a book and recommends it to others.

“Look for stories and perspectives that are different than you because that’s how we grow,” Adamson said. “Looking at this list and finding someone who’s different than you and reading something that they recommend could be the first step in understanding someone who’s different than you.”



Photo courtesy of Lucy Ruscitto

**LITTLE BOOK OWL** In a blog entry, Yorba Linda, Calif. sophomore Lucy Ruscitto interviewed one of the co-owners of the Fabled Book Shop & Cafe, Allison Frenzel who suggested that Wacoans read “The Which Way Tree.”

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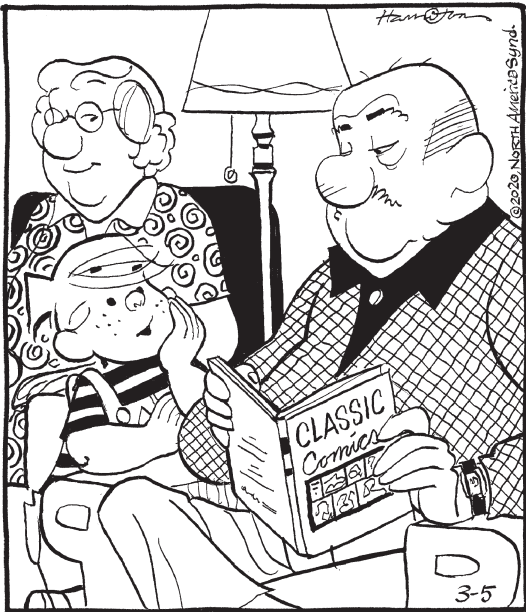
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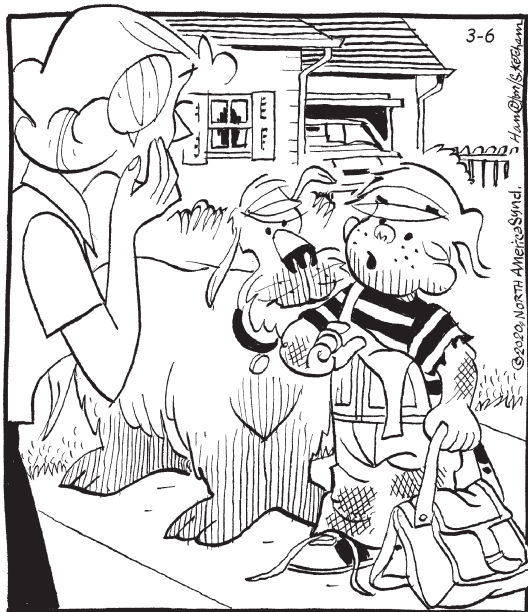
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## Dennis the Menace



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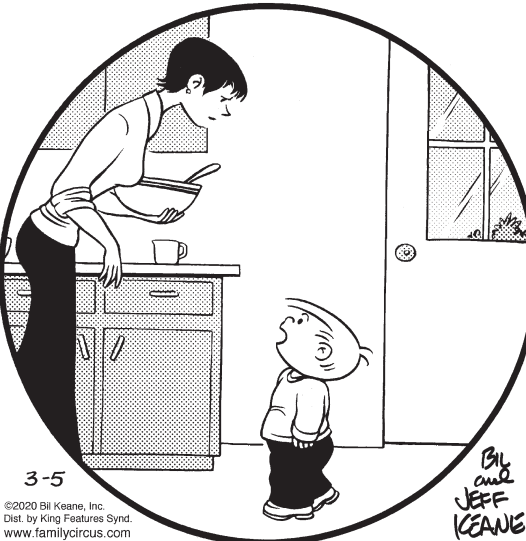


“IF YOU THINK *THIS* LOOKS BAD...WAIT TILL YOU SEE MY SCHOOL PICTURE!”

## The Family Circus

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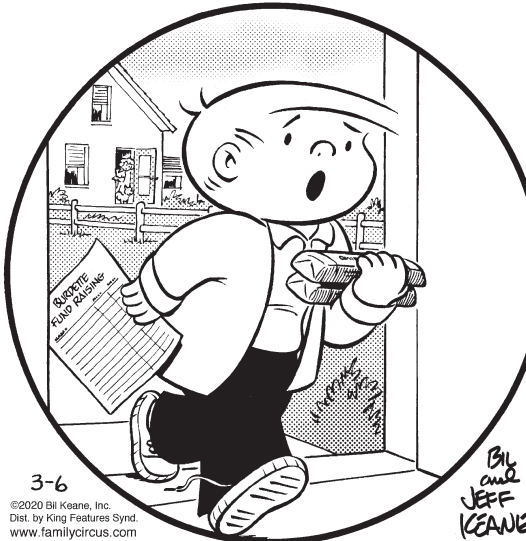
By Bil Keane



“Mommy, did you used to be sexy?”

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



“How am I s’posed to love my neighbor when she didn’t even order any of my candy bars?”



SPRING BREAK IN KC >> Keep up with our coverage of both Big 12 tournaments at [BaylorLariat.com](http://BaylorLariat.com)



Emileé Edwards | Multimedia Journalist

**QUEEN OF THREES** Senior guard Juicy Landrum lines up to shoot from beyond the arc during Baylor’s 69-53 victory over the University of Texas, Thursday night at the Ferrell Center for Senior Night.

# Lady Bears defeat UT on Senior Night

**PRANAY MALEMPATI**  
Sports Writer

No. 2 Baylor women’s basketball defeated the Texas Longhorns at home Thursday night 69-53. The team improved to 28-1 on the season and 17-0 in the Big 12, just one game away from completing a perfect conference slate.

Thursday was a special night for the Lady Bears. Not only was it the last regular season home game, but it was also Senior Night. The team celebrated its seniors by holding a celebration at halftime, as well as by showing a post-game tribute video.

First, head coach Kim Mulkey presented gifts to the four senior student managers. The team celebrated its four senior players: graduate transfer Erin DeGrate, graduate transfer and starting point guard Te’a Cooper, starting guard

Juicy Landrum and starting forward Lauren Cox.

Mulkey said it was awesome for the team to come out victorious on a special night for their players.

“They got a win for themselves,” Mulkey said. “It’s so exciting because all four of them scored, and all four of them were emotional for different reasons. They had their families here and it’s just something about – if you’ve put on that uniform – something about taking it off for the last time [for a regular season home game].”

Regarding the game itself, Baylor stormed out to a 15-4 lead in the first five minutes of the game after Cooper was fouled and successfully converted a three-point play. Cooper had 10 points in the first quarter, as every starter contributed to a 24-10 Lady Bears lead heading into the second period.

Cooper finished the game as Baylor’s leading scorer with 20 points while Cox added 17 points and 12 rebounds, including six on the offensive glass, giving her a double-double for the game.

Baylor, which came out sloppy in the second quarter with turnovers and missed shots, only scored five points in the first five minutes of the period. The entire quarter turned out to be low-scoring as each team notched just 10 points. Baylor entered halftime with a 34-20 lead.

The Lady Bears used the third quarter to ice the game. Near the end of the third, DeGrate came onto the court for the first time and made use of her opportunity. With just four seconds left in the quarter, she converted on a one-and-one, firing up the Ferrell Center crowd and giving Baylor a 57-34 lead heading into the final quarter.

Baylor has played Texas twice this season.

Both times, they have locked down the Longhorns’ top two scorers, Charli Collier and Joyner Holmes. Collier and Holmes, who each average 13-plus points per game for the season, had 16 points total, shooting just a combined 7-25 from the field.

Cox said the players take the matchup as a challenge on defense.

“We take it personal,” Cox said. “I don’t know if it they were just missing shots, or if it was our defense tonight, but we take it personal.”

The Lady Bears rode their consistent defense, the backbone of the team, to a 21st straight victory.

Baylor finishes off the regular season at noon Sunday on the road against Iowa State before going up to Kansas City, Mo., for the 2020 Big 12 Championship Tournament next week.

## Honoring Baylor’s Seniors



Emileé Edwards | Multimedia Journalist

**LAUREN COX** The Flower Mound native has received three All-America selections as a junior and was named 2019 Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year. Cox scored 17 points on Thursday.



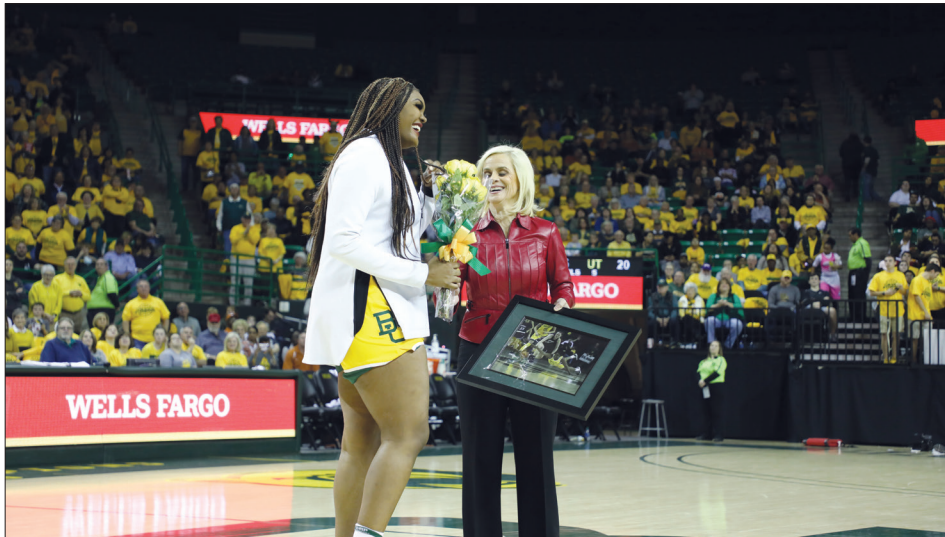
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**JUICY LANDRUM** The Waco native entered her senior year ranked seventh all-time with a .397 three-point percentage. Landrum set a new three-point record with 14 vs. Arkansas State.



Emileé Edwards | Multimedia Journalist

**TE’A COOPER** The South Carolina transfer took over the point guard position after the departure of Chloe Jackson and has become one of Baylor’s leading scorers. Cooper shot 20 points vs. UT.



Jacobi Reynolds | Roundup Photographer

**ERIN DEGRATE** A graduate transfer from Texas Tech, the Waco native has been one of Baylor’s essential bench players this season and has provided a particularly strong presence in the paint.

## 2020 Phillips 66 Big 12 Basketball Championship Tournaments

**Men’s Basketball @ The Sprint Center | Kansas City, Mo.**  
**Possible game times if Baylor is seeded No. 1 or No. 2:**  
**Thursday, March 12:**  
Game 4: No. 1-seed vs. No. No. 8-seed/No. 9-seed @ 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
Game 5: No. 2-seed vs. No. 7-seed or No. 10-seed @ 6 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Friday, March 13:**  
Game 7: Game 3 Winner vs. Game 4 Winner @ 6 p.m. (ESPN)  
Game 8: Game 5 Winner vs. Game 6 Winner @ 8 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Saturday, March 14:**  
**FINAL:** Game 7 Winner vs. Game 8 Winner @ 5 p.m. (ESPN)

**Women’s Basketball @ Municipal Stadium | Kansas City, Mo.**  
**The Lady Bears will be the No. 1 seed.**  
**Friday, March 13:**  
Game 4: No. 1-seed vs. No. No. 8-seed/No. 9-seed @ 1:30 p.m. (FSN)  
**Saturday, March 14:**  
Game 7: Game 3 Winner vs. Game 4 Winner @ 11 a.m. (FS2)  
**Sunday, March 15:**  
**FINAL:** Game 7 Winner vs. Game 8 Winner @ 3 p.m. (ESPN2)



# Baseball makes first true road trip to California

DJ RAMIREZ  
Sports Editor

The 8-4 Baylor baseball team hits the road for the second straight weekend in its first true road test of the season, taking on Cal Poly in a three-game series. The Mustangs made the trip to Waco last year, falling to the Bears in two of three games at Baylor Ballpark.

Baylor will be looking to erase a 12-2 midweek loss to Texas State, which the Bears suffered coming off a sweep of the Shriners College Classic in Houston. Senior Sunday starter Hayden Kettler, who had a clean and effective outing against No. 13 Arkansas in the tournament, said the team expects Cal Poly to bring its best.

“They had a very good opening weekend, but that’s what we expect,” Kettler said. “I think every team we play we need to expect them to be the best team in the country... Cal Poly is a very respected program. They played us well here in Waco last year so I’m looking forward to going up there and getting a rematch.”

The Mustangs are coming off a solid performance in the MLB4 Tournament in Scottsdale, Ariz., in

which they shut out Connecticut 5-0, fell 8-5 to No. 8 Michigan and took a dramatic 9-8 walk-off win over No. 1- ranked reigning national champion Vanderbilt. Cal Poly, however, has lost eight of its last 10 games, including six of eight at home.

The Mustangs starting rotation has been strong, holding a combined ERA of 2.79, but their bullpen has been a little shaky, tallying up a combined 5.08 ERA. The team from the Big West conference returned 10 of 11 position players and eight returning pitchers. Offensively, the Mustangs are led by catcher Myles Emmerson, who’s hitting .320 and has five RBI so far, and first baseman Tate Samuelson who leads the team with nine RBI.

“The reason I like playing them is simple: they have really good pitching, they’re going to be very well-coached, it’s going to be a different kind of baseball than we play out here,” head coach Steve Rodriguez said. “They’re going to be prepared for us, so we’ve just got to make sure we’re the same.”

The Bears open the series against Cal Poly at 8 p.m. tonight in San Luis Obispo, Calif. All games will be broadcast on BigWest.tv and on ESPN 1660 AM radio.



DJ Ramirez | Sports Editor

**BE READY** Senior righty Hayden Kettler throws a pitch during Baylor’s 7-2 win over Nebraska on Feb. 16 at Baylor Ballpark. The Bears are 8-4 so far this season.

## SPORTS TAKE

# XFL struggles to gain foothold amid ratings slump

BRADEN SIMMONS  
Reporter



As the XFL wrapped up week two, much of the early hype with the newness of the league has died down. The question is raised: can the XFL survive? The answer seems to vary by region and is contingent on the team’s play.

As the Houston Roughnecks finished off their new cross-state rivals, the Dallas Renegades, in a sloppy 27-20 victory, there was one blaring sign that the XFL may be in trouble: quarterback play.

In a game where Houston forced five total turnovers, bad quarterback play has been a trend that has created some mediocrity in the league. Only one quarterback, P.J. Walker, has risen above the rest to gain traction toward possibly being considered to join an NFL roster for next season. Other quarterbacks have had an inconsistent play, like DC Defenders’ quarterback Cardale Jones, who started the season strong but was shut out against the Tampa Bay Vipers this past week and posted an abysmal quarterback rating of 30.9.

In a league that has hyped-up quarterbacks such as former Oklahoma signal-caller Landry Jones, who has struggled with

turnovers, bad QB play shows the weakness that the league needs to address in order to stay afloat in a competitive market.

Overall, attendance is still averaging 14,000-18,000 fans, but TV ratings have plummeted for a third straight week. The on-field production has a big part in the dip of ratings, as the quarterback play, even with of Houston’s P.J. Walker, needs to be better for this league to survive past the incubation period.

In the stadium, the environment is electric. Baylor senior Matt Webb attended the Houston Roughnecks’ second home game, which was against the St. Louis Battle Hawks, and said he enjoyed the environment.

“It was a lot of fun being at the XFL game and it was more family-friendly and not as rowdy as I thought,” Webb said. “It had fewer people than a Baylor football, but it was very energetic and lively, and I am excited to go back for another game.”

Webb added that the atmosphere in person is a lot more exciting than just watching it on TV. This would follow the statistics as the attendance has dropped a bit but has been more consistent than the drastic drop in TV ratings.

According to the Sporting News website, if you take out Walker’s statistics, the rest of the league averages 211.4 passing yards per game with 28 touchdowns to 28 interceptions. Jones and the St. Louis Battlehawk’s Jordan Ta’amu are the only quarterbacks who have started in all three games and average more than 200 passing yards per game outside of the Roughnecks’ star.

Based on research done by the XFL news hub, the attendance

has gone up every week until this past week where it dipped 14 % from week three. This seems rational as only two of the teams have winning records after last week’s matchups (Houston and St. Louis.)

Every team in the XFL has had two home games through week four and only one team, the Dallas Renegades, has improved their attendance from week one to week two.

The drop in attendance is natural as no one wants to watch a losing team, especially in a league fighting to stay afloat in a competitive market. As the fifth week approaches, the attendance for home teams will be easy to predict. The Houston Roughnecks and Dallas Renegades will have a decent number of fans while the LA Wildcats and D.C. Defenders will struggle to boost game attendance.

As we approach the midway point for the league, the future is uncertain. Commissioner Oliver Luck wanted the XFL to come out with a sense of urgency and come out of the gate playing good football, but after week one, the product on the field has seemed to decline as the wear and tear of the season progresses.

A popular solution being thrown out by some fans is the possibility of the NFL adopting the XFL as a developmental league for players, similar to the minor league system implemented in baseball. This would help teams scout talent when injuries arise as well as give players on the bubble of making a roster a chance to make a living while also playing the game they love.

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