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Buzzfeed article gains backlash

EMMA WHITAKER
Reporter

Recently, since the BuzzFeed News article “‘Fixer Upper’ is Over, but Waco’s transformation Isn’t” the Baylor community and Wacoans have both positively and negatively responded. The article criticized Magnolia, Antioch Community Church, Waco Tours and other Waco developments.

The article was written by Anne Helen Petersen, a senior culture writer for BuzzFeed News. In the article, she said she has always been impressed

with Chip and Joanna Gaines’ home renovating dynasty, which she witnessed through the HGTV show Fixer Upper (2013-2018).

Petersen said Waco is more than what meets the eye on public television. She also said she noticed there is an issue of gentrification, which is renovating or rebuilding a community so that it conforms to middle-class, in Waco.

“There is, after all, a Waco that you don’t see on Fixer Upper — a Waco that’s over 21% black, over 32% Latino and

where 26.8% of the city lives beneath the poverty line,” Peterson said in the article.

While some people in the Baylor community don’t agree with Petersen’s arguments, Colorado Springs junior Megan Peck, who works for Waco Tours, agrees with the writer.

“Often I feel like there is a white savior mentality here in Waco. This idea that a neighborhood is struggling until the white comes with big business and makes the place oh so much better,”



Shae Koharski | Multimedia Journalist

BUZZFEED BACKLASH San Antonio senior Bella Mahler and Geneva, Ill., junior Hailey Farmer take a picture in front of the Magnolia silos. Magnolia was criticized in a recent BuzzFeed article and Waco locals do not agree.

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Josh Aguirre | Multimedia Editor

WEATHER UPDATE Waco was hit by heavy rain, as well as thunder and lightning, Thursday afternoon, and rain is expected to continue during parts of the night and likely into tomorrow morning. Waco Police addressed the weather on Twitter, urging Wacoans to “please use an abundance of caution and remember it does not take much water to float a vehicle” and to “continue to keep an eye on flood prone areas, creeks and low-water crossings.” Waco Police had received reports concerning flooding streets and stalled cars earlier in the day. On campus, outdoor events and most intramural games were shut down or postponed for a later time.

Baylor students gear up to spend summer volunteering, missions

BRIDGET SJOBERG
Staff Writer

On a Christian campus like Baylor, it’s common for students to embark on mission trips to countries around the world or spend their time leading a summer camp. Although these activities are often fun experiences, they are also composed of hard work on a day-to-day basis.

With the prevalence of social media, it’s common to see posts about volunteering on a trip or working a camp and to notice smiling faces and people playing with cute kids. These types of experiences often do involve these things, but they can also require manual labor, long hours and a strong mindset.

Lone Tree, Colo., sophomore Cassidy Campbell has spent three summers serving on mission trips in Nicaragua and said that the experience on these trips can often be different than what people may perceive on social media.

“Going on a mission trip really requires being prepared for anything because it’s not an easy thing to go through,” Campbell said. “I would never want anyone to go into a mission trip just wanting to take cute pictures with kids and post them on Instagram—if that is where anyone’s heart is, they shouldn’t go because there is so much more to these trips that isn’t posted about.”

Campbell stayed in a compound while in Nicaragua including a church, the pastor’s house, an orphanage, a school, basketball courts and small houses for volunteers to stay. She described the



Photo courtesy of Cassidy Campbell

STUDENT MISSIONS Lone Tree, Colo., sophomore Cassidy Campbell while on a mission trip in Nicaragua.

day-to-day service work as a rewarding experience but also one full of long hours, requiring stamina.

“While the kids were all at school in the mornings, we would work on a service project—the first year I went we worked on a basketball court for the orphanage and the other years we made a huge cement wall to cover the entire compound because it’s in a bad area. We made cement and worked to build the wall up—

it was great seeing the process through the weeks we were there and after coming back a year later,” Campbell said. “After the morning, we would keep working on the project or go to the dump, feeding center, hospital or prison.”

Campbell said that volunteers would serve food to families scavenging near the dumps, or give meals to and play with kids at a center where thousands of kids would receive their one served meal a day. If volunteering at a hospital or prison, they would also serve food, as she said that those staying don’t receive food unless their family or outsiders bring them something. They would also spend time praying with them or sharing stories or testimonies.

“The work is a lot harder than others may see—from an outside perspective, people see posts on Instagram or Facebook but no one really knows every detail about what happens,” Campbell said. “Even going into my third year of the trip, I thought I had seen it all, but I never want to be comfortable—I was always praying for God to open my eyes to something new, no matter what that would consist of.”

Campbell emphasized that mission trips require hard work every day but

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Tunes and Tacos comes to Baylor

MADALYN WATSON
Staff Writer

Baylor students can enjoy some good music and good food at Tunes and Tacos, a community-based music event, 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the North Russell Quad.

Dallas freshman Ben Coleman created Tunes and Tacos in his hometown and decided to bring it to Baylor. Audience members are encouraged to bring their own quilts and seating, so they can spread out, relax, enjoy live music and free tacos from Fuego’s.

“I just really wanted it to be an environment that encourages young artists who maybe have never even played in front of people before,” Coleman said. “And I want it to be a supportive audience, where people appreciate good live music and good food.”

Working with the Baylor and Beyond Living and Learning Center, the concert will feature several bands and musicians from Baylor and the Waco community, including Sack Lunch.

The summer after his sophomore year of high school, Coleman was looking for a setting for him and his friends to come together, perform and listen to live music when he realized he could create his own.

“I’ve always enjoyed live music,” Coleman said. “I realized that there wasn’t really a place [and] there wasn’t really any event in my neighborhood for teenagers to come together to to enjoy live music.”

With the help of his friends and family, Coleman established a regular live music event, Oak Cliff Tunes and Tacos, in the backyard of the El Taxqueño Taquería, a Mexican restaurant owned by his good friend’s grandparents.

“It started off with some friends who wrote songs and played music,” Coleman said, “As we continued putting it on, and it kind of got to be more well known in the neighborhood, people would contact us.”

Dallas sophomore Miranda Wood grew up close family friends with Coleman’s family and has attended several Tunes and Tacos events since the

beginning.

“Ben works really hard to make sure people are comfortable when they’re performing,” Wood said. “And they can like step out onto stage and feel relaxed and feel like they can be accepted there.”

Wood said that the community aspect of the Oak Cliff Tunes and Tacos brought people together and gave her a chance to revisit friends and old memories whenever she

What you need to know:

When: Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Where: North Russell Quad

Food: Free Fuego Tacos

returned home from Baylor.

“It’s been really cool to see it grow from everyone that I know, so like maybe 30 people there I recognize them from the neighborhood, to like hundreds of people, most of them who I don’t know, just because it’s gotten so big,” Wood said.

As the director of the council for Baylor and Beyond, Wood was able to help Coleman contact the right people who could help make the event happen at Baylor.

“Ben has been doing a lot of it on his own, which has been really impressive,” Wood said. “He’s gathered up musicians. He’s been helping to spread the word. He’s been taking initiative, and reaching out to people.”

However, friends like San Antonio freshman Mathew Gonzalez have been helping Coleman spread the word about the upcoming concert.

“[I’ve been] getting the word out the best I can and reaching just different sources of contact that I know that can that can spread the word,” Gonzalez said. “So I definitely see myself helping in any way I can.”

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EDITORIAL



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Honorable mentions

Read editorial topics that never made the cut

1 Bring back coat racks

We're not entirely sure where coat racks went and why. People didn't stop wearing coats. When you walk into your classroom or a restaurant after braving the elements, there should be a place to let your layers dry out. Even if there isn't any inclement weather, are we just supposed to sit on our jackets at Chili's? This is preposterous. We are calling for coat racks in every classroom. Let's make this school a little more classy and a little more practical, huh?

2 Embrace mornings

We understand making the most of your mornings is easier said than done, but it can be so vital to the rest of your day. Right after you wake up is typically the most peaceful your mind is all day; you have just let your body rest to feel more confident to take on your day. If you don't set yourself up for an easy, care-free morning, you are doomed to have a stressful day since you never gave yourself the proper time to ease into it. The morning is when everything is at its most quiet, and, especially in Texas, it's when the weather is most comfortable. Don't ruin your whole day because you didn't start it right.

3 Tip your servers

While it seems so easy, the issue of not tipping servers is a problem that knows no age, gender or credence. These servers work hard, often handling multiple tables simultaneously and literally catering to your exact specifications. They also often get the brunt of the blame for things they can't control. If your food took a long time, it was likely not your server's fault. That is called being busy. Also, especially in a college town like ours, your server is likely a student or recently graduated, and that job may well be their only source of income. If things went normal, 20% is still the reasonable minimum, people — don't leave your servers wanting.

4 Keep your regional accent

No matter where you go, you only have one hometown. With that comes some special responsibility; you defend it against foreigners, you remember who else comes from there, and you keep that accent. Life should take you all types of places, but you

need to remember where you came from because chances are that place made you who you are today. Our journalistic profession encourages broadcasters and reporters to get rid of these accents and sound like everyone else. We want you to embrace where you come from and have such a good accent that people know exactly where you're from when you first meet them, and you can cringe at their attempt to mock you. So, we say: Drop those "r's" if you're from New England, roll them into "w's" if you're from New York and stretch out those vowels if you're from the Midwest. We may be outnumbered while we are here in Texas, but it doesn't mean we can't be unique.

5 Waco pizza is the W.O.A.T.

It seems that one of the largest and proudest states in America missed the boat on how to perfect arguably America's most famous imported food. Smack dab in the middle of the pizza-barren state is Waco, where Baylor students have to turn to Domino's for a halfway decent slice. We are ashamed to have to deliver that kind of news to native Texans, but no hole-in-the-wall pizza places here stack up to the exceptional standards set by those in the northeast and Chicago. Texas apparently does not understand the importance of the sauce to pizza. Most every slice you pick up here looks like someone splattered some sauce on the dough with a tie-dye tube, lubed it up in a tub of grease, stuck it in the microwave for three minutes and served it. No one wants five bites of their pizza consisting of rock-hard globs of cheese on soft dough with no tomato sauce cushion. If we wanted that, we'd order cheesy bread and let it sit out for a few days. The solution is simple: Leave the pizza in a little longer, make the sauce and cheese ratio a little more even and maybe mix in a brick oven or two. It won't take much to stand out as a pizza place in Texas. You just have to be average.

6 Vanilla ice cream deserves more respect

The Barenaked Ladies would be quick to remind us all that vanilla is "the finest of the flavors," yet it is often not cited among personal favorites despite its prevalence. Vanilla simply does not match up with the flavor bursts found in chocolate, rocky road or mint chocolate chip ice cream. What it lacks in flavor and sex appeal, vanilla makes up for with its versatility. If you get a bowl of vanilla ice cream, you can make it into almost any flavor you want. No other ice cream flavor can blend as seamlessly with chocolate sauce, sprinkles, caramel or any type of crushed candy as vanilla can. Vanilla ice cream reminds us that we should appreciate the simple things in life and the creativity we all have inside of us. Vanilla, you're still the one.

COLUMN

The Lariat taught me how to say yes

MOLLY ATCHISON
Editor-in-Chief

I came to Baylor to study psychology, believing I was going to change people's lives by helping them learn more and grow their minds. One semester in, I changed my own mind and decided to shift to a career in journalism, not because I had a passion for it, but because I was good at writing and it sounded more interesting than being an English major. Being a self-starter, I dove into my new course of study and decided to fill my extracurricular time with a part-time job.

And that's how I found the Lariat. It fit perfectly and would help me learn more about my possible future career,



but it became so much more than that very quickly. I remember getting a call from my news editor one night when I was but a lowly assistant news editor, and he asked if I could come in and design a news page. I'd literally never touched page design software in my life, and it was already 10 p.m., only 30 minutes from deadline. But still, I said yes, and that first trial by fire was what sparked a genuine interest in the world of journalism, newspaper design and editing.

Quickly, the Lariat became a second home to me, and with every "yes" came new opportunities to grow, learn and improve my skills as an editor and a writer. I said yes to designing pages on Election Night 2016 and watched my co-workers do twice the work while awaiting a very close outcome. I said yes to taking photos at the scene of an active shooter situation, only thirty minutes after we got off lockdown. I said yes to covering art, crime, sports and everything in between.

“...that first trial by fire was what sparked a genuine interest in the world of journalism.”

I said yes time and time again, and every single moment brought me to where I am now, finishing out my last week, my last print night of being Editor-in-Chief. The past four years of my life have changed me unequivocally — they have made me confident, strong-willed, compassionate, a better listener, a harder worker, a more dedicated friend. I cannot thank the countless coworkers, mentors and friends who walked through this journey with me enough. I cannot thank Baylor University and the Baylor Lariat enough. As seniors, we know that the past four years have not been easy. As Lariat staff members, we know this on a different level. We've had to learn to cover raw, difficult, dark stories that changed us and the Baylor community forever. But I believe that makes us better. I know it's made me better. And that is just one more thing I can thank Baylor for.

Not to be a sappy senior, but thinking about leaving this place that I've called home for the past four years makes my heart break a little. Being a part of the newspaper staff has given me a front row seat to the incredible transformation our student body and our university has experienced, and that transformation makes my heart so incredibly full. Because of the past four years, I know we seniors are going to walk across that stage and accomplish amazing things. I know my friends and I are going to stay in contact and stay as connected as we have been from freshman year to now. I know I am going to pursue my passion. I know we're going to all be OK, as long as we keep saying yes and never give up on what we believe in.

Seniors, our journey is just beginning. But as this one starts, an incredible one is also ending. So with this, I'd like to say thank you. Thank you to Baylor for helping me grow up. Thank you to the Lariat for being an outlet for my passion and my drive. And thank you to the graduating class of 2019, for never giving up. Sic 'em forever.

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Staff gets preview of the new cloud system

MATTHEW MUIR
Staff Writer

Ahead of its June 2020 implementation, faculty and staff got a sneak peek at Baylor’s new Ignite system at this week’s Spring into Ignite Fair. Ignite will replace the current array of financial and human resource systems Baylor currently uses.

Ignite is a cloud-based system intended to streamline the day-to-day work of faculty and staff members by providing a single system to handle HR and financial tasks. Current systems have little integration with one another, which can cause headaches and inefficiencies. The Ignite section on the Baylor website also describes Ignite as a way to further support Baylor’s Illuminate initiative.

Ken Wilkins, the associate dean for sciences, said managing the multitude of services currently in use leads to “a lot of tediousness” for him on a regular basis, particularly with repeated logins and authentication. According to Wilkins, Ignite’s benefits will be widespread.

“It’s an idea whose time has come; we’re looking forward to this,” Wilkins said. “It’s going



Josh Aguirre | Multimedia Editor

IGNITE Monica Saucier, administrative associate for the Baylor Student Media department, spins the wheel to win some Ignite merchandise. On Wednesday faculty and staff got a sneak peek of the new Ignite System which will be implemented in June 2020, at the Ignite Fair this week. The Ignite system is a cloud-based system that is intended to handle HR and financial tasks.

to simplify life for hundreds and hundreds of staff members across campus.”

Student systems will be largely unaffected. Ignite will only handle HR and financial tasks, so the current student systems such as Canvas and BearWeb will remain as they are. The only exception is for student employees who use BearWeb to view tax information and enter their work hours.

However, this doesn’t mean the University isn’t considering improvements to student systems as well. Chief Business Officer Brett Dalton said he anticipates Baylor will eventually eliminate all of its “homegrown” systems like BearWeb, with Ignite being a necessary first step.

“After the foundation is laid with this Ignite project ... it paves the way for the student system to be integrated

seamlessly with finance, HR and the other system,” Dalton said. “I would expect when this is done successfully and when it’s mature that we would then evaluate and improve student systems.”

According to Becky King, Ignite Project Director and the associate VP of IT, the Ignite project began in 2016 and involved extensive planning and research. King said tracking the progress of

vendors was an important part of the early stages of the project.

“These are relatively new systems that manage university information in the cloud,” King said. “In the couple of years it took before we made a decision in the spring of 2018 they improved a great deal.”

King said Baylor is following the progress of different vendors in developing student-oriented systems,

but won’t make any changes until after the Ignite program is in place. According to King. This is because student systems are “very complex” and “truly affect everyone on campus.” King also said that any eventual student systems would integrate with Ignite.

Lisa Rieger is an administrative associate for museum studies. While apprehensive about the switch to Ignite, Rieger said she welcomes the promised benefits.

“I’m a little nervous about it but that’s OK. I mean, we’ve learned quite a bit of stuff this year and last year, what’s one more thing, right?” Rieger said. “[Right now] we have to authenticate with duo quite a bit, so if you go into Trax you have to do that.”

A preliminary list of systems that will be replaced by Ignite was provided at Tuesday’s event. The list includes the financial and HR components of Banner 9, BearQuest and BearWeb, Baylor’s iApply, Job Description database and online expense report systems, Trax, Khalix and BaylorCompass.

Navigating Twitter: Studies show content can be skewed

PRESTON GOSSETT
Contributor

Six thousand tweets are posted each second, according to the Worldometers’ RTS algorithm. Upwards of 500 million tweets are posted each day, yet it’s only a select few users that dominate Twitter and other social media platforms. This begs the question: Whose voices are represented across Twitter?

Breaking news, music releases, sports content and presidential nominee announcements are all included on Twitter, an interactive social media platform many turn to for information on daily events. A recent study by the Pew Research Center shows that 80% of Twitter’s content comes from only 10% of its users.

Robert Darden, a professor in the department of journalism, public relations and new media said navigating Twitter can be challenging for many users.

“The rules of engagement have not been fully established, nor fully enforced,” Darden said. “And when you’ve got this coupled with [Twitter’s] kind of power, you give a handful

of people a disproportionate voice and a disproportionate influence on public policy.”

The Pew Research Center surveyed 2,791 adult Twitter users from the United States to see how they compared to the general public. The study shows that 22% of U.S. adults on Twitter represent a specific population of people. What they discovered wasn’t all that surprising: 78% of Twitter users tend to be younger Democrats with higher levels of education and income. They are also “somewhat more likely to ... see evidence of racial and gender-based inequalities in society,” according to the Pew Research Center.

In addition, the study also highlights the differences in activity within the Twitter community. “You use [Twitter] to build your base to create an unfiltered voice for whatever it is you’re selling ... and with that comes responsibility,” Darden said. “However, you end up not in a democracy, but in a situation where the person who screams the loudest the longest wins.”

A different study done by MIT News shows that a good portion of what you’re reading on social media could be false

news and rumors, simply re-tweeted and circulated daily. Content has recently become a cascade of information -- a stream flowing, dividing and filling every nook and cranny it can find.

With content and user activity changing constantly, it makes sense that falsehoods and “fake news” could spread more quickly than the truth on Twitter. The MIT News study and similar studies have linked it to an appreciation for novelty or the desire to see new things. “People who share novel information are seen as being in the know,” and can quickly gain traction and followers by being the first to tweet or hashtag news and events, according to the MIT News study.

For some, Twitter is used as a platform for commenting on current events or other people’s tweets. For others, Twitter is nothing more than a platform for ranting. As an example, after the Baylor Lady Bear’s recent championship win, President Donald Trump welcomed them to the White House, where he praised them for their win and their efforts with a spread of fast food.

Coach Kim Mulkey has



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TWITTER A recent Pew Research Center study found that 80% of Twitter content comes from 10% of its users, which raises questions of whose voices are represented across Twitter.

been called out for supposedly mocking Trump’s selection of food. This was based on a photo on Twitter where Mulkey was pointing at the food and scowling; however, there were no interviews, no follow-ups and no questions asked about the context of her facial expression.

“People can take pictures, they can take information,

they can make assumptions based on anything and put it out there with a blue check mark by their name,” said Kyle Robarts, associate director of athletics communications.

Mulkey did not respond to the attention the photo of her “grimace” has received on Twitter, even though it has received upwards of 25,000 retweets.

“The thing about this situation and [Twitter] is that we can only control what we can control,” Robarts said. “We can’t control what other people tweet, so we just keep putting out our message that we were excited to be [at the White House] and we were honored to be there. People are going to say what they’re going to say anyway.”

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Peck said.

Petersen says the growth of Magnolia has resulted in gentrification within Waco because the leadership roles within Waco community come from Antioch Community Church, where the Gaines family attends. However, Dr. Charles Ramsey, Baylor Baptist student ministries director, said the article seemed unfair to Antioch.

“Antioch seems to have more blending than most churches within the Waco area. I have seen the pastoral staff. One of the senior pastors is African American, Vincent Carpenter. One of their college pastors, Olayinka Obasanya, is African American. They have a female pastor, Madison Echols. They are doing a lot better than so many other churches at blending within their actual leadership within the congregation,” Ramsey said.

On the other hand, Peck said she stands by Petersen and challenges churches like Antioch and other organizations to make diversity not just a priority, but the priority.

“It’s pretty obvious that Waco is segregated. I’m

always surprised by people that slap my shoulder and congratulate me for caring about ‘social justice.’ Do you not read the Bible? Jesus equals justice. You can’t say you love Jesus and not have justice on the top of your priorities. Justice is literally his heart,” Peck said.

The article also dives into the poverty gap between Baylor’s side of the river and East Waco. Petersen interviewed Andrea Barefield, the Waco City Council Member who represents a district that includes East Waco. Barefield is quoted in the article saying she found that the business development is often owned by white men.

“No one’s saying don’t grow, but you have to do it intentionally and thoughtfully — and through a lens that acknowledges the layers of systemic racism that led us to this moment. How the government controlled which types of people got access to houses, to business ownership, to everything. You have to unpack all that, understand all that. And don’t be offended if I don’t trust you,” Barefield says in the article.

Cairo junior Dareen

Habashy said she doesn’t find the article helpful in solving these types of problems in Waco. She said she has many friends who anguish over the issue of diversity within Antioch, but the article vilifies people, which causes people to become defensive, instead of actually creating meaningful conversations.

“I don’t know if anything beneficial will come from the article,” Habashy said, “With things involving the church, many people need to realize these kind of issues on their own terms. It affects people in a deep way that you can’t simply understand from an article.”

However, students like Peck believe the article started a good conversation. Peck said she wants to formally apologize to the people in Waco because of the hurt that could be caused from the church.

“Church communities don’t realize the part they often play in enabling racism. Just because you’re not adamantly being racist, doesn’t mean you’re fighting it either,” Peck said.



Photo courtesy of 254 Baking

VEGAN BAKING 254 Baking offers a vegan cookie and delivery service to the Waco community. The dessert shop has been operating in Waco for almost a year now.

254 Baking brings vegan dessert options to the Waco market

ALYSSA RODRIGUEZ
Contributor

Although Magnolia Bakery, Lula Jane’s and Tiff’s Treats offer yummy desserts, there is a lack of vegan options in Waco when it comes to baked goods. Baylor University alumnus Travis Corley and senior Mackenzie Martin saw the need and delivered.

Martin and Corley’s business, 254 Baking, a vegan-friendly bakery and cookie delivery service, has been up and running for almost a year now. When the engaged couple switched to veganism, Martin had a difficult time adjusting to the new diet because of her sweet tooth. She struggled to find desserts in the Waco area that were vegan-friendly.

“We wanted to provide people with desserts that fit their dietary needs,” Martin said.

Martin and Corley connect with customers primarily through social media. Facebook alone has enabled 254 Baking to serve clients in Waco, McGregor and Woodway.

Megan Carter and her husband have been vegan for a few years now and are two regular customers at 254 Baking. When Carter planned her son’s first birthday party last summer, she began searching for vegan desserts. She came across 254 Baking on a vegan Facebook page and was able to plan a 100% vegan birthday party for her son.

“254 Baking has been the only place I found that’s affordable and I know for sure that it’s going to be vegan,” Carter said.

Carter stated that trusting a business to make 100% vegan food can be risky, but knowing this business is focused on vegan baking helps put her at ease. 254 Baking follows the Texas Cottage Food Law, which assures customers that their products are authentically vegan.

When Martin and Corley first started 254 Baking they did not expect such a huge demand.

“We didn’t realize how many people had these

allergies,” Martin said. “It has been a very eye-opening experience.”

Martin and Corley have enjoyed working on this business together and watching it grow throughout the year. Martin’s love for baking and Corley’s degree in business marketing led to the start of them baking vegan desserts out of their apartment kitchen. Corley’s business background, particularly the brand management course he took at Baylor, has helped him in branding 254 Baking. They have been able to market their products to the local health-conscious and vegan community.

“Baylor gave me a great view of what a brand really is and how it should be marketed and how every little thing is important to a brand,” Martin said.

Martin and Corley are still growing their business, while continuing to place their faith and hope in God.

“As of now we’re just going to go with the flow and seeing where God takes us,” Martin said.

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Photo courtesy of Ben Coleman

TUNES & TACOS Dallas freshman Ben Coleman created Tunes and Tacos in his hometown as a relaxing environment for music and food. This event has grown to the Waco community and will take place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the North Russell Quad and feature free Fuego tacos.

Gonzalez said that he hopes the event can allow students to distract themselves from this stressful time of the school year.

“With all this stigma against this time of the year with finals and just a bunch of work, I think it [will] really help call students out to take a step back and take a breath and just enjoy some nice music [while] hanging out with friends,” Gonzalez said.

Wood is a bit worried that starting the event in a different environment will create roadblocks that Ben did not have to overcome in Dallas, but she believes it will be more rewarding.

“I think there’s a lot of potential for it to get even bigger than the one in Dallas, because once college students get involved they are obsessed with something [and] it really blows up, because college students just get passionate so easily about things,” Wood said.

Coleman has wanted to start Tunes and Tacos in Waco since he began attending

Baylor, but he waited until he was comfortable and not too busy during his freshman year to host the first concert.

“For the rest of my college experience, I’m hoping to do these at least twice or three times a semester,” Coleman said.

To learn more about the first concert, what will happen if rain interferes and the future of Tunes and Tacos in Waco, follow the events Instagram @ wacotunesandtacos.

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encourages anyone interested in embarking on a mission trip to embrace the experience and constantly look for ways to grow or see things from a new perspective.

“Taking cute pictures with kids you meet is so fun, but there is so much more that goes into this type of work that people don’t know about. It’s often the same with camp—my roommate was a counselor last year and she told me all the details, and it involves a lot of genuinely hard work,” Campbell said.

“My advice to anyone who is interested is to 100% do it—going on these trips has been the most life-changing thing I have ever done. If you go, be open about what God could do through you, and don’t take the easy route on anything or be comfortable. Definitely always be praying for God to work through you and He will.”

Maud freshman Ericka Carr has attended summer camps every year from age nine to graduating high school.

She has also volunteered at camps and is working at Student Life Camp this summer. She described the day-to-day routine of camps as consisting of long hours while also spending time worshipping God and partaking in activities together.

“Every day we start super early with set up—both of the camps that I worked with started with a worship gathering and then were followed by activities like recreation, Bible study, missions or free time to play sports, swim or nap,” Carr said. “After dinner, there’s a bigger worship service to end the night.”

Carr said that it’s easy to become exhausted physically and mentally at summer camps due to the long hours and constant activity but that the overall outcome is worth the work put in.

“Every day at camp starts really early and ends really late, so when you’re working non-stop for six days a week for three months, exhaustion is

inevitable,” Carr said. “Camp tired is a different kind of tired, though. It’s a state of max physical exhaustion but never-ending emotional energy. It’s a feeling of ‘I could really use a nap but also I couldn’t be happier to be here’ every second of the day.”

Carr sees different camps as having unique experiences and encourages anyone interested in pursuing leadership to go for the experience and find a good fit.

“It’s important for people to understand that every camp is different, so what one person posts isn’t always what every camp looks like. It’s not that their posts are a misconception—it’s just that each camp and location offer a unique experience,” Carr said. “I’m not a fan of summer but I spend my year waiting for camp season because it’s that incredible. Camp has changed my faith, work ethic and love for people—it’s changed my life.”

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“My mission is to use my elevated voice to champion the importance of inclusivity.”
Adaline Bebo

Twirling green and gold afar

Baylor’s Golden Girls team captain shares journey, future goals

LUKE SAWYER
Contributor

As a 6-year-old, it was soccer or dance that interested Waco senior Adaline Bebo. She knew she wanted to be a baton twirler. What she didn’t know was that the decision she made as a child would affect her future in remarkable ways.

Bebo is the captain of the Baylor Golden Girls, the group of twirlers that performs alongside the Golden Wave Band. They perform at basketball games, football games, pep rallies and other campus assemblies.

“I can’t begin to express how thankful I am for the sport of twirling,” Bebo said. “This sport has turned me into a better person and competitor, and I am so grateful.”

Before college, Bebo did not suspect she’d twirl for Baylor, let alone become team captain. In fact, she thought she would be dawning the purple and white of one of the school’s foremost rivals.

“I was originally planning on twirling for TCU,” Bebo said. “But after meeting with the coach, things didn’t really work out. I traveled down I-35 and found Baylor and just knew this was it. This was my home.”

Bebo said twirling isn’t a very well-known or appreciated sport, and said she believes Baylor has done an outstanding job in recognizing all the hard work, time and energy the Golden Girls put into twirling at the university. Bebo said she can’t even begin to express the gratitude she feels for the support people at Baylor have shown her over these four years.

Although Bebo said she has fond memories of her time on the team, she said being a twirler at Baylor isn’t an easy task, particularly when studying neuroscience and intending on

studying law as she is. Trying to find the time to manage all of her responsibilities is difficult, Bebo said. She must keep up with her upper-level neuroscience classes, studying for law school entrance exams and keeping up with her captain duties.

“I have to keep a planner for about everything I do,” Bebo said. “Trying to juggle all these responsibilities is tough, but I love what I do and that makes everything that much simpler.”

Bebo’s involvements expand beyond the sport of baton twirling. She also competes in the pageant circuit. Most recently, Bebo won the Miss Dallas pageant. That win will give Bebo a chance to compete in the 2019 Miss Texas Pageant this summer.

Jackie Stewart, Bebo’s lifelong twirling coach, said she is very a good advocate for their sport. Stewart said she believes that Bebo has done a

tremendous job showing people what the sport is all about.

“Bebo is an amazing athlete,” Stewart said. “When she walks into a gym she demands respect from the other athletes because of her work ethic and talent. Her actions help her advocate for the sport more than anything else.”

Bebo said she believes that her greater calling is to be an advocate for all girls, although she’ll always be an advocate for the underappreciate sport of baton twirling.

“I hope when it’s all said and done that I am not remembered by all my accomplishments,” Bebo said. “But that I would have made an impact in the lives of the little girls.”

Beyond the baton and pageant stage, Bebo said she is looking forward to a future in a legal field.

“I am one semester away from graduating with my neuroscience degree, and I hope to go to law school and eventually

work toward bridging the gap between policy and science through Neurolaw,” Bebo said.

Neurolaw is an emerging field that addresses the relationship between neuroscience and law. Bebo said she looks forward to using her influence and the platform she started, No Limitations Waco, to positively impact the community.

“My mission is to use my elevated voice to champion the importance of inclusivity, advocate that communities embrace adaptive playground projects and visit schools to perform and share my social impact: No Limitations — The Power of Yet, serving our population with disabilities and anyone who may experience limitations in a different capacity — physically, mentally or socially,” Bebo said.

According to the website, No Limitations seeks to help those with physical and developmental challenges by giving them opportunities “to participate in social activities, including team sports, while giving their families the pleasure of sharing in their joy, accomplishments and growth.”

Regardless of what the future holds, Bebo said the lessons she’s learned from her time in baton twirling have been invaluable and will have a lasting impact on her life.

“Twirling has taught me so much about discipline, balance and flexibility in life. Competing internationally allowed me to work alongside individuals from around the world, but has also continued to provide me with so many opportunities to travel the world and teach,” Bebo said. “Ultimately my twirling career allowed me use my vision for creativity and perseverance as inspiration for generations of twirlers to come, and I am so excited to capitalize on that moving forward.”




Photo courtesy of Adaline Bebo

This is an SOS

Joe Jonas and Sophie Turner marry

The last single member of the Jonas Brothers trio, Joe Jonas, married actress Sophie Turner at the Chapel L’Amour in Las Vegas after the brothers’ Billboard Music Awards performance Wednesday night. News broke about the surprise wedding after electronic dance music artist Diplo posted videos on his Instagram story of the event. Videos showed all three Jonas brothers at the event. Turner and Joe Jonas exchanged ring pops as wedding bands in the ceremony.

2019 Billboard Music Awards Results



Top Artist
Drake

Top New Artist
Juice WRLD

Billboard Chart Achievement Award
Ariana Grande

Top Male Artist
Drake

Top Female Artist
Ariana Grande

Top Duo/Group
BTS

Top R&B Artist
Ella Mai

Top Rock Artist
Imagine Dragons

Top Dance/Electronic Artist
The Chainsmokers

Top Christian Artist
Lauren Daigle

Top Gospel Artist
Tasha Cobbs Leonard

Top Soundtrack
“The Greatest Showman”

Top R&B Album
XXXTENTACION
“17”

Top Rock Album
Panic! At The Disco
“Pray for the Wicked”

Top Hot 100 Song
Maroon 5, Cardi B
“Girls Like You”

Top Rock Song
Panic! At The Disco
“High Hopes”

Say it ... out loud ... say it

Cult film crash course: The Twilight Saga

What differentiates a cult film from the countless other movies released from Hollywood every year? Why do these movies stand the test of time and, more importantly, maintain fervent, committed followers? In this series, Cult Film Crash Course, we attempted to answer these questions about cult film qualities and more. Enjoy this final installment!

SAVANNAH COOPER
Reporter

In November of 2008, Stephenie Meyer's four-part novel series came to life with the release of the first of five blockbuster films that grossed over \$3.3 billion worldwide, sparking a mania that made fans hungry for a blood-sucking romance.

Twilight opens in a small, notoriously rainy town called Forks in Washington state where Isabella (Bella) Swan, played by Kristen Stewart, moves from Phoenix to live with her police chief father, Charlie Swan, played by Billy Burke. Bella isn't content with the move and attends high school knowing very few people, making feel like an outsider. All of that changes when she spies an open seat in a biology class next to Edward Cullen, played by Robert Pattinson, a 104-year-old vampire who looks 17 and can't get enough of her scent.

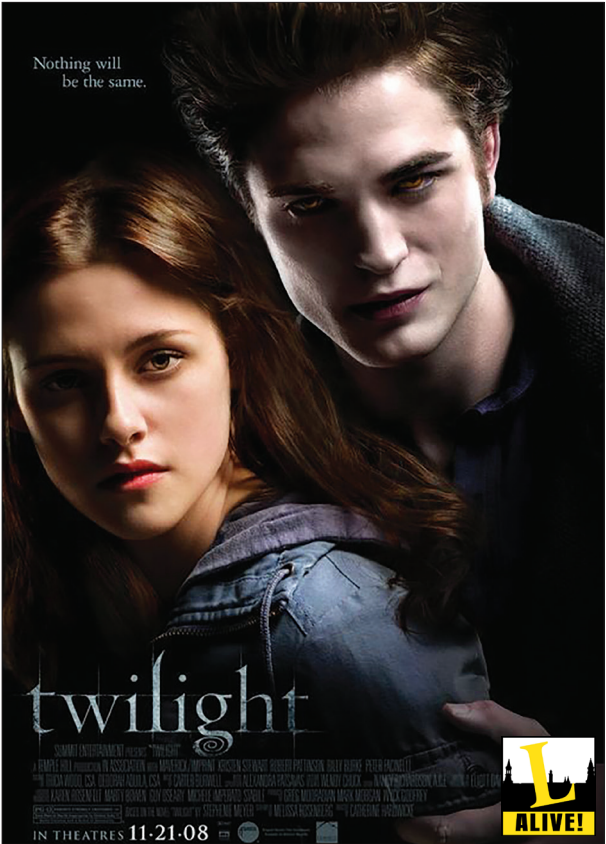
As the story unfolds, viewers are introduced to the love affair between Bella, a typical high school teenager, and Edward, a vampire who craves human blood. After a potentially deadly accident is averted thanks to Edward, Bella realizes that he's not like everyone else and wonders about him and his family. With Bella's consistent questioning and Edward's growing interest in her, she meets his eclectic family, witnesses his supernatural abilities and expresses her desire to become a vampire too so they can be together forever. Their whirlwind romance comes to an unexpected halt when three vampire hunters arrive in Forks with the intent to kill the Cullen family. The issue takes a toll on Bella and Edward's relationship but together they find the strength to fight back.

After getting a paper cut from opening presents at her 18th birthday party with the Cullens, Bella is saved by Edward when his brother Jasper becomes overwhelmed with her blood's scent and charges after her. This incident proved to Edward that their relationship isn't safe for Bella. He ends their relationship and the Cullens leave Forks. Heartbroken by his departure, Bella begins to develop another relationship with a werewolf named Jacob Black, played by Taylor Lautner.

With the introduction of Jacob as a romantic interest, fans were then offered a juicy love triangle riddled with drama, betrayal and paranormal activity. As the series progresses, viewers learn of the bad blood between vampires and werewolves as predator and prey for decades. In 2010, the third installment, Eclipse debuted and fans had to decide if they were either Team Edward, Team Jacob or Team Switzerland — the neutral side as Bella describes.

Slight spoiler, Bella picks Edward and throughout "Breaking Dawn — Part One" (2011) and "Breaking Dawn — Part Two" (2012), fans saw them become a family that further endures challenges seen and unseen.

Before any film concept was made, Meyer started gaining traction in 2005 with the release of the first of a four-part novel series. Young adults everywhere were all taking a bite out of the



CRAVING BLOOD "Twilight" has maintained millions of fans years after its release, earning it a spot on our cult film list. The film has vampires, werewolves and love triangles galore.

juicy red apple on the front cover. After "Twilight's" release, subsequent novels furthered the plot and fans started to picture these characters, imagining what their lives would be like personified.

If the dystopic, small-town allure wasn't enough, Bella was living out many middle and high schoolers' dream of having two hot guys fighting for her love. Having two contrasting characters also built engagement from fans as they started to side with one or the other and proudly expressed why Bella fit best with him.

This series revolved around themes of love, family and coming of age — things that impact us all. The "Twilight" Saga garners the term cult classic because it birthed Twilighters, Fanpires and Twihards — terms describing the fans. Over the course of four years, moviegoers grew up with these characters and storylines. No two Twilight fans are the same thanks to these films offering a world full of supernatural elements with a dynamic range of personalities that appeal to a wide audience. These films garnered committed fanbases, making the series a staple topic in 2000s pop culture discussions.

If you want to take a trip down memory lane before finals, or want to see what the hype is about, dedicate a day to a supernatural love story with a little something for everyone.

WHAT TO DO IN WACO

Friday, May 3

DreamCon 2019 | All Day | Waco Convention Center | \$20 one-day pass or \$35 weekend pass | The convention will include gaming tournaments, cosplay, artists, anime creators, YouTube stars, musicians and more.

First Friday in downtown Waco | 6 - 9 p.m. | Downtown | The monthly event features deals, freebies and special events in a variety of local businesses.

John Storm exhibit | 10 a.m. | Cultivate 7twelve | The artist's work will be featured through May 30 at the local venue.

Mamma Mia! | 7:30 p.m. | Waco Civic Theatre | \$18 student tickets | The show will run through Sunday with multiple showings a day. Visit their website for a list of showtimes.

The Liar | 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. | Jones Theatre | Baylor Theatre is holding its final show of the school year. The show will run through Sunday with two showings a day. A full list of showtimes can be found online.

Saturday, May 4

Historic Waco Foundation Attic Treasures | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. | 4328 W. Waco Drive | The event will feature the sale of gently used, vintage and antique goods.

Waco Downtown Farmers Market | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | McLennan County Courthouse parking lot | The weekly event features a variety of vendors and booths selling products, household goods and more.

Waco Gem and Mineral Show | 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Extraco Events Center

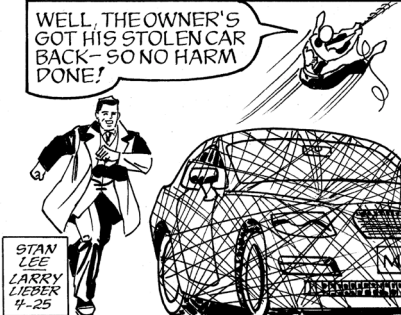
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PUZZLES

Amazing Spiderman

By: Stan Lee



Dennis The Menace

By: Hank Ketcham



PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

GEE, THANKS!

ACROSS

- 1 Participated in a PAC
- 8 Gridlock
- 15 Muffler, e.g.
- 20 "Amen to that!"
- 21 Blank-faced, as a comic
- 22 Gung-ho
- 23 Basic items on a canal boat?
- 25 Auto gear
- 26 Has it wrong
- 27 "Who is —?"
- 28 Day, to Diego
- 29 One hocking something
- 30 Nonclerical
- 31 Niche religion
- 32 Large-scale swindle?
- 35 Cubs hero Sammy
- 36 Hip dwellings
- 37 Make holy
- 38 Glowing molten rock?
- 42 Like acids
- 43 Rough- (unfinished)
- 47 Wintry glaze
- 48 Dundee denial
- 49 "How precious!"
- 50 "John Q." actress Anne
- 51 Place to grow grapes
- 54 TV program about kings and queens?
- 58 Settles up
- 59 Assistant on an iPhone
- 61 Suffix with hepta-
- 62 Radius site
- 63 Granola grain
- 64 European city famous for post-drinking headaches?
- 69 In history
- 72 Pot-au- (French stew)
- 73 Poem form
- 74 "Not so fast!"
- 75 Makes the decision
- 79 Press-on nails?
- 83 "Dream on!"
- 85 Radiant
- 86 Gun rights gp.
- 87 Old Pan Am rival
- 89 Tutu, e.g.
- 90 Comic Martha
- 91 Fill to excess
- 93 Placards that say "I'm only human"?
- 96 1991 Wimbledon champion Michael
- 98 Very light
- 99 Wry grimace
- 100 Weekly time to play some British football?
- 104 Chapel part
- 105 In a funk
- 108 Hasty glance
- 109 Mac
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- 112 Schoolyard retort
 - 113 Spanning structure bought from a catalog?
 - 117 Big name in watches
 - 118 Made fit, as a suit
 - 119 Snobbish behavior
 - 120 When some early risers go to bed
 - 121 Promises
 - 122 Works for seven
- #### DOWN
- 1 Insult in print
 - 2 Fictional Scarlett
 - 3 Bush fruit
 - 4 Totes, e.g.
 - 5 Intense anger
 - 6 Visual acuity determiner
 - 7 It may record a fender bender
 - 8 Fateful March day
 - 9 Grown boys
 - 10 Gentle touch
 - 11 Reebok rival
 - 12 Neighbor of Andorra
 - 13 Tongs may be placed in it
 - 14 U.S. nav. officer
 - 15 Auto types
 - 16 Auto-cleaning services
 - 17 Winemaking phase
 - 18 Party hearty

- 19 Brother, in French
- 24 Use a couch
- 29 Boat landing
- 31 Like dirty chimneys
- 32 Wii user, e.g.
- 33 Nutrition fig.
- 34 Viral illness
- 35 "Good grief!"
- 36 Club swingers' gp.
- 38 Abbr. on an invitation
- 39 Tony winner Kazan
- 40 Refute
- 41 Drug banned by MLB
- 42 Title river in a Jolson hit
- 44 Canyon call
- 45 "Not so fast!"
- 46 Pond critter
- 49 Gung-ho
- 50 Service song
- 52 Emmy-winning Ed
- 53 Cobble together
- 55 Wetland bird
- 56 Schoolyard retort
- 57 Salvors
- 60 Côte d'— (nation in Afrique)
- 65 Two or three
- 66 Writer Buchanan
- 67 Lunged toward
- 68 Terrier type, for short
- 69 At a distance
- 70 Reciprocal of nano-
- 71 YOLO part
- 76 Smug sort
- 77 Gull relative
- 78 Match parts
- 80 Loses all one's moolah
- 81 Alert
- 82 Tale
- 84 Topic
- 88 Lopsided
- 91 In — (as placed)
- 92 Prefix with puncture
- 93 Actress Wasikowska
- 94 Electrical units
- 95 Susceptible to being misplaced
- 97 Magnate
- 98 Bewildered
- 100 Gorbachev's wife
- 101 Perturb
- 102 "Capeesh?"
- 103 Software package
- 104 Have life
- 105 — Hawkins Day
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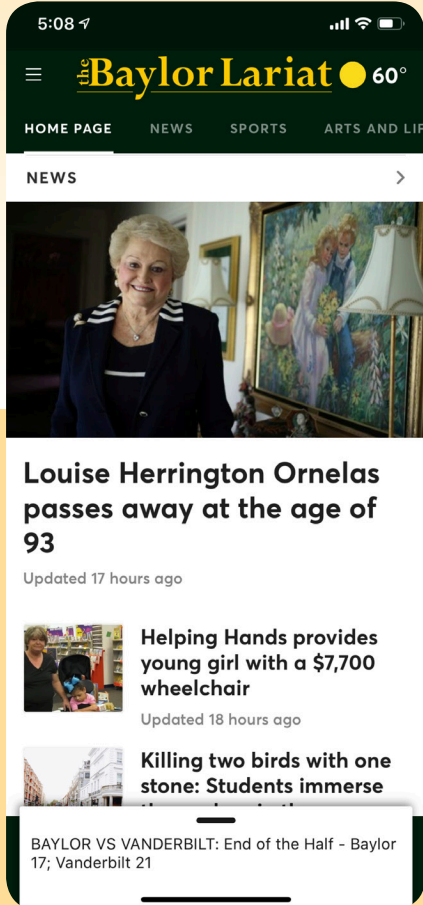
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Team of the Year



Shae Koharski | Multimedia Journalist

Women's Basketball

Captured third national title and won Big 12 regular season and tournament championships

Coach of the Year



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Kim Mulkey

Hall of Fame coach led Lady Bears to 37-1 season and third national championship

Male Athlete of the Year



Shae Koharski | Multimedia Journalist

Makai Mason

Averaged 14.9 points per game and led men's basketball to NCAA first-round upset

Female Athlete of the Year



Shae Koharski | Multimedia Journalist

Kalani Brown

Averaged 15.8 points per game en route to third All-American nod and title run

Top five moments



Women's basketball claims third national title with 82-81 win over Notre Dame

1

Denzel Mims' game-winning catch against OSU in the homecoming game

2

Acrobatics and tumbling captures fifth-straight national championship

3

Soccer takes down Virginia to advance to second-straight Elite Eight

4

Makai Mason scores career-high 40 points in blowout win over TCU

5

Star catcher controls the field for Bears

DJ RAMIREZ
Sports Writer

If there's one thing players in the Big 12 and around the state of Texas know, it's that you don't run on Baylor's backstop. With a pop-up time of less than two seconds behind the plate and an arm like a cannon, junior starting catcher Shea Langeliers is a rare kind of ballplayer.

A two-time All-American and 2018 Rawlings/ABCA Gold Glove winner, Langeliers has one of the most well-rounded skill sets of any amateur catcher in the nation and although he could probably be just as good in any other position, catching is what he's grown to love.

"I played shortstop up until I was 12 years old," Langeliers said. "Obviously I've loved baseball my whole life and my dad kind of talked to me at that age and was like, 'Hey, there's very few catchers that are good at catching and good at hitting,' and I was like, 'All right.' So I was 13 when I started catching and fell in love with it obviously and worked my butt off and it's turning out to be good so far."

In this his third year on the Bears' squad, the Keller native has made 135 starts in the catcher position and has .994 career fielding percentage. As a freshman, he ranked third in the Baylor record books for lowest percentage in bases stolen against him and threw out 26 base runners. His skills behind the plate only improved in his sophomore season with 449 putouts and 22 caught stealing, which earned him first pick on the 2018 Collegiate National Team.

According to head coach Steve Rodriguez, Langeliers' ability to control the game behind the plate is why he's one of the best in the country.

"When he's throwing the ball down there, 1.81, 1.82 [seconds], and guys are still running when the middle infielders still have the baseball, it puts our minds at ease. All we have to do is say, 'Hey, just play catch.' It's one of the most impressive things I've seen as a coach, and I'm really happy to have him on our side," Rodriguez said.

On top of his defensive ability, Langeliers has also earned his spot in the heart of Baylor's lineup. He hit .313 as a freshman and despite going through a bit of a slump in his sophomore year with a .252 batting average, he hit 11 home runs in 2018, breaking his freshman record of 10. His walk-off single in the 2018 Big 12 Championship Tournament won the Bears their first tournament title.

In the 2019 season, Langeliers is hitting .324 and has five home runs on the year, despite suffering from a broken wrist early in the



DJ Ramirez | Sports Writer

BIG TIME TALENT Baylor junior catcher Shea Langeliers warms up the glove against Texas on April 6 at Baylor Ballpark. Langeliers is a two-time All-American and is projected to be a first-round pick in the upcoming MLB Draft.

season. But Baylor has learned to turn adversity into opportunity this year and the junior made a quick recovery while freshman catcher Kyle Harper filled in for him.

Langeliers' defensive ability combined with the power of his bat are only part of why he's a great player. His leadership has also been impactful for the team, especially with seven new pitchers on the roster this season. According to Langeliers, his experience as a freshman encouraged him and the rest of the upperclassmen to welcome the newcomers with open arms.

"I feel like that's why this program is going up and getting better every year is just welcoming everybody in with open arms," Langeliers said. "We all get along and we mesh really well and obviously for a bunch of pitchers and for myself to be a junior –

I've been here for a couple years – I feel like that's an advantage to the pitchers because I can kind of help them get through situations that I've seen other young pitchers go through."

As one of the best catchers in college baseball, Langeliers is projected to be a round one major league draft pick in June, but that isn't something he's really worried about at the moment. With the Bears in first place of the Big 12 and a possibility to host a regional, Langeliers and the rest of the team are taking it one step at a time.

"I try to not think about it too much. That's after our season, or I guess we could be in post season, but right now this is the most important thing to me," Langeliers said.

Female sports deserve more recognition

KAITLYN DEHAVEN
Digital Managing Editor

SPORTS TAKE

When you turn on your TV looking for a sporting event to watch, usually the first thing you will find is a football game, men's basketball game or golf. To find something like women's basketball, even during March Madness, you have to search or stream the game, which is much more difficult than flipping to a popular channel.

For television rating's sake, this makes sense. Most sports-watchers are looking for either football or men's basketball because they're so popular, and therefore will make the most revenue. But why is it, at Baylor, that the sports we are truly good at aren't the ones we find easily accessible or the most publicized? Rather, we see our football team and our men's basketball team taking away the glory while the Lady Bears get less attention, and the acrobatics and tumbling team gets little to no Baylor publicity.

In the last 15 years, Baylor has won nine national championships. Of these, eight of the national championship titles have been taken by the women's basketball team and our acrobatics and tumbling team. The only outlier is the first national championship Baylor won in 2004, which was by the men's tennis team.

While Baylor might not see the negative consequences of not paying as much attention to the lesser known sports, you can see the negative outcomes if you attend a game. Now I won't argue that McLane Stadium during a football game and the Ferrell Center during an acrobatics and tumbling meet should be equal. The level of interest in the sports being played is vastly different. But I believe that if Baylor were to more publicly advertise our women's basketball and acrobatics and tumbling teams' game times, student attendance could easily be much higher. It's pretty ridiculous that our acrobatics and tumbling team won their fifth consecutive national championship this year, which was held at home, in the Ferrell Center, and the stadium was far from full the night of the national championship.

Student support at games is vital. A study done by Erin Smith and Jon Groetzinger in 2010 suggests that this lack of support – this lack of school and fan support – might have negative consequences on the teams. Their study shows that an increase in attendance results in a 4% increase in the likelihood of a home team win. This may not seem like a lot to most of us, but 4% can easily determine the outcome of a close game.

To increase student participation and attendance, Baylor needs to take the lead. More social media posts about these teams, better publicizing their accomplishments and showing what an honor it is to go to a university with national champions will surround these sports with excitement and get our students excited about them as well. Our teams work hard, and we have some great athletes who deserve to be recognized for their passion and dedication.



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STILL ON TOP Baylor senior Kaylee Adams and assistant coach Angela Ucci celebrate after the Bears defeated Oregon on Saturday at the Ferrell Center to claim their fifth straight national championship. Of the nine national championships Baylor has won in the past 15 years, only one has been from a male team.

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