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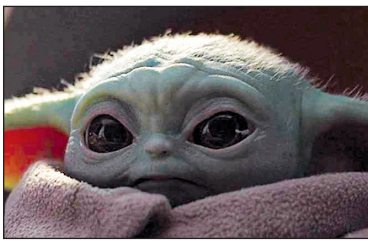
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## Shapiro expresses his views on the left

**MATTHEW MUIR**  
Staff Writer

Ben Shapiro attacked what he sees as a left-wing war on science in his speech Thursday night at Baylor, one of several stops as part of the Fred Allen lecture series.

The 35-year-old conservative commentator for The Daily Wire drew a packed house at the 2,200-seat Waco Hall for his speech titled "Why Does the Left Hate Science?" Shapiro's speech was sponsored by Baylor's chapter of Young Americans for Freedom. In the hour-long speech, Shapiro took aim at three issues he claims represent liberal denial of science: abortion, transgenderism and climate change.

The first target for Shapiro was abortion, and his main argument centered on the discussion of when human life begins. Shapiro is ardently pro-life, and he said the human life has one clearly-defined beginning.

"The left insists that it has a scientific perspective on abortion, which is bizarre because their perspective is that a woman gets to decide randomly when a human life constitutes a human life," Shapiro said. "Literally at any point she can decide one day it's a human life, she can decide the next day it's not a human life... This is utterly, utterly unscientific... By every biological criteria a new human life begins at conception."

Pamela Wei, a Baylor alumna from Shanghai, China, attended Shapiro's speech. Wei said she did not agree with all of Shapiro's points, but found herself in lockstep with Shapiro's views on abortion.

"There's no social benefits to

justify abortion just like there's no social benefits to justify slavery," Wei said.

After abortion, the commentator set his sights on transgenderism. Shapiro said the growing acceptance of transgender individuals signified a breakdown of societal norms.

"If I say that a man is a man and a woman is a woman, this is obviously deeply controversial because the entire society has fallen down and hit its head," Shapiro said. "I know, this is basic stuff. There are these categories— they're called male and female, they exist in all mammalian species... If they were just talking about intersex people they'd at least have an argument. If they're talking about Caitlin Jenner is a woman in the same way that my wife is a woman, this is obviously untrue and it's very silly to boot."

While Shapiro railed against mainstream acceptance of transgenderism, he clarified that transgender individuals deserve respect. Shapiro said he would call a transgender individual by their preferred pronouns to be polite.

"This is not meant to be mean. If I'm in a room with somebody having dinner with them and they happen to be transgender, I'll call them by any pronoun they want because I don't want to be rude because I'm trying to be polite," Shapiro said. "But as a society if we're going to dictate that men and women are interchangeable terms... then we have gone off the deep end."

Andrew LaGessee, a student at Southern Methodist University, made the trip from Dallas with a few friends to see Shapiro.

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**BEN SHAPIRO |**  
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**LATE NIGHT LECTURE** Ben Shapiro, editor-in-chief of the Daily Wire and conservative political commentator, spoke to an audience in Waco Hall on Thursday night, and railed against those on the left whose ideas he said were "utterly, utterly unscientific."



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**PACKED AUDITORIUM** Waco Hall's 2,200 seats were packed for Thursday's event. Tickets sold for the event, which went on sale back on October 16, sold out within a couple of days.

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Photo Courtesy of Baylor Chi Omega

**BED BENEFIT** Alpha Tau Omega's Bed Race will be a key part of Friday's event. Participants can race in groups of five on hospital beds through a blow-up obstacle course.

## Chi O, ATO race to benefit philanthropies with chili, team hospital bed race

**BRIDGET SJOBERG**  
News Editor

As part of an annual partnership to benefit both groups' philanthropies, Chi Omega and Alpha Tau Omega will be hosting Chi O Chili Cook-Off and ATO Bed Races, a night full of contests and community.

It will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. tonight on Fountain Mall, and all proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation and CoHope, the philanthropies of Chi Omega and ATO,

respectively. The main activities of the night will be a chili cook-off where participating groups submit their contribution to a panel of Baylor faculty and staff, and bed races, where students can register in teams of five to race each other on hospital beds—often in costumes— and complete a blow-up obstacle course.

Houston junior McKenna Koy, Chi Omega's director of community service, said that the cook-off and races will be an opportunity for

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## Baylor SAVE emphasizes importance of vaccines

**MEREDITH HOWARD**  
Staff Writer

The Student Association for Vaccination Education has only been at Baylor for about a year but is already conducting research and making efforts to educate the student body about the science behind vaccination.

SAVE "supports current scientific consensus with an emphasis on objective data," according to their Connect website, and part of its goal is to increase the percentage of students at Baylor who are receiving vaccinations.

"Vaccinations do decrease the incidents of disease, and that has been proven over multiple studies over decades," Waco senior Angelica Anzures, SAVE's president, said. "We are raising awareness for what would happen if we didn't get vaccinated, especially with the anti-vax movement becoming more and more prevalent."

Canyon Lake senior Jillian Schley, SAVE's public relations chair, also said scientific studies point to the effectiveness of receiving vaccinations.

"The consensus is vaccines are necessary, and they're great. We just really want to support that," Schley said.

Both Anzures and Schley expressed concerns about the anti-vax movement in relation to SAVE, but they said they haven't experienced any problems at Baylor with that movement.

"I anticipated a lot of push-back, but

actually on campus there hasn't been a lot of hostile people, Anzures said. "Actually, I haven't experienced anyone hostile with our events or group."

One opportunity that SAVE provides to all of its members is to participate in research opportunities in the hopes of gathering data to increase the use of vaccines at Baylor.

"We send out a survey - we're collecting data on what the current status of vaccination use is on campus. We ask questions like, 'Did you get the flu vaccine this year?' If you did not, why did you not receive the vaccine? Was it because religious preference - was it because of cost or availability? And so we ask questions like that, and we just analyze where the community is at, and we'll meet the community wherever they're at," Anzures said.

Anzures said she hopes to expand SAVE's research pool into the Waco community in the future, and she is passionate about vaccination because misconceptions can have dangerous consequences.

"There's this idea of herd immunity, that if these young, healthy people are not getting their vaccines, then they could potentially pass it on to someone who is at risk for illness like infants, or the elderly, and those people are the ones that are dying," Anzures said. "A lot of people don't know that influenza kills thousands of people every single year in the U.S., not [only] in other countries, it kills

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EDITORIAL

# Stream smarter, not harder

Video streaming services are at an all-time high. Cable has transitioned into Netflix, which has transitioned into adding one, two, three or maybe even more new subscription-based services. Although options can be nice to have, what some have dubbed the “streaming war” can make it difficult for consumers to know which purchases are worth it and which aren’t.

The overall idea of streaming services is great — for just a small monthly fee, subscribers have access to a wide variety of content that would have cost a large amount if purchased individually. Although investing in these services can be cost-effective, subscribing to every streaming service can quickly add up if we’re not careful. We need to think before we stream.

As time moves forward, a variety of options are joining the competition and are working to claim popular shows to attract potential subscribers — along with Netflix, there is also Disney +, Amazon Prime Video, Hulu, HBO Max, NBC Peacock, CBS All Access, Apple TV+ and potentially more in the future.

It’s important to look into what shows each platform will be acquiring and decide whether a full subscription purchase is worth it. For example, NBC Peacock will likely acquire The Office for its new platform, but if The Office is the only show on the service that you are interested in, it’s probably not worth the monthly purchase.

With new streaming services on the rise, existing shows are being acquired by new platforms, and each service is working to produce its own original content. Before deciding to purchase a streaming service, check its projected shows going into 2020 and even 2021 to make the most informed decision.

Thinking before streaming is also important because paying a monthly fee makes the cost to stream seem incredibly low. Although this is true for the amount of content one is receiving, prices quickly add up when purchasing more than one service, and the overall cost can get out of hand. Paying \$6.99 a month for a service is reasonable, but doing this for four services totals to \$30 a month, which can be a big difference when calculating in other necessary items like food, gas and big purchases like tuition or extracurricular participation dues.

Additionally, some services are offering



Hannah Holliday | Cartoonist

bundle packages for a slightly higher amount, which can seem like a great deal. Although it is if one truly uses each service paid for, these packages will just be additional money wasted if not fully considered. If you know you would get use out of Disney +, ESPN + and Hulu, then

spending closer to \$12 for all as opposed to around \$7 each makes sense, but only making the purchase because it is a bundle is something that needs to be considered.

Overall, streaming is great. Consumers get a whole lot for their money and are able to access

a variety of content for a small monthly fee. However, with the rise of new platforms, give thought to which services are worth the money and which you would actually use on a regular basis. Don’t stream mindlessly.

COLUMN

## Baylor should invest in swim team

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Baylor seems to have endless funding for athletics, yet they have ignored attempts to build an adequate swimming pool or create a swim team, which is a popular sport worldwide.



The SLC pool has three 25-yard lap lanes, a lazy river, a vortex pool and a jacuzzi. There also used to be a 30-foot slide, but it was taken down last year. The expectations for the SLC pool were set high, but building a pool where

the lowest depth is 4 feet was disappointing. Burna Battles was the assistant professor of health and human performance when the SLC pool was built in 1999. In an interview with the Lariat in 1999, she gave her opinion on the new pool.

“Our aquatic facilities are lacking. When we had envisioned the future recreational facility, we had an idea close to what Texas A&M has,” Battles said.

According to the Lariat archives, the aquatic facilities used to be located near the Marina and apparently rested on a landfill before the SLC was built. There were countless concerns over whether or not the

old pool would pass the city’s safety code, which created the need to build a new pool in the SLC.

Battles told the Lariat the original plan was to include an Olympic-size swimming pool, but it was shut down after the athletic department rejected the idea of having a competitive swim team.

In response, the Baylor Swim Club was founded four years ago to meet the needs of students looking to swim competitively and continue their passion from high school.

“Baylor’s Swim Club is a place to bring swimmers together to compete, improve and have fun,” Baylor Swim Club’s president from last year Mara Gomen said. “For those of us who can’t imagine life entirely out of the water, it’s the perfect club to call home.”

Despite their noble mission, it has been a struggle for the swim club to host practices in the SLC pool. Each year the club has to receive permission for practice times and reservations for the lanes. Even then they can only reserve the lanes for two days each week. In addition, the swim club has almost 60 members and the lanes can only fit so many people before collisions start to happen.

“We struggle at the beginning of each semester with 60 to 80 interested freshmen squeezing into the pool, which I’m sure drives away many otherwise interested swimmers,” Fort Worth senior Zachary Steudel, Baylor Swim Club’s coach, said.

Baylor has shown no movement in

adding this sport, and it doesn’t look like they’re intending to any time soon. Baylor has a fantastic reputation for sports among colleges, but it seems to me like they’re not reaching their full potential.

According to Next College Student Athlete, there are roughly 500 swimming colleges across all the major athletic divisions, and Baylor isn’t one of them. Even McLennan Community College has an Olympic-size swimming pool. The only reasoning I can find for this is that maintaining a swim team could be too expensive. However, if funding was a problem, it would have made more sense for Baylor to create a swim team that profits from winning competitions and having people attend swim meets than to build a leisure pool where little to no income is being made.

I propose that we start a change by petitioning for Baylor to build an Olympic-size swimming pool. Baylor is an elite school and we would be even more respected if we had a pool that could actually maintain a swim club or team. If Baylor creates a swim team, we could show every other college that we are truly the best when it comes to athletics. We could have swimmers graduate from Baylor who go on to swim in the Olympics, raising Baylor’s reputation even more.

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LARIAT LETTER

## Native American Heritage Month needs recognition

Over the past weeks, Multicultural Affairs has commemorated Hispanic Heritage Month and Asian & Pacific American Heritage Month, but I am wondering why they have not done anything for



Native American Heritage Month in November. Because there is no student organization for Native Americans, those who identify with that ethnicity have nowhere to express

themselves and no one to encourage campus wide events like presentations or powwows. If anything, by not hosting any such events or even acknowledging the existence of Native American Heritage Month, it reinforces the notion that there are no more Indians in the United States or that they are such a small minority confined to isolated reservations that they are insignificant and unworthy of attention. This is far from the truth. Native culture has been experiencing a dramatic resurgence across the country, and many people associate in some way with this ethnicity. All it would take is a few small efforts to recognize this vital and vibrant culture, and that would surely help make all Native peoples feel welcome at Baylor and open up the opportunity for shared education for everyone’s benefit. Perhaps next year?

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# Pope turns attention to needs of Thai church, young people

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Associated Press

SAM PHRAN, Thailand (AP) — Pope Francis tended to the needs of Thailand’s tiny Catholic hierarchy Thursday, urging priests and nuns to find ways to communicate the faith with “a Thai face and flesh” in an overwhelmingly Buddhist country.

Thousands of Thais welcomed Francis as he travelled to St. Peter’s Parish, a Catholic community outside Bangkok, to pray at the sanctuary of Thailand’s first martyred priest.

There, he told a few hundred priests and nuns that he read “with some pain” that for many Thais, Christianity is “a religion for foreigners.”

“This should spur us to find ways to talk about the faith in dialect, like a mother who sings lullabies to her child,” he said.

Children dressed as monks and nuns, as well as real-life religious and ordinary Catholics cheered him as he passed through the crowd outside the church in his popemobile and later on foot. “Viva il papa,” or “Long live the pope,” they shouted in Italian.

It was the first time in a generation that Thais have seen a pope up close, after St. John Paul II became the first pope to visit Thailand in 1984.

“It’s been 35 years so everyone is so

very happy,” said Tuangsin Pureepaswong, a 60-year-old research engineer from Rayong province. “May the Holy Father pray to God for us all.”

Pornnutch Kruprasert, a 14-year-old training to be a nun from southern Prachuap Khiri Khan province.

“The pope always has good thoughts for all youths,” she said cheerfully. “We can bring his teachings into real life.”

After meeting with clergy and nuns, Francis was meeting with members of his own Jesuit order and bishops from across Asia to encourage them to spread the faith as their missionary predecessors did.

In the afternoon, he attends an interfaith encounter, where he’s expected to highlight areas where Catholics can cooperate with Buddhists, Muslims and members of other Christian denominations.

Francis wraps up the day with a Mass dedicated to young people at Bangkok’s Cathedral of the Assumption. He leaves Saturday for Japan for the second and final leg of his trip.

At the end of his first full day in Bangkok on Thursday, Francis celebrated Mass for an estimated 60,000 people at Bangkok’s national sports stadium. There he denounced the “humiliation” of women and children forced into prostitution — a reference to the human trafficking and poverty that help fuel the region’s sex tourism industry.



POPE VISITS THAILAND Pope Francis, left, visits St. Peter’s Parish on Friday outside Bangkok, Thailand.

In addition to Thais, Catholics came to see the pope from Vietnam, Cambodia and even China.

Siriwan Bunrachaisawan, a 23-year-old member of the S’gaw ethnic group from Mae Hong Son province, spent a full day Wednesday travelling from northern Thailand to attend the Mass.

She said she teared up when she finally saw Francis.

“My heart is overwhelmed.”

She said Francis’ visit is particularly important for young Thais, to learn and think about their faith “and see that religion is something precious.”

# First Honduran returned to Guatemala under US asylum accord

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Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — The United States has begun carrying out a landmark policy shift on asylum that’s a top priority of President Donald Trump, returning a Honduran immigrant to Guatemala to pursue his asylum case.

Guatemala’s Foreign Ministry said Thursday that the Honduran man had reached the U.S. border at El Paso, Texas, but was sent to Guatemala on Thursday.

Guatemalan Interior Minister Enrique Degenhart said that more flights with returned asylum seekers are expected next week.

“We are waiting for the U.S. government to tell us how many people are ready” for return, Degenhart said.

Under a July agreement between the U.S. and Guatemala, asylum seekers have to file claims in Guatemala rather than in the United States if they crossed through Guatemala on their way to the U.S. border. The agreement primarily affects immigrants from Honduras and El Salvador whose land routes to the U.S.

border pass through Guatemala.

Critics have denounced the policy as inhumane for sending asylum seekers to a country like Guatemala that is plagued by rampant violence and poverty, and there are doubts whether the country can guarantee safe conditions for the migrants. So far this year, 49,000 of Guatemala’s own citizens have been deported from the United States.

The policy is one of several aggressive moves made by the Trump administration to deal with a surge in the number of immigrant families arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border. That includes forcing thousands of asylum seekers to wait in dangerous Mexico border towns for their cases to play out in the U.S. courts.

Acting Department of Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf said the Trump administration intends to send immigrants from El Paso and possibly other border locations to Guatemala City. He said officials in Guatemala are establishing “reception centers” staffed with asylum officers to process the immigrants returned to the Central American country.

It’s unclear how many immigrants will decide to pursue asylum in Guatemala or just



ASYLUM CASE Acting Department of Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf leaves a news conference after touring the U.S.-Mexico border on Wednesday in El Paso.

return to their home countries.

Degenhart said migrants are asked what they want to do when they are sent back to Guatemala, and in this case, the unnamed Honduran man changed his mind.

“In this case, the Honduran gentleman has asked for assistance to return to his home country,” Degenhart told reporters.

DAILY CRIME LOG

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LaGessee said he found Shapiro's speech enlightening.

"I think overall [what stuck with me the most was] understanding what the left is doing as far as their interpretation of science these days," LaGessee said. "I'm especially interested in the gender debate... it's just good to hear some common sense."

For his last topic, Shapiro discussed climate change. Shapiro acknowledged the existence of climate change and the significant role human activity plays in it. Where Shapiro said he had a problem was with the left's proposed solutions to climate change. Shapiro said while people on the left tend to propose revolutionary solutions to climate change that would reshape economies around the world, their "dirty little secret" is that they know such proposals are unrealistic.

"Most of the people on the left recognize that the pie in the sky proposals that are being made by democrats or global carbon taxes are not going to happen," Shapiro said.



Nathan De La Cerda | Multimedia Journalist

**QUICK QUESTIONS** Ben Shapiro fielded questions from the audience after speaking. Shapiro allowed those who disagreed with him to ask questions first.

Obama warns against ‘purity tests’ in primary

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Associated Press

Former President Barack Obama warned Democrats on Thursday against adopting "purity tests" in the presidential primary and said any adversity the candidates face in the contest will make whoever emerges an even stronger nominee.

Obama spoke to about 100 donors during a question-and-answer session with Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez in Los Altos Hills, California. The event came a day after the fifth Democratic presidential primary in Atlanta and as the 17-person field continues to expand, with the expected entry of former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg in the coming days.

Until recently, Obama largely refrained from opining publicly on the Democratic contest, and his move from the sidelines comes at a moment of deep uncertainty for the party. Many are jittery about the uneven candidacy of his former Vice President Joe Biden, questioning whether Sens. Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren can defeat President Donald Trump next year, and skeptical of whether Pete Buttigieg, the South Bend, Indiana, mayor who is

surging in Iowa, can appeal to black voters that are a crucial Democratic voting bloc.

"We will not win just by increasing the turnout of the people who already agree with us completely on everything," Obama said. "Which is why I am always suspicious of purity tests during elections. Because, you know what, the country is complicated."

Obama urged Democrats to "chill out," saying, "The truth of the matter is that every candidate on that stage believes we should provide" better health care and education and address climate change.

He also noted the historic diversity of the Democratic field, which now includes five women, three black candidates, a Latino man and a gay man. He compared that to his own election as the nation's first black president.

"We have a number of women candidates and we have one gay candidate. And those candidates are going to have barriers if they win the nomination, or they win the general election — just like I did," Obama told donors. "You can overcome that resistance if the way you are framing these issues and messages indicate, 'Look, I'm part of an American tradition

... of opening up opportunity."

In recent weeks Obama has sought to play both referee and uplifting elder statesman. He's cautioned "woke" activists against embracing "cancel culture" and urged the party to not adopt positions that could cost them in the general election.

"That's not bringing about change," he said during a recent Obama Foundation event. "If all you are doing is casting stones, you're probably not going to get that far."

At the same time, he has offered reassurances that a spirited primary will make the eventual nominee a stronger candidate.

It comes amid a fierce intraparty debate that has divided centrists and an ascendant progressive wing, which has advocated for policies like free college tuition and "Medicare for All" that would dramatically reshape the role of government in peoples' lives.

The fundraiser Thursday was held at the home of Karla Jurvetson, a prominent Democratic donor and Silicon Valley philanthropist. The event raised more than \$3 million for the Democratic National Committee, according to a senior party official.

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Photo Courtesy of Baylor Chi Omega

**COOK-OFF COFFEE** Jamison Lawrence holds a Common Grounds drink with a sleeve promoting Chi O Chili Cook-off and ATO Bed Races, both held to support philanthropies.

both groups to support their philanthropies while also participating in a fun fall event.

"All of the funds raised will be distributed equally to these philanthropies, and we are so excited to be able to support them and benefit as many children as possible," Koy said. "It is such a blessing to support such wonderful organizations in such a fun way. Chili Cook-Off and Bed Races is such a unique event—it is my favorite night of the year. It has very fun fall vibes and is a blast every year."

Castle Pines, Co., junior Sarah Asinof said that the event pique the interest of attendees due to its unique activities and is an event that originally inspired her to want to join Chi Omega.

"Before I even joined Chi Omega, I heard about Chili Cook-Off and Bed Races, and the entire thing definitely piqued my interest because you don't hear of people racing on hospital beds and eating chili at the same time all that often," Asinof said. "I think it's such a unique event that is so different than a typical fundraiser for that reason—it catches people's attention. It honestly was a huge deciding factor in my choice to join because I liked how Chi O was actively doing things on campus for a good cause like Make-A-Wish."

Make-A-Wish benefits children suffering from critical illnesses by offering hopeful experiences during their time of need, and CoHope benefits underserved youth through community and support in sports, faith, education and other ways. Koy said the event's main goal is to benefit both philanthropies and that the event will have some changes from last year.

"We are ecstatic to be able to partner with

both incredible philanthropies, and a main goal is to reach more people and benefit Make-A-Wish and CoHope to the best of our abilities," Koy said. "The event will have a different layout than in years past, and another major way it's different is that it benefits both organizations' philanthropies."

Koy said that anyone is welcome to attend the event, but groups hoping to register in the contests need to sign up by noon Friday. She also said tshirts for the event are being sold in various on-campus locations, and that they will be sold at the event as well.

"This is an all-campus event and we want anyone and everyone to participate," Koy said. "Anyone can come to the event for free—however, it is \$5 for unlimited catered chili and \$25 per team for a bed race or chili cook-off team. There will [also be] Tiff's Treats for first-comers, hot chocolate, water, Topo Chico, Dr Pepper and Coca-Cola. There will be face painting and music playing, and Wish families will be present too."

Asinof said she hopes students come out to support, as the event can help raise donations that benefit others on both a regional and national scale.

"The more good we can do, the better. Both CoHope and Make-A-Wish are doing great things for people in Waco, in Texas and all over the country," Asinof said. "To be able to take part in a small piece in changing someone's life or making it a little easier during hard times makes being a part of Chi O even sweeter. I'm grateful we have the privilege of doing this every year, and I hope people can come and have fun, but more importantly notice the importance of service and philanthropy."

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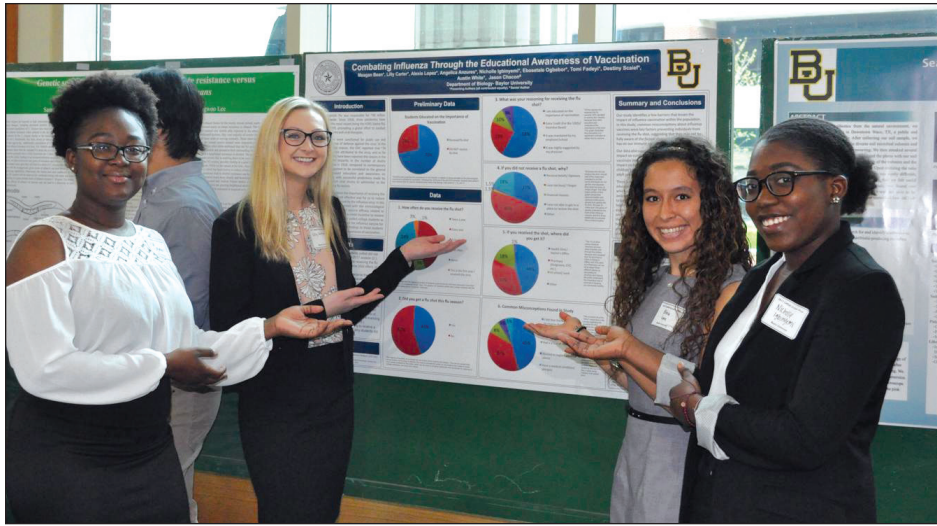


Photo Courtesy of SAVE

**PRESENTING INFORMATION** Members of SAVE presented information about educational awareness of vaccination in the Baylor Sciences Building in 2017. They meet Tuesdays in B14 Baylor Sciences Building.

people here."

While SAVE's goal is to increase the use of vaccines, Anzures said she recognizes that vaccines are not a perfect solution to disease.

"We acknowledge that vaccines are not a perfect science, and no science ever is," Anzures said. "There's a lot of room to grow as far as immunization technology goes, but if people are so closed off to the idea that they are not discussing them, or even vaccines as an option, then the science is going nowhere; no one is going to fund those studies."

SAVE meets from 6:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays in B14 Baylor Sciences Building. Anzures said meetings are

open to the whole Baylor community, including non-members.

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**BEAR ESTABLISHED APPAREL** The college apparel company Established and Company is co-owned by Baylor alumna Sarah Gardner. The company produces stylized college merchandise.

# Baylor alumna combines spirit with style

**PRESTON GOSSETT**  
Reporter

Established and Company started out as a nothing more than a class project.

Sarah Gardner, Austin resident, Baylor University alumna and co-owner of Established and Company, graduated Baylor with a degree in entrepreneurship and marketing and a merchandising minor. She said her background gave her all of the needed assets and strengths to make a class project into a fully-functioning business, she said.

“[The company] is all about combining fashion with university apparel,” Gardner said. “The willingness of Baylor to give us a license [to sell university apparel] and to give us a chance — that’s what made this business what it is today.”

Established and Company began with just a few brand ambassadors, Gardner said.

Sunnyvale, Calif., junior Rebeka Shols became Established and Company’s first campus director this semester. As a campus director, Shols is responsible for overseeing ambassadors, actively seeking ways to get involved and spreading awareness of their brand through social media and event spaces.

“We’re looking to revamp the program and really have people [with us] that want to be with us and are passionate about the brand,” Shols said. “[The company] is all about school spirit and having pride in your school. That’s what we’re trying to instill in the other schools [that Established and Company represents] as well.”

The company is currently represented on three different college campuses in Texas: Baylor University, the University of Houston and Southern Methodist University. Within the next five years, Gardner said she hopes to have expanded onto all the



Photo Courtesy of Sarah Gardner

**TEXAS WIDE** Established and Company currently creates clothing for three Texas college campuses: Baylor University, University of Houston and Southern Methodist University.

Big 12 campuses. There are certain aspects of the business model that Gardner said she hopes will expand.

“First and foremost, we offer fashion forward, trendy products to the college market,” Gardner said. “Something else that is really important to us is showcasing the history and traditions of each university through our apparel and our social media.”

Waco resident and Established and Company ambassador Sarah Lingle said one of the things she liked most about the company from the beginning is the unique aspect that comes from customization fit to personal style.

“One of the things that separates this company from the competition is that the owners are both Baylor grads, so they have a genuine sense of Baylor pride,” Lingle said. “They’re not just trying to sell a product. It’s something that they love.”

For Established and Company to continue to grow and expand onto other college campuses, the ambassador program is a huge key to marketing with businesses and brands, Gardner said. Shols, as campus director, is responsible for building awareness, pushing the brand into the social media market.

“A lot of prominent brands, like Bumble and Outdoor Voices, are starting to develop these campus ambassador programs,” Gardner said. “The whole point is to push marketing and awareness, and also create a brand culture on the university’s campus while developing community.”

Lingle is on her second semester as an ambassador and said she hopes to continue with the company until she graduates.

“As an ambassador, we do photo shoots and post pictures wearing the company’s clothes on our Instagram, so it’s really cool when people ask where we got our clothes from and we get to tell them about the brand,” Lingle said.

Established and Company has a pop-up event called “Holiday Sip & Shop” coming up from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Baylor Club.

## REVIEW

# Mandalorian encounters familiar friends, foes, aliens

**JOSH WHITNEY**  
Marketing Representative

Only three days after the pilot aired, the second episode of “The Mandalorian,” called “Chapter 2: The Child” premiered on Disney+ this past Friday. The third episode of “The Mandalorian” airs today.

The second episode picks up directly after the events of the pilot, “Chapter One,” with the bounty hunter traveling with the new baby Yoda back to his ship, Razor Crest.

When the Mandalorian arrives back at his ship, he discovers it has been ransacked by Jawas scavenging for parts. In what is no doubt one of the most satisfying moments, the Mandalorian sprawls out on the rocks overlooking his ship and starts picking off Jawas with his rifle. The Jawas run for their lives and head back into their mobile junk fortress — a sandcrawler — for a slow escape.

The bounty hunter attaches some sort of magnetic leash on the baby Yoda alien and pursues the sandcrawler on foot. The Jawas attempt to distract their pursuance by heaving a barrage of scrap metal out the windows of the tank. After several minutes of this pursuit, the Mandalorian finally reaches the roof only to be looking down the barrels of several stun guns. Then, our hero is shocked into paralysis and falls off the top of the tank with a great thud.

Discouraged, the Mandalorian reunites with the Ugnaught Kuiil from “Chapter One” to plan a course of action for getting back the parts to his ship. Kuiil recommends a trade and eventually the Jawas and the Mandalorian settle on an agreement: the parts of the Razor Crest in

exchange for “the egg.” We learn that “the egg” is buried deep in a cave guarded by an alien known as a Reek, as seen in “Attack of the Clones.”

The Mandalorian approaches the Reek’s cave and we are only exposed to the distant sounds of his pistols before being launched out of the hole with armor ravaged. The beast and the bounty hunter engage in bullfighting-style combat until the Reek has the Mando pinned down. Just when it seems like all is over, baby Yoda lifts his little hand up and “wingardium leviosas” the beast just long enough for the bounty hunter to get a killing stab on it. The baby passes out from exhaustion and the two return back to the Jawas, possessing the egg.

In what appeared to be a triumphant moment for our characters, the Jawas accept the egg and immediately crack it open for a quick snack. The episode comes to a close with the bounty hunter inviting Kuiil to join his crew, to which Kuiil turns down the offer. The episode ends with the Mandalorian repairing his ship and returning to space, where little baby Yoda finally wakes up from its deep slumber.

This episode definitely felt a lot slower than the first episode. Because many of the main characters have already been established, this second part was able to focus more on the narrative and less on who people are.

That being said, this episode felt very reminiscent of “Star Wars: A New Hope” thanks to the addition of several familiar species and vehicles. Sandcrawlers, Reeks and Jawas are all quintessential aspects of the Star Wars universe. I think most people view the Jawas as little annoying creatures, so having the main character start picking them off from a distance was a nice touch. That scene definitely made a



Photo courtesy of IMDb

**LITTLEST ALIEN** In “Chapter 2: The Child,” the Mandalorian encounters Jawas, Sandcrawlers and Reeks with the baby alien, reminiscent of Yoda, in his possession. The third episode of “The Mandalorian” will be available to stream Friday on Disney+.

statement about the kind of audience this show is targeting.

I also think that this little baby Yoda alien using the Force on the beast in this episode plays into my previous theories about the baby having some connection back to Yoda himself. It would be irresponsible to assume that just because this baby is the same species as Yoda that it should naturally have the same Force ability as him. There are obviously billions of humans in the Star Wars universe who are not considered “Force-sensitive” while others like Obi-Wan Kenobi and Luke Skywalker are quite adept with it.

My predictions for next week are actually

pretty shallow at this point. We know that William “Bill” Burr (Patrick Kuby in AMC’s “Breaking Bad”) and Giancarlo Esposito (Gustavo “Gus” Fring also in “Breaking Bad”) still need to make their appearance in this season. Most of the scenes shown in the promotional footage for “The Mandalorian” have already been seen in these first two episodes.

Especially after leaving this episode with no real cliffhanger, there is very little information about what the next episode holds to speculate. Fans can expect “The Mandalorian” to return again today where we will continue to unravel more of the mystery and dive deeper into the Star Wars universe.

# WHAT TO DO IN WACO

## FRIDAY

**Movie at the Mural and Mural Plaque Dedication** | 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Martin Luther King Jr. Community Clinic, 1911 N MLk Jr Blvd | Free | Introducing the new mural, “The Color of Health,” they will provide outdoor heaters, complimentary hot cocoa, snacks

**Brass Chamber Ensembles** | 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Seventh and James Baptist Church | Free | Performers are students of the Brass Division at Baylor University

**Blind Date With a Book: Winter is Coming** | 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. | Fabled Bookshop & Cafe, 215 South 4th Street | \$25 | The ticket includes a christmas themed book, one free drink and a complimentary charcuterie

**McLennan Theatre’s “A Christmas Carol”** | 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Music & Theatre Arts Building, McLennan Community College, 1400 College Dr. | \$10 - \$12

**Oxford Comma at Southern Roots Brewing** | 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. | Southern Roots Brewing, 217 N 8th St | Free

**Josh Ward at the Backyard** | 10 p.m. - 11:55 p.m. | The Backyard Bar, Stage, and Grill, 511 S. 8th St. | \$12 - \$1

## SATURDAY

**Waco Downtown Farmers Market 8th Anniversary** | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Waco Downtown Farmers Market, 500 Washington Ave | Includes the release of a new Market shirt and DIY shirt printing with Hole in the Roof, the Acton Academy Student Business Fair and the Market Raffle Baskets featuring goods and gifts from farmers and food crafters

**Central Texas Turkey Trot 5K/10K run** | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Brazos Park East, Cameron Park, 3516 N MLK Jr Blvd | \$40

**Central’s Market at Central Christian Church** | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Central Christian Church, 4901 Lake Shore Dr | Free

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**Meals on Wheels for Pets** | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Bare Arms Brewing, 2515 La Salle Ave. | Help make holiday dog and cat goodie bags to be delivered to Meals on Wheels customers who have pets

## SUNDAY

**String Chamber Music Recital** | 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. | Meadows Recital Hall, Glennis McCrary Music Building | Free

**Jazz Combos** | 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Jones Concert Hall, Glennis McCrary Music Building | Free | The performers are members of the Wayne Fisher Jazz Program at Baylor University, directed by Alex Parker

## MONDAY

**Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble** | 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Jones Concert Hall | Free | The Symphonic Band is conducted by Associate Director of Bands Isaiah Odajima, and the Wind Ensemble is conducted by Director of Bands J. Eric Wilson.

**“Never Even or Odd” Art Exhibit** | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Community Services Center, McLennan Community College, 1400 College Dr. | Free

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### ACROSS

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- 6 Chess piece
- 9 Roast VIPs
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- 21 Be sick
- 23 Gun the engine
- 24 Representative
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- 27 Prepare for battle again
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- 3 Marvel Comics mastermind
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- 5 Use elbow grease on
- 6 California desert
- 7 Border on
- 8 Pen tip
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**TAKING THE FIELD** Junior cornerback Grayland Arnold, junior running back John Lovett, sophomore wide receiver RJ Sneed and sophomore safety Christian Morgan lead the Bears onto the field prior to Baylor's prime-time matchup against Oklahoma on Saturday at McLane Stadium. Baylor suffered its first loss of the season 34-31 to the Sooners and will face Texas on Saturday.

# No time to feel sorry, Horns on the way

## No. 13 Bears look to clinch championship spot with win over UT

JESSIKA HARKAY  
Sports Writer

Coming off a heartbreaking 34-31 loss to Oklahoma last week, the No. 13 Bears look ahead and stay focused as they host Texas to close out its home schedule. Tied for first place in the Big 12, a win against the Longhorns will help clinch a spot in the 2019 Dr Pepper Big 12 Championship game in early December.

The Bears will have to snap a 0-4 streak against Texas, with their last win in Waco coming in 2013, to advance to the championship matchup. That same 2013 victory against the Longhorns marked Baylor's first-ever Big 12 championship, and now the Bears have the opportunity to do it again after learning from falling short in their Big 12 showdown against the Sooners.

"They learned, number one, what we can be," head coach Matt Rhule said. "For the first half, we looked like not just a top 10, but a top five team in the country. Secondly, I think the second half showed us what we have to do and I think we've instilled a winning mindset."

As Rhule knows there's always room for growth and change, and that development begins with shifting their attention "completely" to the week ahead of them.

"The only thing that is going to beat us this week is Texas," Rhule said. "That's the message from our guys is, they were playing a really good team, a team we haven't beaten in several years. [...] From Sunday morning on (snaps fingers) it's been Texas."

Defensively throughout the season, the Baylor unit has been

able to hold its ground. The Bears opened the season with a goal of 40 sacks. Now entering game 11, Rhule's team is just seven shy. Baylor has totaled at least three sacks in eight of 10 games this year. Not only has getting to the quarterback been successful, but the No. 2-rationally ranked defensive unit has forced a turnover in 12 consecutive games dating back to 2018.

"I give all the credit to the D-line," junior cornerback Grayland Arnold said. "They are giving pressure from guys like James Lynch, B-Roy [Bravvion Roy]. They are getting after the quarterback. Especially with just three-down linemen. That is tough, and they still find a way."

The Longhorns, on the other hand, struggled with defensive injuries early. With the return of All-American sophomore safety Caden Sterns who's tallied up 42 tackles in six games and with the help of sophomore Demarvion Overshown, who transitioned from a safety to linebacker and defensive end, the biggest focus for Baylor is to establish yards on the ground.

"I think for us the tale over the last two years against them has been our inability to run the ball versus their pressure and protecting the quarterback," Rhule said. "We've gotten open at times, but we haven't really been able to get much going."

Sophomore offensive lineman Connor Galvin agreed, saying the biggest challenge is holding Texas' defensive line.

"It starts up front. If we establish the run, we'll be able to pass the ball," Galvin said. "Establishing the run — that's our goal every week. But their D-line has really good players. So I feel like if we establish the run at the start of the game, it'll open up our

pass game, which will help us win the game."

On passing offense, it's all about getting the two opposing quarterback leaders rolling. The Longhorns come to McLane led by junior Sam Ehlinger, who nears 3,000 passing yards on the season and has some long-dated ties to Baylor quarterback Charlie Brewer.

Both Austin natives, the two quarterbacks played at rival high schools and have deep-rooted experience against one another. Interestingly enough, Rhule believes the two are similar in the way that they drive their offenses.

"They are both really good quarterbacks — they both can run. They both are accurate. [...] They are both fearless," Rhule said. "[Sam] is courageous. He throws his body around, he runs the football; he does whatever his team needs to move it — and I don't know what the stats are right now, but a lot of the time he is their leading rusher and that's really who Charlie is as well."

Falling short of the Bears motto of "making one more play" than their opponents last week, the key to success according to sophomore wide receiver Tyquan Thornton is finishing drives.

"When the hat is on your head, you've got to make the play," Thornton said. "When the ball is in the air, you've got to take it. That's the only way you can beat Texas."

The final home game also will hosts a goodbye to the teams' seniors. The Bears will honor 19 players reaching the end of their final year of collegiate football during pregame. Baylor will kick off at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at McLane Stadium. The game will be broadcast on FS1.

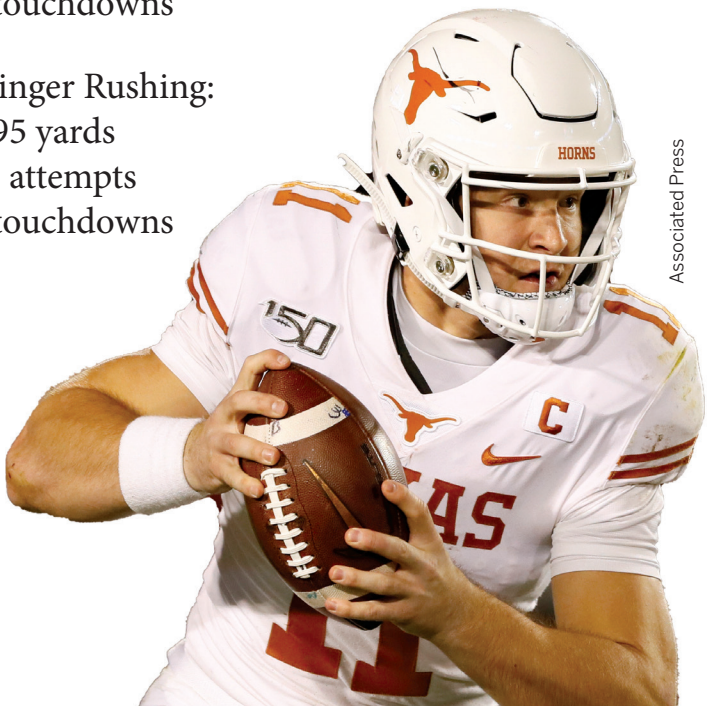
## Brewer vs Ehlinger : The Story Continues

**Who's got the arm? Who's on the run?**  
Brewer has played 31 games for the Bears, while Ehlinger has played 33 for the Longhorns.



Charlie Brewer  
Lake Travis HS  
Class of 2017

<b>Brewer Passing:</b>	<b>Ehlinger Passing:</b>
7,113 yards	8,121 yards
574 completions	676 completions
886 attempts	1,072 attempts
18 interceptions	20 interceptions
48 touchdowns	63 touchdowns
<b>Brewer Rushing:</b>	<b>Ehlinger Rushing:</b>
817 yards	1,295 yards
310 attempts	401 attempts
16 touchdowns	23 touchdowns



Sam Ehlinger  
Westlake HS  
Class of 2017

Associated Press

**"They are both really good quarterbacks —they both can run. They both are accurate. [...] They are both fearless."**

Matt Rhule | Baylor Head Coach  
during Monday's press conference

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**KEEP A LOOK OUT** Redshirt junior guard MaCio Teague looks for pass options during Baylor's 72-63 win over Texas State on Friday at the Ferrell Center. Teague scored 17 points Thursday against Ohio in the Myrtle Beach Invitational opener, adding to the Bears' 76-53 win.

# Recap: No. 24 BU get over slow start vs. Ohio

**MATTHEW SODERBERG**  
Sports Writer

No. 24 Baylor men's basketball opened the Myrtle Beach Invitational by defeating Ohio 76-53 Thursday afternoon. The victory sets up a matchup with the winner of Utah versus Coastal Carolina Friday afternoon.

The Bears came out with a slow start against the Bobcats, as the score was tied at 17 all with 7:52 left in the first half. Baylor then ripped off a 19-6 run to take the 36-23 lead at the break. Sophomore guard Jared Butler led the team in scoring at the half with nine, but junior forward Tristan Clark was close behind with eight points in just nine minutes.

The forward is currently on a minutes restriction after the non-surgical procedure on his knee last week, but senior forward Freddie Gillespie and junior forward Mark Vital filled in admirably, posting a combined 19 points and 17 rebounds on 47 minutes of work.

When Baylor has jumped out to a big lead, they have generally seen those slip away thus far — dropping a 13-point margin to a loss against Washington and letting two double-digit leads slip before pulling out the win against Texas State. Thursday saw a more confident and

prepared Baylor squad, not only holding the 13-point halftime lead but extending it to 23 by the end of the game.

Butler led all scorers, finishing with 19, while redshirt junior guard MaCio Teague followed behind with 17 points on 3-5 shooting from deep. Redshirt-sophomore guard Davion Mitchell posted nine points on 4-7 shooting, and senior guard Devonte Bando struggled, scoring only four points on 2-9 from the field.

While Baylor's offense started to click near the end of the second half, the defense shined in the victory. The Bears held their opponents to just 36% shooting and managed to allow only 12 free throws. Baylor also limited momentum swings with solid offensive rebounding, grabbing 17 boards on that end of the court, good for 45%.

Individually, the Bears racked up defensive numbers as well. Butler notched five steals. Gillespie and Vital also earned two steals and two blocks each. Those forced turnovers led to nine points in transition and 22 points overall.

Baylor men's basketball will be back on the court at 4 p.m. today in Conway, S.C., against either Coastal Carolina or Utah. The second game of the Myrtle Beach Invitational will be aired on ESPN2 and the ESPN app.



Cole Tompkins | Multimedia Editor

**SOPHOMORE SWAG** Sophomore forward NaLyssa Smith drives the ball down the court in Baylor's 90-28 win over Lamar on Thursday at the Ferrell Center. Smith and fellow sophomore Queen Egbo combined for 17 points and eight rebounds.

# Lady Bears continue hot streak over Lamar

**MATTHEW SODERBERG**  
Sports Writer

No. 2 Baylor women's basketball ran the Cardinals out of the Ferrell Center with a 90-28 win Thursday night. The win saw four players in double-digits and a defensive clinic to boot.

The Lady Bears struggled to start, allowing Lamar to jump out to a 5-4 lead before rattling off 16 straight to close the first quarter. Baylor's sophomore frontcourt of NaLyssa Smith and Queen Egbo led the team on their hot streak with 17 points and eight rebounds combined.

The second quarter was a defensive struggle for both squads, as the two teams combined for as many points as Baylor's frontcourt had in the first. Graduate transfer center Erin DeGrate dominated off the bench and led all scoring with eight points, scoring more than the six that the entire Cardinal squad managed.

The Lady Bears' offense erupted in

the third quarter, pumping out 30 points compared to their opponents' six. Graduate transfer guard Te'a Cooper and Smith each scored nine in their 10 minutes on the court, while Egbo added five rebounds, a block and two steals across the 24-point scoring margin.

The fourth quarter was another rough stretch for the Cardinals, as they failed to score a field goal until the 2:42 mark. The offense for the second unit started to pick up this time, rattling off 21 points over the final frame. DeGrate once again stole the show, scoring 11 in her second time on the court.

Baylor obliterated Lamar in nearly every category Thursday. The Green and Gold led in rebounds (45-12), assists (26-2), blocks (8-0), field goal percent (68-18), points in the paint (54-12), points off of turnovers (24-6) and off the bench (36-8). The Lady Bears held the Cardinals to the lowest opponent score so far this season as well.

Baylor will get back to work at 4:45 p.m. Thanksgiving in the U.S. Virgin Island Paradise Jam against Washington State.

## SPORTS TAKE: ATHLETE'S PERSPECTIVE

# Men's tennis builds on international player base

**MATIAS SOTO**  
Contributor

Head men's tennis coach Brian Boland and his staff believe that giving opportunities to foreign players is the way to build the culture they want in order to win a national championship.

Many college teams incorporate players from outside America and mix them with American players to build their programs. The Baylor men's tennis team has seven players from outside of the United States and only one American on its roster.

Johannes Schretter from Austria, who graduated in May 2019, had some words of dedication after playing tennis for Baylor.

"Baylor made the biggest impact in my life so far and [winning] the Big 12 tournament last semester. It was the best experience that I could have as a player of the team," Schretter said.

Sophomore tennis player Finn Bass, from Great Britain, said playing as a team was important for the growth of an athlete, especially in a sport such as tennis.

"Being a player as part of a team is very special and unique, especially in our sport, which is individual," Bass said. "It's a great thing to play for something bigger than yourself."

One of the most prominent challenges international players face is the cultural disparity. When players arrive from another

continent, they have to learn about a completely different culture than their own.

Bass noted, however, that those cultural differences also bring a pleasant atmosphere to the dynamic of the team.

"Everyone has different personalities and backgrounds, which makes our team so unique and close together," Bass said. "We all learn about each other in different ways and make friendships that will last for a long time."

Duke University transfer Ryan Dickerson, the only American player on the team, said encountering new cultures can be challenging because his foreign teammates bring new ideas that sometimes go against the typical American lifestyle. But at the end of the day, he continues to learn from them in many ways.

"I believe it's a great learning experience — learning about different cultures and how people from all over the world operate on a day to day basis," Dickerson said. "They bring different ideas and opinions that are sometimes against the American norm."

The Baylor men's tennis team deals with many challenges and adversities outside of the court during the season. They must establish a good relationship with each other to help each other with the daily struggles of college life. But the most important thing is to learn how to compete together to get the result that everyone wants in the end. And Baylor showed and is showing why it is one of the best college programs in the U.S.



Cole Tompkins | Multimedia Editor

**SIX NATIONS, ONE GOAL** Freshman Christopher Frantzen takes a swing during practice on Sept. 11 at the Hurd Tennis Center. Frantzen and his older brother, senior Constantin Frantzen, came to Baylor from Augsburg, Germany.

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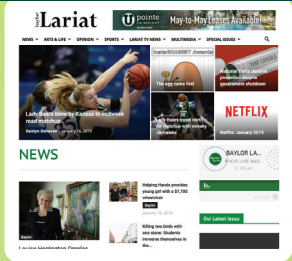
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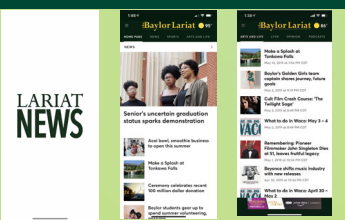
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