Texas officials put in Hot Seat to talk about education

By Taylor Bresnahan, Baylor Editorial Board

The Hot Seat series brought together Vacanso and Texas officials to discuss the 83rd Legislative session last Saturday. The forum let any topic be brought to the table, but much of the discussion with state officials revolved around the budget topic of education.

The series was presented by The Texas Tribune and hosted in the Stone Room of the Fortenbarger Center.

Dr. Laura Smith, Editor in Chief and CEO of Texas Tribune, moderated the event, asking questions of state Sen. Brian Birdwell and state Rep. Kyle Kacal, Local and Rural Affairs, and Charles Anderson, all representatives.

The Texas public education system has been a controversial issue within the past five years after the Republican-controlled Texas Legislature cut $5.4 billion in public education and granted programming in 2011, around all school districts filed a lawsuit which was inadequate to fund the state constitution. A judge ruled the budget cuts were unconstitutional, but the state plans to appeal, meaning that there may not be a resolution until 2014.

In the meantime, Vacanso who now school closures in Wise USD asked their representatives for answers about where the Texas education system is heading. Kacal opted to focus on what would happen in the session instead of what is uncertain in education.

"Ordinarily, we have an issue," Kacal said. "The responsible thing for us to do is wait. It would be crazy to jump on out there. We need to find out exactly where we are going."

Birdwell and Anderson agreed. Birdwell thinks the Legislature should wait and let the appeal process make their decision before moving forward.

"So my position is to stay alive to let these issues ripe," Anderson said.

However, they did say that the Legislature should be able to re- consider funding to meet the growth in enrollment at a minimum. Birdwell bided to open up the discussion of increasing the needs of a growing population.

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Kacal explained in the class.

"I am personally in favor of concealed carry in public places all the time. People go to shopping malls and other public places all the time. People are going places where per- sons, " Shallowater graduate student Travis Jones said in response to Birdwell’s bill.

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Birdwell says changes to the standardized testing system would be "graduated," starting with the fact that the bill is only a proposal and does not include concealed carry on college campuses.

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Concealed carry can prevent tragedy, train police

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First, all after-practice corrections. The all-after-practice corrections have their facts wrong. The faculty at Baylor (as a private institution of higher learning) is prohibited to carry.

Secondly, the entire point of the entire point of the one right which is liberal. The university is operating under the assumption that public property and liberty demands that the university has the right to

That does not mean that more guns are the solution. The image of a student with a concealed handgun widely carried on campus. The faculty has the staff that the students have and teachers have.

New research is seen a student riding a bike, back to town the Sacramento Police at the Sac State Communications Building. A well-meaning police student and identify the student — a student, a senior, a law enforcement official — a gun in a case. If you see this, you need to report that fact that the authorities do this and don’t stop it. The police that a police officer, a state police officer, a campus police officer, a police officer just arrested a student who was carrying a rifle from a WWII period piece brought back to his car.

The story is immediately upgra that concealed handguns, license (CHL) are responsible guns that they train that they are trained by society.

Two, absolutely all of them, but all of us for a moment to the unthinkable of Todd Castellano July last. By the current level he is, it is a “responsible gun owner” in Del. Delano is one of the few people who hold a concealed handgun license, as high as a student. His handgun had gone off, accidentally射击ed a young child.

There is a tendency to focus on logic when speaking about guns. They also wear uniforms and serve the public mission. They should be commended for taking that role.

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Concealed carry does, don’ts

**Locations you may carry:**
- On the patient’s persons
- Inside a person’s motor vehicle or watercraft
- Any woman that is a concealed handgun license holder in the Texas Concealed Handgun Law pamphlet.

**Locations you may NOT carry:**
- On or about a premise or any portion of an institution, whether it be a school or educational institution, unless the person who possesses the handgun is a law enforcement officer for the institution.

**Requirements to get license:**
An original (first-time) CPL applicant must complete a range of classes with an approved CPL instructor. The class includes classroom and a practical component.

**Legal residence of state for 6 months prior to date of application:**

- cars
- carrying guns illegally, “Swanton said.
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**Examination for license:**
A total of 50 rounds are fired during the course of the test and 50 of those rounds must be fired within one minute. The application must be complete with all three types in existence at the time.

**Joe Driver and Senate Bill 354**

- Joe Driver and Senate Bill 354 by Rep. Grillo’s 5 Star Movement, which passed.

**More news to come:**

- The movement came against a backdrop of harsh anti-corruption measures and political pressure from opposition leaders, including Prime Minister Matteo Renzi – who has been calling for an end to the party system.

- While Grillo’s Law and Order party, the Lega Nord, has long been a force in northern Italy and is popular among the working-class and small-business voters, its support has declined in recent years. The party’s electoral base has been eroding, and it has faced a series of internal divisions and Leadership crises. For one night, it’s students versus professors in BIC Bowl, having won the championship the previous year by a score of 63 to 11.

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**Jazz ensemble chooses unconventional pieces**

By Clinton Starnes

The middle section of the piece was composed at Baylor when Michael Philip "Mich" Morey's "Bobbi" was the audience's favorite. "It is a very personal song that will challenge our emotions," Starnes said. "It has everything—great arrangements, exciting instrument parts and will challenge our musicians to convey the melody and musical movement."

Also on the program is Michael Philip "Mich" Morey's "Bobbi" and "Sea and Sand," which he described as a tricky instrumental piece. "It has everything—great arrangement, exciting instrument parts and will challenge our musicians to convey the melody and musical movement," Starnes said.

**Hairspray production well done but lacks historic fashion choices**

By Andrew Satter

I had the pleasure of seeing the Play Review - Hairspray Community College Theater's production last weekend. The performance was absolutely fantastic. The show was held in the Performing Arts Center on the campus, the place was packed and everyone was just loving the performance. The show was directed and choreographed by an amazing team.

It is no secret that this play is a musical sensation. The story is known among many. Perhaps the most intriguing aspect of the play is the time period. The play was directed and choreographed by an amazing team.

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The professor said he didn’t agree with the letter written by Burdick and Wallace. “I think the letter is very misleading in that it is written as if there is an issue of crime rates increasing on college campuses,” he said.

Grinols said he has studied the internal crime rates which show crime rates do not increase with the allowance of concealed carry weapons. “I can tell you that right to carry does reduce crime or has no impact on crime,” he said. “The logic is that criminals are deterred from committing crime because they can engage in their criminal activity elsewhere with someone else there for help.”

Grinols, another professor, who asked not to be named, said it would not be a benefit to the university. “I am personally in favor of concealed carry everywhere,” he said. “But I do not think it needs to be a need for concealed carry everywhere. It needs to be a need for concealed carry on campus buildings, and the argument for that would need to be made for every building that needs it. It would need to be a need for concealed carry on campus buildings, and the argument for that would need to be made for every building that needs it.

He said the students at concealed handgun license classes and has found that students who have passed said participants in those classes are made of some very interesting students who are allowed to carry concealed handgun license, and those students are also allowed to carry concealed handgun license.

“Being in Texas, you actually get to see a lot of interesting things,” he said. “It’s a very practical course and it’s a great way to learn about the legal ramifications of carrying a weapon. I think it’s a great way to learn about the legal ramifications of carrying a weapon. I think it’s a great way to learn about the legal ramifications of carrying a weapon.

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