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Editorial

One of the things Baylor is known for is its low student-to-teacher ratios. It has more than 98 percent of classes taught by professors. We understand that it’s not possible to have 100 percent of classes taught by professors, but it’s frustrating to talk with other students who do not understand the value of being taught by the professor that shows up for class. If a professor is listed as the instructor on the lab section, he or she should be available to field questions from students who do not understand the material just based on what the graduate student teaches.

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Miss Black and Gold crowned on Sunday

**By Karen Peterson-Marks**

HOUeTON – It takes a lot of energy to power all the data 1 billion people and 20 million businesses plug into their computers, phones, tablets and gadgets. To save even a portion of that energy, Microsoft also hopes the deal will set an example for other parts of its global operations, said Brian Janous, Microsoft's director of energy strategy.

"We're definitely looking at this as a first of a kind, but it is not the end. It is part of an effort to become carbon neutral, Microsoft Corp. has entered a 20-year deal to buy power from a new RES Americas wind farm in Texas. The first-time-the tech giant is directly purchasing electricity from a specific source.

The deal announced Monday between Microsoft and RES Americas is being funded in part by money collected from a "carbon fee," an internal tax of $200 million, 55-turbine wind power project, called Kee -dil, will begin in December and is expected to be operational by July 2013.

Microsoft is buying all 430,000 megawatt-hours of energy it produces — or enough to power up to 4,500 homes. That's about 1 percent to 2 percent of the company's total elec -tricity consumption. Microsoft declined to say how much it is paying for the 20-year contract. But Robert Bernard, the company's chief environmental strategist, said it is coming out of the company’s own funds, which Microsoft recently estimated could amount to about $30 million in the first year that ended on June 30. The deal will fund several projects.

"It's a sign of the times that the price point for these renew -able projects is quite attractive to us," said Bob Morgan, cloud development officer for wind and solar developer RES Amer -icas.

While the retail energy goes directly onto the Texas grid and is never be known exactly where electricity is coming from at any given time, having renew -able sources helps offset the use of coal, for example, which pro -duces more carbon pollution. The idea is for Microsoft's data center in San Antonio to pay for at least some wind en -ergy. Janous said. Until now, the company has bought tax credits for renewable energy, but de -ciding it was time to take the next step.

"How do we make sure there is power on the grid that we want to use?" Janous said.

Texas is the nation's largest producer of wind energy, but most of that power is cranked on the wide open, windy plains of West Texas.
Deondria Murphy wins Baylor’s crown, chance to compete with best in Texas

Q: How long have you been doing pageants?
A: Well, actually this was my very first pageant. I saw a ad and thought, “I could see what this is about.” I wanted to experience something new.

Q: What qualities do you think made you the pageant winner?
A: I was consistent with my platform, which is empowering women and young girls.

Q: How do you feel about competing in Miss Texas?
A: I am excited and nervous at the same time. It was decided to even have me at all. I am still preparing.

Q: What influences in your life contributed to your success?
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Q: Do you think she looks up to you?
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Q: Do you think your sister will follow in your footsteps and compete in Miss Green and Gold one day?
A: My sister was in a pageant before me. She placed second in her school pageant at Hughes Spring High School. I am actually following in her footsteps.

Q: Do you think other pageants are demeaning to women?
A: Our motto was: All that glitters is gold. The Smith has had a media history of discriminating against African-Americans. Do you think Baylor has made a statement by selecting an African-American as their first Green & Gold Pageant winner? A parent should not force kids to compete, but it can be good for little kids because it shows them they can make a difference.

Q: Do you think that young girls should be in pageants?
A: It is great for young girls to do it. Just be yourself. You don’t have to go through drama between you and your competitors.

Q: What message would you like to share?
A: You can do anything you can put your mind to, too. You don’t have to become a “pageant girl.” Just be true to yourself.

>>WEB EXTRAS
Check out photos from the pageant and a Q&A with the winner of the Miss Black and Gold Pageant Britahn Newbill at BaylorLariat.com

Deondria Murphy wins the first-ever Miss Green and Gold Pageant on Friday in Waco Hall. Murphy now has a spot in the running for Miss Texas.

The contestants competed in three events for the Miss Green and Gold crown, including a talent portion, evening wear and a question and answer session.

Q: How much does the winner receive?
A: Although Baylor is presented as a pageant, it is not. The winner does not receive a crown or a title, but she gets a cash prize and a scholarship.

Q: How much do the contestants have to pay to enter?
A: There is no entry fee. All of our students have a voice. All of our students have a choice. We practiced quite a bit. Twice a week for a month.

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Excitement for Bears at fever pitch

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By Parmida Schahhosseini
Sports Writer

The Baylor offense came alive in the second half, as the Bears took control of the game and scored four goals in the final 16 minutes to win, 5-0.

The Bears are now 10-0-2 on the season and are ranked No. 6, tying them with Alabama as the highest team since the Bears joined the Big 12 conference.

"This is the first time in the 60-year history of the Associated Press poll that the Bears have been ranked in the top six of the BCS rankings," said Briles. "I'm excited for the fans, the players, the university and our market- ing department. It has happened in the 16-year history of the Bowl Championship Series.

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The GI Bill is the primary tool that is helping to lift the veterans out of the unemployment arena. The bill was changed after Sept. 11, 2001, and it allows the GI Bill benefits to increase the economic opportunity for veterans, ‘That’s a very important problem, and to make the bear more interested in the

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Molly Seastrunk

Seastrunk heard Molly’s story in a class called “On Death and Dying,” for a symposium called “Celebrating and Preserving Black Sacred Music” at Baylor. Seastrunk knew that she would like to build a philanthropic foundation in Molly’s name in the future. She feels that Molly would’ve done that. She would’ve understood. ‘She would’ve done that. She would’ve been that.’

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dais today, she is leaving our campus

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