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Texas is failing to approve new history textbooks for Texas classrooms, prompting concern over what the state’s public schools are teaching.

Groups representing the multicultural fraternity Omega Delta Phi, American Constitution Society for Law Students in Delta Kappa Delta, an Indiana student council, and a traditionalist American family council are making a stand for the failure of the books to pass.

“We think that we have a right to the freedom of education, the freedom of expression, and the freedom of religion,” said Galvez, president of Omega Delta Phi and a student activist in the group.

“Don’t just write off the books, give them a chance to be the best they can be,” Galvez said.

Textbooks for Texas can affect how students learn and think, including in the form of culture and the civil rights movement.

L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation. Henderson senior Valerie Vaughn signs a beam in Jones Lobby that will be used in the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation.

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“People have the right to express their opinions, so we’re not going to change our curriculum because of what a few people say,” said Galvez.

The event will take place today from 2-4 p.m. in the Jones Lobby of the Cadilee Academic Center. The event allows students to permanently place their names on the frame of the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation. Students can sign their names on a shelf that will eventually be part of the building’s structure.

“We wanted everyone involved in this movement to come to this special process,” said David Bubek, associate director of development in the Hankamer School of Business. “This gives an opportunity for everyone to get involved.

Raising Cane’s, Aramark and Tres Hermanos Mexican Restaurant, will be provided for the event.

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Actor Tracy Morgan battling severe brain injury following crash

Tracey Morgan

A Wal-Mart truck slammed into a limousine van that was carrying Morgan and several friends on their way back from a show in Delran. One person was killed, and three others were injured, two seriously. Morgan spent several weeks in a coma with severe injuries.

Mendillo didn’t discuss specific aspects of Morgan’s condition but said he hasn’t fully recovered. "It’s such a traumatic brain injury that it takes a very long time to find out how you’re going to do and how much you’re going to recover," Mendillo said. "You just don’t know. So that’s where he is. He is still fighting and trying to live his life at the same time and trying to get better, and he’s just not out of the woods yet. We’re hoping and praying to get him back to where he was. But he’s fighting to get better, and...

We’re introduced to Riggan Thompson (Michael Keaton), a former movie star and former Broadway actor who was once one of the biggest names in show business. "Birdman" presents time in film like few others, returning to the world as Birdman will bring him the applause he thought was due for his suffering. In the end, we’re left to decide that for ourselves – art doesn’t bend reality for just the audience, but for the artist as well. "Birdman" also shows how difficult it is to produce a film in the first place with dead abstract actors, handling the press and all the small problems before certain call. It all appears to be a nightmare, from one scene to the next, a non-stop, stop-motion, surreal fashion amid all the chaos... Much of the production’s darkly satiric stance on the entertainment industry means ‘Birdman’ is certainly worth a standing ovation, no matter what you’re looking for in a movie. It’s this inner battle of Riggan where we find some of the most psychedelic moments in the film. Both he and audience see himself as a man with superpowers, controlling things with his mind and flying among other things. It begs the question of what is reality. In the end, we’re left to decide that for ourselves – art doesn’t bend reality for just the audience, but for the artist as well...
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Baylor will face the 11th-ranked Texas Tech Red Raiders on Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Ferrell Center.