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## GIVE IT A SHOT



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Irving sophomore Jackson Farley plays guitar for the first round of Student Productions' After Dark auditions at Waco Hall on Tuesday night. Auditions will continue tonight, and results from the tryouts will be available on Friday.

## COUNSELING CENTER

# A light in the dark

Sexual assault victims encouraged to reach for help

**EMMA KING**  
Staff Writer

According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, one in five women and one in 16 men will be sexually assaulted in college.

"We see students who have been sexually assaulted," said Dr. James G. Marsh, Baylor's director of counseling services. "We provide therapy for those students, to help them through that."

A week ago, Baylor held a mandatory "It's On Us" event for freshmen and new transfer students. Marsh said his staff was very involved in this sexual assault bystander intervention training.

"These programs have been shown to be very successful, so we're very hopeful about that," Marsh said.

"It's On Us" is a national campaign centered on identifying the scope of the sexual assault problem on individual campuses, preventing campus sexual assault and helping schools respond effectively, according to a press release straight from the Office of the Press

Secretary at the White House published at the launch of the campaign in September 2014.

"I think it was very, very beneficial," said Zach Vanderslice, community leader in Allen Hall. "[My residents] were all enlightened through what was said."

On the "It's On Us" website, students are encouraged to take a pledge to recognize sexual assault, intervene and create a positive environment around survivors.

According to Marsh, the Baylor Counseling Center has been set up to be that kind of an environment for survivors. They are one of the few places on campus where reports of sexual assault remain confidential unless the victim wants police involvement.

Marsh said Baylor's Counseling Center sees students for many other reasons as well, the top three being anxiety, depression and relationship problems.

"We're going to take care of you," Marsh said.

The counseling center gives students guidance and

"We're going to take care of you."

Dr. James G. Marsh  
Director, Counseling Services

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## RESIDENCE HALLS

# New LLC connects all majors

**STEPHANIE REYES**  
Staff Writer

The Education Living-Learning Center, which is located at South Russell Residence Hall, is a new living option for students and is open to all majors and disciplines.

The Education LLC's mission is to provide the opportunity for future educators to live together in community and grow personally and professionally as they develop a love of learning and service through teaching others.

Erin Stamile, program director of the Education LLC said the Education LLC, is not only a place where students live, but it is a place of growth for students while they are at Baylor.

"Our goal is to create an opportunity that really bring together every area of their own development, every area that they want to grow in at Baylor and bring it all together in one central place, so they can learn

and grow and develop," Stamile said.

The LLC has these state-of-the-art technology and teaching resources through its private LLC learning resource express, which is a branch of the School of Education's Learning and Resource Center and Media Center.

The Education LLC has various forms of technology for residents to use, which include a 3D printer, color printers, di-cut machines, laminating machines, and a state-of-the-art scanner and computers that are available for use from 7 a.m. to midnight every day.

"I think our niche here at Baylor is that we offer state-of-the-art technology, so we provide resources for students to connect to their learning to what they are going to be doing in a classroom or in whatever professional field they are," Stamile said.

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Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

**COLLABORATING** Sophmores Abigail Lawley from Aledo, Megan Allen from Dallas, Caroline Klingenberg from Aledo and Chijindu Diokpa from Huntsville enjoy some time in "Club So-Ro" in the basement of South Russell Residence Hall.

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## STUDY ABROAD

# Students spend summers soaking up culture



Courtesy of Kara Kopchinski

**ABROAD** San Antonio senior Kara Kopchinski looks up at the Temple of Aphaia in Aegina, one of the Saronic Islands of Greece, this summer.

**HELENA HUNT**  
Staff Writer

Baylor students returning from summers abroad and in large cities must take what they have learned to school with them.

Although students gather at Baylor each fall, during the summer they have the opportunity to live and study where they like. Students can participate in mission trips from Ghana to Peru, study abroad in places like Maastricht and Costa Rica, and intern all over the world.

But after the excitement of the summer, students who pursue these opportunities must leave them behind to return to Baylor in the fall. San Antonio senior Kara Kopchinski went farther from home than she'd ever been when she participated in an archaeological dig in Athens, Greece, this summer.

"Athens was always busy and always

moving," Kopchinski said. "But even though the city was very busy, the people were very relaxed."

Kopchinski said she had the opportunity to become familiar with a culture that was initially alien to her, eventually becoming more comfortable in Greece than she had once expected. Baylor students do not have to travel across the world to experience big city life, however.

Cedar Park junior Lydia Williamson spent seven weeks in New York City this summer completing an internship with the Nomi Network, a nonprofit that seeks to alleviate human trafficking.

"It was great to settle in and really live somewhere, because I wasn't a tourist, even though I did some touristy things," Williamson said. "It's a very different thing to be a tourist and then to really experience the things around me."

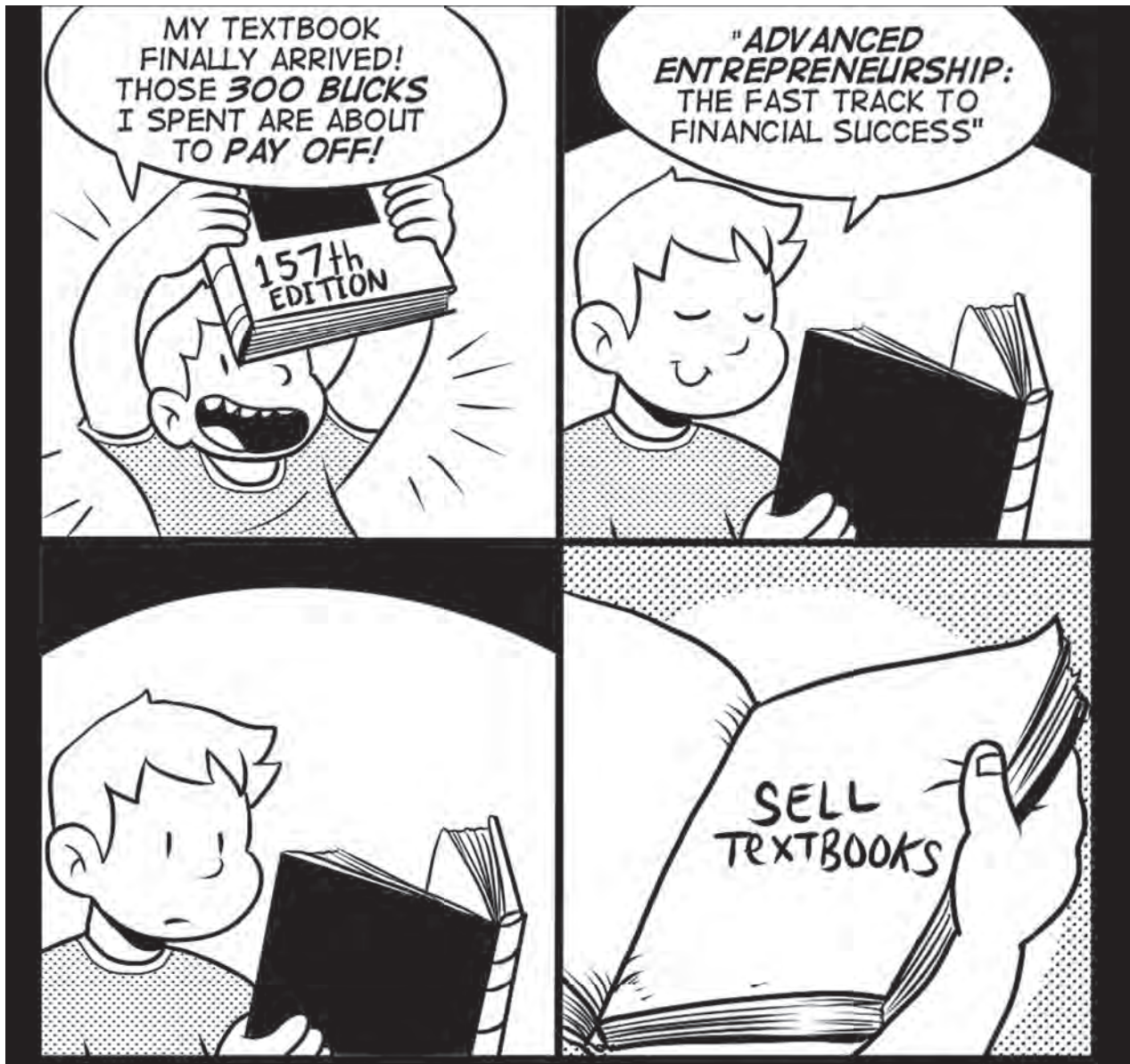
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EDITORIAL

## Full backpack, empty pockets



ASHER @asherfreeman

## Even with options, class materials break the bank

Year after year, students line the walkways leading to the back of the dimly lit bookstore with their class schedules in hand and fear plastered on their faces as they surround themselves with the cold and expensive horror of buying textbooks.

With no way around securing the required materials for each class, students are forced to spend hundreds of dollars on assigned texts and access codes as they battle rising textbook prices.

According to College Board, students on average can spend upwards of \$1,200 on textbooks annually, with some books costing a few hundred dollars each. In 2013, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported textbook prices increased a total of 82 percent from 2002 to 2012, which was nearly three times the rate of inflation.

Many professors around campus are mindful of the horrendous prices for textbooks and have attempted to either require fewer books for class or to use alternate resources to teach the curriculum. Knowing both parents and students are faced with the hefty burden each semester, some have even modified coursework to make classes

more economical.

Likewise, most bookstores offer students options to buy new, used or rented course materials in order to reduce their overall costs. However, despite those efforts, the cost of used or rented materials is directly related to the price of new materials, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In 2005, it was reported that used textbooks were offered for about 75 percent of the new textbook price, with digital and rented books following close behind. So in other words, as new textbook prices rise, so do the alternate “cheaper” options, creating a mere allusion of saving money.

Based on a study from the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, an independent research and advocacy group, about 65 percent of students had decided to not buy

a college textbook due to its high price and 94 percent of students who didn't purchase a textbook were concerned that it would hurt their grade in a course.

At this point, textbook prices are no longer just a burden; they are crippling students' abilities to be successful in school, which is contradictory as course materials are supposed to aid students in learning.

In this day and age as college has become more accessible for students, textbooks should not act as a limiting factor for an education. Students should not have to take out additional loans or contemplate going without a textbook for a class because price is an issue.

Students should not have to take out additional loans or contemplate going without a textbook for a class because the price is an issue.

The unnecessary rise of textbook prices needs to stop before the resource becomes too far out of reach for students and becomes a hindrance to the mission of receiving a professional education.

COLUMN

## God bless the VMAs

### Pop culture matters to American society

SARAH SCALES  
Web and Social Media Editor

“Can we please turn off the VMAs and watch something that actually matters?”

The MTV VMAs aired Sunday night and, as expected, was filled with many jaw-dropping moments. While scrolling through Twitter, I came across a few complaining about the over-glorification society puts on celebrities these days.

But is this really such a recent phenomenon? People have been fascinated with celebrities for ages. Mozart couldn't walk across stage without women frantically trying to gain his attention in not-so-appropriate ways. Don't even get me started on the Beatles. From Beethoven to Brad Pitt, there have always been people “fangirling” over the famous.

But in the big scheme of things, is it that big of a deal if Miley Cyrus danced on stage half-naked? Probably not, but maybe it is.



Our society seems to only put value on the tangible — a stronger economy, more accessible healthcare, etc. These are things that are easy to root for, to see the benefits of and to pursue. There is no doubt about the importance of these things. Who we vote for matters. Who discovers the cure for cancer matters.

But art is subjective. You may not like some art, but imagine a world without it entirely. Without music, without movies, without pictures, without fashion, without art. It seems almost dystopian.

Now, whether we pay for music on iTunes or stream it on Spotify, whether we use our friend's Netflix account or we watch the blockbuster film in theaters, the arts have value.

It's the song you dance to at your wedding. It's the first film that made you cry. In a world where math and science majors are needed “now more than ever,” I'm here to say that the arts matter, too.

Art is personal, perhaps more so than any other profession. Knowledge about the inspiration helps the consumer grow an appreciation for the art itself. This doesn't have to be a bad thing.

When we vote for a candidate, we naturally are interested in learning about their personal life. The same way a politician's personal life may affect the way they lead, an artist's personal life affects the creations they produce.

Why should we care what celebrities have to say? Art is a reflection of our thoughts and ideas. What these celebrities say and do, not only gives consumers insight, it helps us develop our own ideas and opinions as well. They add to the ever-growing and needed discussion of things that do matter. Emma Watson's speech made feminism relevant to a younger generation. Wall-E brought to light the importance of keeping our planet green. “Same Love” by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis advocated for LGBT rights.

So yes, celebrities have a huge range of influence, mostly over the minds of the youth. We follow them on Instagram, they endorse products and politicians, and perhaps sometimes their recognition has been taken a little too far.

At the end of the day, people like Kanye West, as controversial as he is, is a creator of art. Deserved or not, his creations are widely popularized. Creating a piece of art that is consumed by millions who have a personal connection to it is something to be celebrated.

Those that have accomplished the extraordinary should be rewarded. The Olympic athlete that jumps the highest, runs the fastest, throws the farthest wins the gold medal. The scientist that makes a breakthrough in research wins a Nobel Prize. The candidate with the best platform wins office.

Let the actor win their Golden Globe and the singer win their Grammy. Let artists be rewarded for the value to society that they bring.

Plus, one of these artists might just announce that they're running for President of the United States, and suddenly what they say really matters.

## From the 'gram:

“Were you at #DrPepperHour today? Dallas senior Ashley Hudson got her first float and even caught up with Pres. Starr. Serendipitous, right? (Photo by @richard\_hirst, Photo Editor)

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# Countdown to Canvas: New management system phasing Blackboard out

**JILLIAN ANDERSON**  
Reporter

Canvas will phase out the old content management system, Blackboard, by Dec. 23.

Any student who logs into Blackboard will see a clock counting down the days. Set the date for Dec. 23, and Baylor will be a Canvas campus.

Canvas, created by Instructure, is an externally-hosted learning-management system that is used by faculty to handle grades, papers, and other classroom assignments. Lance Grigsby, senior academic consultant with Online Teaching and Learning Services, said Canvas is a better tool than Blackboard.

"You can tell the difference in the company. They're more forward facing," Grigsby said on Instructure.

Because of external hosting, Canvas is updated once every three weeks. Dr. Sandy Bennett, assistant director of Online Teaching and Learning Services, said with Blackboard, updates would only arrive every six months.

In addition to improved maintenance, Canvas allows clients to preview different applications and tools that can be used with Canvas. While Blackboard tried to catch up,

Bennett said Canvas had the edge in terms of interactivity and ease of use.

Canvas has many of the same functions as Blackboard. Features such as access to library documents will be listed underneath individual courses instead of on a side bar.

There are many tools and applications for faculty to use to interact with and change the way a course is taught. One of the highlights of Canvas is the inclusion of the application Kaltura. Introduced in August, Kaltura is a media-streaming application that allows faculty and students to share multimedia projects and documents.

Bennett said that Canvas allows for the growth of Baylor. The ability to add in video and interactive elements are what make Canvas so appealing. One example is the expanded courses for the schools of social work, business and nursing. In addition, Baylor used Canvas in managing online summer school courses in 2015.

"We have put in front of faculty and students the tools to create any kind of learning experience they want," Grigsby said.

Bennett said the goal with Canvas is to go paperless, but the number of assignments that faculty can make has

expanded.

Online Teaching and Learning Services handled the conversion from Blackboard to Canvas. The transition started on May 2014 after a brief pilot trial in the previous year. It's been a two-year process. Bennett said things were going better than expected.

"We have about 80 percent of faculty using Canvas in some shape or form," Bennett said. Most of this growth was seen in the summer. Acclimating faculty to the system change has been the focus of most of the office's training. Students have been curious as well.

"We heard that students disliked having to use two management systems," Grigsby said. The office anticipated the resistance. Grigsby said because students tend to be more familiar with technology that he expected they could figure out Canvas on their own. However, there are opportunities and support for students who need it. Students can call the Canvas support number at any time of day for immediate assistance or access the Online Teaching and Learning Services website.

"Change can be difficult for anyone," Grigsby said. Ultimately, what can be made of Canvas rests in the hands of faculty and students.

## HELP from Pg. 1

makes sure students know their options and have access to resources they need.

In the 16 years Marsh has been at Baylor, the department has grown from three psychologists and one office manager to eight psychologists, a full time clinical case manager, a part-time dietitian, a part-time addiction behavior specialist, an office manager and two office support staff.

"I really feel like we have developed a pretty comprehensive department here in terms of our services," Marsh said.

Baylor's Counseling Center is located on the second floor of the McLane Student Life Center, offers walk-in clinic hours, where no appointment is needed, and has a 24/7 crisis hotline.

"We know how hard it is to walk over here that first time," Marsh said. "[It] takes a lot of courage."

In addition to individual or group counseling sessions, there are also group sessions available for students seeking safe places to share with others experiencing their same challenges.

There is no fee and no limit on how many group sessions one can attend.

Individual and couple sessions are limited to 12 a year, where the first seven are free and each additional session is \$10.

At the beginning of treatment, counseling staff will assess the patient to ensure that if more than 12 sessions are needed, the patient is referred to a clinic in town as soon as possible to begin healing and building relationships with the staff there.

## KNOW THE FACTS

**1 in 5**  
women

**1 in 16**  
men

WILL BE

**SEXUALLY ASSAULTED**

IN THEIR COLLEGE YEARS

From the National Sexual Violence Resource Center

## SUMMER from Pg. 1



Courtesy of Lydia Williamson



Courtesy of Audrey Hamlin



Courtesy of Audrey Hamlin

**FLINGING THE GREEN AND GOLD** (Top left) Cedar Park junior Lydia Williamson and fellow interns in Brooklyn enjoy a rainy day. (Bottom left) Waco sophomore Audrey Hamlin hangs out with children during her summer missions trip to Guatemala. (Right) Hamlin works hands-on with Guatemalan students. "It was a Latin American culture, where they're more focused on people than on time," Hamlin said. "I found that speaks now so much into my social interactions here at Baylor, and I think my priorities are in a much better place now."

Living in New York also allowed Williamson the opportunity to experience a culture that was vastly different from her own.

"It was a really great place for me to learn and be in an environment where the things we were talking about, like racial, social, and economic inequality and human trafficking, are actually happening," Williamson said. "It made all these issues relevant to me, whereas in a primarily white middle-class suburb like Cedar Park, those things feel farther away."

Mission trips present another opportunity for students to become immersed in unfamiliar cultures. Waco sophomore Audrey Hamlin participated in a Buckner International mission trip to Guatemala for a month this summer. In the town of San Jose Pinula, she saw both differences and similarities between American and Guatemalan cultures.

Hamlin said that she was struck by the similarities she shared with those she was trying to help through education and medical outreach.

"I think American mission trip culture is about difference, and not embracing the things we share," Hamlin said. "We want to impose things on them, but we don't want to learn from them. I

don't think I have anything more to offer to people who are just like me. I think I have just as much to learn from them"

Although she noted the equality between herself and the people she was sent to help, she also recognized some differences, including an emphasis on relationships over efficiency.

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Robert Leis, Baylor's exchange program and study abroad adviser, described the difficulty students like Hamlin may have in bringing her new priorities to Baylor.

"I think any time anyone has a big experience there is the difficulty of coming back and realizing that your view of the world has changed but not everyone's view of the world has changed with you," Leis said. "Even though nothing has really changed, you've changed. It's reverse culture shock, really."

Williamson said that coming back to Waco required an adjustment for her as well. After being confronted with social disparity in the workplace

and in New York City, she has had to bring her new knowledge to Baylor.

"I'm trying to reconcile who I have become with these old habits and patterns that I was living in. It's really challenged me to question, as I fall back into old habits, 'Is this a good habit? Or is this something I need to rethink?'" Williamson said.

Williamson learned how to maintain a more sustainable lifestyle at her internship in New York. However, now she must learn how to transition those changes into her life at Baylor.

"How does what I've learned about food injustice apply to having a meal plan and having to eat in a dining hall?" Williamson said. "What does it look like for me to encourage students to buy fair trade clothes when in reality those are a lot more expensive? But I think I've realized that I have to take it a step at a time, and I can't just be this world-changer who only eats organic food."

Although Hamlin said that it has been difficult for her to readjust to Baylor, her memories of Guatemala have eased the transition.

"Remembering the people I was with has helped the most. It's a beautiful thing to have something to miss," Hamlin said.

## LLC from Pg. 1

The Education LLC has over 18 faculty members and staff members from the School of Education. In addition, they have 11 different student mentors who are upperclassmen from all different majors.

"We have mentors that are there to walk students through their first year and help them be successful whether its personally, professionally, spiritually, or academically serve as a resource and guide for them to get through that first year," Stamile said.

In addition, to having student mentors and faculty involvement, there are also various activities planned for residents to participate throughout the academic school year.

These activities include activities that connect students to Waco, Baylor, faculty, the Education LLC, and South Russell.

"We have a lot of support both financially and personally from the School of Education and they believe in this program and want to see it succeed, they want to see their students succeed," Stamile said.

Center freshman Elizabeth Chadwick said living at the Education LLC has been a great living option for her as she transitions to living on campus as a student at Baylor.

"It's a great experience to meet new people but also if you are really interested in being a teacher and love for kids, then here is an amazing," Chadwick said.

Dallas sophomore Megan Allen said there are many opportunities for students to meet faculty and that is one of the amazing things.

"We have awesome community spaces and we really plug you into education type events," Allen said.

El Paso junior Julio Ramirez said the technology at the Education LLC is top notch compared to other on campus living options for students.

"We're one of the few residence halls that do actually have a conference room and a classroom also available to them, so that really does help out a lot," Ramirez said.

**ONLINE >> Hot Wheels:** There's a new BBQ food truck on the streets of Waco. Roll on by. [BaylorLariat.com](http://BaylorLariat.com)

## Queen of Cookbooks

### White looks to inspire future cooks

**SARAH JENNINGS**  
Reporter

Warm aromas drift and swirl out of the little blue kitchen. A timer dings. The toothpick slides into the cornbread, then cleanly out. Lying on the cluttered counter is an open cookbook.

Much like the archetypal housewives who used them, the cookbook was a cornerstone to daily family and community life. But they are often forgotten or seen as too mundane for academic study. However, 25 years ago, Elizabeth Borst White—a retired librarian from Houston—began collecting these valuable depositories of history and culture. Utilizing eBay Inc., White began her collection simply for the pleasure of cooking. She quickly recognized the intellectual value they held.

"Especially the community cookbooks, they reflect the community," White said. "On some of the Texas cookbooks there's a lot of deer or doves. That's what they had in the community to eat."

When White began her collection, she was in charge of historical medical collections at the Houston Academy of Science. Original research on cookbooks was rare, and she noticed a need for compiling collections of cookbooks for study. Those very cookbooks she is now donating to the Texas Collection at Baylor in order that researchers may gain from her work. She has donated more than 1,000 books. Her donations are in top-condition, protected with

archival covers and her personal bookplate.

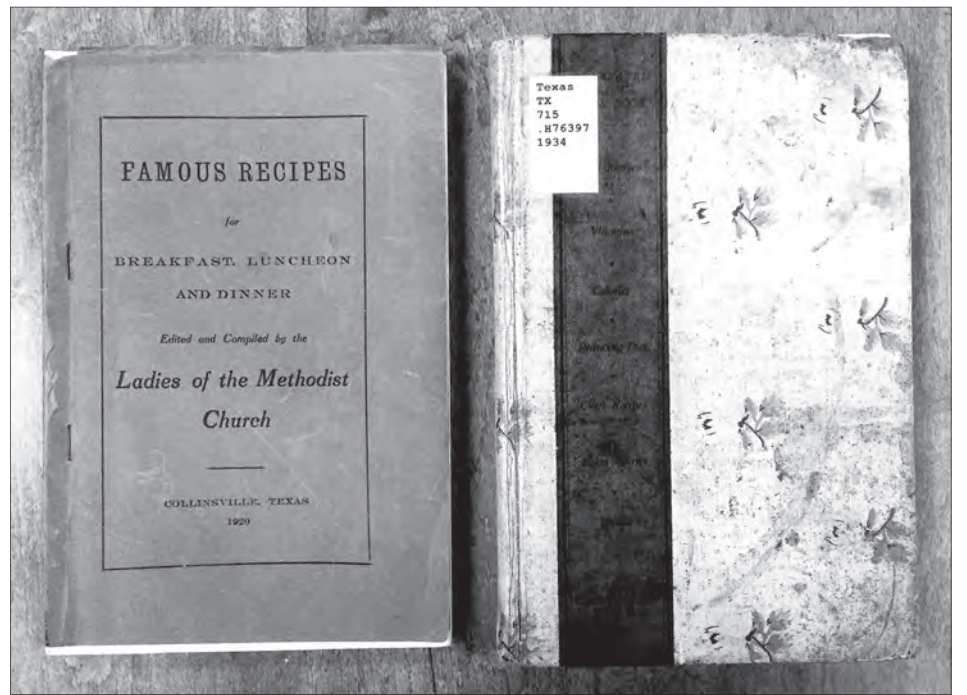
Amie Oliver, coordinator for user and access services at the Texas Collection, said the collection includes a wide variety and number of texts and images. From rare books—like a Latin text from 1482—to 19th century Baylor photographs, Oliver said the library seeks to be inclusive of many time periods, disciplines, religions and ethnic groups.

Although Baylor is a Baptist university, materials on Catholic, Methodist and Jewish culture are collected to tell the complete history of Texas.

"Many people assume it's just history, but we cover all disciplines. We collect anything that tells the complete story of Texas: history, music, art, religion, literature, the people, and the pioneers," Oliver said. "Our cookbook collection is a good representation of that. There are about 5,000 Texas cookbooks, but the collection grows all the time."

For many years, cookbooks were the only way women published. These texts gave a voice to their experience and stories. Women produced cookbooks as a way to raise money for churches, committees, and schools. According to recent study by Dr. Sarah Walden, women's sales provided a platform, even if somewhat hidden, to speak and to support social causes.

"Some of the very first community cookbooks were during the Civil War," White said. "Women produced these cookery books to get money to help soldiers or to help their



Sarah Scales | Web and Social Media Editor

**NOW WE'RE COOKING** Pictured above are two cookbooks pulled from The Texas Collection's library of over 4,600 cookbooks. Retired Librarian Elizabeth White has donated about half of the collection over the past five years.

families. Women individually had cookbooks before that, but it was the Civil War that really started it for community cookbooks."

White said cookbooks have evolved over the years. Paragraph form was standard up to the early 20th century, and this allowed for commentary and regional character to seep through. Abbreviations became standardized in the 1920s and 1930s. The plastic comb binding emerged in the 1940s. Now the trend is to use Internet compilations to find recipes.

The table brings us together. Family dinners, friendly chats and deep conversations all begin around the breaking of bread. It's no wonder cookbooks are testaments to the depth and variety of the human community. They're so much more than a list of measurements; they're also anecdotes and family photos. They're collections of our common memories and nostalgic flavors.

"If we don't get along about anything else, we all agree we need to eat," Oliver said.

## This week in Waco:

### >> Today:

**8 p.m.** — Open Mic Night. Common Grounds

### >> Thursday:

**7 p.m.** — Baylor College Life Kickoff. Fountain Mall

**8 p.m.** — Local rapper, Chris Cavalier. Common Grounds

### >> Friday:

**8 p.m.** — Brady Toops. Common Grounds

**8 p.m.** — Dueling Pianos. Waco Hippodrome

## Tea2Go looks to foster the art scene in Waco

**MATT DOTSON**  
Reporter

Tea2Go, a boutique drink shop specializing in custom tea located off Baylor's campus, is collaborating with the Central Texas Artist Collective to host its monthly Open Mic Night on Sept. 17.

The event will feature poetry, singing and other events designed to allow customers and visitors to express their creativity.

The Central Texas Artist Collective's 3 co-founders have a larger mission to foster creative expression throughout the Heart of Texas by unifying and growing arts and cultural programming; enhancing arts education and access for all; cultivating an organic, sustainable identity and celebrating the rich community of artists living, creating, and investing in Waco and beyond, according to their mission statement.

"We all came together with the common interests of bringing creative expression into the community and into public spaces," said Jenuine Poetees, co-founder of the Central Texas Artist Collective. "When we host things like Open Mic at Tea2Go, we're bringing music and creative expression and performance art into public space."

Steve Veracruz, the group's co-founder said he wanted to provide artists with opportunities that

they wouldn't normally have.

"We want to highlight the artists that provide in this city, in creating opportunities in which they would not normally have had," Veracruz said. "We wanted to highlight the potential numbers of artists as well as their talents, their skills, their abilities and give them not only the opportunity to share their work, but also introduce them to other avenues they would like to approach."

Angie Veracruz, the final artist collective co-founder, said she was concerned that art has been undervalued both on a community level and a national level. She said she hopes to change that.

"The arts have taken the backseat for many years, including in the public school system which is statewide and nationwide," Veracruz said. "With the revamping of the [school] system with STEM [Science Technology Engineering Arts Math program] we try to provide an avenue for those geared toward art."

STEM is a movement championed by Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) and widely adopted by institutions, corporations and individuals, according to STEM website.

Poetees said she also wants to make sure the arts are accessible to everyone, especially students.

"Part of the motivation behind what we do is the belief in accessible opportunities," Poetees said.



Courtesy Photo

**TEA AND TUNES** Baylor students play during Open Mic Night at Tea2Go over the summer. Open Mic takes place the first Thursday of every month.

"Open Mic Night is at a location, a time and a place most can get to. One of the reasons why we haven't been around the city is because Tea2Go is really accessible to Baylor students. Students who don't have vehicles can cross the crossway bridge and get here pretty easily."

Be sure to go by and check out the talent and grab a cup of tea. Tea2Go is located across I-35 from Baylor next to the Papa John's. The address for Tea2Go is 820 South 7th St.

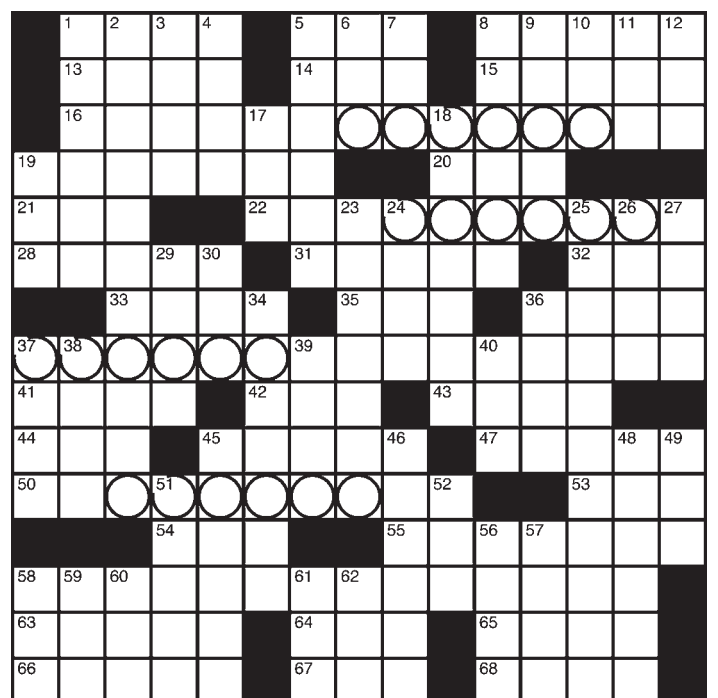
### Today's Puzzles:

#### ACROSS

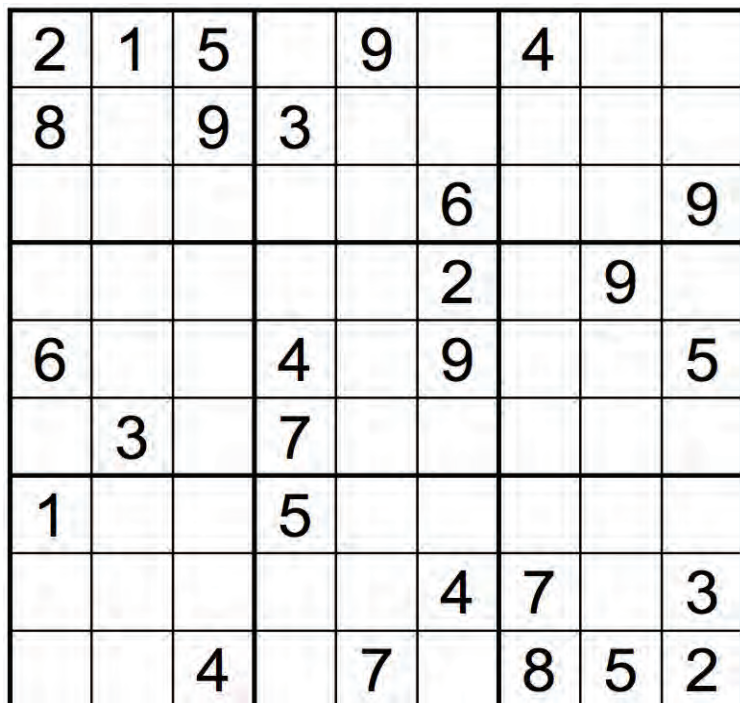
- 1 "It came without ribbons. It came without \_\_\_": The Grinch
- 5 Glutton
- 8 Be at loggerheads
- 13 Layered snack
- 14 Sch. with residence halls named Acadian and Beaugard
- 15 Crystal \_\_\_
- 16 Formal dissent
- 19 Decimal system foundation
- 20 Educator LeShan
- 21 Fig. in TV's "Suits"
- 22 Lead role in many a Western
- 28 Cheap sauce
- 31 Transports
- 32 Appreciative cry
- 33 Rocky prominence
- 35 Org. of former Soviet republics
- 36 Paired
- 37 Independence Day VIPs
- 41 It's found in bars
- 42 "I see what's going on!"
- 43 In the area
- 44 Obedience trials org.
- 45 \_\_\_ steak
- 47 Dropped off
- 50 Vegan diet component
- 53 "Quadrophenia" group, with "The"
- 54 Med. recording
- 55 Four-time US Open winner
- 58 Metaphor for ballet ... or what this puzzle's circles literally contain
- 63 Word on a menu
- 64 One rarely without a comb?
- 65 Klein of fashion
- 66 Stopovers
- 67 Ware lead-in
- 68 Long-term appeal

#### DOWN

- 1 Burger go-with



- 2 Reign of Terror victims
- 3 Biological determinant
- 4 Laundry woe at the Claus home?
- 5 Public monument support
- 6 Real ending?
- 7 Dude
- 8 Words to live by
- 9 Gently massage, wave-style
- 10 Big deal
- 11 Title for Edward Elgar
- 12 Popular
- 17 \_\_\_ judicata: decided case
- 18 Catches
- 19 "What nonsense!"
- 23 All
- 24 Archaeological site
- 25 "What nonsense!"
- 26 Work out the details
- 27 Unadon fillets
- 29 Con, for example
- 30 One may be passed
- 34 Rocky field?
- 36 Ivory alternative
- 37 Spots for Smokey: Abbr.
- 38 Mother of Sean
- 39 Shoot the breeze
- 40 These, to Thérèse
- 45 Monastère members
- 46 Late-night host since 2003
- 48 Obsolescent public conveniences
- 49 Word with dance or shoe
- 51 Small-minded
- 52 Sgt., e.g.
- 56 List substitute
- 57 Diamond complement
- 58 See 61-Down
- 59 Bit in a horse's mouth?
- 60 Baseball stat
- 61 Longtime maker of 58-Down
- 62 Org. supporting exhibitions



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# Football earns first No. 4 preseason AP ranking

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Baylor football was ranked No. 4 in the country for the first time in school history by the Associated Press in the preseason poll.

Baylor looks to be one of the four teams selected into the College Football Playoff at the end of the regular season for a shot at its first national title. The Bears will have their work cut out for them if they plan to overcome the Big 12 and separate themselves from the rest of the pack.

The defending champion, Ohio State Buckeyes rank as the top team in the nation according to the AP poll, receiving every single first-place vote. Here's a quick overview of the top teams coming into this season.

#### OHIO STATE

Urban Meyer's Buckeyes are equipped to repeat as national champions, returning seven starters on offense and defense, including All-American playmakers in running back Ezekiel Elliot and defensive end Joey Bosa.

With the return of the athletic Braxton Miller, who moves from the quarterback position to Meyer's distinctive H-back position, the Buckeyes will be a dangerous squad.

"[Miller is] one of the best athletes I've ever coached," Meyer said. "It's win or lose time, he's not the type to lose. My expectation is that he [will be] an impact player."

#### TCU

Coming in second is TCU, who also returns a good deal of their starters, with 10 on offense and five on defense.

Among those 10 offensive returners is quarterback Trevone Boykin, who is a surefire candidate for the Heisman Trophy in 2015. Boykin was explosive last season, gaining over 4,600 total yards of offense by himself.

The Horned Frogs were 12-1 last year, their only loss coming to Baylor in the Bears' thrilling 61-58 comeback victory. Head coach Gary Patterson is set to field another good team in 2015 and compete for supremacy in the Big 12.

#### ALABAMA

In the third position of the poll is the Alabama Crimson Tide. One glaring issue with Alabama is at the quarterback position. Head coach Nick Saban has not yet name a starter at QB. Saban said he has no worry about his quarterback situation though.

"I have confidence in our guys that they will play well in the game," Saban said. "How we're going to play them in the game, I haven't decided."

The Crimson Tide can rest easy

knowing that running back Derrick Henry will return in the backfield for 2015.

#### BAYLOR

Coming in at No. 4 is the two-time defending Big 12 champion, Baylor.

Last season didn't end on good terms for the Bears though. Michigan State pulled off a 42-41 comeback win in thrilling fashion to win the Cotton Bowl.

Missing out on the inaugural College Football Playoff as well as surrendering a 21-point lead to the aforementioned Spartans is something that is inspiring the Bears this season.

The Bears found themselves in a conundrum concerning the College Football Playoff last year. Baylor was at the center of the biggest controversy in the newly enstated four-team playoff system. Baylor lost to West Virginia, a team that TCU beat. Baylor beat TCU in a head-to-head matchup 61-58. This sparked a seemingly never-ending paradigm in the national conversation of college football.

"We've used last season as motivation," head coach Art Briles said. "We knew somebody had to get fifth, we just didn't know it'd be us."

With Baylor returning nine starters on both offense and defense, they enter 2015 as one of the most experienced teams in the country. The Bears have outside threats in Corey Coleman and K.D. Cannon that will give defenses nightmares as well as defensive end Shawn Oakman.

While junior quarterback Seth Russell is one of the more experienced quarterbacks coming into his first season as a starter, due to frequent Baylor blowouts, pundits still wonder if he is prepared to step in and lead a powerful Baylor offense seeking a third straight conference championship.

#### MICHIGAN STATE

The Spartans come in at No. 5 and will be looked to as the only team in the Big Ten conference that can legitimately compete with Ohio State.

Although former defensive coordinator Pat Narduzzi departs for Pittsburgh, the Spartans are notorious for great defensive play and return seven starters on defense.

Head coach Mark Dantonio believes that his receiving unit will be improve from last season as a whole.

"Our receivers continue to be a strength," Dantonio said. "We have good players there, good players that are active down the field and can do a lot of things."

#### No. 6-10

Finishing off the top 10 are Auburn, Oregon, USC, Georgia, and Florida State.

The college football season is slated to begin this Thursday when South Carolina and North Carolina kick off at 5:00 p.m.

Baylor's season follows the next day when the Bears take on the SMU Mustangs at 6 p.m. Friday on ESPN.



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**DUAL THREAT** Junior quarterback Seth Russell scrambles for a gain in the Bears' 2014 season opener Aug. 31, 2014 at McLane Stadium.

# Time to Shine

Russell relishes chance to play near hometown

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Baylor quarterback Seth Russell is no longer in the shadows of starting quarterback Bryce Petty is gone and it's Russell's turn now.

The last time Russell started a game (Northwestern State in 2014), he put on an unexpectedly commanding performance by throwing for 438 yards and five touchdowns.

"I wasn't surprised [by the performance]. The guys around me make me look good," Russell said. "That's their job. I'm going to throw the ball up to them, and it's up to them to make the play."

Russell is humble in his responses to the media, but his numbers from last season yield anything but modest performances this season.

Briles said he is confident in Russell at quarterback, but knows the opening game of the season can always create a situation where players are trying to do too much.

"[Russell's] got some feelings around him that the rest of us haven't had," Briles said. "So we have to do a great job as a staff of letting him be himself, but protecting him early in the game because he's going to be excited, especially with playing [so close to home]," said Briles.

Despite only receiving

one official start last season, Russell was called on several times due to injuries to Bryce Petty. Russell made the most of the moment and recorded solid numbers in the multitude of game experience he saw.

The 6-foot-3 junior threw for 804 yards, eight touchdowns and one interception last year. Russell is relaxed heading into the season opener versus SMU.

"The quarterback system has proven itself," Russell said. "The coaches here are going to put you in the situation to win and [I have to] make the best out of it."

The Garland native will start for the Bears when they take on SMU on Friday.

Several analysts from around the country have described Baylor's offensive system as a plug-and-play offense, meaning the system is accessible for many talented players. At times, this observation discredits or diminishes the ability of the quarterback.

Russell knows the Bears have a method that has worked for several years now, but he wouldn't lean one way or the other on the topic.

"I'm not going to bash it. I'm just glad I'm here, and I'm blessed to be here," Russell said. "I'm glad the coaches gave me the opportunity, and if you want to say it's a system then I'm with it. If you want

to say it's the players, then I'm with it."

Russell is entering the season as the leader of last year's No. 1 offense in college football. The Bears averaged 48.2 points and 581 yards per game last season as they finished as Big 12 champions for the second consecutive season. That kind of success can add to the pressure a newly appointed quarterback faces.

"I think there's pressure ... and a lot of that is up front on [the offensive line]. If [Russell] can sit back there and be calm, [then we can] make him look good," senior left tackle Spencer Drango said. "It's our job. There is pressure, but he's done a great job of managing it. He's got a good head on his shoulders, and I expect big things out of him."

Baylor returns all five starting linemen from a season ago and Briles hopes that will help ease the pressure surrounding Russell. Briles said playing against SMU on the road presents a challenge to a new QB. Russell is doing all he can to prepare, he said.

"They have a whole new coaching staff at SMU, so we don't necessarily know what they're going to throw at us," Russell said. "We always want to watch as much [film] as we can and prepare."

Baylor's 2015 season kicks off at 6 p.m. Friday on ESPN.

## AP PRESEASON POLL #1-10

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>#1 Ohio State</b>   | <b>#6 Auburn</b>       |
| <b>#2 TCU</b>          | <b>#7 Oregon</b>       |
| <b>#3 Alabama</b>      | <b>#8 USC</b>          |
| <b>#4 Baylor</b>       | <b>#9 Georgia</b>      |
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