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## This Matters



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**CAMPUS CARRY** Students gathered on Wednesday at the Bill Daniel Student Center to discuss the implications of campus carry at the university. Students asked panel members such as Mark Childers (center), associate vice president for the department of public safety, questions about the university's stance on the issue.

## Panel offers perspectives on campus carry

**JESSICA HUBBLE**  
Reporter

Over the next week, student government is sponsoring several events to inform students on campus carry.

The law, which takes effect Aug. 1, will allow for the carrying of handguns on public college campuses and

similar higher institutions of learning. Private universities, however, have the option to decide whether or not they will allow it. Baylor has yet to make a decision on the matter.

On Wednesday, Student Government hosted a "This Matters" discussion in the Bill Daniel Student Center den. The discussion

addressed campus carry, gun violence in America and campus safety. The aim of the discussion was to educate students about those topics.

The panelists included Dr. Kevin Jackson, Chris Holmes and Mark Childers. Kevin Jackson is the vice president for student life at Baylor. Chris Holmes is

associate general counsel for Baylor, which means he advises the university on the requirements of Senate Bill 11. Mark Childers is associate vice president for the Department of Public Safety on campus and he was a member of the Secret Service for 26 years. Each panelist stressed that their views were not the

university's and they were simply speaking from their own perspectives.

Jackson spoke from a higher education perspective. He pointed out that the vast majority of higher education leaders don't think it is a good idea to have campus carry.

Childers wanted students to keep a few

things in mind when deciding an opinion on campus carry, including what happens if the gun is left behind somewhere by accident or if a gun falls down and discharges. He also mentioned a scenario where an active shooter on campus and a concealed

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## Top Gun event offers day of training, networking

**ERIC VINING**  
Reporter

Nearly 100 Professional Selling majors and corporate executives met for a half-day Top Gun Training last Friday at the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation to network over a formal lunch and series of workshops.

Top Gun Training, which has been hosted for Professional Selling students each semester since fall 2013, is a workshop that helps Professional Selling majors gain skills vital to their future trade as well as network with

executives at 3M, Oracle, IBM and other major corporations.

"It's an opportunity... for the students to network with business professionals, and also an opportunity to learn what it's like to be a businessperson and experience different types of roles in different companies," said Curtis Schroeder, a Baylor graduate and a member of the Center for Professional Selling's Ambassador Board.

Friday's training began with a formal networking lunch for students and executives to meet and mingle, followed by a series of workshops aimed to

help students cultivate strong workplace relationships with superiors in both formal and informal settings.

Historically, Top Gun Training has covered a variety of topics aimed to equip students with unique skills and experience they can't necessarily get in a classroom setting. Last year's Top Gun Training was designed to better acquaint students with the challenges of operating in a multigenerational workforce.

"When you go into a typical workforce setting, you're going to be working with four different

generations," said Dr. Andrea Dixon, Executive Director at the Center for Professional Selling and the Keller Center for Research. "All four of those generations had different experiences in their mindset about what constitutes effective communication and tend to define those concepts differently. It's something that's not necessarily covered in a particular course."

While a major event for students majoring in Professional Sales, the Top

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**BUSINESS NETWORKING** Professional Selling students and executives collaborate during a group breakout session during Top Gun Training on Friday at the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation.

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## Sing Alliance welcomes all to perform

**KENDALL BAER**  
Reporter

The Sing Alliance has built a tradition since its start in 1997 of allowing students all across Baylor the opportunity to perform in All-University Sing.

This group of students gather together each year to put together a seven-minute performance to a variety of songs and compete for one of the coveted Pigskin spots as well as other awards.

"I first saw Sing in the third grade," said Emily Lofquist, administrative chair for Sing Alliance. "I knew I wanted to do it since then. I didn't go through recruitment so it

was the obvious choice, and the best choice I ever made in my life."

How does someone get involved in Sing Alliance? Sing Alliance includes anyone who wants to get involved and is able to make the time commitment regardless of previous song and dance experience.

"My favorite part is being able to interact with so many people from so many different parts of campus," said Collin McMinn, president and music chair for Sing Alliance. "We get a pretty wide variety of members, so it's really interesting to see a lot of science majors and business major



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**SING OFF** The Sing Alliance performs at a dress rehearsal on Feb. 18, 2015.

come together, and do something together as a family."

The organization hosts many opportunities to meet with older members and get an idea for what Sing Alliance is all about.

"Go to all of the events that we have before sign-ups," says Lofquist. "We will have interest meetings but also other fun things like a cook-out, a bowling night".

Lofquist said that Late

Night at the McLane Student Life Center is also another way students can go about getting involved with the organization.

"Seeing the people like me freshmen year at Late Night who are really overzealous and excited about Sing Alliance, and knowing they came and found us and then getting to see them again at practice is one of my favorite parts," says Rachel Gruehn, costume chair for Sing Alliance.

As an organization,

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EDITORIAL

# Overlooked, Understocked

## Baylor needs to fill, add feminine product dispensers on campus

Mother Nature is fickle. Sometimes she sneaks up on unsuspecting females who aren't prepared. In order to aid women in this monthly struggle, many women's bathrooms are equipped with feminine product dispensers. Baylor's bathrooms, however, often fail to provide the products women can't go without.

That is not to say Baylor doesn't have dispensers. Many of the buildings on campus feature bathrooms with machines offering feminine products for an average of 25 cents. The problem lies with the condition and stocking of the dispensers. Many of them are out of stock. Others are old enough to make a woman wonder if she should trust what comes out of it. In places like the Baylor Sciences Building, there are signs to direct ladies to another bathroom in the building for their feminine needs. In Castellow Communications Center, sometimes a box of products will be placed on top of the empty dispenser by a kind, unknown Samaritan.

This problem is somewhat surprising considering females make up over half of Baylor's population. Last semester, there were 9,414 female students to 7,373 male students, according to Baylor Institutional Research and Testing. The sheer number of females on campus adds to the amount of times reliable, stocked dispensers may be needed.

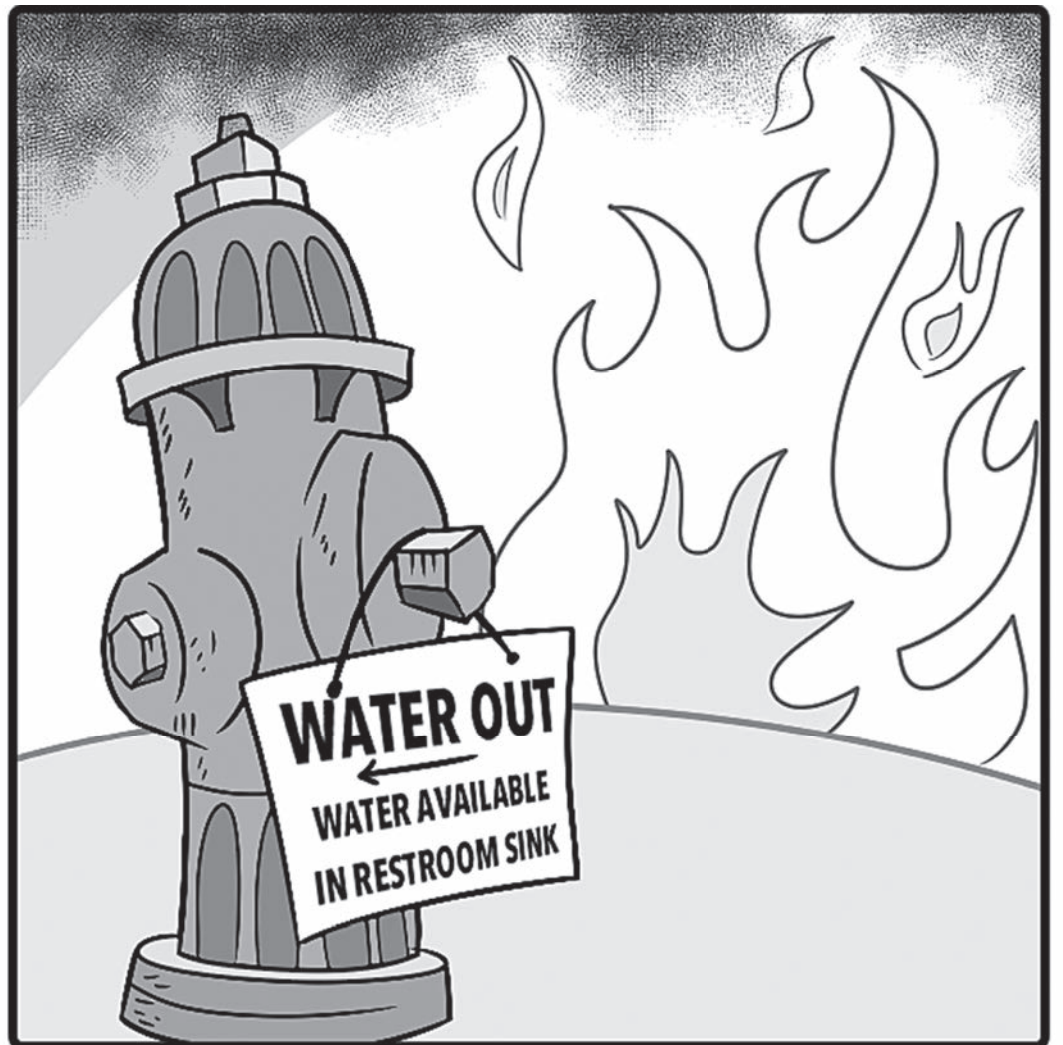
By the time most women start attending college, periods are nothing new. They have generally made it a habit to stay prepared by keeping feminine products in bags, purses and backpacks. However, bags don't refill themselves, and sometimes a female will find herself in an awkward situation. Maybe she grabbed a different purse at the last minute and didn't think to check all the pockets for a pad or tampon. Maybe her period started early and she didn't think

she needed to stock her backpack with feminine products. Either way, without working dispensers, her only option is to go home or reach out to another woman for help. This can be embarrassing and inconvenient.

Asking another woman, while sometimes awkward, generally works. However, it is not guaranteed that the first person asked will be prepared and armed with a feminine hygiene surplus. If the woman asking only uses pads, she may have a hard time finding someone without only tampons. Even if she uses tampons, the product offered may not be the right size or the preferred brand. Every woman has her preference, and not having the option to choose from a dispenser makes being unprepared a punishable offense.

Worst case scenario, the woman in need may find that everyone around her is equally unprepared. If this is the case, she has no choice but to go home or go to the store. If she is at work or school and cannot leave, she may have to revert to so-called solutions many girls learned about in grade school. These include tying a jacket around the waist or forming a makeshift pad out of toilet paper. If she does not have a jacket, the first option is out. The second option may suffice for a few minutes at most, depending on the severity of the woman's period.

It would be nice if feminine hygiene products were free, but that is not the plea of this editorial. Given the fact that most of the dispensers around campus are empty, it is clear that women are willing to pay for the product. They are not asking for handouts. The filling and refilling of dispensers would not be a huge expense. Furthermore, it would save the female population of Baylor from potentially awkward and uncomfortable situations.



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Penelope Shirey | Photographer

OUT OF STOCK Feminine product dispensers across campus fail to provide for women's hygienic needs.

## What day is it?



Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

## National Squirrel Day

Show your appreciation for Baylor squirrels today. These fuzzy creatures make students smile on a regular basis. The abundance of squirrels on campus has led to the creation of Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts in their honor, as well as multiple stories from the Lariat.

## COLUMN

# Live life for the moment, not the 'Gram

Jessica Hubble  
Staff Writer

What makes a photograph Instagram worthy? Is it looking great in the photo? Doing something wild everyone will be jealous of?

This new idea of being Instagram worthy is that a photograph must portray someone a certain way or be interesting to everyone viewing it. This doesn't just apply to Instagram. For millennials, all forms of social media have some sort of secret code of what you have to post to get likes or favorites.

People often do things just for the Instagram photo either because they have to meet their weekly quota of posts or because they want everyone to think that what they did that day was so tremendous. At every concert, there is always a plethora of people who are just taking Snapchats the whole concert. They end up not enjoying the concert and watching it through the screen of a phone. Not to mention distracting everyone else by blocking their view with their cellphone screen.

Although social media can bring people together, it can distance them as well. When someone spends all their time snapchatting an event, focusing on getting the perfect Instagram photo or even just sitting with friends, scrolling through social media, it detaches them from the real world. It

keeps them from enjoying others' company.

What if people made a conscious effort to put away their phones when they were with people? Maybe they would enjoy others' company more, make more meaningful memories and remember the experience, not just the "insta-worthy" photograph they took.

Lots of people talk about how social media is fake and just a perception of someone. Arguably, though, people are the same in person. They want everyone to have a perception of them and they're often fake as well.

Although this is not true for everyone in every case, often people even feel like they must be "worthy" in front of family and friends. Those are the people that they should never feel judged by or feel like they have to live up to a special standard.

Social media can be toxic. People spend hours scrolling through their timelines and worrying about what others are doing. They often judge others based on their posts and screenshot things to send to their friends; making fun of the person's post that was captured via screenshot.

It's not anyone's place to judge and putting others down should never make someone feel better about themselves.

Social media should be about bringing people together and helping people stay connected. People should post what they want without the fear of being judged. Posts should be meaningful to the poster; it is not about the number of likes a post receives. Those likes are not quantifiable in real life. Memories and experiences are

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# New evidence points to ninth planet

**MARCIA DUNN**  
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The solar system may have a ninth planet after all.

This one is 5,000 times bigger than outcast Pluto and billions of miles farther away, say scientists who presented “good evidence” for a long-hypothesized Planet X on Wednesday.

The gas giant is thought to be almost as big as its nearest planetary neighbor, Neptune, and quite possibly has rings and moons. It’s so distant that it would take 10,000 to 20,000 years to circle the sun.

Planet 9, as the pair of California Institute of Technology researchers calls it, hasn’t been spotted yet. They base their prediction on mathematical and computer modeling and anticipate its discovery via telescope within five years or less.

The two reported their research Wednesday in the *Astronomical Journal* because they want people to help them look for it.

“We could have stayed quiet and quietly spent the next five years searching the skies ourselves and hoping to find it. But I would rather somebody find it sooner, than me find it later,” astronomer Mike Brown told The Associated Press.

“I want to see it. I want to see what it looks like. I want to understand where it is, and I think this will help.”

Brown and planetary scientist Konstantin Batygin feel certain about their prediction, which at first seemed unbelievable even to them.

“For the first time in more than



Associated Press

**Discovery** California Institute of Technology’s artistic rendering of Planet Nine shows the distant sun in the background. Scientists believe to have found evidence supporting the existence of a true ninth planet.

150 years, there’s good evidence that the planetary census of the solar system is incomplete,” Batygin said, referring to Neptune’s discovery as Planet 8.

Once it’s detected, Brown insists there will be no Pluto-style planetary debate. Brown ought to know; he’s the so-called Pluto killer who helped lead the charge against Pluto’s planetary status in 2006. (Once Planet 9, Pluto is now considered a dwarf planet.)

“THIS is what we mean when we say the word ‘planet,’” Brown said.

Brown and Batygin believe it’s big — 10 times more massive than Earth — and, unlike Pluto, dominates its cosmic neighborhood. Pluto is a gravitational slave to Neptune, they pointed out.

Another scientist, Alan Stern, said he’s withholding judgment on the planet prediction. He is the principal scientist for NASA’s New Horizons spacecraft, which buzzed Pluto last summer in the first-ever visit from Earth. He still sees Pluto as a real planet — not a second-class dwarf.

“This kind of thing comes around every few years. To date, none of those predicts have been borne out by discoveries,” Stern said in an email Wednesday. “I’d be very happy if Brown-Batygin were the exception to the rule, but we’ll have to wait and see. Prediction is not discovery.”

Brown and Batygin shaped their calculation on the fact that six objects in the icy Kuiper Belt, or Twilight Zone on the far reaches of the solar system, appear to have orbits influenced by only one thing: a real

planet. The vast, mysterious Kuiper Belt is home to Pluto as well.

Brown actually discovered one of these six objects more than a decade ago — Sedna, a large minor planet.

“What we have found is a gravitational signature of Planet 9 lurking in the outskirts of the solar system,” Batygin said. The actual discovery, he noted, will be “era-defining.”

Added Brown: “We have felt a great disturbance in the force.”

Scott Sheppard of the Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington said Brown and Batygin’s effort takes his own findings to “the next level.” Two years ago, he and a colleague suggested a possible giant planet.

“I find this new work very exciting,” Sheppard said in an email. “It makes the distant Super-Earth planet in our solar system much more real. I would say the odds just went from 50 percent to 75 percent that this distant massive planet is real.”

Depending on where this Planet 9 is in its egg-shaped orbit, a space telescope may be needed to confirm its presence, the researchers said. Or good backyard telescopes may spot it, they noted, if the planet is relatively closer to us in its swing around the sun. It’s an estimated 20 billion to 100 billion miles away.

Brown realizes skepticism will exist until the planet is actually observed. History is packed with mistaken planet-seekers, he said, and so “standing up and saying we’re right this time makes us almost look crazy — except I’m going to stand up and say we’re actually right this time.”

## More cities invited to charity competition

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Hundreds of Latin American and Caribbean cities are being invited to vie for millions of dollars from former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg as his charity extends an innovation competition to a new region.

Bloomberg Philanthropies announced its latest Mayors Challenge competition Wednesday. It offers up to \$5 million for initiatives that address major local issues, make local government more efficient or get citizens more engaged.

Following similar competitions in the U.S. and Europe, this one is open to cities of over 100,000 people in many countries from Argentina to Mexico to Haiti, though not Cuba. While the U.S. and Cuba have been working toward normalizing relations since late 2014, the Bloomberg foundation notes that the U.S.

trade embargo continues.

Cities without local governments, such as those in federal districts, also are excluded. Still, the charity says more than 900 cities are eligible.

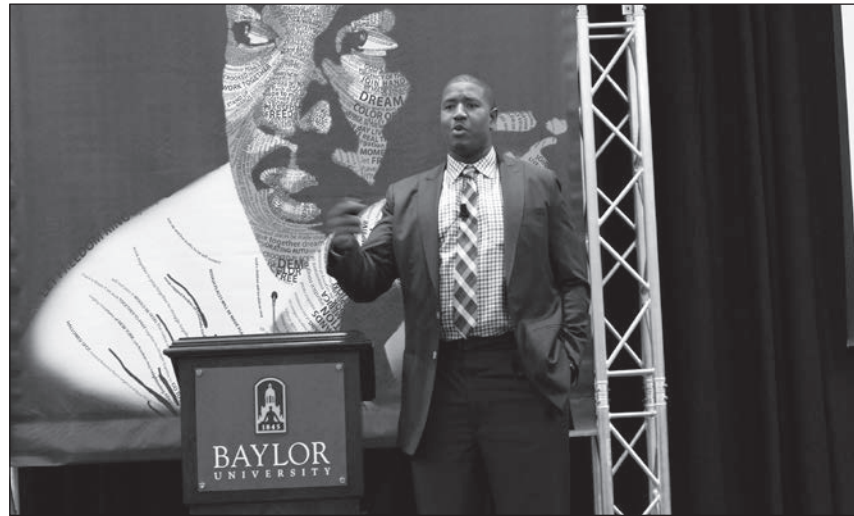
“We’re looking forward to seeing what exciting new ideas emerge,” Michael Bloomberg said in a statement.

Winners of a \$5 million grand prize and four \$1 million awards are to be announced in the fall.

The first two Mayors Challenges were won by Providence, Rhode Island, which is working on improving poor children’s vocabulary, and Barcelona, Spain, which is focusing on addressing social isolation among elderly people.

Bloomberg’s foundation distributed over \$500 million in 2015 to arts, education, environmental, public health and government-innovation initiatives.

## IN MEMORY



Trey Honeycutt | Photographer

**KEYNOTE** In honor of Black History Month, students and faculty gathered Wednesday at the Paul Foster Center for Innovation for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner Reception. The Department of Multicultural Affairs and the Coalition of Black Ambassadors hosted the event. The event consisted of dinner, a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Mr. David Pollard, and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Recognition. Mr. Kelvin Beachum, Jr., starting left tackle for the Pittsburgh Steelers, was the keynote speaker.

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# Taylor Energy president deems oil spill 'act of God'

## ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATON ROUGE, La. — A decade-old oil leak that could last for another century was caused by an "act of God" during a hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico, the president of the company responsible said Wednesday.

Taylor Energy President William Pecue told a gathering of industry experts and environmental advocates in Baton Rouge that the company cares "very deeply" about the environment.

"This event hits home for us," said Pecue, the last remaining full-time employee at the New Orleans-based company. "This is our community. We live here and it is very special to us."

The public meeting at an LSU research center is a requirement of a court settlement that Taylor Energy reached in September with environmental groups, which accused the company of withholding information about the leak.

In September 2004, waves whipped up by Hurricane Ivan triggered an underwater mudslide, which toppled a Taylor Energy-owned platform and buried a cluster of its oil wells under mounds of sediment.

Federal regulators believe oil is still coming out at the site.

Taylor Energy has said nothing can be done to completely eliminate the chronic sheens. Regulators recently estimated the leak

could last a century or more if left unchecked.

An Associated Press investigation last year revealed evidence that the leak is worse than the company, or government, publicly reported during their secretive response. Presented with AP's findings, the Coast Guard provided a new leak estimate that's about 20 times larger than one cited by the company in a court filing last year.

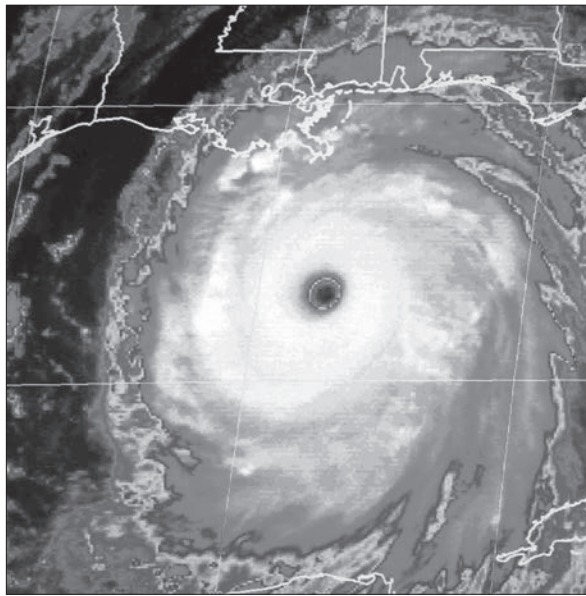
Pecue and company-hired experts were scheduled to make most of the presentations Wednesday during the daylong meeting, the first public forum Taylor Energy has hosted since the leak started more than 11 years ago.

A moderator warned the audience of several dozen people that video and audio recordings of the meeting were prohibited. The moderator also said speakers would only answer questions put in writing.

One of the first asked Pecue to explain why he believes the leak was an "act of God." Pecue declined to elaborate, citing "potential future litigation."

"I can affirmatively say that we do believe this was act of God under the legal definition," he said.

One of the environmental advocates in the audience was retired Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honore, who is better known for helping restore order in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Honore, who founded a coalition of



Associated Press

**DIVINE INTERVENTION** This photo shows an infrared satellite image of Hurricane Katrina on Aug. 28, 2005. Taylor Energy President William Pecue told a gathering of industry experts and environmental advocates in Baton Rouge on Wednesday that the decade-old oil leak caused by Hurricane Ivan was caused by an "act of God."

environmental groups called "GreenARMY," said he wants to see more transparency from Taylor Energy and the regulators supervising the company's work on what he called a "man-made disaster."

"If we didn't put the (platform) there, this incident wouldn't have happened," he said. "I don't blame God for what happened here."

Honore asked why the company has downplayed the potential environmental impact. Pecue refused to answer, saying he was only taking written questions from the audience. Pecue told Honore he would have to leave if he persisted in asking his question.

Taylor Energy, once one of the Gulf's largest operators, sold all its offshore leases and oil and gas interests in 2008.

Environmental groups led by the New York City-based Waterkeeper Alliance sued Taylor Energy in 2012, arguing the public was entitled to know more about the company's government-supervised work.

Taylor Energy says it has spent more than \$480 million on its efforts to stop the leak. Earlier this month, the company sued the federal government to recover approximately \$432 million that remains frozen in a trust, reserved for leak response work.

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handgun license holder pulls their gun on an active shooter. The police would not know who the actual shooter is. Childers wanted people to keep in mind that the responsibility ultimately falls on the gun holder and, potentially, the university.

Students asked questions through the "This Matters" twitter, @ThisMattersBU, and through index cards. Many students also stood up and asked questions or gave their opinions.

"I am in favor of campus carry," New Braunfels freshman Kaitlyn Anderson said. "I believe it is a constitutional right and I believe that campus is much safer with campus

carry because people with CHLs are law abiding citizen. So having these people safely and knowledgeably carrying their guns makes this campus much safer in an active shooter situation."

Jackson mentioned the "chilling effect". The idea that someone cannot act in their normal capacity based on something that causes them fear. Based on this, a question was asked about profiling on campus. The person was worried that they would possibly be profiled by police and students if they knew that an individual was carrying

a gun. Jackson said that it is a 'condition of the heart' and that at a Christian university the students should model a way of how to treat people.

"I would say this bill is not for minority people," said Desoto sophomore Mark Toliver. "Especially from the different minority prejudices we, have throughout America."

Other events will be hosted in the next week covering campus carry.

During lunch hours in the SUB there will be a table with copies of Senate Bill 11, a frequently asked questions sheet and a box for feedback. A poll for students to state their

opinion on campus carry will be sent out today. There will be a public conversation Monday at 5 p.m. at the Bobo Spiritual Life Center. Senate will deliberate and write a bill on January 28. There will also be a video sent out soon about how to react in an active shooter situation.

"Regardless of what Baylor decides, it affects you either way," said Student Body President Pearson Brown, "and it is something that is really being talked across, not just as the state level but on the national level."

**"Regardless of what Baylor decides, it affects you either way"**

Pearson Brown

Student Body President

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Sing Alliance also has other events that bring the group together to bond and enjoy each other's company.

"We do a Christmas party every year," said Lofquist, "That's always a lot of fun because we generally do a white elephant gift exchange where you get weird stuff, and it's always just a fun time to hang out and get to know the new members before practice."

McMinn said the organization also holds an end of year formal.

"That's my favorite part," said McMinn, "Because it's the last time we are all together as a

Sing family and it's nice to see everyone dressed up instead of in their sweat pants and workout gear."

According to their website, Sing Alliance works to promote their three goals: have fun, make new friends and perform to the best of their ability.

"If you're even thinking about it, just do it," Gruehn said. "If Sing is something that you like and either Greek life is not your thing, or you're a freshman and want to get involved already it's a lot of fun."

Sing Alliance will be one of the acts performing at this year's All-University Sing in February.

## TOP GUN from Page 1

Gun Training is only a single element of the broad and holistic education the Center for professional selling aims to provide for its students.

"Our goal is to get students experience in dealing with situations that will get them equipped to be in the workplace," Dixon said.

Schroeder, who attended Friday's Top Gun Training, is one of the Center for Professional Selling's corporate executives, who act primarily as mentors for students within the program.

"I'm assigned to students as an informal mentor over the course of a semester, a year, or as long as they're in the program," Schroeder said. "We meet regularly, a couple times each semester...

to serve as a one-on-one resource."

The Ambassador Board, along with the Center for Professional Selling's advisory board, jointly act as executives and mentors to professional selling students.

"The advisory board members are typically our more seasoned executives," Dixon said. "They typically have higher-level views of the sales function and business because of the experience they have...and they come in with a real strategic focus on what we're doing." Alongside their duties as student mentors, members of the advisory board also represent major corporations that invest their time and money into helping students

become the best they can be.

"If you're an executive giving up an afternoon of work and taking time to be here, you care about the development of students," Schroeder said. "I think the people that are here are genuinely interested in helping students become the best they can be and help them find the path they're looking to be on, in terms of a career."

Unlike many areas of study at Baylor, students cannot simply declare professional selling as a major. Besides being a business major, students are required to have at least a 3.0 GPA, interview with at least three current professional selling majors, acquire at

least three recommendations and attend an informational session held by the center.

Those who successfully enter the program, however, will find that both executives and fellow students are working toward a common goal.

"They're part of a very, very collaborative culture... [and] who they are at an individual level matters," Dixons said. "We try to help students to understand, inside and outside the classroom... that these are your colleagues. You're not trying to compete with one another. These are the people that are going to be there when you need them to be there. We only win if we all win together."

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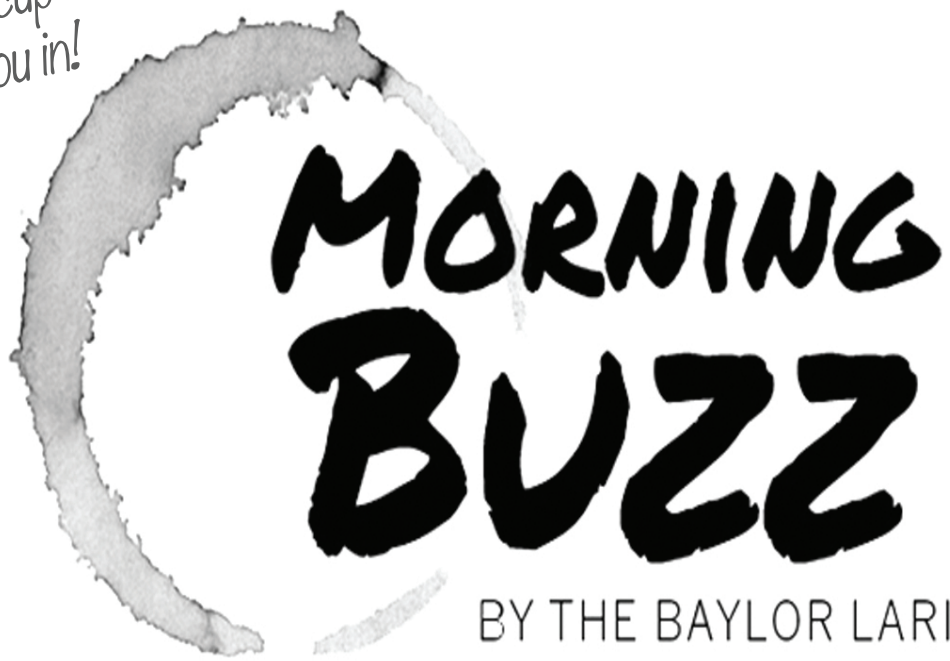
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## Let's Go Guerrilla

**JACQUELYN KELLAR**  
Reporter

Guerrilla Troupe has made its presence known on campus for more than a decade, offering students a chance to let loose and have a laugh on a well-deserved study break. What many students have come to refer to as “G Troupe” is a group of actors who delight in the art of improvisational comedy, a branch of theater that involves the creation of comedy skits on-the-spot using prompts from the audience.

G Troupe will kick off its spring season at 7 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center's Acoustic Café.

The group operates on a “Whose Line Is It Anyway?” structure, taking suggestions from live audience members to fuel the fun. The actors come prepared with a number of inventive improvisational activities and let the audience provide the rest. An actor might be asked to behave like a piggy bank at a dinner party. Audience members come onstage to turn the comedians into monkeys



File Photo

**GUERRILLA ON MY BACK** Guerrilla Troupe members play onstage.

or moguls. Throughout the show the audience shouts keywords and suggestions, so that no one, not even the actors, knows where the show will go next.

The actors in Guerrilla Troupe are a group of friends having some

laughs, and allowing others to join in as well. They don't script their shows but are honest and quick-witted in their comedic responses. They go together on group retreats to foster friendship, because when it comes to improv, trust is key.

“Having troupe chemistry and us all trusting each other as friends makes all of the difference in our performances,” said Lake Travis junior Tiffany Navarro, a member of Guerrilla Troupe.

Many G Troupe members major in theater. Several members aspire to be serious actors once they graduate, and others aim for a career in comedy.

Leander sophomore Will Stauber, however, is a mechanical engineering major who has also found a passion for the art of improvisation. Students of any major can try out and (if they're funny enough) eventually join the Troupe. This group of friends and performers has made a lasting impression, not only on their audience, but on each other.

“G Troupe has taught me a lot about community and trusting a group of people,” said Colleyville junior Leah Beth Etheredge, who majors in theater. “Any time I go up there with a member of my troupe, I know they're going to have my back.”

More information about upcoming shows and other events updates can be found on Guerrilla Troupe's Facebook page.

### Week in Waco:

#### >> Today

**10 a.m.** — Baylor Art Faculty Exhibition at Martin Museum of Art

**6 p.m.** — Beta Theta Pi hosting Coffee for Kids at Common Grounds

**7 p.m.** — Guerrilla Troupe at SUB Den

**7 p.m.** — Open Mic at Tea2Go

**7:30 p.m.** — Lyceum Series: Awea Duo at Roxy Grove Hall

#### >> Friday

**7:30 p.m.** — The Statesboro Revue at The Waco Hippodrome

## Q&A Talkin' Troupe

A Guerrilla Troupe star on jokes and rhymes

**JACQUELYN KELLAR**  
Reporter

Conroe junior Lucas McCutchen is a theater performance major and a member of zany improv group Guerrilla Troupe. He talked over Common Grounds with The Baylor Lariat about his most embarrassing moment and who we have to thank for his improvisational stylings.

### What made you want to join Guerrilla Troupe?

I was previewing Baylor Theatre as an incoming student. There was an event called Meet the Majors, and a lot of people in G Troupe happen to be theater majors. They used a small group of the G Troupe members to put on a small show for us. I was a junior in high school, and I instantly knew I wanted to be a part of this. Everybody loved them. The event was supposed to be for prospective

students, but everybody in the theatre department showed up just to watch G Troupe.

### What do you hope to achieve from G Troupe as far as career aspirations?

A couple of guys and a girl all moved up to Chicago this past year doing stuff for Second City, which is a big

improv school up there. I hope to follow the same footsteps, move up to Chicago and continue doing improv. I'd like to write or maybe even shoot for “SNL.”

### How do you all know how to feed off each other when you're onstage in front of an audience?

A lot of that is the rehearsal

process, just playing with the same people. Having those friendships build over a long period of time, and having the connection, you'll know how people work after a while. [When] we have new people in the Troupe they're not in shows for a while, just so we can have more time to get to know them. It's a lot about

trust up there, and trusting your partner.

### The question everyone always asks is how much of your shows are planned or scripted?

None. The only thing we have is what games we are going to play. That's it. The thing is, is if we scripted it, it wouldn't be funny. We aren't



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

**THE MAN WHO LAUGHS** Conroe junior Lucas McCutchen has caused many laughs as a member of Guerrilla Troupe.

very good comedy writers.

### How would you describe G Troupe to someone who has never seen a show before?

We are a bunch of fun guys and girls. Our mission is to make people laugh. We do pretty well most of the time. I love how carefree it is. If something goes wrong, it's not the end of the world. We'll always have tomorrow.

I encourage people to come because it's just a fun time, so bring your friends.

### What has been your worst or most embarrassing moment onstage doing improv comedy?

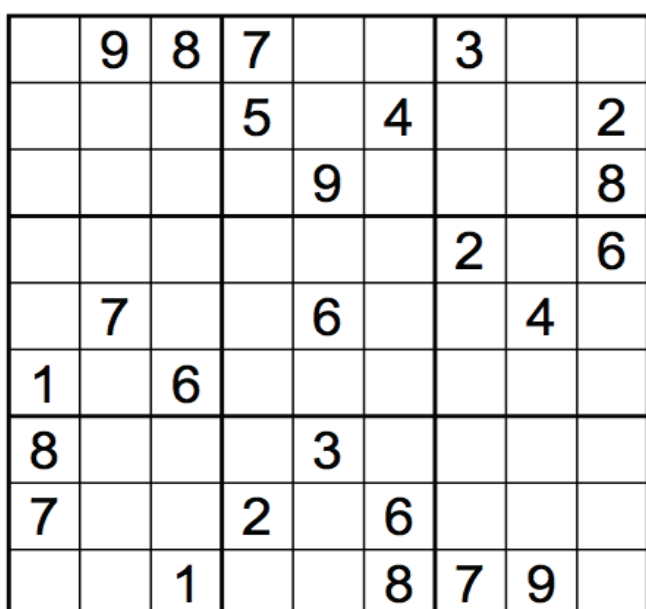
We had this game called “Beastie Rap.” It's the game we usually start every show with. It's a rhyming game. I was feeling so confident. I went up there, and I think

the [rhyming] word was “smelly.” Tiffany [Navarro] was who I was rapping against. She rhymed the word, I rhymed it once, she rhymed it again, and then I couldn't think of another one! So I only [rhymed] one time. Then you just beat yourself up the next 15 minutes with other words like “jelly” or “Chris Kelly!” You could beat yourself up forever.

### ONLINE EXTRAS

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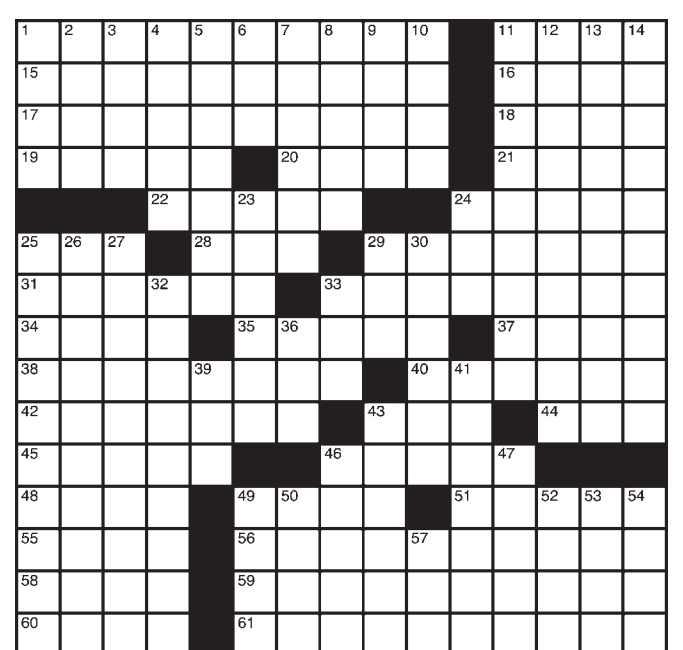
### Today's Puzzles

#### Across

- 1 Showy display
- 11 2010 CFDA Fashion Icon Award recipient
- 15 Last Tudor monarch
- 16 Chess action
- 17 Wine seller
- 18 “\_\_ Death”: Grieg work
- 19 One standing at a counter
- 20 Assisting in the kitchen?
- 21 Fröbe of “Goldfinger”
- 22 Trepidation cause
- 24 Qatari currency
- 25 Influential D.C. group
- 28 Even
- 29 Cargo capacity
- 31 Player in a pit
- 33 Walking on the beach, maybe
- 34 Showy display
- 35 '70s-'90s Angola neighbor
- 37 Color in a Spanish sunset
- 38 Delegates
- 40 “Wait just a darn minute!”
- 42 Most temperate
- 43 Angle: Abbr.
- 44 Mil. title
- 45 Cat-tails bridge?
- 46 Surprise at the door
- 48 B'way Joe's alma mater
- 49 Old apple spray
- 51 One of two for Linus Pauling
- 55 The Santa Monica Fwy. is part of it
- 56 Trading category
- 58 Paar's successor's successor
- 59 Borders
- 60 Arrival times, usually: Abbr.
- 61 Screen holders

#### Down

- 1 Stonewallers?
- 2 Plenty
- 3 2002 A.L. Cy Young Award winner Barry



- 4 Band with the Diamond album “Eliminator”
- 5 Croquet clubs
- 6 Japanese prime minister since 2012
- 7 Singer/actress O'Shea
- 8 Dramatist Fugard
- 9 Mao contemporary
- 10 Compresses, in a way
- 11 Unreal
- 12 Head out on the trail
- 13 Man on the street
- 14 Get cozy at bedtime
- 23 Classes (up)
- 24 Bout div.
- 25 St. Peter's Square wheels
- 26 Much more than dislikes
- 27 Paid item
- 29 Apron covering

- 30 Like many an easy grinder
- 32 Gadgets originally available only in black or white
- 33 Household nickname
- 36 \_\_ nouveau
- 39 Little piggy's word
- 41 Made manifest
- 43 Stout relative
- 46 Milano meal
- 47 Skip
- 49 Isaiah contemporary
- 50 Awkward sort
- 52 North American tire franchise
- 53 In any case
- 54 What to eat to lose weight?
- 57 Slots feature



## Baylor teams to utilize new software partnership

HUNTER HEWELL  
Reporter

Baylor athletes, coaches and sports staff now have a streamlined way of communicating and organizing team activities with each other.

Teamworks, a communications software provider catering to athletic organizations, has established a partnership with Baylor University.

Teamworks' goal in teaming up with Baylor is to provide many time saving solutions to the athletic department.

These solutions include creating a network that allows coaches and staff to efficiently access documents, handle player's schedules, and complete administrative tasks.

Bart Byrd, Associate Athletic Director-Student Athlete Services, said he is excited about joining up with Teamworks and the opportunities that it provides.

"Teamworks solves or simplifies operational tasks for administrators as well and opens lines of communication between coaches, staff and players, saving us time and energy on a daily basis."

Teamworks is now Baylor's official collaboration software provider, and will help consolidate Baylor player and staff data, as well as provide an efficient, user-friendly network of communication for coaches, players, and staff.

"As a department, we've been making big investments across the board. Last year, we wrapped up construction on McLane Stadium, which is doing big things for our football program," Byrd said.

Also, Teamworks will create a messaging system that will allow coaches and staff to send text, email and other notifications for schedule changes or other important reminders to players or other staff members.

Teamworks' system at Baylor will be specifically designed to fit the athletic department's needs. Teamworks retains over 850 clients and works with over 260 NCAA Division I teams.

"You hear all the time about big-time investments in coaches and new facilities," said Teamworks' Founder and President Zach Maurides in a press release Wednesday. "As time goes on, more athletic departments are starting to realize that communication is just as important, if not more, of an asset to an athletic department as any other resource."



Associated Press

**HARD-FOUGHT WIN** Baylor's Rico Gathers (2) and Taurean Prince (21) walk up the court, celebrating in the final seconds of their second overtime against Kansas State in an NCAA college basketball game Wednesday night.

## Ahead of the rest

### No. 13 Bears move to first place in Big 12

MEGHAN MITCHELL  
Sports Writer

After going down early, No. 13 Baylor men's basketball battled back to win a nail-biter at home against Kansas State, 79-72 in double-overtime Wednesday night.

With the win, the Bears improved their home winning streak to 15 games, tying the school record at the Ferrell Center. The Bears (15-3, 5-1) also took the No. 1 spot in the Big 12 standings.

The Wildcats (11-7, 1-5) came out of the gates attacking, finding holes in the Bears' zone defense.

Although going back and forth early in the half, the Bears struggled to get anything going.

"In the Big 12 there is no easy game," said head coach Scott Drew. "I thought K-state really came out and battled, but I thought our guys did a really great job of not letting the lead get too big."

Sophomore forward Jonathan Motley was big for the Bears coming off the bench. Motley's seven points in the first kept the Bears in it.

With the Bears missing easy shots and committing unnecessary turnovers, Drew had no choice but to call a timeout.

The Bears went down seven points with just under eight minutes remaining in the first half.

It was senior forward Rico Gathers getting an offensive rebound off of Motley's missed free throw that led to senior forward Taurean Prince hitting a three to get things going for the Bears.

The Wildcats were forced to call a

timeout as they were unable to extend their lead.

Another timeout called by Drew led to a short run to put the Bears within six to end the half, 28-34.

By just looking at the numbers, the Bears had a better game, but it was the offensive rebounds by the Wildcats that gave them the edge in the first half.

Whatever Drew told his team during the break seemed to have ignited a spark in the Bears for the rest of the game.

A dunk by Motley got the crowd on its feet, and with a buzzer-beater three-pointer by freshman guard King McClure and another by Prince, the Bears regained momentum.

With a quick 13 points, the Bears found themselves tied at 41 with the Wildcats in the second half.

A defensive rebound pushed by Prince up the court for the lay-in gave the Bears lead, 43-41.

With the Bears back in it, the Wildcats kept pushing to regain the lead.

Both teams battled to take control of the momentum, which caused several changes for the lead.

Down one, with just over a minute remaining in regulation, Drew called a timeout to set up a play that allowed Motley to lay it in to give the Bears the lead, 58-57.

Only 5.8 seconds remained in regulation. Senior guard Lester Medford was charged with a foul, which put the Wildcats at the line.

After Kansas State drained both free throws, Medford pushed the ball down court to get a good look at the basket.

But Medford's shot bounced off the rim, leaving the game tied at 59 at the end of regulation, sending the game into overtime.

"I think it was great leadership by Rico," Prince said.

"It was a place we've been before and we knew we just needed to get stops. Especially in the Big 12, anybody can win in any given night."

The Bears got off to a quick start in overtime with Freeman scoring a quick layup off the jump ball.

"When I got that first layup I felt like a light was shining," Freeman said. "I was just happy. Usually in overtime, the team that scores first gets the momentum advantage."

The Wildcats matched the Bears' intensity in the first overtime period.

Freeman rose to hit another layup and a three-pointer to put the Bears up 66-64 with 17.3 seconds remaining in the first overtime period.

Again, the Wildcats tied it up to send the game into a second overtime period. "Al hasn't played his best basketball, but came up big at the end of the game," Drew said.

The second overtime period was all in favor of Baylor, though. A drive to the basket and layup by Medford sealed the deal for the Bears to take the win, 79-72.

"I know it's a long way to go. We are just beginning the conference race," Drew said. "The big thing is getting better everyday. It's a great honor that our guys are in this position."

The Bears face Oklahoma (15-2, 4-2) 11:15 a.m. Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

## Pre-season poll: Bears projected to finish second

HUNTER HEWELL  
Reporter

The Lady Bears softball team has received the No. 2 ranking in the Big 12 Coaches Preseason Poll for the third season in a row.

Oklahoma, who has been ranked No. 1 seven times out of the last eight seasons, has once again been selected as the leader of the Big 12.

Baylor earned a total of 32 points to achieve its second-place rank, and even received two first place votes.

The Bears' 32 points placed them in front of the University of Texas (26 points) and the University of Kansas (20 points). The Bears also earned two first-place votes while Oklahoma earned five first-place votes.

Oklahoma State, Texas Tech and Iowa State finished out the Big 12 rankings with 14, 13, and 7 points, respectively.

Baylor softball looks forward to a veteran team this season, returning seven starters from last year's squad, which made it to the Regional final in 2015.

Returning for the Lady Bears is NFCA All-American infielder Shelby Friudenberg and Big 12 strikeout leader, Heather Stearns.

The Bears open the 2016 season against McNeese State on Feb. 12-14 at Getterman Stadium.

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