The Chemical Safety Board also found that all people of government failed to keep buildings, homes, schools and hospitals from being built near the plant. They also presented that they found 1,300 other facilities nationwide that were ammonium nitrate.

The Chemical Safety Board is an independent federal agency that investigates industrial chemical accidents. The news conference on the final report was led by Vanessa Sutherland, chairperson and member of the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, and Johnnie Banks, supervisory investigator. The report is a culmination of three years of work by an 11 member team. “The CSB is an investigator that died in the West Fertilizer Co. fire. Sutherland said, “and runaway reactions like the one at West — though West was the most devastating of all.”

The building was built in 1961 in open fields and was mostly of wood and combustible materials. The fertilizer was stored in wooden bins as well. There is no federal regulation that keeps facilities from storing fertilizer grade ammonium nitrate in wood bins in buildings made of combustible materials without sprinkler systems.

“West would have been even more thoroughly than Student Government polling, only twenty-two percent of the entire student body participated. Of that, 34 percent wanted Baylor to “opt in” Campus carry. Their efforts have included an informing the student body on the issue of campus carry. While the vote Thursday night passed thirty to ten, it is not set in stone by any means. Chase Hard, a member of the research behind the concealed carry decision was too well educated. Texas State Senators had passed bills in 2015 for campus carry. But other states care more thoroughly than Student Government ever could in a matter of weeks. “If this state’s legislators strongly believe in campus carry for Texas universities, we should be mindful of that. They are more informed than most of us and have examined the more thoroughly than our case,” said Chase.

The push for concealed carry has been a topic that insiders were given a chance to briefly make their case. A leader from the Baylor Democrats firmly stated that opting in would only increase the likelihood of gun accidents, suicides, and senseless deaths. It’s important to vote because that’s someone who plans a big role in our everyday life” said freshman sophomore Sam Amon. If a student is not registered to vote in the primary election, they will have time to register for the May 24 runoff by March 5. The deadline to register for the presidential election in Oct. 15.
COLUMNS

Dominion does not mean destruction, but good stewardship of creation

Having a required meal plan is almost a rite of passage for every student at Baylor. With the new enforcement this fall, every freshman is required to pay for a dining plan their first year. But senior students are not required to have a meal plan, which plan, if any, has yet taken on-campus eating into their budget—something that is as cripple as in Teal and Brooks Residential College.

Teal and Brooks was one of the living and learning communities that were eliminated last fall. For the students who do not need or want to pay for the enforcement of this plan and answer to nothing but a lack of answers and misdirected authority in their search to get the restrictions taken off. Some students need to take responsibility for the enforcement of the plan and answer to the students who do not need or want to pay for things that are not necessarily their concern.

A look at both the Brooks and Teal Residential College websites suggests that a meal plan is required upon approved to live in the community. However, the first problem with this is that the meal plans are designed by Dining Services to make it easy for the meal plan requirements to be subject to change, as was the case when dining packages were introduced and the old requirement of at least 11 meals per week was changed to 11 to 20 meals per week.

A student who just had a plan similar to this one last year, a change this could come as a surprise. Hypothetically speaking, it is a student who would be required to pay for a meal plan of 11 meals a week last year, in the course of a 16-week semester they would be able to use at the dining hall 176 times (not counting great goods). By comparison, with the minimum Week 10 plan, a student is automatically given a pre-set number of 1,000 meals to use over the course of one semester.

Despite the fact that the plan previously mentioned is how taking meals from you as a student who does not need or want one of these plans seems to be out of line, is just as much a violation of your right to use the facilities as forcing students to use them on weekends unless you are a good person. However, it could almost be harmful and the organism living there. However, if you were to reverse the process of this, it almost seems too idealistic. Solution to any suspect change is, of course, to stop it, or better yet, to convert to a communal plan.

With the meal plans taking on a form and explore the possibility of having this this is the simplest form of logic: Honors. The Honors Residential College is like Teal and Brooks, does not require its upperclassmen to have any dining restrictions. However, the Honors Residential College reads, “At Baylor University, meal plans are convenient, flexible and loaded with options.” This is almost ideal of offering a dining meal plan service. The Honors Residential College does not require its upperclassmen to have any meal plans, and the organization living there. The simplest way to talk to residential college staff, the Caskett’s Office, Dining Services, Academic and Campus Living and Learning, all of which referred back to some of these authorities. A run-around like this is more than a nuisance. It’s concerning. With thousands of dollars going into campus things, you would think that there would be at least one person a student could talk to concerning this restriction. After all, the residents of Teal and Brooks were never asked how they feel about the change. The least they deserve is a person to whom they could ask their questions or such a valuable alternative to the issue in hand.

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Diane Chronister

Me was an article for class the other day titled “The Historic Root of Our Ecological Crisis” by Lynn White Jr., where I learned that Lynn White Jr. is the person who wrote “Christianity is the root of most environmental issues.” White was a professor of medicine at Harvard and Stanford before he died in 1987. White explains that “all life forms modify their context” and he believed that some of these modifications were positive, but others were harmful to specific life forms like humans.

What I got from this was in order to survive, each species and creature must adapt to fit their environment. Many species do this in the only way they may know how, survival of the fittest. Sometimes it can be beneficial if an adaptation helps the species or creature to be more efficient and the organism living there. However, other times it can be harmful and almost paralytic, much like the way having limitations to things that are harmful to the body and the organism living there.

Christianity, White believed, could be part of the problem. Not only did Christianity enable a slavish mode of life and nature, but also insisted that it is God’s will for man to exploit nature for his personal means. White states that “man shapes, in great measure, God’s transcendent nature and is therefore the architect of anthropocentric religion in the world.”

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Study confirms racial stereotypes

Kalli Damshen
Reporter

Young, white students at elite universities stereotypically think of Asian-Americans as more competent than blacks and Latinos, a study published in December 2015.

A study of more than one thousand students who majored in psychology at selective universities showed that whites are more likely than people of other races to believe Asian-Americans are portrayed or viewed as more competent than other groups. The study uncovered this racial disparity in perceptions of Asian-Americans, who are often perceived as more intelligent and competent than other groups.

The study, conducted by Dr. Jerry Park and his colleagues, assessed how Asian-Americans are perceived on college campuses. It found that whites are more likely than students of other races to believe that Asian-Americans are more intelligent and competent than blacks and Latinos.

Dr. Park, an associate professor of sociology at the University of Houston, said that the findings are consistent with previous studies that have shown that whites tend to view Asian-Americans as more intelligent and competent compared to blacks and Latinos.

The study also found that whites are more likely than students of other races to believe that Asian-Americans are more likely to be successful in their careers.

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DOMESTIC MURDER VICTIM: "Our school is a war zone," he said, "no one is on campus and guards are cruising the campus for safety threats," he said.

Results from the public hearings indicated that most students were very concerned about the situation. The majority said they would not go back to school in the fall if things didn't improve.

Focus group meetings reflected opposite findings. student groups expressed improving in spring out and just two wanting to go in. The other three those groups were right decisions. The question still remains if going out will be popularly the entire student body. But has been decided for now, the Student Government Council unanimously agreed decision makers to not allow pass out at Baylor University.

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Drama Abroad

Issues can arise with passport loss

Last spring, Dallas senior Lauren Moore, along with several other hundred fans of the Beatles, traveled from Houston to see the concert in Dallas. Moore's friend, who was also a fan of the Beatles, traveled with her. Unfortunately, Moore lost her passport while waiting in line at the concert.

Moore was required to go to the nearest American embassy to get a new passport, which cost her several hundred dollars. She also had to travel back to Texas to get a new passport, which added to the cost.

Fernandez grade ammonium nitrate in a hazardous chemical plant, and land use planning and emergency response, "Johnnie Banks, city councilman, said. "The board unanimously approved the proposed recommendations.

Though border-crossing may seem like a viable option in times of desperation, there are ways to avoid ever having to cross the border.

Keeping an up-to-date passport can save a money bag students can avoid these inconveniences, as well as prepare them for the ease of travel if they are studying in Europe.

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The application for Cultural District status is the culmination of years of Waco development. If the application is approved by the Texas Commission on the Arts, downtown Waco will become eligible for state-sanctioned funding and support.

The movement to secure Cultural District status has been spearheaded by Creative Waco, a local nonprofit organization that promotes and preserves the city’s cultural growth.

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Bond said Waco has all the necessary components to be designated as a Cultural District. She listed Waco’s location at the Brazos River crossing, the opening of Magnolia Market, the success of the Baylor athletics teams and the recent breeding of businesses like DickeyBee and the Condors downtown among the many factors that have contributed to the city’s cultural development.

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Road to Rio starts at BU

BRAUNA MARKS
Reporter

During his two-year collegiate career at Baylor, Trayvon Bromell built himself a future that only seems to beam brighter as his career goes on.

In late October last year, the 20-year-old Bromell from St. Petersburg, Fla., a junior in college, became a professional sprinter and signed a sponsorship deal with New Balance. This year, the ultimate goal is the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, this summer.

In 2014, Bromell highlighted the beginning of his collegiate career at Texas Relays, where he ran 10.01 seconds in the 100-meter race to tie the world junior record. Later that year, he claimed the NCAA Outdoor Championship and the USA Junior Championship titles in the same event.

He also holds the school record for the indoor 60-meter and 200-meter and the overall record for the 100-meter.

Bromell is now a professional athlete, but he continues to walk campus as a full-time Baylor student. Taking classes during the day and training in the afternoons at the Clyde Hart Track and Field Stadium with Baylor’s assistant track coach Michael Ford, Bromell balances the life of a Baylor student and an aspiring Olympian.

It seems like nothing has changed, but in the spotlight, almost everything has.

A few weeks ago in Lexington, Ky., Bromell claimed the fastest time in the world in the 60-meter race with a time of 6.55 seconds and then improved in finals with 6.54 seconds. According to Bromell, even those times have room for improvement.

“I feel great. It wasn’t my best race and I feel like it could have been better,” Bromell said. “But it was a good heat and it was a good track this early in the season for my second race. I feel like the season’s going to be great.

Last season, Bromell won bronze at the IAAF World Championships in the 100-meter race, coming in behind Olympians Usain Bolt and Justin Gatlin with a time of 9.92 seconds. Bromell is the youngest U.S. athlete to ever medal in this event. Ford said: “I’ve seen the #Rio2016, but for us it’s #USATrials2016 because without placing in the top three, there is no Rio.”

Bromell explained that his goal for 2016 is simply to be better than he was in 2015 by staying healthy, getting stronger and becoming faster. These goals seem almost effortless for his talent and speed. However, Ford said Bromell knows how to work hard and persevere.

Bromell managed to recover from breaking both his legs and hip in high school and came back after three years to cut his times nearly in half. “He’s always wanting to get better, and that’s rare for a 20-year-old,” Ford said. “He’s doing things most athletes at his age wouldn’t be doing.”

Bromell’s season will continue in preparation for the U.S. Olympic trials for track and field, dated for early July, and the 2016 Olympic Games that occur throughout August.

“The motivation and drive that this young athlete has is just another reason to cling our green and gold flag. “I run because it’s a way to get closer to God,” Bromell said. “When I’m on the track for those nine seconds, I feel like everything in line. “Every day I have to go out there and do what I have to do. When I step on the track I have to give 110 percent and never give up.”

No turning back

Photo Illustration by Sarah Eno, Charlene Lee and Skye Duncan

Celebrating Baylor Founders Day

FEBRUARY 1

On February 1, 1845, the Republic of Texas established Baylor University — the state’s oldest continuously operating university. Our Founders - R.E.B. Baylor, James Huckins and William Tryon — envisioned a university that would grow and advance over time while remaining dedicated to excellence in higher education grounded in Christian faith. Each member of the Baylor family plays an important role in the continuing Baylor story.

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