



Spring Break: Lady Bears take on Colorado



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It's selfish of me, but I wish CU-Boulder wasn't leaving the Big XII Conference. I'll miss going to away games during breaks from school.

I began my spring break with the Lady Bears game Saturday March 5 at the Coors Event Center at the University of Colorado-Boulder.

The Coors Event Center in Boulder is very different from the Ferrell Center in Waco, and not just because it is named after a brewing company.

The two actually sit roughly the same number of fans, but the Coors Event Center feels much smaller. Once inside, there was no separation inside between the perimeter and the arena.

The game was fan appreciation day so tickets were offered at a much cheaper price. That brought lots of school groups and local fans, but few students.

There were also plenty of local fans for Baylor, those who had come out in support of Melissa Jones, senior guard from Thornton, Colo. Her hometown is only about a half hour away from Boulder, so she had an entire

cheering section.

Jones' mother had made posters them and several fans raised them up in support.

She played with her sunglasses on the entire time because she was still recovering from an eye injury.

Her brother and his friends sat in the end zone with eye patches on their eyes, a mix of support and teasing.

Half time was definitely the most entertaining part of the game.

A group of women from a local nursing home, The Golden West Gurlz, performed a dance on the court.

At first it was fairly tame and slightly endearing, but then the women struck a pose between songs.

Then, they stripped off their yellow jackets to reveal gold, sequin tops just as Far East Movement's "Like a G6" began to play.

Those paying attention laughed, and I decided it was much better than the Boulder dance team's performance. ■



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UPCOMING events

Bearathon MARCH 19
First Day of Spring MARCH 20
Gateway to India MARCH 21-25
Global Business Forum MARCH 21-25
Communication Week MARCH 21-24
Torch Meeting 8 P.M. MARCH 23
Acoustic Cafe MARCH 24
Brookstravaganza APRIL 1-3
April Fools' Day APRIL 1
New issue of The Torch APRIL 1

Just a reminder: For more information about Baylor-wide events listed above or to check out more, visit baylor.edu/calendar.



TORCHnews

If you're interested in writing, photography or drawing send an email to

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Join us for our next meeting at
8 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23,
in the Brooks College Seminar Room!
Baked goods will be served.

EDITOR'S note



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Welcome back from spring break! This is a stressful time of the year and that break was certainly needed. With classes, jobs, clubs and other activities filling our schedules, a few days off is always a blessing.

This semester has been a blur, and a really busy time for The Torch. It's hard to believe there are only two issues left this year. That's right. After today, The Torch will only be slid under your door twice more and you will have to make it through an entire summer before seeing it again. (For those of you graduating, don't forget you can still follow The Torch on facebook to stay up to date on everything Brooks!)

The next issue of The Torch will be out on **April 1** and the last of the semester on **April 29**. I would like to remind you that, as always, The Torch is a place for you to get involved in the Brooks community. It is where you can share your thoughts, artwork and photography with the community that you call home. It is also a place where you can share upcoming events with your fellow Brooksters and get them involved in the things that you love.

Whether or not this is your first year or second year, etc., to live in Brooks there is no time like the present to get involved within this community. The amazing Brooks committees have some exciting events coming up. Now is your chance to get involved in planning those events and making the memories for yourself and your community members. And with just these two issues left, there is no better time to be a part of The Torch.

I invite all of you to attend our next **meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 23**, in the Brooks College Seminar Room to discuss our upcoming issue. If you have any questions or wish to get involved, please send an e-mail to Brooks.Torch@gmail.com.

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How Time Flies



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Spring Break has come and gone and it seems that things have no intention of slowing down.

The one week “breaks” have transitioned to one-week pauses in which we take care of life’s personal duties.

Running here and there, seeing family members that we haven’t seen in a few months, there never seems to be time to sit and enjoy ourselves except maybe on the trip back to campus.

Alas, we come back to a life that fills most of our year and gives us something to look forward to. T

he days will soon turn into weeks and before you know it another year will have passed.

If life makes one thing apparent, it is to enjoy what has been presented while it lasts. We should take charge

of the years here, make them grandiose, love them, nurture them, and most importantly...make them count. ■

Nosse vs. Food: A Spring Break Adventure



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I spent my spring break in Richmond, Va. While in Virginia my cousin had a great idea. He suggested that we eat at the restaurants “Man v. Food” had highlighted and do some of the food challenges.

For those unfamiliar with “Man v. Food,” it’s an American food reality television series on the Travel Channel. The program is hosted by food enthusiast Adam Richman. In each episode, Richman explores the “big food” offerings of a different American city before facing off against an eating challenge at a local restaurant.

Out of the several stops we made on our “Man v. Food,” tour of Richmond, my favorite was a small restaurant in Richmond’s downtown Carver district, The Black Sheep.

The Black Sheep could not have been any bigger than the JCR, and although ev-

ery table was occupied, the atmosphere was still very cozy and casual.

The small Richmond restaurant is famous for their two-foot-long French baguette sandwiches a.k.a battleships. Even the most avid sandwich lover would flee at the sight of a battleship, but I was happy to take on the food challenge.

I ordered the SS Sultana sandwich, which consists mainly of grilled spiced ground lamb and beef kebab topped with chopped romaine lettuce, cucumber, green onion, tomato and Russian dressing loaded into a toasted French baguette.

The sandwich was packed with meat, and with flavor. It was a unique take on the standard Lebanese sandwich with the Russian dressing and sweet pickles added in.

I enjoyed my sandwich, to say the least, and would happily return to The Black Sheep. As for the challenge I failed, I could only handle a 5 inch portion of the two foot SS Sultana battleship.

Are you up for a food challenge? ■



FINE ARTS forecast



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This semester is outta control! So many cool things going on!

As it has always been, write me if you have an upcoming event you want to see listed in the Forecast!

Unless otherwise noted, all events listed here are at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Concert Hall (in the McCrary Music Building) and 100% free of financial requirement. Means it's free, folks.

Brooks College Presents: The Glass Menagerie

Sunday, March 20, at 8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. Four of your finest fellow Brooks men and women present a staged reading of Tennessee Williams' play. You should definitely see this! It's free, of course!!

Baylor Symphony Orchestra and Baylor Theatre

Sunday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Hall. Presenting "The Siege of Leningrad"—a dramatic storytelling of the 1941-1944 event. Accompanied by excerpts from Dmitri Shostakovich's 7th Symphony, a tribute work that was performed in Leningrad in 1942,

despite abominable siege conditions. Hear the entire symphony (sans narration) on *Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m.* in Jones Hall. Be sure to check out one or the other!

J. S. Bach Birthday Concert

Monday, March 21. Bach's 326th birthday is this month! Come celebrate with the School of Music!

Waco Symphony

Saturday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. in Waco Hall. With guest pianist Sahun Hong, performing Saint-Saëns' second piano concerto. Student tickets are \$5 at the door with a Baylor ID! Show up in jeans like a normal college student, or make it classy—dress up and bring a date! This'll be a great concert either way!!

Dedication Concert for the Waco Hall Organ

Sunday, March 27, at 3:00 p.m. in Waco Hall. So, Waco Hall used to have an organ, way back in the day... but it was very limited, or old, or in disrepair, or all of the above. In any case, there is now a new one, and it is sure to be rockin'. Check it out!

Organ + Piano: A Bicentennial Salute to Franz Liszt

Monday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. in Roxy Grove Hall (inside Waco Hall, and to the right). Featuring Krassimira Jordan on piano and Joyce Jones on organ. Liszten up—two of the School of Music's most fantastical performer-professors under one roof in one night?!? Don't misz it!! You know I'll be there!!

Dean's Honor Concert

Tuesday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. in Roxy Grove Hall. The best of the best—this concert presents the top student performers of the entire School of Music. Come see this showcase of student talent!

Ryan Baird, Double Bass

Wednesday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m. in Meadows Recital Hall (inside the McCrary Music Building: enter the front where the big windows are, and it's just to the right!). I gotta rep my bro, here: Ryan is a bass performance major, and this is his senior recital. In the orchestral bass world, Ryan is one of the best guys I will probably ever play with. In the solo bass world, Ryan tears it up masterfully. If you want to know what the double bass can do as a solo instrument, come. Watch this guy play.

BearBones Trombone Quartet

Wednesday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. in Roxy Grove Hall. Them Baylor 'Bones are tight. Really. You should check this out.

Joyce Jones, Organ

Thursday, March 31, at 8:00 p.m. in Roxy Grove Hall. Dr. Jones is going all-out this semester! In case you haven't caught one of her performances yet, here's another! Make sure you hear our world-famous organist play sometime!!

Martin Museum of Art

The annual art student and studio art faculty exhibition goes on display on *Thursday, March 24.* Catch the reception and awards ceremony on *March 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.!* Also, see [www.baylor.edu/martinmuseum] for museum hours.

The Torch would like
to wish good luck to
ALL of the Brooksters
participating
in the Bearathon
tomorrow!



Congratulations to
Chase Kanaly, the
winner of the
Brooks Runs for Ellia
Fundraiser!

Between eight runners, Brooks College raised \$2,150.25 to give to the Gibson family!

let's be frank



Kyndall
Renfro
Chaplain

"If Jesus Were an Elementary School Teacher"

You have heard the message since you were a kid: **Just Say No**. You have been taught since a young age that drug abuse will harm your brain. That is helpful to know and all, but if Jesus had been your fifth grade teacher, I think he would have communicated a different message about drugs.

I argued in my last article that Jesus did not come proclaiming self-protective morality; rather, Jesus came to set the oppressed free. So what does that have to do with drug abuse?

Everything. I was talking with **Clara Flores**, a current Brooks resident, and I discovered her passion for creating awareness about the current violence in Mexico and its connection to drug use in the United States.

Read about our conversation below:

Clara, where do most of your family members live?

My family lives in Sabinas Hidalgo and Anahuac, in the state of Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

Could you please describe some of the violence that is currently taking place there?

Many innocent people are being killed if they do not abide by the rules drug lords are putting to place. The violent acts can range from a person being shot to the rape of women to constant thefts.

What is fueling this violence?

The fight right now is between the different drug lords who are fighting for power. Drug lords not only want more money but they also want power and dominance. They have control of many cities in Mexico. Most of the violence that is happening right now is along the state of Texas and any state along the border of Mexico. The violence is fueled by money, dominance, and the thirst for power.

How would you describe the relation between drug use in the U.S. and violence in Mexico?

Since people in the U.S. want drugs, many drug lords in Mexico are trying to illegally transport drugs, ignoring the fact that many innocent people die are killed because of this.

A US state department report estimated that as much as 90% of all cocaine consumed in the US comes via Mexico. Meanwhile, drug-related violence in Mexico is escalating at an alarming rate.

Okay, maybe I'm being unfair to drug-users. The people I know who have used drugs wouldn't hurt a fly. Then again, maybe we are all a bit naïve to deny that our actions are connected to a greater chain of events than we can see. This is about more than drug use; it is about our ethics in general.

Too often we treat "ethics" as if they



Clara Flores

were meant to protect our own skin, but actually, the ethics of Jesus put him in a lot of personal danger (you might recall—a crown of thorns, a cross).

Yes, it is still true that drugs will rot your brain, and I still think it is a good idea to communicate that message to kids. But if Jesus was doing the educating, I am convinced he would also pay attention to the bigger picture, to the way our actions affect the wider world. Furthermore, "Just Say No," may be too small of a slogan. Christian ethics may, in fact, require more action than just saying no. ■

Seeing Things More Clearly...



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So, spring break is officially over. It seems like it gets shorter and shorter each year. I hope that everyone who wanted to relax over break found plenty of time for vegetating on the couch; similarly, I hope that everyone who was looking forward to an exciting vacation returned invigorated and ready to complete the semester.

That being said, I'd like to extend a few words of encouragement to everyone which spring forth now as a result of some of the experiences I had during my own Break.

My spring break actually started a night early. I was homeward bound on the Thursday afternoon before break, and I got home just in time for dinner. At this point, some of you may be thinking I'm about to recount my trip to some exotic

locale or expound on some otherwise exhilarating event which required me to arrive at my house a night early — you'd probably be wrong. In fact, I did arrive home one night early because I was scheduled to have my wisdom teeth removed the next morning at six o'clock.

But please, don't bother worrying about my condition or feeling sorry for my seemingly wasted Break; instead, try not to be too jealous of me for getting to eat ice cream multiple times a day for at least three days, as well as other nutritious foods like mashed potatoes and gravy, macaroni and cheese, and Nutella!

Even when I tried out the Atkins, during which period of my life I got to eat meat almost exclusively three times a day for several months, it wasn't as good as this! With the Atkins diet I still had to go to school and do homework and exercise; with the Wisdom Teeth Diet all I had to do was indulge, sit still, and stare at the television (not to mention I was drugged nearly senseless on Hydrocodone half of the

time). Whatever I wanted was given to me at my every beck and call. Who needs a butler when you have a loving mother?

In all seriousness, getting my wisdom teeth removed wasn't all that bad, and I did my best not to milk my condition for more than it was worth.

Besides the surgery, and in the most intentionally vague terms as possible, some old family friends reentered my life for a brief few days, almost too quickly for me to comprehend, and exited therewith in the same manner. To make a long story short, they had faced many hardships in their lives due to family, and other, circumstances that were beyond their control, but also because of some imprudence on their part.

Needless to say, the disparity between them and my family, which had severely widened over a period of about ten years, was simply too great to allow for seamless reunion.

Being taken care of by my loving mother, with the support of my family, and see-

ing what effect the lack of a loving mother can have on a person's life, reminded me of just how important family is, how much I love my own family, and also how little I acknowledge how much they mean to me.

So, if you found yourself avoiding your family over spring break because of an ongoing argument, some nagging disagreement or if you've unwittingly relegated them to a corner of your life that you rarely visit, I would simply encourage you to take some time in the weeks to come to consider your life as it is now.

Think about who you are, and how your family has molded you in such a way as to provide for your utmost success. I know this story may vary widely among us all, but in each and every one of our lives there is someone to love who first loved us.

When we tell the people in our lives how much they mean to us, and live in a way that honors them, not only do we build them up, but we rise up and see more clearly ourselves. ■

Sammy says...



See you
soon...

IN

Friday
Rebecca Black

& the end of spring
break

OUT

DISCLAIMER Dr. Samuel Palmer Brooks did not, to our knowledge, actually say the above quote. We also have no record he ever wore this suit.

panda break

For all of you working too hard this weekend...



also...



THIS SPRING WRITE FOR THE TORCH

Don't miss out on your chance to be
a part of The Torch this semester.
Only two issues remain.

Join us in at 8 p.m. in the Seminar
Room:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
& THURSDAY, APRIL 7

for the last two Torch meetings of
the year.

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