



## STANDING ON A SOLID ROCK IN POLITICALLY-SHIFTING SAND



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Slander. Libel. Dishonesty. Scandal. Mistrust. Disrespect. Disagreement. Bitterness. Even hatred. These are the labels of politics.

How does a professing Christian find a pathway through this mire of political entanglement? How can we stand firm in our convictions and trust a man of flesh and blood to make the best decisions for our nation?

Basically, the Bible states that God holds all things together for the good of those who love and follow him (Col. 1:17; Jer. 29:11, Rom. 8:28). He has a perfect plan for our country, and that includes politics.

Many Christians viciously raise their hackles at any mention of different viewpoints or “their” side. We choose to lose sight of what is most important: our identity within the Gospel. We are told to do good for all people (Gal. 6:10). We are

told to love our neighbors (Matt. 22:39). What does that mean in politics though?

In my opinion, we must look at politics through the scope of God’s plan. It often causes anxiety in some people because it is out of our control. However, God has the whole world in his hand, and that includes America. God wants us to be warriors, not worriers (Eph. 6).

How can we fight? Through constant prayer. We are told to pray for those in authority over us (1 Tim. 2:1-2). When we don’t agree with the views of a politician, it can be very difficult for us to genuinely pray for them. But this is our calling. We are meant to love all people, and that includes “corrupt” politicians. So lift up prayers for our leaders: that they will seek truth in every decision and ultimately seek the Lord for favor in what is right and wrong.

God promises that all authority will be given to Him in the end. He is the ultimate head, and all earthly powers will bow before his throne. Even the grandest king in the world will give glory to the Lord (1 Cor. 15:24).

As for America, I believe the people in this country need fervent prayers. Our morality has become distorted. While we share love to those around us, we cannot sit by and silently watch our nation head for the cliff’s edge.

Of course, our greatest weapon is prayer. 2 Chronicles 7:14 tells us that we are to humble ourselves before the Lord, turn from our wrongs, and pray for our country. His promise is to heal broken things.

Many Christians argue about the “correct” viewpoint or party. Actually, the truth is that they are both wrong. Bam. Blew your mind. Romans 3:23 states that all men are incorrect and fall short. However, the Bible gives us certain ideals that we are to live by. Whenever a new law or policy is presented, it is best to take it to the Word and compare it to the truths found in our faith. Truth can be found within the pages.

Find hope in the fact that God is still on His throne during this election season. No candidate will bring a brighter future. Actually, they are doomed to fail. Depressing, right? Wrong. Fortunately for us, God can clear a path for Christians and plant our feet firmly on the rock, ready to stand for what is right. He can guide our country to the next chapter in his plan. Pray for redemption in the hearts of Americans, and pray for our next president.

*“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”*

--2 Chronicles 7:14



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*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."*

*--Philippians 4:6*



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## "Get You're Grammer Write!"

As children of the information age, we all share certain common experiences: the fond memories of a superhero garbed in a quail costume; the resentment toward the postman for depriving us of certain much-anticipated items on our eleventh birthdays; the giddy rushes of exhilaration and self-esteem after successfully catapulting a bird into a haphazardly constructed wooden edifice, subsequently sending legions of little green pigs plunging to their demises.

Also shared are the recollections of long days spent in classrooms, eyes staring blankly at teachers prattling on endlessly about subordinate clauses and semicolons. We all wondered whether or not they realized that absolutely no one was listening.

What was more enticing: a semicolon, or that kid sitting in the next desk, doodling quadrahumpdacorns in his notebook? Heck, our own toenails were more interesting than that semicolon.

Back in the days of seventh grade, we could get away with ignoring these attempted indoctrinations into what we saw as the pointless worlds of grammar and spelling. What did it matter how we spelled "innocuous?" We could spell it with a y, an extra s and a k added in for style, and what was the big deal as long as we were understood? Obviously these tyrannical adults weren't intelligent enough to comprehend such a concept.

It wasn't uncommon to find similarly minded students in high school.

And now, in college.

I'm sure I'm not alone in saying that when I scroll down someone's Facebook page and see "your" rather than "you're" inserted erroneously into an otherwise grammatically correct sentence, I can't help but envision Jonathan Swift peering down from heaven, uttering moans of anguish and eventually being forced to hold onto William Faulkner for

support. I, of course, join him in lamentation.

We've made excuses for our syntactical laziness for too long.

My friends, the time has come to use the proper "there" in context; to rise above the urge to use a semicolon between dependent clauses; to champion the properly inserted apostrophe. The oxford comma, a forgotten treasure, must be resurrected from the ashes of obscurity.

For without proper grammar, what are we? Nothing but errant, would-be poets, lost in the wayward ignorance of sloppy composition. Our structureless sentences become proponents of anarchy and lawlessness. And is it American to construct such disorderly, uncivilized language? I think not.

Therefore I implore you from the depths of my being: write cautiously, and carry a big thesaurus.



# CL SPOTLIGHT

*On Nick Norris, a CL on the men's second floor.*

## 1. WHAT IS YOUR DEGREE/MAJOR/MINOR?

B.S. in Biology with Biochem and Philosophy minors.

## 2. WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I'm from Lewisville, Texas.

## 3. WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE YOU INVOLVED IN?

The activities at the top of my list include attending to Caleb Farmer's every wish and desire, as well as making sure Ann Garner doesn't destroy the next person who breaks a ping pong paddle (who will inevitably come from my hall). My next activity consists of following every command that my fellow CLM, Ellen Phillips, gives me. Aside from those top priorities, I am a member of Baylor's Student Court, the judicial branch of our student government. If studying is an activity, then I do a lot of that too.

## 4. WHAT ARE YOUR LIKES?

I like coffee. Cream and sugar is okay, but most of the time I drink it black. The

best cup of coffee I've ever had was an Arbuckle's blend shipped from New York and brewed in McGregor, TX. I have recently become a fan of the gypsy punk band "Gogol Bordello". I like walks in the rain. Not long ones, just 5-10 minutes tops. And sarcasm.

## 5. WHAT ARE YOUR DISLIKES?

Hair in the shower freaks me out.

## 6. WHAT ARE SOME FUN FACTS ABOUT YOU?

I used to own a 50-gallon aquarium that housed several species of guppies and a blue lobster. Then I went to college and my brother let them all die.

## 7. WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE AS A CL?

At the most basic level, it is to be a continual presence on the hall for all my guys. Practically, that could be staying up till 3am watching stupid (but entertaining) videos, laughing at people's hilarious new haircuts, pretending like we can all grow wicked mustaches, or being available to talk about the deeper things we face in life, especially during our college years.

## 8. WHY DID YOU CHOOSE BROOKS?

I heard there wouldn't be any hair in the showers. I also heard it was one of the best places on campus to live amongst, and build relationships with, real people. It hasn't let me down.

## 9. WHAT ARE YOUR DREAMS AND AMBITIONS?

As of late, I've considered dropping out, buying a motorcycle, and driving it down to Guatemala where I can begin life as a scuba diving instructor/tour guide. I've been told these desires are side effects of junior year, but they're enticing all the same. If that

doesn't work out, then I'm going to shoot for medical school. I've considered everything from surgery to family practice, with no clear idea of where exactly I'll be in 10 years. I've got some time to figure out the details. But I'll probably end up in Guatemala.

## 10. WHAT IS ONE OF THE BEST PARTS OF THE CL EXPERIENCE?

One of the things I've enjoyed most has been the room-shaking, heart-stopping, completely obnoxious noise that Atiq Haque's foot makes as it crashes into my door every single time he walks by my room. It's been really swell. Hanging out with guys from a variety of backgrounds and learning from them, though, is probably the best experience.



*Chaplain Chelsea at Fall Festival.*



# Majorly Confused?

*Feeling lost in your major? Considering another course of study?  
Take this quiz to see where you may fit best!*



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The fall semester has settled in with our daily routines, and now that we've all gotten to experience our classes, there is a chance that some of us may be debating if our chosen major is actually what drives our interests, or if we belong in another major.

This is something that is very common in college, and changing your major is not a crime!

It's much better to get a degree in something you enjoy doing than to force yourself through something you do not like, only to be faced with jobs related to that major. A happy workplace is an effective workplace!

So, whether you're an incoming freshman trying to choose a major or someone else who is thinking about a change, this quiz I found can help you decide if you are choosing the right major based on your interests!

*The following quiz was made by Gabriela Szewcow of Her Campus:*

## 1. On a Saturday afternoon, you'd prefer to:

- a) Browse Craigslist for some great deals
- b) Take pictures or film a short movie
- c) Babysit
- d) Volunteer at the hospital
- e) Create a website
- f) Read the newspaper

## 2. In high school, your favorite subject was:

- a) Math
- b) English
- c) Family and Consumer Science
- d) Biology
- e) Computer programming
- f) History

## 3. Your favorite TV show is:

- a) The Apprentice
- b) The Soup
- c) The Nanny
- d) Grey's Anatomy
- e) American Inventor
- f) C-SPAN

## 4. Your dream job would be:

- a) An entrepreneur
- b) A filmmaker or screenwriter
- c) A teacher
- d) A surgeon
- e) A software developer
- f) A politician

## 5. Your ideal work environment would be:

- a) An office with a boardroom
- b) An office fully-equipped with the latest editing software
- c) A classroom
- d) An operating room
- e) Anywhere with WiFi
- f) A press conference

## 6. You prefer to be tested:

- a) With multiple choice, no essays. You like definitive answers.
- b) With a project. You aren't a great test-taker.
- c) With different types of exercises: Multiple choice, true and false, essays, short answer, fill in the blank. You like it all.
- d) With an experiment. You're really into problem-solving.
- e) With something where you can show off your technological skills- like a website or a Flash project
- f) With short answer. You're great at memorization

## 7. Your high school extracurriculars included:

- a) FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)
- b) Yearbook and the school newspaper
- c) Best Buddies or a similar organization
- d) TSA (Technology Student Association)
- e) After school pottery class
- f) Model UN

## 8. Your strengths include:

- a) You're independent and determined
- b) You're good at communicating through any medium
- c) You're patient
- d) You pay attention to details and you're disciplined
- e) You're tech-savvy and great with graphics
- f) You're smart and you're a people person

## 9. You are intrigued by:

- a) The challenge of making money
- b) The power of the Internet
- c) The feelings of others
- d) Medical breakthroughs
- e) Inventions
- f) Events in history

## 10. Adjectives that describe your ideal job include:

- a) Demanding, but rewarding
- b) Exciting but time-consuming
- c) Challenging but enlightening
- d) Brain-racking and thrilling
- e) Creative and solitary
- f) Life-changing (other lives, as well as your own)

*Count up your answers, and see what your answers say about your future job interests!*

# *If you chose...*

**Mostly A's:** There's another new entrepreneur on the business prowl! You're independent, confident, savvy, fearless and you know your stuff.

You're one hundred percent confident that you could rule the boardroom, the break room, your cubicle and every other room in the office. In fact, you're sure you could turn the business world upside down someday. Couple that confidence with extensive knowledge of the field of business you want to pursue, and you'll give every CEO a run for his money!

**Majors to consider:** *Marketing, International Business, Management Information Systems, Real Estate, Economics, Accounting*

**Mostly B's:** You're always in-tune with the latest news, gossip, books and music. What's hot right now? You are--because you are in the know! Communications would be a great major for you. Communications is an extremely large field, and you can go in many different directions with a degree in Communications. You can major in journalism, cinema, public relations, screenwriting or even photography!

We all know that most publications are making their way onto the Internet. Pretty soon, everyone will be getting their news online- through videos, social media, Twitter updates, etc. If you've already hopped on that bandwagon and you feel comfortable navigating the World Wide Web, then Communications is the field for you.

**Majors to consider:** *Journalism, Film, Public Relations, Advertising, Graphic Design, Radio/Broadcast Journalism*

**Mostly C's:** You're great with kids, you're patient and teaching comes naturally

to you. That's a rare combination- better take advantage of that personality that you've got! It seems that a career in Education would be your best bet.

Most education majors end up in a classroom, but you can take it in a few different directions if you want to. You can get your degree in elementary or secondary education. You can focus on special education. You can also go on to pursue a specific subject to teach. If you had a favorite subject in school and think you'd be great at teaching it, then go for it. Make a life and a living out of what you love to do- and teach others to love it too!

**Majors to consider:** *Speech and Language Development, Special Education, Early Childhood Education, Occupational Therapy, Human Development and Family Studies, School Advising*

**Mostly D's:** What's up, doc? If you gaze longingly into the television screen while you watch Grey's Anatomy (and not because Dr. McDreamy is so dreamy), then a career in medicine is for you. If you loved dissecting frogs in anatomy in high school, you chose the right letter. If you think that science rules, then you also chose the right letter. You're totally fascinated by how things work and why they work. You're obsessed with mixing things together and creating something new. You look at the world as a constant problem to solve. You've passionately followed the Mars Rover Curiosity, and you're mesmerized by the idea of global warming and whether it's fact or fiction. Each day brings new questions for you to answer, and you love it! Well, get solving with a degree in science!

**Majors to consider:** *Nursing, Dietetics, Dental Hygiene, Biology, Physical Therapy, Engineering, Pharmacy*

**Mostly E's:** You're a computer whiz. Flash, HTML, computer programming, coding—you name it, you can do it. As long as you've got a mouse and a computer to hook it up to!

Technology fascinates you, and there's basically nothing you can't do when it comes to the latest advances. You have a high-tech phone, you know almost every piece of software that exists, and you've even working on creating your own. Better call up Windows and let them know it was actually your idea.

**Majors to consider:** *Information Systems, Computer Programming, Information Technology, Computer Science, Graphic Design, Management Information Systems, Computer Engineering Technology*

**Mostly F's:** You love America. And Greece. And Spain. And France. And England. Basically, you know everything there is to know about the history of this country and just about every other one on the globe. What better way to put this knowledge to use than to get a degree in history, political science or international relations?

What kind of history, you ask? Well, whatever most interests you! If you don't mind spending time memorizing dates and names and amendments and writing 20-page papers on them, then perhaps you should consider a career in politics. You've got to know how a country should be run in order to do it yourself. You have to know what has and hasn't worked in the past in order to shape the future. And it looks like you're on the right track, you history buff, you.

**Majors to consider:** *History, Pre-Law, Political Science, Global Studies, Translating, International Relations, Archiving, Journalism*

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# Newsblast of Randomness

## iPhone iOS 6

Apple's latest hotly-anticipated technological wonder did not disappoint. A new feature especially relevant to us college kids is the 'Do Not Disturb' application. If you're trying to minimize procrastination (Procrastination? What's that?), just slide the toggle over, and you won't be disturbed while writing that Great Texts paper that's due in three hours.

Don't want to miss any emergency phone calls? Don't worry, Apple thought of that too. Favorite contacts and repeated phone calls are allowed to ring through, making sure you don't miss your best friend calling to gossip about her latest boy drama.

## Honey Boo Boo

I must admit, I came to college rather ignorant of the famed child star we now know and love—Honey Boo Boo child. So if you, like I was, are thoroughly confused by the Boo Boo references, here's a quick synopsis: A family makes a living off of nationalizing their spoiled daughter, who competes in various pageants when not throwing temper tantrums.

While this show doesn't sound appealing to my sensibilities, it's pretty hard to avoid hearing the random tidbit of news unless you live under a rock. Apparently, the star's dad, "Sugar Bear" Mike (no, I'm not kidding),

just got home from the hospital after spending 12 days being treated for a leg infection he got while riding his ATV. If I were him, I'd be getting into accidents every week. I'd prefer the hospital to living with that child, thank you.

## VOTE!

2012: a year of the Diamond Jubilee, the Olympics, the Mayan end-of-the-world, and—oh yeah—the presidential elections! Whether you're a political junky or civically ambivalent, Democrat or Republican, conservative or liberal, this election demands your attention.

Never in our history have we been faced with two presidential candidates so contrasting in social ideology. Disregarding which side of the aisle you fall on, your life will be different depending upon the president inaugurated in January. This election will decide where your healthcare comes from, the definition of marriage and the amount of money you will be taxed—just to name a few issues.

And on top of all that, when your grandchildren ask who you voted for in the 2012 Election, do you really want to tell them you didn't vote? I mean, how lame would that be? I'll answer that for you: SO un-cool. Election day is Tuesday, November 6th! Go online and request an absentee ballot if you can't make it home. Rock the vote, y'all!



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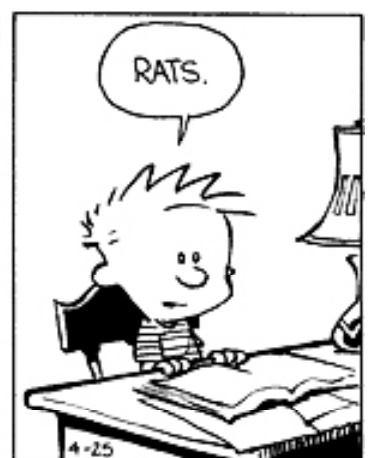
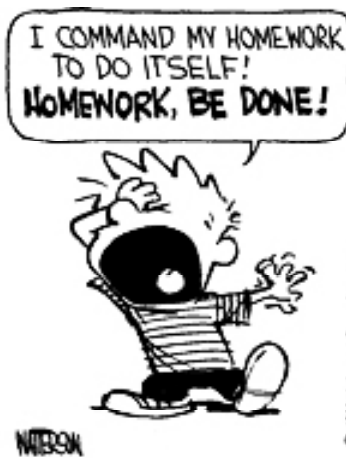
## Brooks Small Group!

**\*When:** Thursdays at 7:30pm

**\*Where:** Chelsea the Chaplain's Apartment—Room 362

**\*What:** This semester, we're studying the book of Ecclesiastes and exploring the deep questions we often face about the meaning and purpose of our lives. We hope you join us!

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# H<sub>2</sub>O NO! Water: A Silent Crisis



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*To my fellow members of Brooks College:*

I take a break from my witty, entertaining, comical, yet still clever Torch articles to talk to you about something very important. Our world is facing a crisis. No, I am not talking about our taste in “music” or the lack of options in our dining hall. I am talking about something far more important—the water crisis.

Believe it or not, the ‘smelly and cloudy’ water we call Waco water is safe and clean! It may taste funny, but people suffer from more than this water “problem” that we are blessed to have.

Approximately 783 million people around the world do not have access to safe water. If the math I learned here at Baylor is correct, that is about 1 in 10 of the world’s population.

Safe does not only mean ‘able to drink,’ but safe water for washing hands, taking a bath, using the restroom, and cooking. The dew that accumulates on your bicycle in the morning is more quantity and quality clean water available in 10 Rwandan communities combined.

Water-related disease is the second biggest killer of children worldwide, killing about 5,000 children a day, or 1.8 million a year. That’s one child under the age of five every 15 seconds. The bad taste in our mouth left after a glass of Waco water does not sound so bad anymore, does it?

The truth is that nearly 90% of all diseases in the world are caused by unsafe drinking water, inadequate sanitation, and poor hygiene. Patients suffering from water-related diseases occupy half of the

developing world’s hospital beds.

Water and sanitation education helps people take the first essential step out of the cycle of poverty and into better health conditions and education. I know what you’re thinking: How can safe water get people out of poverty and better education? Allow me to explain.

Households in rural Africa spend an average of 26% of their time fetching water, and it is generally women who are burdened with the task, carrying around 40 pounds of water on their heads.

That is about the average airport luggage allowance in weight per bag. That is about 6.24 hours a day spent walking an average of 7 miles to and from a source of water. That is about 40 billion working hours a year or 110,000,000 hours a day spent carrying water that could be used to actually work and bring home money for the family.

Using Rwanda again as an example, \$60,000,000,000 (USD) is unearned each year because there is no close access to safe water. Access to clean water is the foundation for other forms of development.

Without easy access to safe water, countless hours are spent in water collection; household income is spent on purchasing water and medical treatment for water-related diseases. These factors are keeping people trapped in poverty.

443 million school days are lost each year due to water-related diseases. Poor health in children directly reduces cognitive potential and indirectly undermines schooling through attention deficits, being absent, and dropping out. How much more could you learn if you had 443 million extra days to attend school?

If you turn on the news, headlines may include the new craze called “Gangnam Style,” the latest celebrity gossip, beauty tips, restaurant reviews, and irrelevant lifestyle trends.

This global water crisis does not make media headlines despite the fact that it claims

more lives through disease than any war claims through guns. More people die from drinking dirty water than from the world’s hurricanes, floods, tsunamis, and earthquakes combined.

This is a silent crisis experienced by the poor, and tolerated by those with the resources, technology, and the political power to end it. This is a crisis that is holding back human progress and chaining people to poverty, vulnerability, and insecurity.

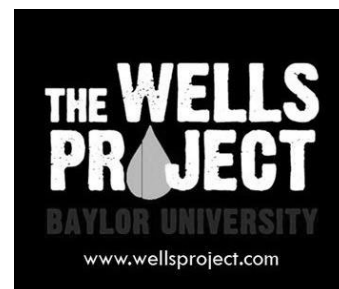
What can we do? Starting from Monday, October 10th college students across the country chose water as their only beverage for 10 Days. The money saved from not drinking coffee, soda, etc. will be used to provide 10 Rwandan communities with clean safe water.

Honestly, the best and most effective thing we can do right now is share with other students, family, pastors, dining hall card-swipers, and friends what you have just read. Awareness and recognition is a huge step forward to solving this worldwide crisis.

The Wells Project at Baylor University is asking for your help to provide a cup of safe water in Jesus’ name. In 2011, 2,000 students from 42 schools raised over \$80,000 for 6 clean water wells.

So far, over 1600 students from 188 schools have committed to raise awareness and funds to build wells in these 10 Rwandan communities. With your help and prayer, we can bring Jesus and clean water to those who lack both.

For more information about the Wells Project, you can email me at [m\\_reid@baylor.edu](mailto:m_reid@baylor.edu) or visit [10days.cc](http://10days.cc)





# Editor's note



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# Exploring Your Baylor Backyard

Freshmen, you've been on campus for over half a semester. Upperclassmen, you've been a Baylor Bear far longer than that.

No matter how long you've been at Baylor, I can guarantee that there are nuances of campus that you haven't explored yet. I implore you all: *Get out and explore campus!*

There's so much to see, so don't just stick with what you're used to. Cultivate a healthy sense of adventure. Don't break into Ken Starr's house or scale the walls of Pat Neff by any means, but explore what's already around you.

Pass a building you've never been in? Check it out! There's a lot going on all throughout campus, all the time... much of which people don't know about.

For example, there's currently a neat exhibit at the Poage Legislative Library. Yes, I'm sure many of you have never even heard of Poage, but it's a small graduate library sort of wedged between the buildings of Moody and Jones (though not connected inside).

Leading up to the election, Poage is housing a neat gallery of old, vintage campaign materials. See buttons on display from the Nixon era, check out "Gimme Jimmy" bumper stickers to elect Carter, and hear the "Vote for Kennedy" jingle.

Next time you're walking your usual routes through campus, pay attention to the buildings you pass. Learn what they are, and go inside. Need suggestions of where to start? Here you go:

- The Carroll Science Center has, in my opinion, a really beautiful staircase.

- The Armstrong-Browning Library is less hidden, though still a hidden gem on campus. It's a beautiful and quiet place to study—and one that will make you feel pretty smart.

- Carroll Library, located on Burleson Quadrangle, is a really neat place to study (until it closes at 5 p.m.) and it houses the Texas Collection of historical documents. If you're looking for an off-the-beaten-path study space, this is a great option.

- North Village Community Center has a sushi restaurant that's open during the week from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Visit Seasons Sushi for fresh sushi, right on campus!

- P.O.D. (Provisions on Demand) Market is located on the bottom floor of the Speight parking garage (across from the business school). Step inside, and you'll wonder why you didn't know it existed before! P.O.D. is a convenience store-type market with everything from fresh salads to cheese sticks to frozen dinners. Stop by from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. during the week.

- The Armstrong-Browning Library recently added a new outdoor garden area that provides a serene and beautiful place to relax outdoors. The Garden of Contentment features benches and tables surrounded by calming fountains and landscapes. This sweet spot is perfect for prayer, studying, or coffee dates.

- If the library is packed at night, consider studying in Sid Rich or the SUB. Sid Rich is open until 10 p.m. most nights, and almost the entire building is available for studies. All of the open foyers with tables and chairs on the 2nd and 3rd floors remain open, in addition to the main level. Additionally, the SUB is open until midnight, and most of the building is available to explore.

This list is just a starting point. You should all find your own special spots around campus—I'm not disclosing all of mine and ruining all the fun!



Garden of Contentment at Armstrong Browning Library (Baylor photo cred.)





# FALL FESTIVAL FUN

*Photos by  
Leslie Calhoun*



# Grow Up and Vote!

Remember when you were a young child and all you wanted to do was do “grown-up” stuff, like go to work, cook, and not have to clean your room?

Now, you are the “grown-up” you always dreamed of being. Part of being a “grown-up” is making important decisions about your future. These decisions can include what job market you want to be in, whom you want to spend the rest of your life with, and how you can provide for your family.

However, before you get to that point, you have to answer an important question: Who do you think will make the best decisions for America?

There are many people who do not think voting is important and that their vote doesn't really count. While it is sometimes disheartening to learn the Electoral College gives an entire state's vote to the one candidate who wins the majority of the votes for the state (except in two states, if I recall correctly, that

choose to proportionally give their votes), it is still important to make your voice heard.

What if thousands of people who think their vote don't count decide not to get out and vote? That means thousands of voices would not be heard. Those thousands of voices could have and would have changed the overall vote tally.

So, yes, your vote does count! While I will not share my political preference, I will say it is essential to learn the FACTS about each candidate. Do not rely on the Yahoo! News Reel, which is edited by the larger media groups.

Go to Fox News to learn more about Mitt Romney (and the negatives on Barack Obama and the Democratic Party) and go to CNN to learn more about Obama (and the negatives on Romney and the Republican Party). Go to both of these candidates' official websites and hear their story and plans directly!



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Both of these individuals are representing a political party with an agenda. The question is, which agenda do you agree with more and which issues are most important to you?

I missed out on voting in the 2008 election by one year, so I am super excited to be able to vote in a presidential election for the first time, just like I hope many of you are!

If you want to vote, but don't know if you're registered, or don't know how to register, go to the third floor of Burleson and check out the Political Science department where someone will be willing to help you register to vote and give you details about voting on election day.

Embrace being a “grown-up” and GO VOTE!



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What do fish like  
about elections?

De-baits!

\*DISCLAIMER\* Dr. Samuel Palmer Brooks did not, to our knowledge, actually say the above quote. We also have no record he ever went by the nickname ‘Sammy.’

**In**

homecoming  
treat night decór  
fall festivities  
jackets & pants  
thanksgiving break

**&**

bipolar weather  
ant infestations  
midterms  
losing football games  
hurricane sandy

**Out**