



THE TORCH

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BROOKS BLAZE

The Battle of the Four Flames

Calling all Brooks residents!

Come join in an epic, four-way **CAPTURE THE FLAG** game to win
eternal glory for you and your hall

There's food, fun, and 'fire' -- all components of this annual Brooks tradition to commemorate the **Immortal Ten**

Meet in the **Quad** at 3:45 to carpool over to Cameron Park, and don't forget to pick up your [free] T-shirt in the Archway on Friday! If you're coming, email brookscotrad@gmail.com

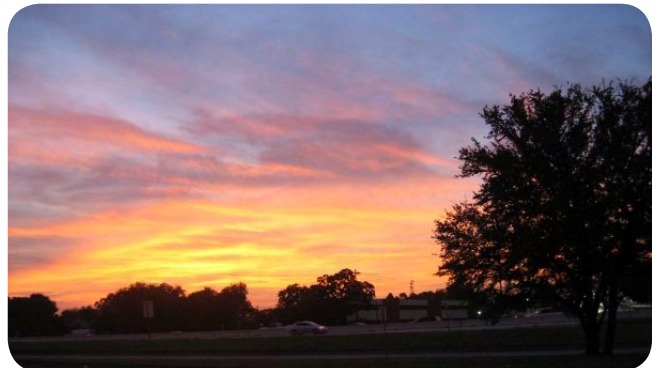


William Wordsworth
Guest Writer

Imitations of Immortality, XI

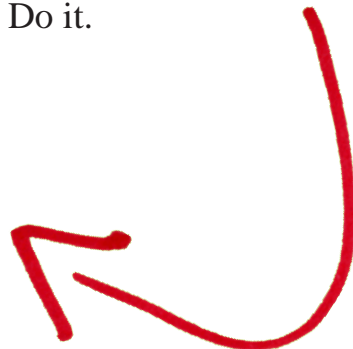
The clouds that gather round the setting sun
Do take a sober coloring from an eye
That hath kept watch o'er man's mortality;
Another race hath been, and other palms are won.
Thanks to the human heart by which we live,
Thanks to its tenderness, its joys, and fears,
To me the meanest flower that blows can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears.

And O, ye Fountains, Meadows, Hills, and Groves,
Forebode not any severing of our loves!
Yet in my heart of hearts I feel your might;
I only have relinquished one delight
To live beneath your more habitual sway.
I love the **Brooks** which down their channels fret,
Even more than when I tripped lightly as they;
The innocent brightness of a newborn Day
Is lovely yet;





Brooks! Are you in an organization that has an event coming up soon? Do you have announcements to make? Let your community know - send it in to brooks.torch@gmail.com and tell it to the world. Do it.



Need Prayer?

The Brooks Prayer Team meets weekly to pray for requests from the College and beyond. If you have a request, send an email to **Brooksprayer@gmail.com**. As brothers and sisters in faith, we desire to constantly lift each other up and be an encouragement to one another. So let us know how to pray! Also, if you are interested in joining, please do. The team is open to all. For more information, email us!

Sponsored Child

For the second year, Brooks College is sponsoring a child from Kenya. His name is Victor Omondi. Every month, he receives a sponsorship donation from us, and it is our responsibility to care for some of his needs. There is a jar in the Junior Commons Room for your donations, which would be much appreciated. Here's a thought: if everyone in Brooks gave only one dollar, Victor would be taken care of for almost a year! Your small part can really make a difference in a young life.



Victor Omondi

THE TORCH HAS AN ANNOUNCEMENT!

This issue is the first one to give you the opportunity for a **prize** if you read carefully. Somewhere in this month's *Torch*, your room number may be hidden. Pay close attention and if you find it, send us an email with your name, room number, and where you found it, and you will receive a delightful present! Happy hunting,

-- Torch Staff

Handing out the Torch since Fall 2007

Emilie Moore.....Editor
Anson Jablinski.....Staff Writer
Chase Kanaly.....Staff Writer
Justin Ross.....Humorist
Brittany Hardy.....Staff Writer

We'd love for you to join the Torch team! If you have any interest in writing, photography, or other useful skills, please consider contributing. No former background is required. Please contact us at **Brooks.Torch@gmail.com**



Anson Jablinski
Staff Writer

Fine Arts Forecast

October 23 - November 12

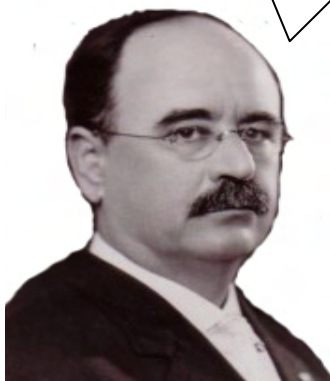
All events are ticket-free unless otherwise noted!

Wind Ensemble with Guest Trombonist Joseph Alessi

Thursday, October 23rd at 7:30 pm in Jones Hall. Joseph Alessi is the principal trombonist of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, which is hardly a position to be taken lightly. 8^)

Sammy Says...

*You know, no one
has invited me to
Sunday dinner yet...*



disclaimer Dr. Samuel Palmer Brooks did not (to our knowledge) actually say the above quote. We also have no record that he ever went by the nickname of 'Sammy'.

Concert Choir

Tuesday, October 28th at 7:30 in Jones Hall.

Halloween Organ Recital

Wednesday, October 29th at 9:00 pm in Jones Concert Hall. I highly recommend attending this annual recital, as it is traditionally spooky, funny, and just plain awesome.

October GartenMusik

Hear the Baylor brass perform outdoors in the Harvey Garden on the Garden Level of Moody Library (or just stand outside somewhere)! Thursday, October 30th from 11:15 am – 12:15 pm. No admission needed.

Baylor ShowTime!

Friday, October 31st at 8:00 pm in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. For ticket information, call the Alumni Association at 710-1121.

A Cappella Choir

Tuesday, November 4th at 7:30 pm in Jones Hall.

Baylor Theatre presents: Eurydice

Showing November 11th through 15th at 7:30 pm and November 16th at 2:00 pm in Mabee Theater (Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center). Directed by Amber Jackson. Tickets available online at www.baylor.edu/theatre or at the H-S FAC box office.



Concert Jazz

Tuesday, November 11th at 7:30 pm in Jones Hall.

Baylor Bass Studio Recital

Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00 pm in Roxy Grove Hall (in Waco Hall, to the far right). Featuring solos and small ensemble pieces performed by the Baylor double bass students (myself included!).

Martin Museum of Art

Current exhibitions – gallery I: Richard Ash III, printmaker; gallery II: Armin Mersmann, master draughtsman. On display through November 18th. Check online (www.baylor.edu/martinmuseum) for museum hours and more information.

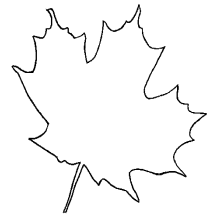




HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BROOKS MEMBERS!

October

November



Ben Collins 10-1
Kayla Butler 10-2
Sarah Leat 10-2
Kathryn Ewing 10-4
Afiya Extavour 10-6
Ben Mayo 10-7
Ka Kwan Kwok 10-7
Chris Rempert 10-9
Alex Monroe 10-10
Philip Rothschild 10-10
Tim Farinholt 10-12
Kelly Ward 10-14
Kimberlee Barnhart 10-15
Christian Ikedi 10-16
Kim Kircher 10-16

Amanda Hunter 10-17
Alexa Farris 10-17
Logan Clary 10-18
Tiffany Gatchel 10-22
Jessica Acklen 10-22
Wesley Mercurio 10-23
Katie Haun 10-24
Ryan Polunsky 10-25
Courtney Skelly 10-25
Ethan Williams 10-25
Jordan Reese 10-25
Lorraine Bautista 10-27
Emilie Moore 10-27
Brandon Wold 10-31
Daniel Blake 10-31

Sarah South 11-1
Christian Latham 11-1
Leslie Wadleigh 11-2
Amanda Dorman 11-3
Tyler Walton 11-4
Joshua Vanta 11-4
Heather Owen 11-4
Meaghan Nowell 11-5
Shaun Kuoni 11-10
Christopher Thompson 11-13
Zach Stover 11-13
Jamal Hasoon 11-14
Brittney Coulter 11-16
Andrew Brown 11-16

Jacob DeLeon 11-16
Benjamin Elia 11-16
Meredith Packham 11-19
Lindsay Power 11-20
Austin Lebeda 11-20
Megan Williams 11-21
Lindsey Hurtt 11-22
Jeremy Stewart 11-22
Khristopher Jennings 11-23
Kendra Kerley 11-28
Brittany Hardy 11-29
Martha Ayewah 11-29
Elizabeth Lattier 11-30
Morgan Elliott 10-30




Tuesdays Half-Price Spring Rolls!!!
(the ninja-master secret to good grades)

CL Spotlight Andrew Rose

Learn about your Community Leaders!



Floor 2M

Junior, International Business and Management double major

Home: Little Rock, AR

Activities: Connection Group Leader for Highland, High School Small Group Leader, Honors Program, BIC, Brooks

Likes:

Jesus/God (serving Him and stuff)

Greek, Lost, Heroes, The Office, Smallville

Running/Backpacking/Surfing/Watching the aforementioned shows/

Skiing/Sports (except Basketball)

Dislikes:

Finance

People who aren't genuine



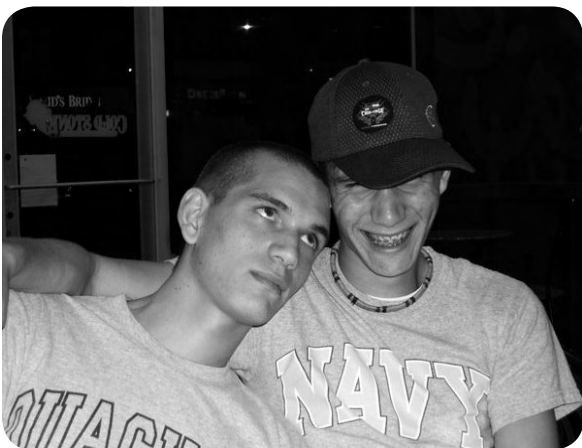
Fun Facts:

I have a twin brother.

If you want to know anything else then get to know me.

Purpose as a CL:

To serve God through leadership within a residential community (Love God, Love People).



Andy and his brother Matt



Andy and friends from Arkansas

Why did you choose Brooks:

I didn't, it chose me.

Ambitions:

I want to be a Business Missionary overseas, whatever that entails. I want to glorify God, and I feel that with the skills He has given me that is where I can best serve. If that changes, then His will be done, not mine.

What is one of the best parts of the CL experience?

Being in a position where you can have the excuse to know everyone, and thus be able to share in relationships with those people who otherwise would have just been an acquaintance.

“Andy's very comfortable with himself; he's really outgoing, a man after God's heart. He's been a great encouragement and support as a CL.”

-- Alex Tworowski, Community Leader



Chase Kanaly
Staff Writer

Bear Recap



Baylor took the field against then-ranked #1 Oklahoma in their Big 12 Home Opener, not having won a Big 12 conference game since 2006. To me, the game seemed to be in the background. My mind was clearly somewhere else. My grandfather was a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, yet sadly, he passed away two years ago. One of our many common interests was the love of College Football. Each play, I kept thinking what would Papa say, what he would think about what was going on with the game. I have no doubt that he would be laughing, and giving me a hard time each time OU showed their strength.

Oklahoma scored early and before the gun sounded ending the first quarter, it was 28-0 Sooners. After Oklahoma took the early 7-0 lead, Baylor looked to have seized the moment when Joe Pawelek came up with an interception in the endzone, but it was null and void as the Bears were called for pass interference.

The second quarter began with a bang, as Robert Griffin unleashed a huge 36-yard run on a 3rd and long. A couple plays later Griffin completed the drive with a yard sneak up the middle bringing the score to Bears 7, Sooners 28. OU's ensuing driving resulted in a Jordan Lake interception! Yet Baylor could not capitalize on this golden opportunity.

Oklahoma added another score, Baylor counteracted with another Robert Griffin touchdown. While in the second half the Bears seemed to move the ball much easier, they only put up 3 on the scoreboard; Oklahoma added a pair of touchdowns as Baylor fell to the Sooners 49-17. After the game, I again looked behind me, and began

to think about my grandfather. He no doubt enjoyed this one; he would have said "OU 2, Baylor 0." Well, Baylor played one of the best teams in the nation, and did not quit for four quarters. They showed a lot of heart and determination!

Baylor (2-3, 0-1 in the Big 12) battled the Iowa State (2-3, 0-1) Cyclones for Parents' Weekend. This one did not disappoint the many who came out to Floyd Casey and watched the Bears take control from the beginning. Robert Griffin, known normally for what his legs can do, made a huge play with his arm to begin the scoring. On a fourth and twelve, as Griffin was hammered by a Cyclone defensive player, he unleashed a spiraling 34 yard touchdown completion to diving receiver Kendall Wright in the back of the end zone. Touchdown runs by Griffin and Jay Finley put Baylor up 21-0.

Baylor kick returner Mikail Baker added a 93 yard return giving Baylor a 28-3 lead as the third quarter began. A field goal, and then another highlight worthy play -- a play that put Wright on SportsCenter's #3 play Saturday night. In what seemed to be a normal screen route, Wright took the ball from the right sidelines, proceeding to elude tacklers as he rushed across the field before diving into the endzone, giving quarterback Griffin his second touchdown of the game.

The Cyclones scored midway through the fourth quarter, but that was all as Baylor steamrolled the squad from Iowa State 38-10. This was not just a win for Baylor, it was their first in thirteen Big 12 contests; not since the miracle comeback versus Kansas in 2005 had the Bears notched a conference victory.

One could not help be impressed by the Baylor offense, but it was the defense in holding Iowa State to a mere 10 points that seemed to be the key to the Bears' success. Next up for the Bears: the Cowboys from Oklahoma

State. Unfortunately for Baylor, it will be their second matchup versus a top 10 team this month.

When an ESPN analyst predicted a Baylor victory over Oklahoma State (ranked #8), I thought it seemed probable that the Bears could really give the Cowboys all they could handle. But Oklahoma State was coming off a victory over the then-ranked #3 Missouri Tigers. When Baylor struck first on the opening, driving on a one yard run by Jacoby Jones, Oklahoma State seized the momentum as they blocked the extra point attempt. Before Baylor knew what hit them they found themselves in 28-6 hole at the half, via four Cowboy touchdowns.

The Baylor offense could not break the OSU defense, and the Bears defense struggled mightily against the Cowboys' offense. The defense gave up over 200 yards in both passing and rushing to the #8 team in the land. Griffin and the offense could not muster up any sort of charge in the second half as Baylor fell to the Cowboys 34-6.

Robert Griffin still managed decent passing numbers, and set a national record. He broke the Division I record for most pass completions to start a career without throwing any interceptions. Ironically he broke Mike Gundy, the current Oklahoma State head coach, record of 138.

Baylor looks to get back to .500 in both conference play and overall as they travel to Nebraska to face the Cornhuskers. The game will be televised on the Versus Network at 11:30, I am thinking that we need to rally around our team, and watch Baylor battle Nebraska from the confines of the JCR. Who's gonna come watch with me?





Brittany Hardy
Staff Writer

Urinetown: Not the Place, of Course...the Musical



If you have heard the name “Urinetown,” and know very little about the play, itself, you may be skeptical as to whether a play about peeing is exactly your cup of pee- ahem, tea. I understand your hesitation. However, having seen the play and the vast talent it encompasses, you (and I) should be deeply humbled.

The show featured our very own Brooks resident, Sarah Winter, as a chorus member. As well as behind-the-scenes, Brooks resident Meg Sullivan, sophomore, worked spot light and Lauren Taylor, freshman, on costume crew.

Urinetown was my first experience with the Baylor theatre department. The play far surpassed my expectations. It is a clever musical that parodies other well-known shows, such as; “Oklahoma!,” “West Side Story,” “Fiddler on the Roof,” and “Les Miserables.”

It’s presentational style is unique and refreshing and a promise that you will be utterly engaged the entire time. In a society short on attention spans, Urinetown’s engrossing style and comical take on historically beloved musicals become of vital importance.

Here’s the premise. What happens when a 20 year drought catapults the town into a lifestyle in which it truly is “a privilege to pee”? Townspeople are now required to pay a fee when the need to pee strikes.

The audience members follow two distinctly different factions of society. One group, poor townspeople, are desperate for money as a means to relieving themselves. One of these poor townspeople, Bobby Strong, is the custodian of “Public Amenity #9.”

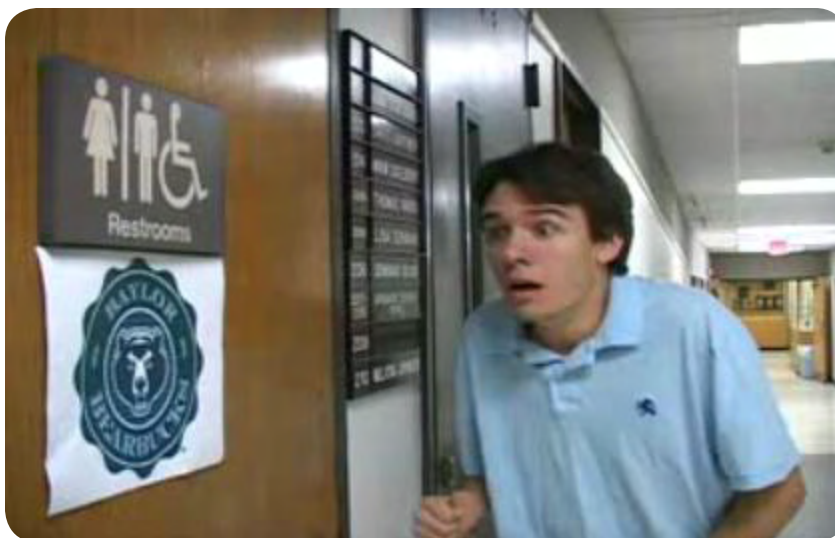
The other group, the Urine Good Company, rich and powerful, controlled by greedy Caldwell B. Cladwell, who’s daughter, Hope Cladwell falls in love with the

aforementioned Bobby Strong.

As fees for peeing begin to rise, a revolution, as well as a free way to pee, become dire needs.

Adam Garst was brilliant as “Bobby Strong,” parodying your typical Broadway male hero, such as Curly McLain in “Oklahoma!” “Oh, What a Beautiful Morning” quickly becomes “Follow your Heart,” though Bobby Strong and Hope Caldwell enter a budding romance from two very different ways of life; Bobby Strong, who becomes the leader of the revolution, and Hope Cladwell, from “the most expensive Baptist school in the world.”

Urinetown was extremely funny and kept the interest of the entire audience. The dance numbers, the singing, and the acting ability were very impressive. Overall, watching this play and recognizing such great talent, made me want to attend more plays put on by the Baylor Theatre department.



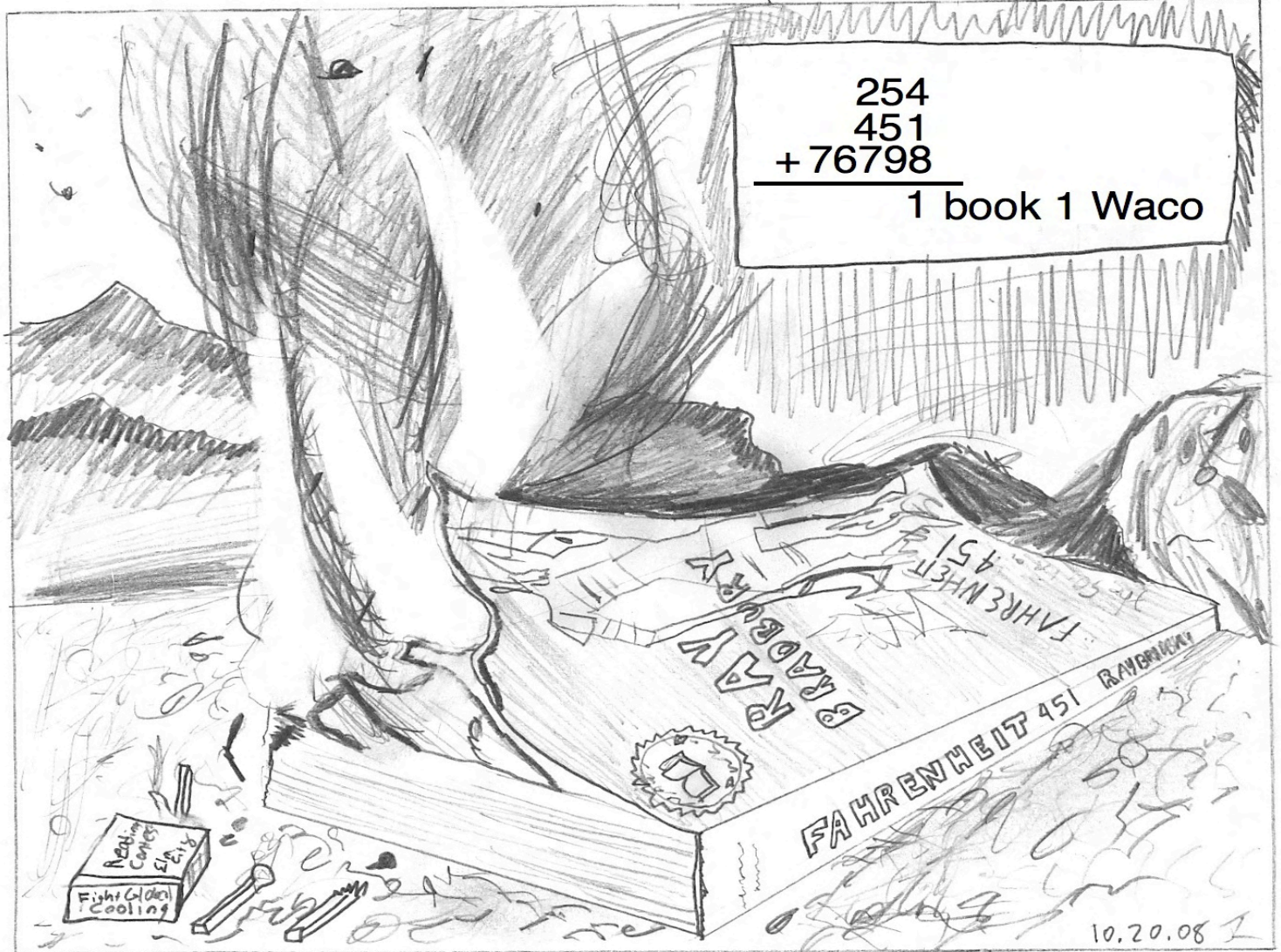
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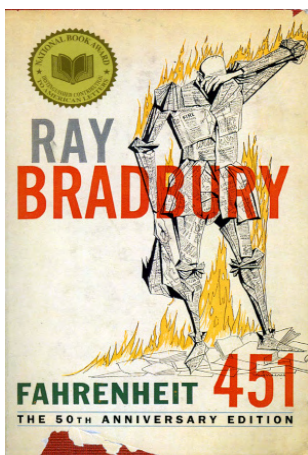
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Justin Ross
Cartoonist



P.S. Read this book!

And attend the lecture and discussion at the
Honors College today at 3:30!