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A Seasonal Reflection

Merry Christmas to one and all! We're nearly done with yet another semester, and on we go to the next adventure: Christmas Break. As we recycle those colossal mountains of note paper, sell back books for often lamentable refunds, and pack up too many belongings to take home with us, it might be beneficial to reflect on a few things.

There are many important reasons to celebrate during the month of December. One of my favorites is Samuel Palmer Brooks' birthday, December 4. It's fun to think about the fact that this man was a real person, born years ago and no longer around (at least not that anyone can see). Yet he is the reason Brooks exists, technically, and he is responsible for so much good on campus that we now just take for granted.

One thing he did as president was to create a strong rapport with the student body. He earned respect from students because he genuinely valued them and cared for their interests. Brooks College has an admirable namesake, and we strive to follow his example.

This semester has been eventful and filled to the proverbial brim with joys and struggles, lessons and all-nighters. We have learned and lived together, and learned how to live together. Personally, I have learned to enjoy small things, and to broaden my perspective on life. Conscientiousness is an excellent value to obtain.

One of the greatest parts of December is the celebration of a Saviour's birth. It can be stated simply, but it holds so much meaning. Jesus came so that we could know God's presence, and be saved from our sinful selves. It's good to remember this, to not let the 'Christmas spirit' overshadow the coming of Christ. To be honest, gifts and fancy meals cannot capture the expanses of God's love for us.

In a way, S.P. Brooks modeled a little of what Jesus is like to us. God was the very first to value us and find worth in our hearts. He listens attentively and is always with us. His desire is to have a close relationship with us, and we love Him for it. He wants to be a part of our lives, because He is the reason we exist.

To return to the point of this stream of consciousness, my hope is that this Christmas we can all focus on the Reason, not just for the season, but for our lives, for our joys and hopes. We have received the best Christmas gift ever...let's spread it around!

Once again, a very jolly Christmas to you.

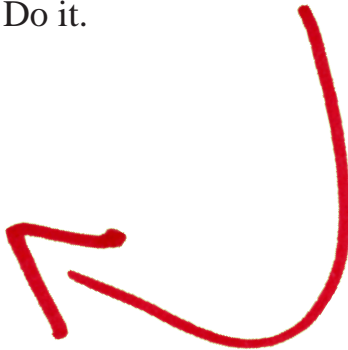
'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'

Isaiah 9:6



Insert residents'
announcements
here

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!

Service Opportunities

Check out things your Brooks brothers and sisters are doing!

Circle K: Mondays at 8:30 in the SUB, Houston Room. More info: Alyson_Erikson@baylor.edu

Habitat for Humanity: Wednesdays at 6:00 in Bennett Auditorium

If you know of a service opportunity and want to put it here, let us know at Brooks.Torch@gmail.com. Let's help to form a serving and giving community.

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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**

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Preemptive Love

On Monday, November 24th, at Fountain Mall, the Preemptive Love Coalition made and set up 3,000 pinwheels to represent the 3,000+ kids in Iraq that have fatal pediatric heart diseases that require surgery.

The coalition was selling t-shirts and telling interested students about the lives at stake.

The pinwheels are significant. While at the hospitals, the children are asked to blow on pinwheels. Tragically, the fatal heart defects make this task impossible for some.

One of the representatives said they just recently lost one of these children, making the issue all the more dire.

The money raised by this organization goes to funding the surgery, which would otherwise not be afforded.

In the first year, the Preemptive Love Coalition contributed funding for 20 life-saving heart surgeries in Iraq.

To learn more; www.preemptivelovecoalition.org.





Chase Kanaly
Staff Writer

Bear Recap

Baylor, off the recent heart-break versus the Missouri Tigers, took on the #5 Texas Longhorns in Austin. Baylor found themselves quickly in a fourteen-point hole. Following another stalled offensive drive, the Bears' defense gave the offense great field position as Krys Buerick picked off the Colt McCoy pass. Five plays later, Robert Griffin cut the Longhorn lead in half, bringing the score to 14-7.

After forcing Texas to punt, Griffin and star receiver Kendall Wright hooked up on a 55-yard touchdown, sending the Junior Common Room crowd into hysteria. Could Baylor achieve what they could not, and pull off the shocking upset? Maybe, as the Bears took over possession with a few minutes to go before the half.

A deflected Robert Griffin pass resulted in a Texas interception, which was returned for a touchdown. Baylor never threatened again as the Longhorns rattled off an additional 24 points. Jay Finley would add a nice forty-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Texas may have won 45-21, but it was a painful victory, as the defense showed a lot of determination, getting lots of pressure on Colt McCoy. This effort would be needed for the rest of the year as the Bears conclude their season versus the Texas A&M Aggies and the #2 Texas Tech Red Raiders.

In what appeared to be one of the biggest crowds in the two

years that I have been attending Baylor, Floyd Casey was packed, as fans from both sides would witness this game between the Bears and the Aggies. It was clear that Baylor was ready for this game, much to the delight of the Green and Gold. However this was not the case for many Texas A&M fans that made the 90 minute drive for this Battle of the Brazos.

Baylor took the early 6-0 on two clutch field goals on a very cold blustery November day. The first interception by Baylor would lead to a third down rush for Jacoby Jones from twelve yards out. The drive that preceded the touchdown included a 49-yard pass from Robert Griffin to Ernest Smith on a third and long. Griffin and Kendall Wright hooked up for a 31-yard catch and run that answered A&M's first score of the game.

Following the halftime events, which included the introduction of seniors, Griffin found Thomas White in the end zone. The play went for 55-yards on yet another third and long, as Baylor jumped ahead 27-7. Later in the third quarter, Jay Finley capped the longest drive of the season scoring a thirteen-yard run. The drive consisted of nine plays and accounting for 99 yards. The rout was on!

Before the end of the third quarter, Jacoby Jones scored his second rushing touchdown of the day, bringing the score to 41-7 BU! Fifteen minutes later, uhh-game time that is, many Baylor fans rushed the field, after coming up with the 41-21 victory over archrival Texas A&M!

The game was a complete domination from both sides, the defense forced five turnovers, and the offense accounted for over 500 yards of total offense. Griffin accounted for over three hundred yards himself! What a way to end their home careers, way to go seniors! Baylor travels to Lubbock to battle the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

After Oklahoma dismantled the Red Raiders, nobody gave the Bears much of a chance. Texas Tech would be fighting

for their lives. Tech did score first, but Robert Griffin would pile two consecutive unanswered touchdown runs of one and thirteen as Baylor took a 13-7 edge. Tech would add another score to put them ahead 14-13.

In the final minutes of the first half things got very interesting. After a missed field goal with 1:29 to go in the half, many felt that this would end the half. Yet Tech quarterback Graham Harrell fumbled inside his own 20-yard line. Baylor would recover, and drive to inside the Texas Tech 10, with only seconds remaining.

Quarterback Robert Griffin looked to have turned it right back over, as he stretched for the end zone. However, instant replay affirmed that in fact his knee had hit the ground before fumbling. On a third and goal from the one, Griffin found receiver Ernest Smith to put Baylor ahead 19-14. Looking for the two-point conversion, Griffin again brought us to the edge of our seats, as he was able to avoid the rush dropping him behind the twenty-yard line before uncorking a pass to the end zone.

Bears receiver Kendall Wright snatched the ball out of the air, as Baylor would take a 21-14 lead entering halftime. Baylor seemed to take control, opening the second half scoring with a Jacoby Jones one-yard run up the middle, widening Baylor's lead to 28-14. Texas Tech came storming back scoring two straight touchdowns. In addition they completely halted any offense from Baylor.

Tied at 28 in the fourth quarter, the Bears looked to find a rhythm, but another tipped ball found the wrong hands, as Tech would use this turnover to take the 35-28 lead. After Baylor was unable to convert a fourth and eight, Texas Tech was able to run out the clock, and hand the Bears a heart wrenching 35-28 loss.

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This season for the Bears, while only improving by one win, shows a lot of promise led by red shirt freshmen quarterback Robert Griffin and wide receiver Kendall Wright. The Big 12 South race could be even tighter next year, as Baylor enters the fray. Robert Griffin would be named Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the year.

This is the first post on the Baylor Basketball teams this season. Both the Lady Bears and the Bears have played very well to open the season with 8-1 and 7-1 records respectively. Coach Kim Mulkey has the girls ready to prove to the nation that the 2005 National Championship was no fluke. The Lady Bears' season has seen them reach a #10 ranking in the latest Associated Press, which includ-

ed the upset of then #2 Stanford.

The Lady Bears seem to play better when they are playing as a unit, and not a bunch of individuals. The only loss of the young season is a one-point loss versus Wisconsin in the finals of the Paradise Jam Tournament. Kelli Griffin, Jhasim Player, Jessica Morrow, and star forward Rachel Allison will look to propel Baylor into the last couple of games versus non-conference foes, and into the conference season.

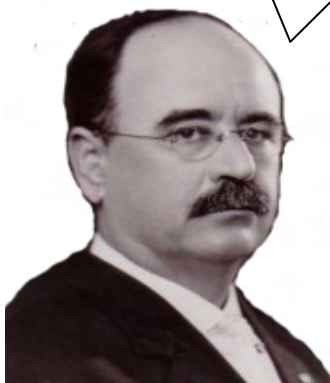
The Men are off to a similar start, but with a completely different look. Those who witnessed last season knew this team would score, but it is their defense that is turning heads. Coach Scott Drew has instilled in the Baylor players' minds that if they want success, they must play both offense and defense.

The results have given Baylor their lowest seeding in years as they now currently reside as the #22 team in the AP. Highlight victories include a victory over #14 Arizona State and avenging last year's loss against Washington State. The men have suffered one set back, which was in the Finals of the 76 Classic versus then #24 Wake Forest.

Curtis Jerrells continues to distribute and score at will, and when LaceDarius Dunn is knocking down his shots, this team is rolling. Aided by the arrival of true freshman Quincy Acy who set the Big 12 record for most consecutive field goals made without a miss, this Baylor team is filled with confidence, as they look not only to return to the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year, but also to win some of the games once in the field of sixty-five! SIC 'EM BEARS!

Sammy Says...

*Thanks for consulting
me before putting a
silly hat on my head for
everyone to see.*

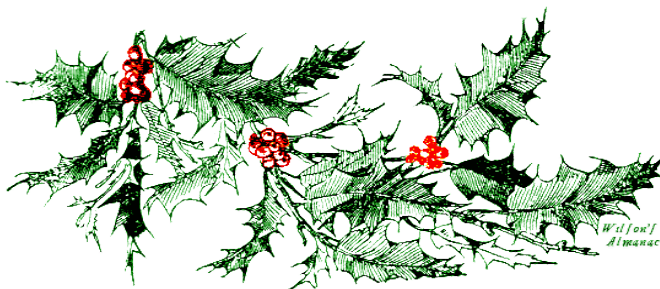


disclaimer Dr. Samuel Palmer Brooks did not (to our knowledge) actually say the above quote. We also have no record that he ever went by the nickname of 'Sammy'.

Thanks to everyone who helped with Christmas at Brooks this year! It was a great success.

Also, thank you for giving toys and money for Waco's kids and others. You put a little joy back into their holiday!

For those of you wondering how to get involved, look for lots of information on committees next semester. Brooks is only what you make it, so we'd love for everyone to contribute!





Men's Football Game 10: November 7, 2008

5 Texas	45
Baylor	21

Men's Football Game 11: November 14, 2008

Baylor	41
Texas A&M	21

Men's Football Game 12: November 28, 2008

Baylor	28
#7 Texas Tech	35

Baylor Men's Football Record: 4-7

Men's Basketball

Game 1: November 15, 2008- Home

Baylor	108	High Points: Henry Dugat - 22
Paul Quinn	50	High Boards: Quincy Acy - 11
		High Assists: Curtis Jerrells - 10

Game 2: November 18, 2008- Home

Baylor	90	High Points: Curtis Jerrells - 20
Centenary	55	High Boards: Kevin Rogers - 6
		High Assists: Curtis Jerrells - 8

Game 3: November 22, 2008- Home

Baylor	85	High Points: Quincy Acy - 15
Southern	43	High Boards: Henry Dugat - 10
		High Assists: Henry Dugat - 9

Game 4: November 24, 2008- Home

Baylor	76	High Points: LaceDarius Dunn - 23
Jacksonville	68	High Boards: Kevin Rogers - 7
		High Assists: Curtis Jerrells - 8

Game 5: November 27, 2008- Anaheim, CA: 76 Classic

Baylor	72	High Points: Kevin Rogers - 16
Providence	56	High Boards: Rogers & Carter - 7
		High Assists: Curtis Jerrells - 4

Game 6: November 28, 2008- Anaheim, CA 76 Classic

Baylor	87	High Points: LaceDarius Dunn - 27
#14 Arizona State	78	High Boards: Kevin Rogers - 7
		High Assists: Jerrells & Dunn - 4

Game 7: November 30, 2008- Anaheim, CA 76 Classic

Baylor	74	High Points: Henry Dugat - 19
#19 Wake Forest	87	High Boards: Kevin Rogers - 14
		High Assists: Tweety Carter - 3

Game 8: December 6, 2008- Away

#24 Baylor	58	High Points: LaceDarius Dunn - 14
Washington State	52	High Boards: Curtis Jerrells - 8
		High Assists: Curtis Jerrells - 4

Game 9: December 13, 2008- Home

#22 Baylor	90	High Points: LaceDarius Dunn - 18
Prairie View A&M	65	High Boards: Kevin Rogers - 9
		High Assists: Curtis Jerrells - 8

Men's Record 8-1

Lady Bears Basketball

Game 1: November 14, 2008- Home

#19 Baylor	90	High Points: Rachel Allison - 18
Florida Atlantic	45	High Boards: Morgan Medlock - 16
		High Assists: Jhasmin Player & Kelli Griffin - 4

Game 2: November 16, 2008- Home

#19 Baylor	81	High Points: Rachel Allison - 25
#2 Stanford	65	High Boards: Melissa Jones - 10
		High Assists: Kelli Griffin - 6

Game 3: November 21, 2008- Home

#10 Baylor	77	High Points: Jones & Player - 13
Stephen F. Austin	42	High Boards: Danielle Wilson - 9
		High Assists: Jones, Griffin, Player - 3

Game 4: November 23, 2008- Away

#10 Baylor	83	High Points: Rachel Allison - 16
Rice	58	High Boards: Rachel Allison - 14
		High Assists: Jessica Morrow - 4

Game 5: November 27, 2008- Virgin Islands: Paradise Jam

#6 Baylor	79	High Points: Rachel Allison - 18
Central Florida	67	High Boards: Wilson, Allison, Jones, Player - 7
		High Assists: Danielle Wilson - 4

Game 6: November 28, 2008- Virgin Islands: Paradise Jam

#6 Baylor	62	High Points: Jessica Morrow - 17
Villanova	57	High Boards: Melissa Jones - 7
		High Assists: Morrow & Player - 2

Game 7: November 29, 2008- Virgin Islands: Paradise Jam

#6 Baylor	58	High Points: Danielle Wilson - 18
Wisconsin	59	High Boards: Danielle Wilson - 10
		High Assists: Jessica Morrow - 2

Game 8: December 6, 2008- Home

#10 Baylor	75	High Points: Rachel Allison - 18
St. Johns	65	High Boards: Allison & Player - 8
		High Assists: Kelli Griffin - 7

Game 9: December 8, 2008-

#10 Baylor	83	High Points: Danielle Wilson - 19
Lamar	36	High Boards: Jones & Wilson - 10
		High Assists: Kelli Griffin - 7

Game 10: December 13, 2008-

#10 Baylor	63	High Points: Danielle Wilson - 19
Samford	51	High Boards: Wilson & Player - 10
		High Assists: Jhasmin Player - 6

Lady Bears Record 9-1

CL Spotlight

Clare Gasper

Learn about your Community Leaders!

Floor: 2K

Junior, Applied Mathematics Major, Spanish Minor

Home: Well, St. Peter's is a home here in Waco but so is Colleyville, TX

Activities: I do a lot at St. Peter's. I've helped decorate the church, done readings for Mass, folded bulletins, just anything that the church needs. I like to sing with my friends, Joe and Alex. It's really great because they write their own music.

Likes: I really like reading, singing, and watching movies. I also love my family, friends, and my cat Digit. They all keep me sane.

Dislikes: Coca-cola, people who interrupt others, and quiche.



Fun Facts: I play French horn, I am constantly at the front desk even when I'm not working, I am the youngest of five, and my full name has twenty-eight letters.

Purpose as a CL: My purpose is to be someone that my girls can trust. I want to be there for them whenever they need me, be it after a bad test or a bad break-up.

Why did you choose Brooks? First of all, I was super excited that Larry would be here. He was my Hall Director when I was a Freshman and that year I got to know that he is a very reliable, kind man. Just ask me sometime about my roommate trouble that year. Also, I love having

men and women. We have ladies who did amazing jobs decorating halls for Treat Night and then great gentlemen who were actors for it. Where else did that happen?

Dreams and Ambitions: Wow, I have so many! I plan on teaching but I really do not know whether I want to do high school or college level. I also would love to teach English in a Spanish-speaking country. I am thinking about getting a doctorate in mathematics. A dream I have had as long as I can remember is to own a horse. I never get tired of riding!

What is one of the best parts of the CL experience? Easy, it's the amazing people. I know people who speak Russian, Chinese, and Korean. I finally met another girl who loves black & white movies like I do. Oh, I can't forget all of my Jeopardy and Cash Cab friends!

“Clare is the best. She's hilarious, fun, and laid back. I doubt she's ever been upset or uptight in her life! I've really enjoyed being on staff with her.”

--- Nathan Rogg, 4th Floor CL







Brittany Hardy
Staff Writer

Eurydice

A Baylor Theatre Production

In stark contrast to viewing the previous production, Urinetown, the audience of Eurydice should have been prepared to walk away a bit somber.

The scenery was beautiful; purple, serene, dank, foggy. It included an amazing colorful mechanical elevator, central to the story. The opening scene features a couple, Eurydice and Orpheus, clearly very much in love. Within this first scene, the couple becomes engaged. Eurydice's father sends her a letter on her wedding day, from the Underworld. Also, on this fateful wedding day, Eurydice, always resembling a fairy in flowing dresses, tragically dies and is, too, sent to the underworld to be with her father. Because the dead are dipped into a river which causes them to forget, before they enter the Underworld, she does not initially remember her father or

her husband, but learns to remember both of them, eventually.

Amidst a sporadic water drip sound effect, the chorus of stones represent the stoic heartlessness of the Underworld.

Orpheus, in frantic search to be united with his bride, and after having sent her a beloved book and a couple letters, enters the Underworld, by way of his music. He is allowed to retrieve Eurydice, as long as he walks back without look at her. She follows him quietly, but finally, out of fear, calls his name, and he looks back at her, causing her to die a second death.

Justin Locklear was a stand-out. Not only did he compose his own music, but his performance was breath-taking and heartfelt.



December Birthdays!

12.1 Tierney Tanner	12.8 Robert Clevenger	12.16 Synt Pullum
12.3 Ani Steele	12.10 Mike Bailey	Kirstin Kinder
12.4 Jordan Ray	12.12 Joe Lilly	12.17 Rachel Peterson
S.P. Brooks	Bobby Shriver	12.23 Tiffany Stark
12.5 JazzMarie Matzdorff	12.13 Nathan Smith	12.25 Jesus
12.6 Sherene Becca	12.14 Emily Miller	12.29 Manju Mathew
Alie Wendel	12.15 Kelsy Klesen	Matt Casella
12.7 Victoria Perales	Melanie Miller	12.30 Kari Whatley
Kristen Upton		Tacy Stogsdill

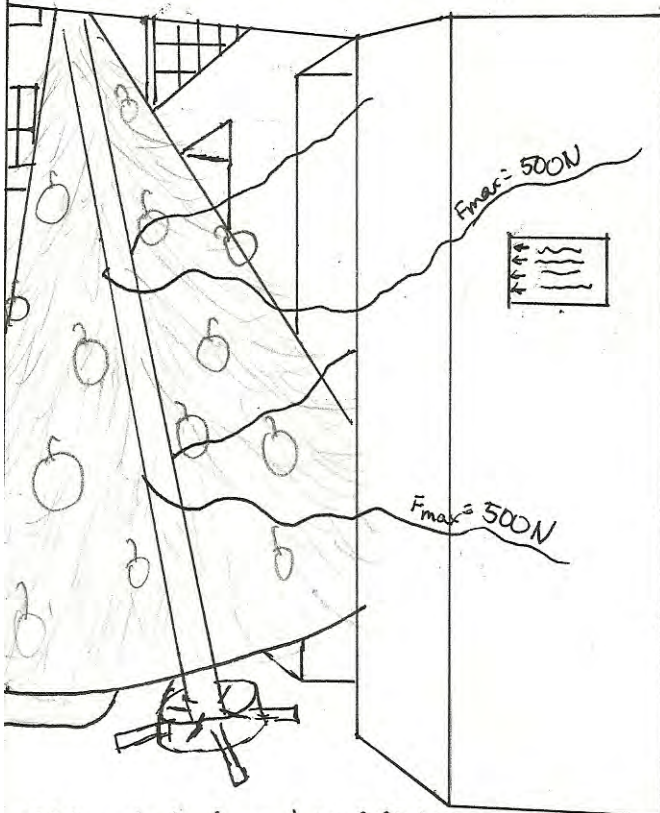
A lesson in Physics - the Brooks way...

I don't really know Physics.

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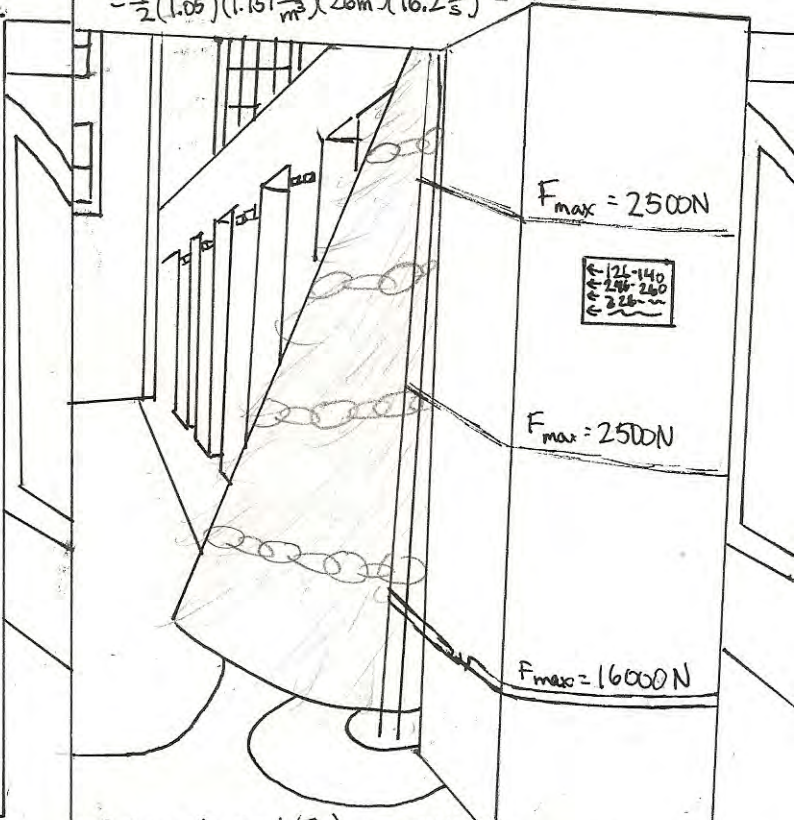
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If force (F_w) of wind is GREATER THAN max force of fishing wires...

$$4123 \text{N} > 1000 \text{N} = \text{FAIL} \times 3$$



If force of wind (F_w) is LESS THAN max force of fishing wires...

$$4123 \text{N} < 21000 \text{N} = \text{SUCCESS!!}$$

JorchJoons

Andrew Hwang
Cartoonist



FEAR NOT, O LAND. BE GLAD
AND REJOICE; FOR THE LORD
WILL DO GREAT THINGS.

Joel 2:21

