Bust robber moves up ladder of thievery

Emilie Moore
Investigative Reporter

Some shifty movements have taken place on campus. Some people may not have noticed, but the Torch Team definitely has. First of all, has anyone wondered where all the grass in Minglewood keeps going? Or what about the tape dispenser at the front desk?

These may seem like small worries to you, but after the Brooks bust’s fatal disappearance last fall, no one can be too careful. Indeed, if you keep your eyes open, many larger items are at risk. For example, we could have sworn there were more than the Immortal Four. And has anyone seen the oddly shaped sculpture that used to be by the art building? We fear there is more to this matter than the public may imagine.

After speaking to our SSEO officer Saltine Ritz, we are now certain that the perpetrator of the Brooks bust thievery has now moved on to bigger things. This conclusion is not to be questioned. Thermal energy sensors in Pat Neff detected a presence in the Carillon tower late Sunday night. Undercover security teams have now placed sensors around Judge Baylor, Burleson, and Ken Starr.

Although it is clear that attempts have been made on important items around campus, the motive behind the crimes remains unclear.

One frightened student has submitted a suggestion that perhaps a clandestine group is collecting metals and other materials to create a spaceship that threatens NASA. Others say that secret research is being conducted on the radioactivity of the materials inside these objects. The latter really worries us – we drove down 8th Street the other day and asked ourselves, “Wasn’t Collins right there?”

Soil tests are being conducted on the areas around the disappearing objects, even as you read this. In addition, search dogs are on the hunt to sniff out any trail they can find. Unfortunately, this is no incompetent thief we are facing. “It has been difficult to find any definitive trace of him or her,” laments Forensics professor Graham Thins.

All we can do is shake our heads at this point; if this sort of thing had happened in ancient Rome, surely they would have cracked the case by now. As it is, while some perhaps wouldn’t mind the thought of the creepy angel by Bennett Auditorium lying in a ditch somewhere, surely no one could stand the idea of the girl in front of Armstrong Browning gathering dust in someone’s warehouse collection.

We also have heard rumours that the rock wall is a potential target, and that it has now been rigged with cameras and zapping devices. No one is worried about the big bear, because he can take care of himself. Serious thoughts have been entertained as to the feasibility of loosening Lady and Joy, at least temporarily. At this point, though, the administration has settled for 24/7 helicopter surveillance of campus.

If only our collegiate ancestor President Brooks were here, he would put all to rights. Our hypothesis is that the only thing that can be done to stop this evil weasel’s cruel agenda is the recovery of the Brooks bust. Until then, we must endure the hardship that comes with the times. Be on the lookout for any suspicious activity, and alert the authorities straight away.* We are as eager as you to have things put to right.

*Free bugles are available at the front desk upon request.
Hmmmm…supposed to be writing a torch article didn’t remember until it was too late…don’t know what to write about…eating crunchy peanut butter right now…maybe I’ll write about that. It’s really good. You know what else is really good? Cold weather. I hate this heat. That makes me think of something else. Haha. Documentary night with Shannon Moore begin_of_the_skye_highlighting end_of_the_skye_highlighting and Katy McDowall. Fun times. This peanut butter is really good though. It’s the kind with honey in it. Honey roasted peanut butter. Honey roasted crunchy peanut butter. Not good on sandwiches. But good from a spoon. My computer seems to like it too.

~One hour later~

Hmm..my eyebrow seems to like this peanut butter too. It’s definitely April 9, 2010. The day the torch is supposed to come out. But I’m still writing this article. It’s currently 12:45p. Or at least that’s what my mac says at the top right hand corner of my screen. Just took a drink of Dr. Pepper. It was good. But not as good as the crunchy peanut butter. The honey roasted crunchy peanut butter..........................................

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Ring By Spring: It’s Not Too Late!

Top Ten Places to Get Proposed to on the Baylor Campus

Even the Baylor website describes this landmark as beautiful and “engaging.” Make proposing into a game by hiding the engagement ring somewhere on the Immortal Ten. My personal favorite is placing it on one of their hands. Just watch out and make sure that squirrels don’t snatch it before she does...they are wily critters.

8). Bridge Between Brooks and Main Campus: This option is both practical and poetic. The bridge’s front is decorated with a beautiful water fountain, and is also a spot that is familiar to those of us who call Brooks home, making your proposal less stressful. Word to the wise: should you be rejected keep in mind that you will end up standing on a bridge, alone, over shallow water. Wear floaties.

7). Pat Neff: Pat Neff is one of the oldest buildings on the Baylor campus, and its’ steps have been graced by many brilliant men and women. Why not make this building part of your history and propose? Watch out though...if Chamber catches you anywhere near their precious seal they might feed you to the bears.

6). The Bear Pit: Only do this after it has been cleaned by our wonderful Chamber of Commerce. The Baylor Bears may look like Baloo... but they aren’t. So, please try not to drop the ring into the pit, or else you may have to pull a George of the Jungle and go in after it.

5). Lover’s Leap: It is called falling in love for a reason. Just try to keep your balance while proposing or you could find yourself taking a nasty tumble. If you drop the ring, it will roll. Spending hours digging through leaves, muck, and old bottles is not fun. Just please don’t throw yourself off an ever-so convenient cliff.

4). During Chapel at Waco Hall: Everyone knows that chapel can get a little dull... so liven it up with some romance! Not only is Waco Hall a beautiful and historic setting, but you also have a captive audience! Plus, who doesn’t love getting class credit for watching a guy get down on one knee and professing his undying love for a Baylor beauty?

3). Floyd Casey Stadium (the Football Field): Who didn’t love watching Heath Ledger serenade his lady love with the high school marching band in tow in the movie “10 Things I Hate About You?” You too can be that awesome! The BUGWB would be more than happy to serenade you and the object of your desire...and afterwards you might even be able to play an epic game of guitar hero on the Jumbotron!

2). Robbins Chapel: Quiet. Private. Convenient. Plus, you will start your married life out on the right foot by having God in it from the beginning. Just don’t sit anywhere near the pew that is third from the back and to the right...its already taken (do NOT ask me how I know this).

1). Armstrong Browning Library: One of the most romantic spots on campus is the Armstrong Browning Library. It has a host of beautiful works of stained glass, and also houses many volumes of love stories and poems. One literary masterpiece showcased in this lovely building is The Sonnets of the Portuguese, written by Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Just set your honey down on the bench under the archway that contains Sonnet 43, which begins “How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.” Have fun making up your own reasons for why you love your beloved, and enjoy your happily ever after!

Everyone remembers hearing the story of their parents’ engagement, and how their father proposed to their mother.

I have made my own top ten list of the best places here at Baylor for any Lancelot to propose to his Guineveres. Using this list you can make engagement memories that even your great grandchildren will envy! Also, it wouldn’t hurt to pick up a little something sparkly to help commemorate the occasion...I hear Boozer’s has a great engagement ring selection!

10). The Student Life Center (a.k.a. the SLC): Nothing says romantic like pumping iron while watching the girl of your dreams dominate the elliptical machine. Why not memorialize the spot where the two of you have shared so much sweat, burned so many calories, and raised your endorphin levels? You could even ask management to play “your song” on the overhead speakers to set the mood! Helpful hint: stay away from the fourth stationary bicycle from the left…it squeaks.

9). The Immortal Ten:
Important News Briefs

Recently British comedian Alan Carr interviewed Justin Bieber. He was questioned about the fact that his voice would change soon. Justin replied that he didn’t mind that fact and was sure......

The iPad was released April 3rd. Most of the critics of the iPad have come around to saying that it will change the market.

People are claiming that the Kindle needs to catch up with color screens. On the day of the release some even dressed up as the iPad while others......

Toyota is now on the verge of being fined $16.4 million for their failure to release to the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration information about the sticking accelerators. According to federal law, there must be a report of a defect with...

Duke slips past Butler with a score of to take their 4th N.C.A.A. title. Blah, Blah, Blah. the rest isn’t about Baylor so yeah....I’m sure their was some laughing and crying and dancing......

In other news, Meg Whitman has given her campaign for GOP gubernatorial of California another $20 million from her own pocket. Now pushing her total personal contribution to $59 million......

Her campaign office has said she is willing to spend $150 of her own money in her race for governor. I’m sorry what............

In other news, the economy is doing “better” so the price of oil is going up. Am I the only one seeing a malicious cycle happening here...
Dear Jennifer,

before he gets home to surprise him. Guys only run away from you because they want you to catch them (it’s a Mating Game). Prepare yourself next time with running shoes and/or net.

Also, has he done a mating dance? That normally is the case for guys that play hard to get like this one.

Dear Jennifer,

I see this girl everywhere I go. I don’t know who she is but she’s really ugly. I see her in my room, my living room, my closet. She’s always standing outside the window of my classroom too! Who is she? And why is she following me?

--A Frightened Female

Dear Frightened Female,

Either that’s just some one out to kill you or that’s just your reflection. No biggie. Deal with it!

--Hesitant Hand Handler

Dear Jennifer,

I’m trying to learn how to kiss with my hand. It’s hard because my hand never kisses back? What do I do?

--WeirdGuysLikeMe

Dear WeirdGuysLikeMe,

Aw, join the club. It’s okay, it happens. Just walk away! JUST WALK AWAY!!!

Dear Jennifer,

I think this guy likes me but I don’t know. I stare at him all the time during class but he doesn’t seem to notice... Once, I followed him to class but I guess he was actually working out because he started to run away from me. How can I tell if he likes me back or not?

--The Curious Lover

Dear Curious Lover,

You sound amazing. I would love to be followed! You should further your actions so he notices you more. I think you should meet his family without him knowing and then sit in his room

*Editors Note: “Dear Jennifer” is written by Jennifer Tran, also known as J-Tran, and was founded by herself, Jennifer Tran. It is the most popular and widely syndicated column in the JCR -- known for its uncommon common sense and youthful perspective. Word Up.

Got a question for Dear Jennifer?

E-mail it to Jennifer.
doesnt.care@the.candle.
is.the.best.com
Where is He?

We have our plans set. We think we’re doing what’s right, what’s expected of us, or what we feel we want to do. However, when we think the opportunity for us to carry out our intentions arises, an entirely different scenario awaits us. As a result, we are shocked, distressed, and possibly even terrified. Our minds and our hearts have been set for this very moment, but something else confronts us, rendering our expectation futile. We are left in despair and frustration.

Yet in the midst of our inner chaos, something awakens within us. Something, or someone, has awakened this part of our being by bringing us back to a moment in the past when a Voice told us about great and wonderful things to come. In our eagerness (or surprise), we set our hearts on seeing the end while overlooking the means. We made plans, but saw them crash when our goal looked bleak. In this place of awakening remembrance, we remember that a promise is a promise; great and wonderful things are to come. We just didn’t know how it would come or what it would look like.

About two millennia ago, some people had this same experience. Armed with their preparations of spices and perfumes, a couple of women went to the tomb of a dearly loved friend who was brutally executed before their eyes. In an act of love and of custom—what they thought they should do—the women were about to anoint his corpse with the fragrant mix. However, their plans were uprooted when they entered his tomb and discovered that his body was not there. “They were perplexed about this,” one account says.

In the midst of their being perplexed, in the midst of their inner chaos, something awakened their memory. Two men in “dazzling clothing” stood near them and asked, “Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again” (Luke 24:5-7, emphasis added). Remember! Do you remember His words? Do you remember His promise! Do not let your expectations and ambitions fall short of His promise. If you did anticipate something and did not see it happen, remember His words. Hear His words in your heart. He wants to speak to you. Let not your eyes wander to other things; fix your gaze on Jesus. He has a plan. He will rise from death. He is faithful. 

Fri., April 9: 4 P.M. Brooks College Olympics: Will your hall be the victor?! Put on your Brookstravaganza shirts, rally your hall and come out to Minglewood Bowl for games of epic proportions!

Sat., April 10: 5 P.M. Senior Tree Planting Ceremony: Come out to Minglewood Bowl and watch as the seniors among us bury memories beneath their senior tree and as they hand leadership over to the junior class in a tradition dating back to S.P. Brooks’ presidency.

8 P.M. Battle of the Classes: Will it be the upperclassmen or the underclassmen?! Grab your friends and come out to Minglewood Bowl to participate in the best water balloon fight of your life!

Sun., April 11: 2 P.M. Pool & Ping Pong Tournament: Sign up by 6 p.m. Sat. to compete in the annual Brooks pool tournament and the first annual ping pong tournament in the JCR!

5 P.M. Brooks College Group Photo: Put on your Sunday best and join us out on Minglewood Bowl as we commemorate this year in Brooks College with a group photo!

6 P.M. Community Dinner: Following the group photo, join us in the Great Hall for a special Sunday dinner with good food, great company, even better conversation, and LIVE music.
1. What is your degree/major/minor? Finance and Entrepreneurship

2. What is your hometown? Wichita, Kansas (home of Dorothy and the first Pizza Hut)

3. What activities are you involved in? Antioch Community Church (Lifegroup, Dwelling Place, Sunday Morning), Brooks College, STARS Tutoring Program, Intramurals

4. What are your likes? Sunny days, good conversations, Starbucks’ Carmel Apple Spice, friends, reading a good book, playing my guitar, worship music, the 4th floor, Table Rock Lake, basketball, The Kansas Jayhawks, and Rosa’s.

5. What are your dislikes? Coffee, The Missouri Tigers, pride, spending money, apathy, and wasting time

6. What are some fun facts about you? - As an 8 year old I memorized all the U.S. Presidents in order and got on TV. No, I don’t remember it anymore. - I played four sports in high school (golf, basketball, cross country, and track).

7. What is your purpose as a CL? I want people to know four things. First, God loves them and created them for a purpose.

8. Why did you choose Brooks? Brooks is a place that values self-sacrifice, community, Jesus, and tradition. I knew it was the place for me.

9. What are your dreams and ambitions? Ultimately, I want to follow the Lord’s will for my life. After I graduate, I’m moving up to Kansas City to start a job with RSM McGladrey as a Strategy and Operations Consultant. After that I hope to get my MBA and possibly be involved in international missions in some way, shape, or form.

10. What is one of the best parts of the CL experience? The best part of being a CL is living with a group of people that are trying to figure out life together. No one has mastered life or figured out all the answers, but we are seeking the Truth together. That’s a powerful thing.
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### Torch News:

There is only ONE issue of The Torch left this year, but it’s not too late to contribute:

- **April 30:** Deadline for submissions - 4/23
- Send an e-mail to Brooks.Torch@gmail.com for more information before it’s too late!

**Graduating?** Want to say your goodbyes? Want to leave some advice for underclassmen? Send it to The Torch and it will appear in the **April 30** issue!

**Got pictures?** Send the pictures you have from throughout the year to Brooks.Torch@gmail.com and see them in the **April 30** issue!

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**Special thanks to the awesome Brooks residents that participated in Steppin’ Out!**

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**May Ball**

9 p.m. - Midnight
April 30, 2010

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