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Kinesiology seniors Jennifer Cartogena and Catrina Stephenson exit the Parliament Village complex at the Texas Woman's University Monday, Sept. 16, 2019. Photo by Amber Gaudet.

Residents raise concerns about flooding, lack of amenities in Parliament Village

By AMBER GAUDET

Just four weeks after the grand opening of Texas Woman's University's new housing complex for sophomores, some residents are making plans to move out.

Students said doubts about remaining in Parliament Village have mounted over their first month in the complex, chief among them flooding during the first week of classes. The first floor of all three residence halls in Parliament - North Hall, South Hall and Mary's Hall - flooded during a heavy rain Aug. 30. Water pooled in hallways and stairwells near exit doors, overflowing into a staff apartment being used by contractors and an occupied student dorm room in North Hall.

Water flowed into the students' room from the pump room next door, seeping under a shared wall. Rainwater also accumulated throughout the grounds, with surface flooding surrounding buildings.

"Water got in this pump room enough to cov-

er the floor, and it was there for two hours before we found out that what happened is there's an apartment right next to it, and it leaked under the wall into that apartment," Director of Construction Services Don Strickland said.

Surface flooding occurred partially as a result of unsettled mulch clogging drainage pipes and - in the case of outdoor rainwater accumulation - because of the location of the complex, administrators said.

"The buildings are somewhat in a bowl, there's no question," Jill Eckardt, director of University Housing and Dining said. "Some of it is just the plot of land."

Contractors are currently sealing the pump room with waterproofing materials to prevent leakage into adjacent rooms if the space floods again and installing outdoor grading and trench drains to direct rainwater away from exterior doors, Strickland said.

Robert Ramirez, associate vice president of Facilities Management & Construction, said an adjustment period is to be expected in a complex as new as Parliament.

"You know, in hindsight, if we were planning for this kind of flash flooding a little bit better, yeah we could definitely be a little critical, but overall these improvements are actually pretty minor," Ramirez said. "We always just try to respond the best we can, but between the site just being new, areas literally were so fresh they ran off and they clogged some drains - you can't really plan for that."

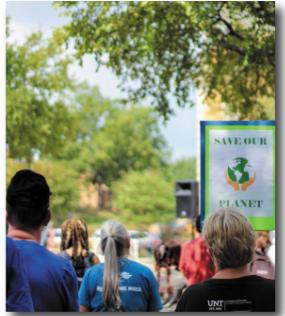
Though there have been reports of water entering only one room in the facility, which is home to 872 students, residents say flooding is not the only concern they have with Parliament Village.

Residents worry the community restrooms on each floor create uncomfortable situations for nonbinary residents and male guests.

"The bathrooms aren't gender-inclusive, and I think that's a very big deal," South Hall resident Jamee Jo McDaniel said. "I have a friend who is transgender. They identify as male but for housing reasons, iden-

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Remembering Dr. Katie McWain

Faculty and friends reflect on McWain's life, legacy

By KATELYN GARST

The Texas Woman's University community continues to mourn the loss of Dr. Katie McWain, assistant professor of English and director of First-Year Composition, after her death by suicide Sunday, Sept. 15.

McWain's students, as well as TWU faculty and staff, were notified by Chancellor Carine Feyten Sunday evening, followed by an email to the TWU community. In response, community members, students, colleagues, family and friends have taken to social media in various states of grief with a large variety of reactions to both her passing and the events that have followed. While some posts have been critical of the university, local press and community members, most help to paint a picture of the life McWain lived.

"For those who didn't know her or haven't seen her in some time, Katie was a radiant, witty, brilliant woman who was devoted to her family and friends as well as her blossoming career and having a d*mn good time," a Facebook post from Kate Hesley, a close friend of 25 years, said. "She could show you how to smoke a cigar, teach you how to dance like the young people do, or spout off some Shakespeare," Hesley wrote.

In an email to The Lasso, Hesley expanded on McWain's dynamic character and their relationship.

"There was incredible passion living inside of Katie, but there was also a battle being waged," Hesley said. "She believed in being transparent about her depression with many of us. There was an agreement we had in place for the last 15 years of our friendship that she broke recently, that if either of us every felt that we were losing the war, we would say to the other person we were 'in the Bell Jar,' referencing the Sylvia Plath novel."

McWain's death has been complicated for many, but has encouraged the discussion of mental health, reflection and community. In a private vigil held by the English, Speech and Foreign Languages department Sept. 17, members from Counseling and Psychological Services helped facilitate these conversations, Marcella Clinard, said. Clinard, a doctoral candidate in TWU's multicultural women's and gender studies program, attended the vigil Tuesday night.

"The counseling center encouraged us to take some self-inventories going forward and check up on each other," Clinard said. "I think that death by suicide is just really difficult to process, and so I think it's normal to feel guilt. Some of the counselors were saying that if you're dealing with your complicated feelings to have grace with yourself and have patience with yourself and know that suicide is a really complicated thing that, most of the time, there's not one single thing that causes it."



Dr. Katie McWain. Photo courtesy of Texas Woman's University.

To address these complicated forms of grief, Feyten asked that the previously planned AORE Campus Challenge walk the morning of Sept. 16 be used as a time to reflect on McWain's life.

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Residents say Parliament is heavy on cost, light on comforts

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tifies as female, and where are they supposed to shower or go to the bathroom?"

Though there are men's restrooms on the first floor of each building, some residents said their location requires them to accompany guests so they can gain reentry to residence floors, and nonbinary residents are left without viable options for showering.

Eckardt said she feels the design of the stalls helps mitigate privacy concerns.

"It's kind of like a Buc-ee's bathroom where there's a solid door in each of the stalls," Eckardt said. "I guess I saw that as- potentially- a way to address some of those concerns."

Residents said several minor issues have culminated in creating an uncomfortable living experience. There have been complaints of spiders in North Hall, no convenience store in the complex, no thermostats and a lack of floor space in rooms.

Administrators said they have no knowledge of work orders for pest issues and that pest control treats the complex every Thursday.

What residents see as a lack of amenities is simply a difference in design, Eckardt said. With Parliament featuring more community spaces per floor than other residence halls and an experiential "maker space" with 3D printers, Eckardt said Parliament has plenty to offer residents, and additional features like private bathrooms would have resulted in a substantial cost increase for the university and residents.

But with residents already paying up to \$800 more per semester in Parliament than in Guinn or Stark, and sophomores being required to live in the complex if they do not qualify to



Towels placed by students absorb rainwater during flooding in the North Hall of Parliament Village Aug. 30, 2019. Photo courtesy of Raven Gallenstein.

commute, students said they expect more.

"We have community bathrooms, and there's these issues, yet it still costs more than Guinn and Stark where we had no issues, we had no pests, and we had no flooding," North Hall resident Raven Gallenstein said. "I know me and my roommate are going to have to move out next semester. We're going to break our contract because it's going to be a lot cheaper for us to live off campus in an apartment, now that we're both juniors and eligible to move off campus after this [semester]."

Despite their concerns, residents said there are aspects of living in Parliament they enjoy.

"They do have a really nice kitchen, it's way more open and it's maybe twice to like three times the size of the one in Guinn, which is

fantastic," North Hall resident Cameryn Urbanosky said. "The whole front area is really nice, and then they have a lot of nice amenities and stuff, like, they have hammocks for us, and ping pong tables. Everything looked good, I think they just weren't quite ready for us."

Eckardt said dissatisfaction among some residents could be heightened by preconceptions about moving into a newly built space.

"When you move into a new building, you have high expectations, rightfully so," Eckardt said. "It's a brand-new building, it should be shiny and new, and everything should work. But until somebody's actually

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Colleagues remember McWain as kind, compassionate

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"It's important anytime that people get together to celebrate things, but it's also important to get together as a community to grieve and be together and acknowledge what Katie McWain has contributed to the university and to every one of you, individually," Feyten said at a speech in lieu of the previously planned AORE Campus Challenge kick-off.

Additional resources were provided for students, faculty and staff as CAPS offered three support group sessions and the Little Chapel in the Woods was opened to remember and reflect on McWain's life Monday, Sept. 16. A reflection table was also set up in the student union Sept. 16 and 17 for the TWU community to share their thoughts on the Denton campus. Dr. Genevieve West, chair of the English, Speech and Foreign Languages department, spoke for the faculty, staff and administrators who have struggled with handling this situation.

"It's hard at my level, it's hard at the dean's level, it's hard at the provost and chancellor's level- there's no instruction book for this," West said. "None of us have ever done this before, and we hope never to do it again. We're just trying to kind of figure it out and do the very best we can, not only for our students, but our faculty and our staff and Katie's students."

The voices of those who knew McWain have outweighed the discussions concerning the university's decisions not to inform students of McWain's manner of death or close campus the Monday following. Instead of these conversations, her colleagues and friends said they will remember her, namely, for her compassion and focus on the little things.

"What was most striking [about Katie] wasn't that she was so intelligent and so clearly capable of doing high-level research and running a program, but what struck me was how kind she was," McWain's friend and colleague Michael Cerliano said. "She was very warm and personable with us, but the thing that really won me over was

when she took over my class for the day and she took time to learn my students' names. She was only going to see this kids this once, right, because they were 1023 students and, so, they were moving on afterward- she wouldn't be back until the fall, anyway, but she learned their names- used their names- made them feel special and made them realize that they mattered, and I thought that was pretty in amazing in such a short time."

Many of McWain's colleagues expressed their appreciation for her ability to listen and care.

"She literally would just stop and look and make eye contact and be present with me like nobody else was in the room, and I felt like that made a huge difference for me, because at least I knew that somebody was listening and cared, you know, not that more didn't, but I felt that from her," Carla Wilson, a doctoral candidate in the multicultural women's and gender studies program, said. "You don't always feel that from [others]- they're busy- who's got time to stop and do that? But she made the time."

McWain's colleagues also said that she not only listened, but remembered.

"People on campus who know me also know that I talk, well, quite a lot- so many words," Dr. Brian Fehler, an associate professor of rhetoric at TWU, said. "I don't even remember, myself, much of what I am saying, most of the time, such is the flow of words- but Katie remembered. So many, many times, she would comment to me, or send me an email, about something I said in passing- or what I thought was in passing- but Katie McWain? She remembered, really remembered, what people said, held on to their words and truly valued them."

Things that seem small to others were big to Katie, her colleagues said, and among those things were sticky notes and words.

"I think that she knew enough how much careless words might hurt, because she was really care-

ful with her own to a degree that most people are not," Dr. Gray Scott, associate professor of English, said. "She was extremely kind to colleagues and students and everybody I saw her work with."

Known for her carefully composed words and tokens of encouragement, McWain is also remembered by her peers as an academic with a plan and purpose.

"She was instrumental in, kind of, making graduate students feel at ease," Mike Fraley, Katie's program assistant, said. "Ironically, she professed self-care a lot, and was really on the graduate students' side. She had a lot of plans, and we were going to change a lot of things, and we'd already began the process of changing a lot of things, so hopefully her legacy will, kind of, continue."

The roles that she held in numerous capacities at TWU were her passion, West said, and the contributions she has made will remain.

"She took her responsibility of running the program [First-Year Composition] very seriously," West said. "It was very, very important to her that she do it well, and she has put us on a trajectory- on a path- that I think will make the program better and, I think, will have an impact on our first-year composition students for years to come."

As the community mourns McWain's loss, they look for ways to remember her life and work during her time at TWU.

"Katie was a passionate advocate for graduate students and contingent laborers," a Facebook post from TWU English, Speech, and Foreign Languages page said. "In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to the TWU Foundation (<https://pof.twu.edu/mcwain>) and will be used to support these communities. We will never forget you, Katie."

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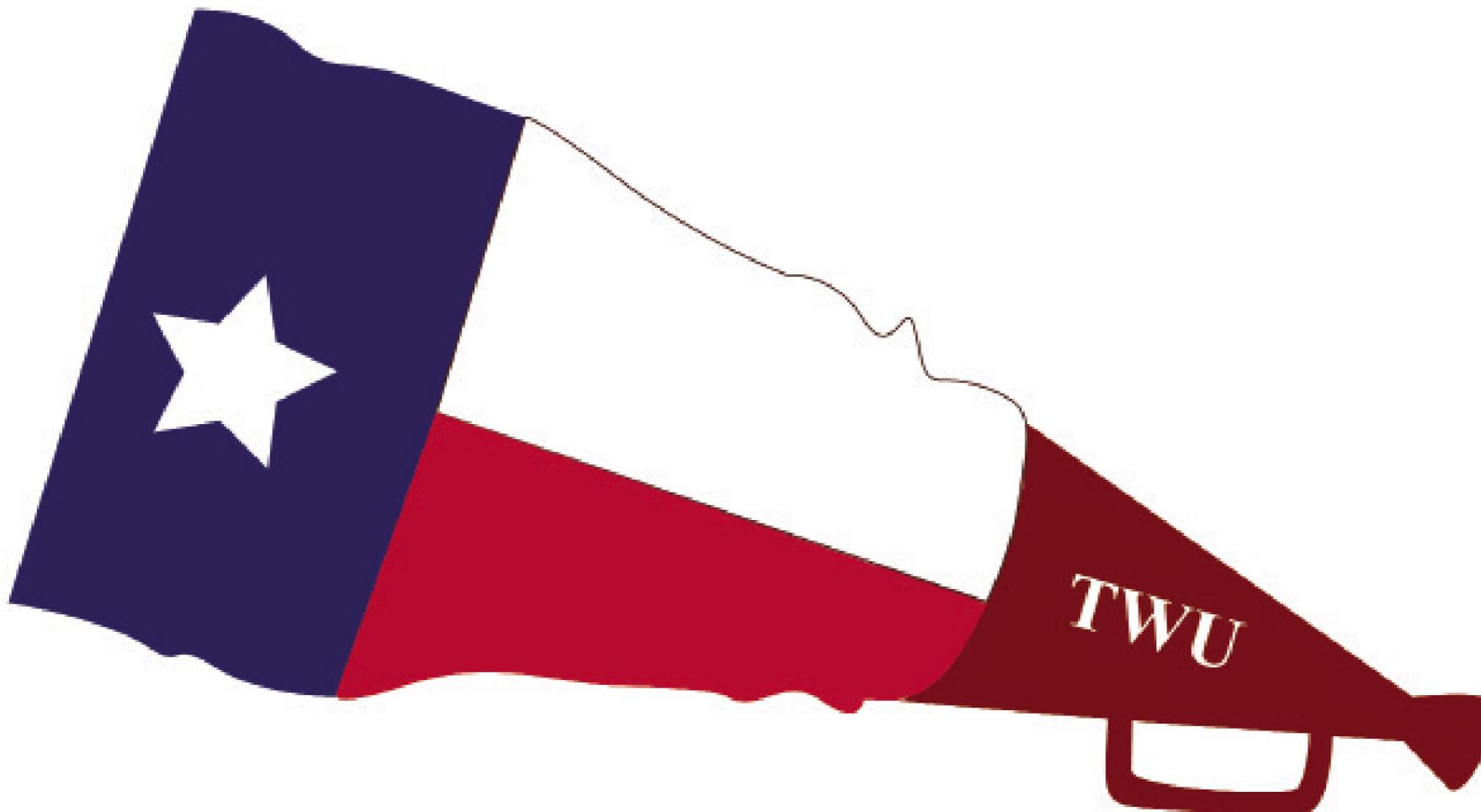
NATIONAL BRIEFS



Swedish teen activist Greta Thunberg rebuked world leaders during a speech at the U.N. Climate Action Summit. Thunberg is among 16 children who filed a complaint against Germany, France, Brazil, Argentina and Turkey. The children said the countries violated their human rights by not taking adequate action against climate change.

House Democrats are increasing calls for Speaker Nancy Pelosi to impeach U.S. President Donald Trump amid reports that he pressured Ukraine to investigate a political rival. Democrats said Pelosi should take stronger action against Trump, a suggestion Pelosi dismissed earlier this year. Pelosi requested the director of national intelligence to turn over the whistleblower complaint describing Trump's dealings with Ukraine Sunday, threatening escalation of House action but stopping short of impeachment.

A Fort Riley, Kansas, soldier has been arrested after allegedly targeting Beto O'Rourke, sharing instructions on building a bomb and suggesting a possible bombing of a major U.S. news network. Jarrett William Smith, 24, has been charged with one count of distributing information related to explosives and weapons of mass destruction, according to a Justice Department news release.



Graphic by Anissa Clark.

New law expands access to free speech on Texas campuses

By KATELYN GARST

The free speech policy at Texas Woman's University is undergoing a year-long renovation in response to the new bill passed by the governor at the beginning of the month.

Senate Bill 18 took effect Sept. 1, giving Texas universities until Aug. 2020 to address the bill's legislative changes in their current free speech policy. Chief among these changes is the requirement that institutions of higher education allow all common outdoor areas of campus be used as traditional public forums, resulting in the removal of all TWU "Free Speech Area" signage and white tape being put over "Free Speech" on the bulletin board outside the student union.

"First, we're going to try to see what the other institutions in Texas are doing," Dr. Stephanie Krauth, associate vice president of Student Affairs, said. "There's some other institutions across the country who really

had some challenges with this, so the ones who had challenges have learned the lessons. You always want to learn from the people who have learned the lessons."

Krauth said bills like S.B. 18 have been passed in other states, but Texas is just now getting to it, and there are mixed feelings on whether the bill will make an impact at TWU.

"As far as actual changes in the way that TWU students can exercise their free speech, I'm a little bit skeptical of people saying that this is going to have a huge impact, truthfully," Dr. Parker Hevron, Associate Professor of Political Science at TWU, said. "It does, sort of, get rid of this idea of free speech zones and makes, kind of, everywhere on campus a free speech zone. Practically, I think that [getting rid of free speech zones] may control that they [students] can exercise their freedom of speech with an audience. That may make it a little difficult for them to do that just because they know that onlookers and people who are affiliated with the university – they won't know that there's one place to go to hear people speaking, so as a result, it may mean that there's less vigorous use of that particular areas as a free speech area if everywhere is considered a free speech area."

An anonymous source who had been posting signs advocating for free speech at TWU around the Denton campus and organizations like FIRE, an advocate for campus civil liberties, believe that the bill is raising important issues that TWU has not been in compliance with. An article posted on FIRE's website specifically targets TWU for "quarantining students' expressive activities," stating that S.B. 18 is "making important strides in ensuring First Amendment rights," as Texas becomes the 17th state to enact campus free speech legislation.

"I think that the bigger thing the bill is trying to do is to keep universities from responding to criticism about inviting conservative speakers to campus, and I think that was the idea," Hevron said. "I think, UT Austin, in particular, was right in the crosshairs of lawmakers when they were writing this bill. To be honest, I don't know if it's going to have much of an effect on TWU, at all."

Hevron said the political motivations behind the bill are reflective of recent events on Texas college campuses where Republican politicians and speakers have been interrupted and or turned away due to protests from the college communities, such as Texas Southern University in Houston and Texas A&M University. Because TWU does not frequently host or have issues with politically motivated speakers, Hevron said he doesn't believe that TWU has reason for concern.

"I don't think, necessarily that we have a lot to worry about," Hevron said. "I am pretty firmly a believer that universities are not in the business of silencing speech – whether it's conservative or liberal – and that conservative politician fears that conservative voices are being muffled on campus – I think that those fears are incredibly overblown."



The bulletin board outside the Brackenridge Student Union has been the location of several anonymous flyers criticizing the university's free speech policy. The board has been modified to cover the words "free speech" to comply with the new law. Photo by Sarah Pham.

lencing speech – whether it's conservative or liberal – and that conservative politician fears that conservative voices are being muffled on campus – I think that those fears are incredibly overblown."

Misty Wade, junior special education major, feels similar to Hevron in that this new bill will not have much of an effect at TWU.

"I know in the 90s at UT Arlington, there was a little square where you could come and say whatever you wanted, and it was almost kind of a spectacle – it wasn't a big deal though," Wade said. "In classes and stuff, it has really more affected me at my community college. Things got crazy – mostly people complaining about their free speech being infringed upon – but then they'd say wildly outrageous ideas, but we're all adults, and I think it's ok [for free speech to be expressed in any common outdoor area]."

Free expressions of ideas, outrageous or not, can lead to hostile situations even when protests are initially respectful. Potential security risks are what Krauth said she and others will have to consider while preparing TWU's new free speech policy.

"One thing I know that some of our faculty are worried about is like last year at the drag show, so now we can't contain them [protestors] in the free speech zone," Krauth said in reference to protesters who used a speaker to protest against homosexuality in the free speech area during last year's drag show. "They [protestors] will be able to go outside wherever it's being held. So, if it's held in Hubbard for example, they can be in this area protesting and that's something just as an institution we're just going to have to address as we get going."

Krauth said she will be heading up the process of updating TWU's free speech policy, which will be completed by Aug. 2020.

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Editor-curated campus

Market Bingo – Denton Campus 9/26

Thursday, Sept. 26 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.
TWU students can enjoy a fun night of bingo for free in Student Union room 207. Bingo players have the chance to win groceries and household necessities.

Taste of Texas – Denton Campus 9/27

Friday, Sept. 27 from 8:30-10:30 p.m.
Dance under the stars and enjoy some southern desserts, sweet tea and horchata.
Admission is free for TWU students, faculty, staff and Family Weekend participants.

Hammock City (and Trail Mix) – Denton Campus 9/30

Monday, Sept. 30 from 2-7 p.m.
Take a breather in one of the Fit and Rec's hammocks in The Backyard as a part of the AORE Campus Challenge. Trail mix and trail mix recipes will also be shared from 3-5 p.m.



Q: What are you looking forward to most about fall?



Lindsay Busby Freshman Nursing

"Turtlenecks. That's it."



Kiarah Gordon Junior Dental Hygiene

"I'm looking forward to the family festivities like Thanksgiving. Whenever I think of fall, I think of getting together with my family. Also, just cold weather in general."



Nikeya Webb Freshman Biology

"What I'm most looking forward to, number one, is layering clothes. I really like putting jackets on jackets, and flannels- I love that. I really like Bath and Body Works' fall scents- it's heaven. And you can't forget Halloween."



Dora Akingbade Freshman Health Studies

"I'm mostly excited to watch the leaves fall and to look at the colors change."



Yami Toperzer Sophomore Kinesiology

"The colder weather for sure, and Halloween 100 percent."



Emily Palmer Junior Biology

"Football — it's like my favorite thing. That and pumpkin spice Frappuccinos."

HOT OFF THE PRESS:

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Students split on vape danger

By PLAMEDIE IFASSO

With hundreds of vape-related illnesses confirmed by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention this month, Texas Woman's University students are split on how they are taking the recent updates with the vape-related disease.

Senior medical laboratory technology major Taylor Kennedy started vaping this past summer, but she stopped after she noticed that it was negatively affecting her body.

"I am very aware of my body, and I started to do research when I noticed my asthma was being more and more prevalent," Kennedy said. "I stopped [vaping] after noticing that my asthma was getting worse, and I started to have to use my inhaler more frequently. I am glad I did with the rising rates of deaths I have been seeing."

The CDC does not know the specific cause for the lung illnesses, but the organization is working with the Food and Drug Administration and state health departments to record information about recent electronic cigarette products used by patients and test the chemicals in vaping items. As of Sept. 19, there are 530 confirmed cases of lung injury across 38 states and one United States territory. Many of the affected individuals have reported using e-cigarettes containing tetrahydrocannabinol, known as THC, the chemical ingredient that responsible for creating a high sensation. Other patients have used products with THC and nicotine.

Currently, the CDC believes the cause of the illness is chemical exposure. Patients have reported experiencing respiratory symptoms including shortness of breath, chest pain and coughing. Other

reported symptoms include vomiting, fatigue, fever and abdominal pain.

Despite the fact there is not a lot of knowledge on what is causing the vape-related illness, Dr. Constance Menard, the director of Student Health Services, expects that the investigation will affect the future of vape products.

"I anticipate vape products are going to change in the future, and I don't think anyone can predict exactly how right now, based on current knowledge," Menard said. "Flavorings are likely to change, and the legal age to buy tobacco products will change in many states, as it recently did in Texas with legal age increased from 18 to 21- except for members of the state or US military where it remains 18- are some examples."

Senior psychology major Amanda Wicker has the opposite view. Wicker did hear about the vape-related illness, but said she tries to ignore it. Wicker started vaping three years ago after a friend suggested that it might help her feel less stressed.

"I basically use it when I'm really stressed," Wicker said. "When stuff with my family, school or work start piling up, that is when I start using it more. I have friends who do vape, so when I'm around them, I use it more. It's more social."

Menard recommends TWU students follow the CDC recommendations, which include refraining from using vape products.

"All [of the CDC's recommendations] are important, but I'd like to highlight not buying products off the street or modifying products for uses or substances not intended by the manufacturer," Menard said.

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TWU Constitution Day highlights women leaders

By ALYSSA WALKER

Texas Woman's University celebrated Constitution Day last week at the Blagg-Huey Library by commemorating 100 years of women's suffrage. The library held events all day last Tuesday to celebrate women and their part in our nation's history. There were voter registration tables available, a showing of HBO's movie about women's suffrage, "Iron Jawed Angels," and an Alice Paul impersonator. This event also held a panel featuring the Democratic and Republican Chairs for Denton County, Angie Cadena and Jayne Howell. Dr. Jonathon Olsen, chair of the Department of Political Science, said the organizers wanted the focus of the event to be about reflecting on the challenges that happened during the suffrage movement. "Women's concerns have not been front and center," Olsen said. "One-hundred years of women in politics, it's not that long." The 19th amendment was passed by Congress in 1919 and was ratified on Aug. 18, 1920. It was an almost century-long fight, some of which was fought on our own campus. According to the TWU website, some buildings at the university are named in suffragettes' honor, including Stoddard Hall, after Helen Stoddard, and the Mary Eleanor Brackenridge Student Union. These women, along with Eliza "Birdie" Johnson, were part of the Texas Woman's Suffrage Association and were prominent voices in the fight for women's rights on our campus. Each of these suffragettes were regents for the university back when it was named the College for Industrial Arts. "All the women in the suffrage movement were so courageous," Nancy Bocksor, the director of the center for Women in Politics & Public Policy said. "Many people take that right [to vote] for granted." Bocksor said this is one of the reasons the organizers decided to have the Alice Paul reenactor come to their event. "It puts a real face on the women's suffrage movement," Bocksor said. "I didn't grow up learning the history of these women. History classes don't consider what these women did." Alice Paul is a prominent historical figure in the fight for women's equality. She fought for women's rights at a national and international level, helping to get sex equality in the United Nations charter and the 19th amendment passed. Paul also authored the Equal Rights Amendment which states no rights can be withheld from any citizen on the basis of sex, but it did not get passed. Paul was portrayed by Taylor Williams, an actress from the American Historical Theater and a litigation lawyer in Pennsylvania. Willams gave the audience a brief but detailed history of Paul's efforts during the suffrage movement and a timeline of when significant moments in the movement were accomplished. "My favorite part is when she talked about the hardships [Alice Paul] went through," Candy Mesta, freshman nursing student, said. "It's good to know what happened so that it never happens again and so we know that the fight wasn't something that was easily done." Bocksor and Olsen said they hope that events like the Constitution Day celebration will encourage university students to get involved in politics.



Taylor Williams, a lawyer, portrays Alice Paul during a Constitution Day re-enactment at The Blagg-Huey Library in Denton, Texas on Tuesday, September 17, 2019. Photo by Sarah Pham.

In the previous presidential election, Texas ranked 47th in voter turnout and 44th in voter registration, making the state one of the worst in the nation for citizen engagement, according to a study done by the University of Texas at Austin. Bocksor said that it's important that university students are aware of this, and that it's the people who didn't vote that determined the outcome of that election. "There are people around the world who die and are beaten for that right to vote," Bocksor said. "Politics is not a spectator sport. If you want to change politics, you have to get involved."

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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

OCTOBER

1
Cultural TALKS:
First Generation Panel
4-5:30 PM
ACT 301

2
Hispanic Heritage Month
Programming
Loteria Night
6-7:30 PM

7-10
FAFSA Kick-off
MGC Event

15
Hispanic Heritage Month
Program
Conjunto Blues

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STUDY BREAK

THEME: FIGURE OF SPEECH

ACROSS

1. Without, ‡ Paris
5. *Blind as a _____, simile
8. *Attract someone's attention onomatopoeically
12. Scheme
13. Frosh, next year
14. *Grim Reaper
15. Having the know-how
16. Medicinal houseplant
17. Forearm bones
18. *Napoleon of "Animal Farm"
20. Horsefly
21. Emotional turmoil
22. *Damn, homophone
23. Reproductive cell
26. *Opposite of figurative
30. Bonanza find
31. Er on Periodic table
34. Dalai _____
35. Chopper blade
37. The little one "stops to tie his shoe"
38. Like three nursery rhyme mice
39. American stock exchange in NYC
40. Temper, as metal
42. Baron Munchhausen's statement

43. "_____ fly away home..."
45. Time of the year
47. Police shot
48. Headquartered
50. Sailor's hail
52. *Broken heart" or "heart of stone"
55. Dig, so to speak
56. Tangelo
57. Kind of Steven?
59. September's reason to celebrate
60. Outer layer of Earth's crust
61. First female Attorney General
62. Caddie's offering
63. Lt.'s subordinate
64. Means justifiers

DOWN

1. Masseur's office
2. "Some Kind of Beautiful" star
3. Steelers's Chuck
4. Rosetta Stone and such
5. Western neck ornaments
6. To the left of helm
7. People in general
8. Helter-skelter
9. Not loony
10. Doe's mate
11. CafÈ alternative
13. One in low-fitting jeans

14. Old European coin
19. "C'mon in!"
22. Slow-witted
23. Small Asian ungulate
24. Enophile's sensory concern
25. Dished out
26. *Stringed homophone of loot
27. Pair in a railroad track
28. Prenatal test, for short
29. Full of cargo
32. *Collision, onomatopoeically speaking
33. Wayside stop
36. *Sweet sorrow" or "painful pride"
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Cheap eats to fulfill your late night cravings

By GAKENIA NJENGA

Hungry but don't have much to spend? No worries! There are plenty of spots on and around campus that offer meals at low prices, allowing you to stretch your dollars wisely. Whether it's after class or after hours, you're sure to find something to please your appetite.

Off-Campus

Taqueria Monterrey

111 E University Dr, Ste 102

Taqueria Monterrey is without a doubt the best place to eat off-campus, and it is just a short walking distance away from Texas Woman's University. Taqueria Monterrey serves authentic Mexican cuisine including enchiladas, gorditas, sopes, tortas — you name it. And never forget to finish off the feast with one of their fresh homemade churros!

McDonald's

306 W. University Dr

Mickey D's is every college student's first resort that does not involve noodles. With a 24-hour drive-thru, McDonald's satisfies all the late-night cravings at any hour and at low costs. That five-dollar 10-piece nugget meal always tastes the best at 3 in the morning.

KFC

315 W. University Dr

The \$5 Fill Up. Enough said.

On-Campus

Starbucks

The most essential restaurant on campus and also the on-campus the restaurant that stays open the longest. Located on the first floor of the library, Starbucks serves coffee, tea and meal-time bites all day from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays at rather budget friendly prices. Food and a drink will only take roughly



Graphic by Angelica Monsour

7 dollars from the grad school fund.

Tea Co.

Just looking for something to quench your thirst? Try the Garden Room's Tea Co. Tea Co. specializes in boba drinks, but if that's not your thing, beverages can be easily made without any toppings. Tea Co. serves tea, slushes, coffee and occasionally small bites, all amounting to reasonable and wallet-friendly prices.

Baptist Student Ministry

Maybe not the first place that comes to mind when hunger strikes, but definitely a penny saver. TWU's Baptist Student Ministry, located to the left of the Oakland Complex, serves free lunch every Wednesday from 12-1 p.m. No cost equals no guilt, and food always tastes better when it is free.

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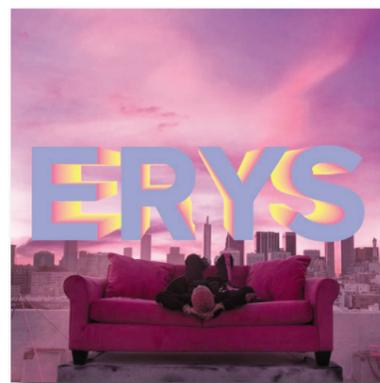


Q: What's your favorite music album and why?



Amber Gaudet Editor-in-Chief

My favorite album is Modest Mouse's "Good News for People Who Love Bad News." I got to hear them play songs from it live a couple of summers ago when they toured with Brand New and it was an amazing experience. I'm a huge fan of MM in general - I have a tattoo that was inspired by another of their album covers, if that's any indication.



Plamedie Ifasso Copy Editor

My current favorite album is "Erys" by Jaden Smith. I love the way he connects this work to his previous album "Syre," another great musical collection. I also like how each song works so well together. Sometimes when you're listening to an album, it's hard to see the connection between the songs, but Smith does a great job telling a story with every song.



Katelyn Garst Managing Editor

It is darn near impossible for me to really choose my favorite album. Just to show the sheer volume of music I love, the biggest playlist I have at the moment is 202 hours and 6 minutes long (and growing). If I have to choose, though, one playlist I love no matter what my mood is, it would be the "Birthplace" album from Novo Amor.



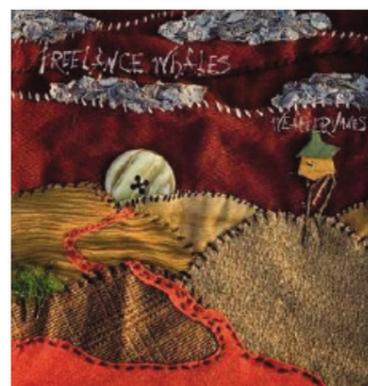
Alyssa Walker Engagement Editor

My favorite album is "A Brief Inquiry into Online Relationships" by The 1975. I love it because it's by my favorite band, and there's no two songs that sound the same. There are songs about love, addiction, friendship and life. The album encompasses the versatility of the band and exhibits the range of the lead singer, who might also be my boyfriend even though he doesn't know



Sarah Pham Photographer

My favorite album is "The Pains of Growing" by Alessia Cara. She has always been my favorite artist, and her voice is so beautiful and unique. The album is beautifully orchestrated to tell a story about the trials and tribulations with her coming of age, and the storyline is something I relate to a lot.



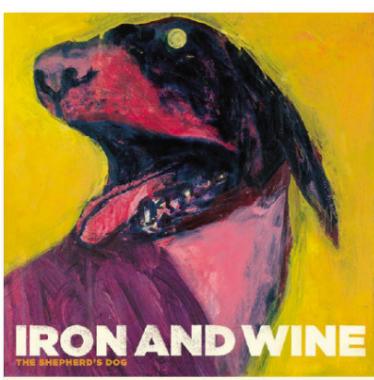
Anissa Clark Page Editor

My favorite album is "Weathervanes" by Freelance Whales. It's a beautiful album that uses a lot of instruments that aren't typically in music of that style (like the melodica) and it's very pleasant to listen to. The lyrics of the tracks (including my favorite song of all time, "Generator First Floor") are incredibly moving. I love this album!



Garrett Gantt Reporter

My favorite album at the moment is Lemon Demon's "Spirit Phone." As per usual for Lemon Demon, the music is unique and fun in a way you don't get from most other artists. Not to mention, it has the song "Touch-Tone Telephone," one of my favorite songs, and 100% objectively, one of the best songs of all time. The album never fails to deliver a good time.



Angelica Monsour Graphic Designer

My favorite album of all time would be "The Shepherd's Dog" by Iron and Wine. The album is absolutely beautiful with each song different and melodic. The indie instrumentals and Sam Bean's musical genius makes it an easy listen. My favorite song from the album is "Resurrection Fern" - it's reminiscent of my hometown. It's definitely an album I come back to time and time again.



Gakenia Njenga Reporter

The "American Teen" album came out during my junior year of high school and because I listened to it so much at the time, it kind of became like the anthem of my 11th grade. Every time I go back and listen to the songs, they remind me of the good times I had and all the new friends I made that year. It's really meaningful and nostalgic for me.

ATHLETICS | CAMPUS CHALLENGE



Participants walk back to the Fitness and Recreation Center during the AORE Campus Challenge at the Texas Woman's University Monday, Sept. 16, 2019. Photo by Amber Gaudet.

Annual campus challenge gets Pioneers outdoors

By PLAMEDIE IFASSO

Texas Woman's University students, staff and faculty members will compete against 98 universities across the United States over the next several weeks for a chance to be crowned National Outdoor Champion.

The Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education Campus Challenge is a national competition where schools go head to head to see who can earn the most points and get the most people outdoors and active between Sept. 16 and Oct. 13. The winning university will be crowned the National Outdoor Champion. Points are earned by doing various outdoor activities like running, walking, hammocking, skateboarding and more.

This is not TWU's first time competing in the campus challenge.

TWU started participating in the competition in 2015 back when it was known as Outdoor Nation. The university came in third place twice and second in 2017, the last year Outdoor Nation was hosted.

"One of the students at the time found this compe-

tion just online," Karrie Fletcher, associate director of the Fitness and Recreation Center, said. "At the time we applied for it, it started out, I think, with 50 universities."

In the first year competing in the competition, 1,800 people joined the TWU team and logged in around 4,650 hours of activities. Faculty, staff, students and alumni from all three campuses, as well as community members, can join the TWU team.

Each activity must take place for at least 30 minutes, and participants must upload a maximum of five photos per day. Throughout the challenge, there will also be many events on campus for students to go to and earn points. Events include a nature hike on Sept. 28, Wellchella on Oct. 3, Puppy Yoga on Oct. 9 and more.

"Multiple Student Life departments worked together to create the calendar of events, and we thank Fitness and Recreation in getting us all coordinated," Michelle Kelly-Reeves, the director of the Health and Wellbeing initiative, said. "It was important that the calendar reflect TWU's diversity. Some activities are physically active — others are quite chill.

"Some focus on different components of wellbeing, like food insecurity or cleaning up litter. Still,

others hope to be a source of encouragement while also providing opportunities to try something new. In the end, we hope there is something for everyone."

As of Sept. 21, TWU is in first place in five leaderboard categories including Most Outdoorsy D1 School, Health/Wellness Champ, Outdoors Anywhere Champ and Developing Skills/Personal Growth Champ. TWU is also the Southwest Champ.

Many TWU students are working hard to make sure TWU stays on the leaderboard.

Sophomore psychology major Destiny Thomas is excited to compete in the competition and encourages others to join.

"This is something that I hope TWU continues to do in the future," Thomas said. "I think it's a great idea because it not only gets students out and active but encourages them to want to compete against other universities."

The next school sponsored AORE challenge event is the scavenger hunt which is happening Thursday, Sept. 26 all over the Denton campus at noon.

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CAMPUS CHALLENGE EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 16TH - OCTOBER 13TH

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sept 25	7 pm	Paddling Clinic	PH indoor pool
Sept 26	12 pm	Scavenger Hunt	All Campus
Sept 27	4 pm - 6 pm	Bouldering Clinic	Climbing Wall
	4 pm - 6 pm	Slackline Clinic	Tailgate/ Portable
	8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Taste of Texas	Tailgate/Portable
Sept 28	9 am	Nature Hike	Butterfly Garden
Sept 30	12 pm	Camp Clinic	The Backyard
	2 pm - 7 pm	Hammock City	The Backyard
Oct 01	All Day	Photo Fail	Everywhere
Oct 02	2 pm - 7 pm	Hammock City	The Backyard
Oct 03	4 pm - 7 pm	Wellchella	The Backyard
	5 pm - 6 pm	Adopt A Spot	TBD
Oct 04	11 Am - 1 Pm	F/S bike to lunch	Start at Fit&Rec
	5 pm - 7 pm	LLC Festival	Guinn & Stark Lawn
Oct 05	9 am - 12pm	Stream Clean	TBD
Oct 05 - 06	8 pm -10 am	Camping in the Courtyard	Parliament Courtyard
Oct 07	6 pm	Bike Ride	Downtown Denton
Oct 08	11 am - 1 pm	Campfire Cooking Clinic	Front of Fit and Rec
	11:30 am - 1 pm	Silent Witness	TBD
Oct 09	4 pm - 6 pm	Puppy Yoga	South of Fit & Rec
	5:30 pm - 7 pm	Pink Promises Walk - SHS	TWU Gardens
Oct 11	12 pm	SECC Fun Run/Walk	Fit & Rec
Oct 12	8 am - 12 pm	Helping Hands	Shiloh Fields

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Cameron	W 3 - 1

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Game	Score
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A crowd of protesters rally together during the Denton Climate Strike at The University of North Texas Willis library on Friday, September 20, 2019. Photo by Sarah Pham.

Locals, students demand action in Global Climate Strike

By GARRETT GANTT and ALYSSA WALKER

As people around the world gathered to protest for climate change reform last Friday, students and community members came together for Denton's own climate change strike at the University of North Texas.

The assembly was composed of over 100 people of all different ages, some students from UNT, some students from Texas Woman's University and some unaffiliated with either university who had heard about the strike on social media and decided to show up in solidarity. The organization of the event was spearheaded by UNT's Student Government Association and took place at the university's Library Mall.

Millions across the globe have joined the climate strike trying to get the attention of world leaders who have the power to make changes in policy that are more focused on conserving Earth's resources. Attendees and speakers at the climate strike called out not only the representatives at the federal level, but state and local as well.

"I've been seeing a whole lot of things in the news about our environment and how things are going downhill," Steven Nichols, communications design freshman at UNT, said. "I just think we all need to work together and do our part and try to make better of ourselves."

The climate strike lasted from 11 in the morning to 1 in the afternoon and featured a number of speakers from UNT. Multiple organizations were also in attendance, providing resources and information for attendees.

"I'm overwhelmingly depressed by the United States' involvement in protecting the climate," Catherine Lustgarten, retiree and attendee of the Denton Climate Strike, said. "I'm retired, and absolutely determined that retirees and other people who have time on their hands should be in this fight whole hog."



Students and protesters cheer in agreement with the speaker during the Climate Strike at The University of North Texas in Denton, Texas on Friday, September 20, 2019. Photo by Sarah Pham.

All the speakers focused around the central issue of climate change, but speech topics branched out from there. Many called for reform of the entire capitalistic system that they said led to the current environmental crisis. There was also a common demand among the speakers to give indigenous people and impoverished countries a seat at the table in the discussion of climate reform.

"As we strike today, we must remember that we deserve more than sur-

vival," Shane Warren, UNT student and speaker, said. "The working class, poor and marginalized deserve justice."

Several organizations from UNT, including the SGA, the We Mean Green Fund and the College Democrats had tables set up behind the speaker platform. The SGA also set up a table where attendees could register to vote.

"Students can make their green voice heard by proposing an environmental campus project that they'd like to see happen here," Emily Bilcik, the We Mean Green Fund Project Coordinator, said.

Other speakers included UNT undergraduate student body president Yolian Ogbu, Uel Trejo, Brooke House and Denton City Councilwoman Deb Armintor. After the end of the speeches, Ogbu returned to the stage to lead the crowd in a series of chants calling for policy changes.

"We are doing this in solidarity with millions of other people around the world right now, this very second, striking for our lives and making sure that we hold our leaders accountable," Ogbu said.

After the chants, the strike came to an end, and attendees could mingle or seek more information from any of the organizations in attendance.

"To create a just world, we must demand the end of fossil fuel use in our economy, but we must also go further," Warren said. "We must demand an end to the economic system which allowed a few rich executives to drive us to the brink of Armageddon."

For more information about the Denton Climate Strike, visit their official Facebook page.



Brooke Hoese, a student at University of North Texas, gives a speech during the Denton Climate Strike at The University of North Texas library on Friday, September 20, 2019. Photo by Sarah Pham.

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