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## Galveston Mardi Gras impels enforcement of alcohol policy on campus

By Katlyn Register, '20



Photo: Megan John, Nautilus Staff

The historic Galveston Strand decorated in celebration of Mardi Gras. Beads are thrown from the balconies to people deemed worthy walking below.

Beginning in 1867, Galveston's Mardi Gras celebration has a long history of bright colors, beads, floats, and spirits. No, not the spirit synonymous to joy, the spirits associated with alcoholic beverages. Alcohol played a major factor in the Mardi Gras celebration. With Texas A&M University at Galveston in such close proximity to the festival, TAMUG ResLife and campus Police enlist extra precautions to keep the campus dry and ensure the safety of students. TAMUG is a dry cam-

pus and according to the TAMUG Police Department website, the State Law regarding alcohol includes underage and excessive consumption. Thus, a visibly drunk person is technically not allowed on campus.

Chief of Police for Texas A&M University at Galveston Anthony Martinez said the TAMUG campus police officers' priority is the safety of the students. "We are not here trying to see how many people we can arrest. We are trying to keep the campus safe," Martinez said. He

was clear to say that while being intoxicated on campus was a student rule violation, drinking responsibly before returning to campus would not result in an arrest. "[Drinking] to a certain degree is okay" Martinez said. However, if an individual arrived on campus incompetent or "if there will be a problem, [campus police] will have to do something about that" Martinez said.

Martinez mentioned two actions that would result in an arrest: if the student is sick from over drinking, or

if the student begins to cause a scene. Martinez explained that officers would arrest students when they become sick for the student's safety. He knows the individual will be taken care of in jail whereas on campus, the student could be left in a room by themselves. "If [a student] cannot take care of [one's self] he/she will be subject to arrest" Martinez said. If a drunken student began to cause problems, Martinez said he would have no problem arresting the individual.

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## Academic Complex Phase 2 ground-break ceremony

By Katie Hansche, '18

Phase Two Ground-breaking ceremony took place in the clock tower area to celebrate beginning construction on the second part of the Academic Complex.

The actual ground will break for the building before the end of the semester, and the building will open in the fall of 2018.

According to the press release, the "large lecture facility/support services building" will be about 38,000 square feet and house the bookstore, mail services, a coffee shop, offices, lecture halls, and a large multipurpose room.

This multipurpose room is meant to be subdivided into spaces to fit the needs of the campus and its activities, said Grant Shallenberger, Associate Vice President for Administration and Auxiliary Services.

The statue of young George Mitchell, the eponym of Texas A&M University at Galveston, will be displayed in front of the complex amid the landscaping.

A "Howdy" hedge was proposed at the Student Government Association's student forum, and Shallenberger has confirmed the hedge was not out of the question and was in fact being looked at by the committee in charge of beautifying the complex.

The Academic Complex is to serve as a "front door" to the campus and make the clock tower more of a focal point on campus.

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# Former Krewe Queen says, "Laissez les bons temps rouler," this year for Galveston Mardi Gras

By Amber Croyl, '20

Mardi Gras has become synonymous with binge drinking, beads and parades but former krewe queen, Danette Kerstens says this Southern tradition is so much more.

As a native Galvestonian, or B.O.I. (born on the island), Kerstens has grown up with the famous Galveston Mardi Gras her whole life. For her, the celebration is not about getting drunk and "bearing it all for ten cent beads," she says, "It's time for celebration with families and friends."

Kerstens got serious about Mardi Gras on the island when she joined the Mystic Krewe of Aquarius. Krewes are members of the public that form clubs or associations united in their love for Mardi Gras. Throughout the year these clubs get together to design floats, costumes and give back to the community. The

Mystic Krewe of Aquarius is a non-profit organization that benefits the Shriners' Burn Hospital and the Children's wing at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. They had about 130-145 members when Kerstens was participating in the krewe. In addition to parade preparation and community service, the krewes also have their own royal court. Kerstens became an active member of the Mystic Krewe of Aquarius several years ago and served as Dutchess, Princess, and even Queen.

Although Mardi Gras is a once a year extravaganza, the krewes are working all year long to plan and raise funds. Aside from the costly permits and fees to take part in the parades, the members also budget for their lavish costumes. The capes and trains alone can cost around \$8,000. The expenses of hav-

ing a Mardi Gras krewe is enormous but they view it as a fun and exciting motivator to bring the community together by hosting several fundraising events throughout the year. From pub crawls, cookouts, and trolley parties, the krewe members are constantly brainstorming ways to get the people of Galveston involved and connecting with one another.

Each krewe focuses on various aspects of the community, for the Mystic Krewe of Aquarius, they are geared toward family fun. Tossing footballs and princess tiaras to the little ones at the parade and posing for photo ops brings joy to all those on the float as well as spectators on the street. Kerstens said, "The interaction with kids and families is the most amazing," she is committed to "Sharing the spirit of Mardi Gras, educating the people, and debunk the

drunkfest."

No longer a member of the Mystic Krewe of Aquarius, Kerstens still enjoys Mardi Gras to the fullest and continues the tradition by celebrating this time of year with her grandson. Although the first weekend of Mardi Gras is pretty tame and kid friendly compared to the second weekend, Kerstens still suggests that anyone heading to the Strand for the festivities use common sense. Stay with friends, don't leave drinks unattended, avoid wearing big earrings and be sure to have on close toed shoes. Another insider tip before heading out to the parade is to always watch out for beads, they tend to fly from every direction and sting when they hit. Other than that, Kerstens says "Laissez les bons temps rouler," Cajun French for "Let the good times roll."



[Photo: Danette Kerstens]

Danette Kerstens wearing her costume designed by Andy Kerstens the year she was named Krewe Princess.

For more information on Galveston Mardi Gras, visit the official website: <http://www.mardi-grasgalveston.com/>

## Texas A&M Maritime Academy Hall fire sprinkler incident follow up

By Jack Clark, '19

The Texas A&M Maritime Academy Hall has made a smooth transition into the recovery and restoration of the rooms that were effected in the alleged accidental break of the fire sprinkler.

Soon after the damage, cadets within the rooms effected continued to live in their hallways while Residential Life & Housing created a plan to move the students elsewhere.

Once plans were made, any student that was living without a roommate became a potential candidate for accommodating to a cadet of an effected room. All forty of the cadets that sustained damage to their walls, and floors were moved successfully. While the cadets live with other companies within the Corps

of Cadets, they are still under the umbrella of their old commanders.

Since the water damage to the three floors occurred a series of contractors have been coming to the Texas A&M Maritime Academy Hall to evaluate the damage and to make plans for restoration.

The initial cleanup resorted in drying the sheetrock on the walls and the floor that contained water. The property effected has since been dried completely by water remediation specialist.

According to Alex Crouse, the Housing Coordinator for Corps Housing, the repair process is scheduled to be completed by next semester, fall of 2017. The actual repair process will take place once the

university picks a company or in house group. After further evaluation there has been no new damage since previously reported.

The transition of cadets into different hallways has posed a challenge for companies in the Corps of Cadets. On Tuesdays Battalion One has room inspection promptly at 0705. Since forty cadets have been displaced into different companies throughout the Texas A&M Maritime Academy Hall, members of upper staff have helped to inspect rooms not located in the original companies.

The original incident occurred when a room on the third floor broke one of the fire sprinkler heads. This went on to trigger the fire alarm and caused the entire residence hall to be

evacuated late during a school night.

While the flooding started on the third floor and soaked the hallway the water eventually made its way down to the first floor. Some of the damage consisted of destroyed ceiling tiles, soaked floor boards, and water trapped in the wall. A handful of personal items located on the floor in each of the effected rooms were also subject to water damage.

After the incident many of the cadets in the Corps volunteered their time to help shipmates clean up the water. After hours of mopping and soaking up the water with any tool cadets could find, the full extent of cleanup was still not complete.

## Alcohol

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"Our main concern is safety and security of everyone, that includes the intoxicated individual and anyone they may encounter." Martinez and the campus police officers will not risk the safety of other Aggies in lieu of an intoxicated student.

When arrested, a student will be taken to the county jail overnight. The student will generally be kept in a more secure cell, but ultimately, that individual is an adult and will be treated like one. After the night is over, a fine will be involved.

Martinez advises that if a student has been drinking, during Mardi Gras, make arrangements to stay with a friend off campus. One should always think ahead when planning to drink and never sell or give alcohol to a minor.

# TAMUG Auxiliary Services and Campus PD implement new paid visitor parking system on campus

By Amanda Barbato, '19

A new paid visitor parking system has been implemented on campus. Within the past month machines were purchased and installed, signage was posted, and an app was licensed.

In total the new visitor parking system is approximated by Associate Vice President for Administration and Auxiliary Services, Grant Shallenberger to have cost between 27,000 and 30,000 dollars.

Each of the two visitor parking payment stations cost 12,000 dollars. The other costs came from signage and the Paymobile app licensing fees.

The funds used to pay for the visitor parking system came from parking fees students, faculty and staff pay to obtain a parking pass. Approximately 200-250,000 dollars a year are generated through the purchase of parking passes.

"All those costs are borne out of the parking fees," Shallenberger said. He

expects revenue generated from visitor parking to be used to service machines, pay for materials, and pay off app fees.

Shallenberger stressed that the machines will not be paid off immediately but rather through the course of their useful life. "I would expect them to have at a minimum a five year useful life," he said.

The new system appears to be working as campus police have not noticed an increase in citations issued.

The initial reason behind implementing paid visitor parking was to create a manageable system.

Shallenberger said the system was put in place to clarify what visitors need to do when coming to campus, make it more convenient for visitors to park, and discourage parking permit holders from parking in visitor spaces.

"It wasn't to generate revenue. It was to create a manageable system that was enforceable, that had an appropriate rate that would

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Grant Shallenberger  
Associate Vice President for  
Administration and Auxiliary Services



[Photo: Amanda Barbato, Nautilus Staff

Visitor parking station located in the Sea Aggie Center parking lot.

discourage misuse," said Shallenberger.

Parking citations issued by campus police to parking permit holders such as students, faculty, and staff are enforced through the use of a TAMUG account. Visitors with no standing account to the university are not as easily persecuted.

Shallenberger said "We don't have a system currently for repeat visitor offenders," and the university does not have a system planned or in the works.

Only if the police department notices an increase in citations will this concern be addressed. "We feel we have a very good system now," Shallenberger said.

Parking on campus is enforced by the campus police department 24/7. Designated parking zones were assigned last semester to commuter, resident, and faculty and staff permit holders.

Departments who may have visitors meeting for a seminar, lecture, or business

reasons can request for the department to pay the parking fee. Requests are processed by Pat Hebert, manager of auxiliary services.

Special even rates may also be available through the parking website. More information regarding parking on campus can be found at [www.tamug.edu/police/parking](http://www.tamug.edu/police/parking).



[Photo: Amanda Barbato, Nautilus Staff

Aggie Pay Station visitor parking rates. Visitors can also download the "Paymobile" app and pay from their smartphones.

# Election season for TAMUG: Student Body Presidential Debate and Meet the Prospective Yell Leaders helps inform voters

By Katlyn Register, '20

With the Student Body President and Yell Leader election looming, Sea Aggies have decisions they need to make. To help with the decision making process, TAMUG's Student Government Association and Traditions Council organized two separate events in CLB 100 on February 15. These events were designed to give the student body a chance to learn more about each candidate.

The first affair was a debate between current Student Body President Danielle Thompson and running mate Brandon Rogers, and perspective president Gregory Grimm

and running mate Juan Tonche. Instructional Assistant Professor and Director of the Honors Program, David Lawhon served as mediator. The debate opened with the presidential nominees presenting the audience with background information about themselves as to why they would be the best pick for Student Body President. Lawhon asked each party four questions and allowed both perspective presidents and vice presidents to respond fully.

The two major topics of the night were the Diversity Council and communication between SGA and the students. Announcing to the

audience the implementation of the Diversity Council, Thompson commenced the talk of a topic that would be present throughout the debate.

Thompson spoke of the Diversity Council as one of her achievements and her running mate, Rodgers, said it was their primary goal to get the diversity council set up. Tonche said the Diversity Council has been dead until the week prior and made it be known that Grimm and himself have been working on the bill to have a Diversity Council in SGA.

The topic of communication was thrown around for the duration of the debate but was most

apparent when Lawhon asked his final question, "Communication is being brought up a lot. How would you improve beyond Facebook and fliers? How would your communication form be different?" The first to answer was perspective president Grimm. He said he believes face-to-face interaction is the best form of communication.

To step up SGA's face-to-face interactions, Grimm suggested talking to organizations from the start before an issue arises talking before classes, and starting a campus television show to get news across.

When the same question was given to Thompson, she

began by saying that she does not think the form of communication will be different. She goes on to discuss the President's Council Dinners, started by Devon Paul, and office hours where students can come forth with issues as their additional way of communicating beyond the fliers.

The winner of the debate is a decision left up to the student body. For those who were unable to watch, the full debate is posted on the Facebook page of TAMUG Student Government Association.

Following the debate was an event put together by Traditions Council with

the purpose to get to know the candidates running for Yell Leader. The event began with each contender introducing himself and saying his Wild Cat. After that, the 10 hopeful Yell Leaders were each asked to answer one silly question and one serious question. The event was filled with laughter and cheers as each candidate tried their best to hype up the crowd. The evening ended with free campaign merchandise given away to show support for a particular candidate.

Students have the opportunity to vote in both elections until March 1 through Wheelhouse.

## ZOPT 300 Maintenance for Texas A&M Maritime Academy cadets transitions to new T.S. General Rudder staff

By Jack Clark, '19

Cadets in the Texas A&M Maritime Academy make up maintenance hours that were missed the first week of the semester. While the university is in a transition period of new ship officers the *General Rudder* has still conducted the usual ZOPT-300 maintenance period in order to keep cadets up to date on sea time.

Captain Putty, the current Master of the *General Rudder* has been planning and organizing the hire of potential officers to the universities training ship. Putty said that he "hopes to have a temporary 2/M to assist with ZOPT next week."

"We have four candidates for the position and this position is my first priority."

He also explained that the university will be hiring a permanent Master and Chief Mate to conduct operations aboard the training ship. As for the Chief Mate position Putty said that, "We

are in the selection phase for the Chief Mate and hope to have that position filled in the next week or so."

Since the delay in the first week, maintenance has continued. Putty said that, "2/M Teare is on the ship daily, so there is some maintenance going on. He has been assisted by some of the Corps staff."

Cadet Commander Cole Manders, '17, has helped out with conducted the ZOPT-300 training period to ensure that cadets are fulfilling sea day requirements by the Coast Guard.

ZOPT-300 is a required period for all license option cadets and is often referred to as maintenance. Cadets report to the *General Rudder* in their boiler suits, and protective gear and usually conduct task that uphold the daily work needed to upkeep the training ship.

These task can consist of chipping paint and rust, painting, cleaning, bal-

last soundings, and routine inspections of shipboard equipment. Each ZOPT-300 period is scheduled for three hours a week and over the course of a cadet's time at the Academy these hours add up to count for 30 days of sea time. Other sea day requirements are fulfilled by summer cruises and watch hours.

Although the university is searching to fill new positions watch has continued as normal, with companies rotating weeks and weekends to ensure that the vessel is secure and safe from adverse weather and conditions.

As an alternative option cadets in the license option program can make up missed maintenance time at The American Undersea Warfare Center (AUWC) located at Seawolf Park under the direction of Cadet Asher Spalding, '19. The AUWC houses the *USS Cavalla*, a submarine, and the *USS Stewart*, a destroyer escort.



[Photo: Katie Hansche, Nautilus Staff]

Gwen Shamley listens to Mate Max Tear's lecture on emergency escape breathing devices and Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan mandated by OPA90.

While these vessels are no longer in operation and are available for tours to the public they provide a

platform for cadets to gain hands on experience in normal shipboard operations.

On a typical Saturday in

Galveston many cadets can be seen restoring these historic vessels.

## Working to maintain: TMA cadet volunteers over 1,000 hours of shipboard maintenance to The American Undersea Warfare Center

By Amanda Barbato, '19



[Photo: Amanda Barbato, Nautilus Staff]

Asher Spalding standing by the Ship Service Diesel Generator he is currently working on restoring.

Asher Spalding, Marine Transportation major '19 serves as the volunteer maintenance coordinator at the American Undersea Warfare Center (AUWC). Spalding

has volunteered over 1,000 hours to the AUWC.

The AUWC is home to the *USS Stewart*, an Edsall-class destroyer escort, and the *USS Cavalla*, a Ga-

to-class submarine open to the public for tours. The two vessels are now used as educational outreach to show what WWII and post WWII life was like in the Navy.

Spalding decided to get involved because he "thought that there were a lot of opportunities for personal development and to make a serious impact at a local museum," he said. He claims his biggest task is to keep the ship and submarine looking presentable to the public as well as keeping up with restoration work in general.

The new relationship between Texas A&M Maritime Academy and the AUWC is "probably one of the biggest accomplishments in recent history for the [AUWC]," Spalding said. The relationship between the two entities allows A&M

deck cadets to receive maintenance hours for their work on the vessels at the AUWC. As a result hundreds of volunteer hours to the park have come from Texas A&M Cadets.

success because it's a very large part of the ship that is now working exactly how it was during WWII," Spalding said. It now serves the modern purpose of keeping the ship moored in the event of

erators (SSDG) on the *USS Stewart* to running condition.

Aside from relations between Texas A&M Maritime Academy, Spalding also works to strengthen relationships with other museum ships.

Spalding notes that as the historic vessels age, parts are harder to find or no longer available. "I'm trying to come up with cooperation to mutually benefit everyone because even the best ships are struggling in some way," Spalding said.

Out of the thousand hours volunteered Spalding believes his greatest achievement is "keeping the museum safe and the lights on."

For more information on volunteering at the AUWC contact Asher Spalding at ashersp@tamuedu.

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Asher Spalding

Volunteer Maintenance coordinator at the American Undersea Warfare Center

One of Spalding's biggest responsibilities is to manage the volunteers and assign tasks.

There have been several accomplishments made in the last year through volunteer work. "The complete restoration of the anchor windlass, chain locker, and anchor chain was a huge

a hurricane.

Another notable achievement at the AUWC is the restoration of the *USS Tautog* submarine sail. "It's a real eye-opener to everyone because it came off a nuclear submarine," Spalding said.

Currently Spalding is working on restoring one of the Ship Service Diesel Gen-

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## SGA Announcements

### Meeting with Mayor

Senator Tonche, our Legislative Relations Committee Chair, had the opportunity to meet with the Mayor of Galveston. He was able to communicate student issues on the island as well as receive some input from the Mayor on future plans for Galveston.

- 51st re-pavement
- TAMUG sign on 51st
- Revival of Galveston as a college town/ tourist town
- City of Galveston and TAMUG involvement
- Possibility of Mayor attending an SGA meeting
- Possible bridge reconstruction

### Town Hall Feedback

After our Town Hall meeting, Grant Shallenberger, Associate Vice President for Administration and Auxiliary Services, was able to find answers to a few questions we could not address.

1. The possibility of identifying a few spaces near the fishing pier for Resident Permit holders to use.

The campus needs to preserve the integrity of the designated parking plan that was implemented in fall 2016. One of the objectives of that program was to ensure that the academic needs of the campus remained the highest priority (student and faculty have parking available for academic classes). With that in mind, we will identify some spots during off peak hours in that area as available for Resident permits, but need a few days to work out the details (where, how many, signage, how to communicate, etc.). I would hope we can implement within the next 2 weeks.

2. Parking for events in support of the community, such as Fallfest. We are researching how best to address events such as Fallfest. Our first step is to consider how College Station handles similar activities and use that to inform our response.

### TSGC Advocacy Day

Six members of our Student Government attended the Texas Student Government Coalition Advocacy Day at the capitol! We met with Senators and Representatives to promote three bills the Coalition is supporting for the 500,000 plus students it represents. We are honored and excited to be a part of the coalition and the impact it enables us to make for the students of Texas.

### Office Hours

Our senators have volunteered their time to be in our office throughout the week for our students!

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# Video game review: Resident Evil 7 Biohazard takes unique first-person view and suspenseful plot

By Israel Gomez, '20

Created by Capcom, this first-person horror game introduces us to a new group of characters in the Resident Evil franchise. You take the role of Ethan Winters, a loving husband who goes in search of missing wife, Mia. You find yourself in the home of the Bakers, and you know must escape the household all while trying to save your wife and yourself.

The gameplay is very unique for a Resident Evil game. First off, unlike all the other Resident Evil games, where you played through the games in a third-person perspective, you are playing through the game in a first-

person point of view. This is inspired from recent horror games such as the canceled Silent Hills P.T demo, and Outlast, a 2013 first-person horror (and also my personal favorite horror game). Second, the plot is very different from the other Resident Evil's. Unlike the other games of the series, where you played as a special police operative or say an awesome US Special Agent such as Leon S. Kennedy, you are just a regular guy who is looking for his wife and with his bad luck, stumbles upon the horror of mutated people who really don't want you alive. Lastly, the horror

element is a bit different, where instead of just the classical jump scares, it again takes elements of psychological horror from games like Outlast and adds that the game, making Resident Evil 7 a game full of jump scares and vivid psychological imagery.

Graphically, the Resident Evil 7 takes advantage of modern day technology and is one of the first horror games that can be played and finished in VR (Virtual Reality) Mode. This way of playing the game however is exclusively only for PlayStation 4. If you are a gamer that wants to

focus on enhanced graphics as well, the PC version of the game can be played with beautiful graphics, provided you have a good graphics card. PlayStation is next on the list, with some very detailed graphics, and last is Xbox One, with stunning graphics, but just a tad-bit less detail.

Personally, after playing the game on Xbox One, I found the plot and suspense to be the highlight of the game. Each character is very unique, and has their own back story, making the thrill of seeing each character either a total relief, or a total scare. Focusing on the

horror element, I personally don't get scared easily, but I thankfully had a friend next to me while playing this who does get scared easily. She found that the best thing to this game was the psychological scares that will either have you running out the room or getting little sleep that night (in her case, both). The gameplay is definitely another highlight for me, simply because it engaged me the whole time and had me wondering if I would even survive each encounter. I did find the lack of complex puzzles quite disappointing, especially compared to the other

Resident Evil games. Often times, I felt that before I can even solve a puzzle, the solution was already given to me. Also, I found the lack of diversity in enemies disappointing. The feeling of meeting new enemy types and having no idea what you were about to face was gone. Most tension comes from being in many situations and doing your best to adapt to them while also conserving your resources. The addition of more enemy types definitely could have made this better.

*Resident Evil 7: Biohazard is available for PC, Xbox One, and PlayStation 4.*

# Letter to the editor: "Stigma of the century" how tattoos and piercings are perceived in the workplace

We have all heard the mantra of "You'll never get a job with tattoos or piercings"... but is that really still the case?

The generations currently entering the job market are slightly more "decorated" than the generations before them. By "decorated" I obviously mean all of the mega-important and awe-inspiring piercings and tattoos of elephants, dolphins, and well-researched Chinese symbols. There has been an undeniable increase in tattoos and piercings in the work-

place, and regardless of your generation's "classification" and resulting stereotypes, somehow society needs to adjust.

Most of us students with tattoos have thought about placement based solely on the ability to hide our ink. However, with the Baby Boomers retiring, why is it that we still place so much emphasis on visible tattoos in the workplace? We should be allowed, and encouraged, to branch out and decorate ourselves with whatever we deem necessary for every stage of our

self-confidence's feng-shui. My own confidence ebbs and flows like the waves of our remarkably blasé Galveston Island.

Despite how many arguments over curfews, skirt length, and creative "descriptive" words we have with our parents... we still respect the opinions of those older, and wiser, than us. So, where then is the line between respecting our elders/bosses and staying true to ourselves and our own creative freedoms? That seems to be the interminable question.

It was only recently that I dug deeper into this common train of thought; and yes, I am guilty of it before all seven of my tattoos and myriad of piercings. Upon further investigation, I found that other than the medical and food industry, most offices don't have an issue with inconspicuous tattoos and piercings. The Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services did a census of 262 consumers regarding the perception of body art based on gender and occupation. The study had a very obvi-

ous lack of a racial component, but that may be a whole other can of worms for this social topic. The census' results found that, on average, consumers in a medical environment preferred the doctors to have no facial modifications. While in regards to a mechanic's facial modifications, there was a one point increase in the acceptance of a professional with tattoos.

Presently, other than the medical field, it seems that there is a higher acceptance of employees/professionals with body modification. The

study mentioned above used a neck tattoo as the stimulus, so something less conspicuous is more likely to be unnoticed or unmentioned. The piercing that prompted this investigation was a nose piercing. A small stud, of course. No bull-nose septum ring in the office for me.

All-in-all, it seems that the hardest part of figuring all this stuff out is for us to find the precarious balance between staying true to ourselves while also finding an employer that won't stifle our colorful identities.

## NAUT ASKS:

### Do you think TAMUG being a dry campus is an effective way to keep its students safe?



"No, the only real danger of drinking is drunk driving. Everyone has to cross the bridge to get onto Pelican Island, making it a bottleneck that police can easily monitor. Proper policing is a better way to solve problems than the dry campus rule."  
-Ben Bailey '18



"Not really because people don't follow those guidelines, there's countless parties but they're just more secretive about it."  
-Ciera Fuller '17



"No, students are always going to drink so I think it would be better if TAMUG promoted safe drinking instead of banning it altogether and causing students to jeopardize their education."  
-Abidemi Opayemi '20



"Considering the general age group of the campus I think so, because most students aren't of legal drinking age. Regardless of age, drinking can cause anyone to do stupid things."  
-Nina Youngblood '17

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# The statistics: How TAMU at Galveston compares to TAMU College Station for Liquor Law violations on campus

Table 1: Liquor Law Violations by Year Compared by Campus

Liquor Law Violations	Year	Number of Incidents on College Station Campus	College Station Campus Population (Fall semester)	Percent of Population College Station	Number of Incidents on Galveston Campus	Galveston Campus Population (Fall Semester)	Percent of Population Galveston
<b>Liquor Law Arrests</b>	2015	148	64,376	0.23%	33	2,324	1.42%
	2014	186	62,185	0.30%	18	2,305	0.78%
	2013	104	56,255	0.18%	4	2,174	0.18%
<b>Liquor Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action</b>	2015	57	64,376	0.09%	46	2,324	1.98%
	2014	82	62,185	0.13%	15	2,305	0.65%
	2013	43	56,255	0.08%	15	2,174	0.69%

According to the statistics presented in table 3, for every 1000 students on TAMUG's campus 34 were either arrested or referred for disciplinary action due to liquor law violation in 2015, whereas 3.2 out of every 1000 students were persecuted for the same violation on TAMU's campus.

It is important to note that Texas A&M University at College Station is not a dry campus but Texas A&M University at Galveston is.

In Table 1 a drastic change can be seen in both the amount of arrests due to liquor law violations and the amount of disciplinary referrals made between 2014 and 2015 on the TAMUG campus.

Table 2: Liquor Law Violations as Percentage of Total Enrollment

Campus	Year	Percent of Population Arrested	Percent of Population Referred for Disciplinary Action
Galveston Campus	2015	1.42%	1.98%
	2014	0.78%	0.65%
	2013	0.18%	0.69%
College Station Campus	2015	0.23%	0.09%
	2014	0.30%	0.13%
	2013	0.18%	0.08%

Table 3: Liquor Law Violations as Percentage of Total Enrollment in 2015

Campus	Year	Percent of Population either arrested or referred for disciplinary action
Galveston Campus	2015	3.4%
College Station Campus	2015	0.32%

#### Editor's Note:

All population data used in the tables were taken from fall term enrollment profile official 12th class day data for their respective year. All reported incident data was taken from the Annual Security Report in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act published by Texas A&M University. Statistics for 2016 have not yet been released.

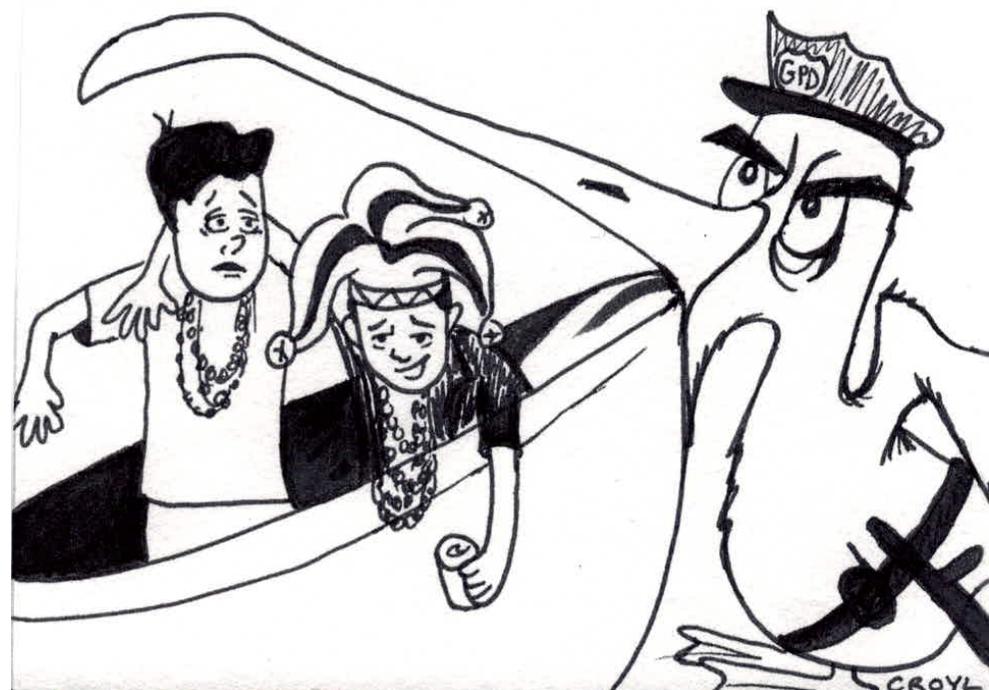


Illustration by Amber Croyl



"Not at all, just because there's a rule doesn't mean people are going to follow it. Drinking being forbidden only adds to the appeal of doing it, and sneaking around is really not safe."

-Seth Reichert '16



"No because students will drink regardless and then bring trouble back to campus."

-Averie Coppola '17



"There would be way less DUI's and danger if TAMUG was not a dry campus."

-Chris Mayer '17



"Nope, because if they can't drink here then they'll drink somewhere else making them prone to drive drunk back to campus."

-Sabrina Mejia '17

## NAUT TALKS

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# TAMUG sailing team hosts Harris Kempner Regatta with SEISA universities in Offatts Bayou

By Jack Clark, '19

The Texas A&M University at Galveston sailing team was back on the water for two regattas on Offatts bayou. The Harris Kempner regatta involved several universities from the South East District of Interscholastic Sailing (SEISA). Additionally Sea Star Base hosted an open team racing regatta which included many sailors from Texas A&M University at Galveston.

The Harris Kempner regatta was a fleet racing regatta hosted by TAMUG. In fleet racing each of the boats objective is to complete the course just as sprinters would race to the finish line. The course consisted of a windward and leeward

mark that was to be rounded twice with a finish on the final downwind leg.

TAMUG put up two boats with Alexander Hana, '19, and Alexander Thompson, '18, as skippers. The crews were Megan Ferguson, '17, and Aspen Spiker, '19, respectively, with John Jacobs, '19 and Christy Pittman, '20, as backups.

The teams that were present were Loyola University New Orleans, Norte Dame, University of Central Oklahoma, University of Texas, and two teams from Texas A&M University (College Station).

On the first day of sailing the wind speed and direction had numerous shifts.

Strategy had to change on the second day when the wind speed was greatly diminished.

“ look at every regatta as ”  
practice for the next,

Alexander Thompson  
*Member of the sailing team*

A major role in any sailing event is the quality of the start on the line. Boats have three minutes to place themselves in good position behind the line before the final whistle blows commencing the start of the race. Any boats over the line before the

whistle would suffer a penalty that could possibly cost the race.

In explaining the im-

portance of the start for the particular circumstances of the day Thompson said that, “Once you won the start, you won the race.”

Thompson explained that before each race he would check the starting line to see where on the line

the wind was favored by taking lines of sight from nearby buildings.

For the most part Thompson had all bullets throughout the day. A ‘bullet’ is commonly referred to in the sailing community as a first place finish. However in one of the races Thompson had to make a 720 circle during the race as he suffered a penalty for breaking the rules of right of way.

On the same body of water other TAMUG sailors were participating in a team racing style of sailing. In this competition three boats team up against an opposing three boats and use the rules of right of way to purposely stop opponents from cross-

ing the finish line.

This open regatta hosted by Sea Star Base is open to the public and had a team of alumni that were from both TAMU and TAMUG.

Even high school aged sailors participated, such as Lakewood Yacht Club, and Clear Lake High school.

Participation in these sailing events has grown over the years with Galveston being a premier spot for collegiate regattas.

Thompson has expressed that it’s never too late to start sailing and in regards to anybody that is new to the sport he said to “look at every regatta as practice for the next.”



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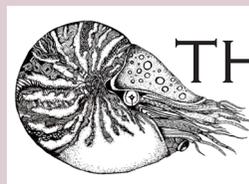
Sailing teams compete on Offatts Bayou for the Harris Kempner Regatta. Several universities from the South East District of Interscholastic Sailing were present at the regatta.

## Upcoming Events

- March 3 - First Friday Movie
- March 3 & 4 - Game Club Extra Life Charity Event
- March 4 - Sailing Eckerd Interconference
- March 4 - Sailing Texas A&M Regatta
- March 6, 7, & 8 - Indoor Soccer Registration
- March 10 - Lady Ags Soccer Game
- March 13 - March 16 - Spring Break

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