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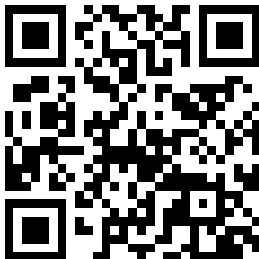
Join Baylor football players, coaches and fans for free food and a breakdown of Baylor v. Sam Houston State during Chalk Talk from 12:30 to 12:50 p.m. tomorrow in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den.

Learn how to work

A business research workshop hosted by University Libraries will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday in 105 Jesse H. Jones Library. Tips and techniques will be presented for searching business resources and locating information such as articles, industry profiles and market research reports.

Lady Bears to battle

Women's soccer will play Southern Methodist University from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday at Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field. Tickets can be purchased at the box office of the SUB Den or online at www.baylorbears.com.



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Fate of Humane Society in doubt



MEAGAN DOWNING | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

The many animals up for adoption may be but down at the Humane Society of Central Texas.

BY MAEGAN ROCIO
STAFF WRITER

The Humane Society of Central Texas will give control of its facility and operations to the city of Waco on Oct. 1. The decision was reached after the city of Waco did not renew its contract with the Humane Society.

Don Bland, interim executive director of the Humane Society of Central Texas, said the contract will expire at the end of the month. He also said the expected transitional date is tentative at best.

"They know that they'll have to work with us for the transition period," he said. "We don't know how long that will take when they can transition it all over. They don't have all the answers, and we don't either. This was all very new, and so we

have to work together to come to the best solution possible."

Bland said city officials have been on site for the past two days to determine what is needed to run the shelter.

Bland also said the city isn't interested in continuing the facility's adoption program.

"They are not interested in running an adoption center for the public, and the Humane Society will not have the funds to run a kennel operation or build a kennel because the city contracts are what funded us," he said.

Bland also said after the transition between ownership is complete, the city will continue to hold any animals it receives, but only for 72 hours if there are not any other outside circumstances, such as the animal being involved in a criminal investigation.

After that period, animals will be euthanized.

"The city has expressed no interest in holding anything longer than required by law," he said. "So unless we can work something out where we can do adoptions or have access, we can work something out. We don't know. That's what we're working on."

Bland said the city ended its contract with the Humane Society after it asked for more funds to run its operations. Bland said the city provided the animal shelter with \$300,000 per year. This past year, the animal shelter requested more funding.

"We asked for an increase of 75,000 more," he said. "And that was supplemented. That wasn't enough. We have to supplement it with our fundraising efforts

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New system staggers students

BU's registration schedule receives total makeover

LINDA NGUYEN
STAFF WRITER

Starting this year, students participating in early registration for Spring 2013 classes may not have the same 6 a.m. registration time. Instead, students will be staggered in groups of approximately 300 per-time-slot.

Rather than all students eligible for early registration registering at 6 a.m., students will be divided by priority, classification and number of completed credit hours.

"We're making some changes to early registration, primarily to relieve the stress that was put on the system because of early registration, which in the past resulted in periods where students were not able to log on, slow response time or being kicked off the system because of the load," Baylor registrar Jonathan Helm said.

Helm said the registrar's office, Baylor Information Technology Systems (ITS), Provost's Office, the Council of Deans, student government and Faculty Senate all discussed different options for dividing students for registration.

"We thought credit hours would promote student progress towards degree completion," Helm said.

Helm said the registrar's office and Baylor Information Technology Systems began to discuss adjusting the registration schedule to improve student experience with the BearWeb in January.

"We knew students were not having the best registration experience in the past, based on the load in the system," Helm said. "Plus there were some technology changes that needed to occur over the summer and fall that would require more technology horse power to continue in that fashion. We didn't think it would create the best registration experience nor would it be the best use of Baylor's ITS resources."

Helm said this will not affect priority order. Honors, Baylor Interdisciplinary Core, Dean's List and the other priority registration groups will still register in the order they had previously. Students will be divided by the completed course credit hours within their

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

ROTC marches in remembrance

The men and women of Baylor's Army ROTC program participate in a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at dawn on Tuesday in the Ferrell Center parking lot.

Student government fights for funds

BY JOCELYN FOWLER
REPORTER

While President Ken Starr and the Baylor Chamber of Commerce have been busy deciding how to improve Baylor's academic programs, the student body officers have been busy lobbying for more funds to improve the quality of campus programs for students.

At last Thursday's Student Senate meeting, Houston senior Brian Kim, internal vice president, presented a new budget proposal to senators, who unanimously approved the proposal.

The Student Senate has approved the new budget, but the

proposed funds will not be available until Jackson and the operations, finance and administration office give final authorization.

The new budget, which allocates additional funding to programs such as Diadeloso and Christmas on Fifth Street, is the result of negotiations and ideas passed between various Baylor entities over the past year.

According to Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life, plans to raise allocation funds for campus programming were first mentioned last year when this year's budget was made, but student government has been the proverbial icing on the cake.

"Last spring, Student Senate passed a piece of legislation that basically indicated that they felt that additional funding should be provided to Student Senate so that it can allocate more money to campus programming," Jackson said. "Bottom line: We ought to see enhanced programming on campus for students because of the great work of student government."

Kim, who has worked on the budget proposal since its beginning, is excited to see the budget officially approved and in action. Kim said organizations such as the Baylor Activities Council and the Campus Programming Board

will use these funds to bring in more high-profile speakers to address students.

Students may also expect to see more high-profile entertainers as well if this new budget is passed, as approximately 60 percent of the new budget is dedicated to music and entertainment for campus events.

In a time of rising tuition costs some senators initially expressed concerns about where the nearly quarter of a million dollars would come from to support the proposed budget.

These apprehensions did not go unconsidered by Kim and

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Neighbors: Few knew of threats against teen

BY NOMAAN MERCHANT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MESQUITE — Neighbors and friends knew Shania Gray as a friendly, vivacious athlete. Few knew the 16-year-old had reported a man for rape until she disappeared last week and turned up dead.

The man she accused, Franklin B. Davis, has confessed to police and in jailhouse interviews to killing her. Police have said he did so to prevent Gray from testifying against him in a sexual assault case scheduled for trial next month.

Davis, 30, who lives in the Dallas suburb of Irving, has been charged with capital murder in

her death and is being held on \$2 million bail.

Gray's family was in the process of moving from one Dallas suburb to another so that her father could be closer to work, said Sherry Ramsey, a close family friend.

Neighbors in Mesquite, where the family lived for years, described Gray as friendly and caring. Hundreds of people turned out Monday night for a candlelight vigil at the high school she attended until this fall.

"Every time she saw me come in, she would get my attention to say hello," Peggy Mitchell, who lived next door to Gray's family, said Tuesday. Mitchell said she often saw Gray outside, playing basketball on a bent hoop in the



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Family and friends gather at Horn High School in Mesquite for a candlelight vigil for 16-year-old Shania Gray, whose body was discovered in a park on Saturday in Irving on Monday. Franklin Davis, who is accused of raping Gray two years ago, has confessed to shooting and strangling Gray and has been charged with capital murder.

family's driveway.

Ramsey described Gray as a "social butterfly" who never left Ramsey's home without giving her a hug. Gray also cared for a

younger brother who has autism, she said. "I was in awe at the relationship," Ramsey said. "She

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The SLC needs to rethink its weight distribution

Editorial

The phrase, “hitting the gym,” takes on a whole new meaning once you enter college.

Many people don't even walk out the door before letting friends and random strangers know about their healthy life styles. They post their plans on Facebook, tweeting about it in hopes a celebrity will see that they work out or posting a picture of some sweet new kicks on Instagram.

The entire ritual that people are going to the gym to do more than just work out.

While at least half of the people truly go to the gym for themselves, the other half go to surround themselves with physically fit people of the opposite sex. This can make it difficult for people who are actually trying to improve their health.

Baylor provides a large variety of ways to “hit the gym,” but the way Baylor students are able to do it could be tweaked to maximize our potential.

The weight room needs the most improvement.

Sleeves and a towel are required to enter into the hallowed area of weights, cardio equipment and — best of all — a handful of televisions showing different sports channels.

Neither sleeves nor a towel are necessary for the cardio machines, which adds an unneces-

sary trip back to your apartment if you forget either one.

Secondly, due to the large number of people in the area, it is hard to maneuver around the weight room and difficult to wait for the equipment you want to use.

Russell Gym is a great alternative to use for weight training, but the building — except for the basketball courts — is closed to use outside of a human performance class.

This raises another issue. Where are faculty supposed to work out? It is a definite possibility that many members of the faculty might not want to run on the treadmill or use an exercise bike in front of a room full of students lifting weights.

An expanded area set apart from the weight rooms would alleviate this problem to a large extent.

Faculty aren't the only people who might feel uncomfortable in the combined weight and cardio room.

The large portion of this university's population of the female persuasion might also feel uncomfortable being gawked at by the people in the weight room while they run on the treadmills.

And should a woman enter the free weight section — God forbid — their walk past the cardio equipment and up to the bench press might shock all the men around them.

It would provide less of a so-

cially awkward situation for the intimidated men if the two areas of fitness were separated.

At that point, anyone entering that room could be assumed to be there for just the weights.

If you walk up the stairs — that being the healthier option over the elevator — to the second floor you will find a handful of cardio machines.

Instead of letting them lie there mostly unused, Baylor could move the rest of the cardio equipment up there as well.

If there are no available machines upstairs then the track around the top of the gym is that much closer.

People are more likely to use the track if they've already made half the walk anyway.

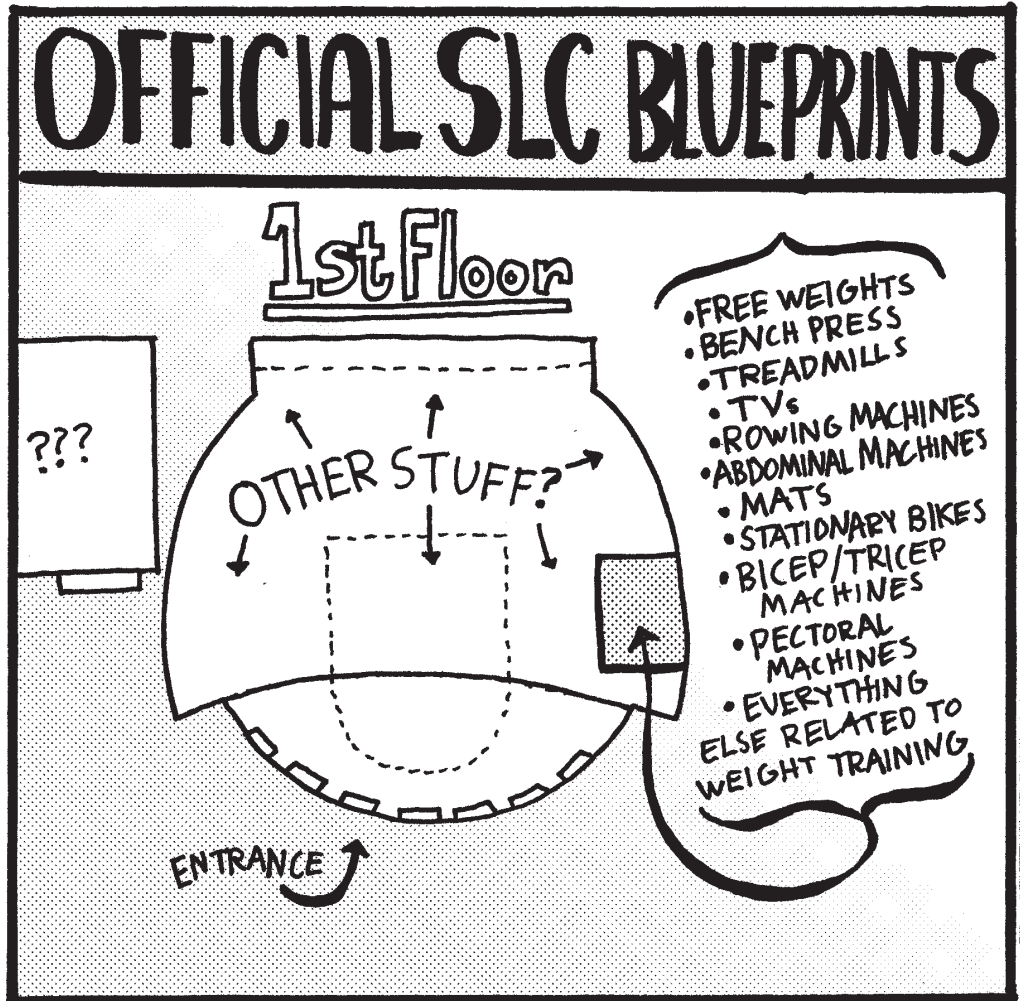
So, with all the cardio equipment relocated, there is plenty of room to expand the weight room.

The ab mat could be extended to reach across the entire front strip of the room where the stationary bikes are now.

The rowing machines, lat pull-downs and chin up bars could be moved up to take the place of the treadmills while the abdominal machines and benches could be moved up to take the place of the ellipticals.

This leaves room for the machines to be added to the middle of the weight room or to expand the free weight station.

Also, it would free up more of the coveted space next to the televisions.



@asherfreeman

You're more likely to hold a plank watching professional athletes on the television than looking out the glass door and watching someone eat their sandwich or burrito outside the Baylor Science Building.

Before taking this necessary step, the SLC should send out a survey to the student body to find out the popularity of certain machines and weights to more effectively remodel the room.

In all, most would agree that

the workout situation at Baylor is better than average.

But we shouldn't be satisfied with that. There are always ways to improve our experience, and this is most certainly one.

Viewpoint: anti-Obama documentary not all that bad

Guest Column

After two viewings of “2016: Obama's America”, the new film by Dinesh D'Souza, I want to summarize and offer my thoughts to those of you who either don't have time to watch or are unable to (the movie is not offered in all theaters).

Obviously, with a political documentary, one typically expects some sort of propaganda with eerie music, creepy voices, and warnings of doom.

The trailer for 2016 certainly suggested that the movie would be exactly that.

However, after watching the entire movie twice, I invite you



Danny Huizinga | Guest Columnist

all to consider again the worried thoughts you may have about the movie. D'Souza comes off as intellectual, calm, and rational.

If you are a die-hard Obama supporter and “could never watch

that garbage”, I remind you that Ronald Reagan, a strong critic of collectivism, regularly read Marx.

If you truly believe the movie is full of incorrect facts, then I invite you to watch it and point out the points that are misleading. Plenty of journalists have done independent “fact-checks”, prompting more to “fact-check the fact-checks.” This is exactly the point of a documentary - to make people think.

The movie focuses primarily on the President's family history, briefly touching on his record in office as well. D'Souza argues that Obama's decisions are influenced by “anti-colonialism”, a theory that blames rich countries of the world for exploiting the poor countries' people and resources.

To back up this claim, D'Souza

tells the story of Obama's father, Barack Obama Sr., who strongly believed in the evils of colonialism.

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Soon after young Obama's birth, Obama Sr. moved back to Kenya. D'Souza explains how, despite the father's absence during Obama's childhood, his world view and politics were kept alive by Obama's mother. The evidence

that President Obama follows in his father's footsteps is mostly based on quotes used directly from Obama's book: “Dreams From My Father”.

More intriguing is the nature of Obama's friends and mentors, many of them previously unknown to voters.

D'Souza alleges that Frank Marshall Davis, a Communist Party Member who was tracked by the FBI, was Obama's mentor for eight years.

The movie also explores some of President Obama's other radical friends in Chicago, briefly touching on the episode with Rev. Jeremiah Wright and Obama's association with Bill Ayers, a communist revolutionary that bombed several public buildings (including the Pentagon and Capitol) in the 60s

and 70s.

Though the movie does utilize some dramatic music and intimidating graphics, it is more of a documentary of interviews.

However, D'Souza does predict danger to America if Obama is re-elected.

Even if you do not concede that the world view of Obama's parents and friends affected him, the movie brings up some interesting questions about Obama's past.

The film is worth seeing by anyone looking to encourage their own critical thinking, regardless of their political affiliation.

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Don't kill because you can't pay the bill

As a person who grew up with at least one pet at all times, I naturally grew up to love animals. Yes, they can be annoying and make you angry when they break a vase or chew through your socks, but you know your pet holds a special place in your heart.

I found out something that just made me shudder with anger.

The Humane Society of Central Texas and the City of Waco were not able to come to an agreement over monetary contribution, so the City will take over the shelter.

I personally have not had a great experience with the shelter.

About a year ago, my brother picked up a stray kitten from a friend's house and gave it to me. I couldn't keep it due to my living

conditions, so I was forced to take it to the shelter.

Not even a week later, my brother said one of his friends would be able to take care of the kitten for me until we moved into our new house.

I promptly emailed the shelter and inquired about the kitten.

The e-mail I received back was not a happy one. The kitten had been euthanized.

Since, I have vowed never to take another animal there, but things are only bound to get worse with these changes.

Mayor Malcolm Duncan Jr. told the Waco Tribune-Herald that there may be more animals euthanized at first as the city and the society go through “learning curves.” How many animals have



Debra Gonzalez | A&E Editor

to die for your “learning curve?” Dozens? Hundreds?

Not only will animals die, but people will also lose their jobs.

Can't the city contribute just a little more money so that we can keep animals safe, keep strays off the streets and let people stay at their jobs?

Part of the way we can work to help the shelter is by donating. If you cannot donate your money, donate your time. Donate your stained, used towels or blankets. Pet food, litter, toys, brushes... anything you can think of, they probably need it.

Let's work together to keep these animals from being thrown in the “learning curve.”

Debra Gonzalez is a senior journalism- public relations major from Alice and edits the Arts and Entertainment section of The Baylor Lariat.

Corrections

An error to the front page of an issue of the Baylor Lariat was recently brought to the attention of the editorial staff.

In a recent Bear Brief, located on the bottom left corner of the front page of the Aug. 30, 2012 issue it was erroneously reported that Aug. 31, 2012 was the final day to drop a class.

The final day to drop a class is actually Sept. 17

The Baylor Lariat is committed to ensuring fair and accurate reporting and will correct errors of substance on Page 2.

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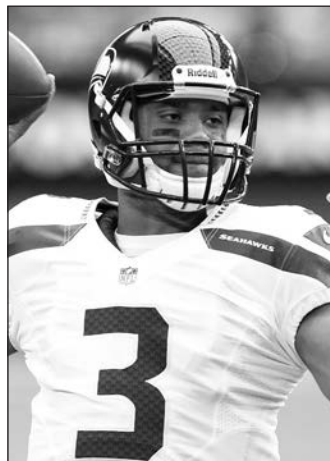
Swag III

Robert Griffin III dominates over other rookies in first NFL outing



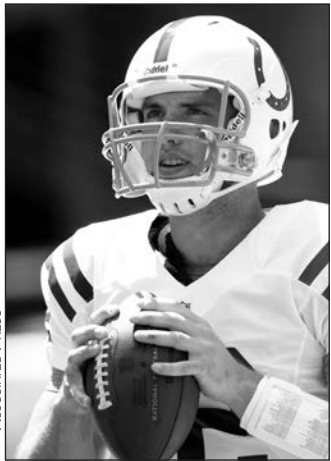
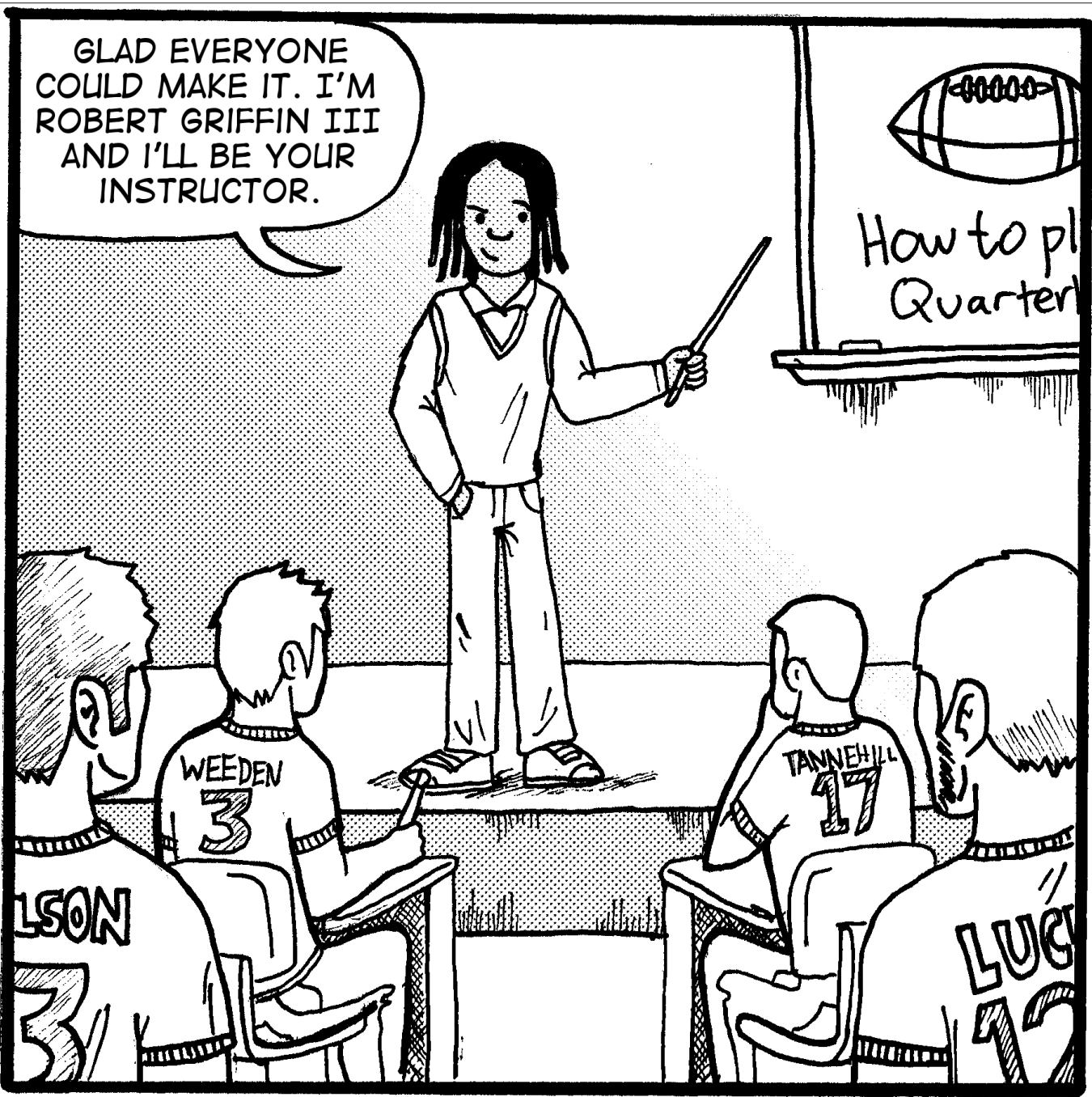
Brandon Weeden | Cleveland Browns

No. 22 draft pick
Lost 16-17 to the Eagles
12-35, 118 yards
0 touchdowns
4 interceptions
2 sacks



Russell Wilson | Seattle Seahawks

Third round draft pick
Lost 16-20 to the Cardinals
18-34, 153 yards
1 touchdown
1 interception
3 sacks



Andrew Luck | Indianapolis Colts

No. 1 draft pick
Lost 21-41 to the Bears
23-45, 309 yards
1 touchdown
3 interceptions
3 sacks



Ryan Tannehill | Miami Dolphins

No. 8 draft pick
Lost 10-30 to the Texans
20-36, 219 yards
0 touchdowns
3 interceptions
3 sacks

Griffining takes over week one

SPORTS TAKE

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS EDITOR

Now, more than ever, we follow the saying, “You’ve got to see it to believe it.”

Remember that one time when Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III led the Washington Redskins to a 40-32 victory over the New Orleans Saints on the road?

Plus, his stat line was out of control, completing 19-of-26 passes for 320 yards with a pair of touchdowns and no interceptions.

People of America, do you believe it?

No matter where Griffin is, it takes seeing his outlandish athletic ability to believe all the hype.

As he was looking for a college

to play for, no one wanted to put him in the pocket.

Except for Baylor head coach Art Briles.

During Griffin’s time at Baylor, no one believed that the Bears would make it to a bowl game, but then the team traveled to Houston for the Texas Bowl in 2010.

Last season, a 10-win season seemed improbable. Until it happened.

When Griffin was chosen as a finalist for the Heisman Trophy winner, many people, including ESPN college football analyst Kirk Herbstreit, said a Heisman Trophy winner could not come from Baylor.

Now, as the No. 2 overall NFL draft pick to the Redskins, not many people were expecting an electric start.

However, Sunday featured Griffin rolling out and firing accurate

shots to his receivers, making big-time play after big-time play. His rookie debut surpassed the hype.

What about now?

An ESPN caption read after the game: “[Griffin is] about to stupefy us all with his mind and his talent.”

Well, duh. Did you not see him play against Oklahoma or Texas last season?

Beyond the numbers, one big thing Griffin brings to his team is confidence for his teammates.

Baylor had the RG3 swag last year with its 10-win season, and now the Redskins are starting to feel it too.

What Griffin did for the city of Waco, he is bringing to the nation’s capital.

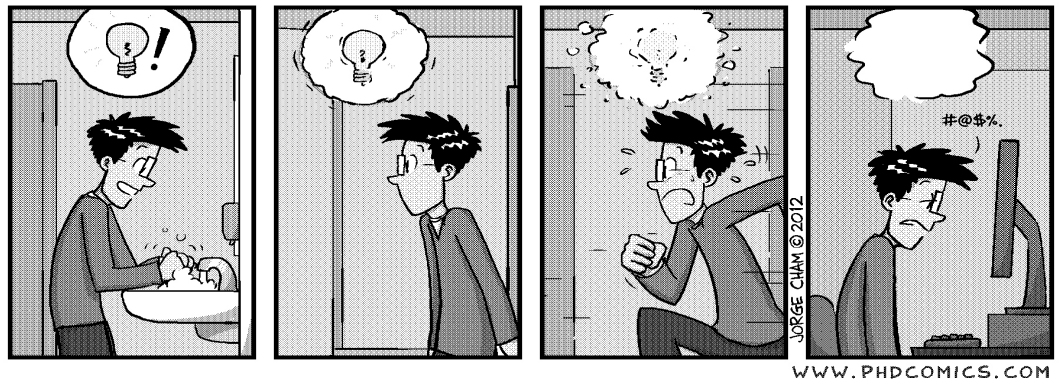
An air of hope on the gridiron has arrived in Washington, DC, with people “griffining” all over.

Who knows? The president could be griffining as we speak.



Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III (10) reacts after throwing a touchdown pass in the first quarter of an NFL football game against the New Orleans Saints at Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans on Sunday.

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DAILY PUZZLES

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4 Hanging on every word
8 Crumb bum
14 Actor Chaney
15 Dot on a map
16 Delphi’s claim to fame
17 Perspective-bending artist
19 “Beau Geste” novelist
20 Grade for a tween
21 Scottish hillside
23 Convent residents
24 Runner Sebastian et al.
26 Second and third in a sequence
28 Port relative
30 Sears rival
34 Subdue with a stun gun
35 Final Four initials
37 “Mercy!”
38 Penn Sta. users
39 Blues standard first recorded by Ma Rainey
41 KGB counterpart
42 Prettify
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45 Game with a 32-card deck
46 “Never Give a Sucker an Even Break” star
48 How some beer is sold
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65 Charm
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67 Kite on the links
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70 Lamb mom

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2 Focal points

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4 Having deeper pockets
5 Hibachi residue
6 Roman commoner
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8 Inept sheep keeper
9 Circle part
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12 Narrow valley
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25 iPad-to-iMac activity
27 Fourth prime minister of Israel
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30 Locks up
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39 Online tech news site
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53 Peak
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National trend shows lack of Southerners in politics

BY BILL BARROW
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — For decades, Southerners put a firm imprint on national politics from both sides of the aisle, holding the White House for 25 of the past 50 years and producing a legion of Capitol Hill giants during the 20th century. But that kind of obvious power has waned as Democrats and Republicans in the region navigate the consequences of tidal shifts in demographics, migration and party identity.

This is the second consecutive presidential election without a Southerner on either major party ticket. That has happened in back-to-back elections only once, 1968 and 1972, since Franklin Roosevelt, a New Yorker, won four consecutive elections with overwhelming support across what was then Democrats' solid South. (The 2008 candidates were Democrats Barack Obama of Illinois and Joe Biden of Delaware, and Republicans John McCain of Arizona and Sarah Palin of Alaska. This year, it's Obama and Biden, and Republicans Mitt Romney of Massachusetts and Paul Ryan of Wisconsin.)

Besides the national dearth, the South's congressional power players are either aging icons — black Democrats John Lewis of Georgia and Jim Clyburn of South Carolina — or hail from the region's periphery — Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and House GOP leader Eric Cantor of Virginia.

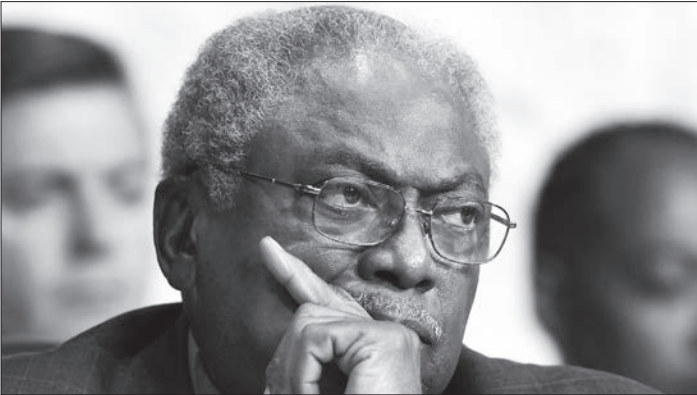
But Kentucky was a Civil War border state, while Virginia, for all its antebellum credentials, is increasingly racially, culturally and politically diverse. That puts both states outside the Bible Belt, Deep South core that, fairly or unfairly, has long defined the region on the national stage.

This is all new for a proud region that produced Presidents George W. Bush and Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, Bill Clinton of Arkansas and Jimmy Carter of Georgia. George H.W. Bush claimed Texas as well, despite his roots as an East Coast moderate, and he was a national figure by the time he was elected. Newt Gingrich of Georgia drove the 1994 Republican resurrection in the U.S. House, and Tom DeLay of Texas extended it.

Trent Lott of Mississippi led Re-

publicans in the Senate. Lott's fellow Mississippian, Haley Barbour, helped fuel a GOP rise as national party chairman. Before them came a raft of speakers, floor leaders and notables.

Elected officials, party leaders and campaign strategists on both sides cite the old rule that politics is cyclical and say the table is set for their return to prominence,



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In this Sept. 13 file photo, House Assistant Minority Leader James Clyburn of South Carolina listens on Capitol Hill in Washington. The influence of Southerners in politics has decreased significantly in the past few years.

depending on how the parties and their candidates present themselves to the public.

For Democrats, the dry spell, as much as anything, is rooted in successive generations of white voters abandoning the party in federal elections and shifting the balance of power in statehouses and courthouses in nearly every state. There are simply fewer Democrats to identify as prospective national players.

"You've seen a peak in Republican power and the bottoming-out for Democrats," said former U.S. attorney Doug Jones, of Birmingham, Ala., who represented his state's Democratic Party as a convention delegate in Charlotte, N.C. "We've just got to do a better job educating folks about their bottom lines and what our policies mean for people on a day-to-day basis." That task, Jones said, "will have to take place over multiple election cycles."

For Republicans, a more complex dynamic is at play.

Gingrich and Lott, who toiled for many terms in the minority, were well-positioned to become national players when Republicans gained majorities.

But now that initial wave of Southern GOP leadership is mostly off the stage.

The party does have a deep Southern bench, with governors like 40-year-old Nikki Haley of South Carolina and 41-year-old Bobby Jindal of Louisiana, along with a host of neophyte senators and representatives. This new generation of Southern Republicans must compete among themselves and with the likes of Wisconsin Rep. Ryan, the Republican vice

presidential nominee, and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who delivered the GOP convention's keynote address.

"We've got some impressive new folks out there," said Timmy Teepell, a Republican campaign strategist and former chief of staff to Jindal.

If anything, ambitious Southern politicians are victims of the region's success.

Within both parties, the region's influence has been as the conservative branch opposite Northeastern liberals or Midwestern moderates. Since Roosevelt, that has dictated balanced national tickets.

Democrats have historically reached for regional balance.

They have nominated a non-Southerner eight times since 1952. Five of those times, the nominee added a Southerner to the ticket, each time a senator.

When Republicans gained the Southern advantage after Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act, their focus became ideological balance.

They did not necessarily define it by geography, but the result was the same: a nod to Southern conservatism.

Richard Nixon's "Southern strategy," co-opted from Alabama Gov. George Wallace and his 1968

some of the stress they experienced during registration in the past.

Danville, Calif., junior Claire Managan said she thinks the staggered registration system will be helpful.

"Even for honors, we have to fight with one another for our honors classes during registration," Managan said. "I can only imagine how difficult it would be to fight for all our classes at once."

Plano senior Olivia Ho said she thinks that it is a good system for Baylor to use credit hours to determine registration order between groups.

"I think it's fair for Baylor to base registration on how many completed credit hours students have," Ho said.

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was like a second mother to him." Ramsey and another family friend said few people she disappeared.

Gray's mother, Sherry James, contacted Mesquite police in April 2011 to report that Davis had sexually assaulted Gray while she was babysitting his children, according to a police affidavit released Tuesday.

Gray told an investigator that Davis — whom she called "Wish" — had exposed himself and had sex with her four separate times between January and March, the affidavit said. Family friend Nina Adams said Gray didn't tell anyone what had happened at first because Davis threatened her.

"She started making up stories as to why she didn't want to babysit," Adams said. Eventually, the teen told her mother and grandmother, Adams said.

Davis was arrested in July 2011 and charged with four counts of sexual assault to a child. His trial was scheduled for next month, and police in Carrollton, the suburb where Gray began attending school last week, said Gray had

been expected to testify.

A spokesman for Carrollton police and spokeswoman for Gray's new school district said no threats against her were reported before her disappearance.

A spokesman for Mesquite police did not return multiple phone messages. According to relatives and an affidavit released by Carrollton police, Davis posed as a teenage boy on social media and bought a new cell phone to contact Gray and get information about the sexual assault case.

The two exchanged text messages Thursday, though Carrollton police spokesman Jon Stovall said he didn't know how many. Adams said Gray's mother told her that Gray received a text message Thursday saying her Facebook friend was waiting outside her new school as a surprise.

Davis told Carrollton police Gray was surprised to see him but

got into his car because he wanted to discuss the case. He told police and several television stations that he drove her to an area near the Trinity River and shot her twice.

He then stepped on her neck until she stopped breathing, the affidavit said. Her body was found two days later.

Davis told television station WFAA in a jailhouse interview that Gray had agreed to recant the sexual assault allegations, but he still attacked her.

He said the sexual assault case had taken a toll on him. "I was fighting with my demons for a little over a year, and it got too much," he said. "I couldn't ... pretty much no one was safe around me. My mind was on a whole another level."

But Ramsey and others say there's only one person to blame for Gray's death. "He took away an extraordinary young lady," she said. "He really did."



Davis

Freshman election voting begins

BY LINDA WILKINS
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Voting for the freshman student government elections will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.

Houston junior Brian Kim, the internal vice president for student government, said freshmen can

vote online by going to www.baylor.edu/sg/vote and entering their Baylor login information.

He said voting stations will be available in the student government Office in the Bill Daniel Student Center during the voting times. Voting stations will also be outside the Penland Residence Hall dining hall from 10:30 a.m. to 2

p.m. if students wish to cast a vote in person.

Once the polls have closed, the electoral commissioner, Georgetown junior Evangeline Kozitza, will gather the total number of votes for each candidate and will release the results online at the student government website about an hour after the polls close.

Baylor's Uproar Records continues its search for talent

BY JAMES HERD
REPORTER

Students are making an uproar at Baylor through Uproar Records, the student-run record label that holds auditions once a year.

Started by a group of music and entertainment marketing students, Uproar devotes itself to showcasing the best of the best in student musicianship.

Each year, Uproar releases a compilation album that showcases the talent of that particular year and gives musicians the opportunity to play at locations on and off campus, as well as build upon their knowledge of social media to help make them a success in today's evolved music field.

"I think they do allow other majors and other people that are just passionate enough to follow what they really enjoy," said Colleyville senior in Management Information Systems major Henry Jordan, "I think that's great because, you know, not every great band or great musician makes it big. So people have many passions, many skills, but if they have that music passion and they want to pursue that, they also maybe want to have a plan B or want to have

something to fall back on if it doesn't work out. I think it gives them a great opportunity to do something they love while also having the security of something in the background."



uproar records

Competition is tough, as the organization accepts only a small number of acts every year.

Some artists, who were featured on last year's roster include O, Loveland, Fifth and Fite, Holly

Tucker, Layne Lynch and Trannie Stevens. Despite the difficult competition, some are thankful for the organization's presence in their lives.

"It has changed my life dramatically because I now know so much more than when I went in it in the first place," said Lorena sophomore Holly Tucker, who also was a member of the Uproar roster in the 2011-2012 school year. "They taught me so many different things about how to prepare for a gig that you have to do, or how to write songs."

Tucker said being with Uproar helped her become a better musician.

"Be prepared for anything and everything, because sometimes you could show up to a gig and it might not be what you expect, and you just kind of have to roll with the punches," she said.

Auditions will be held this Saturday and Sunday in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den.

Signups for auditions are available at www.UproarRecords.com. If you are a music marketing major interested in management, more information can be found by visiting the Baylor Business website.

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respective groups.

"The idea is where we had as many as 3,000 or 3,200 students all being released at the same time, now we're breaking them into groups of approximately 300," Helm said. The expanded early registration times will be at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

"We chose those times to try to avoid prime time for the classes," Helm said. "That's not to say no student will have class at one of these times, but we tried to minimize the chance that students will have a class at their registration time."

Helm said they will divide students into the groups after Oct. 8, and exact registration times will not be known until Oct. 15.

Oct. 8 is the deadline for all students to have all transfer credit, grades of incompletes in classes and any other course credit in the system for calculation for early registration.

According to the early registration schedule, registration times will be available for students through their BearWeb account on Oct. 15, so students should check there for information of their exact registration time.

"We did some modeling based in credit hours in the spring, how students would have fallen," Helm said. "We expect that the times are going to fall between Oct. 29 and Nov. 16."

Some students hope the new registration system will alleviate

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to keep our doors open with that amount.

Bland said the Humane Society plans to host its annual fundraising event, the Waco Wine and Food Festival, on Oct. 6 despite the uncertainty about the shelter's future.

"All those dollars go toward our mission of finding homes for animals. It's underwritten, so every dollar that people use to buy a raffle ticket for a beautiful black and white diamond necklace, or any table ticket, it strictly goes straight to helping the animals, and we encourage people to participate since we need the money now more than ever," he said.

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Jackson, who stressed their commitment to fund events that were better, as well as cost efficient.

"We are always looking for ways to be more efficient in how we spend our money," Jackson said. "We are constantly looking for ways to look at what students' needs are, like additional bus routes or like

Woodway freshman Allie Belert came to the shelter with her friend, Blake Ramos, to look for a dog to adopt.

She said she did not know about the situation going on between the city and the animal shelter.

Ramos, a Hewitt resident, said he worked as a volunteer at the animal shelter.

"I used to do community services hours here and everything, so I used to do a little bit of work with the animals," he said. "It's a wonderful place. I worked with a couple of people from the time I worked here. They take great care of the animals."

improving campus programming and then take the funding model that we have and then ask the question do we have those resources to where we can reallocate them and meet those needs."

Kim said students' budgets had been considered and what he believes is a satisfactory solution had

Ramos said he is disappointed at the transition. "I see some of the dogs that come through here," he said. "They could really use a good home. They're really loving animals, but if you shut this place down, they'll be stuck on the streets, and they won't have a chance at all."

There is a petition against the shelter becoming a Closed Kill Facility.

So far, over 1300 petitioners have sent their letter in support of the shelter. To send a petition, visit www.change.org and search for Waco City Council

been found.

"I just want to make this very, very clear that this is a reallocation of an existing model that Baylor already had," said Kim. "In no means are we increasing anyone's fees."

Jackson said review and approval of the proposal should take two to three weeks.

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