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No. 21 running back Jarred Salubi breaks away and runs down the field Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium. The Bears beat SFA 48-0 in a game that ended in the third quarter due to rain.

Rivals go head to head

No. 17 Baylor looks to go 3-0 against Rice

By TYLER ALLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Baylor's nonconference schedule will end Saturday with old Southwest Conference rival Rice (1-1).

"I have a lot of respect for them," head coach Art Briles said. "I know [Rice head coach] David [Bailiff] really well. He's an out-

standing coach; he's got a great résumé coaching throughout the years. He's done a great job there at Rice. They're just a very intelligent, scrappy football team that knows what it's doing on both sides of the ball."

The Bears head into this game ranked 17th in the AP polls, their highest ranking since 1991. While winning this game would help

Baylor in the rankings, Heisman candidate and junior quarterback Robert Griffin III and company are simply taking it one game at a time.

"What we're trying to do is look at it as its own game," Griffin said. "Don't add up the wins until the end of the year. Right now the slate is clean. We're going into a round of 0-0 and Rice is the team

we have to beat. So that's the way we look at it, and then after that, you guys can add up the wins and say it's 3-0."

Griffin currently leads the nation in passing efficiency and ranks third in total offense. Griffin's favorite target, senior inside receiver Kendall Wright, ranks

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Celebration to raise \$75,000 after heart surgery

By DAVID McLAIN
STAFF WRITER

The 4-year-old daughter of a Baylor graduate student recently underwent a life-saving heart surgery, and Baylor Nation can surround her family Monday for a public celebration and fundraiser at Shorty's Pizza Shack.

Leah Grace Parker is the daughter of Ross Parker, a graduate student in the philosophy department.

She was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy at birth, which is a heart muscle condition that results in the heart growing to a life-threateningly large size.

In late February 2010, Ross was told by the Children's Medical Center in Dallas that Leah needed a full heart transplant.

On Sept. 8 of this year, Leah

underwent a successful transplant. Many of Parker's friends at Baylor have been praying for their situation for the past year and want to celebrate the surgery and the new phase of life that Leah and the family have entered.

Logan Gage, Ross' fellow graduate student, has known the family since Ross started at Baylor in the fall of 2009, and said he has been continually impressed by the way the Parkers handle this tragic situation.

"The Parkers are amazing," Gage said. "They have a constant concern for their daughter, while still remaining incredibly calm. You can tell they are really relying on God."

Gage credits his wife with the idea for the fundraiser. Though they were ecstatic about how well the surgery went, she realized that

post-surgery life does not mean life without medical expenses. So Elizabeth Gage combined her desire to celebrate with Leah's supporters and her desire to raise money for the Parkers' future.

Thus, the party at Shorty's was born.

"It's obviously a wonderful thing that she got the heart, but we want to recognize that there is still a need," Logan said.

The fundraiser will last from noon until 10 p.m. The \$20 suggested ticket donation at the door includes two slices of pizza and a beverage to toast to Leah's health. Other menu items are also available for purchase.

"We were wanting to drink a toast to Leah and we wanted to include all of her supporters into

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COURTESY PHOTO

Four-year-old Leah Grace Parker, daughter of Ross Parker successfully underwent a heart transplant, but will need constant post surgery care.

New event brings big savings

By JADE MARDIROSIAN
STAFF WRITER

In addition to the traditional events of Parents Weekend, such as Parent-Faculty Coffee and After Dark, Baylor Chamber of Commerce is introducing a new event, Exploring Waco, which is aimed at getting parents out into the Waco community.

Rowlett sophomore Brandon Robinson, who is in charge of tickets, information and Exploring Waco, said the new event was added this year in place of the previous event, Dinner on the Grounds.

"Dinner on the Grounds was cancelled because of lack of attendance, so we decided to compensate and add [Exploring Waco]," Robinson said.

Robinson said Chamber reached out to various local attractions in Waco, including museums and restaurants that will offer discounts to parents and families of students this weekend.

The Mayborn Museum is one of the attractions that will be offering a discount of one dollar off admission for up to six tickets with the use of the Waco Coupon Book found in Parents Weekend folders.

Dr. Ellie Caston, director of the Mayborn Museum, said the complex has many things to entertain parents this weekend, including natural history exhibits and 17 interactive hands-on discovery rooms that are "fun for all ages," she said.

"We are always happy for Baylor students to visit the Mayborn Museum all year long as they have free access with their student IDs," Caston said. "This is a chance for them to show their parents one of Baylor's best resources," Caston said.

Another museum offering \$1 off admission for up to four tickets with the use of the Waco Coupon Book is the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, which boasts the Texas Sports Hall of Fame Gallery itself and a health and fitness education center, which includes a sports simulator.

Steve Fallon, executive director of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, said the sports simulator is "really fun and nice."

"You can step into [the simulator] and be a baseball pitcher or a football quarterback, or a soccer kicker and it is very interactive almost 3-D like," Fallon said.

Fallon said with the museum's close proximity to campus, the Texas Sports Hall of Fame enjoys opportunities, like this weekend's

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Parent's Weekend

Friday

Baylor in Focus- Bill Daniel Student Center- Grab a Dr Pepper float and learn about student opportunities and Baylor's future plans.
Student Organizations Fair- Bill Daniel Student Center- Parents can learn more about the various organizations offered to students.
History Walks- Fountain Mall Learn more about Baylor with a tour guided by Baylor Chamber of Commerce

2 to 5 p.m.

2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Tours of the Paul L. Foster Success Center- Sid Richardson Building
Gain an understanding of how Baylor helps students succeed in academics.

7:00-9:30 p.m.

Dessert Party- Founders Mall
Mix and mingle with other parents and students while enjoying an array of desserts, coffee and punch.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

After Dark
Waco Hall
Enjoy a variety of performances from talented Baylor students.

Saturday

Parent-Faculty Coffee- Burleson Quadrangle
Start the day by sharing a cup of coffee with your student's professors.

9:30-11:00 a.m.

11 a.m. to kick off
Exploring Waco- Bill Daniel Student Center
Discover activities and opportunities available to students on and off-campus

Student Tailgate- Floyd Casey Stadium
Baylor vs. Rice, with the game starting at 6 p.m.

2 p.m.



How many times have you heard the following statement in reference to attending athletic events at Baylor?

You might as well go; you've already paid for it.

It's become common knowledge that Baylor students needn't purchase season tickets or sports passes for athletic events. With a swipe of their ID cards at the gate, students receive a ticket to whatever event they're attending, no questions asked.

There's even a page on Baylor's website that reads, "tickets for Baylor students are provided free to all Baylor undergraduate students."

They're not free, though. Students who pay the general student fee, which was \$1,469 for the fall of 2011 for both undergraduate and graduate students, receive one student ticket to all athletic events.

In an email to the Lariat, Baylor director of media communications Lori Fogleman said the general student fee helps provide the funding for numerous student services, activities and events. One of those activities specifically included is athletic events.

While paying a fee to support the upkeep of the university and its facilities is understandable, the way athletic tickets are paid for should be revamped to better serve ardent sports fans, casual fans and Baylor students as a whole.

Before finding an alternative to athletic ticket distribution, the university should make certain information accessible to students. Namely, students should be able to know what exactly the general student fee covers. The most specific listing, per Baylor's website, includes, "building upkeep, library and trolley usage, access to the Student Life Center (SLC) and technology around campus."

In the very least, students and their parents should see a breakdown of categories and the amount of their general student fee that goes to each category. It might be impractical to list every on-campus event, but revealing how much of that \$1,469 goes toward buildings, SLC access, technology and athletic tickets does not seem too much to ask for.

Once that is settled, the university should drop the amount currently allocated to athletic tickets. This is not to say it should just give tickets away for free, but students should have the option to buy them as opposed to being forced to.

Baylor's law school provides a viable model. Law students, because they are not expected to have as much time for leisure activities, have a lower general student fee (\$591 per quarter, or \$1,182 per semester) and can buy athletic



tickets separately. For \$121 per quarter, law students can purchase tickets to all athletic events in that quarter. An easy calculation brings that to \$363 for three quarters, as there are no Baylor athletic events in the summer quarter aside from a handful of late-season baseball games.

Something like this would translate well to many undergraduate and graduate Baylor students. The university has plenty of hardcore sports fans who enjoy attending the majority of all athletic events. A cost of \$300 isn't a bad deal, considering season tickets for football and men's and women's basketball alone combine for more than that (\$160 for football, \$140 for men's basketball and \$125 for women's basketball totaling \$425.) But there are plenty more who only attend a handful of events each year. For these students, paying more than \$300 per year for a few events is a waste of money.

If buying athletic tickets were optional,

Baylor could offer pricing incentives to increase attendance at high-profile games like football's matchup with TCU. More casual fans could purchase mini-plans to get their fill of sports without dropping hundreds of dollars for games they won't attend.

Baylor could also look at how other Texas schools dispense their student tickets. Texas schools that have football teams at the Division I-A level (Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, TCU, University of Houston, Rice, SMU, Texas-El Paso and North Texas,) have chosen different methods of ticket selling or distribution.

Texas A&M and Texas sell sports passes.

Texas A&M has three options: \$325 for all sports including football, \$200 for football only and \$175 for all sports except football. Texas sells its Longhorn All Sports Pass for \$80, and for \$70 more, students can buy reserved seating at football games to eliminate the risk of not

securing a seat before all student tickets are pulled.

Houston, Rice and Texas-El Paso do not charge students for athletic tickets or list a mandated fee to cover the cost of those tickets. SMU has a similar policy for full time students, but students taking less than 12 semester hours must pay an \$85 fee for football ticket access.

If there are any schools whose models Baylor shouldn't follow, it's Texas Tech and North Texas. Like Baylor, Texas Tech describes its student tickets as having no cost. The website reads in bold and all capital letters, "Just swipe your ID and get in free!" In a subsequent paragraph, though, it mentions that students paid an automatic student athletic fee of \$52 for the fall of 2011.

At North Texas, students are required to pay an intercollegiate athletics fee of \$10 per semester hour, used to "cover the cost of UNT athletics programs." Yet North Texas' athletics website says,

"North Texas students receive free admission to all home football contests." Students might not be charged at the gate, but they have all paid to support the team whether they want to or not.

Just as they would at Baylor, those not highly interested in sports at Texas Tech or North Texas will essentially lose money to a cause they don't really support.

Essentially, Baylor needs to be more straightforward with exactly how much students are paying for their tickets.

If Baylor wants to charge admission for the high-caliber teams it continues to put on the field/court, that is understandable.

It doesn't matter how Baylor chooses to change the policy; the important thing is that student tickets stop being an automatically included cost.

Remove athletic ticket costs from the general student fee. Then either give tickets away for free or charge for them but give students the option, not requirement, to buy them.

The Price is Right

How other schools around the country distribute high-demand student season tickets



Auburn University
Football: \$120
Men's basketball: free



UC-Berkeley
Football: \$100
Men's basketball: \$70 or \$50 for just Pac-12 winter break games



Penn State
Football: \$218
Men's basketball: \$59



Univ. of N. Carolina
Football: free
Men's basketball: free but distributed via random lottery drawing



University of Florida
All student tickets free, no additional fees denoted



Stanford University
All student tickets free, no additional fees denoted



Univ. of Wisconsin
Football: \$154
Men's basketball: two seven-game, half-season packages available for \$70 each



Notre Dame University
Football: \$210
Men's basketball: \$80

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The Official Baylor University Class Ring exclusively offered through the Baylor Alumni Association is a visible symbol of a graduate’s affiliation with other members of the Baylor family and demonstrates, wherever it is worn, a lifelong link with the University. The students below have earned the privilege to wear this ring through hard work and perseverance. Jeff Kilgore, Baylor Alumni Association’s EVP/CEO, presented this latest group of students with their ring during the spring ring ceremony in May. Congratulations!

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Alejandro, Sarah	Carpenter, Randel	Emerson, Amada	Hill, Zack	Marsh, Kathryn	Pollio, Alyssa	Steadman, Travis
Aleman, Christine	Carreon, Ivan	Escamilla, Rebeca	Horan, Shawn	Massey, Alex	Poole, Tori	Stephens, Jessica
Alford, Drake	Cash, Kyle	Espinosa, Evaliliana	Horn, Josef	Matysek, Marne	Poole, Brooke	Stephenson, Corinne
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“God Bless Baylor and all who wear her ring.”

FALL ORDER TAKING

Any student with 75+ semester hours is eligible to take part in the Official Baylor Class Ring tradition.

Mon. – Thur., September 26 – 29, 2011
from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the
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Tuesday, November 29th, 2011
5:30 p.m. in
Waco Hall

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Residence halls engage in energy-saving competition

By JORDAN HEARNE
REPORTER

Students living in residence halls will begin competing to conserve electricity at noon Sunday.

The first competition took place in spring 2011 and only involved four residence halls, but the competition will be much larger this year.

Clare Paul, marketing manager for Baylor Facilities, said the spring rivalry was more of a pilot program to see if students would participate. As a result of last semester's re-

sponse, Paul said the metering necessary to monitor all of the halls was installed over the summer in anticipation of the coming school year.

Smith Getterman, Baylor's sustainability coordinator, said the competition is a fun way to get students engaged in conservation.

"The big thing is that the event has expanded beyond last year," Getterman said.

This fall, all of the residence halls at Baylor will compete against one another for seven weeks.

In the spring 2011 games, the

houses of North Village competed as one team, and North and South Russell combined to form another team for the six-week tournament.

Now, each house and both Russell halls will participate separately, bringing the grand total of teams in the competition to 14.

The main goal of the program is to educate students about energy conservation and teach them habits that assist in saving energy.

"Part of it is really just awareness," Paul said.

"While the competition itself doesn't make a huge dent in energy

use at the moment, it saves energy in the long run by instilling good habits," she continued.

Each week, one residence hall will compete against another hall in a conservation game, and whoever wins that tournament gains points.

One example of the games is "Dark Hall." The two teams facing off that week must turn off and unplug everything for one hour. The team that uses the least amount of energy gets 25 points.

At the end of the competition, whichever hall has the most points

wins a pizza party and a banner to hang for the remainder of the year.

"We hope to make this a yearly tradition," Paul said. "For each competition, the banner can move to another hall if it wins."

She expects the event will continue every fall semester in order to build good conservation habits as early as possible.

Ken Pollard, director of the Baylor Physical Plant, said the event was inspired by a desire to save energy and money for the university.

"It's a great program, and ev-

erybody wins," he said. "It helps to change our culture and make us more aware of energy use. Funds not spent on electric and gas bills can go to other Baylor programs."

With different types of games throughout the competition, the program will show students how to make small changes in their everyday routines by turning off electronics when they are not in use.

Pollard said he hopes the program will increase energy conservation in other areas as students go out into the world and carry out everything they have learned.

Elvis tribute artist provides Parents Weekend activity

Acclaimed impersonator will perform Elvis classics in 'The King in Concert' Saturday at the Jubilee Theatre

By DAVID MCLAIN
STAFF WRITER

Students who are looking to show their parents Waco beyond the confines of I-35 and LaSalle Avenue can look into Jubilee Theatre's Saturday night event "The King In Concert."

Nationally acclaimed Elvis tribute artist Vince King will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday. Performing with him will be Waco native and former Branson, Miss., performer Royce Montgomery.

Vince King, a Houston native, has performed across the nation as the revolutionary music legend. His shows include a recent performance at "Legends in Concert," an acclaimed live celebrity tribute show in Myrtle Beach, S.C. His talent has been recognized and endorsed by Elvis Presley Enterprises.

"It is most definitely a family show and I know everyone who attends will walk away wanting to know when Vince will be back," said Sue Smith, a close friend of King's and president of his fan club.

King's performance will take the audience through decades of Elvis' greatest music. Fans say King's shocking physical similarities to Elvis, the costumes and his

talented voice tend to put the audience 30 years in the past — in to the glory days of the king of rock 'n' roll.

"Vince portrays Elvis in the truest respect of him and the moves Vince does are identical"

Malcolm Hale | Avid Elvis Fan

"Vince has the charisma that Elvis had," Hale said. "Vince portrays Elvis in the truest respect of him and the moves Vince does are identical."

After the performance, King will take time to pose for photographs, sign autographs and visit with the audience.

"He is much like Elvis in this regard — he loves his fans and audiences," Smith said.

Smith, a family friend of King's, expressed a some concern about the size of the crowd in Waco. King's nationwide performances tend to garner awards and accolades that the size of the Waco crowd has not yet indicated, she said.

"The biggest hurdle in Waco may be that they just don't know him," Smith said. "Wherever he goes it is standing room only, and we still have plenty of room here."

Reserved seat tickets are available for \$15 and VIP seats are \$20.

For more tickets or more information about the event, call Sue Smith at 936-321-1244.

Jubilee Theatre is located at 1319 N. 15th St.

The theater is owned and run by Mission Waco, an organization focused on empowering the poor of Waco.



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Tickets for the Saturday showing of "The King in Concert" with Vince King and Royce Montgomery at the Jubilee Theater are available through Sue Smith at 936-321-1244.

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Construction continues on the National Pan-Hellenic Council Garden as its 1:30 p.m. Saturday unveiling approaches. The garden is located near the tennis courts and Marrs McLean Gymnasium.

National Pan-Hellenic Garden to open

By GRACE GADDY
REPORTER

Anyone walking through Fountain Mall lately may have noticed the tall green fences blocking off a construction site wedged near the tennis courts and Marrs McLean Gymnasium. This weekend that barrier will vanish and observers can view Baylor's National Pan-Hellenic Council Garden for the first time, a project four years in the making.

The council, in conjunction with the Division of Student Life, will hold a dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting on-site at 1:30 p.m. Saturday that is open to the public. Tours will be available starting at 2:30 p.m.

Astrid Beltran, coordinator for Greek Life and Chapter Development, said the purpose of the garden is to celebrate the historical heritage of the NPHC International Greek Letter organizations on campus, as well as to recognize their contributions to Baylor and the greater Waco community.

Seven 3-by-1 granite monuments, each representing one of the seven NPHC chapters active on Baylor's campus, will stand facing each other parallel to a walkway.

The stones will include an en-

graving of each sorority and fraternity's signature crest, its national and local founding dates and the founders and charter members.

There will also be an eighth monument paying tribute to Baylor, Beltran said.

Arlington senior Carrington Franklin, publicity chair for Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, said she hopes the garden will promote a sense of unity among campus organizations while reflecting Baylor's commitment to traditions and Greek Life.

"There's never been anything like this before on Baylor's campus," Franklin said. "We're honoring the diversity that's emerging over this campus and the heritage of where it came from."

Spring senior Leah Lewis, NPHC president, echoed Carrington's thoughts, saying this was the "first monument devoted to a multicultural organization."

In addition to lending a luscious new area to Baylor's landscape, the garden will allow for a unique educational experience, Beltran said.

"A lot of people don't realize that most of these organizations are over 100 years old," Beltran said.

Complementing that history,

the monuments are arranged according to their national founding date; the first one was established in 1906.

"This is a place where people can have a quiet space — a space where they can interact with others as well — and just learn more about the organizations," Beltran said.

Franklin said she is excited to see the garden finally come to life.

When Baylor's NPHC executive board proposed the idea for the garden in March 2007, the Division of Student Life and Baylor administration worked with the students to make their vision a reality.

"It truly has been a partnership of administrators and students on this project for the past four years," Beltran said.

Franklin said she imagines the garden will impart a sense of serenity to students, making it a great place to study or take a break.

Tables and chairs will be set up for students' use and outlets will be available to plug in laptops, Beltran said.

Located next to Fountain Mall, Beltran added that the garden would really "pop."

"It's really going to look good," she said.

Brooks' masters discover home in community

By ANNA FLAGG
REPORTER

The shortest commute at Baylor may belong to the master and associate master of Brooks Residential College, Dr. Douglas Henry and his wife Dr. Michelle Henry.

Douglas, a great texts professor, and Michele, a choral music education professor, have lived in Brooks with their now 5-year-old son, Zachary, since Brooks opened in fall 2007.

Douglas is the master of Brooks College and Michele is the associate master. Both work to ensure that the goals of community — academic excellence and faculty-student interaction — are achieved.

When the Baylor 2012 vision was created, conversations began about building a new residential college. As the vision came together and Douglas heard plans about Brooks College, he saw it as an opportunity to lead.

"I have always been passionate about the creation of communities and this was a chance to help build a new community within Baylor," Douglas said.

Before joining the Brooks staff, the Henrys lived in a house in Waco and cooked for a group of students weekly. Douglas said they talked as a group about the students' futures and callings. This created a stepping-stone toward the level of involvement the Henrys would take in Brooks College.

"Living in Brooks, we have a clearer sense of the complexity of students' lives," Douglas said. "As professors working with students in the classroom, you see students in a very circumscribed way. In the college, we see life in all the ways that it is both glorious and challenging beyond imagination at times."

The Henrys choose to invest in students weekly by holding a



MEAGAN DOWNING | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Douglas Henry, who serves as master of Brooks College and his wife Dr. Michele Henry, who serves associate master of Brooks College, talk to their sleepy son, Zachary, Thursday outside of Brooks Dining Hall.

Brooks-wide teatime at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Often, there is a guest speaker that talks about what he or she does for a living and why that matters.

Some of the guests have included the mayor of Waco, the director of Mission Waco and the publisher of the Waco Tribune-Herald.

New Braunfels sophomore Spencer Bueche spoke highly of teatime.

"It is a time to be refreshed and learn, all in the comfort of a living room," Bueche said. "The Henrys are personable and welcoming and want to get to know the students of Brooks."

When the opportunity arose for the Henrys to move to Brooks College, they wanted to be sure that it would be a good place for their son to grow up.

Douglas said Zachary has loved the environment — the students play with Zachary even when he is spraying his water gun at them or fighting them off with his light-saber.

Each week, a family style dinner is held for the residents of Brooks to fellowship and build

community.

At the Sunday night dinners, Zachary runs around and talks to students when he is not eating.

The residents are patient with Zachary and the Henrys said they are thankful for the students' impact on his life.

Zachary's kindergarten teacher at Live Oak Classical Academy, Meagan Morris, boasted about his intelligence and how living at Brooks has attributed to that.

"Zachary told me a few days ago that he has read 'The Odyssey,'" Morris said. "That is crazy considering he is in kindergarten. He loves learning and really wants to please me by doing his best work. I would definitely say that his living situation has definitely had a positive effect on him both intellectually and personality-wise."

The Henrys said they do not have any plans to change their living situation any time soon.

"By living in Brooks, we have a richer, deeper sense of who these human beings are — these Baylor students on the cusp of life," Douglas said. "And this has in turn given our lives more meaning."

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No. 16 defensive back Josh Benenoch holds his helmet in the air as fans rush the field after a 50-48 victory over TCU on Sept. 2 at Floyd Casey Stadium.

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Baylor freshmen prepare to run in the Baylor Line before the game vs. TCU at Floyd Casey Stadium. The Bears celebrated a victory of 50-48 over the horned frogs.



No. 14 midfielder Brittany Hunemuller carries the ball down the field during a game against Cal State Northridge on Aug. 26. The Lady Bears ended the game with a victory over the Matadors.



No. 15 sophomore linebacker Brody Trahan forces a fumble off of Stephen F. Austin player. Baylor won the rain-shortened game, 48-0, on Sept. 17 at Floyd Casey Stadium.



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Sept. 2 at Floyd Casey



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After scoring another point against Texas-Pan American, No. 5 outside hitter Nicole Bard-
aji expresses her joy with the Lady Bears on Sept. 3 in the Ferrell Center. After 3 games,
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Austin's No. 6 running back Gus Johnson. The Bears' No. 90 senior nose tackle Nicolas Jean-Baptiste recovered the
ey Stadium.



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A member of the Baylor Percussion Group rolls on suspended cymbals as part of a group sequence throughout the
Cultural Arts Fest held at the Waco Suspension Bridge on Sept. 18.



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Members of the Air Force and Army ROTC detachment at Baylor carry the American flag along during "A Tribute to
Fallen Heroes" ceremony Sept. 9 outside the Moody Memorial Library.

Students on par with professors

Baylor graduate students compete with professors from top universities in business case research competition

By JENNIFER KHANG
REPORTER

Baylor graduate students will soon present business cases alongside professionals in the finals of a case research competition that is geared toward professors and researchers.

Two Baylor graduates will present the business-teaching cases created by their respective groups at the North American Case Research Association Annual Conference on Oct. 13 – 15 in San Antonio.

NACRA is a nonprofit association which, according to their website, focuses on promoting excellence in case research, writing and teaching in business and other administrative disciplines.

Dr. Marlene Reed, entrepreneur in residence in the department of management and entrepreneurship, said the cases submitted by the Baylor graduates were reviewed blindly along with cases from international professors and other professors from schools like

Harvard University, Babson College and the University of Virginia.

“I submitted two of the cases from my students in the B.E.S.T. class,” Reed said. “None of the reviewers knew they were students. They thought they were professors.”

B.E.S.T. stands for the Business Excellence Scholarship Team class, which consists of about 28 students who attend class for a whole year, first as a business elective in the fall semester and then as a capstone course for the spring semester.

“Usually 70 to 80 business students apply and are recommended by business professors,” Reed said.

“They go through a review process and are selected based upon their grade point average, activities on campus and leadership ability,” said Reed.

May 2011 graduate Taylor Laymance, who worked on one of the two Baylor cases, said the students were split into two groups for the semester. They were asked to find a company whose management they could work with and come up with

a teachable case about that company for a classroom setting.

“We were encouraged to find something where we would have access to management in order to have conversations with them and get a better understanding for the business model,” Laymance said.

“Dr. Reed said this would be very beneficial to the process.”

Laymance worked in a group with three other students. Two of them had a personal connection to the same Robinson family that owns the Waco Tribune-Herald.

“So we thought, we have a personal connection, we have access to the people running the paper, and we have a good back story on it,” Laymance said.

“We thought it would be an interesting teaching point on how they go about navigating the company through this changing technological environment, and it was relevant to people our age.”

Reed said the cases were chosen by several criteria: how well they were written, the quality of the problem to be solved, the pres-

ence or absence of a focus person to make decisions, and basis on a business theory.

The NACRA’s website said cases on all types of organizations—publicly traded, non-profit, charitable or state-controlled—were accepted.

According to the website, the cases entered in the competition should address issues of responsibility, structure, decision-making authority and accountability of the Board of Directors in businesses.

The two graduate-student cases, which will be presented in October, are “Waco Tribune-Herald: Reinventing the ‘Digital Wheel’” and “Rock Bottom Boutique: The Evolution of a Start-Up Business.”

The first case was written by graduates Haley Elmers, Kelsey Holmes, Taylor Laymance and Neal Robinson.

The other case was written by Kylie Borgias, Molly Doyle, Will May, Amy Wofford and Stephen Montellano, a graduate school student and lecturer in the Hankamer School of Business.



AMEIKA SINGH | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Winning Wood’s Violin

Doreen Ravenscroft presents a signed Mark Wood electric violin to raffle winner Kaleigh Huser, a student who has participated in Wood’s workshop for two years during Cultural Arts Fest on Sept. 13.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month at Baylor

By BRITTNEY COULTER
REPORTER

Students of all cultural backgrounds are invited to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through a new series of events presented by the Multicultural Affairs Department.

Brownsville senior April Ortiz, the multicultural Greek council representative for Gamma Alpha Omega, organized the events.

She said she was inspired by her sorority’s Greek director, Astrid Beltran, who told her that Hispanic Heritage Month was not widely celebrated on campus.

“Over the summer I spoke to her, and I got with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as well, to kind of brainstorm ideas for something we could possibly do for Hispanic Heritage Month,” she said.

“Then I got with Multicultural Affairs shortly after school started and let them know [all] of the ideas that we had come up with.”

Ortiz also collaborated with members of other student organizations including Kappa Delta Chi, Omega Delta Phi and the Hispanic Student Association in planning the events.

Kelley Kimple, the coordinator Multicultural Activities, said this is the first time student organizations have come together to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, which officially began Sept. 15 and continues through Oct. 15.

“Some organizations have done different events throughout Hispanic Heritage Month, but this is the first time that they are kind of trying to collaborate with one another to bring all of their audiences together,” Kimple said.

The first event was the Hispanic Civil Rights Forum, which was held on Wednesday.

Attendees discussed current issues that pertain to the Hispanic community but affect everyone.

The next event will be a service project on Monday. Three more are

planned for the rest of the month. The service project will benefit

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Kelley Kimple | Coordinator, Multicultural Activities

a local organization that teaches English.

Students will collaborate with

LEAF founder Dr. Randy Wood, professor and director for the Center for Christian Education and associate director for the Center for Literacy.

LEAF stands for “Learning English Among Friends.” It is a service organization in which students help local Spanish-speaking families learn English at area schools.

“It hit me very strongly that there were a lot of kids and parents in our schools who didn’t read, write, or speak English,” Wood said.

“We just felt like God was telling us that there’s some people out there that we’re not serving,” he continued.

Students will travel to Waco High School Monday for the first service event, to converse with small groups of LEAF participants. Only English will be used at the sessions, so the ability to speak Spanish fluently is not necessary for volunteers. Dinner will be

served for the participants.

Wood said students who decide to volunteer with LEAF throughout the month will have a very enriching experience.

“I think for many Baylor students it’s going to be an eye-opening experience,” he said.

Wood also said he thinks students are “going to see a culture that perhaps they’re unfamiliar with, but is rich in history and tradition. They’re just the most wonderful people I’ve met.”

Other events throughout the month include a game night, a “Grab the Mic” performance in collaboration with the Association of Black Students and a comedy performance.

All the events were designed to be educational as well as entertaining.

“With any of the events that any of our students within multicultural organizations put on, it’s always going to be about expressing who they are as a culture and as a

people,” Kimple said. “It’s all about educating people and hoping they enjoy themselves while being educated.”

Ortiz hopes the events will unite students from all walks of life to celebrate Hispanic culture.

“[We’re] just trying to bring the Hispanic community together and make the rest of the community aware of some of the things that we bring,” she said.

Students of all cultural backgrounds are encouraged to attend the events as well as other events sponsored by multicultural organizations.

“You’re in a learning environment,” Kimple said. “Take an opportunity if you aren’t part of that ethnicity or race to come out and learn something about somebody that’s different from you.”

Students who want to participate in the first LEAF service event on Monday should R.S.V.P. by calling (254) 710-2410 to receive information.



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Grad inspires students with tales of movie industry

By RACHEL AMBELANG
CONTRIBUTOR

Baylor alumnus Doug Rogers came to speak with Baylor theater, film and digital media and art students Sept. 15, recounting his incredible life story.

His journey encompasses everything from playing roles in the Shakespeare Festival in Los Angeles, to a dream job at Dreamworks Animation Studios, to designing the new castle for the first Disney

park in Shanghai, China.

Roger's passion for art design and theatre began at Baylor where he took classes in both. After graduating, Rogers went on to receive his Master's Degree from Yale University in theater. Rogers said his experience at Yale helped shape him as an artist; his professors there pushed him to think outside the box..

Rogers credits his experience in theatre as what set him apart from others with more experience when

Dreamworks approached him with a job offer: to become the Art Director of the (then) new film, *Shrek*. The studio was looking for someone who knew how to make the setting look like a theatrical stage.

Terry Roller, professor of art, said of Rogers's good fortune, "The fact [is] that he had a love for theater and a love for art and the two came together."

Rogers has worked with Dreamworks and Disney, two

companies that defined the typical 90s childhood, in addition to collaborating with big names like Steven Spielberg and John Lasseter.

When one student asked how Rogers got the opportunity to work with Disney, he laughed and said he was not sure why, but Disney asked to work with him. Rogers quickly became a hero to each of the students in the room as he spoke casually about working on well-known movies.

He acted as the art director,

responsible for the literal "look" of different settings for films such as *Shrek*, *Shark Tale*, *The Princess and the Frog*, and *Tangled*. He also worked on the new movie *Puss in Boots*, which is to be released on Nov. 4th of this year.

The students had the opportunity to listen as Rogers explained the ideas for the movies' settings developed from his incredible drawings to the computer generated images we see in the completed film, offering students a crash

course in moviemaking.

During the presentation, Rogers showed his mischievous side by revealing that in one of the scenes of *Shrek* he placed a series of numbers across a sign in the background that, when decoded, spells out "I hate the University of Texas."

Rogers advised the students to cherish their education. He refers to his Baylor education as the greatest gift he ever received, much better than a school specializing in theatre or art.

Local, independent film screenings give student filmmakers the chance to explore their craft

By RACHEL AMBELANG
CONTRIBUTOR

The film and digital media department will showcase one film a month, beginning this month, as part of the Texas Independent Film Network.

According to the Texas Independent Film Network website, "TIFN is a statewide coalition of film societies, universities and independent theaters united for the purpose of screening Texas independent film."

Every month, TIFN distributes films to its different partners in order to increase the number of people that see the films. Many of the films are low-budget, making it difficult for them to get a distributor, despite the fact that they were well-made.

Dr. James Kendrick, associate professor in the film and digital media division, is one of the main organizers of Baylor's partnership

with TIFN.

When explaining why the Baylor film and digital media program was keen to be a part of the TIFN cause, he said, "It's basically just a way for independent filmmakers to get their stuff out there because after they run the film festival circuit, they go straight to video and basically disappear."

The Q&A period after the screenings also gives students a chance to meet the filmmakers themselves and learn from their experiences in making independent films.

The first film was shown on Sept. 1, a 2009 documentary titled *Echotone*. The camera follows Austonian musicians and similar struggles: from simply getting gigs, to the making of albums, to the influx of New York and Los Angeles corporate businessmen, "suits," who have noticed the rising talent in Austin and are ready to make a profit. It was a fantastic piece that raises questions like "Where does

the music scene in Austin go now that the city is growing and corporations are moving in?" Other, more philosophical questions all of these young artists are facing

"It's basically just a way for independent filmmakers to get their stuff out there."

Dr. James Kendrick |
Associate Professor

in the film. The movie documents the life of an out-of-work poet who gets an idea to run a "mostly vegetarian" food stand whose aspirations are tested when he runs into real-world problems. After the screening, Paul Gordon himself was available for a Q&A session about how he got his small budget film started and featured in an array of film festivals, including South by Southwest Film Festival in Austin. For anyone who is looking to watch free films, wants to support Texas filmmakers, or is interested in independent film-making, two more movie screenings present the perfect opportunity.

On Oct. 20, *Dance With the One*, a drama about a small-time drug dealer who gets in over his head, will be shown, and on Nov. 17 *Mars*, an animated romantic comedy about the first crew to land on Mars, will be screened. The screenings will take place in Castellaw 101 at 7 p.m., followed by Q&A sessions by their respec-



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By ALICIA CHANG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The best guess so far is that the 20-year-old Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite will hit sometime this afternoon Eastern time. The latest calculations indicate that it will not be over the United States, Canada and Mexico during that time.

Predicting where and when the freefalling satellite will land is an imprecise science, but officials should be able to narrow it down a few hours ahead.

While most of the satellite pieces will disintegrate, 26 large metal chunks — the largest about 300 pounds — are expected to survive, hit and scatter somewhere on the planet.

With nearly three-quarters of the world covered in water, chances are that it will be a splashdown.

If the re-entry is visible, “it’ll look like a long-lived meteor,” said Jonathan McDowell of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass.

Since the dawn of the Space Age, no one has been injured by

falling space debris. The only confirmed case of a person being hit by space junk was in 1997 when Lottie Williams of Tulsa, Okla., was grazed in the shoulder by a small bit of debris from a discarded piece of a rocket.

The odds of someone somewhere on Earth getting struck by the NASA satellite are 1 in 3,200. But any one person’s odds are astronomically lower — 1 in 21 trillion.

“You’re way more likely to be hit by lightning” than by the satellite, McDowell said.

NASA has warned people not to touch any satellite part they might chance upon. There are no hazardous chemicals on board, but people can get hurt by sharp edges, the space agency said.

The U.S. tracks the roughly 22,000 pieces of satellites, rockets and other junk orbiting the Earth.

Nowadays, the world is more eco-conscious about what it puts up in space.

Modern satellites must be

designed to disintegrate upon re-entry or have enough fuel to be nudged into a higher orbit or steered into the ocean.

The satellite was launched in 1991 aboard the space shuttle Discovery to study the ozone layer, and back then there was no such rule. NASA used up the remaining fuel to put it into a lower orbit in 2005, setting the stage for its uncontrolled return. It will be the biggest NASA spacecraft to fall uncontrolled from the sky in 32 years.

It’s not unusual for space debris to dive back to Earth. NASA’s Orbital Debris Program Office estimates that medium-sized junk falls back once a week. Debris the size of the satellite due Friday occurs about once a year.

Harvard’s McDowell noted that two massive Russian rocket stages have plunged back this year with little notice.

“The only reason this is getting attention is because NASA, as a matter of due diligence, put out a press release,” he said.



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The Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite, an old NASA research satellite, is expected to come crashing down through the atmosphere this afternoon. Twenty-six large metal chunks are expected to survive its descent.

Skies fall in stock market based on fears of impending global recession

By FRANCESCA LEVY
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NEW YORK — Investors began giving in to fears Thursday that a global recession is already under way, and stock markets shuddered around the world. Selling started in Asia, picked up speed in Europe and sent Wall Street near its worst finish of the year.

The Dow fell 391.01 points, or 3.5 percent, and closed at 10,733.83. The selling was not just steep but broad: Nineteen stocks on the New York Stock Exchange fell for every one that rose. At one point, the Dow was down more than 500 points.

“Markets rely on confidence and certainty. Right now there is neither,” said John Canally, an economic strategist at LPL Financial, an investment firm in Boston.

It was the second consecutive rout in the stock market since

Wednesday afternoon, when the Federal Reserve announced a change in strategy for fighting the economic slowdown — a bid to lower long-term interest rates and get people and companies to spend more money.

Economic news was bad around the world. A closely watched survey in Europe indicated a recession could be on the way there, and a manufacturing survey suggested a slowdown in China, which has been one of the hottest economies.

“The probability of going back into recession is higher now than at any point in the recovery,” said Tim Quinlan, an economist at Wells Fargo. He put his odds of a recession at 35 percent.

In the United States, investors poured money into American government debt, which they see as less risky than stocks even as the nation wrestles with how to tame its long-term budget problems.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note hit 1.71 percent — the lowest since the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis started keeping daily records half a century ago. It was 3.66 percent as recently as February, when the economic forecast was brighter.

Yields fall as investors buy bonds and send their prices higher. Small yields are a sign that investors are just looking for a safe place to park their cash.

“They want to get their money back,” said Guy LeBas, chief fixed income strategist at Janney Capital Markets. “How much they earn is secondary.”

Besides U.S. bonds, investors bought American dollars. The dollar rose to an eight-month high against the euro because of fears that Europe will bear the worst of a global downturn.

The Dow almost matched its lowest close of the year, 10,719

on Aug. 10. The stock market was seized by volatility last month, and at one point the Dow strung together four consecutive days of 400-point moves up or down.

It would have to fall 485 more points to reach the traditional definition of a bear market — a 20 percent decline. The Dow was at 12,810 on April 29.

The Standard & Poor’s 500 index, a broader measure of the stock market, and the Nasdaq composite, which is more heavily weighted with technology stocks, both fell more than 3 percent for the day.

The Fed announced Wednesday that it would shuffle \$400 billion of its own holdings in hopes of reducing interest rates on long-term loans.

The central bank hopes that if people and businesses are able to borrow money more cheaply, they will spend throughout the economy and give it a lift.

Still, the Fed announcement troubled investors because it came with a bleak assessment of the future. The Fed said it sees “significant downside risks to the economic outlook,” including volatility in overseas markets.

“In financial markets, the thinking seems to be: If the Fed is worried, the rest of us ought to be really worried,” said Brian Gendreau, senior investment strategist at Cetera Financial Group.

The price of commodities like oil and metals dropped steeply because investors worried that demand for them would fall if the world economy keeps slowing or falls into recession again.

Oil dropped more than \$5 a barrel to \$80.51, its lowest settling price since Aug. 9. The selling reflected concerns that world demand for oil will fall if the economy slows.

It’s common for stocks to move

dramatically after the Fed makes a big announcement. But the number of trades that can be made instantly has also gone up, causing big swings to happen more quickly.

The U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of 0.7 percent in the first half of this year, the slowest growth since the end of the Great Recession in June 2009. It would take much healthier growth, 4 or 5 percent, to bring unemployment down significantly.

The government reported Thursday that fewer Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week. But the decline wasn’t nearly enough to raise any real hope that the job market is getting better.

Asian stocks were hammered to start the world’s trading. Europe fared even worse. The stock market fell 5.3 percent in France, 5 percent in Germany and 4.7 percent in Britain.

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second in the nation in receiving yards per game. Against Stephen F. Austin, Wright's 123 yards receiving made him Baylor's career leader in receiving yards.

"It's good," Wright said. "Coach wanted me to get it that game so we can just forget about. So we did what we had to do to get it and move on to the next week, and just get ready for the next game and what we have for the rest of the season."

Saturday will be the third time

Baylor has faced the Owls since the SWC disbanded. Baylor has won the last five meetings against Rice. In last year's game, the Bears won 30-13 despite a 67-minute rain delay. Griffin passed for 268 yards and three touchdowns with his favorite target once again being Wright, who caught seven passes for 106 yards and a touchdown.

Senior running back Terrance Ganaway rushed for 79 yards on eight rushes. On the season, Ganaway has 205 rushing yards and

"As long as we're playing good ball and we're doing what we're capable of doing, we'll be all right."

Terrance Ganaway | Senior running back

two touchdowns, averaging 6.1

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it," Elizabeth said.

Supporters of Leah range from organizations around town to students at Baylor.

"We wanted to make it an affordable event for graduate students and undergrads, without compromising the intent of helping the Parkers. We realize money is tight for all of us," Logan said.

All the money raised from the party on Monday night will go toward a Children's Organ Transplant Association fund set up to help pay for Leah's post-surgery medications.

"We need at least \$75,000 to cover the medicines Leah will be on for the rest of her life. So far

"We wanted to make it an affordable event for graduate students and undergrads, without compromising the intent of helping the Parkers."

Logan Gage | Graduate student

we've raised \$45,000," Logan said. Leah was released from the

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admission discount, that help Baylor.

"We are so close to Baylor campus and Baylor has been real good to us over the years since we got here in 1993," Fallon said. "Anything we can do to help support Baylor and activities for its faculty, staff, students and parents of students, we are more than happy to accommodate."

Fallon said the museum also has a good amount of Big 12 history on site, which will be interesting for parents and students to explore given the constant news currently surrounding the conference.

A number of coupons for other local attractions will also be in-

"We hope that parents see everything that Waco has to offer for their students."

Brandon Robinson | Rowlett Sophomore

cluded in the Waco Coupon Book, which Robinson said is provided by the Waco Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Parents will be able to pick up coupon books at the Bill Daniel Student Center with information

hospital in Dallas just last week, and the family is staying at a Ronald McDonald House near the hospital. They may remain there for the next three months, since Leah needs to be near the hospital as her immune system redevelops, Logan said.

The Parkers themselves will still be in Dallas on Monday.

"We're hoping Leah, Katie and I will be able to Skype in and say 'hey' to everyone at the party," Ross Parker wrote on his blog.

The Gages expect a quite a turnout for the Parkers to see from their computer screen.

"This may be the biggest party I ever throw," Elizabeth said.

yards a carry, and looks to add to those stats against a Rice team he's not overlooking.

"Rice is a good team," Ganaway said. "They're a lot better than the way we played last week. We're going to look at film, see what we can do, draw up the schematic plans for the game, and then we got to go out there and execute."

Ganaway heads a corps of running backs that has almost 300 rushing yards on the season,

not counting Griffin's 116 rushing yards. Junior Jarred Salubi and sophomore Glasco Martin, as well as Ganaway, all added touchdowns against SFA.

"They all are going to feed off of each other," Briles said. "They're all different and bring different things to the table, but they all have to produce and be productive when they're on the field, and that's the main thing. All those guys are good football players, and I have confidence in all of them."

Baylor hopes to build momentum and confidence from this game heading into conference play.

"The thing about momentum, it shifts back in forth," Ganaway said. "As long as we're playing good ball and we're doing what we're capable of doing, we'll be all right. We expect to go out there and play a dang good game this weekend and not be as flat we started last weekend. The momentum thing will come. We'll worry about playing Rice and go from there."

Romney, Perry face off

BY PHILIP ELLIOTT
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Republican presidential hopefuls Mitt Romney and Rick Perry sarcastically accused each other Thursday night of flip-flopping on Social Security and health care, flash points in their early struggle for the party nomination.

Romney accused Perry of having said the federal government "shouldn't be in the pension business, that it's unconstitutional," a reference to Social Security benefits.

The Texas governor disputed the charge, saying it "wasn't the first time Mitt's been wrong on some issue before." But Romney mocked his rival's denial, adding, "You better find that Rick Perry and get him to stop saying that."

Perry soon returned the favor, saying that Romney switched his position on health care between editions of a book he had published. In one edition, Perry said, Romney advocated expanding the health care program he signed in Massachusetts to the rest of the country. "Then in your paperback you took that line out, so speaking of not getting it straight in your book, Sir."

"It's like badminton," said Perry.

The Massachusetts legislation required residents of the state to purchase health coverage or pay a fine, a cornerstone of the law that

President Barack Obama won from Congress last year that has inflamed conservative voters across the country.

The two men run one-two in the public opinion polls — Perry ahead, Romney a close second — and compete daily for endorsements from members of Congress and other party luminaries in hopes of gaining a permanent edge before the caucuses and primaries begin early next year.

Perry gave no ground on one issue — his support for a state law in Texas that gives the children of illegal immigrants reduced tuition to state colleges and universities.

"If you say that we should not educate children who have come into the state for no other reason than they've been brought there, by no fault of their own, I don't think you have a heart," he said.

That drew a retort from former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum. "No one is suggesting that students who are illegal in this country shouldn't go to colleges and universities," he said, adding that he objects to giving them state subsidies to do so.

"Most folks have to pay the full boat. ... Why should they be given preferential treatment as an illegal in this country?" he said.

In contrast to sometimes-harsh comments about each other, the GOP presidential hopefuls agreed Obama's handling of the economy

was woeful. They said they would cut taxes, eliminate government regulations and take other steps to help create jobs in a nation with 9.1 percent unemployment.


"The president's party wants to take from some people and give to others. That isn't the way to lift America," said Romney.

Perry said his state ranked first in the country five years in the row in attracting businesses looking to relocate. "Something special happened there and we plan to keep it that way," he said.





Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota told one questioner, "You should get to keep every dollar you earn," then backpedaled. "Obviously we have to give money back to the government so we can run the government," she said.

The two-hour event was sponsored by Fox News and Google, in keeping with an emerging trend in which mainstream media organizations partner with Internet companies.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich gave an endorsement of sorts to one of the elements of Obama's job proposals. Asked whether he would renew unemployment benefits for those out of work, he said they should be required to participate in a "business led" job training program. "I believe it is fundamentally wrong to give people money for 99 weeks for doing nothing." He said.



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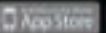




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