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Three Students will try for a chance to win Chili's gift cards in the Man vs. Food Challenge at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Penland Dining Hall. Students will have to eat a 72 ounce sirloin steak, a baked potato and a side salad.



BGCT makes final decision Baylor to lose more than 50 percent of funding

BY DANIEL C. HOUSTON
STAFF WRITER

The Baptist General Convention of Texas approved a final measure Tuesday to slash its cooperative program funding for Baylor undergraduate programs by more than half, while simultaneously increasing funding for every other associated Baptist university across the state.

The BGCT approved \$831,175 to fund Baylor undergraduate programs in 2012, a decrease of 51.7 percent from the previous year, as well as \$1.1 million for George W. Truett Theological Seminary, whose funding remained relatively stable with only a 1.7 percent decrease of course, we are disappointed in this action by the BGCT," Baylor spokesperson Lori Fogleman wrote in an email to the Lariat, particularly given Baylor's strong tradition of support for Texas Baptist students and programs, including George W. Truett Theological Seminary. We are appreciative of those who spoke so positively at the convention about Baylor's impact not only on Texas

Baptist life but to the work of God in the world. We understand that cuts in funding were limited to Baylor and that many higher education institutions supported by the BGCT actually saw their budgets increased. We are grateful that none of our fellow Texas Baptist institutions will be negatively impacted by the budget which was adopted today by the BGCT."

Supporters of the budget as introduced successfully staved off an amendment that would have kept Baylor's share of funding untouched from the previous year's amount, \$1.72 million, without removing the increase in funding levels already proposed for the other Baptist institutions.

The motion would have funded the increased expenditure by dipping into the BGCT's annual investment income.

Randy Wallace, pastor of First Baptist Church Killeen and member of the BGCT executive board's education subcommittee,

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MEAGAN DOWNING | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Trick-or-treat

Dressed up residents pass out candy as Snow White shows her mom what she got on Tuesday at the Russell dorms. Faculty and staff brought their families to Family Treat Night for some trick-or-treating fun in campus.

Baylor alumnus pursues congressional dream

Graduate to run in Florida general election

BY ANNA FLAGG
REPORTER

Ever since Baylor alumnus Michael Hull was young, he has wanted to be a politician. He is now working toward making this wish a reality by running for Congress.

At age 36, Hull, a 2009 graduate, has dabbled in many careers, including the Air Force, semi-professional hockey and professional boxing, where he received his nickname "Prince."

The husband and father said he is ready to move on to his next dream. He is running for the congressional seat in the 10th District, Pinellas County, Fla., against long-time Republican

Rep. and Bill Young. Young has held the seat for more than four decades, but Hull, a libertarian, said he is ready for the challenge in the 2012 general election.

"I felt like this was as good of an opportunity as any to start getting involved in politics," Hull said. "A lot of people are saying it is time for a change in this district."

Hull's American constitutional development professor at Baylor, Dr. James Curry, said Hull used to come by his office to discuss a wide range of political issues, and often told him he wanted to run for office someday.

"Michael will work very hard as a candidate, so I think voters will certainly understand that

they have a choice in the election," Curry said.

"It is normally very hard for a third-party candidate to defeat an incumbent from one of the major parties, but Michael will not make it easy on Representative Young."

Two main foundations of Hull's platform include the economy and unemployment.

He said he is tired of politicians finding it too difficult to follow the Constitution that America was founded upon, and that the government has drifted from serving the people.

"I want to help get things back to the way they were meant to be," Hull said.

"If it doesn't specifically say it in the Constitution, the



Hull

government has no right to imply it."

When Hull entered the Air Force in 2001, he took an oath that he would support the Constitution against all odds.

And even after being out of the military, he wants to live out that oath and help fight for the constitutional rights of America's citizens.

"I am one of the people and I will stand up and fight for all of

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Obama to offer loan relief for students

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Millions of student loan borrowers will be eligible to lower their payments and consolidate their loans under a plan President Barack Obama intends to announce Wednesday, the White House said.

Obama will use his executive authority to provide student loan relief in two ways.

First, he will accelerate a measure passed by Congress that reduces the maximum repayment on student loans from 15 percent of discretionary income annually to 10 percent.

The White House wants it to go into effect in 2012, instead of 2014.

In addition, the White House says the remaining debt would be forgiven after 20 years, instead of 25. About 1.6 million borrowers could be affected.

Second, he will allow borrowers who have loans from both the Family Education Loan Program and a direct loan from the government to consolidate them into one loan.

The consolidated loan would be up to a half percentage point less. This could affect 5.8 million more borrowers.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan told reporters on a conference call that the changes could save some borrowers hundreds of dollars a month.

"These are real savings that will help these graduates get started in their careers and help them make ends meet," Duncan said.

Obama is expected to unveil his plan at a stop in Denver.

The White House said the changes will carry no additional

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Hot cocoa, community to make first Fall Festival memorable

BY ALYSSA MAXWELL
REPORTER

Students can fall back and relax Thursday at the first Fall Festival hosted by Student Foundation.

The members of Student Foundation will provide pie, apple cider and hot chocolate.

"The Birds" by Alfred Hitchcock will begin playing at 7 p.m. on an outdoor screen provided by Blue Moon Cinema.

"We wanted something a little scary but not too scary - the perfect fall movie," Lizzy Davis, director of Student Foundation, said.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to bring their family along with blankets and lawn

chairs to enjoy a night of fall festivities, Student Foundation members said.

"I think it's a time for fellowship and to enjoy fall weather," Jasper junior Sarah Wade, a member of Student Foundation, said.

Student Foundation will also provide pumpkins that were donated by HEB, for carving.

The pumpkins will be given out on a first - come, first - serve basis and carving kits will be provided.

"We're anticipating a lot of people, so we'll see how it goes," Davis said in response to keeping Fall Festival as a Baylor tradition.

Chalking is being done on sidewalks around campus to raise awareness about the event.

Some members of Student

Foundation will visit residence halls the day of the event to encourage people to come out and enjoy the festivities, and fliers have been posted as well.

"Coming together and building memories is a crucial piece of the Baylor experience," Davis said.

The Student Foundation steering committee decided on Fall Festival to bring together the Baylor community.

"We only target athletics, and we wanted to reach out to everyone," Davis said.

Fall Festival is the first non-athletic event hosted by Student Foundation.

Because last year's Bear Downs did not raise enough money, Student Foundation decided to



McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Baylor's first Fall Festival will be held at 7 p.m. in Fountain Mall and will aim to bring the community together. Hot chocolate, pie and apple cider will be served during the event.

do something different.

"Fall Festival is kind of replacing Bear Downs this semester," Wade said.

However, the Bear Downs athletic event won't necessarily be gone forever.

"We'll probably bring back

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Cain’s campaign ad didn’t deserve flak for cigarette usage

You can smoke in films and win an Academy Award – just ask Colin Firth, who played a king who was arguably a chain-smoker in “The King’s Speech” – but you sure can’t let your campaign manager smoke in a campaign ad.

My most recent column consisted of me largely bashing on Herman Cain and his silly “9-9-9 plan” and yet now, in a strange turn of events, this one will defend him.

For those of you who are unaware, the Herman Cain presidential campaign put up an ad where his chief of staff, Mark Block, smokes a cigarette. The ad ends with Cain making what I would describe as a creepy, Cheshire Cat-like grin.

I don’t think too many people would argue that it’s a good advertisement because, to put it simply, it’s not. It’s terrible. However, the fact that Block smokes a cigarette in the ad is not that big of a deal.

Critics are arguing that the ad promotes smoking, but there’s simply no basis for that. No one in the ad ever says that smoking is to be encouraged and, if anything, Block looks so awkward smoking in the ad that it’s hardly going to make any teenagers think that smoking is cool.

People smoke in films all the time. Phillip Seymour Hoffman’s character in “The Ides of March” – a character who happens to be a political consultant very much like Block, as a matter of fact – smokes multiple cigarettes in the film. People smoke on TV all the time. Just ask the cast members on “Jersey Shore.”

Yes, that’s right, this is the second column about Herman Cain that’s contained a comparison between his campaign and “Jersey Shore.” I’m not sure who should be more offended, Cain or Snooki.

But whether we admit it or not, Snooki is more of an icon to the youth of America than Mark Block will ever be. Few people knew who he was before this ad went viral, and fewer will probably be able to recognize him a week from now. So is the fact that he smoked a cigarette on camera that big of a deal?

Of course it’s not. It’s his choice to smoke. He’s not encouraging anyone else to smoke, but he’s also not hurting anyone other than himself.

Our society is so set on interfering in everyone else’s lives that you can no longer smoke anywhere ... evidently even outside if you’re on camera.



Joshua Madden | A&E Editor

This fits into a bigger picture of smoking being banned pretty much everywhere. New York City recently banned smoking in certain areas outside.

Yes, that’s right, they banned smoking in outdoor areas. Most people can acknowledge how absurd that is.

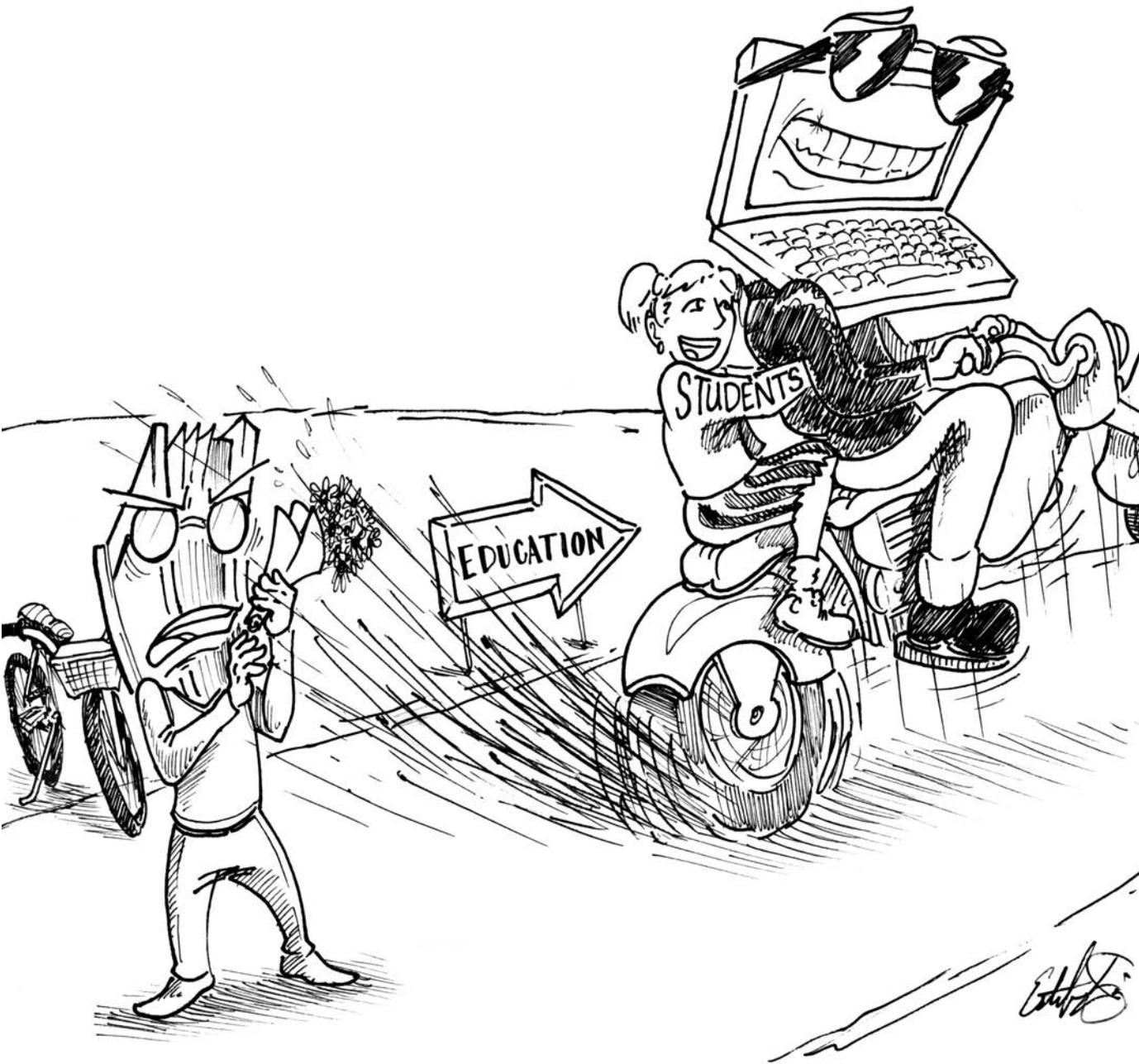
The blogger and author Maddox (his pseudonym doesn’t include a first name) wrote about laws having the wrong focus in his Oct. 16 article “A Message to Cops,” saying, “I get happy every time I see a speed trap, because I assume it means all criminals have been locked up, you’ve caught the guys who broke into my car on three separate occasions and my stolen property will be returned shortly.”

I disagree with Maddox’s assertion that police officers are to blame when they have to spend time writing tickets instead of catching criminals. There’s only one group to blame: us. We are the ones who allow silly laws to get passed and then complain when they get enforced. We are the ones who blow incidents like this out of proportion.

So the next time someone decides to complain that Herman Cain has a staffer smoking a cigarette, take a second to remember that it might not really matter that much and tell them to find something more important to complain about before the rest of us lose the right to do something in public areas.

I think the fact that people are mad about this and yet some people still like Cain’s tax plan says everything that needs to be said about American politics right now. It’s time for people to grow up, says this young student.

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Laptops aren’t substitutes for old-fashioned textbooks

In the age of iPads, email and texting, there can be no question that the younger the generation, the more technologically savvy its members. As our culture becomes increasingly inundated by screens – TV screens, phone screens and computer screens – educators need to decide where to draw the line.

On Oct. 17 the New York Times highlighted the overhaul of schools in Munster, Ind., which spent \$1.1 million to remove all math and science textbooks for its students between grades five and 12. Students now receive laptops in class to complete work and learn lessons.

The article also references a school in Mooresville, N.C., which made the change four years ago and now offers 90 percent of its curriculum online.

According to the Times article, the biggest drawback in the switch has been teachers, who have had to completely reconsider their teaching methods. Some technological glitches have occurred, but overall teachers say the technology allows them to better monitor students, who are more engaged in class.

As a safeguard, Munster schools have blocked all “non-educational Web sites, including social networks.”

From behind the wall of the opened laptop screen, however, there are plenty of diversions on a laptop that are not social network sites.

How often in class at Baylor do students spend one class period writing a paper for another or responding to emails?

If all curriculum is online, students will easily be able to multitask during class. Furthermore, how many Internet-blocking sites are fully effective? There is often at least one child who can find a way to bypass a filter and then teach all his or her friends.

It is not just multitasking that may detract from learning. Smithsonian Magazine reports reading on a screen is a completely different experience from

reading a text. Electronic reading encourages immediate participation – new ideas or unknown words can be Googled on the same device.

Maryanne Wolf, professor of child development at Tufts and author of “Proust and the Squid: The Story and Science of the Reading Brain,” argued in the New York Times that this immediate gratification will prevent young readers from learning to interact with the text. Without this skill, reading is superficial and retention stunted.

The beauty and drawback to technology is that it is constantly changing and upgrading. The middle-schoolers who are so impressed with having laptops in science class are going to lose interest after they have had those laptops for a year. Teachers will be faced with the same challenge the books presented: keeping the students engaged and present.

Even a laptop on the desk will not prevent a cell phone being used in the lap.

Within a few years, those new laptops will already be obsolete – will the school district be upgrading its technology that soon? Publishers may come out with new editions of books, but old books will still work, and they never have system outages or power failures.

The answer to the problem of education in America is not to install shiny new technology in every classroom, nor is it to bury our collective head in the sand and expect today’s youth to read “The Odyssey” before middle school.

Technology and text can be mixed. In Munster, teachers were also taught how to use Smart Boards – interactive screens that fuse computer and white board. This is the kind of technology students can appreciate – and less easily take advantage of.

If we want our students to be the successful future of America, we need to prepare them adequately: with something old and something new.

Lariat Letters: Rope failed in attempting parody of religion prof

At its October meeting, the faculty of the Baylor religion department unanimously approved the following statement:

The faculty of the Baylor Religion Department supports the University’s response to the recent article in The Rope (Fall 2011) about our colleague Dr. Reggie Williams, including the statement from the President’s Diversity Council. The Religion faculty publicly denounces The Rope article; it descended far below the threshold of literary

parody and in a very troubling way rested on racist assumptions. We are fortunate and delighted to have Dr. Williams as a colleague, and we know he will contribute immensely to life at Baylor during his career. Dr. Williams is an emerging Bonhoeffer scholar who has written the first full-length treatment of Bonhoeffer’s time of study in the United States.

We call upon all of us in the Baylor community to engage in dialogue and personal and communal relationships that work

toward overcoming acts and attitudes of racial prejudice and discrimination so that we might all work toward fulfilling the University’s mission. As a department, we commit ourselves to explore new avenues to help the Baylor community deal with racism, sexism, and classism issues and to grow into a community that recognizes that we are all created in the image of God.

—W. H. Bellinger Jr.
Chair, Department of Religion

Excerpts from The Rope’s article:
Reggie Williams gets picked up by Baylor

In an obvious effort to diversify the Religion department, Baylor University has drafted Reggie Williams to fill a void and lecture on the topics related to Christian ethics (naturally).

...

“He will be a valuable asset on the faculty football team,” says coach Art Briles. “He will be what Lache Seastrunk is expected to be for the student team, and probably about as articulate.”

...

Attempts to contact Williams in his office and classroom have been unsuccessful. There was always some other tall black guy covering for him who denied he had any knowledge of “Ole Regg Dawg.”

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Hip-hop hits Waco

Cisco Adler performed Friday at Hoffman Hall in downtown Waco along with Schwayze, a hip-hop and indie rap group from Malibu, Ca. Their latest album is a collaboration: Schwayze and Cisco: "Island in the Sun." Cisco, formerly the frontman of the band Whitestarr, runs the label Bananabeat records, the producer of "Island in the Sun." Cisco has collaborated on two other records with Schwayze.

Law team heads to nationals

By BRITTNEY COULTER
STAFF WRITER

Three Baylor law students returned from the Emory Civil Rights Moot Court Competition qualified to compete at the national moot court championship in January.

Thirty-two teams were in attendance total, including two from Baylor. The second team from Baylor participated in the preliminaries but did not advance.

The winning team consisted of students Marietta, Ga. sophomore Anna Williams, Fort Worth sophomore Saba Syed and sophomore Sarah Scott.

The competition was held Oct. 14-16 at the Emory Law School in Atlanta. It focused on First and Fourth Amendment issues.

The team members said they were proud of their win.

"It's nice to know that all of your hard work could lead up to something so special," said Syed.

The team started preparing for the competition when they re-

ceived the problem packet on Aug. 1 that contained the questions to be argued at the competition.

Their first order of business was to work with Scott, the team's primary writer, to compose their brief. A brief is a 30-page legal document outlining the team's position.

Once the brief was finished, the team practiced before a judge every other day to polish its presentation.

Both Syed and Williams were assigned to develop arguments for civil rights.

The duo debated the right to protest war at the funerals of dead soldiers and also the right of law enforcement to search cell phones without warrants.

"We covered issues that are usually constitutional issues about people's basic civil rights," said Williams.

The event started with three preliminary rounds to narrow the competition to 16 teams. The remaining teams competed in octofinals, then quarterfinals and semifinals. The Baylor team beat

Southern Methodist University in the final round.

Participants competed in front of a panel of three judges who ranked the teams based on their knowledge, presentation skills and ability to answer questions.

"In this kind of competition, the judges ask us questions when they're not sure about something, and so the highest number of points come from when [competitors] can answer questions thoughtfully, accurately and in a way that convinces them," Syed said.

The team will advance to compete in the Andrews Kurth National Moot Court Championship on Jan. 27 in Houston.

According to the Championship website, the event "provides the top 16 law school moot court programs the opportunity to compete for the best of the best."

Williams says she is excited for the competition.

"It's the first time Baylor's been invited to it," Williams said. "I'm really glad that we could bring some recognition to the school."

Lack of options leaves vegetarians in the cold

By JORDAN HEARNE
STAFF WRITER

Baylor's on-campus dining offers a variety of choices, yet vegetarians and vegans may be under-represented.

Brett Perlowski, director of dining services, said there are some vegetarian options, including the black bean burger at Mooyah Burgers, Fries and Shakes and a couple of sandwiches at Quiznos, as well as residential dining locations that have separate four-week cycle menus with customizable meals and salad bars.

"Memorial [dining hall] has a dedicated vegetarian station each day at lunch and dinner," Perlowski said. "That location also serves veggie and black bean burgers off the grill to provide some variety."

Even with this broad selection, stricter vegetarians or vegans could have trouble finding options.

Perlowski said "the strictly vegan options are a bit more limited with the use of dairy in some recipes," even though residential dining stations allow students to pick their ingredients.

Nacogdoches junior Clint Trimble, who is a pescatarian — a vegetarian who also eats seafood — said his on-campus options feel limited. On an average day, Trimble can have eggs for breakfast and sushi for lunch to get protein, but other than that, he said there isn't much variety.

"When you pay for a dining hall meal, you're basically paying for a salad bar," Trimble said. "Compared to the normal price of just a salad bar, the price seems pretty high."

Baylor is working to include vegetarian options in future on-campus areas by installing a Moe's Southwest Grill and Which Wich in early November in the Baylor Sciences Building. Perlowski said both restaurants have multiple vegetarian options.

"I personally get a couple of requests each year [from vegetarians] and know there are certainly more



AMBIKA SINGH | LARIAT STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Though vegetarian options in general are lacking, SUB restaurant MooYah offers a vegetarian patty option for students along with more conventional options like beef and turkey patties.

customers that practice the lifestyle that don't make their wishes known," Perlowski said. "Our goal is always to try to provide the best program we can for our customers and their varied tastes and diets."

Other colleges, such as the University of North Texas, provide a specific location for vegan and vegetarian diners.

In August, UNT opened Mean Greens, an all-vegan restaurant, with options such as couscous, soy milk and vegetable paninis. According to a Dallas Observer blogger, Seth Cohn, both vegan and non-vegan students took advantage of the location.

Perlowski said there seems to be a small number of dedicated vegans at Baylor compared to other schools, and therefore there

has not seemed to be a large need to accommodate these students. As for putting products like almond milk and soy options such as tofu and soy yogurt in dining halls, and looking into a raw foods bar that would be vegetarian and vegan-friendly, Perlowski said he does not object to the idea.

"We are open to trying anything that would meet the needs of the students of the university. It is always a challenge to provide enough variety that satisfies everyone, but we experiment with ideas to see what works," Perlowski said.

Trimble said he hopes that more options will be available in the future so that his daily meal choices can have some wiggle room.

"Outside of sushi, there really isn't much else," Trimble said.

Anonymous \$2 million donation funds spring business competition

By JENNIFER KANG
REPORTER

The Hankamer School of Business will fund its first Baylor Entrepreneurship Innovation Challenge this spring with money from an anonymous donation of \$2 million.

An information meeting and training session will be held from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Thursday in 103 Cashion Academic Center, open to all students. Four training sessions total will teach students how to write executive summaries and business plans and to present material for the competition. The sessions will be taught by Baylor faculty and outside board members.

Kevin Castello, director of the Baylor Angel Network, is organizing the challenge. He said the com-

petition is for students who would like to move forward with their business ideas with funding from the challenge.

"This competition is a multi-step process, looking at everything from an executive summary to a business plan to actual presentations," Castello said. "We will have \$25,000 in cash prizes and a \$15,000 first prize."

Dr. Leslie Palich, professor of management and the W.A. Mays professor of entrepreneurship, one of the stipulations of the donation included a board of advisers to guide the competition.

"So, the director of the program, Dr. Kendall Artz, said that he needed to find a few people from inside the business school and some people from outside," Palich said. "We put together a board of

folks that were approved. The idea was to have different views of people who would be coming at this

"We want students who aren't from the business school ... to not come into this thing and give up because they don't have a background in this."

Dr. Leslie Palich | professor of management

thing from different directions.' The Baylor faculty board advis-

ers are Artz, chairman of the management and entrepreneurship department; Palich and Castello.

The outside board members are Hall Martin, director of the Texas Entrepreneur Networks; Preston Marshall, president of MarOpCo, Inc.; and David Grubbs, CEO of Noozhoo.com.

The training sessions will help teams with their communications skills in order to prepare for the competition, Castello said.

"The point of the training sessions is to help students develop business plans and see if what they're working on is a fundable idea for investors," Castello said.

Palich said Martin, one of the outside members, designed and coordinated much of what will be presented at the training sessions.

"We want students who aren't

from the business school and don't have training in how to put a business plan together to not come into this thing and give up because they don't have a background in this," Palich said. "We set up some training sessions so that we could get those students up to speed and feel comfortable with their ability to compete because we want this to be based on the strength of the business concepts and ideas, rather than being based on training or lack thereof."

Martin said he has worked with similar entrepreneurship competitions in the past.

"I've been involved with these kinds of competitions for five to six years, judging and coaching," Martin said. "I will be at Baylor for one of the training sessions and look at business plans and go over the

presentations and give feedback as well."

Martin said this competition will give students an idea of what investors are going to expect in terms of presentation in order to raise funding for student ideas.

"We are looking at certain things in the proposal of the written business plan. We will see if it has a solution to a problem, a competitive analysis, the market they're going for and the financials for it," Martin said. "In the oral presentation, we will see how they prepare the information in a very concise manner."

All training sessions will be held this semester in order to prepare students for the competition in mid-June. For more information, visit www.baylor.edu/business/innovationchallenge.

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Trick or treat for charity

By JESSICA FOREMAN
REPORTER

Trick: wearing a costume that has the potential to win the FLO Frontier costume contest. Treat: Donating money that will save children's lives by providing them with clean water while dancing the night away.

The Freshman Leadership Organization (FLO) is hosting the annual FLO Frontier dance party from 8-11 p.m. Saturday evening at Cameron Park Zoo. FLO is asking all to wear their most elaborate Halloween costume. Best-dressed will win a prize, and more importantly, the proceeds generated from this event will benefit The Wells Project.

The Wells Project funds the building of wells in Rwanda so communities can all have clean drinking water. Funding for this particular charity was decided because FLO member, freshman Bryce Garoutte, an entrepreneurship major from Argyle, had recently completed the Wells Project 10-day challenge. The challenge called for only drinking water and avoiding other beverages for 10 days. The money saved during those days would then be donated to the Wells Project to fund clean drinking water for citizens of Rwanda.

"I was thinking we should just tag along with that [organization]," Garoutte said. "Every dollar that we end up making gives a child 14



COURTESY PHOTO

Participants pose at the 2010 FLO Frontier dance party. This year's event is predicted to be well-attended. One of the goals of the organizers is to raise money for The Wells Project, a campaign to provide drinking water for those in need in Rwanda.

days of clean drinking water."

Tickets to the event cost \$5, and FLO is selling T-shirts designed by Annabeth Fuller for the event for \$15. Freshman members will be outside campus dining halls this week selling tickets and T-shirts.

"I hope that the freshman leaders will grow in leadership skills as they put this together and put this on, coordinating and communi-

cating with each other," said Jennie Pitts, FLO co-director and Austin senior graphic design major, said. "I also hope that this brings more unity to the freshman class and an awareness of the greater need in the world and what we can do to contribute to worldwide issues."

FLO members said through a significant amount of hard work and manpower was put into orga-

nizing the event, from advertising to coordinating committees, they were excited for the event.

Ashley Mullen, a Little Rock, Ark. freshman fashion merchandising major, has been involved in organizing the event. Selling T-shirts and planning decorations she said will include carved pumpkins and lights.

Mullen said she expects a sig-

nificant number of people to attend the dance party because it provides an opportunity for students to wear their Halloween costumes while giving back to those less fortunate.

"If you're looking for something to do for Halloween, come out to our awesome party at the zoo for a good cause," Mullen said. "You won't want to miss it."

Freshman Clark Nowlin uses his music to help fund well building

Musician teamed up with 'Idol' contestant and 'Kidd Kraddick' contributor Tim Halperin

By RACHEL AMBELANG
STAFF WRITER

There is a stereotype that most freshmen come to Baylor, choose the default pre-med degree and then change it at least twice before figuring out what that they want to do with their life; however, there are a few that seem to have it figured out who displace that stereotype. Fort Worth freshman Clark Nowlin is one of those rarities.

At 19, Nowlin has already performed with different bands and artists all across the state. Now, on Nov. 11, he will release his first self-produced album "Recycled".

Nowlin said, "I started playing guitar in elementary school just as something to do. It wasn't a passion of mine or anything."

As he aged, Nowlin continued to play with small bands and for his church, gradually becoming serious about his music career. During his junior year in high school, Nowlin met Tim Halperin, who led worship at Christ Chapel at the time, which was Nowlins home church in Fort Worth.

Soon after their introduction, Nowlin began playing bass in Halperin's shows around Fort Worth. Unfortunately, the band got put on

hold last year when Halperin tried out for "American Idol."

Halperin made it all the way through to the top 24 of season ten before being eliminated. However, Halperin's disappointment lasted only momentarily.

Kidd Kraddick picked up Halperin and made him a weekly part of his radio show, "Kidd Kraddick in the Morning."

Halperin did a live bit during the show called "Idol Got It Wrong" where he remixes a song one of the "Idol" contestants sang the night before. Nowlin rejoined Halperin as his bass player during these live performances at the studio. He went on to record the bass tracks in Halperin's first album, "Rise and Fall."

It was during Halperin's time away for "American Idol" that Nowlin began producing his own music.

"Right before he went, [the band] was starting to play a lot and actually starting to get some popularity in Texas and then it stopped cold turkey when he got onto 'Idol,' and I was like 'What do I do? I'm on this music high and I can't do anything,'" Nowlin said.

The result of Nowlin's restlessness, combined with the sudden overload of free time, was The Cosmos Project. The Cosmos Project is the name of Nowlin's band. Whether or not The Cosmos Project can be considered "a band" is debatable since Nowlin is the one playing all of the instruments, as well as providing vocals.

It started as an accident, as Nowlins was mix a cover of Coldplay's song "See You Soon" as a gift for Halperin when he got back from "American Idol."

"I had just started singing and

wasn't really comfortable with my voice," Nowlin said. "I was just using it as a reference."

After hearing the recording several times, Nowlin decided that he liked the way he sounded and kept the song for himself. Halperin even agreed to sing backup vocals on the track after hearing it.

Nowlin liked producing the cover so much that he made two more, "I'll Be Your Breeze," originally by Andrew Belle, and "Who Knows Who Cares," originally by the band Local Natives. Now, Nowlin is releasing the three songs together as his first solo EP.

Nowlin talked about his unique plan for the EP and said, "When I decided to make the EP, I was initially just going to release it for free...I realized that it could make some money, and that's what so many people need globally." Nowlin decided to charge \$3 for a copy of the EP. Since he said that he did not expect to make anything from the EP, so anything he did make from selling it he would give away to the organization From Hunger to Hope.

Nowlin said in America, citizens have so much that they do not need, so we are all capable of making small changes for the improvement of others less fortunate than us.

Nowlin explained his motivation for selling "Recycled," is the money being raised for charity.

"Over 800 million people will go without food today. That's something I believe we can change," he said.

Further information on Nowlin and his EP can be found on the band's Facebook page: facebook.com/cosmosprojectmusic.

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Williams provides space for Wright, speed for Griffin

By DANIEL WALLACE
SPORTS WRITER

In six games this season, junior wide receiver Terrance Williams has already equaled his touchdown total from last season. He has four scores on the year and his 352 receiving yards this season has proved to him to be another weapon for junior quarterback Robert Griffin III and the already explosive Baylor offense.



Williams

Williams is coming off his best receiving game as a Bear against Texas A&M on Oct. 15. He had a career-high 146 yards and a touchdown on eight catches in the Bears' 55-28 loss. It was William's 77-yard touchdown catch from Griffin that gave the Bears the early 14-10 lead in the second quarter.

Senior wide receiver Kendall Wright said he had long anticipated William's big game and was pleased that his teammate was able to make the most of his opportunity. "It was his time to break out,"

he said. "He had been waiting on this game and I had been waiting for him."

Head coach Art Briles said Williams is a great contributor, great in practice and he respects the fact that he knows Williams will provide tough execution on every play. Briles also admires the unselfish demeanor of Williams, a quality not normally associated with wide receivers in football.

Williams said he never goes over to Griffin and asks for the ball to come his way because Griffin knows what to do in certain situations, and Williams trusts his leadership. Williams knows his job is to catch what comes his way and does not consider it much more than that.

"We know we just have to catch passes from Robert," he said. "That's what we've been doing all year. Kendall is having a good year but when he is double covered, we have to step up and catch the ball."

Williams has emerged as one of the main deep threats for Griffin this season and credits that to his preparation before the season began.

"That's something I had been working on the whole summer," he said. "I've just been trying to catch the ball and make Robert look good."

Williams played on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball for W.T. White High School in Dallas. He said he never came off the field. He has enjoyed his transition into being a full-time receiver for the Bears and contributing on offense.

Right now, he is focusing on running better routes and has the desire to become the more complete receiver.

In his true freshman year, 2008, Williams sat out the season and participated on the practice squad. He redshirted that year in order to retain his four-year eligibility. Williams earned the team's Baylor Offensive Bear Squad award for his work on the scout team in that year.

As a redshirt freshman in 2009, Williams played in all 12 games for the Bears and showed his versatility in his game, making an immediate impact on special teams, especially kickoff returns.

It was then he ranked third in the Big 12 with a 24.1 kickoff return average.

In his sophomore year last season, Williams started 10 of 13 games as a wide receiver and a returner.

On the offensive side of the ball, he tallied 43 receptions for 484 yards and four touchdowns.



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No. 2 junior wide receiver Terrance Williams sprints down the field against the Texas A&M Aggies on Oct. 15 at Kyle Field in the 55-28 loss for the Bears. Williams had 146 yards and one touchdown, a 77-yard catch on the first play of the drive, against Texas A&M.

Volleyball set for Lubbock, Big 12

By KRISTA PIRTLE
SPORTS WRITER

After a conveniently timed weekend off for Baylor volleyball, the team is fresh and energized for the rest of its season.

Baylor entered the break with back-to-back losses to Iowa State and Texas. After this break, the Bears face each Big 12 team again for round two of conference play.

"We are focused on making the second half of the season better than the first half," head coach Jim Barnes said. "We took two days off in a row. It gave us time to get some wrinkles out. This is the most healthy I've had a team up to this point."

The players had time to hang out with friends or go home over the weekend, something they really have not had a chance to do.

"It was definitely needed to have a different mindset coming into the second half of the conference," senior libero Allison King said. "The first round we were consistent in some areas and inconsistent in others. I think we have a good chance to beat teams we lost to."

In conference play, the Bears only recorded a trio of victories, against Texas Tech, Kansas and Missouri.

In the second half of the season, the Bears will host Kansas State, Texas A&M and Iowa State, hoping the Ferrell Center will offer a helping hand.

As Big 12 teams begin the second half of their seasons as well, the standings are as follows: Iowa State and Texas tied for first at 7-1, Oklahoma (6-2), Texas A&M (5-3), Kansas State (4-4), Missouri and Baylor (3-5), Kansas (1-7) and Texas Tech (0-8)

Baylor comes back from the break with a road trip Wednesday to Lubbock to take on Texas Tech.

The Bears swept Tech in early October in three straight sets.

But the advantage of playing in the friendly confines of the Ferrell Center will not be there this time.

The Red Raiders tend to pick up their game when they play in Lubbock.

Even though Tech has yet to find a win in conference play, it has taken both Oklahoma and Texas A&M to five sets at home, losing

each by just two points in the fifth set.

Consequently, the Bears have not overlooked their upcoming match at all.

"We know we aren't going to go there and have a cake walk," Barnes said.

Baylor has won the last 13 consecutive meetings with Texas Tech, winning six in a row in Lubbock since 2004.

In the most recent meeting earlier this month, the Bears out-hit Tech .260-.175; however, Tech won at the front of the net with 11 blocks.

"We don't take any opponent lightly," senior middle blocker Briana Tolbert said. "We just have to stop their hitters and hit around their block. They're very scrappy on defense. We have to make sure we don't get frustrated and keep our heads up."

Baylor's energy and passion should be increased after getting the most rest gotten all season.

"Knowing that we are fresh gives us the mindset that we are going to take control of the match," King said.



JIM BOYD | TCU MEDIA RELATIONS

Senior Diana Nakic returns the ball across the court at the ITA Texas Regional on Tuesday in Fort Worth. Nakic defeated Texas A&M's Cristina Quintanar-Sanchez to win the title.

Baylor player take ITA title

By LAUREAN LOVE
REPORTER

Senior Diana Nakic concluded her remarkable run at the ITA Texas Regional in Fort Worth on Tuesday by winning a title in the final match.

"Diana just gained momentum throughout the tournament and kept playing better as it went on," head coach Joey Scrivano said in a press release Tuesday. "She is just such a great competitor, and she proved that today. She beat arguably the hottest player in college tennis right now. To beat someone of that caliber, and that has been playing that well, is just a real impressive win."

Nakic is the fourth Baylor player since 2005 to win the ITA Regional title, joining Zuzana Zemenova (2005), Lenka Broosova (2007) and Sona Novakova (2010) as regional champs under Scrivano.

Nakic, seeded fourth in the tournament, 28th in the NCAA, was up against Texas A&M's third-seeded and 24th-ranked Cristina Quintanar-Sanchez and defeated her 6-3, 6-1.

Nakic played one of her best matches of the season when taking on the top-seeded player of the tournament in the semifinals,

which earned her a spot in the finals.

"I think this could be a breakthrough performance for Diana (Nakic)," Scrivano said Monday. "For her to step up her game and hit the shots she needed to hit was impressive. That was her best match this fall. Diana just combined her competitiveness with execution, and when she does that, she's just really tough to beat."

Nakic will now be entered in the elite 32-player field at the ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships on Nov. 3-6 in Flushing, N.Y.

Sophomore Jordaan Sanford and freshman Megan Horter joined Nakic this weekend. They won four of five matches Friday.

In singles, Nakic and Sanford earned a first-round bye prior to their victories to move to the round of 32, while Horter earned a first-round win but lost in the round of 64. In doubles, Sanford and Nakic followed their first-round bye with a loss.

"We are definitely not playing our best tennis, but we are getting better," Scrivano said in a press release Friday. "I can really see an improvement from last week, and that's all you can ask for. We are looking forward to the opportunity to keep building. I can see a defi-

nite improvement in Megan's game from last week. What I like about Jordaan and Diana is that they are getting better at playing the type of tennis that we envision for them."

In the round of 16 on Saturday, Nakic and Sanford each took down seeded opponents from the University of Texas to advance to Sunday's quarterfinal round in both singles and doubles.

"It was a good day at the office," Scrivano said in a press release Saturday. "Overall, we are continuing to move in the right direction. Jordaan did some really good things today, playing more aggressively. Diana is playing really well, and she really got pushed to the limit. We are proud of the way Diana competed to get the win."

Nakic earned a spot as one of the final four on Sunday, beating TCU's Simona Parajova 6-2, 6-4, 6-3, while Sanford entered the singles quarterfinal against Texas' Aerial Ellis but couldn't make it past the first game because of an illness, receiving a 1-0, ret., loss.

In doubles the pair was able to take down a solid Texas Tech team of Nikki Sanders and Caroline Starck 8-4.

Baylor will be on the road again to the Jack Kramer Club Invitational Friday-Sunday in Rolling Hills, Calif.

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said he believed the proposal was pushed through the executive board recommendation process too quickly. He also argued that voting to cut Baylor funding would mar the public’s perception of this year’s convention.

“The headline of this meeting is not ‘everything good we’re doing in the world,’” Wallace said. “The headline of this meeting is ‘the BGCT votes to defund Baylor.’”

While several of those speaking in favor of the funding redistribution insisted the change was not intended to be punitive, former Baylor regent Ella Prichard, representing Windsor Park Baptist Church in Corpus Christi, pointed to Baylor’s decision to allow non-Baptist Christians to serve on the board of regents as an example of Baylor dictating the terms of the relationship.

“The BGCT keeps the relationship with Baylor by agreeing to what Baylor wants,” Prichard said. “I don’t see it as an equal partnership anymore.”

Charlotte Young of First Baptist Church Dimmit, who serves as the chair of the BGCT executive board’s institutional relations committee, stressed the new distribution of funding is based on a formula intended to be more fair to other Texas Baptist institutions. She pointed out Houston Baptist University, which like Baylor has opened its board of trustees to non-Baptists, would receive more money under the proposal than it had in previous years.

“In no way was it intended to be a punitive measure,” Young said. “If that were so, then Houston Baptist would have had to [take a cut in funding] as well.”

The cut in funding followed the BGCT’s decision Monday to approve a renegotiated special agreement that gave Baylor more influence over the BGCT’s process for nominating candidates to fill vacancies on the Baylor Board of Regents.

The BGCT maintains its ability to select one-quarter of the Baylor board’s membership, and its five-member panel that selects nominees now includes three Baylor representatives.

One of the BGCT’s representatives on the team that negotiated the new special agreement spoke out publicly in favor of the funding reductions.

Ed Jackson of First Baptist Church Garland said the available cooperative program funding would be more fairly distributed among the other institutions under the new budget proposal, and said the reductions represent a tiny portion of Baylor’s overall operating budget.

the people,” Hull said. For his campaign, he wants to promote his name by participating in activities alongside the people he wants to serve. Some of these community events include a Lou Gehrig’s

“I felt like this was as good of an opportunity as any to start getting involved in politics. A lot of people are saying it is time for a change in this district.”

Michael Hull |
Congressional
Candidate

disease bike ride to raise money for patient care and research to find a cure, setting up a peace festival to help promote unity and a charity golf tournament.

Hull wants to gain the support of veterans and the libertarian party through fighting for the people instead of simply talking about what he can do for them.

Volunteers have already sprung up, willing to help Hull with his campaign.

According to Hull’s candidacy press release, Pinellas County Libertarian Party Chairman Greg Bowen said that the local libertarians are ready for the task.

“We have a small army of volunteers ready to make phone calls and go door-to-door in a true, grass-roots initiative,” Bowen said.

Hull said that he is focusing on face-to-face campaigning and attending events.

“The Tampa area has the largest concentration of veterans in the nation, so being a veteran myself has helped me gain support already,” Hull said.

The election will take place on Nov. 6, 2012.

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Bear Downs during certain times, like the 40th anniversary [of Student Foundation],” Davis said.

Student Foundation is a service leadership organization that focuses on raising money for scholarships.

It is made up of juniors and seniors.

costs to taxpayers. Last year, the Democratic-controlled Congress passed a law that reduced the cap and moved all student loans to direct lending by eliminating banks as the middle-men. Before that, borrowers could get loans directly from the government or from government-backed loans in the Family Education Loan Program that were issued by private lenders but basically insured by the government.

The law was passed along with health care overhaul with the anticipation that it could save about \$60 billion over a decade.

Today, there are 23 million borrowers with \$490 billion in loans under the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

Last year, the Education Department made \$102.2 billion in direct loans to 11.5 million recipients.

Outside of mortgages, student loans are the No. 1 source of household debt, the White House said.

Also on Tuesday, the Education Department and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau announced a project to simplify the financial aid award letters that colleges mail out to students each spring.

“These are real savings that will help these graduates get started in their careers and help them make ends meet.”

Arne Duncan |
Education Secretary

A common complaint is that colleges obscure the inclusion of student loans in financial aid packages to make their school appear more affordable, and the agencies hope families will more easily be able to compare the costs of colleges.

Separately, James Runcie, the Education Department’s federal student aid chief operating officer, told a congressional panel on Tuesday that the personal financial details of as many 5,000 college students were temporarily available for other students using the site to view on the Education Department’s direct loan website earlier this month. Runcie said site was shut down while the matter was resolved, and the affected students have been notified and offered credit monitoring.

‘Joe the Plumber’ launches Ohio congressional bid

BY JOHN SEEWER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Joe the Plumber is plunging into politics because he thinks it’s about time America had a few mechanics, bricklayers and, yes, plumbers in Congress.

Samuel “Joe” Wurzelbacher was thrust into the political spotlight after questioning Barack Obama about his economic policies during the 2008 presidential campaign. He officially launched his campaign for Congress in Ohio on Tuesday night.

Wurzelbacher said he’s running as a Republican in Ohio’s 9th U.S. House district, a seat now held by Marcy Kaptur, the longest-serving Democratic woman in the House. She’s expected to face a primary challenge from Rep. Dennis Kucinich after Ohio’s redrawn congressional map combined their two districts into one that appears heavily tilted toward Democrats.

Wurzelbacher has become an icon for many anti-establishment conservatives and has traveled the country speaking at tea party rallies and conservative gatherings since becoming a household name.

“Americans deserve all kinds of people representing them,” he said. “Not just an elite, ruling class.”

He said he’s seeking office because he’s seen too many people forced out of their homes and leave Ohio because of the poor economy. “All I’m asking for is a fair shake,” he said.

Wurzelbacher insisted that he’s not trying to capitalize on his fame. “I’ve been Joe the Plumber for three years now,” Wurzelbacher

said. “I haven’t made millions of dollars off it.”

Republicans who recruited him to run in what is a blue-collar district stretching from Toledo to Cleveland think his fame will help bring in enough money to mount a serious challenge. He set up a website to raise money within the last week.

Cuyahoga County Republican Chairman Rob Frost, who had announced he would seek the GOP nomination, dropped out last week, clearing the way for Wurzelbacher.

“People have said this is a guy who took his 15 minutes of fame and turned it into a half hour,” said Lucas County GOP Chairman Jon Stainbrook. “But you’ve got a guy who’s out there and people are relating with him.”

He’ll appeal to people who are tired of politics as usual, Stainbrook said. “He’s tapped into this sentiment that things in Washington are screwed up,” Stainbrook said

Politicians, Wurzelbacher said, too often try to patch problems instead of fixing them. “I’m not the kind of plumber who uses duct tape,” he said

Wurzelbacher, 37, went from toiling as a plumber in suburban Toledo three years ago to media sensation in a matter of days after questioning Obama about his tax policies and being repeatedly cited by Republican U.S. Sen. John McCain in a presidential debate.

He campaigned with McCain and his running mate, Sarah Palin, but he later criticized McCain and said he did not want him as the



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Samuel Joseph Wurzelbacher, also known as Joe the Plumber, talks to the media about running for Congress Tuesday at Tony Packo’s in Toledo, Ohio.

GOP presidential nominee.

Since then, he’s written a book, worked with a veterans’ organization that provides outdoor programs for wounded soldiers and traveled the country speaking at tea party rallies and conservative gatherings.

He said he’s also been building houses and working as a plumber.

Wurzelbacher has shown a disdain for politicians — both Democrat and Republican.

“Being a politician is as good as being a weatherman,” Wurzelbacher said at a tea party rally last year in Nevada. “You don’t have to be right, you don’t have to do your job well, but you’ll still have a job.”

He said on Tuesday that he decided to enter politics as a Republican because he figured he’d have no chance to win as an independent.

“Is it the lesser of two evils?” he said. “I don’t know.”

I-35 10-car accident near Baylor caused by 18-wheeler

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A 10-car wreck was caused after an 18-wheeler stopped in the middle of the northbound side of I-35 near the Forrest St. exit on Tuesday morning.

According to News Channel 25, the driver of the 18-wheeler stopped after realizing the oversized load he was pulling would not make it under an overpass and began to reverse,

which caused the vehicles behind him to collide.

Two people involved in the accident were taken to a local hospital but were reported to not have any serious injuries.

According to a Department of Public Safety spokesperson, the driver was assigned to a specific route through Loop 340, but differed from that route, instead taking I-35.

News Channel 25 said trucking companies are currently using

new automated systems through TxDOT, called TXPROS, that fill in information about the truck including load size, weight, and height which is then factored into a step by step directions for the driver.

According to News Channel 25, the driver of the 18-wheeler that caused the accident is under investigation by the Texas Department of Public Safety for numerous traffic and vehicle violations.

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