**New class to pay it forward next semester**

By Swannn Trussl

In the fall, Baylor students will have the chance to give back to the community. Students of the university’s new Philanthropy and Service major and the Public Good course will have the opportunity to help $20,000 to $100,000 to multiple local nonprofit organizations to help meet needs in the Waco community.

Baylor is the 14th university in the U.S. to partner with the Once Upon A Time Foundation’s Philanthropy Lab project, a project that offers large grants to universities. In turn, the universities have the chance to offer students the opportunity to learn about giving in a hands-on way.

The Once Upon A Time Foundation is a private nonprofit organization out of Fort Worth whose primary purpose is to promote the practice of charitable giving and volunteering.

The foundation represents and serves a wide range of philanthropic and charitable institutions.

The foundation started the program in 2011 as a way to ignite students’ interest and participation in giving back to their community. Through a great application process, universities from all over the country were invited to apply for it.

There are no prerequisites to take the course, and any student has the opportunity to apply for it.

One of the requirements for the program includes: "The students must have the opportunity to apply for it in an application process that includes a few short essays and a submission of a letter of support.

"Baylor's mission is to educate men and women for worldwide leadership and service," Hogue said. "We want to give our students a chance to play in, in a meaningful way.

At the start of the course, students will have a wide array of nonprofit organizations that they either work or volunteer for, or they use classes learning about.

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**Senate clears debt limit measure for Obama**

By Amos Weisblatt

WASHINGTON — Republicans and Democrats in Congress have come together to pass a bipartisan bill to raise the federal debt ceiling.

The House passed the bill 219-212 in a vote that raises the threat of a default from our economy, and once again for all. Obama signed the bill.

The president is clear that his plan to lift the ceiling, which allows the go-vernment to borrow all the money it needs to pay bills such as Social Security, Medicare, federal salaries, and interest payments.

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**New sports facility kicks off in Waco**

By Alex Rosales

The facility is the first indoor soccer facility in Waco to have local facilities and Wichita, Kan., junior Joshua Crocker said he used to travel to Dallas regularly to play indoor soccer.

"I have really enjoyed being able to play the indoor indoor center," Reyes said.

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Smiling, Baylor communications technician Eric Smith carries a cross Wednesday down Valley Mills Drive. "I'm just out here to tell people how much God loves them," he said. Smith can regularly be seen trudging down the streets of Waco with this visual representation of his faith.

"It's always been a dream of mine to build an indoor soccer facility," Reyes said.

"I love that it is filling a need for indoor soccer and Waco had nothing like this at all," Crocker said.

Dr. Pedro Reyes’ dream of having an indoor sports facility in Waco has finally come to reality. "Waco Indoor Sports Center, located on 8043 Robinson Park Industrial Drive, is the first of its kind to come to Waco," former indoor soccer player Smith said.

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I think pretty much anything and every-thing is in us to be said about the topic of marriage and the LGBT community has been mar-stred. My opinions probably carry much less credibility than many others’ opinions do.

I am a Christian, and that means the world to me. Politically, I consider myself a moderate conservative, which means almost nothing. There’s a small wriggling of political ru-dges, such as that of abortion, I have a strange strain of apathy wrapped about. With such much political everything, though, I get frustrated with minute details and complications that has little with public health’s mostly simplified platform. ‘This frustration is so great that I often think twice about what to think at all.

Indeed, I think that maybe the Bible and Christianity should not be so close to politics. Politically, I believe things should go down a road in which it would come to a sound conclusion on that, but I can’t policy every detail on how it even if the issue should be legislated.

I see a lot of the ideals that it represented on the dress.

In order to preserve these memories, many people choose to have an engagement photo shoot or hire a professional photographer.

Trashing the dress, however, is a new trend that is taking place due to more modern weddings and the idea of second-hand dresses.

Trashing the dress is essentially a photo shoot after the wedding in which the bride and groom get all dirty at the end of the night in order to destroy this purity.

This is the first time a national chain pharmacy has stopped selling tobacco products, as is their right, it is good CVS set an example for other companies to help fight preventative illnesses caused by tobacco use.

People who buy cigarettes could spend their money on other things, such as Wallgreens are currently evaluating their products is to send a message of better health to their customers as well as remain consistent with the company’s move is bold and brave.

The Institute published statistics that show 443,000 people die from cigarette smoke each year, nearly twice as many in men and 80 percent of lung cancer in women is caused by smoking.

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Apparel program bursts at seams with new honor

Baylor University's apparel program has been ranked among the top 20 fashion schools in the U.S. by Fashionista.com, putting the program among the most influential in the world. The program has received so much positive press and increased alumni support since it received this recognition.

“I think we’re very strong in the realistic approach we have with students,” Divita said. “Here at Baylor, we not only learn about design, we learn about the business of fashion,” Allen said. “We’ve always been great, it was only a well-kept secret,” Divita said. “Now, thanks to our constant evolving changes in the program, students are ready to face the constantly evolving challenges of the design world.”

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The apparel program at Baylor has been ranked among the top 20 most influential fashion schools in the world by fashionista.com. This is not, however, the first time that the program has received such recognition.

“In 2011, fashionista.com ranked Baylor’s fashion program on the top 20 fashion schools in the U.S. As the program’s newest ranking implies, Baylor’s apparel program lures students from around the world.”

Athens, Greece, freshman Sofia Bitouli juggles being on the track team and a fashion design student. She said she has seen positive changes happen in the program, including technology advancements, study abroad opportunities and increased student participation in both the fashion and design worlds.

“The main reason we have received so much positive press lately is the addition of new technology,” Divita said. The department now has a computer lab with design software and a fabric printer. Divita said this software available to students is important in the professional world, and the students’ knowledge in these programs have really set Baylor apart.

“I think that we’re unique because we’re small, and they care about us as students, not just as tuition,” Sands said. She said she feels like she has her own professors. “It’s a very tight knit program,” Sands said. Allan added that she primarily picked the design program at Baylor because of the professors. “I was very impressed by the rigorous and well-structured program as well as the individual attention from our professors,” Allen said.

Divita said another reason the department is strong because of the relationship it has with its alumni. “We also benefit from a close relationship with our alumni, many of whom return to speak at our student organization Baylor Apparel Professional’s events, study abroad opportunities and increased alumni support,” Divita said. This student organization gives members the opportunity to speak with professionals in their field about careers. The alumni in the apparel program have gone on to work with many big name companies, including Fendi, Dillards, J Crew, Tiffany’s, Ralph Lauren and the Dallas Cowboys.

“I think our alumni’s success in the industry proves that it can be done with hard work and dedication,” said Divita. Divita also mentioned some of the learning experiences that Baylor students can have, including trips to Montreal, New York and Paris in Europe. One experience was the opportunity to speak with Didier Grumbach, Chairman of the Chambre Syndicale de la Haute Couture.

“Mr. Grumbach is quite literally the top man in French fashion,” said Divita. “I know of no other school that gets to do that.”

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With Valentine’s Day on Friday, many students may be looking for that last- minute gift for someone special. They want something heartfelt yet in-expensive, something that shows you know the anniversary holiday, as commercialized as it is, but doesn’t seem too desperate or cheap.

Those who don’t have a Valentine may want to enjoy something that doesn’t re-quire buying a gift altogether, or perhaps something nice that can be shared among friends or alone while binging on a Netflix marathon.

What to do

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare 2 teaspoons McCormick Raspberry Extract, divided 24 drops McCormick Red Food Color 2 teaspoons McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract ½ cup (1 stick) butter, softened 4 cups confectioners’ sugar 5 tablespoons heavy cream 1-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter

Yields: 12 cupcakes

“aray for my version of the recipe, replace confectioners’ sugar and heavy cream with your favorite prepared frosting 1.5 cups of the batter to medium bowl. Stir in 1 tablespoon of raspberry extract and red food color. Pour into greased 8-inch square baking pan. Reserve remaining

2. Bake 12 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. Cut out 12 heart shapes with 1-inch heart-shaped cookie cut. Set aside.

3. Meanwhile, heat oven and remaining 2 teaspoons raspberry extract in large bowl until light and fluffy. Gradually add confectioners’ sugar alternately with cream, beating well after each addition and scraping sides and bottom of bowl frequently. Frost cooled cupcakes with frosting.

What went wrong

Interestingly, I took on a tight budget, I did not pick up supplies to ensure the frosting. I used Duncan Hines fluffy white whipped frosting (frusing)’ net I did track down a heart- shaped cookie cutter. The latter issue may have been what made my cupcakes less than romantic. Since my small rasp- berry cake had cooled, I cut out jagged hearts with a heart-shaped cutter, many of which fell apart in my hands or were washed away.

Another issue with the recipe was the fact that it didn’t say whether or not to put more cake batter on top of the iced cake hearts. For my own experi- ment, I put cake batter on half of the cup- cake the pinto pretense of the bunch and left the other half of the cupcakes uniced, exposing the top of pink hearts. These uniced cupcakes came back crumpy like little pink croutons sticking out of a muffin. The other look like cupcakes should — soft and smooth.

Final conclusion

I think my cheapening of the recipe probably kept my cupcakes from looking like those in the pictures from Mc- Cormick. With practice and a heart- shaped cookie cutter, I think the recipe is plausible. Whether or not it is worth it to bake hearts into a cupcake is another question entirely. But if you’re looking for something interesting and Valentine-themed, these cupcakes are a great way to celebrate.

DAILY PUZZLES

Answers: [www.baylorlariat.com]

1. Scale on which diamond is assigned to

2. Except

3. Quizzical sounds


5. “Hava Nagila” dance

6. Different

7. Corsage flowers

8. “Music __ charms …”

9. Jeans bottom

10. The Sego Lily is its state flower

11. Shakespearean verb

12. Where she blows

13. Worker welfare org.

14. Beeline

15. Won’t stand for a double take

16. Actress Elisabeth

17. Beatles lyric

18. NFL titles in four different decades

19. WWII aircraft carrier plane

20. Hippy dance

21. Iowa native

22. Jug band percussion instrument

23. Tax-sheltered nest egg

24. Organ with chambers

25. 32 Can’t stand

26. “Hello, wahine!”

27. Grating

28. Ousted Iranian

29. Nanny McPhee

30. Grating

31. “Hello, wahine!”

32. Can’t stand

33. Organ with chambers

34. Quizzical sounds

35. Bears owner/coach who won eight NFL titles in four different decades

36. “Isn’t __ bit like you and me?”:

37. Beatles lyric

38. Soup base

39. B’way seating area

40. Except

41. “Gone with the wind”

42. “Hello, wahine!”

43. Organ with chambers

44. Quaint pronoun

45. “Isn’t __ bit like you and me?”:

46. Jeans bottom

47. Workers welfare org.

48. Ado

49. Except

50. __ Tzu

51. Mmm, I’d say it

52. B’way seating area

53. “Hello, wahine!”

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55. Shakespearean verb

56. 1975 Wimbledon winner

57. Ginza agreement

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63. Beatles lyric

64. Organ with chambers

65. Son of Odin

66. Seven: Pref.

67. “Revenge is __ best served cold”

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Bears blow out TCU 91-58; Heslip scores 24

By Jeff Sheling
Sports Writer

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Sen. Corker: Republicans have been forced to make concessions because President Obama has shown no willingness to negotiate and Democrats have shown no interest in finding common ground.

The debt ceiling debate is a serious issue, but it is not the only problem the country is facing. The federal government needs to address other issues such as reducing the budget deficit and addressing the long-term fiscal challenges.

The Senate has passed a bill to raise the debt ceiling and fund the government, but it remains to be seen if the House will pass the bill and if the President will sign it.

The debt ceiling debate is a distraction from the more important issues that the country needs to address. It is time for Congress to focus on the real problems and work towards solutions that are in the best interest of the American people.