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For the position of student body president, The Lariat endorses candidate Wesley Hodges.

When interviewing candidates for the student body president position, there were a few key traits that we were looking for.

The candidate had to have both a good grasp on the Baylor community and a good understanding of the Waco community.

He or she had to have a clear and diverse platform that demonstrated knowledge of the challenges that Baylor faces and the improvements we can make through the student government.

And most importantly, he/she had to have concrete steps to achieve their goals.

The decision to endorse Hodges based on our conversations with various campus constituents.

When Hodges came and spoke to the Lariat, we were impressed by his goals and the specific ways he proposed to achieve them.

From the ambitious — opening a ferry between downtown Waco and Baylor Stadium — to the more mundane — establishing a database of available undergraduate research faculty — Hodges had a range of goals and seemed ready to tackle them.

And most importantly, he/she was increasing the study abroad opportunities, recruiting busi- nesses to offer more internships for Baylor students and improving lighting and security in and around campus.

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For the position of external vice president, The Lariat endorses candidate Lexi Holt.

Not only does Holt have experi- ence in acting external vice presi- dent from the time she had already served her current vice president's term, but Holt currently is the student who runs the Baylor Ball in and around campus also led us to this endorsement.

Holt has served in student government for two years so far and has experiences working on the PR committee, and being a member of Phi Kappa Chi.

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Ser. George Mitchell stars in On Topic conversation

By Dr. Doreen Revis

U.S. Distinguished Ser. George J. Mitchell (1940-45) hosted a packed house in Wise Hall on Tuesday night with the discussion of his involvement and views on conflicts in Northern Ireland and throughout the Middle East.

President Ron Starr and Mitch- ell began the conversation by re- membering Monday’s activities in Boston, and the lives of those who were lost, including the young Martin Richard. During the remarks on Middle East terrorism bombs exploded close to the finish line, taking more than 100 people and killing three.

“I feel personally about this, because I grew up in Maine and I have spent a lot of time in Boston,” Mitchell said.

Mitchell was asked to serve as a special envoy for Middle East Peace by President Obama in 2009. He represented the United States in diplomatic relations with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

“There is no such thing as a conflict that can’t be ended,” Mitchell said. He said there are many threats for Israel. Two of these threats, which are widely understood today, such as rockets and violence, “Mitchell has his 50,000 rockets,” Mitchell said.

Israel faces issues with settlement in that the nation has the support of the United States, but not of the geographic area, as it is a minority. A third threat for Israel, accordin- g to Mitchell, is that the birth rates of Arabs are such that by the middle of this century, the major- ity of the population in that coun- try will be Arab.

When asked by Starr about his opinion on the United States’ in- volvement in the conflict in Iraq, Mitchell said there are three com- mon threads that he has found the chil- dren of figuring out how to handle each of these situations.

“The last thing we need is an- other war over there,” Mitchell said.

Starr posed the question, “Taki- cian, the country, a friend or a foe of the United States?”

Mitchell promptly professed that he does not believe in laying a country a friend or not a friend.

“We should search for our common interests,” Mitchell said.

Mitchell said this will be one of the greatest challenges over the next half-century. He said that by the middle of this century, there will be as many Muslims as there are people on earth in the 1990s.

It was an imperative to see them do that, especially those who have suffered extreme consequences as a result,” Mitchell said. “They did the right thing, at the right time for their country.”

Starr also commended Mitch- ell’s dedication in his character with former Senate Minority Lead- er Bob Dole. Mitchell told Dole on his first day in Senate Majority Leader that he would not stop to petty quarreling.

“We understood that he had a higher loyalty,” Mitchell said.

Man convicted in carjack slaying of teen to face execution

By Dan Henson

Reporter

MANWORTH - A man convicted in the carjacking and slaying of a 17-year-old boy will be allowed to live in Texas pending a decision on his execution appeal.

Gerald Threadgill, 40, was sentenced to death in 2006 after being convicted of capital murder. He represented the United States in diplomatic relations with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

“When Threadgill started shooting, people who saw the attack left “no wiggle room” to convince jurors that someone else was responsible for Threadgill,” Dunn said.

There was a multitude of wit- nesses there at that club that had seen them there and then the shoot- ing took place, and a multitude of witnesses watched him drag the dead body out of the car and throw him down,” Dunn said.

Prosecutors called nearly a dozen witnesses during the pun-ishment phase to show “Threadgill’s reputation for trouble. He already had felony convictions for cocaine possession and burglary and mis- demeanor convictions for assault, resisting arrest, theft, criminal tres- pass, criminal mischief and mari- juana possession. Those months before the final carjacking, Thread- gill was released from prison on mandatory supervision, a form of parole.

A clinical psychologist testify- ing for the defense showed Thread- gill was chemically-dependent and came from a family with a history of substance abuse. It’s not hard to tell what is on parole for drug possession at the time.

Attorneys for Threadgill’s friend of the United States?”

Mitchell said the violence he witnessed was horrific and random. And through all of the violence, ordinary men and women, par- ticularly women, stood up in the face of the chaos in hopes of achieving a normal life.

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Baylor President Ken Starr joined by Ser. George Mitchell Tuesday in Waco Hall for On Topic, a conversation about the country and important issues facing the nation.

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Five for Fighting talks Dia performance, current events

While driving down the highway, listening to the radio, you can now experience "Superman" and "100 Years" coming on and have heard the band's familiar song "The Blind Side," or have heard the band's other songs, especially "9/11." Ondrasik said that he has written lyrics that are like songs "to something and I have to be there," but in order for him to perform, he must be able to make the band live in concert.

"I think that's the best. It's not one of those where I've been a fan for years or something and I have to be there," Tucker said.

San Antonio junior Abby Ortiz said on Wednesday that she is familiar with the band's song "100 Years." When talking to college students, Ondrasik talked about the battle rounds on "The Voice." Tucker is still enrolled at Baylor University and will be a senior in the fall. Tucker said "Blown Away" was the song around the blind auditions, and it was the song around the time.

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**By Parmida Schahhosseini**

Senior left-handed pitcher Whitney Canion and freshman right-handed left-handed pitcher Whitney Canion pitched back-to-back against North Texas last time. The Baylor offense has a 4-8 home record.

Junior left-handed pitcher Whitney Canion won a pitch for Saturday against the Oklahoma State Cowgirls. Baylor won the game 1-0 and eventually moved to 19-18 on the season.
line killed three people, wounded more than 170 and incited more fear of terrorism. A 9-year-old girl and her 10-year-old sister, both of whom were among the 17 victims listed in critical condition.

Neighbors who live in Wash-ington’s Petworth neighborhood were both lighted before the bombing. A 9-year-old girl, who was found injured at a local hospital, has been pronounced with ricin or a similarly dangerous substance. The girl is being treated at a local hospital, according to a hospital official, because of the uncertain nature of the attack.

The Boston attack was the latest in a series of bombings that began in 2011. The first bomb was found in a backpack at a train station in Boston. Since then, three other bombs have been found in the area, including one that was found in a mailbox near the finish line of the Boston Marathon.

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