In the running for...

Student Body President

Pearson Brown
Lauren Kinghorn
James Porter

Hearst junior Pearson Brown, junior class senator, is running for student body president this spring. Brown said he has learned a lot during his time in student government, and is ready to run for student body president on a platform of “Innovate, launch and lead.”

“Ignites deals with helping to make Baylor more affordable,” Brown said. “Launch deals with your time at Baylor. To graduate closer to Christ when you were meant to.”

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Katya senior Lauren Kinghorn, student body internal vice president, has been in student government since her freshmen year and hopes to become the next student body president.

Kinghorn plans on bringing big changes to Baylor’s campus.

“I have four different initiatives on my platform, and the first one involves around scholarships,” said Kinghorn. “My second initiative revolves around entrepreneurship.”

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Francisco sophomore James Porter is pushing for a safer, more connected campus in his campaign to become student body president.

“So, be safe, you know, be connected,” Porter said. “So, it’s an off-campus initiative that I think I think it’s one of us can agree that the off-campus living infrastructure is really where it’s at. It’s not necessary said by the off-campus living. But connected is a jobs initiative. Be proud of your organization, and be proud of student life.”

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Also:

Student Body President

Fortietta La, sophomore Lindsey Bacque, won this year’s public relations committee chair, is running for internal vice president.

“Talent is the youngest members of student government,” Bacque said. “We need growing years, and I’m prepared to do that.”

Bacque said she wants to prepare the younger members to run for student government once the apprenticeship laws.

Bacque said she wants to work on re-lationships with student groups.

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Newcomb

Student Senate voted 39-12 on Thursday, to override a veto by Arlington senator, Dominic Edwards, student body internal vice president, has been in student government for the past two years and has been working hard to bring the program to the forefront.

The election of Edwards as Student Body President...
Pearson Brown
for Student Body President

Editorial

For the 2015-16 student gov-
ernment elections, the Baylor Lariat is endorse-
ing Pearson Brown for the position of student body president.

Brown has consistently demonstrated the drive and interest to become a student body president who would stand up for the student body and advocate for the student body. The board believes Brown has a strong platform, which will prove useful in the coming legislative year.

The third-year business administration major was the only candidate that offered well thought out plans, Brown would like to alternate the tailgates of this past year should be the goal for the student body president. Focusing on interactions between student government and faculty.

Don't judge athletes pursuing NBA

The nation's eyes were on college basketball on Monday night as Duke Blue Devils won their fifth national championship.

Brown's plan will ensure that students are supported and valued for their contributions. A major concern on campus is that most concern the student body.

In addition to his experience, Brown has a detailed knowledge of the student government and the Senate Pro Tempore. With his strong platform, these fade.

As a professional athlete major in the Hankamer School of Business, Brown realizes the importance of networking with individuals in a given career.

It is important to remember that Caskill, you just did.

In his plan, the student body president should be able to help guide students to where they need to go.

Pearson Brown also shared his frustrations with student government this year and told the board he would work to correct the problems. While we do believe the student government shouldn't consist of people who all agree. But to try and argue that Duke doesn't deserve to be supported because its players are already talented enough to play at the next level is not only wrong, but ultimately disrespectful to college athletes who have worked their whole lives to get there.

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Teams are lining up to guarantee these athletes a spot in the NBA. It's also true, many Wisconsin athletes who have worked their whole lives to get there.

Don't fault an athlete for doing the right thing for him and his family.

Brown is by far the best candidate for the position of student body president.

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OPINION

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THE BAYLOR LARIAT

Opinion

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The Baylor Alumni Network changed its traditional beachside summer venue from San Antonio at SeaWorld to Six Flags Fiesta Texas. The network has also planned a family day at Fiesta Texas on June 20 that will be open for families and other Baylor Alumni.

This all stemmed from the efforts of Smith Getterman, assistant director of sustainability and special projects. Getterman proposed the venue change a year ago after looking into Baylor’s values and conviction statement. "As a Christian university, Baylor is committed to the highest pursuits of scholarship and offers a distinctive voice to global conversations about crucial issues—such as social responsibility, health care, economic growth, human rights, poverty, diversity, and sustainability—in a way that few others can," the statement reads. After viewing Blackfish and other species preservation films himself, Getterman suggested to Derek Stephenson, director of future alumni, young grad and social/global outreach, that a venue change might be a good idea in order for the Baylor community to appreciate all of God’s creation.

"I actually took Derek a copy of Blackfish and this other documentary called The Cove, which is all about the Orca at SeaWorld, its treatment and how it ended up killing one of its trainers," Getterman said. "Then [Stephenson] and I suggested to him that because of Baylor’s values and its mission to support God’s creation, we should support a venue that would also support that mission, and it ended up being Six Flags." Getterman proposed the change to Derek Stephenson, director of future alumni, young grad and social/global outreach.

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have conversation about, create, develop and revive—essentially pass the mission, vision and values,” Polvado said. “It took us three years to create the vision, mission and values, and it took us nine hours to revise the supreme governing document of the entire student body, I couldn’t do that in good conscience.”

During his discussion of the veto, Ed- ward Millerd said all the revisions to the constitution, “Seventy-five percent of senators probably have not read one single change to that constitution,” Polvado said.

Polvado said this shouldn’t be a nine hour conversation, but rather a year long conversation with a committee.

Project is a great time to talk about what type of biases they are facing. "Why is that and how can we change the culture?"

Women, currently represented in a minority within all STEM sectors, with only 12 percent in the engineering field, according to the American Association of University Women’s report last month.

Adding women to the STEM field has been a national focus as well, Landford said. "The White House partnered with the Office of Science and Technology Policy to assist all of encouraging women and girls to join science-related fields."

Houston junior Nhat Hoang said working as a physics major has been empowering. Although Hoang said she doesn’t focus on the issue of her field mostly being male, she does notice and remember levels of discrimination during her education.

Despite this, Hoang said Baylor’s STEM classes are an asset because of the encourage- ment they provide.

In addition to last evening’s “Ladies and Legos session,” another session will be held on April 21, and open to all undergraduate STEM majors.
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StompFest takes campus by storm

By Dennis Prince, Assistant News Editor

Campus will be shaken up tonight with the help of Student Productions, Zeta Phi Beta and some other organizations in the form of storytelling that is widely known as stepping. “Stepping” is a historical tradition involving Greek life and other organizations, said Round Rock sophomore India Blakeslee.

A group performs during the 2013 StompFest. The annual step show competition between campus organizations is tonight at 7 p.m. in Waco Hall.

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StompFest
7 p.m. tonight
Waco Hall
$8 at www.baylor.edu/studentproductions; $12 at the door

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When junior Julian Lenz takes a tennis ball in his arm to serve, he's the picture of a serious man in his zone. He sits at the top of the Big 12 conference for men's tennis, and is ranked No. 1 in the country.

"The tough thing about Julian is that he's better than he thinks he is," head coach Matt Knoll said. "Whether it's his ability to match up with any player in the NCAA, his constant drive for perfection, or how he has turned himself into a really good player, he excels in every way."

"We recruited Julian and told him that this is exactly what we had hoped for him," Knoll said. "We know that we've got a good player and we would help him here, so it's gone how we thought it would go. It's continued to improve, and that's why he's here." Although Lenz has the ability to match up with any player in the NCAA, his constant drive for perfection has his coach stamped at edge to sometimes.

"It's a little bit frustrating for me because I'm not the most patient man in the world, but it's been fun and satisfying to see how his process has unfolded and the way he has turned himself into a really good player," Lenz's coach said.

Lenz is determined. His style of game is oriented after the way he has played this season.

"It's hard to put into words to be honest," senior Mate Zsiga said. "I can't wait for it. It's going to be a blast." head coach Matt Knoll said. "It's going to be a blast," head coach Matt Knoll said. "I'm trying to stay up there (in the rankings) as much as possible, and that's the direction he's headed. He's just scratching the surface."

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Lenz's focus during a match is very evident. Not only does he expect every ball he hits to be a game-winner, he embraces confidence throughout the game.

"Every play by Lenz has heart," Knoll said. "It's a little bit frustrating for me because I'm not the most patient man in the world, but it's been fun and satisfying to see how his process has unfolded and the way he has turned himself into a really good player," Lenz's coach said.

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"Julian is serious about tennis," Lenz said. "I don't know if I'm saying that I'm going to be a professional player, but I'm going to keep working, keep working.

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Renewed BU baseball to play pivotal Big 12 series vs. No. 23 Red Raiders

By Jeffrey Swindoll
Sports Writer

Baylor knocked off a series sweep-and a road series against No. 23 Texas Tech (19-14, 4-5) in Lubbock this weekend.

The youth of the Bears (13-19, 4-5) has had its ups and downs this season. Some of Baylor's underclassmen have had to fill-in for the up and down season of injuries. This youth is what makes this season interesting.

Junior righthanded pitcher Kody Hesemann throws a pitch during the Bears' game against Sam Houston State University, on March 18. The Bears fell 4-3 to the Bearkats at Baylor Ballpark.

Baylor has won all its Big 12 league games, but has struggled against Big 12 foes. The Bears are enjoying their time on the diamond this season. Smith spoke highly of the Bears' hitting, especially their freshman first baseman, Aaron Dodson and Esthay), ERA (sophomore pitcher Daniel Cas), runs (sophomore first baseman Darryn Sheppard) RBI (freshman outfielder Cameron Esthay), home runs (rs Sophomore pitcher Thomas Kuy), and starter wins (freshman pitcher Theron Kay) are all underclassmen.

Green has likely not seen, judging from the fact that he has started for the Bears on Friday all season, the same starters. Junior's coach Smith said, ultimately doesn't see it during the season. "What it's going to come down to is can we find a way to win games on the road, particularly at Lubbock and Oklahoma State," Smith said. "That play good baseball, control what you can control. If you play the game well enough, then you'll get some breaks along the way. So when you don't play well that you get breaks, but they don't ever help you." This weekend could be critical for the Bears' conference campaign to put them above .500 and in a more competitive position in the league. "We know we're in the middle of it, but we also know each team coming up is going to be pretty hard," senior infielder Duncan Wendel said. "You just go to take it one game at a time and go from there." The Red Raiders lead the all-time series against Baylor 78-77-4 and a road series against No. 23 Texas Tech (19-14, 4-5) in Lubbock this weekend. Start times for the series are 6:30 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. All three games will be on FOX Sports Southwest Plus.

BU Equestrian garners All-American honors

The No. 3 seed Baylor Equestrian team earned four end-of-season honors on Wednesday as the National Collegiate Equestrian Association named its All-American team.

Senior San Schaefer was named a first-team All-American. Schaefer and seniors Patrice Rice and Gal- lan Chant each were honored individuals.

Schaefer achieved team marks for her performance in equitation over fences and equitation on the flat for her second consecutive season. Baylor is the No. 2 seed in NCAA National Championship to be hosted from April 16-18 at the Extracto Event Center in Waco. The Bears receive a first-round bye in the opening round of the tournament.