Student Government Faceoff

Candidates review platforms before election voting begins Thursday

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Student Government elections are right around the corner. Voting takes place on Thursday and Friday. Here are the things to know before heading to the polls.

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Lindsey Bacque

Port Byron, Ill. - Lindsey Bacque hopes to create a culture of unity on campus with a three-point plan: working to enhance the student experience, increase affordability and access, and strengthening the alumni network.

"My platform revolves around creating a culture of unity and making all of us come together in these interconnected goals which we have been working really hard on this year, so I'm hoping to continue a lot of the things we have already been working on," Bacque said.

Bacque has been in student government for three years and currently serves as the internal vice president.

To enhance the student experience, Bacque plans to address student safety by increasing training and continuing to work with student leaders across campus. In addition, Bacque plans on advocating for a more diverse faculty and expanding resources for multicultural groups on campus.

"I hope to continue a lot of the things we have already been working on, " Bacque said. "We have been working really hard on this year, so I'm hoping to focus on these things as well as moving forward with student leaders across campus."

If elected, Bacque plans on advocating for a more diverse faculty and expanding resources for multicultural groups on campus. To increase affordability and access for students, Bacque plans to expand on previous initiatives already started by Houston junior Steven Newcomb, the current external vice president. Bacque intends to continue the work he has started and expand upon it to benefit students further.

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Alex Plott

With the slogan "think progress, think Plott," Tomball senior Alex Plott plans on making several changes to campus. If elected, he would work to ensure that Baylor is a safe and caring community, help students transition from on-campus to off-campus housing and revitalize old traditions in addition to starting new ones.

Plott has had previous experience with numerous organizations including being an active member in student government and the Baylor Chamber of Commerce. "The purpose of my campaign this year is to represent the voices of all students on Baylor's campus, regardless of their Greek affiliation," Plott said.

Plott wants to bring the bears back to McLane Stadium and create a senior graduation week so seniors can check off what's left of their Baylor Bucket List. In addition, Plott wants to start a high profile speaker to communicate.

"I chose to run for student body president because I believe I would be best able to represent the different perspectives students may have on campus. I have been involved in many organizations on campus, so I felt like I have a good group of the Baylor community," Plott said.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

Amy Dickerson

Katy sophomore Amy Dickerson is focusing her campaign around the ideas of experience, leadership and effective change.

Dickerson has been a senator in student government the past two years.

"I feel like my background has made me extremely qualified to implement change instead of just fulfilling empty promises to gain votes," Dickerson said.

She plans to engage the community by bringing more political leaders to campus, expanding off-campus safety and getting the local government more involved in protecting students on campus, whether making sure some roads are more well lit or even making sure Waco Police can access gated apartment complexes in case of emergency.

In addition, Dickerson plans to continue the Texas Student Government Coalition initiatives, where she would work with other universities to lobby and support the needs of students. Houston junior Ksenya Newcomb, the current external vice president started the initiative this past year and Dickerson worked closely with her.

"This position is one that people have big hopes for. In the past, people have not seen us play a major role in Waco, getting more people plugged in with the community, and what I think that great, I feel like now we have a foundation to do more with this position to engage students and look at other universities across the nation," Dickerson said.

Montgomery Miller

Lubbock sophomore Montgomery Miller has served as the freshmen and sophomore class president for the past two years. His platform, "opportunity, mobility, safety," stands for the three projects he plans to work on if elected.

"If I liked I picked those three really achievable goals with my platform, which is something that distinguishes me from the other candidates," Miller said.

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LITERARY LOVE  The 22nd Annual Beall Poetry Festival starts today and runs through Friday.

Texas College Face-Off: Read about the men's tennis match against UF on Tuesday. pp. 6

LIESEY POWERS  Carl Rogers

Baylor is hosting the 22nd Annual Beall Poetry Festival today through Friday. The three-day festival will have nightly readings from poets, a panel discussion and a Virginia Beall Lecture on Contemporary Poetry.

Dr. Richard Brandt, English professor and Graduate Program Director, is the director of the festival. His committee made up of professors and graduate students decides who will be coming to the event and worked to plan and present the event.

"It's a great way for students and others to have a free literary event to enjoy," Brandt said. "We are thrilled to host the 22nd festival this year, as it is an opportunity for students to hear some of the best poets around the nation.

"This year, we are excited to have a variety of poets and writers attending. It will be a great way for students and others to hear some of our best local poets and to enjoy the event together.""
Best suited for the job

Lariat editorial board endorses Bacque, Dickerson

For the 2016-17 student government elections, the Lariat editorial board is endorsing Juniors Jessica Bacque for student body president and Kathy Lomba for external vice president. Old River Winfree junior Joel Pridie is running unopposed for internal vice president.

The board conducted interviews with each of the candidates and heard their platform and aspirations for student government. These endorsements are based upon who we believe will best serve the campus and represent the student body.

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

The race for student body president is between Bacque and Tomball junior Alex Platt. Both candidates bring different perspectives to the table, but the board found Bacque’s platform to be more comprehensive.

According to her degree, Bacque says she helps to “build a culture of unity.” This involves three parts: increasing the affordability and access of Baylor, enhancing the student experience and strengthening the Alumni Network. While even Bacque admitted that not all of this would be finished in one year, she did have reasonable goals for the next two semesters, should she become president. One of the goals that particularly stood out was her plan to include a Title IX liaison on campus. The Title IX office is located in the basement of Lamkin Center and may be less accessible for students without a car. By bringing a liaison to campus, Title IX would be more accessible to all students. Bacque also mentioned creating a mentor’s association and bringing back old traditions. Bacque’s platform was based on creating a safe and caring community, forming a mentor’s association and bringing back old traditions. It was well thought-out and very detailed.

Both candidates were professional and had clearly spent time and effort on their platforms. However, Bacque’s experiences and preparation to represent the student body made her platform stand out. Her platform highlighted solutions to issues that are of high importance to many students. Bacque’s platform was well thought out and very detailed.

Concerns:

With regard to safety, both candidates mentioned their intentions to improve safety. Platt proposed a communication system that allows students to intern for class credit. Both candidates talked about ways to make Baylor more accessible. Bacque looked at accessibility from a financial standpoint. Platt focused on accessible funding for disabled and highlighted some areas on campus that could use improvements. We believe both of these areas to be valid concerns.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

For the 2016-17 student government elections, the Lariat editorial board is endorsing Bacque, Dickerson and Lomba for external vice president. Both candidates had a good grasp of what their platforms required of them and had strong platforms. Dickerson’s platform, “Understanding, leadership and effective change,” is an accurate summation of what the plans are to do. We were particularly pleased with her aim to bring in leaders from Austin, Dallas and Washington, D.C., to talk to students. Her visions围绕着 campus, also attended beyond the area. She also spoke about expanding Title IX, which upholds the idea of safety. This was a recurring theme for most of the candidates.

We were impressed with Dickerson’s idea of expanding the bus lines, which will make mobility in the future more accessible to all students. The bus routes would have been spamming employers with applications. We are reasonably focused, however, a part of the world did not want to see. Dickerson’s platform is well thought-out and very detailed.

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The editorial board greatly appreciates the time each candidate spent with us. We wish them each the best of luck in their endeavors. We encourage students to vote online Thursday and Friday at Baylor.edu/voting, and on Election Day.

Don’t settle for second-best in job hunt

As any graduating senior can tell you, your last semester is at being hard-earned, incredible opportunity and a thrill to be able to share with the world. We wish you each the best of luck in your endeavors. We encourage students to vote online Thursday and Friday at Baylor.edu/voting, and on Election Day.

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Thailand is offering students and graduates the opportunity to teach English in Thailand. Various benefits are available to participants.

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KALYN STORY

There are still four spots open for Baylor’s teaching in Thailand program. Students accepted to the program will leave at the end of May to go to Thailand and will spend the first three months there teaching English to college students. Students will continue to work with her once they return.

internal vice president

The most passionate senator in the history of the student body is running for student body president.

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Wanna Have Fun” at Baylor Theatre. The musical theater workshop class, taught each semester, showcases the accomplishments of the musical theater students who benefit from the scholarship fund. The performances in the show are students in the musical theater workshop class, taught each semester by music director Michelle Johnson. Following last semester’s show, “You’ve Got Male,” which featured male-inspired music, the performers will dance and sing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Jones Theatre to benefit the scholarship fund for the Leta Horan and Jerry MacLaughlin Scholarship Fund, which helps pay the tuition costs for the best voices of Baylor Theatre. Baylor Theatre’s Cabaret musical revue, “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun,” makes a special appearance Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Theatre. The show is a series of musical performances by the best voices of Baylor Theatre. Cabaret is always free, but audience members are welcome to make donations for the Leta Horan and Jerry MacLaughlin Scholarship Fund, which helps pay the way for Baylor’s musical theater students. Each semester’s revue showcases the accomplishments of the musical theater students who benefit from the scholarship fund. The performances in the show are students in the musical theater workshop class, taught each semester by music director Michelle Johnson. Following last semester’s show, “You’ve Got Male,” which featured male-inspired music, the girls will have their turn with “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun.” All the songs in the musical revue also give theater students who train two full acts of solid singing and dancing. “The class meets twice a week, for an hour and a half. Because the show is one week, students are tightly the team responsible for bringing vocal lessons into solid and learning their music on our own. Classic time is reserved for large group numbers instead of solo acts.” The challenge is the little amount of time we have to teach the show,” Johnson said. “That’s a little bit of that feels like it’s not in my control, which is hard. We have to do our best to give the students the tools to be able to take it and run with it.” The class of 15 students is required to audition before entry into the course, guaranteeing that the musical revue will feature some of the best singers Baylor Theatre can offer. Cabaret places an emphasis on students’ vocal skills, with no dialogue scenes guaranteeing that the musical revue will break up the musical action. “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun” will give audience members two full acts of solid singing and dancing. The revue also gives theater students who train in Rage of actress Jacquelyn Kellar in a production of "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun." Baylor Theatre students rehearse for Cabaret’s production of “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun.” After a semester of preparation, the performers will share stories and songs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Jones Theatre to benefit the scholarship fund by musical theater students.

**Today's Puzzles**

Across


Men’s tennis tops longtime rival in last home Big 12 match

Sending them off right

are really proud to beat them tonight, “ against Texas it is a big rivalry, and we pretty good, and, as always, we know 6-4. the lead 4-3, and, ultimately, the set break early, but battled back to take No. 1 doubles team, were down a freshman Tommy Podvinski, Baylor’s said. “I think today everybody played pretty good, as always, we know against Texas is a big rivalry, and we are really proud to beat them tonight.” Tchoutakian said.

FEAR THE SUN: Senior Tyler Stayer performs a serve during a match against the Texas Longhorns on Tuesday at the Hurd Tennis Center. The Bears won 4-2 to move to 1-1 in Big 12 conference play.

The No. 2 doubles for the Bears went down early and were unable to come back, losing the set 6-2. At No. 3 doubles, Luis and junior Tyler Stayer got the break and held serve to go 4-6. However, not backing down the Longhorns got the break back to tie it at four games all, but the Bears answered right back at 15 and held serve to take the Bears the doubles point. “We need every point we can get, and we got that one,” Knoll said. “It’s amazing comeback from Max and Tommy. For them to come back and beat another ranked team — great effort from them.”

Up 1-0 already the Bears were determined to pull things through on senior night. Rose came out attacking in singles, closing it out 6-3, 6-4 victory. With López and Podvinski losing it was going to come down to the more experienced players to come up clutch.

Continuing from doubles action, playing No. 1 singles for the Bears, Lenz started off by diving around a break and the first set 6-2. However, it was a big shift of the tide as Lenz got back into a break early in the second set but battled back to take the second 6-4.

After taking the break to go up 4-2 in the third, nationally ranked Longhorn George Lindholf kept fighting to tie things up at 6-4. No stranger to being down, Lenz broke right back to give the Bears the lead. “I played really bad the last few weeks probably, but I’ve been playing better,” Lenz said. “I was focusing on more practice and is going off. I’m not playing at my highest level right now, but we still have a few weeks to step and get it going. Today I guess it was that I was more of an experienced guy, and know I wanted to get to that last held at four all and get into the lead which I think I did.” Ranked nationally at no. 91, Tchoutakian was served in the second set after winning the first 6-4 and losing the second 6-7. Going into the third, both players continue to battle, but it was Tchoutakian that came out on top 6-3 to 6-0 to take the match and give the Bears the win over the Longhorns 4-2.

During the first two and a half sets, my opponent was playing really well,” Tchoutakian said. “I just kept fighting and trying to hold serve at 6-2. The crowd helped me alot today. They pushed me, it made me happy to clutch that win tonight.”

It was a two-hour battle at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday at the Hurd Tennis Center.

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