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Candidates review platforms before election voting begins Thursday

JESSICA BABB

Broadcast Managing Editor

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 Barre, La., junior 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 strengthen the alumni network.

"My platform revolves around creating a culture of unity, and those all come together in three 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 sexual assault by increasing training and continuing to work with student leaders across campus. In addition, Bacque also plans on advocating for a more diverse faculty and expanding available resources for multicultural groups on campus. To increase affordability and access for students, Bacque hopes to expand on previous initiatives already started by Houston senior Pearson Brown, the current student body president, to make more scholarships and endowments available to students. Lastly, Bacque hopes to strengthen the Alumni Network and help students find an avenue to become better connected.

"As student body president, I would represent [students].

There are so many unique needs and voices, and they all need to be heard," Bacque said.

Alex Plott

With the slogan "think progress, think Plott," Tomball junior 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

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 bring in a high profile speaker to commencement.

"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 feel like I have a good grasp of the Baylor community," Plott said.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

Amye Dickerson

Katy sophomore Amye 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

"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 off -campus, whether its 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 initiative, where she would work with other universities to lobby and support the needs of students. Houston junior Steven Newcomb, the current external vice president started the initiative this past year and Dickerson worked closely with him.

"This position is one that people have big hopes for. In the past, people have just seen us stay locally here in Waco, getting more people plugged in with the community, and while I think that's great, I feel like now we have a foundation to do more with this position to engage alumni and look at other universities across the nations," Dickerson said.

Montgomery Miller

Lubbock sophomore Montgomery Miller has served as the freshman 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.

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

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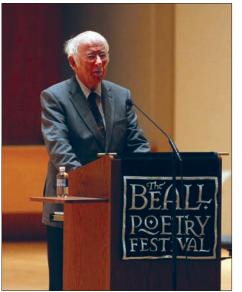
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Poetry festival kicks off today



File Photo

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

LIESJE POWERS

Staff Writer

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

Dr. Richard Rankin Russell, English professor and Graduate Program Director, is the director of the festival. He and a committee made up of professors and graduate assistants helped decide who will be coming to the event and worked to plan and present the events.

"It's a great way for students to get to hear some of our best living poets and to watch them read poetry, which always makes it become more alive for people," Russell said. "I think it shows them the power of the spoken word, and the written word as well, but especially the spoken word and how words

and language take on a new life when you hear them read aloud."

An Annual Student Literacy Award ceremony will present prizes to those who entered original works in poetry and fiction to the Student Literacy Contest. The English department and the Beall Poetry Festival will sponsor this event at 3:30 p.m. today in 101 Carroll Science Building.

Cottondale, Ala. sophomore Connor Watkins entered a poem in the literacy contest and is excited to see if his work received an award. He will be visiting the event this week.

"There's not a lot events for poetry and writing at Baylor, so it's pretty special in that regard," said Watkins, who is a professional writing major. "Also, despite the fact that it's not a huge campus wide event, they get a lot of really well-known poets from across the country to come, and it's really cool to see

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EDITORIAL

Best suited for the job

Lariat editorial board endorses Bacque, Dickerson

For the 2016-17 student government elections, the Lariat editorial board is endorsing Port Barre, La., junior Lindsey Bacque for student body president and Katy junior Amye Dickerson for external vice president. Old River Winfree junior Joel Polvado is running unopposed for internal vice president.

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

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

The race for student body president is between Bacque and Tomball junior Alex Plott. Both candidates bring wellthought-out plans to the table, but the board found Bacque's platform to be more comprehensive.

According to her slogan, Bacque aims to help "create 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 feasible 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 aim to bring a Title IX liaison to campus. The Title IX office is located in the Robinson Tower and may be less accessible for students without a car. By bringing a liaison to campus, Title IX needs could be more easily met.

We wrestled with her scholarship initiative, as many of us found it unrealistic. The aim to make Baylor more affordable is obviously appealing, but seems far out of the realm of power given to anyone in student government. However, Bacque's experience as internal vice president has proved that small gains are possible. Bacque has worked side by side with current student body president Pearson Brown with his scholarship initiative. We see this goal as a continuation of what Brown has been working on and we

support it. We love the idea of student body presidents picking up the banner of past leaders and carrying on the initiative. It's hard, if not impossible, to get every goal done in one academic year. Lariat editors find this out for themselves every

Plott's platform was based on creating a safe and caring community, forming a renter's association and bringing back old traditions. We were especially intrigued by the second point. His idea of a renter's association at Baylor was a group that would help with the transition from oncampus to off-campus living. This was the most unique, and perhaps most thoughtout, part of his platform. However, his platform fell apart at the third initiative. One of his goals for bringing back old traditions was getting the bears, now Lady and Joy, back to games. For this, Baylor would have to build a habitat at McLane Stadium. This would be expensive and unnecessary. He also mentioned creating a senior week, in which graduating seniors would have a chance to return to Independence and revive school spirit that was introduced freshman year. While we loved the idea, we also had to acknowledge that a senior week is already in existence for this year, thanks to the work of Brown.

Both candidates were professional and had clearly spent time and effort on their platforms. However, based on experience, Bacque is more prepared to represent the student body. Her platform highlighted solutions to issues that are of high importance to many students. Both candidates talked about ways to make Baylor more accessible. Bacque looked at accessibility from a financial standpoint. Plott looked at literal accessibility for the disabled and highlighted some areas on campus that could use improvement. We believe both of these areas to be valid

With regard to safety, both candidates turned their attention to interpersonal violence. Plott suggested a communication system that allows people to submit anonymous tips regarding attackers or predators. Tips would be taken

seriously if the offender was reported more than once. While he said that such systems are in place at other universities, we felt uncomfortable with this idea. Anonymity often takes away accountability. While it is clear that there is a need for action with regard to sexual assault, this system could lead to a lot of false accusations, even if the tips were meant as a prank.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

Dickerson and Lubbock sophomore Montgomery Miller are running for external vice president. Both candidates had a good grasp of what their position required of them and had strong platforms. Dickerson's slogan, "experience, leadership and effective change," is an accurate summation of what she plans 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 vision, while including Waco, also extended beyond the area. She, as did Miller, brought up the issue of safety. This was a recurring theme for most of the candidates.

We were impressed with Miller's idea of extending the bus lines, which fell under "mobility" in his slogan, "opportunity, mobility, safety." The part he seemed most focused on, however, was a part we did not see a great need for. Miller greatly pushed the opportunity portion of his platform. With this, he aims to create a system in which students can get internships in Waco for class credit. He mentioned a type of partnership with places in Waco to make this happen. While we see the importance of internships, for many majors there is a system already in place that allows students to intern for class credit. We like the idea of local businesses being more readily available to take on student interns, but once again, we believe that this largely already exists.

The editorial board greatly appreciates the time each candidate set aside to talk to ua. We wish them each the best of luck in their endeavors. We encourage students to vote online Thursday and Friday at baylor.





COLUMN

Don't settle for second-best in job hunt

ASHLYN THOMPSON

Reporter

As any graduating senior can tell you, your last semester as an undergrad can feel pressured, at the least. Spring semester, unlike the completely carefree, undaunting fall semester, is spent scouring LinkedIn for hidden

connections, finalizing a resume and portfolio, and nailing down those interviews last before you finally secure your dream job. It may seem like the world is passing you by and all of your friends are moving on to bigger and better



things, but rest assured: it may be April, but you shouldn't be freaking out... yet.

There are so many factors at play when thinking about your future. Do you want to live

close to home or put down new roots? What type of career are you planning long-term, and what job will get you to those goals? Do you want to be challenged or take a job within your

The attacks come from all sides: a roommate who has had an offer since September, your mom who insists that you should have heard back from grad school by now, the engagement pictures you scroll past daily. It seems that everyone has a plan except for you.

I'm here to remind you that it's OK. Maybe you don't have a postgrad plan. Maybe you don't even have a postgrad "pla." Maybe you watched Friends three full times in 2015 when you should have been spamming employers with your resume. Whether you're fighting for the career of your dreams or just trying to get a job, any job, it's not too late.

Don't settle for second-best just because you feel like you're running out of time. Don't let the pressure force you into a hasty decision. You deserve better than a second-best job or a second-best salary. While it may feel like it, it's

not too late to fight for the position, salary or

company that you want. I'm probably not the first to tell you that if you don't fight for what you want, you won't get it. This applies to all areas of life. Find out what you want and go for it. It could be a city, a job, a person or group you want to stay close to. You have two full months until most full-time jobs would start after graduation. Take this time to fight for what you truly want, and don't let

anyone tell you to settle for less. My ultimate advice? Trust in God's plan above your own. I like to consider myself a big dreamer. I take chances and don't second-guess myself at the crazy opportunities I take. But one thing I've learned is that God always has bigger dreams for me than I do for myself. Sometimes unanswered prayers are exactly what you need to get back on track. So, stop stressing and rest assured in His plan for an amazing post-grad

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GLOBAL BRIEFS

Software flaw leaves hospital vulnerable

WASHINGTON — The hackers who seriously disrupted operations at a large hospital chain recently and held some data hostage broke into a computer server left vulnerable despite urgent public warnings since at least 2007 that it needed to be fixed with a simple update, The Associated Press has learned.

The hackers exploited design flaws that had persisted on the MedStar Health Inc. network, according to a person familiar with the investigation who spoke on condition of anonymity because this person was not authorized to discuss the findings publicly. The flaws were in a JBoss application server supported by Red Hat Inc. and other organizations,

Fixing the problem involved installing an available update or manually deleting two lines of software

MedStar's assistant vice president, Ann C. Nickles, said in a statement Tuesday She said Tuesday there was no evidence that patient or employee records were compromised.

Prime Minister of Iceland steps down

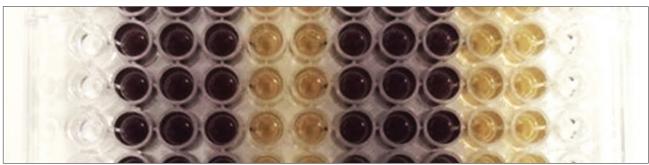
REYKJAVIK, Iceland — Iceland's embattled prime minister, facing accusations of conflict of interest because of offshore accounts, stepped aside Tuesday and proposed that the vice chairman of his party take

Sigmundur David Gunnlaugsson has become be the first major figure brought down by a leak of more than 11 million financial documents from a Panamanian law firm showing the tax-avoidance arrangements of the rich and famous around the world.

The leaked documents allege that Gunnlaugsson and his wife set up a company called Wintris in the British Virgin Islands with the help of Mossack Fonseca, the Panamanian law firm. Gunnlaugsson is accused of a conflict of interest for failing to disclose his involvement in the company, which held interests in failed Icelandic banks that his government was responsible for overseeing.

Gunnlaugsson has denied wrongdoing and said he has paid taxes and done nothing illegal regarding his offshore holdings. He also said his financial holdings didn't affect his negotiations with Iceland's creditors during the country's acute financial crisis. Those assertions did little to quell the controversy.

Compiled from Associated Press reports.



RESEARCH FOR A CURE During her cancer research, Richmond junior Oluwatomilona "Tomi" Ifelayo used a purple dye in live, cancerous cells that would turn yellow once the cell had been killed by the C188-9, a STAT3 inhibitor that could be used to cure some cancers. Her research will be featured in Baylor's Scientia 2016 journal.

Baylor undergraduate research featured in Scientia 2016 journal

JESSICA BABB

Broadcast Managing Editor

In light of Baylor's Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Achievement week, Baylor's Undergraduate Research in Science and Technology organization, BURST, released the Scientia 2016 journal.

The journal is designed and edited completely by students and features research done by undergrads studying STEM fields at Baylor.

"We are really just there to highlight and show people in Baylor and outside of Baylor the really high-quality research undergraduates are doing," said Lewisville senior Jade Connor, the vice president of

The journal is in its third year of publication and features research about cancer, therapeutics for parasitic diseases, turbine blades and statistical distributions. Each year, the journal has been growing to include more diverse research among STEM fields.

"We get a lot of really high-quality abstracts and articles, so it makes it really easy for us to select them," Connor said.

This year, Scientia teamed up with a student in the art department who helped them design the front cover of the journal. Connor said it was exciting to see how much better this year's journal's cover was from past covers and to involve other parts of campus in the publication.

"The response has been really good," Connor said. "We are still trying to get the word out to professors and undergraduates, but so far, people have been impressed about the quality of the journal and the quality of the submissions we have in the journal."

Connor said she is hoping the publication will get people excited for research and show that it is something feasible for undergraduate students to accomplish.

"I think, as an undergrad, research is something that is looming in the background, and I want to show people that good research is being done by undergraduates," Connor said.

CANCER RESEARCH

Working with the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center's Division of Internal Medicine, Richmond Oluwatomilona "Tomi" Ifelayo researched how C188-9, a STAT3 inhibitor, could be used to cure rates for Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma. STAT3 is a protein prevalent in about half of cancers.

Ifelayo worked to see how C188-9 killed cancerous cells and at what concentrations the cells would die. She did this by using a purple dye in the live cells that would turn yellow once the cell had been killed.

Ifelayo's goal in her research was to figure out at what point 50 percent of the cancerous cells were killed by the C188-9, to determine a benchmark for how much of the inhibitor will kill a certain amount of cancerous cells, in order to set a benchmark of proper dosages.

This research can also be applied to developing therapies for other cancers.

"Doing things over and over does not become meaningful until you realize what you are doing it for. The big picture mindset is exciting for me," Ifelayo said. "This could literally translate into care for millions of people and cures for millions of people, and it's amazing to me that I can be a part of that."

TURBINE BLADES

Many times when airplanes reach high altitudes, the jet engines, which are a part of a series of components that work to convert fuel to energy, can be inefficient and cost airlines millions of dollars in excess. That's why Atlanta, Ga., senior Tyler Pharris and Tomball senior Olivia Hirst have been researching the physics behind why this happens in order to help develop a solution to this problem.

Their study has tested how turbine blades are affected by varying rates of turbulence. Using the Baylor University Cascade Wind Tunnel, they tested various conditions and found trends that could be used to optimize the conditions of turbine blades to minimize problems that could cause turbine blades to fail.

Designers around the world have been trying to fix this problem for the past 20 to 30 years, but have yet to come up with feasible solutions.

The research done by Pharris and Hirst has helped lay the foundation for understanding the physics of how turbulence affects turbine blades and can impact their design in the future.

"It's not necessarily that we have come up with an applicable solution, but we have found the physics behind it," Pharris said.

The research project will be continued next year by two undergraduates in the Mechanical Engineering Department, as they continue working toward developing a solution to this problem.

"The most exciting part is getting to see the real world application," said Hirst. "We learn all of this theory and math in class all the time, but when you are in the lab, you get to use it, and it reinforces what we





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The first public reading of the week will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Bennett Auditorium with Amaranth Borusk, poet and scholar. She is the author of award winning "Handiwork," as well as a number of collaborative works. Borusk is an assistant professor at the University of Washington

Ernest Suarez will deliver the Virginia Beall Ball Lecture on Contemporary Poetry at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in 101 Carroll Science Building. Suarez is the ordinary professor of English at the Catholic University of America, as well as the vice president of the Association of Literary Scholars, Critics and Writers. He is currently co-authoring a book on the relationship between blues music and poetry.

Nicole Cooley will hold another public reading at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Bennett Auditorium. Cooley is an English professor at Queens College-CUNY, where she also directs the MFA Program in Creative Writing and Literary Translation. "Breach," a collection of poems about Hurricane Katrina and the Gulf Coast, is Cooley's latest book.

A discussion panel will meet at 3:30 p.m. Friday in 101 Carroll Science Building. The panel will consist of those who read each night of the festival.

The final event of the week will be a poetry reading by Kevin Young at 7 p.m. Friday in Bennett Auditorium. Young has written 11 books of poetry and prose, many of which are award-winning. He is the Charles Howard Candler Professor of English and Creative Writing at Emory University.

"Other than just hearing them read and them getting to read their work, we actually get to interact with them more and ask them more personal questions about their writing process and just about poetry in general," Watkins said.

The John A. and DeLouise McClelland Endowed Fund support Baylor's Beall Poetry Festival. Virginia B. Ball established the fund in 1994 in an effort to encourage the writing and appreciation of poetry and to honor her parents.

"It gets poetry out into the community at Baylor and Waco, and that was Ms. Virginia Beall's wish when she was a student at Baylor in the late 1930s," Russell said. "She wanted students in the 20th and 21st centuries to have the same experiences that she did and get to see visiting poets."

There will be enlarged printed copies of the poems read each night available for \$25 during the festival.

Program offers graduates global perspective

KALYN STORY

Staff Writer

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 Bangkok to teach English to students ranging from first to sixth grade.

The program is open to seniors graduating in May. Participants will be teaching at the Chitralada Palace School from the end of May through mid-March and will get a three week break in the fall, which many teachers use to travel to other countries

housing, health insurance and transportation to and from the school will be provided in the program. The Baylor teachers will also receive a monthly salary.

Professor Kay Mueller, who started the program over 25 years ago, welcomes students from all majors and backgrounds to apply.

"This is a wonderful opportunity," Mueller said. "Thailand loves Baylor, and I know Baylor students will love Thailand?

Students who apply do not need to be able to speak Thai they only need to love conversational English, Muller said. More specifically, the program is seeking

students who love children, are patient, appreciate other cultures, love rice, warm weather and have big smiles, Muller said. "Going to teach in Thailand provided me with

life experience outside of my comfort zone I know I would have never gotten elsewhere," said 2011 Baylor graduate Jessica Krom. Krom had never left the country before May

2011 when she went to Thailand. "It was so empowering to just get up and go



Photos Courtesy of Kay Mueller

THAILAND Baylor is offering students and graduating seniors the opportunity to teach English in Thailand. Various benefits are available to participants.

somewhere I had never been and do something I had never done," Krom said. "It pushed me to accomplish goals I didn't even know I had. I feel fearless now."

Krom is currently a Senior Admissions Counselor here on campus and said she uses the skills she learned in Thailand everyday in her personal and professional life.

Joshua Blake went to Thailand to teach after he graduated from Baylor in 2009. Blake graduated with a degree in Psychology and never imagined he'd end up halfway across the world teaching English to third and fourth grade children in Bangkok.

"It was so far outside of my comfort zone, and I think that's what was so appealing about the program," Blake said. "It was one of the greatest years of my life, and I will be forever grateful for the opportunity Baylor gave me."

It took Blake some time to get used to the hot weather, but it didn't take him long to fall in love with the rich culture Thailand had to offer.

"Thailand has so much to offer, and it is all amazing," Blake said. "I love the landscape, the food, the people. There is no where like it in the world."

Everyone accepted to the program will receive training at Baylor before they leave, and they will be trained by the school when they arrive.

Students who wish to apply should email Professor Kay Mueller at Kathryn_Mueller@baylor. edu as soon as possible to set up an interview.

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The first project is to increase the number of opportunities students have to do internships that count for course credit, the second is to expand the hours and locations of the campus bus line to neighboring apartments to increase students' mobility and working with Baylor to revamp sexual assault programs.

"I'm not running for this just because I think it would be a good resume line. I am running for this position because I really feel this position will give me the clout, the resources and just the general community I need to accomplish change in these three very specific topics," Miller said.

INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

Joel Polvado

Campaigning on "passion, purpose, product," Winfree sophomore Joel Polvado is running unopposed. Once elected as internal vice president he plans to renew the sense of purpose in student government and make Baylor more accessible to all

"I'm one of the most passionate senators in the senate, and that is consensus among the entire body,"

For the past two year, she has served as a student

senator, where he acted as the legislative secretary and worked on revisions to the student body constitution, which were recently passed.

Polvado plans to unite members in the senate to make sure they can continue acting as a service organization for Baylor. In addition, he wants to focus on making campus more accessible for students with disabilities. Polvado wants to continue conversations with administrators about the possibility of hiring an accessibility coordinator and adding more accessibility features on older buildings

"I think that I would be a valuable addition to the student body officers of this next year," Polvado said.

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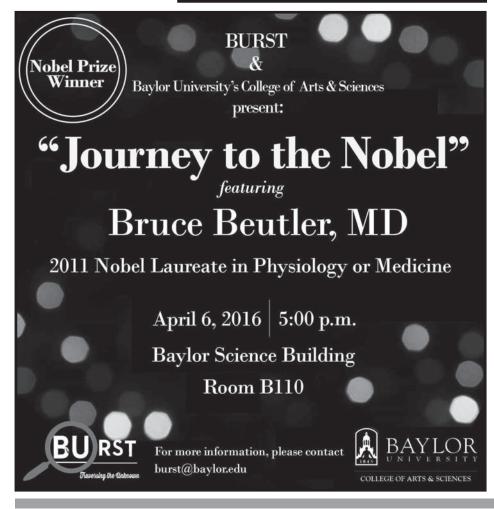
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Week in Waco:

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>> Today

3:30 p.m. — Beall Poetry Festival: Student Literary Awards at 101 Carroll Science Building.

7 p.m. — Beall Poetry Festival: Amaranth Borsuk poetry reading at Bennett Auditorium. Free.

7 p.m. — Matt Maher at the Waco Hippodrome. \$15.

8 p.m. — Open Mic Night at Common Grounds.

>> Thursday

7 p.m. — Beall Poetry Festival: Nicole Cooley poetry reading at Bennett Auditorium. Free.

7:30 p.m. — Cabearet presents "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" at Jones Theatre. Free. donations accepted.

8 p.m. — Pat Green at The Backyard Bar, Stage and Grill. \$15 in advance, \$20 day of.

Life is a



Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

GIRLS HAVIN' FUN Musical theater students rehearse for Cabearet's production of "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun." After a semester of preparation, the performers will dance and sing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Jones Theatre to benefit the scholarship fund for musical theater students

'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun' in Baylor Theatre's musical revue

JACQUELYN KELLAR

Reporter

Baylor Theatre's Cabearet musical revue, "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," makes a onenight appearance Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Theatre. The show is a series of musical performances by the best voices of Baylor

Cabearet 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 performers in the show are students in the musical theater workshop class, taught each semester by music director Melissa 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 medley are somehow about women, and the

boys who do make an appearance only sing about their moms and crushes.

Rehearsals are primarily held during class time. The class meets twice a week, for an hour each time. At two hours per week for 12 weeks, students are largely the ones responsible for taking vocal lessons outside class and learning their music on time. Class time is reserved for large group numbers instead of solo acts.

The challenge is the little amount of time we have to do the show," Johnson said. "There's a little bit of it 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.

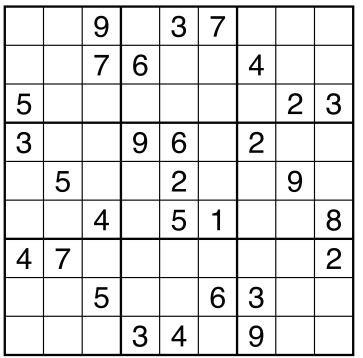
The class of 15 students is required to audition before entry into the course, guaranteeing that the musical revue will feature some of the best singers Baylor Theatre can offer. Cabearet places an emphasis on students' vocal skills, with no dialogue scenes to break up the musical action. "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" will give audience members two full acts of solid singing and dancing. The revue also gives theater students who train rigorously in acting a break from the drama

classes and a chance to focus on their musical training and round out their skill set.

"Finally being able to be in a class where we can sing all day long is so great," Pflugerville senior Mackenzie Dobbs said. "I came to Baylor more of a singer than an actor, but I had to focus so much more on acting. As a senior now, it's prepared me a lot for what's out

The course gives students a firsthand look at what it's like to perform in a real-world musical. After a whole semester of shifting rehearsal spaces, only this week has the group begun technical rehearsals in the theater where it will be performing. This lack of preparation is something Broadway actors must also be accustomed to.

"The best thing about the experience for me has been how similar to the professional world it is. So much of it is on us to rehearse and know our stuff," Boerne senior Cooper Hale said. "It simulates the professional environment really well. This is what it would be like to learn our music elsewhere, apply it in a setting we haven't worked in yet, and see how that affects things, because it does."



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- 15 __ bargain 16 Fountain contribution
- 17 Midler's "Divine" nickname 18 Burn unit procedure
- 20 Allow to enter 22 Big name in auto racing
- 23 Kerfuffles
- 25 Advanced degs.
- 26 "Rogue Lawyer" novelist 31 Whiskas eater
- 34 Pulitzer winner Walker 35 Actor McGregor
- 36 Dance in a pit
- 37 Hull fastener 38 Group
- 39 Mazda MX-5, familiarly 40 Big nights
- 41 How-to component 42 Follow, as a hunch
- 43 __ Plaines
- 44 Rockefeller Center centerpiece
- 46 Farm enclosure 47 Bit of naughtiness
- 48 Doze
- 53 Disney character with a white tail
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- 3 Sommelier's asset
- 4 Examples
- 5 Classic British two-seater 6 Base cops, briefly
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- 9 Dreamy guy?
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- 11 Butter in a farmyard?
- 13 Naysayer
- 12 Africa's Great __ Valley

- 19 Light weight
- 21 Hide-hair link
- 24 Afternoon break 26 Actor/singer Leto
- 27 Green hue
- 28 Homes with buzzers 29 "Ni-i-ice!"

30 Quaint headpiece accessory

- 31 Raccoon kin 32 __ Martin: 007's car
- 33 Acknowledge in an Oscar speech,
- 36 Barely-there dress
- 39 Powerful people
- 41 Rock band Lynyrd __
- 44 Legato's opp., in music 45 San Francisco's __ Hill
- 46 "Like a Rock" rocker 48 Chicago paper, for short
- 49 __-de-camp
- 50 Bermuda shorts endpoint
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- 52 Word with fair or foul 54 Unadorned
- 55 Fairway choice 57 PGA star from South Africa
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Sending them off right

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

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The No. 48 Bears pulled the upset against the No. 17 Texas Longhorns Tuesday night at the Hurd Tennis Center, keeping the Bears' NCAA tournament hopes alive.

"We have had some adversity. Some guys have had to step into different roles. But the thing is, we just played hard," said head coach Matt Knoll. "As a coach, you want to be on them. But when you step back, they are just playing so hard. The guys were really giving all they had, and you feel like if you keep doing that, some of these close matches are going to go your way. Today it went our way."

With fans showing up to honor seniors Felipe Rios and Julian Lenz in their last Big 12 home match, the Bears pulled out the win to continue on their win streak against the Longhorns, which has lasted since 2011

"The entire match I was like, 'I really want to get the W for the team today and, well, it's basically my last big home match, so leaving on a good note is always a good feeling," Lenz said.

Junior Max Tchoutakian and freshman Tommy Podvinski, Baylor's No. 1 doubles team, were down a break early, but battled back to take the lead 4-3, and, ultimately, the set

"I think today everybody played pretty good, and, as always, we know against Texas it is a big rivalry, and we are really proud to beat them tonight," Tchoutakian said.



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FEAR THE BUN Senior Felipe Rios 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, Lenz and junior Tyler Stayer got the break and held serve to go up 4-2.

However, not backing down the Longhorns got the break back to tie it at four games all, but the Bears answered right back as Lenz held serve to take the match and give the Bears the doubles point.

"We need every point we can get, and we got that one," Knoll said. "An 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.

Rios came out attacking in singles, cruising to a 6-3, 6-4 win.

With Stayer and Podvinski losing it was going to come down to the more experienced players to come up

Continuing from doubles action, playing No. 1 singles for the Bears, Lenz started on top by taking an early break and the first set 6-2.

However, it was a turn of the tide as Lenz got down 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 Goldhoff kept fighting to tie things up at 4-4. No stranger to being down, Lenz broke right back to give the Bears the lead.

"I played really bad the last five weeks probably, but I've been playing better," Lenz said. "I was focusing on more in practice and it is paying 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 the more experienced guy, and I knew I wanted to get that last hold at four all and get into his head which I think I did."

Ranked nationally at no. 86, Tchoutakian was tested in the second set after winning the first 6-4 and losing the second 5-7. Going into the third, both players continues to battle, but it was Tchoutakian that came out on top 6-2 to take the match and give the Bears the win over the Longhorns overall, 4-2.

"During the first two and a half sets, my opponent was playing really good," Tchoutakian said. "I just kept fighting and trying to hold my serve at 4-2. The crowd helped me a lot today. They pushed me, and I am really happy to clinch that win tonight."

The Bears host a double-header at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hurd Tennis Center.

