



Students select their favorite candidate for chancellor

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“ONE’S WORK MAY BE FINISHED SOMEDAY, BUT ONE’S EDUCATION NEVER.” - Alexandre Dumas

## Students help show radio love

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LSU Shreveport Honors Program students helped Red River Radio raise \$27,000 last week for the station’s spring pledge drive.

Elizabeth Kemp, Ethan Puckett, and Sam Crooks answered ringing phones at the KDAQ station as DJ Wally Derleth sent smooth jazz songs over the airwaves. He urged his fans to call in or go online and donate to the publicly-funded station.

The station’s new building is contemporary, with a fresh lobby one might see in a design magazine.

Premiums for pledges included books, coffee sets, CDs, a two-night stay at McKay House bed and breakfast, and the opportunity to host an hour of radio.

Last year, Honors’ own Dr. Helen Taylor took to the mic with a passionate talk about the Oxford comma and raised around \$5,000.

Pledges are generous, with the average being \$117. A doctor in El Dorado, Texas even matches the amount earned from the pledge drive. The volume of donations may have to do with the range of people who listen to KDAQ.

“Seven people run the second largest broadcast station in the nation,” said Daniel Gordy, LSUS student and KDAQ intern.

Red River Radio has about 150,000 regular listeners per week because of the enormous range. The station can be heard in East-Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and some parts of Mississippi.

The most popular program KDAQ has to offer is the Morning

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# ADDY honors LSUS students

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Four LSU Shreveport students won big at the 2014 American Advertising Awards. Lauren Daniel brought home two gold awards, while Jescee Ratcliff, Shadi Darzeidan, and Kirby Allen each brought home a bronze.

Daniel won “Student Best of Show”, as well as a gold student ADDY award in both Direct Marketing, for “Pantonium Day”, and Elements of Advertising, for “Stir the Seas.” Ratcliff won a bronze student ADDY in Elements of Advertising for “Reminiscing Rabbits.” Darzeidan won a bronze student ADDY for Elements of Advertising for his film poster “The Urinal.” Allen won a bronze student ADDY for Elements of advertising for “Bombycilla Cedrorum.”

“They judge [entries] for merit, like artistic merit and how effectively they can communicate their ideas like their content and they award individuals who submit their entries if they think their entries are of value,” said Darzeidan, a junior graphic design major.

The American Advertising Federation hosts this student competition designed specifically for college students. Applicants must be a full-time or part-time student in an accredited United States educational institution. Any work submitted must be created before the student is employed as a professional in the advertising industry.

This is Darzeidan’s second ADDY awards entry. He said he first heard of the competition last fall from his instructor, Allen Garcie.

Last year, Darzeidan won a bronze ADDY for his portrait of an “old man’s face,” made in his FA 210 computer graphics class.

Unlike other contests, there can be more than one winner in a category. Bronze, silver, and gold are still placements but more than one student can place in each one.

“What threw me last year, I thought it was like the three top elements in that category, but I learned it was more like whether they thought it was worth a bronze or silver or gold,” Darzeidan said.



Courtesy of Shadi Darzeidan  
Shadi Darzeidan’s bronze student ADDY award-winning poster for “The Urinal.”

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# Chancellor candidates brave ice for campus visit

## Almagest Staff Team Report

Last week, despite the closure of LSU Shreveport’s campus due to icy road conditions, the LSUS chancellor search marched on.

Each of the four candidates paid a visit to campus to meet with administrators, faculty, students and the community. Each evening, candidates were invited to address the entire LSUS community in an open forum hosted in the Noel Memorial Library.

The forums’ physical attendance waned on Tuesday and Wednesday because of the campus closure and poor driving conditions, however, those interested still tuned in on a live-stream made available on LSUS’s website.

The forums kicked off Monday night with Dr. Lawrence Clark, who previously served as Dean of the College of Business at LSUS and currently serves as Dean of the Cameron School of Business at the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Clark outlined his plan for LSUS and spoke about what he felt he could bring to the chancellor position.

“I think that my faculty roots here [at LSUS] are helpful with what I would be as chancellor in coming back. I was one of the first four faculty officers here before I became the faculty senate,” Clark said. “One of the things that I think I offer to the community is that I do know and respect the LSU admission, the culture, and the journey. I was very engaged in the community while I lived here. It’s an exciting opportunity to be able to come here, and to be able to help and shape the focus of LSUS to build a team.”

After his presentation, Clark fielded some audience

questions. The questions included salary increase for faculty (Clark said there was a possible plan that could be copied from UNC-Wilmington), establishing well-educated LSUS graduates in the community (which Clark said would take help from staff and faculty, as well as community volunteers), and his reasons for leaving LSUS (his wife’s job relocated).

The next night, Tuesday, Dr. Brian McGee took the forum stage.

McGee serves as Chief of Staff and Senior Vice President for Executive Administration of the College of Charleston. McGee discussed his knowledge of the Shreveport/Bossier area, acknowledged the problems that LSUS would face, and spoke about his communications background, as well as fielding questions from the audience.

On Wednesday night, Dr. Robert C. Mock Jr. present-

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# Students' thoughts on the chancellor search

Chaz Coleman  
SPECIAL TO THE ALMAGEST

**DISCLAIMER:** These thoughts represent the proportion of students I've spoken and served with this past week during the entire process. My job is to report the voice of the students; so in this blog, I will be clearly expressing the thoughts of the student body as a whole. While I may have personal disagreements here and there, these thoughts are to be taken with the notion that LSUS students care about their university and have been very involved in the process as well as open and honest about their opinions of the candidates. Given that, I want to thank the school for this wonderful opportunity as it has been a very interesting week and one of the more excitable experiences I have had at LSUS.

**THE PROCESS:** My favorite part about the process is that LSUS made it a point to place an emphasis on student interaction. This interaction had three different stages. The first stage involved students getting a one-hour question and answer session with each of the four candidates on their own. There was no faculty present or any other representative from the committee; it was just the candidate and LSUS students.

The students were very frank about their expectations of the next chancellor and open about their current concerns of LSUS as a whole. Candidates were forced to answer questions ranging from raising student life on campus, adding extra educational programs, questions about the candidates' history at other universities, and what effective strategies would be set in place to grow LSUS. However the opportunity for questions did not stop there. The second stage of the search was held on the third floor in the Noel Memorial Library where students, faculty, and members from the community were able to listen in on presentations made by each candidate. After the presentation there was a thirty-minute question and answer session where candidates once again were forced respond to pressing issues at LSUS. The best part about this was it was streamed on the LSUS website so students were able to send in questions online for the candidates. Because of this process, we were able to learn a lot about all the candidates. The last stage of this process was the follow-up section to it. Every student that participated in the actual meetings has been given the opportunity to personally send in their thoughts to the committee. This open-door policy for the LSUS community showed that Dr. F. King Alexander, LSU System President, really does care what the LSUS students have to say. So in response to all of this, I have gathered information from nearly forty students who sat in on some of these meetings and have put together some very important results.

#### RANKINGS:

##### First place: Dr. Robert Mock

Dr. Mock currently serves as the Vice President of Student Affairs at Kentucky. After the attacks of 9-11, in his late 30s he chose to attend boot camp and joined the military as he felt it was his responsibility to serve our country in time of need. He served for eight years. Aside from this, it was his experience with student life that placed him the highest on this list. Students felt he was open and honest with both good things and bad. One of the things that were constantly mentioned with him is that he always chose to directly answer the question and tackle it head on. Given the fact that was not always the case with other candidates, it was greatly appreciated. But he also has a background in education. He currently serves as a professor at Kentucky and said he was willing



Photo courtesy of Robert Mock

to do guest lecturing on LSUS' campus if chosen as chancellor. This balance is crucial for any potential candidate. My favorite part about him is he also showed me pictures of his family with Pelicans All Star and Kentucky alumni, Anthony Davis. That was kind of cool....but really he would be the best decision for LSUS.

##### Second place: Dr. Brian McGee

He is definitely one of the youngest of all the candidates that applied for the position but don't let his age fool you. Dr. McGee is fully aware of the pressing issues surrounding LSUS. Honestly it's hard for me to place him second on this list as many considered him the best candidate out there. If there were any possibility to have two chosen for this position, he would be fit for it. Of all four candidates he had the best knowledge of the Shreveport-Bossier area and seemed to have a very detailed response to the recruiting predicament facing LSUS. Because of this, if he were



Photo courtesy of Brian McGee

chosen as chancellor, no one should complain. He had nearly a positive response from every student that met with him or watched him online during his presentation. An interesting fact about him is that he also has a background in debate as the University of Lafayette coach and has hosted tournaments where LSUS has competed. As the President of the Debate Team, I definitely appreciated that!

##### Third place: Dr. Lawrence Clark

Once again, there were some great candidates for this position. Although he is third on the list, he would be a great addition to LSUS and is not that far off from the other candidates. Once an LSUS faculty member, Dr. Clark has recently been the Dean of Business and has managed to increase enrollment amidst a 17% budget cut. For a school fighting budget cuts, this part of Dr. Clark's resume was the most impressive. Another thing he talked about was his ability to reach out to the students around him. Every month at his previous university he would sit down and have breakfast with all his student leaders on campus. He is very energetic and even in his mid 60s he manages to run a few miles nearly every day. If he were chosen as the next chancellor of LSUS we would all be in good fortune.

##### Fourth place: Dr. Betsy Boze

Dr. Boze is the only female candidate in the final four. She went to high school at Byrd

and recently served as President at a university in the Bahamas. She has boasted about her ability to work through the political realm of this state. Given her resume, I do not disagree with that. This was clearly her greatest strength. This next part is important. My responsibility is to blog about student life. Therefore when it comes to



Photo courtesy of Lawrence Clark  
the comments I'm about to make, while I was concerned in expressing these, I have to respond with the students' interest in mind. There are several issues and red flags that came up during this process. First of all, she was caught up in a graffiti incident back at Kent State, which seemed to be the reason for her resignation. While she attempted to defend her actions and claimed that



Photo courtesy of Betsy Boze

no criminal charges were filed, it does cause some concern especially since she was cited as evading the police. This leads to the second negative mark on her resume. While at her last university, her students actually protested against her and the university over talks of increased tuition. Once again, I was not there personally so I don't have all of the information. The good news is all of the information on these events are available online so I feel the best way to make one's mind up on these events is by doing the research personally. Finally, during the question and answer sessions in the open forums in the library, it seemed her previous connections infiltrated the system and asked very personal questions to the other candidates and then gave her really easy questions to answer during her session. Given the fact these forums were dedicated to the LSUS community, I found it dishonest for these connections to enter our sessions and attempt to prod specific responses from other candidates. I must say when asked about her involvement in possibly planting questions during the process, she denied it. Therefore I will leave it at that. All of these things were concerns clearly expressed by the other students on campus, therefore I am simply reporting it.

Given all of this information, I believe LSUS is close to becoming the campus we all want it to be. However, if there were one piece of criticism to this process it would be this. Although there are four candidates, I wish there were actually five. While his time was short Dr. Sission was key in undertaking challenges facing LSUS. Due to this, I along with all the other students appreciate what he did for LSUS. Because of him, this place is a better university now than when I came here.



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# “Comet of the century, or harbinger of death?”

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Dr. Cran Lucas, professor in the department of biological sciences, lectured about comets at last Friday’s CAS lecture series on the first floor of Bronson Hall.

Lucas spoke to a room full of attentive students and faculty members for about thirty minutes with a Power Point presentation titled, “Comet ISON: Comet of the Century or Harbinger of Death.” Following the presentation Lucas opened the floor to questions and comments. The room buzzed with playful banter from colleagues of Lucas asking questions and requesting clarifications.

“I thought the lecture was very interesting and I learned quite a bit about comets,” said Mary Breithaupt, freshman, fine arts.

Lucas began the lecture by providing a little basic information about what a comet is and what the different parts of one are. He described a comet as the “left over debris from the formation of a solar system,” and noted that many are found in the Oort Cloud, which is a hypothesized spherical cloud lying nearly a light-year away from the Sun.

Lucas provided a visual picture on a slide of the parts of a comet. The picture shows the nucleus, which is thought to have a rocky crust and icy core, enclosed in a “coma” with an “ion tail” and a “dust tail” trailing behind the nucleus.

Next, Lucas described the details of comet orbits. The first is a long period comet where the comet has an orbital period ranging in the many hundreds to thousands of years.



Photos by Iris MacLean

The audience of students and professors listened intently to Dr. Cran Lucas’s lecture.



Dr. Cran Lucas, a professor in the department of biological sciences

The second is a short period comet where comets have periods less than two hundred years long. Lucas provided Halley’s comet as well known example of a short period comet with a period of seventy-six years.

After providing the basic information about comets, Lucas began talking about Edmond Halley and what is known as Halley’s prediction along with the history of comets. Halley’s Comet was named after Edmond Halley due to his prediction and association with the comet.

Lucas kept the presentation going with a few slides showing news articles and ads that instilled a fear of comets in people. People feared that Halley’s comet would end life on Earth. The duration of the presentation focused on different comets reported throughout history.

The College of Arts and Sciences provides students and faculty members every Friday during Common Hour with an opportunity to hear lectures by various professors in the college covering a variety of topics related to the arts and sciences. For more information check the events calendar at [www.lsus.edu](http://www.lsus.edu).

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Photos by Carly Dean

Honors students wait to answer donors’ calls, aiding Red River Radio worker Daniel Gordy, far left.



Edition, with about 35,000 listeners each morning. The program costs around \$95,000 a year to run. In comparison, the program Car Talk takes only \$7,500.

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ed his vision for LSUS.

Mock serves as Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Kentucky and has a background in both education and military service.

“I see myself as a servant leader, out to change the world,” Mock said. “I will spend very little time in the office. I will be out to find problems for staff and for students. I will spend time in other offices.”

When discussing the budget problems LSUS faces, Mock spoke of his desire to use private institutions and partnerships to ease the budgetary concerns.

“We need to earn our way out of this situation,” Mock said.

Mock also fielded questions related to academic affairs, Greek life (Mock said Greek housing would be difficult), the key to successful students, technology (Mock wants to grow online enrollment), and the importance of the community.

Finally, on Thursday night, Dr. Betsy Boze took the stage to deliver her vision for LSUS.

Boze currently serves as President of the College of the Bahamas. She is also a Shreveport native who graduated from Byrd High School and said she has always wanted to return home.

Boze described her leadership style as “leading from behind” as opposed to “from the top down.”

“I think my track record speaks for itself..one of the things I’ve done at every university is increasing retention and growing enrollment. I’ve done a lot to improve student success and graduation rates and I’ve taken on improving campus life at every campus,” Boze said.

Boze also spoke of the budgetary concerns of LSUS, stating that “a major transformation” is needed. However, Boze stressed that she has no plans to raise student tuition, saying she believed there were other paths to financial success at LSUS.

After fielding some audience questions, Boze said she looks forward to the challenges ahead and feels as though it was “fateful timing” for her chance to return home.

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Photo by Terrkila Hamilton

Shadi Darzeidan shows off an ADDY award.

This year, Darzeidan submitted a movie poster from his FA 315 Photoshop class. The poster is for a film Darzeidan invented called “The Urinal.” He described the movie as a series of murders that happened in the men’s restroom urinals and a detective investigating the case for the murderer and why the murders are happening.

If a student is awarded with a silver or gold placement at the local level, they are then eligible to submit their entry to the regional and national level of the competition.

If an entrant wins an ADDY, they are awarded with a finalist certificate that is great for resumes and portfolios, and can win a Prestigious Student American Advertising Award if they place first place. They could also win \$1000 if they are the National Best of Show winner.

# LSU Shreveport crushes Valentine's Day spirit

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Our committee came together and we thought about ways to generate student spirit for Valentine's Day, so we came up with this.

- Suparsh Tanga

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On Friday the Student Activities Board helped students at LSU Shreveport spread a little Valentine's Day cheer with special "Crush-grams." The event was, to say the least, a Crush-ing victory.

Bad puns aside, the event did in fact get a good response. Students could purchase a bottle of Crush soda for 50 cents to send to their significant other. Recipients of these Crush-grams were notified via their student e-mail, and were instructed to go to the University Center lobby to pick up their sodas at Common Hour on Friday.

In the spirit of all-inclusiveness, the SAB chose not to limit these gestures of affection to romantic relationships.

The Crush-grams were color-coded to include various levels of relationships. Students who wished to simply convey friendship could send a bottle of orange Crush. Strawberry soda suggested the benefactor "liked" the recipient, and grape was used to represent a secret admirer.

The Crush-grams were advertised for about two weeks leading up to Valentine's Day, according to SAB member Suparsh Tanga, senior, biology.

"Our committee came together," Tanga said, "and we thought about ways to generate student spirit for Valentine's Day, so we came up with this."

Many students enthusiastically turned up at the table to pick up their Crush-grams, walking away with smiles on their faces and delicious bottles of soda in their hands.

# LSUS SGA amends rules for upcoming elections

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As SGA prepares for the special elections, president Cody King stressed that candidates running at LSU Shreveport cannot use any agents to support their campaigns.

"If you have a team of baseball players or some organization which will endorse you as a candidate, it is unacceptable," King said.

Speaking at the Feb. 10 meeting of the SGA, King explained that any person or organization contributing time, effort, or services for the purpose of furthering a candidacy fits the description of an agent or worker.

"These rules are important to be followed to have free and fair elections. We constantly assess the running of previous elections in order to add new rules," said Senator Chaz Coleman.

The election rules contain four articles and their provisions were discussed in the meeting. The rules describe what to be followed while campaigning and the materials that can be used. They include descriptions of a polling place, using posters or laptops, dates of campaigning and how the candidates are responsible for their actions. While a few of them already exist, a few of them were added to avoid any future problems.

The food bill from the previous meeting received new proposals. Many senators had the opinion that using less food would mean fewer turnouts for elections.

"We can have a bill which will allow for one week of giving out food and the voting week can have no food at all," said Senator Kirsten Howard.

However, around three proposals were made to change the food bill. Any one will be finalized by the next meeting.

One of the most discussed rules regarded the polling place, which refers to any room where more than four student accessible, internet connected desktops are readily available. This rule also concludes with the food bill.

"You cannot provide laptops to vote and then give food immediately after voting. Here is a pizza if you vote. It is plain bribing," said King.

Chalking was also explained in the meeting. A can-



Photo by Malvya Chintakindi

SGA President Cody King at his desk in the SGA office.

didate can chalk only if it can be washed away by normal rainfall.

"You can be a beautiful chalker, so use it. But not in any place that cannot be cleaned naturally," King said.

Any member of the LSUS SGA may file a grievance with the chair of the election board. Forms for filling grievances will be provided to the entire senate.

"If you find any violation of the rules, you can complain without hesitating. I do not want all complaints on the

exact day of voting. Do it during the campaigning so that we can eliminate any candidate who is not following the rules," said King.

An election committee was set up with three serving SGA members. They cannot campaign or endorse any candidate. They may run if they wish. The committee will supervise the elections impartially.

# The LSUS improv group: Just Say "Awards"

Terrkila Hamilton  
STAFF WRITER

LSU Shreveport's improvisation group, "Just Say Anything," has teamed up to compete in Destination Imagination.

"It is a thinking, problem-solving organization. They encourage you to think outside the box," said Hannah Morris, junior, music major.

"It's a global organization. They encourage youth to use creative, problem solving skills and ingenuity like team building exercises," Shadi Darzeidan, junior, graphic design said.

Teams can have up to seven members with a minimum of two. With six members on "Just Say Anything's" DI team, "The Silly Little LaDIEs," half of them have already competed on a team together in the secondary level. Shadi Darzeidan, Hannah Morris, and Katie McGrath, freshman, journalism won their first year competing at state when they were a part of Airline High School's DI team.

Students from kindergarten to university level can participate in the Destination Imagination Challenge Program. There are five different levels that students can compete in: "Rising Stars!" elementary, middle, secondary, and the col-

lege and university level. To participate at the college and university level, students must be full-time and enrolled in college, university, trade or technical school, or the military. High school students who are bound for higher education are also eligible to compete at the university and college level.

There are six different categories of the main challenges the teams can compete in: structural, technical, scientific, fine arts, improvisational, service learning, and early learning for the "Rising Stars!" team. The Silly Little LaDIEs chose to compete in the improvisational challenge that is described as, "When the past meets the present, you've got to make it work. Why? It's pandemonium."

The final stage of the challenge is the instant challenge. The instant challenge requires teams to engage in quick, creative and critical thinking. At the tournament, the team will receive an instant challenge the materials to solve it. Team members have to think on their feet by applying appropriate skills to produce a solution in five to eight minutes.

Instant challenges are performance-based, task-based, or a combination of the two. Each instant challenge has different requirements and teams are rewarded for team work and creativity. Hannah Morris said that she hates the instant challenge because there is no way to practice for it and no one knows until they get to that stage.

The points of interest are create a five-minute improve skit, develop the character between a character from the past and a contemporary character, show how those characters work, using the time period, their occupation and skills, to deal with pandemonium, and use stage makeup to create, develop, and enhance one skit character. If a team chooses to use stage makeup to enhance a character, all of the makeup brought is limited to whatever can fit into a quart size bag. While there is no way to know what makeup they are going to do "The Silly Little LaDIEs" have been practicing animal, clown, kabuki, and doll makeup.

"It's good for building like a broad skillset for children as they grow older into adults," Shadi Darzeidan said.

Destination Imagination promotes creative and out of the box thinking for the adults of the future. To participate, the team must come together and communicate an idea effectively and creatively. DI also promotes global unity and friendship. If a team makes it to the global level of the competition, they compete against all 50 states and teams from around the world. Each team comes ready with their own sets of pens to pen trade.

The state competition is being held at Airline High School on March 8 for those who would like to attend.