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Candidates see brighter future for YAG program

BY LEAH DESTER

Delegates running for the role of Governor this year are Elizabeth Strasner from PC West and Aarin Wilkinson from Norman North.

Candidates were asked what sets them apart from one another. Aarin Wilkinson said, "I put all my power into the Youth and Government program." Candidate Elizabeth Strasner answered, "I have more qualifications and various skills resulting from leadership experiences."

When asked what inspiration she has for running, Strasner replied, "I think that Youth and Government is a great program, and taking on the position of Governor would allow me to be involved as much as I possibly could with the program." Aarin Wilkinson responded that he, "Cares about all the people involved in Youth and Government."

Other issues that each candidate were questioned about include what they would like to do to promote the Youth and Government program throughout the state. In answering to what she would like to do for Youth and Government members, Strasner replied, "I would like to use people I know all over the state for promotion

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Gubernatorial candidates Elizabeth Strasner and Aarin Wilkinson discuss the issues during the press conference Thursday night. *(Photo by Don Nyguen)*

Legislators spend time with delegates at breakfast

BY RACHAEL SALLEE

Seven o'clock comes early in the morning at YAG State, and it can seem even earlier after only four hours of sleep. Oklahoma Secretary of State Susan Savage had her work cut out for her this morning to revive and capture the attention of 200 sleepy teenagers with only the help of bland eggs, chewy sausage and mushy hash browns.

Despite the challenges facing Savage, delegates said her upbeat speaking skills, witty anecdotes and inspiring thoughts succeeded in capturing their interest and attention.

Certain issues Savage addressed generated response among the delegates. Emily Tietz from Durant said she disagrees with the lottery because "what I've heard from other states is that they are not using the money for

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The inside of the new Capitol dome. *(Photo by Keaton Fuchs)*

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Chi Nguyen presides over judicial proceedings. Photo by Don Nguyen.

Classic romance or obsessive

BY JAMIE BROWN

As the majority of the western world walks about in the rosy haze of possible romance on Valentine's Day, what is happening with the rest of the population? Florists and retailers of all kinds busily multi-task while making hundreds of deliveries. Restaurant managers, cooks and serving staff have to work twice as fast to compensate for the dramatic increase in reservations as millions of Americans wine and dine their special someone. Hotel employees are not to be forgotten, either. Just think of all the planning, cooking, cleaning and general pleasing they must do.

Where has the romance gone for the working class? Perhaps the real question to ask is: Where is the romance in Valentine's Day?

Is Valentine's Day just a consumerist trap for buyers and sellers alike, where people feel pressured to outdo one another (and even outdo themselves) year after year? Is it a conspiracy controlled by the heads of money-hungry weight-loss programs who push Americans to indulge in rich candies, desserts, and expensive, high calorie, sophisticated alcoholic beverages? Note: these may be the same underground organizations who warp us into making inevitably faulty New Year's resolutions with their cleverly disguised propaganda that takes shape in mediums such as self-help books, beauty magazines and talk-shows. Undoubtedly, the real answers to these pressing questions can be found within.

This Valentine's Day, let us remember our fellow members of the working class and our common sense, for that matter. It does not require a designated day filled with expensive bribery to win someone's love, or even prove your own. That being said, I expect a thoughtful (and expensive) gift from my boyfriend when I return home on Saturday.

'Discretion'

BY HOLLIE LOCKHART

Judicial discretion, particularly in the exercise of jurisdictional powers, is of questionable value. To evaluate judicial discretion in civil versus common law jurisdictional systems, doctrine serves an excellent vehicle. From the perspective of the Oklahoman-American, there is no place for the desecration of balance within the court system. Defense includes partnership through which Jennifer Schem, Classen 2, is a partner; as well as the firm for which Katy Swann, Classen 2, practices. Both gained favor as a result of the master settlement between the case and Gena Bullock, presiding judge and Youth Governor of Texas. Jeff Meerholz claims he provided information that helped the case due to laws receiving acclamation, stating in his case that consideration for advice and assistance in connection with the case.

It is possible to mitigate the rule of law posed by the courts. Commissions can function partially or in all, avoiding disclosure of information that would compromise intelligence sources or display vulnerabilities in defenses. Threat to liberties in their use is always present but it can be reduced by changes in the governor's plan. Congress has clear authority to make such alterations. Pursuing congressional authorization, and at power, the claims of authority act according to the will of those within the debate. In this instance, prosecution did initially act with uniform provisions. It remains open to presentation to revise and limit time. The prompt addresses U.S. citizens from coverage but the Supreme Court has made it plain that full constitutional protections afforded to citizens applies to protections safeguarded in trial. That sentiment may well be true, problem being that advancing into a court case proves whether the person on trial is indeed of moral integrity. A federal judge might assert constitutional power of the courts.

Independent review outside of the executive branch is essential if the court is to be assured that cases are designed to push guilt and are limited to extraordinary circumstances that alone can justify their use.



Witness testifies during court proceedings. Photo by Don Nguyen.

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resources and talk with sponsors. " Aarin Wilkinson's plan to promote the program is to, "Do it all myself," by traveling to schools to explain the program, handing out flyers and designing t-shirts."

Candidates were also asked what particular political leanings they have and what influence do they have on the job that they would like to showcase as governor. Both candidates are opposed to cockfighting and while Strasner believes that capital punishment should be used rarely, Wilkinson stated, "I don't see why criminals should be watching cable television that the public pays for." On the issue of the lottery, Strasner does not see it as a good solution, yet Wilkinson believes the lottery would benefit the public school system.

Following the many questions directed towards each candidate, they were finally asked why they consider themselves to be the best for the role of Youth Governor. Elizabeth Strasner replied, "I believe that I am the best candidate because I feel I have the skills such as leadership, social skills and responsibility to fit the role." Candidate Aarin Wilkinson stated, "I am independent, yet I am open to new ideas presented by the delegates."

Delegates find themselves away from their Valentines

BY ANGELA PITTS

Whether you're looking for love or just a memorable learning experience, State Conference is the perfect place to find it.

Picture the setting – it's Valentine's Day and countless well-dressed men and women are scurrying around the State Capital. Then all of a sudden someone catches your eye. You slowly approach them and casually ask, "So, was your bill passed?" Oh, the romance!

Whether it be a relationship between two delegates or even a scandalous affair between officers – gasp, keep your eye out for budding romances this Valentine's Day; there are sure to be a couple!

Makin' it right

In Thursday's edition of *YAG Times*, the article entitled "Okies experience YAG south of the Red River" was incorrectly credited. The author of this article was Amanda Stone. *YAG Times* staff extends it's apologies in our error.

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education."

Students were also impressed with her ability to keep her audience engaged. "I liked her upbeat personality," Jon Platt from Sand Springs said. "I thought that was really neat."

Jessica Grantham of Guthrie said Savage's speaking also stood out to her. "I like the way she was really upfront and told her point of view without hesitation," Grantham said. "She knew what she was talking about and wasn't afraid of sharing."

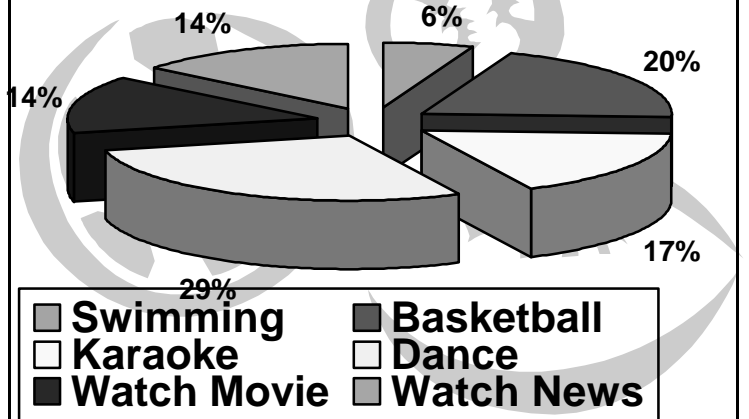
Savage's calmness stood out for Tietz. "She was open to everybody's questions which was very good," Tietz said.

The quality of the food also sparked opinions among the delegates. Danielle Burns of Sand Springs called it "inedible."

"It tasted fine," Jon Platt of Sand Springs said. "I just

What are you doing tonight at the "Y"?

BY JOSH MOE



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