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Take a look at the "Star Children" exhibition at the BAM.

SGA campaigns underway: Get to know the candidates for SGA president Mayberry, Atkins and Williams set to campaign all week around campus



ELLIE MAYBERRY: Why? Because YOU matter.



KEYON ATKINS: Building a Foundation for Your Future



MOLLY GRACE WILLIAMS: Home is A-State of Mind

Mayberry's platform and a quick bio:

- Dead Week
- FLEX-ibility & Delivery
- Campus Enhancement
- New Flex Option
- Increased RSO Funding
- New Roommate Notification
- Vice President: Logan Mitchell
- Year: Junior
- Hometown: Sheridan, Arkansas
- Major: Business Technology

Atkins' platform and a quick bio:

- Weekend Flex
- Sodexo Transparency
- SGA Transparency
- Minority Organization Representation
- Improved Network Stability
- 24/7 Mental and Physical Health Hotline
- Ability to spend Flex off campus
- Vice President: Reed Middleton
- Year: Senior by hours (on campus for three years)
- Hometown: Mineral Springs, Arkansas
- Major: Psychology

Williams' platform and a quick bio:

- Campus Directories
- Printing Options
- Free Grammarly Premium for Students
- A Community Garden
- A Diversity Coalition within SGA
- 24 Hour Access to the Red W.O.L.F Center
- Enhancement of Dining Services
- Vice President: Sara Ledesma
- Classification: Junior
- Hometown: Piggott, Arkansas
- Major: Communication Disorders

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Student Government Association presidential candidates started campaigning Monday to gain support for the March 17 election where students will vote for the next SGA president.

Three presidential candidates, Ellie Mayberry, Keyon Atkins and Molly Grace Williams explained their platforms, handed out t-shirts and posted to social media in a flurry to kick off the election season Monday.

Mayberry

Junior Ellie Mayberry has served on SGA since her freshman year and has passed several resolutions in that time. Most recently she passed a resolution to bring Swipe Out Hunger to campus and the slogan of her campaign is, "Why? Because YOU matter."

Before campaigning, Mayberry and her staff picked that slogan because they decided

students truly needed to be at the focus of their campaign.

"I've always enjoyed being able to advocate for students and know that I'm doing something to leave an impact on this campus," Mayberry said. "I just want to be able to continue working for students and focusing on that advocacy and just making this campus a better place than when I found it."

Mayberry is running on six main platform points. For one of those points, Mayberry wants to create a dead week before finals instead of having a singular dead day before final exams.

"Just to give students more time to study for their finals," Mayberry said. "I know lots of students, some of them a single day is perfectly enough time. Whereas others are completely stressed, it's not near enough time. Giving students a little more time to study for those finals. That way their grade is more reflective of what they know versus what they were able to cram."

Mayberry also wants to add more hours to flex restaurants on campus, including weekend hours, along with bringing Grubhub delivery to A-State.

To make Grubhub delivery work, students would be hired by Grubhub to deliver food around campus. Mayberry said this would not cost the university anymore money and she has already been in contact with GrubHub to see if this was feasible. She said Grubhub was on board.

Mayberry doesn't just want to add more hours to flex restaurants, she wants to bring a brand new flex restaurant to campus. According to her platform, students would get to vote on the new restaurant brought to campus instead of SGA or Sodexo.

Another point on Mayberry's platform is a livening up of the Student Union.

"Our union right now, sometimes if you don't see a red wolf in front of you, you could be anywhere," Mayberry said.



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Ellie Mayberry's staff from left to right: Maddyson Lamb, Asia Hervey, Logan Mitchell, Ellie Mayberry Casen May, Gabriela Huerta and Carlee Bird.

"So adding just a little more sense of identity to our union as well as adding some other comfy areas to study, lounge and hang out with friends."

Registered student organizations on campus can apply for funding through the Action Fund budget during the school year. Mayberry

will look to increase the Action Fund budget if elected.

"That funding comes straight from student fees, so it's sending student fees back to the students," Mayberry said.

Mayberry's final platform point, a new roommate notification, would alert students if an empty room in

their dorm was about to be filled.

Mayberry said housing is allowed to fill empty beds in with a new student if necessary, but sometimes that is done without current residents being notified.

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