

**Application Form  
Daily Texan Managing Editor**

Complete all sections of this form and submit to the Office of the Director, Texas Student Media, (HSM 3.304) by the application deadline. The TSM Board of Operating Trustees will interview applicants at the next posted meeting.

SECTION I:

Shababo Siddiqui  
Name

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UT EID

Finance / Government  
Major

SECTION II: Authorization for Release of Information

I hereby grant permission for the Office of the Director, Texas Student Media, to verify the information requested below for the purpose of application for an elected or appointed office of Texas Student Media. Further, I understand that the information will be provided to the TSM Board of Operating Trustees and will become part of the public record of TSM.

Shababo Siddiqui  
Signature of Applicant

11-18-13  
Date

SECTION III: Additional Documents

- A. Resume
- B. Samples of work (2 samples, on 8 1/2 x 11 sheets)
- C. Letters of recommendation (2 letters)
- D. Letter from applicant to the TSM Board
- E. Official Transcript from the University of Texas

SECTION IV: Experience Record

Please list any past positions held within Texas Student Media

Position: Managing Editor

Semester: Fall 2013

Position: News Editor

Semester: Spring 2013

Position: Associate Editor

Semester: Fall 2011 - Spring 2012

Position: Volleyball Writer

Semester: Fall 2010

Position: Senior Reporter

Semester: Spring 2010

Women's Golf Writer ☺

Fall 2009 - Spring 2010

General Reporter

Fall 2009

**General Provisions**

If no qualified applicant for the position has filed by the deadline, the Board shall make an appointment using the Handbook qualifications. Qualifications may be waived with a two-thirds vote of members present, with the exception of items outlined in the TSM Handbook. The grade point average criterion may be waived, only with the revised criterion not less than 2.0.

The Student Manager/Editor shall be a registered student in accordance with U.T. institutional rules. This means the applicant must be registered at The University of Texas at Austin. The Student Manager/Editor may take no more than 12 semester hours as an undergraduate or 9 semester hours as a graduate or law student, but no fewer than 3 semester hours, during each long term. The Student Manager/Editor does not have to enroll for classes during the summer session. Candidates may be reappointed up to three semesters.

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Shabab Siddiqi ←

ME Signatures

Print Name

Signature

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1. Peter Stroud
  2. Laura Wright
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  4. Hayley Fick
  5. Zachary Strain

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*[Handwritten signatures for Peter Stroud, Laura Wright, Hayley Fick, and Zachary Strain]*

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**EDUCATION**

<b>The University of Texas at Austin</b>	Bachelor of Business Administration, Quant. Finance Minor: Accounting	May 2014
	Bachelor of Arts, Government Minor: Arabic	May 2014

**EXPERIENCE**

<b>The Daily Texan – University Newspaper, Managing Editor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Led a staff of about 200 students through the newspaper's transition</li> <li>• Managed a five-day print publication, a 24-hour website, and a \$100K budget</li> <li>• Represented the newspaper's official position as member of editorial board</li> <li>• Previously served as news editor, senior reporter, and sports writer</li> </ul>	Fall 2009- Present
<b>Hilltop Public Solutions, Summer Intern</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared dozens of memos for the firm's partners based on diverse research</li> <li>• Monitored current events to shape new business memos for the firm</li> <li>• Worked independently and in groups on tight deadlines on varying projects</li> </ul>	Summer 2013
<b>Tim Kaine for Senate/Democratic Coordinated Campaign, Field Organizing Intern</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked 7-day, 80-hour weeks in one of the country's closest U.S. Senate races</li> <li>• Recruited and trained volunteers, led canvasses, and spoke at meetings</li> <li>• Persuaded voters through thousands of phone calls and door knocks</li> </ul>	Summer 2012- Fall 2012
<b>McCombs School of Business – University of Texas at Austin, Teaching Assistant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisted in classroom preparation for four sections of Business Communications</li> <li>• Graded and edited written work for about 120 students, mostly undergrads</li> </ul>	Spring 2012
<b>Glasheen, Valles &amp; Inderman LLP, Junior Law Clerk</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Filed cases and documents in the office and the courthouse</li> <li>• Assisted lawyers with depositions and pre-trial preparations</li> </ul>	Summer 2010 Summer 2011
<b>Lubbock Magazine, Reporter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrote stories for the city's magazine targeted toward a specific population</li> <li>• Conducted interviews in-person and over the phone depending on situation</li> <li>• Coordinated with editors, designers, and photographers throughout the process</li> </ul>	Summer 2010
<b>The Office of U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer – Lubbock TX; Summer Intern</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dealt with constituent concerns both over the phone and in person</li> <li>• Balanced other duties such as clipping newspapers, scheduling tours, logging-in mail, writing letters, and assisting staff</li> </ul>	Summer 2009

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES**

<b>Democratic Education of Texas, Course Facilitator and Researcher</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designed and facilitated semester-long course, College Athletics and Society</li> <li>• Work to integrate student-led courses across the University</li> </ul>	Fall 2011 Spring 2013
<b>Texas Center for Education Policy, Intern and Researcher</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct narrative of higher education policy making through research</li> </ul>	Fall 2011
<b>Intellectual Entrepreneurship – Pre-Graduate School Internship; M.P.Aff Intern</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with a Public Affairs graduate mentor on educational policy issues</li> <li>• Attend lectures and workshops, assists with research, and publish Op-Eds</li> </ul>	Spring 2011

**HONORS**

• Jack E. Keever Scholar	Fall 2013
• Ted Strauss Civic Internship Award	Spring 2013
• IRS-certified Tax Volunteer	Spring 2012
• Ron Gibson Award for Journalism Excellence	Spring 2010
• Volunteer Center of Lubbock – Board Member	Spring 2009

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Computer Skills:** MS Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Adobe InDesign, WEKA, SAS  
**Languages:** Conversational in Bengali and basic knowledge of Arabic  
**Interests:** Basketball (both watching and playing)  
**Work Status:** U.S. Citizen

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# Former track coach Bev Kearney files discrimination lawsuit against UT

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Nov. 14, 2013 • original (<http://www.dailytexanonline.com/news/2013/11/14/former-track-coach-bev-keamey-files-discrimination-lawsuit-against-ut>)

Bev Kearney, former women's track and field head coach, filed a lawsuit against the University alleging discrimination based on her race and her gender Thursday, according to her attorney, Derek Howard.

Kearney resigned in January after being told the University was prepared to fire her for having a consensual relationship in 2002 with Raasin McIntosh, who was a student-athlete on Kearney's team.

In her lawsuit — which seeks more than \$1 million — Kearney said Bubba Thornton, former men's track and field head coach, consistently demeaned her in front of others and falsely accused her of committing NCAA infractions.

The lawsuit points fingers at a wide range of University officials who Kearney claims she reported the harassment incidents to and chose to do nothing about it. The list includes men's and women's head athletic directors DeLoss Dodds and Chris Plonsky, Jody Conratt, former women's head athletic director, Patricia Ohlendorf, vice president for legal affairs, Gregory Vincent, vice president of the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement and individuals in the human resources department.

"The University of Texas will thoroughly review the unfounded allegations of Ms. Kearney's lawsuit and respond through proper legal channels," Ohlendorf said in a statement.

The lawsuit also alleges that other University employees — predominately white males — have been involved in relationships with students or direct subordinates and have not received any disciplinary action. It cites the University's handling of an incident with football co-offensive coordinator Major Applewhite as an example.

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# Coach's role in scandal disappoints

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The year was 1994, and Penn State (<http://www.psu.edu/>) had just beaten arch-rival Michigan, en route to its perfect football season. I was 3 years old as my dad hoisted me on his shoulder so I could see the team returning from Ann Arbor.

Seventeen years later, in the wake of one of the biggest scandals in NCAA history, Joe Paterno, the longest-tenured and most winningest coach in D-I college football, was fired by the Penn State Board of Trustees late Wednesday night.

My parents will have to correct me on this, but by the time I was 3, there were four non-Sesame Street people I could name if they appeared on television. One of them was Paterno, and he was the only one that mattered.

I was born in State College, Pa. to two foreign engineering graduate students who quickly learned to embrace the football fever that defines the small college town — even if huddling with 100,000 Nittany Lion faithfuls at Beaver Stadium in November will also get you a different kind of fever.

Over the weekend, the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office filed criminal charges against Jerry Sandusky, a former Penn State defensive coordinator, for 40 counts of sexual abuse of children with nine different victims. A sickening, 23-page grand jury investigation alleges that Sandusky would bring boys from a program for troubled youth through the Penn State facilities. In one particular incident in 2002, Sandusky was caught performing anal sex on a 10-year-old boy in the facility by a graduate assistant, who informed Paterno, who then reported the incident to Penn State's athletic director, Tim Curley. The issue was never brought to the authorities.

Curley and Gary Schultz, the university's senior vice president for finance and business, have also been charged for failing to report the sexual assault to authorities and for lying to the grand jury about the incident. Additionally, the trustees decided to

I think back to the hazy memory of 3-year-old me as part of the crowd ready to give a hero's welcome to the victorious team. I don't remember if Paterno made a speech that night. I just picture the legend who, no matter how much older I got, seemed to stay the same, pacing the sidelines with his navy blue jacket and long out-of-style glasses. And now, all I'm left saying is:

Say it ain't so, Joe.

Say it ain't so.

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To the Board:

Shabab Siddiqui remains a fantastic option for The Daily Texas as Managing Editor, one I am pleased to recommend.

It's rare for the Texan in recent years to enjoy the same M.E. for two semesters, as the job entails odd hours, sacrifices of school and social life and various speed bumps at a daily rate.

That Shabab has piloted this semester of change so well is a testament to his skill, his balance, his leadership and his vision, and that he wants to sign up for another semester is proof he's crazy about his job and the newspaper, and crazy in general.

Best,

Trey Scott  
DT M.E. - Spring 2013  
11/17/2013

To the Members of the TSM Board,

I worked closely with Shabab Siddiqui over the course of my three years as a reporter and editor at The Daily Texan. I can say with complete confidence he is an excellent choice to lead the paper for the upcoming spring semester.

As a senior news reporter, Shabab covered the system and administration beat – one of the most challenging assignments at the paper. From the first week on the job, he consistently pitched strong ideas and turned in clean, well-reported stories. Shabab never shied away from a story because it was complicated or contentious, and he produced outstanding work on university budget cuts, grade inflation and the controversial proposal to close the Cactus Café. His sound news judgment and knowledge of UT will help make him an exceptional managing editor.

Shabab's experience at the Texan isn't limited to one department. He spent several semesters as a sports reporter and member of the editorial board. He has a broad understanding of how the paper operates and how important it is for departments to work together.

Under Shabab's leadership this semester, the news team produced work that made me proud to say I'm Texan alum. From his staff's coverage of the campus bomb threat to the 2013 legislative session to Beverly Kearney's resignation, it's clear Shabab knows what it takes to produce top-quality journalism. His understanding of public information act also helped the paper uncover the Major Applewhite scoop, which got picked up by national news outlets. If he's selected to serve as managing editor, Shabab will continue to push the staff to produce thorough, engaging coverage of the campus community.

Shabab is one of the hardest workers I've ever met, and I've never seen him lose his head under pressure. And, most importantly, it's obvious how much he cares about the Texan. His experience and dedication make him a great fit for this position, and I wholeheartedly endorse him.

Sincerely,

Lena Price  
Daily Texan Managing Editor Fall 2011



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November 22, 2013

Dear Texas Student Media Board of Trustees,

The purpose of my letter is to lay out a vision for The Daily Texan that I would pursue if certified as managing editor for spring 2014. I am reapplying for this position because I believe the Texan would most benefit from continuity at the top, while still pursuing fresh strategies and internal reorganization at a time of change.

This fall, I had the utmost honor of serving as managing editor for the Texan. Working with the outstanding minds of associate managing editors Elisabeth Dillon and Kelsey McKinney, we were able to make several changes intended to bolster the Texan's dual missions of serving its readership and educating students. We scrapped departments (Web) and created new ones (Special Ventures, Tech). We reorganized the office to better foster collaboration. We pushed content online more deliberately and thoughtfully, and tracked the results of our experimentation. We set department-specific deadlines and expectations that better reflect the nature of a modern day news organization, which resulted in more online content through the day and helped us knock two hours off of our printing deadline. We launched an ambitious website redesign project and helped foster an office culture that would be excited by it. We took more risks on our paper product by making a surfeit of tweaks and tries. And we did all this in the face of a devastating cut in student wages and a more financially conscientious approach to page counts.

But my reason for reapplying for this position is motivated by all that we as an organization have been unable to do. In the same way content and managerial potential can never be truly maximized, neither can student potential — and it is that earnest and idealistic pursuit of improvement that makes the Texan a breeding ground for excellence. If appointed again, I would be able to use the lessons learned from this semester to reprioritize and focus on the goals I had set when initially applying for this position.

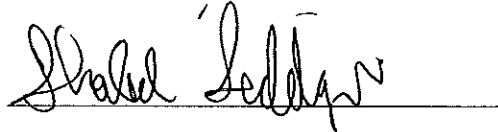
Additionally, the Texan and Texas Student Media are in a state of transition. The following months will require an introspection to help the organizations transition to solid footing for the next generation of staffers. While wrought with challenges, I am excited to continue working with our sharp, talented editor-in-chief, Laura Wright, in navigating the various interests and parties to ensure the Texan is in the best shape possible moving forward.

I will end this letter in the way I have ended my previous letters to the board: I once wrote in the pages of the paper that it is common for people to think that their moment in time is the moment that will define the rest of history. I do not know if that is true; but, I do believe that it is vital for us to act like it is. A series of simple realities forecast an immensely complex future for The Daily Texan and its Texas Student Media partners, and it is clear that the era of delaying action is over. I am applying for this position not because I can single handedly transform The Daily

Texan for the better but because I feel I can best serve the winsome and talented individuals that will.

As President Abraham Lincoln famously wrote in a letter to Congress in 1862: "We can succeed only by concert. It is not 'Can any of us imagine better?' but, 'Can we all do better?' The dogmas of the quiet past, are inadequate to the stormy present ... As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew."

I heartily thank you for your time, and I hope you accept my request for candidacy.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shabab Siddiqui", written over a horizontal line.

Shabab Siddiqui