

# Voting Begins at 7:30 a.m.

Five polling places will be open in Thursday's general election from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., according to Tommy Henderson, executive vice chairman of the elections commission.

He said that the commission had tried to make it as convenient as possible for students to vote for the 70 positions being contested.

Students may vote in the Memorial Student Center basement, Sbsa newsstand, Guard Room of Dorm 2, the north entrance of the library and at a mobile poll, he said.

The mobile poll will be at the North Gate post office 7:30-11 a.m., at the Architecture Building 11:30-4 p.m. and at the Stu-

dent Apartment Office (Quonset Hut) 4:30-8 p.m., Henderson said.

"Students will not be allowed to vote without their identification cards and spring activity cards," he said. "Graduating seniors can vote only for the Senate Executive Committee, Elections Commission President, University Women and Civilian Student Council. Graduate students can vote for all the offices and the Graduate Student Council."

A referendum will also be on the ballot, according to Marcus Hill, chairman of the poll.

Hill said the student opinions would be used by the Senate to "really represent the students." Among the questions will be

University Women representation on the Senate, dorms on campus for women, off-campus housing for women, coeducational dorms (men and women in the same dorm), non-compulsory laundry, non-compulsory board, higher board to improve the quality of meals, higher rent to upgrade older dorms and the replacement of the Exchange Store by a co-operative book store, he said.

Texas Intercollegiate Student Association asked that questions on the legalization of marijuana, withdrawal from Vietnam and a student voice, through the Senate, in the election of the president of the university, he said.

"It will be interesting to see what the students want," Hill

said. "These results can be used later to acquire action by showing the board of directors how the students feel."

Henderson said students who will be out of town Thursday should check with him or the secretaries in the Student Program Office in the MSC about the possibility of absentee voting Wednesday.

"We have a lot of polling places," Henderson said, "so it should be easy for everyone to vote. I want to urge everyone to vote and have a say in their student government next year."

He reminded that all candidates must remove their campaign signs by Monday.

## V-P Candidate

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rected by mailing subscription applications to the parents of every student who attends A&M.

Moore: I feel that student publications is too restricted by students and administration. I want to see a fairer voice from all the students on this campus. I plan to see access to our student publications on equal basis for all students. My ability to do this will be determined by our Battalion editor for next year. His willingness to work with all students on this campus will determine this. Many of the letters turned in to the Battalion are kept from being printed because of personal and policy reasons. I state this because of personal experiences and the experiences of others.

## Maskal, Caperton Give Views

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coming from within its structure. It is a student organization though, and students should have some effect on the paper. I feel there should be no censorship whatsoever by the administrators. It should be done by responsible journalists."

Q. What is your opinion of the peace rally held last Wednesday?  
Maskal: "As far as the rally goes, the students have freedom of speech and peaceable assembly; last Wednesday they didn't have those rights."  
Caperton: "I didn't see anything wrong till they broke the rule about outside speakers on campus. I think the speaker's policy should be changed to have a committee of one faculty member, three students, two administrators, and be chaired by Dean Hannigan. This would be more flexible than the present policy."

Q. What is your attitude toward student publications?  
Caperton: "I think there is a definite need for student input of some kind since it is paid for by the students."  
"I can't say just what kind of input it would be. I do think that the editor should have the final authority to determine what goes into the paper as long as it does not legally jeopardize the university."

Maskal: "I think that The Battalion should have self-discipline

# Candidates for Senate Executive Committee Take Stands

(Editor's note: Candidates for Senate Executive Committee posts were each asked to submit a 200-word position statement to The Battalion. Here is what they said:

## Student Senate President Kent Caperton

I am running for Senate President because I believe that responsible student government can make a contribution to the development of TAMU. I am running on my record and qualifications and I don't want to dwell on them.

It is not enough to have a President or even some senators who are dedicated to student government. What's important is that the representatives take full responsibility for their job and be willing to make sacrifices in their lives to make student government effective. The Fifth Wheel offers people like this. They have indicated a desire to serve by their past actions and in this campaign—working door to door four hours per night, not telling the students what we want, but rather finding out how they feel about the issues. The "platforms" we offer were not written solely by us, rather they were written by students who represent the different aspects of our campus. Student government should have done this long ago.

We represent all segments of the campus community and are dedicated to the principle that everyone has a role in student government, be it as an active participant or as an informed voter.

We don't ask for block vote—but only that the voters vote for each candidate on his individual merits. Furthermore, as soon as the polls close on April 23rd, the Fifth Wheel Committee organization will cease to exist. At that time there will hopefully be a student government which guarantees that every student is represented.

## Bill Maskal

My name is Bill Maskal and I'm running for student senate president. The reason I am running is because I think the student senate has been a puppet of the administration and has become a mockery of modern democracy. I am committed to making the Student Senate a voice of action to represent the academic community at Texas A&M. I feel one of the main issues of this election is student rights, not only as students but as citizens of this country. This institution of higher learning stresses in the classroom the principles of democracy but there are some administrators who have consistently denied the student body the right to practice democracy on their own campus. These violations of democracy are numerous. I would like to cite current examples such as the denial of freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, institutionalized racism, inequality of women, discrimination of foreign students, the policy that one is guilty until proven innocent, and the omnipotent authority of our Dean of Students. These violations are a reality at Texas A&M, and I feel that students have a right to alleviate these problems now. After graduation, students will be confronted by many social and political problems. A&M must equip its students to face these problems because they may not be able to cope with them by the time they graduate. I have been allotted 200 words to express my views and find this impossible to do, so I urge you as concerned students to attend the rally at the

drill field Wednesday and evaluate all candidates and use the backbone of democracy, the vote, to express your views.

## Vice President Roger Miller

The vice-president of the Student Senate should be a person who has more than just the desire to serve. It should be a person who has definite goals and the ability to implement them.

The vice-president must be willing to spend the many hours necessary to carefully research and document a project; and thus prepared he must be willing to stand for what he believes. The vice-president cannot be a person easily manipulated. He must be a strong leader with strong ideas.

The following are three of the issues I see as especially important.

Last year the student publications lost around \$10,000 of your activity fee money. I do not understand this. If the Battalion sent subscription applications to the parents of every person who attends A&M (approximate cost of \$50), I feel sure that much, if not all, of this deficit could be recovered.

I see no reason why Dead Week can't work at A&M. It works successfully on campuses all across the country. I personally feel that the best method to implement this is through the concept of a "reading period." This would be two days immediately before tests when no classes would be held. In this way, no professor could give quizzes or projects immediately before finals, and students would be assured of at least two days to prepare for them.

One issue I can't stress enough. We must establish communication between senators and their constituents. If elected, at the first Senate meeting I will propose the establishment of mandatory monthly meetings of senators with their constituents.

These are just three examples of my views on issues and my approaches to them. Throughout the campaign I have stressed these and many more. I ask that you examine the issues and select the individual you feel can best approach them in a constructive manner.

## David Moore

I want to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for Student Senate Vice President.

I am asking for your support. But I am not asking it as a favor. I am willing to make this office my number one concern the coming year.

My fellow Senators will tell you that I do not shun responsibility. I realize the magnitude of the position, and the problems that face the Student Government of a rapidly changing Student Body. These problems will not be solved by a group of "yes" boys. It will require independent, sound-minded leadership to achieve goals worthy of this campus. I hope to help this Student Body grow and progress without allowing it to lose the standards that have made the word "Aggie" synonymous with "Pride" for many years.

I am open-minded to new ideas from all areas of our campus. I realize the rift in the past between the civilians and the Corps. I believe we can remain a great university by molding these two groups together. I will work untiringly with all my ability to see this goal accomplished in the coming year.

I sincerely want to see a balanced and representative Student Government. I ask for the challenge and opportunity to represent all Aggies with sincerity and dedication. I hope to meet you in coming days.

## Secretary Dale Foster

In announcing my candidacy for Student Senate Recording Secretary, I have to admit that one of the reasons I want the office is to have the title and position to go along with a job which I am already familiar. As an Executive Aide on the Senate this past year I have at one time or another been responsible for executing many tasks of the Recording Secretary.

The Recording Secretary, if he does his job correctly, is the principle link in the legislative chain that makes the Senate function. Although he holds voting privileges, by nature of his work he is not a legislator. He does much of the behind-the-scenes work that is necessary for preparation of legislation. A seemingly endless amount of mailings, postings, correspondence, and filing is necessary to keep the student government up-to-date.

I will refrain from making any tremendous promises about how I am going to change all the things that need changing at A&M because big promises are nothing but big words. I will say that I have several reforms planned for the functional aspects of Senate management including plans for better communication with all University groups and increased cooperation with lesser administrative bodies.

## Bill Hartsfield

During the past months, successful efforts—Operation Feedback, Operation Jericho—have been made by the student government to improve the relations and understanding between itself, the students, and the administration. However, these efforts must be continued on a much greater scale in order for the Senate to represent the needs of the students, such as a limited pass fail system and dead week, and in order for the Senate to work with the administration to fulfill these needs.

As a candidate with the Fifth Wheel Committee for Recording Secretary of the Senate, I promise to work for increased understanding between students and the administration. I pledge to present any viewpoint of any student to the Senate whether or not I agree with it. Also, I will work with the Public Relations Chairman in order to insure that the students are aware of the results of Senate meetings.

I believe that I am qualified to be Recording Secretary because of my experience as an executive aid, a Senator and interim Recording Secretary.

## Treasurer

## Jimmy Alexander

The Treasurer of the Student Senate has several important responsibilities, including accounting for expenditures, budget allocation of funds, and service on the executive committee of the Senate. As your Senate Treasurer, I will analyze these responsibilities carefully and implement changes to upgrade the financial operations of the Senate.

Any large group dealing with money must keep accurate records and an accurate budget. Standard accounting procedures and a well prepared, itemized, and yet flexible budget is essential to the financial integrity of your Student Senate.

At the beginning of each semester, you are required to pay a \$30 activity fee. For the last two years the Senate has been asked to make activity fee allocation recommendations. However, the research and the proposals have been quite shoddy and, as a

result, last year's recommendations were virtually ignored. It is our responsibility, specifically mine, as Senate Treasurer, to seek your input into these recommendations. The administration has taken a step forward in asking for these recommendations. I want to insure that what we recommend is what you want.

Furthermore, copies of the budget and periodic financial statements will be delivered to all students. I will also work on the executive committee to see that all policies are proposed with the student in mind.

## Eddie Duryea

My name is Eddie Duryea, and I am a junior from Abilene, Texas, running for the office of Student Senate Treasurer.

Students, Texas A&M is in for real trouble! The conflict between the Corps and the civilians is coming to a climax, and if we don't think for ourselves in this year's election, the gap between the two will broaden. We must vote for each candidate according to his qualifications and willingness to work, not because he is part of a political party, in the corps, a civilian, or a member of any other group. Above all, vote for someone who cares most about Texas A&M and not about himself.

If I were not qualified I would not be a candidate. I have worked on SCONA and was business chairman for Town Hall this year. This has given me experience in working with student funds and cash flow at the "C." I am also a Junior representative this year from the College of Business Administration, and I am majoring in Finance. I am eager to learn more about our student government, and how I might be able to help in solving our problems. Most of all, I feel my best qualification is that I care about Texas A&M and our future . . . . I hope you do too.

## Parliamentarian

## Mike Essmyer

In announcing my candidacy for the office of Student Senate Parliamentarian, I realize that the position will require diligence and hard work. It will further require a complete knowledge of Roberts' Rules of Order and of parliamentary procedure.

After having worked with both Ron Hinds, for whom I was a proxy, and Ronnie Adams, the past two Parliamentarians, and after having studied the Senate's copy of Roberts' Rules of Order I feel that I have the best background of any candidate for the office. Furthermore, I have been more involved in YMCA, MSC, APO, and honor programs than any other candidate. I know how to work with people; I enjoy working for people; all that I ask is your vote so that I can work for you.

## Allen Giles

A kind of "ironic backwardness" seems to grip our university. To explain, consider the following. Earlier this month Dr. Margaret Mead pointed out that at most universities women are trying to get rid of their Dean of Women, and it was unusual to find a university that still wanted one. Sororities and fraternities have for years found their place on today's campuses and are gradually being phased out, but here fraternities are still trying to get on campus. Black organizations on other campuses are beginning to move off campus to evade the lurking eyes and ears of the administration, here a black organization tries to gain on campus recognition. These academic ironies are perpetrated by an ineffective Student Senate.

As student leaders we must

realize that we are bargaining for the students and must not forget this when we confer with administrators. So our major concern should not be our political careers or how much we are liked by the Deans, Department Heads etc., rather it should be for the promotion of the desires and requests of our constituency. To this end I am dedicated. I stand for the following:

1. Recognition of an organization for black students
2. Immediate University sanctioned housing for women
3. Women's dormitories within the next 2 years
4. Student-Faculty Committee to assist in selecting president
5. Program for recruitment of minority students
6. Free expression of opinions and ideas

## Life Chairman

## Rudy dela Garza

An example of one Senator who has worked this year is "Doc" Watson. To me, his committee, Student Life, did more than any other to help the students.

This is not to say more cannot be done by others. I doubt most students are yet satisfied with the Blue Book Regulations as it stands now. Also, I feel that more work can be done in getting active student participation in this committee and the Senate, not just at election time. These are two examples of the job ahead.

In conclusion, I ask for your vote in continuing the task that has been started.

## John Sharp

My name is John Sharp. I am a candidate for Student Life Chairman of the Student Senate. I am extremely interested in an effective, representative, student government.

The Senate can only be truly representative when it represents all of the students of this university. I think it is imperative that a senator make a special effort to meet with his constituents, and obtain their views instead of voting in his own narrow-minded way.

My main concerns are student representation in matters that concern them; acquiring student publications that give us all the facts, not only what some would have us read; academic excellence by having a "real" dead week, partial pass-fail system and professor-course evaluation; and a study concerning student rights in the university and our responsibilities to the university.

I am a member of the Student Senate and its Life Committee, working actively in both. I am the Texas Intercollegiate Student Association coordinator for A&M, and receive many new ideas for solving problems through T.I.S.A. I am also President of the Sophomore Class. Most important however, I want to see a Student Senate here that works for you, not for itself.

I would greatly appreciate your vote, April 23.

## Issues Chairman

## Kirby Brown

The Issues Chairmanship of the Student Senate requires resource, planning, energy, and a great amount of time. The activity and effectiveness of the position has long been hampered by neglect due to other necessary obligations. The chairman must devote all time and effort, however, to this primary responsibility.

Membership on the Senate for two years as President of the Freshman Class and Senate Secretary has revealed general in-

activity and lack of communication to and from students, faculty and administrators. The absence of planning and scheduling needed legislation adds to tardiness and neglect of issues.

As Issues Chairman, I hope to alleviate the communication problem through explanation of issues to the entire university, and initiate a calendar to outline legislative proposals, thus allowing response and cooperation preceding the presentation.

I will also actively devote my efforts to outlining student responsibilities and rights; a more responsive and representative Student Senate; a limited pass-fail system; published professor and course evaluation; and the use of preference in the computer selection system; immediate coed housing and publicity concentrated in this direction; and other necessary issues.

If you support the active involvement of students in student affairs, then I solicit your support and vote on April 23.

## Charles Hoffman

During my two terms in the Senate, there has been much change in student government. Our progress seems to be slow, but we are moving in a positive direction. During this campaign, I feel that all candidates are in general agreement on most issues. We are all aware of the problems that exist on our campus.

Where many candidates differ, and where I certainly differ, is in the means by which we approach these problems. I was recently told that any means justify the ends we all seek. This attitude is indeed frightening. It is appalling to know that there are some who would completely destroy all the progress we have made for our university. These individuals tend to overlook that no matter what the Senate does, it is subject to final consideration by our administration.

I have worked closely with the administration during the past three years. As an MSC chairman, I can fully realize and appreciate the already established and proven channels through which we work. And these channels do work. We have been successful in impressing the administration that we are sincere in our efforts to mold a constructive student government. We must continue working in this manner.

I am a candidate for Student Senate Issues Chairman. I pledge myself to continued progress in your behalf through responsible actions.

## Welfare Chairman

## Charles Hicks

Student government must represent the students! In the past, this has not been the view of many Senators.

I am a candidate for Senate Welfare Chairman on the Fifth Wheel Committee. If elected, I will work for all the students. All students' views and needs must be heard.

The Welfare Committee in the past has coordinated the Aggie Blood Drive, Campus Chest, and arranged for the orphans from Houston to spend a weekend at A&M. I think these are fine efforts and should be enthusiastically supported. I also think there are some areas that the Welfare Committee might look into in the future. These are in the area of community relations and publicity in the area of individual participation in many welfare programs on campus.

As a member of the Executive Committee and the first married student on this committee in a long time, I will insure that married students have a choice and that their needs are heard. There are three areas I consider of ma-

or importance here—(1) Improved drainage in the apartment area, (2) paved parking lots, and (3) a change in university hospital policy to allow Aggie wives and children's admittance. I will assure you these issues will be raised if you elect me Welfare Chairman on Thursday.

## Public Relations Chairman

## Jimmy O'Jibway

I would like to announce my candidacy for Public Relations Chairman of the Student Senate.

While at A&M I have played on the fish baseball team, been V.P. of my hometown club, sophomore representative, and Junior Senator from the College of Business. While serving as Senator this year I served on the Public Relations Committee. There I learned the functions and responsibilities of this committee. One of the main goals is to create better communications between the Students, Faculty, and Administration. Everyone talks about it, but no one ever seems to do anything about it. I cannot make any promises, except that if elected, I will do my best. I will work 100% for you, the student body.

I'd appreciate your consideration of my ideas, qualifications and desire to serve you, when you vote Thursday, April 23.

## Mike van Bavel

The time has come for Student Government to be responsive to the student! For too long the Student Senate has failed to act on the needs of the student body. To this date the student representatives have not sought and acted on the feelings of their constituents. The students have not been informed of the issues before the Student Senate.

As a Fifth Wheel candidate for Public Relations Chairman of the Senate, I believe that senators not only should ask the students about their problems and feelings but also should inform the students about all of the issues. I believe that my responsibilities as P.R. Chairman should include the establishment of a Senate Newsletter bringing out the issues and also giving the arguments pro and con. The P.R. Chairman should give out the information about scheduled meetings between senators and their constituents through The Battalion and other newsmedia. Student opinion polls should be used frequently and student forums should be scheduled.

I believe that my qualifications say enough for my capabilities and willingness to do these jobs. As past Summer Chairman and P.R. Chairman for the Great Issues Committee, I have gained the knowledge and interest in performing the necessary duties. I can promise that as Public Relations Chairman I will do the job which has never been done before.

## Letters

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majoring in some field of Engineering will be elected to serve as our Sophomore Representative to the Student Senate. I place myself before you as a candidate for one of these positions. As President of our Freshmen Class this year, I had the honor to be a part of our Student Senate serving as an Ex-officio member. This year I was also a delegate to Operation Jericho and other events. Having these past experiences has given me the insight to what is needed in our Student Government. Therefore, I believe that I am qualified to fulfill this position as Senator and ask for your support.

Bill Darkoch, Class of '73