

# Endorsements

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Ever since entering A&M I have felt that the Student Senate has been an unresponsive, unexciting group. But the shortcomings of the Student Senate are the shortcomings of the Student Body. If we are so apathetic that we cannot involve and commit ourselves to achieve an effective Senate, we can never expect the Actions of the Student Senate to be anything but mediocre!

The Fifth Wheel offers us an alternative, a way towards a truly effective, activated student voice. I have definite ideas about the role of a senator and I urge you to call me at 845-1878 or drop by my room (Puryear 7-L) and talk to me. Examine the men and issues, and make your judgement. I am confident you will find me the most qualified and most interested candidate for the position.

I have served as Vice-President of Puryear Hall this year and Seminars Series Chairman for the Great Issues Committee. I have been selected as Vice-Chairman of Great Issues for this coming year. What I want to stress, though, is my interest and initiative. I am vitally concerned about student government and because I feel strongly I am willing to get out and work for you.

My last request is that you vote on Thursday, April 23. It is your duty and privilege to acquaint yourself with the candidates, make a mature and intelligent decision, and implement that decision.

Sam Dragan  
Candidate for Junior Senate  
College of Science  
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Editor:  
Attention class of '72. I would like to announce my candidacy for the office of Junior Business Administration Senator.

Many students seem to have the idea that senator is an insignificant office. Judging from past performance I have to agree with them. The amount of participation offered to the student in his government here is a joke. I doubt that many even know who the senators from their particular college are.

It is time for A&M to wake up. Students deserve to be given a real voice in the running of their school. To bring this about, the Senate must be much more active and receptive to student wants and needs. The administration must also change its attitude toward the students, if student government is ever to be meaningful and effective.

It is toward these ends, that I ask all Class of '72 B.A. majors to support me in the upcoming election.

Gary Singletary, candidate for Student Senate, Business Administration, Class of '72  
Editor:

Attention all Class of '72 liberal arts students. I am announcing my candidacy for the office of student senator.

There seems to be at present five or six different factions on campus fighting for student support. For any effective student voice in the school's government to be possible, a united front must be presented. This does not mean forming a committee with personal goals disguised as those of the entire student body's. I am in the Cadet Corps and do not try to hide this fact from anyone who would use this to vote against me. It is just this type of attitude that must be changed, today.

With an active student body and an interested senate I am sure the goal of true student government at A&M can be realized. I ask you to support me Thursday in helping to realize these goals.

Tommy Mayes, candidate Student Senate Liberal Arts '72  
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Editor:  
The Student Senate, in order to function properly as a representative body, needs Senators and officers who are willing to work. A student who is seeking a Senate seat must be able to put in the time necessary to effectively fill that position, often giving up personal interests.

Because of his volunteer work on the Senate this year as Chief Executive Aide, we endorse Dale Foster for Student Senate Recording Secretary. He has shown that he is capable and willing to work with and for student government to achieve a better Texas A&M.

Gerry Geistweidt, Student Body President; Collier R. "Doc" Watson, Senate Student Life Chairman; Lee Crawley, Senate Issues Chairman; Rick Reese, Senate Treasurer; Marcus Hill, Senate Grievances Chairman; Tony Ben-

edetto, Graduate Student Council President  
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Editor:

In noting the progression of the anti-Fifth Wheel rumors, it is interesting to see the feeling of desperation that must be behind them. Scare stories have ranged from "The Fifth Wheel is a branch of a super-conservative organization" to "The Fifth Wheel is a group of far-leftists." We have recently been called a "political machine bent on deceiving the public." If the latter is the case, our deception techniques are quite interesting. We have publicized our candidates and their beliefs more widely than any single candidate or group of candidates in A&M history. Every student has had ample opportunity to question our beliefs (and our motives). The opposition, on the other hand, though preaching piously of the "evils" of machine politics has recently engaged in primary elections (although specifically outlawed in Blue Book Regulations) and has since published a list of candidates that has no indication of who put it out, what the records of any of the candidates are, or how they stand on the issues. Perhaps like one candidate they endorse, they believe that "we have to campaign only against the Fifth Wheel — you've got all the issues." I hope that you — the student body — will not be fooled by the negative techniques of these people and decide for yourself which candidates meet squarely with the issues you consider important.

Kent Caperton  
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Editor:  
This year, as Senate President, I have worked closely with Kirby Brown. He has shown desire and a dedication to duty. The student body will need an active Issues Chairman willing to devote a great deal of time and effort to the necessary projects. He has the time and ability to hold this post of responsibility. I support Kirby Brown for Issues Chairman and hope the student body will also.

Senate President '72  
Gerry Geistweidt

## Graduates Listed As Prisoners in Vietnam

Two former students were among the 81 men listed as North Vietnam POWs by the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. The list was released Tuesday in New York.

The Aggies are Capt. John C. Blevins of San Antonio and Lt. Alton B. Meyer of Fredericksburg. Lt. Meyer's wife is a resident of 1213 Haines St., College Station. Both men were Air Force pilots.

The Association of Former Students Office reports it has a list of 12 former students reported missing in action.

Prior to the release of the names of Capt. Blevins and Lt. Meyer, the only confirmed A&M-ex held by the North was Lt. James E. Ray of Conroe.

Blevins, whose parents, wife and three children live in San Antonio, had been missing since September, 1966. He was an F-105 pilot shot down during an operational mission over North Vietnam. He graduated in 1961.

Lt. Meyer, a 1960 graduate, was shot down in March, 1967.

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We consider the following five areas of primary importance to the students of Texas A&M:

### STUDENT REPRESENTATION

- \* A form of living area representation for the Senate is necessary to overcome the inadequacies of the present system
- \* Real student participation on University Committees
- \* Involvement of all minority groups - such as international students, women, and blacks

### STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- \* Student court system to insure due process for the students
- \* Student Bill of Rights
- \* Student priority to use of University facilities

### STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

- \* A functioning Student Publications' Board instead of the present "Rubber Stamp" Committee
- \* Student voice in selection of BATTALION editor
- \* Clarification of relationship between Administration and student staff
- \* Distribution methods of the BATTALION need drastic improvements
- \* Examination of possible five day publication of the BATTALION or at least publication on Monday rather than Friday

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- \* Limited pass-fail system
- \* Dead Week
- \* Published professor and course evaluation

### COMMUNICATION

- \* Senate Newsletter
- \* Student Forums
- \* Scheduled meetings between senators and their constituents
- \* Regular discussions between students and administrators
- \* Greater use of student opinion polls

Other areas we consider important are:

- Improved student-faculty relationship through faculty representation on Student Senate and establishment of Faculty Senate
- Coordination With Former Students
- Immediate Co-ed housing
- Establishment of criteria for Exchange Store fund allocations
- Exhaustive study for new University Hospital
- Examination into feasibility of non-compulsory board and laundry
- Reexamination of existing policies concerning the use of electrical outlets in dorms

Many areas in which we intend to work would be better classified as grievances than as platform planks. This does not distract from their importance nor lessen our commitment to effect change in these areas.

### SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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