

Vote in the general elections Thursday; polls open at 8 a.m.

The Battalion

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Wednesday — Mostly cloudy. Southerly winds 15-20 mph. Afternoon thundershowers. High 87°, low 66°.
Thursday — Same as Wednesday.

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BLACKS IN TEXAS HISTORY is the subject of a display on view in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center. The display will be there all of "Black Week." Cecel Nutall, left, chairman of the programs committee of the Black Awareness Committee talks with Walter Wright, a campus visitor. (Photo by Mike Rice)

Aggieland orders will be accepted during next week

Orders for the 1972-73 Aggie-land will be taken during pre-registration next week, Henry Ostermann, yearbook editor, announced.

Beginning next year, the annual will be offered on an optional basis, rather than being included in the student services fee. The optional status for the yearbook was recently approved by the Student Senate.

Students may reserve a copy of the Aggie-land by checking the appropriate portion of the Housing Data Card in preregistration, Ostermann explained.

He said the \$9.50 charge for the 72-73 edition will be included in the student's statement for room and board, tuition and related fees.

The 1971-72 book, which will be available at the start of classes next fall, is covered by this spring's student services fee.

'American Pie' singer slated for Town Hall

"American Pie" composer-performer Don McLean will give Parents Weekend a lyrical send-off Friday in a Town Hall Special Attraction.

The performer of the hard-to-interpret and much-debated "American Pie" will appear at G. Rollie White Coliseum in a show beginning at 8 p.m.

Town Hall Chairman Kirk Hawkins noted separate admission tickets are required. Season passes will not be honored.

McLean, a 26-year-old overnight hit, is said to sing and write about America with the hope of seeing it survive the years ahead. His "American Pie" sums up recent history of pop music.

It "confronts listeners with nine solid minutes of some of the most engaging and mysterious lyrics ever framed in a popular song," according to a recent "Life" magazine article.

A shortened version has sold more than a million copies. Many top-40 radio stations are playing "American Pie" full

length, making McLean author of one of the longest and most complicated recent American tunes.

He is called by competitor Pete Seeger "the finest singer and songwriter . . . since Bob Dylan."

McLean has appeared on the Dick Cavett and Merv Griffin Shows, Sesame Street, the Newport Folk Festival and New York's Bitter End and Gaslight, among many others. His college concerts have on occasion been with Arlo Guthrie, Seeger, Janis Ian, Herbie Mann and Steppenwolf.

A New York music critic called McLean's straight-forward non-act style "an audience grabber." Proceeds from an earlier album "Tapestry," and "Pie" enabled McLean to put his widowed mother back in their New Rochelle, N. Y., home and himself in secluded Cold Spring-on-Hudson. It is a small town in the Hudson Valley McLean likes because it is close to nature and offers solitude.

Senate presidential platforms

Layne Kruse

What is your platform?
"We need more and better services."

"We should make an effort to get a campus radio station, either through cable service or through the television station on campus. It could be financed through the student service fee."

"We need a full-time lawyer. If we had a full time attorney he could help students in giving advice, writing contracts, and so forth."

"An auto service center is needed, with tools made available. A gas station could also be incorporated into it on a co-op basis. Two offers have already been made by companies to operate a gas station on consignment."

"We need to work for tenant rights off-campus. We need to push for city ordinances which make apartment managers bear the burden of proof on whether or not the property deposit ought to be kept."

"A shuttle bus service should be started, at least on a trial basis."

"Student Publications need to be made more responsive to the needs of the students."

Improvements need to be made in the Battalion; in particular, we need to support the idea of a morning paper."

"The Student Senate should be the primary body that sets the rules and regulations for on-campus students."

"Political candidates should be

able to speak on campus."

What are your qualifications?
"I've been a member of the Student Senate for two years; this year I was Chairman of the Student Life Committee and Chairman of the Business Relations Committee."

Should liquor be allowed on campus?

"Students should have the same rights and privileges that are granted to any 21 year old citizen and for those students 21 or older I see no reason why they should not be allowed this privilege."

Should a student be allowed on the Board of Directors and other administrative groups?

"Students should play a role on administrative committees which set rules which they have to live by. Student input would be a definite asset to these committees."

Should changes be made in the Bonfire?

"As it is presently conducted, changes really are not necessary. In the Student Senate opinion pole conducted during Spring preregistration, 68 per cent said they saw no reason to change the Bonfire."

Should students control fees?

"Students should be able to control fees that are used for student services. Because fees are expressly set aside to help students through various service programs, then ultimately students are going to be the ones to decide their effectiveness."

Bruce Denton

What is your platform?

"The Student Senate is not responsive enough to student opinion and I would like to do something about it. Senators need to get out and talk with people and get the students more involved with the organization. The Student Senate leaders should do this and set an example for other students. I will do this."

"I support non-compulsory board and laundry fees, equal opportunities for women in all facets of student life, the freedom to choose one's place of residence, the right to form campus clubs of any nature, the right to hear political speakers on campus and expanded intramural programs."

"I would like to see A&M become a seven-day campus. There need to be more weekend activities and the Student Senate should sponsor many of them."

"Now that most students can vote, the Student Senate should send resolutions to Austin reflecting the opinions of the A&M student concerning the activities of the legislature."

What are your qualifications?

"I've done no prior work with the Student Senate but I don't consider this a handicap. I keep up with senate activities from reading articles in the Battalion and talking with friends I have in the senate. I'm taking the bare minimum number of hours next year (that is all I need) and will

have plenty of time to devote to the senate. I love A&M. It has done a lot for me and I'd like to do something for it."

Should liquor be allowed on campus?

"I feel that liquor should be allowed on campus. Students should have the same constitutional rights they have at home, especially since they are forced to reside on campus. This would allow 21 year-olds to have liquor in their rooms."

Should students control fees?

"Students shouldn't have complete control over fees but they should have a say-so in the matter. The administration has the experience to do the best job concerning the business of the university. You shouldn't give the students too much say."

Should students be allowed on the Board of Directors and other administrative groups?

"Yes—but only in an advisory sense. The Student Body President would make an appropriate ex-officio member of the Board of Directors."

Should changes be made in the Bonfire?

"Everybody fusses about the Bonfire but no one has come up with a good alternative. I would agree to having a limited bonfire with an alternative on a temporary basis. Because of environmental factors the bonfire will probably have to be replaced eventually with a new tradition and we should prepare for it."

Platforms for CSC president

Mark Blakemore

What is your platform?

"We need to create a new social atmosphere through better community relations. If we show the community we are interested in them, maybe they will respond."

"I also feel we should have a student operated radio station."

"We need an effective judicial system in the residence hall. Anyone, I feel, who violates Rules and Regulations should go through the dorm judicial council first."

What are your qualifications?

"I have been on the Student Senate. I feel that being on the senate will help so that we won't overlap each other on projects. I am also a resident advisor and have worked closely with dorms and the administration."

Should liquor be allowed on campus?

"I voted against it in the Senate. If this comes our resident advisors will start having to enforce age laws. It will be more trouble than it is worth."

Should students control fees?

"I think that they should control the services fee. They should have input, but not control, on room and board fees."

Should students be allowed on the Board of Directors and other administrative groups?

"Yes, definitely. I'll work hard for that."

Should changes be made in the Bonfire?

"We also need more alternatives to working on the Bonfire, though I believe we ought to keep the bonfire."

David Ater

What is your platform?

"I am in favor of extensive physical and social improvements within the residence halls. I will initiate a residence hall newspaper and establish a Landscape Committee to help beautify our campus. I will publish a student evaluation of professors and courses."

What are your qualifications?

"I am the only candidate for president that has served in the Civilian Student Council. I have served on the Menu Board and have been a Vice President for Programs of the Management Society."

Should liquor be allowed on campus?

"If the student is over 21, he should be allowed to have it on

campus. You should be allowed to do in your dorm room what you are allowed to do at home."

Should students control fees?

"The student control of fees is a Student Senate question and appropriate action there will have to decide this."

Should students be allowed on the Board of Directors and other administrative groups?

"There should be a student in an advisory capacity on administrative boards. This would let the student advise the group on student opinions."

Should changes be made in the Bonfire?

"I think the Bonfire will continue another year at least, but the voluntary student input is diminishing."

Senate vice presidential platforms

Randy Ross

What is your platform?

"I think the students should have a greater say in selecting the new Dean of Students when Dean Hannigan retires."

"Another thing I feel strongly about is the Athletic Council. There ought to be at least one student to voice an opinion on where their money is going. We need a student on this council."

"There should be a majority of students on the publications board. I also feel that The Battalion editor should be elected by the students. He would have to qualify for the job and be screened by the board, however, before he could run."

"I think we need to increase student services. I'm looking at real feasible things like a day care center."

"I also think having a full-time student attorney that would go to court for the student is needed."

Another thing I feel strongly about is a published student evaluation of the faculty. A&M is really hurting for one. I'd like to see a published version of the current evaluations. The students need one so they know what they are getting into in their classes."

What are your qualifications?

I am a member of the Executive Committee of the Student Senate and am Welfare Chairman for the senate. I was chosen Outstanding Freshman Senator for 1970-71. I am a member of President Williams' Advisory Council and was a delegate to SCONA XVII.

Should liquor be allowed on campus?
"Yes, with certain restrictions which could be provided by students, the faculty and the administration. By regulation I mean proper regulations to prevent disruption of those trying to study."

Should students control fees?
"Yes, students ought to control student fees. The university says it's too big of a job for the student to handle, but past years have shown they have the competence to handle these."

"Other student governments control their fees. I think we could operate the same way the administration does but more effectively."

Should students be allowed on the Board of Directors and other administrative groups?
"Definitely."

"I would be in favor of it if they could actually be involved in decision-making."

Should changes be made in the Bonfire?

"There should be a greater increase in safety factors on the Bonfire."

What is your platform?

"I would like to see a more informed individual senator who is a little more aware of the senate's actions. I am for liberalization of the university's housing rules. Anyone who is 21 should be able to live off campus if he wants to. I think we need a full-time lawyer for students' use. I am also for setting up a shuttle bus system on campus."

What are your qualifications?

"I have had two years experience in the senate. I was a sophomore senator from the College of Engineering and am an ex-officio member as Junior Class President. I have worked on the welfare and public relations committees and as Chairman of the Campus Chest. I am now the Executive-Vice Chairman of Town Hall and am a distinguished military student."

Should liquor be allowed on campus?

"I am opposed to having liquor on campus. I have had my drinks and know the situation and I think that if you want to drink, you can go off campus. We get along quite well without it now."

Should students control fees?
"Students are definitely entitled to have some say as to

where their money goes, after all they are paying it. Yes, they should have a strong say."

Should students be allowed on the Board of Directors and other administrative groups?

"They should, but not as voting members. They should be there as advisors of the students' opinions, but the administration should run the school."

Should changes be made in the Bonfire?

"I am in favor of the Bonfire continuing, but for working toward a smaller, well-constructed fire. Only wood from condemned land should be used to protect the ecology."

Election Commission asked to probe Eichorn campaign

A letter has been filed with the Election Commission asking them to "investigate and make rulings . . . involving Miss Sandy Eichorn's campaign for Senate Recorder."

The letter was written by Mitch Michelson, a write-in candidate for the same position.

The letter poses seven different questions. They are:

—Did Eichorn knowingly use a state bulk mailing meter, which prohibits private use, to campaign?

—If not, did Omega Phi Alpha officially authorize use of its bulk mailing privileges for all campaigning students?

—If not, who officially authorized it, i.e. was the campus postmaster questioned as to the legality of this procedure?

—If officially authorized, how did Omega Phi Alpha attempt to inform all the campaigning candidates of this service?

—If Eichorn is personally cleared of the query in question one, will the actions of other people related to this campaign affect the validity of Eichorn's candidacy?

—If both Eichorn and other involved parties are cleared, will Eichorn be allowed to budget her mailing expenses at one cent per letter mailed or will she be requested to record these expenses on her budget at

eight cents per letter?

—Who is to compensate the state for the seven cents that it has ended up paying?

Eichorn has said that she did not know the letters would be mailed illegally or that she was trying to circumvent her budget requirements.

Eichorn is limited to spending \$60 in her campaign. If she must pay eight cents per letter she may go over the \$60 limit, therefore disqualifying herself from the race.

Omega Phi Alpha released a statement Tuesday morning saying that it voted to assist all students running in the spring elections with no intent to help any particular candidate.

"The offer was in keeping with one of the service sorority's purposes to provide assistance to the Texas A&M student body," they said.

OPA has refused to answer any more questions. But several different candidates in the elections have said that they knew nothing of OPA's offer. Nor were any of the campus media services told that the service would be made available.

Just what will be the final outcome is still undecided, according to David Moore, chairman of the Election Commission.

"This is a mess," he said, "and we are trying to find out all the details."

Notice

Applications for the editorship of The Battalion and The Aggie-land are now being accepted.

Applications may be obtained from Jim Lindsey, Director of Student Publications, and must be returned to him by April 21.

Applicants must be junior or senior and free from academic or disciplinary probation. A minimum of one year's experience on the staff of a student publication is also required.

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—Adv.