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A&M Government, Council Candidates End Campaigns; Brace For Elections

Candidates for various student offices across campus began "digging in" for their campaigns Monday, some even waging their political struggles over the weekend to the Aggies remaining after Friday's rush home.

Up for grabs in A&M's Spring Elections are 132 campus-wide posts, with dorm officer elections being tossed in on the side.

Student candidates vying for positions on the College Station City Council also entered the home stretch this week in campaigning for the April 3 elections. A polling place will be on campus for the election in the Registration Room of the Cushing Library.

Sam A. McGinty, a 21-year-old economics major from San Antonio, is challenging incumbent Don R. Dale for Position Three while Lynn Reed, a senior electrical engineering major from San Antonio, is seeking the Place One spot on the Council.

Highlighting the campus elections is the race for the presidency of the Student Government which features a five-man (and woman) contest which could figure in a runoff election.

Those running for the coveted position are T. Mark Blakemore, Dana Roese, Randy Ross, John "Doc" Shroff and Nancy Usnick. Also on the election ballot are 10 proposals for amendments to the Student Government constitution already approved by the Senate.

The rest of the Student Government officers, student senators, Graduate Student Council, Resident Hall Association executive council, yell leaders, Memorial Student Center class representatives and class officers will fill the remaining portion of the ballot.

Students may vote in the following places from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a fee slip or mid-semester grade report and activity card:

Law-Puryear in Puryear lounge, Davis-Gary-Moses in lounge B, Moore-Crocker in lounge B, McGinnis-Shumacher in lounge C, Walton-Hotard in lounge C, Leggett-Hart in Leggett lounge, south campus dorms in

lounge F, Krueger-Dunn Commons, Guard Room, MSC, Vet School lounge, Academic Building, Sbsa news stand, Apartment A6Y (University Apartment Council office), the library and lounge A1 for those students in Keathley-Hughes, Henderson-Fowler.

Off-campus students may vote in any polling site. Students should vote in their specific areas in order to vote for their senators.

Graduating seniors are only allowed to vote for Student Government officers, the senator in the at-large position in their college, living area senators and senior civilians may vote for RHA

officers.

Election Board members decided Sunday night that Phillip Smith, (vice presidential candidate) would be able to remain on the ballot and that he had actually filed for his position. A complaint had been made by Timothy Jordan questioning Smith's filing procedure.

Positions on the ballot were decided by a drawing conducted by the Election Board.

A poll supervisors meeting for anyone interested will be held tonight in Room 3D of the MSC at 7:30.

Candidates Present Views On KAMU-TV

Two Student Government presidential candidates, Dana Roese and Nancy Usnick, were put before student questions Monday night on KAMU's "Student Sandwich" by a studio audience and television viewing audience.

Three other contenders, Mark Blakemore, Randy Ross and John (Doc) Schroff, appeared on last Monday's program.

Usnick, a 24-year-old senior environmental design major, said she would like to see all Student Services fees optional, a comprehensive student bill of rights and liquor on campus.

Roese, a junior English major, said he would like a "comprehensive reorganization" within the Senate creating an independent Student Government.

In his opening statements, Roese said the requirement of a Student Government president was "the ability to sit in a chair without falling out and have the IQ of a moron."

"Gynecologists should be available with possible abortion counseling and birth control counseling," said Roese about the new University Hospital.

"In 1964-65, we decided to have women on campus," said Usnick. "What's holding back the medical facilities available for them?"

In reference to the shuttle bus system, Usnick said students north of the campus were not served this year and the routes should be increased to serve the area.

Roese pointed out that the system was good, but he would like to find something a bit cheaper for everyone involved.

"There is a communications gap between the students and the Senate," said Usnick when asked how she would improve the student environment. "The gap should be closed with better communication through The Battalion and other media."

"The Student Senate is little more than a university master-minded joke," said Roese. "Students should have the option of a no-confidence vote and also be able to present a petition with 500 names to have a specified subject discussed before the Senate."

Usnick said students do not know what their rules and rights were on the campus. "Some of the dorm gripes I've heard were that dorm rooms can be searched without a search warrant."

Roese also said he would not cut his hair if he took office but wondered if when he did take office, his "constituency would start to grow theirs."

MSC Sells License Tags

Texas license plates for 1973 are on sale at A&M as a service of the Memorial Student Center.

The 1973 tags must be mounted by midnight April 1.

Sales in the MSC are conducted by representatives of Raymond B. Buchanan, Brazos County tax assessor-collector. Tags may be purchased at the Memorial Student Center between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

"On the side of Texas A&M," University National Bank Adv.

Help Shape Your Garden Of Eden'

Do you consider to be the best qualified candidates for the positions in A&M's future Student Government?

Hopefully, by this time most students are familiar with the various posts for these posts, what they are trying to say in their campaign and on whom their elections will have the greatest positive or negative effect.

It's easy to complain about Student Government and how it's responsive to the needs of the student body. What must be realized is that the student body is electing these "irresponsible" and it puts itself into a dilemma by voting for this type

The Battalion has noticed that the major issue in the campaign for Student Government presidency is student involvement in the Student Government's operation. This issue has been used for so many years to the voters' hearts that it seems students have come to believe that they should get involved.

It has ever taken to become involved was a short walk to the Government offices in the MSC or a phone call to 845-3051. We consider this a simple play on the emotions of voters and what then is the criteria for judging?

Primarily, personality must play an important role because a student must be able to work with his peers in a cooperative manner, as equals and with the respect due them.

A candidate should have ideas for change - progressive change - be supported with logical adult reasoning and not radical upsetting needed programs within an already student-established organization.

Next important qualification we think should be considered is the ability in dealing with people effectively, getting them to elect an officer, not for him.

What is left out of the list of qualifications is overall knowledge of the going on here, who can solve particular problems and how to be an effective organization for the majority of students, whether they ever gets involved or not.

Think it takes a big man (or woman) to fill these qualifications, what the issues involved.

Don't take our word for all this. We are only students, too, and your student ideas. If you are concerned about YOUR university and what it is headed in the next few years, take to heart some of our thoughts and you'll find yourself voting in Thursday's elections. Your choice on the ballot, like this article is only our opinion. A full state of endorsements by the Batt editorial staff for the Student Government executive committee, turn to page two.

Warrants Served For House Aides

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One of those named in the warrants, who asked not to be identified, said their sole purpose was harassment.

The warrants had the word "subpoena" scratched out and the word "arrest" written in. Those served are commanded to appear before the grand jury in Hempstead Thursday morning.

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Spring Fling Slave Auction Set By Krueger

Over 50 slaves from Krueger Hall will be auctioned Wednesday and Thursday in front of the Academic Building at 1 p.m. to start Spring Fling Activities.

A rock group, "First Crossing," will perform for a Sadie Hawkins dance and hay-ride Saturday night at Indian Lake near the Texas World Speedway. Dress is country.

Field day activities begin at 11:30 in the Walton Quad with a boy-girl sack race.

Field day events will be topped off with musical waterbuckets in the Walton Quad at 2:45, great crate race by Davis-Gary at 3:00 and a tug-o-war in the Walton Quad at 3:30.

A pie eating contest will take place near Moses Hall during the day. Advance tickets at \$1 may be purchased from any New Tradition Singer or tickets may be bought at the event.

Saturday night is skit night in the Grove. Dorms will present 10 minute skits to be followed by free movies: Keystone Kops, W. C. Fields and Spanky and Our Gang. A trophy and \$25 dollars will be given for the best skit.

Points will be awarded for the day's activities and a trophy plus \$25 dollars will be presented to the resident hall with the highest point total.

Teams entering in the field day activities or the skit night should contact John Bethancourt (845-1200) by Thursday.

Teams must choose a captain to meet with Spring Fling officials in front of Davis-Gary at 11:00 Saturday morning.

Frisbee throwing, egg throwing, bread stuffing and leap frog contests will follow from 11:45 to 12:45 in the Walton Quad.

Activities will then move to Davis-Gary between 1:15 and 2:15 for tricycle races, pillow fights, egg rolling and egg jousting.



HERE COMES A BIG 'UN—Aggie Dave Shelby received food for thought as he watched this dirty car and trailer pass his way while Corps outfit F-9 (Hellcat 9) sponsored a car wash Saturday. It was a sloppy day, though, as the rains interfered with drill championships and forced rescheduling of the Y's "Miles For Mankind" walk for Saturday. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)

Mass Transit Funding Heads McGinty Platform

The possibility of city funding for a mass transportation system for College Station and A&M use is one of the major platform points of City Council Place Three candidate Sam A. McGinty.

"With College Station growing at the rate it is and considering the current rates of air pollution, traffic congestion, parking problems and fuel expense, development of an efficient, extensive mass transportation system should be one of the prime con-

siderations of the city planners," said the 21-year-old economics major.

"The university and the city are growing," McGinty continued. "Over 7,000 students live in College Station area apartments and along with 1,000 more faculty and staff members they commute to the campus everyday."

McGinty pointed out that he would like to work toward a system where the city helps support the shuttle bus and at the same time expand to serve the city.

The first year fiscal summary of the city's budget does not have any money allocated for a public transportation system.

"The University is the center of the city. I feel that the city ought to join with the university in perfecting the present bus system at minimal cost to students and others in the community on the whole," said McGinty.

"One thing that citizens should be able to ask from their city government is to provide mass transit for the people where there

is a need," continued McGinty. "In the case of the students and faculty-staff of A&M, there is a need."

"Students are paying taxes here," said McGinty, "and they should be able to see some results."

McGinty is running against incumbent Don R. Dale in the April 3 elections. Last week McGinty presented the ward system as a major platform point.

This type of system would allow better geographical representation, better service to the represented area and would guarantee representation for each area as all present city council members are elected at-large.

"At this time," said Ron Miori, McGinty's campaign chairman, "six out of seven council members live within a short proximity of each other."

McGinty also supports a better city park, solid waste management, street improvement and a student representative on the council.



AGGIE DEFENSEMEN LOOK on as Phil "Wildman" Lesco guards the goal from a close shot by a Houston attackman. Sunday's match was the first annual lacrosse benefit game for muscular dystrophy. Spectators contributed \$35 and the two clubs pledged \$30 apiece to the charity. A&M lost 6-5 after giving up a goal with 50 seconds left in the game.

Student's Body Recovered; Silver Taps Slated Tonight

Silver Taps will be held at 10:30 tonight for Gilbert Owen Swift, whose body was found Monday morning at Lake Somerville by Burleson County Sheriff Alfred Wilhelm.

The Texas A&M student drowned March 18 when his sailboat capsized at the lake.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the College Station Cemetery, and Silver Taps will be observed at 10:30 Tuesday on the TAMU campus.

Memorial services for the 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Swift, Route 3, Bryan, were held Saturday afternoon at St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel in College Station.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Funeral Chapel.

A memorial scholarship fund in Swift's memory has been established through TAMU's Development Office.