

Student Government Candidates Give Views, Ideas

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What are your qualifications?
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 I have participated in a variety of activities at each school attended, from dorm manager to information chairman of a political party to lobbyist. I have worked in the business world for three years. I have witnessed at close range student governments at four major universities and two private colleges and have had no affiliation with the present student governing body."
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and adult illiterates; scouting and recreational programs; and day-care programs including small children and the elderly."
What are your qualifications?
 "I am now serving as president of both the TAMU Residence Hall Association and the Texas State Residence Halls Association. I am on several University committees and familiar with many channels open to students in the University process. I have served as the United States delegate to the International Student Association for the past two years. I received the Outstanding Sophomore Senator Award in 1972 after spending a year on the Senate participating in and chairing a variety of committees."
Should the size of the Student Senate be reduced?
 "It should not be reduced in the number of representatives it now has. Only one year of operation is not enough to determine the effectiveness of a new constitution. I think the large size can be most beneficial to students if senators are educated to be effective and responsive to the people they represent."
What are your feelings on the Hospital and Services Fees?
 "The hospital should be expanded to include dental care, a gynecologist and a birth control and drug information center. I am favorable toward removing the hospital fee from the Student Services Fee in order to allow continued growth of the hospital

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 "I am not a member of the Student Government circle of elites and have a sincere and earnest desire to make Student Government more meaningful to students."
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paying up to \$115 for services and building use fees. Here is how it breaks down:
 \$80 Present annual fee
 30 Hospital fee increase for next year