

Listen Up —

# Blakemore, Ross Find Student Backers

Note: All endorsement letters received have been printed here today.—Ed.

Editor: It is a fortunate time for voters when they can choose between two very qualified candidates for the position of Student Body President, as in the case of the runoff elections tomorrow. Both Mark Blakemore and Randy Ross have extensive backgrounds in Student Government, and both have been closely involved with student services and projects, and have served on a number of University committees and are very familiar with the operation and red tape of the University.

As officers of the Student Government, we have worked closely with Mark and Randy, and have had much opportunity to evaluate their accomplishments.

We endorse MARK BLAKEMORE for Student Body President for two reasons. Mark is more well-rounded, having worked closely with the Senate, MSC, the Corps, the Residence Hall Association, the Student 'Y' Association and the International Students Association in a number of campus social and service activities. We feel that through his work on these projects, he has gained more awareness of all segments of the student body.

Secondly, in his participation in committee work and supplementary involvement in student projects, we feel that Mark has been outspoken and decisive in his representation of student attitudes. For these reasons we support the candidacy of MARK BLAKEMORE for Student Body President.

- Layne Kruse
- Fred Campbell
- Rules and Regulations
- Steve Wakefield
- Student Services
- Barb Sears
- External Affairs
- Steve Eberhard
- Academic Affairs
- Lucy Stearman
- Corresponding Secretary

Editor: After considering the qualifications and records of the candidates for Student Body President, we, the undersigned, feel that the candidate who would best represent the interests of the entire student body at Texas A&M is RANDY ROSS.

An important qualification which cannot be negated, but rather emphasized, is a familiarity with the Student Government processes. Randy Ross has worked very effectively in the Student Government for three years and has been recognized for outstanding service. This is a product of dedication.

The record which Randy Ross has built during his tenure is consistent and directed at the entire student body. He has continually worked for and followed through with many programs which benefit all students.

An integral part of RANDY ROSS' platform is to "involve more students, in addition to those already participating in Student Government, in student planning and policy-making de-

cisions." Based on his reliability and honest presentation of himself, we believe in RANDY ROSS, and urge you to also support him and vote in his favor.

- Ron Bento '73
- Brian A. Polk '73
- John MacDiarmid '73
- Fletcher Kelly '73
- John A. Adams Jr. '73
- Philip W. Goodwin '73
- Robert J. Miller '73
- Russell Braden '73
- Steve Massey '73
- Skip Heffernan '74

Editor: As a candidate for Student Body President, a number of accusations have been levelled against me and I would like to briefly explain a few points and squelch rumors for "Listen Ups" readers.

In regard to the questions raised concerning the public relations campaign of the RHA, the name change in our organization supplied the basis for the campaign planned for the two weeks before Spring Fling.

The idea was discussed openly with both Executive and Assembly members. The officers will not turn over until the RHA Banquet at the end of April.

I do favor co-ed housing at A&M on both sides of the campus and have led the RHA's efforts in this direction. I would like to stress that the MSC Council and Directorate should continue autonomously without Student Government control. It has been proven that the two can work together by Free University, although programming should be planned and produced by the Council and Directorate alone.

Before the election campaign began I made a promise to myself that I would not enter into any "mudslinging" practices against my opposition. Now that the eve of the election is here and I have successfully kept my promise, I put my faith in the students to elect the most effective and versatile candidate for Student Body President.

T. Mark Blakemore

Editor: I would like to express my support for MARK BLAKEMORE for president of the student body for these reasons:

1. His strong convictions on issues.
2. His ability to present a favorable image for A&M, and
3. His ability to represent the University as a whole.

Please consider these points before you vote.

John 'Doc' Shroff

Editor: On Thursday students will be voting on who will best represent Texas A&M as Student Government president. We feel that one of the candidates, MARK BLAKEMORE, has shown that he cannot only work with every segment of the student body, but that he can find solutions to problems that will benefit all of the students.

This year, through his leadership, he has fostered cooperation

and understanding among several campus organizations. He has proven to us that he can best represent the interests of students. Therefore, we urge you to support MARK BLAKEMORE in tomorrow's elections for the presidency.

- Jimmy Griffith
- Juan Gonzales
- Kerry Hulse
- Cal Ramage
- Wade F. Seidel
- Fidel Rodriguez Jr.

Editor: During the past few weeks of election campaigning, the character of T. Mark Blakemore, candidate for president of the student body, has been defamed by accusations which we feel are untrue and unjust.

We have known and worked with T. Mark during the past year and we have found him to be describable only in terms of honesty and integrity.

Having seen T. Mark's interest in cooperation between students and student groups, we feel that voting for T. Mark Blakemore is the only wise choice one can make for Student Body president of TAMU.

Joe R. Arredondo Jr.

Mark A. Cuculich

Editor: I have been especially interested in the various allegations leveled against T. Mark Blakemore during his quest to become Student Body President. These allegations are serious indeed, including the charge that he used RHA funds to further his own political interest and that he railroaded changes in the CSC Constitution (including an extra fee) without fully consulting his constituents.

I had hoped that all of the charges against Blakemore would prove to be superficial ones because I detest unwarranted character assassination. However, only one has been answered and I am not quite convinced that Blakemore's intentions are as snow white as Barb Sears claims. Thus, the widespread nature of these questions, the diversity of sources, and the absence of a complete and convincing denial from Blakemore force me to conclude that at least some of the charges are well founded and that any denial at this point in the campaign would simply be a denial of desperation.

Larry Jendrusch

Editor: Every spring, all we hear is, "The Senate is a bunch of idiots! They don't care about the students." I know of at least one person who has done an excellent job for you in the past year. His name is Mark Fitte.

Mark has worked hard in several committees and his accomplishments in the Texas Student Lobby are outstanding. Through the TSL, Mark has become dedicated to the students' needs and now wants to take this dedication to the office of Student Body vice-president.

Tomorrow we will actually decide the leadership of student

government for the next year. We have no right to complain if we don't vote.

I urge all my supporters and all concerned students to elect Mark Fitte.

Randy Stephens

Editor: I'd like to endorse Curt Marsh for Chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee. Senator Marsh is the only logical choice for this position because of his previous work experience on the committee. It would be very hard for me to visualize the Rules and Regulations Committee as being anything but ineffective with a chairman who has had practically no experience working on it. Mr. Marsh's opponent is such a candidate. Besides the Rules and Regulations Committee, Mr. Marsh has proved himself a hard and competent worker on the Exchange Store Evaluation Committee, the Blue book Reorganization sub-committee, Great Issues, and other such activities on campus. I strongly urge your support of Curt Marsh for Rules and Regulations Committee Chairman.

Andy Brosh '73

Editor: This letter is to endorse Shariq Yosufzai for Student Body vice-president. The 1,565 votes Shariq received in the general elections are a glittering testimony to his truly outstanding stature as a leader. Yosufzai's experience as president pro-tem of the Student Senate and his vast experience as Senator for several years has impressed us all. But, above all, his outstanding platform stands out for being student oriented and identifying with student needs. A vote for Yosufzai will be a vote for experienced, responsive and student-oriented

government. We urge the entire student body to provide a splendid victory on April 5 for him.

- Slim Noack '74
- Al Aertker '74
- Jan Faber '74
- Ted Paup '74
- Tom Leopold, '74
- Skip Heffernan,
- Mike Penick '74
- Steve Moore '74
- David Moore '74
- Bruce Bocklorn '74
- Mike Phillips '74
- Buster Williford '74
- Steve Kendall '74
- John Rosenbaum '74

Editor: This letter is to urge the entire student body to get out and vote April 5 for Shariq Yosufzai for Student Body vice-president. Shariq Yosufzai is the only truly experienced candidate running and has a platform which has impressed us all. Shariq Yosufzai has the potential to become the finest Student Body vice-president in the history of A&M and we unreservedly request everyone to vote for him.

- Craig Brown
- President, Fowler Hall
- Don Hackler
- Ex-president,
- Law Hall
- Buddy Hale
- President, Puryear Hall
- John Sicola
- Vice-president,
- Schumacher Hall

Editor: Experience may not be a significant qualification for many student offices but it is virtually a requirement for an effective chairman of the Senate Rules and Regulations Committee. This committee initiates proposals ranging from coed housing and

campus political activity to yell leader elections. The members must have a working knowledge of University rules and regulations and all its complexities as they attempt to make meaningful revisions. Most importantly, the committee chairman is obligated to familiarize himself with students, faculty and staff in key positions and recognize what those positions are.

Curt Marsh has been a senator and an active member of the Rules and Regulations Committee this year. He has acquired the background which can make the committee an effective body and, in turn, represent student opinion better. I do not know Curt's opponent but I am certain he does not have the qualifications essential to the office. (See Letters, page 4)

## Cates Typewriters Co.

Owned By

# MIKE MISTOVICH

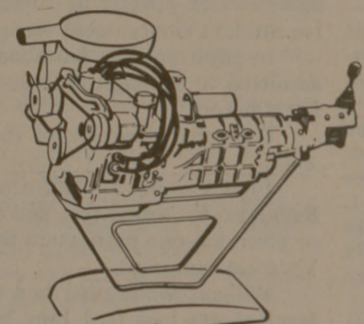
Royal & Smith Corona Typewriters  
Summit Mini Calculators  
Victor Adders & Calculators

909 S. Main

822-6000

Does the fact that it costs more & more to care for a car bother you?

(Well Then You Should See The Following)



- Premier Service Station  
1201 Texas  
822-9846
- Bryan Muffler  
1309 S. College  
822-2612
- Howard Zikes Motors  
421 S. Main  
822-2823

Student Discounts Brought To You

by \$PP

(Student Purchase Program)

A Program Of Your Student Government

**LOW, LOW PRICE!**

HY-TOP PURE CANE SUGAR

EXTRA FINE GRANULATED

5 LB. BAG w/\$7.50 PUR.

**49¢** LIMIT ONE

PLUS STAMPS

Tuxedo TUNA 6 1/2 oz. CAN 39¢

HY-TOP FRESH POLISH DILL STRIPS 26 oz. Jar 59¢

**Unbeatable meats**

NEUHOFF SMOKED SHANK PORTION

**HAMS**

**73¢**

LB.

PRICES GOOD APRIL 5-6-7, 9-10-11, 1973

**Brookshire Bros.**

• THE BEST FOR LESS •

**Unbeatable produce**

U.S. NO. 1 RUSSET POTATOES

8 LB. BAG

**69¢**

LILLY ICE CREAM

1/2 Gal. Ctn. 79¢

**Unbeatable frozen foods**

TEXSUN FROZEN ORANGE JUICE

12 oz. CAN.

**3 FOR \$1.00**

**BROOKSHIRES**

SAVE 45¢ WHEN YOU BUY A ONE LB. CAN of FOLGER'S COFFEE

SPECIAL PRICE WITH THIS COUPON

**\$1.29**

WITHOUT COUPON \$1.87

w/\$7.50 Pur. COUPON CASH VALUE 1/20 OF 1¢

GOOD THRU 4-11-73

**COUPON**

REDEEM THIS COUPON FOR 50 EXTRA STAMPS One Per Family

With Purchase of \$5.00 or More (Excluding Cigarettes)

Coupon Expires April 11, 1973

BROOKSHIRE BROS.

## The Battalion

Opinions expressed in The Battalion are those of the student writers only. The Battalion is a non-tax-supported, non-profit, self-supporting educational enterprise edited and operated by students as a university and community newspaper.

### LETTERS POLICY

Letters to the editor must be typed, double-spaced, and no more than 300 words in length. They must be signed, although the writer's name will be withheld by arrangement with the editor. Address correspondence to Listen Up, The Battalion, Room 217, Services Building, College Station, Texas 77843.

Members of the Student Publications Board are: Jim Lindsey, chairman; Dr. Tom Adair, Dr. R. A. Albanese, Dr. H. E. Hierth, W. C. Harrison, J. W. Griffith, L. E. Kruse and B. B. Sears

The Battalion, a student newspaper at Texas A&M, is published in College Station, Texas, daily except Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and holiday periods, September through May, and once a week during summer school.

Represented nationally by National Educational Advertising Services, Inc, New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles.

### MEMBER

The Associated Press, Texas Press Association

Mail subscriptions are \$3.50 per semester; \$6 per school year; \$6.50 per full year. All subscriptions subject to 6% sales tax. Advertising rate furnished on request. Address: The Battalion, Room 217, Services Building, College Station, Texas 77843.

The Associated Press is entitled exclusively to the use for reproduction of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in the paper and local news of spontaneous origin published herein. Rights of republication of all other matter herein are also reserved.

Second-Class postage paid at College Station, Texas.

EDITOR ..... MIKE RICE  
News Editor ..... Rod Speer  
Women's Editor ..... Janet Landers  
Sports Editor ..... Bill Henry  
Assistant Sports Editor ..... Kevin Coffey

CLASS OF '75:

ELECT

# JEANNINE PALETTA

Junior Class Social Secretary

ENTHUSIASM, EXPERIENCE, AND DEDICATION