

# Issues outlined... Election filing begins March 25

Issues expected to surface in the upcoming spring elections include female yell leaders, the student pub, limited enrollment, liquor on

campus, optional fees, expanded professor evaluation, continued construction and increased student input.

Filing begins March 25 for the '75-'76 elections. The positions of Student Government President, Vice President

of Finance, Vice President of Rules and Regulations, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of External Affairs and Vice President

of Student Services are open. Also vacant are Resident Hall Association president and each of the class officers. Open for filing are the

Yell Leader positions and 70 Senator spots.

Of the senator openings are nine on-campus civilian, 40 from the 10 colleges, four Corps of Cadets and 17 off-campus.

Filing for positions will end April 1, with elections being held April 8. Should run-off elections be necessary, they will be April 15.

Senator candidates must have a minimum GPR of 2.25 at the time of election. Candidates for SG president must hold junior classification during the term. Officers must have a minimum GPR of 2.5, and

senators must have a 2.25 at the time of election.

Students interested in filing for the yell leader positions must be undergraduates with a minimum GPR of 2.25.

Students may not file for more than one SG office or more than one class office.

Those filing for senate seats must have 15 signatures from their prospective constituents. Students seeking At-Large positions in the senate must obtain 50 signatures.

Filing will take place in the Student Government office.

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## Revision group gets SG plans for councilmen

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A student government representative Wednesday asked the College Station City Charter Revision Committee to consider a plan allowing city councilmen to be elected both by wards and at large.

The committee was appointed in early February to review the city charter and suggest changes. Some of the issues to be considered are changing from an at-large system of election to a ward system and holding city elections on the same date as school board elections. The committee will report its findings to the city council later this spring.

Jeff Dunn, SG vice president for academic affairs, outlined three plans, one which would establish a ward including the campus to get a student elected to the council.

The first plan would involve expanding the present council from seven to ten members, including the mayor. Five members would be elected at large and four others by wards. The mayor would be elected at large, Dunn said.

"I think the advantages of this plan are that it would allow councilmen to keep in closer touch with their constituents, yet insure that the interests of the entire city are kept in mind," he said.

Dunn's second proposal calls for combining six of the city's voting precincts to create three wards and allow four other councilmen to be elected at large, thus adding another member to the present council.

This plan would combine voting

Precincts 20 and 21, which includes the campus and the North Gate area; Precincts 8 and 9, south of the campus; and 10 and 24, immediately north of Texas Avenue.

A third plan would convert each of the city's six voting precincts into a ward plus electing seven other councilmen at large. This would create a 14-member council, including the mayor.

Dunn told the 10-member committee the proposed plans would at least give students some representation from a campus ward. But he said students were not necessarily interested in "taking over the city."

He said Student Government had registered nearly 8,000 students living on and off the campus.

"It should seem obvious that any nominal percentage of that could control city elections," Dunn said, "yet I feel that is not what students really want. We want at least one guaranteed councilman to project our views when they are needed."

Dunn said the necessity of getting a student elected to the council has become more important because of increased enrollment at A&M.

He said students were interested in creating more parks and recreation facilities, establishing a public transportation system and getting more city building inspectors to check commercial establishments, including apartments.

Last year, student leaders presented a proposal to establish a campus ward, but later they were told by council members that the ward system would restrict the number of students who could be

elected, eliminating the possibility of students taking over the council.

Councilman Jim Gardner appeared before the committee, asking them to consider holding city elections on the same day as school board elections.

The present city charter specifies that city elections be held on the first Tuesday in April. State law requires that school board elections be held on the first Saturday in April.

Gardner told the committee there might be a better turnout if the two elections were held on the same date.

Gardner strongly urged the committee to submit two changes in the charter to the voters.

"I would like to see that all ordinances proposed by the council be given two readings before they are passed," Gardner said. "This would give the people a chance to have their say."

Ordinances presently passed by the council require only one reading, he said.

Gardner was quick to point out that two readings on an ordinance would require an additional regular council meeting each month.

"The charter says that the council must meet 'not less frequently than once each month,'" Gardner said. "I think we need to give the people more of a chance to get involved."

"Of 91 cities our size, 82 per cent have two or more regular meetings a month," Gardner said.

The committee will meet again Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.



Fiddling around

In Sid Cox's English class, students studying folklore and folk songs had a chance to hear the real thing behind the Academic Building Wednesday. After

a few helpful pointers, Lanette Howell (with fiddle) joined Faron Evens (lower center) in entertaining a crowd of listeners.

Photo by Douglas Winslip

## Student Senate meets

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Possessed with vigor, enthusiasm and nothing controversial to be voted upon, the Student Senate quickly did away with last night's agenda, stalling only to take a brief look at the proposed budget and the newly recommended football ticket allocation program.

Student Vice President of Finance Curt Marsh stole the show by generally outlining next year's proposed budget before it is voted on after spring break.

Evidently, last night was not a time for too much discussion on the subject since Marsh placed a 54-page report on the senators' laps five minutes before the meeting commenced.

Perhaps realizing the senators' dilemma, Marsh directed everyone to carefully read the resume before voting on the budget next week.

Discussion resulting from the proposed budget centered around the Athletic Department's allotment of \$120,000. It seems that the suggested money for the Department is around \$150,000 — worth deceiving.

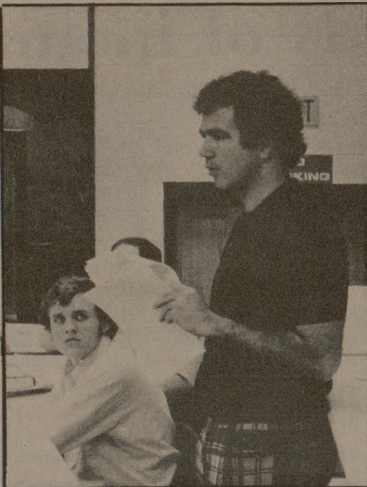
March explained this discrepancy saying, "We're giving them \$120,000 straight out. Then each student will have the option to buy a season ticket pass (for football games)."

Marsh said that 65 percent of the student body now go to football games. Under the new plan, he estimated that 14,000 would attend the games and that 10,000 of these students would buy the "package deal."

Consequently, the Athletic Department would rake in another \$150,000 from these student ticket receipts bringing the total to \$270,000 from student funds.

Explaining the scheme, Marsh said that "going to football games now will go above and beyond the activity card."

This all means that everyone will have to pay the \$19.80 Student Service Fee each semester. But every student will have the option of paying a \$10 season ticket which will get them into every home football game. Those not paying for the season ticket but still wanting to go to a couple of games, can buy a game ticket for \$2.50.



Bob Shokes

"Anybody with \$2.50 and an activity card can get a ticket," Marsh explained.

The problem of guaranteeing a seat for a season ticket holder was raised.

"If you buy this user packet, will you be guaranteed of a seat?" Troie Ann Pruett (College of Agriculture) asked.

"Yes," Marsh replied.

The next item that raised the senators' eyebrows was the football ticket allocation program. Debate centered on whether the students want this change or the Administration.

Student Body President Steve Eberhard began the discussion saying, "There have been rumblings since December wondering if there wasn't a better way to do it. Then I received this letter from Dr. Koldus

Pruett volunteered that the other problems referred to in Koldus' letter might be "the trash and beer drinking in the lines."

Bob Shokes (off campus graduate) who presented the resolution to the senate was asked by Sandy Hood, (off-campus, undergraduate) "Did any students happen to come in and make any input?"

"Not really," was Shokes reply. Then he was asked if the study was an outgrowth of administration plans.

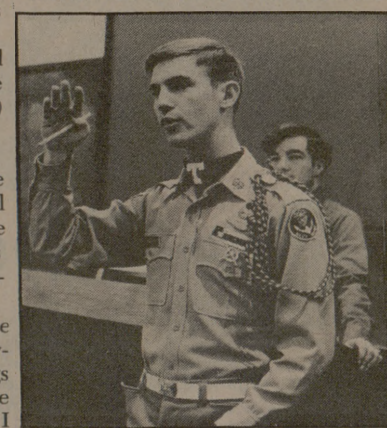
"The administration is pushing it, but not pushing it," was his reply.

Duane Thompson, from the College of Science, referred to the six ticket maximum and random drawing.

"Do you know the effects this will have on the Corps outfits sitting together?" he asked Shokes.

Yes, replied Shokes, the committee did know the effects.

He explained that the rationale behind the six ticket maximum was



Curt Marsh

to "suppress a black market for tickets."

In other Student Government business:

Funding \$350 from the refrigerator account for the purpose of establishing a recycling center for paper and cans at Hensel Park was approved.

The Senate endorsed the Tuition Tax Exemption plan to deduct \$1,500 for room, board and tuition from their income tax.

The Academic Program Evaluation proposal was funded \$1,500 for evaluating the various academic programs offered at TAMU.

The Senate approved the Vending Machine Reform resolution (See FOOTBALL, p. 4)

## Manning says

### Overcrowded classrooms create big CS problem

Overcrowded classrooms is the most critical problem which exists in the College Station schools, said Kirwin A. Manning.

Manning, 1208 Marsteller, is running for Position 6 on the A&M Consolidated School District Board of Trustees.

Manning, 53, said he believes there is a critical need to improve the crowded situations and to enhance the total educational program.

Additional courses and programs

need to be available to the students to fulfill their needs, he explained.

"After the critical situation of the overcrowded classrooms is met and additional funds are available, I would like to see our vocational agricultural program, home economics and distributed education programs expanded," Manning said.

"Other areas which could be expanded are the athletic program and the intramural program to allow for

all students who desire to participate," he continued.

Manning has been a resident of the school district for 29 years.

During the past 20 years he has served in different positions with youth and school organized programs. He has been a member of the College Station Recreational Council and has helped with the A&M Consolidated Tiger's Club.

A graduate of TAMU, Manning is (See CLASSROOMS, p. 5)

## Natowitz runs for school board place 7

Joseph B. Natowitz, candidate for Position 7 on the A&M Consolidated School Board, said he is concerned that the current board has concentrated too much on the district's business problems rather than on improving educational opportunities.

"It's been an attitude of the board that its main function is in business support," Natowitz said. "I think that it should provide leadership for achieving the community's educational goals — these goals are pretty clear since this community takes education seriously."

"The school board has done a reasonable job in facing the district's problems, but our schools haven't realized their full potential," Natowitz said. "Our emphasis should be on the individual child developing his talents and I think the administration has already begun working in this direction."

Educational programs which allow the student to learn at his own pace and a varied curriculum help to develop individual talents, he said.

"There is a mini-course system in the elementary schools in which they (students) devote an hour a week for six weeks on learning anything from candy making to photo-



Joseph B. Natowitz

graphy," Natowitz said. "I would like to see programs like this which encourage enthusiasm about learning to be expanded throughout our schools."

Natowitz, an associate professor of chemistry and a research group leader at the A&M Cyclotron Institute, said his major concerns for the district are achieving low student-teacher ratios, setting up specific educational goals and unifying the school system.

"What we've had has not been a school system at all — we've had four autonomous schools and we need some unity," he said.

"I'd like to see more citizen communication with the board. I think it would be a good idea to appoint citizens with expertise in a particular field to board committees. The board would still have the final say but the citizen input would be useful."

Natowitz lists as his qualifications for the position his experience as vice president of the College Hills Parent-Teacher Association, man-

ager of research funds at the Cyclotron and teacher.

"I've been involved in teaching

for nine or 10 years now and I've seen the products of the school system," he said.

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### Weather

Mostly cloudy, cold and windy Thursday. High today 52; low tonight 41. Partly cloudy Friday with a high of 64.

