

Student Spring Elections

President

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Student body presidential candidate Jeff Dunn's goal is to create a stronger student government. "Student government is being hindered because the administration is not allowing us enough input," Dunn said. Dunn is basing his campaign on his experience and qualifications. He has served three years on the Senate, and now serves as vice president of academic affairs. He published the first student evaluation of professors and the first teaching assignment list. Dunn said he feels student government should spread its influence into College Station since one-half of the students live off-campus. He wants more communication between the student body and student government. One way to accomplish more openness is to promote news conferences as often as possible. Student leaders, he said, should be held totally responsible by the news media for lack of initiative in student problems. "I am encouraging the news media to attack," he said. As a second step toward more communication, Dunn plans to write periodic articles in The Battalion to let students know what is happening in student government. A series of forums is the third step. Student government leaders would answer questions from the students attending. Also, Dunn is interested in lowering the cost of attending A&M. He said he wants to continue the book

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Doc Shroff



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Doc Shroff, candidate for student body president, said he feels that since he has, as a student, experienced a lack of concern by the administration, he feels qualified to deal with problems of the student body. "A student body president who establishes himself as a strong and popular leader could well use his voice as leverage against any administrative action," Shroff said. Last year, Shroff was Commander of D-1. "I've always been outspoken," he said. Shroff is basing his campaign on eight issues. First, Shroff said he feels there should be a vote of no confidence on the Student Government election ballot. "The Senate voted this down a week ago for the simple reason that they were afraid, that should it be included on the ballot, they would be out of a job," Shroff said. Shroff said he is not in favor of a student on the Board of Directors, but that the student body president should have speaking privileges. "Students tend to vote with the older members of the board, and as a consequence, don't represent the student's wishes," Shroff said. "The student body president is the one person who can follow an issue through Rules and Regulations, the Academic Council, and the Board of Directors and the President's Advisory Council," he said. "He (student body president) could be a common link between

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Tom Walker



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Tom Walker, candidate for student body president, says one of his major qualifications is that he works well with people. "I'm outgoing," he said. "I relate to people, both to students and the administration." He said he felt students would not be hesitant to come to him with problems. Walker was a senator for one and a half years. He is presently the executive director of Student Government. Walker's campaign is based on five areas. The first area is academic affairs. He said he felt the committee had not fulfilled its potential this year. "I'd like to see the Student Academic Council invigorated," Walker said. "It is the foundation for achieving choice of professors." Communication is the second area. Walker wants to set up bi-weekly meetings between student government leaders and the student body. Also, tables would be set up at key points and manned by senators. Besides supplying students with information, senators would partici-

pate more. "I want to put student government right out in the middle," Walker said. The next area is external affairs. Walker would like to see a student on the Board of Directors. He is also for stronger community relations since participation in the community results in influencing decision-making. Involvement in national

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Polling places

The election of yell leaders, class officers, Senate executive committee and Residence Hall Association officers will be held April 8 from 8 a.m. till 6 p.m. Polling places will be the married student housing office, the old exchange store, Krueger-Dunn Commons, the Corps Guard room, Fowler lounge and the MSC. Candidates for yell leader from the junior class are: Bobby Bain, Jeff Brown, W. David Cunningham, Tim Harrelson, Jimmy Heck, Paul Lombardino, Joe D. Mickler, Mike Roiz and Rob Tucker. From the senior class, candidates are: Dan (Wheel) Barrow, John Berryhill, Steve Bohlmann, Chuck Hinton, Marty Kamerbeek, John "Mic" McWilliams, Jim Bob Mickler, and Austin Sterling.

Vice president of rules and regulations

Mary Ellen Martin



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Mary Ellen Martin, psychology-elementary education major, joins two other students as candidates for vice-president for Rules and Regulations. Martin, a sophomore, brings two years of Student Government experience to her campaign, including Executive Aide and student senator. A member of the Rules and Regulations committee, Martin's platform is based upon expansion of present committee activity to include other areas of campus life. "Rules and Regs is the basis for all the campus as well as Student Government," Martin said. She favors closer work by the student lawyer with students, a convenient and low-cost student pub and

expansion of the powers of the Judicial Board. She also advocates compulsory committee membership, constitutional revision, student control of visitation hours and greater flexibility of Academic regulations. "Student Government can do a lot for the campus, and most of the work is behind the scenes," said Martin. "We need senators to get involved." Martin also stated that "a student on the Board of Directors is absolutely essential, so the school can truly serve the students' needs." Martin is a member of the Credentials committee, Academic Affairs Committee and the Student Academic Council.

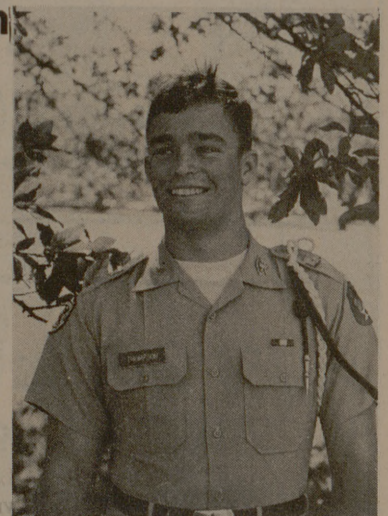
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Among the hopefuls for Student Government executive office is Karla Mouritsen, candidate for vice president for rules and regulations. A sophomore history major, Mouritsen's SG experience includes freshman executive aide, recording secretary for the Rules and Regs Committee and recording secretary for the Student Senate. Mouritsen is running on a platform of increased student control of University policies and greater student input into SG. "I want to give students back the right to make up their own minds," said Mouritsen. This includes visitation hours of residence halls, "Q" drop policy, transfer of grades from other schools, and alcoholic beverages at University-sponsored balls and receptions. In the area of increase student input, Mouritsen looks for actual student involvement on the Rules and Regulations Committee and better methods for disseminating information through student senators. Mouritsen's platform also includes compulsory committee membership by senators, a stronger Judicial Board and revised election regulations. "Some people consider the J-Board a hulking monster, but I think just the opposite. Too many candidates are violating election regulations, but they're not worried because they know the J-Board won't do anything about it," Mouritsen said.

Duane Thompson



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Sophomore Duane Thompson is one of three candidates for Student Government vice-president for Rules and Regulations. Thompson, a pre-med major, is student senator from the college of science and a member of the Rules and Regulations Committee. The former SG Executive Aide is basing his campaign on greater senator involvement on Student Government committees as well as increased student input in the major decisions affecting the entire student body. "We need a stricter definition of senator's responsibilities as well as strong enforcement of these regulations," Thompson said. "I think possibly we should have a committee whose sole responsibility would be in this area." Thompson favors compulsory committee membership by senators, a student on the Board of Directors, and establishment of a student pub. Other areas of interest include more understandable election regulations and a better definition of the powers of the Judicial Board. Thompson is parliamentarian of the Senate, a member of the traffic panel, Student Academic Council and the Scholarship Committee. "I think my well-roundedness in Student Government activities qualifies me for vice-president of Rules and Reg," said Thompson.

VP of student services

Troie Ann Pruett

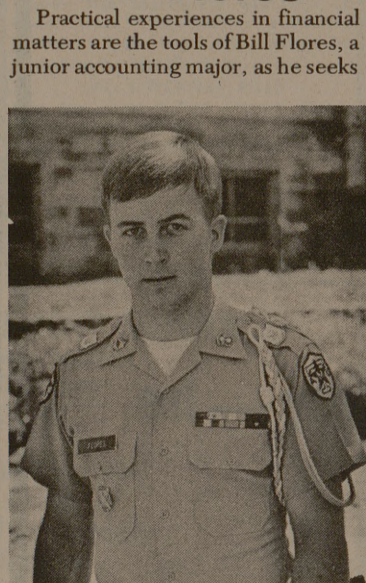


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Troie Ann Pruett is running for vice president of student services and has two years of experience in Student Government. Her first year, Pruett was freshman senator-at-large. The second year she was senator for the College of Agriculture. Among her qualifications she cited her previous experience in Student Government and the desire and confidence to be able to work for the good of the students. During the past year she worked with several committees including Rules and Regulations. But she says, "Rules and Regs is something abstract. I think I want to work for something more concrete. The Student Services V.P. post would be a place where I thought I could deal with concrete matters." Pruett would like to see the off-campus students get a better deal. "After all," she says, "they form a majority of the student body." She thinks that off-campus senatorial representation should be on the basis of wards whereby each senator would be assigned a particular area which he would represent. At the present time, off-campus senators are chosen at large. Communication is extremely difficult and it is very hard for the constituents to get hold of their senator and vice versa, she said. Also she said that every student living in dorms annually receives 50 cents from the Coke fund. The off-campus students do not. She said she would like to look into it and see how a fairer arrangement could be worked out. Pruett said she would like to look into different types of co-ops for students, shuttle bus systems from the perimeter parking lots to points inside the campus for the time when in-parking would be stopped. She also would like to look into the possibility of wide-area telephone service (WATS) for students. Pruett said she came to A&M "among other reasons for it's tradition." She does not like the idea of female yell leaders, but she says, "If my constituents felt any other way I would vote for the way they wanted me to. I consider myself a delegate more than a trustee."

Practical experiences in financial matters are the tools of Bill Flores, a junior accounting major, as he seeks

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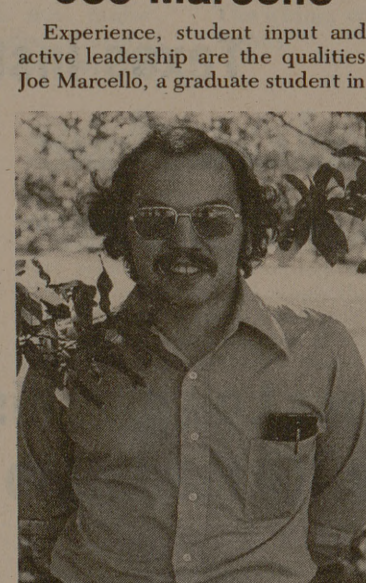


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the Senate position of vice president of finance. For the past year, Flores has been the Memorial Student Center vice president of finance. He prepared and presented the MSC budget to the Student Services Fees Allocations Committee and attended all the council's hearings. Flores believes students on the Financial Committee should have some business experience and, in order to accomplish this, committee members be drawn from the entire student body. Flores thinks the Student Business Council chaired by the financial V.P. could be the most important committee in the Senate by checking on all people who spend student money. Supporting a student on the Board of Directors, he believes the administration should pay more attention to student demands.

Experience, student input and active leadership are the qualities Joe Marcello, a graduate student in

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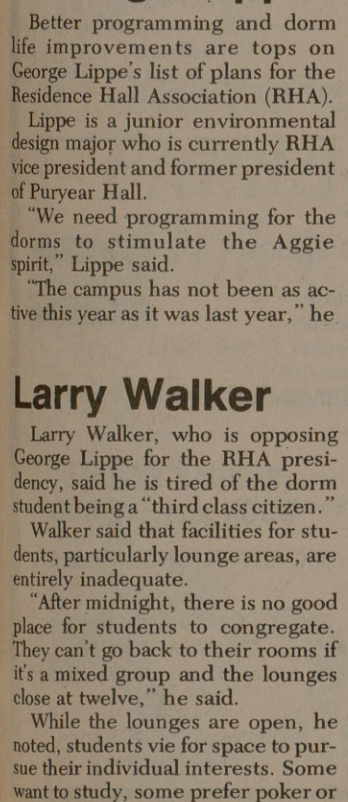
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the college of science, hopes to bring to the office of vice president of finance. Marcello's qualifications include membership in the Student Senate, Student Service Fees Allocations Committee, Student Academic Council, Rules and Regulations Committee, Graduate Student Council President and participation in the early development of the Student Business Council. Supporting the idea of a student on the Board of Directors, Marcello says students shouldn't have to endure a building use fee increase or the furnishings of the MSC referring to them as a "God-forsaken atrocity of a French whorehouse." Marcello stressed that as vice president of finance and chairman of the Student Business Council, he would investigate all areas where student money is used. Marcello would also endorse the

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RHA president

George Lippe



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Better programming and dorm life improvements are tops on George Lippe's list of plans for the Residence Hall Association (RHA). Lippe is a junior environmental design major who is currently RHA vice president and former president of Puryear Hall. "We need programming for the dorms to stimulate the Aggie spirit," Lippe said. "The campus has not been as active this year as it was last year," he added, and attributed this in part to the national status on the whole. With the economic problems that have been in evidence for so long, he said, students have been affected to the extent that they have lost their self-awareness. "There is not enough cohesion within the dorms," he said, "and not enough emphasis on competitive activities between them." Lippe said he would also like to see improvements in on-campus facilities and services. He cited parking, menu planning and dorm

improvements as a few of the necessities. "I'd rather not get into every aspect," he said, "but find out from the students, maybe by polling them at the first of the year, what they consider to be inadequate." From there he said he would establish priorities and work on them in a committee system. "Sometimes we have to work through the Student Senate," he said, citing the menu and laundry boards as examples. see LIPPE, page 4

Vice president external affairs

Jerri Ward



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Jerri Ward, candidate for vice president of external affairs, is running unopposed in the upcoming elections but says it is still her job to get out and campaign. Ward, a sophomore economics major from Houston, has served on several committees and has been chairman of the Judicial Board. She resigned that post when she decided to run in the election. Ward believes that the Student Government is more of an input organization. "There's a lot of input from the SC," Ward said. "As far as its power, I don't think it has ever been tested." There were a few times she felt it should have been tested such as in

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Vice president academic affairs

Raj Kent



Rajesh Kent

"I think it's sad that the student body has shown such apathy and to think next year is our centennial," said Raj Kent, referring to his uncontested race for Student Government (SG) vice president of academic affairs. Kent, junior horticulture major, said that during his term of office he will try to use this year's academic evaluations to plan for next year. He cited his experience on the planning and production of the questionnaires as an asset in the further planning involving the results. Expansion of the Student Academic Council, a SG group that meets with the faculty to coordinate academic programs, is another one

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