

# A&M food co-op . . . Senate OKs feasibility studies

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Last Wednesday night the Student Senate approved a resolution sponsoring research into the feasibility of a food co-op at A&M. The bill, introduced by Law-

Puryear senator Raj Kent, provides for a market survey and location of a site and wholesale sources of food, the results of which will be presented to the Senate for further action. If the Senate finds the venture

favorable, it will provide the initial capital for implementation of the plan, presumably from refrigerator rental profits, Kent said.

Kent cited a similar plan which the University of Houston undertook last December. Membership

in their co-op grew to 1,500 members by February. Originally a student government project, the Houston co-op is now student owned and operated off-campus, going by the name Houston Food Co-op and General Store.

Although details of an A&M co-op have yet to be worked out, the basic plan consists of membership open to students and faculty for approximately \$2 per semester. The mark-up for working members, those who contribute about two hours a week to the co-op, would be 10 percent, with a slightly higher mark-up for non-working members. The Houston co-op estimates a 25-30 percent savings on the average food bill using this system.

The co-op would stock only basic food items at first, expanding its inventory as membership and interest grows, Kent says.

Kent estimated the initial investment at \$2,500. This includes rent, shelves and cold storage facilities.

Following the example of the

Houston plan approximately 2 1/2 percent of the first six month's profits would be devoted to rent and utilities. After that, about \$300 per month would be spent on operating costs.

Other profits would be rebated to the co-op member, either on the

basis of percentages of sales slips or by even division of surplus, said Kent.

Kent stressed that Student Government would retain control of the co-op only as long as was necessary. After the members demonstrated the desire and ability, they would

take over full control of the facilities and services.

He also added that SG had been in touch with a similar co-op at the University of Texas, and that they seemed willing to help in several ways, including sharing sources of wholesale food.

# The Battalion

"A certain percentage of children have the habit of thinking; one of the aims of education is to cure them of this habit."  
Bertrand Russell, 1925, "What I Believe"

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## Run-off next week for Walker, Dunn

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A run-off between Jeff Dunn, junior, and Tom Walker, senior, will be held next Tuesday April 15 as a result of Tuesday's Student Government (SG) elections.

Dunn got 1,934 votes, Walker 1,607 and Doc Shroff received 715 votes.

Due to a preliminary failure in the computer a small number of cards were "chewed up" and not

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counted. Sam Walser, SG Judicial Board chairman, said that the cards were randomly mixed and everyone was equally hurt.

"I was disappointed with the turnout, I think it shows that there

is a need for an improvement in Student Government," said presidential hopeful Dunn.

Another run-off will be held in the vice president of rules and regulations race. The run-off will be between Mary Ellen Martin, sophomore, and Duane Thompson, sophomore.

Thompson received 1,984 votes, Martin 1,290 and Karla Mouritsen got 1,005 votes.

"I have a slight lead, but it could go either way," said Thompson.

"I'm really glad so many people turned out to vote in the election," said Martin.

The only other contested Executive Committee race resulted in the election of Bill Flores, junior, over graduate student Joe Marcello as vice president of finance. Flores received 2,298 votes compared to Marcello's 1,804.

Running unopposed were Raj Kent, for vice president of academic affairs, Jerri Ward, vice president of external affairs and Troie Pruett, vice president of student services.

The senior Yell Leaders for next year are Chuck Hinton, Steve Bohlmann and Jim Bob Mickler, according to the vote totals in the eight man race.

Joe D. Mickler and Rob Tucker were elected as junior Yell Leaders in the campus-wide election.

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) elections resulted in the placement of three new officers in the organization. George Lippe was elected president over Larry Walker. The vice president position was won by Kim Schaefer. Her op-

ponent was Nolen Mears. Patti Laferty ran unopposed for RHA secretary.

Senior class president for the 1976 class is Phillip Bohlmann. Bohlmann ran unopposed. Also running unopposed, for class vice president was Charlie Snyder. Mike Havel defeated Diane Watkins for the position of class treasurer.

Run-offs for senior class social secretary will be held next week between Melanie Taylor and Jenni Guido. A run-off between Hank Maddux and Cindy Wallace for historian will be at the same time.

Four run-offs highlight the junior class races. Candidates Kelly DeWitt and Terry Schul were thrown into another confrontation for president.

Susan Fontaine will oppose Gerard Pelletier for the position of class vice president in next week's

replay.

The treasurer election run-offs will include Charlie Briggs and Mike Cox. The social secretary rematch will place Leslie Clarke and John Riddles in competition next week.

Three of the four sophomore class elections will be carried over to run-offs next Tuesday.

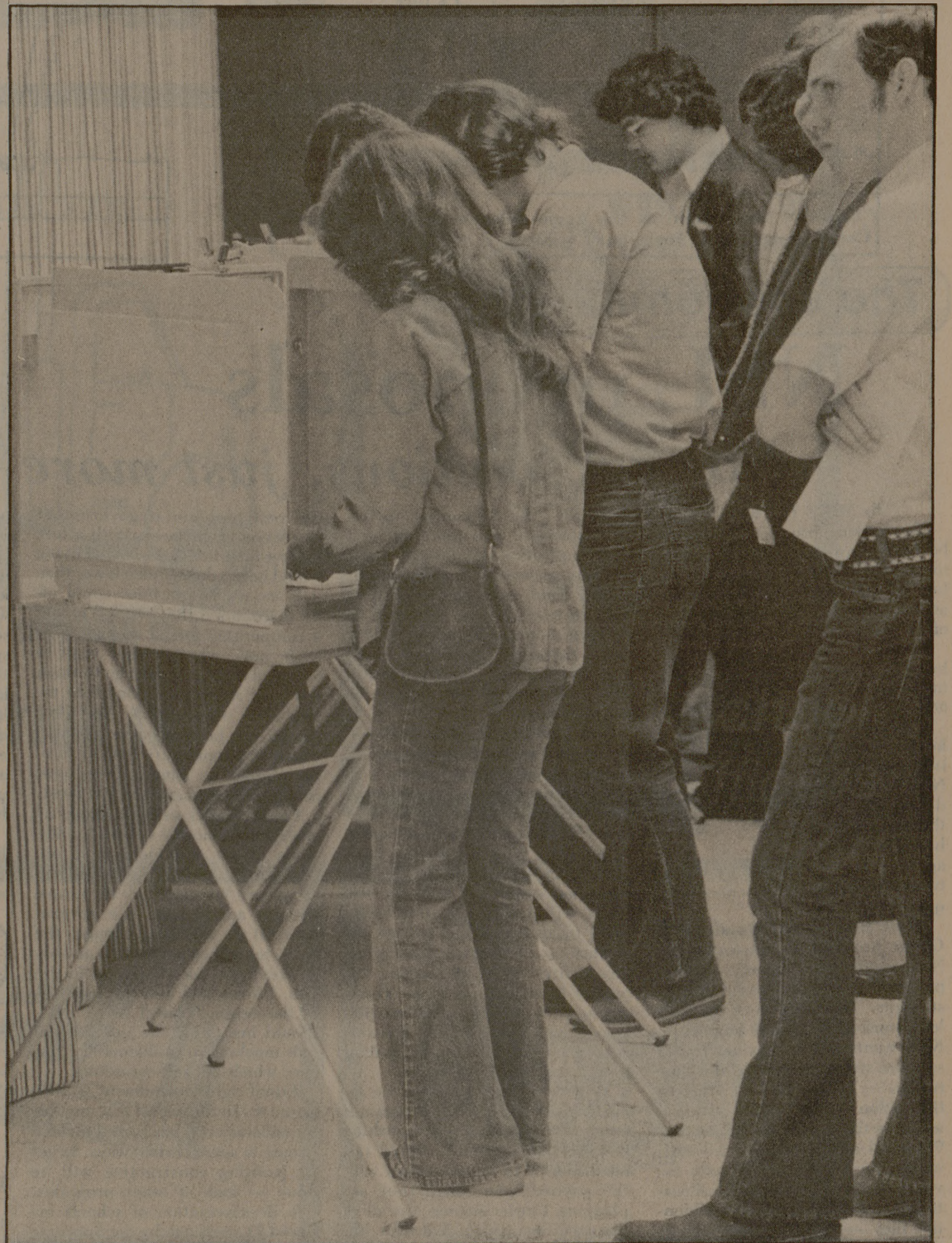
Two Corps of Cadet members will battle over the presidency of the class. The candidates are Ken Donnelly and Mark Sicilio. Sicilio is the current freshman class president. Donnelly is head of the Fish Drill Team.

Cyndi Davis and Marty Hutchison were placed in a run-off for the position of class vice president. The treasurer race will be continued when Joan Marshall opposes Russell Stanfield. Troby Hoffacker ran unopposed for social secretary.

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Photo by Jack Helm



Portable poll booths aid voters

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### Weather

Continued partly cloudy and mild today and tomorrow. High Wednesday 76; low tonight 55; high Thursday 79.

**Final installment of the board payment for this semester is due tomorrow.**

**A charge of \$1 will be assessed for each day that it is late. Payment may be made in the Coke Building or at the annex in the University Center.**

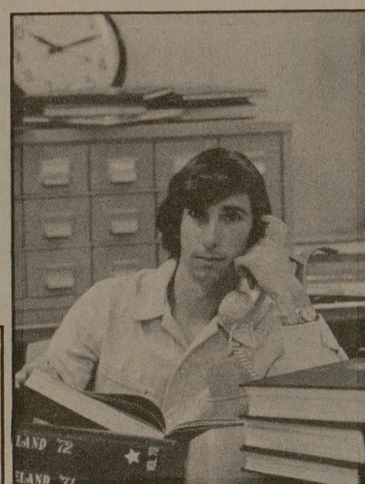
## MSC PR director named Batt editor

James Breedlove, senior journalism major and past MSC public relations director, was appointed editor of The Battalion and Gary Baldasari, senior E.D. major, was appointed Aggeland editor for next year, in a Publications Board meeting, Tuesday. The appointments are subject to approval by President Jack Williams.

Applying for the Batt editor post was Breedlove, current Managing Editor LaTonya Perrin, current Assistant Editor Will Anderson and Sherri La Buda.

The vote was three each for Perrin and Breedlove. Dr. Gary Halter, Roger Miller, and Dr. John Hanna voted for Breedlove. John Nash, Don Hegi and Dr. Clinton

Phillips voted for Perrin. The seventh member of the Board, Steve Eberhard, abstained. The tie breaking vote was cast in Breedlove's favor by Board Chairman Bob Rogers of the journalism department.



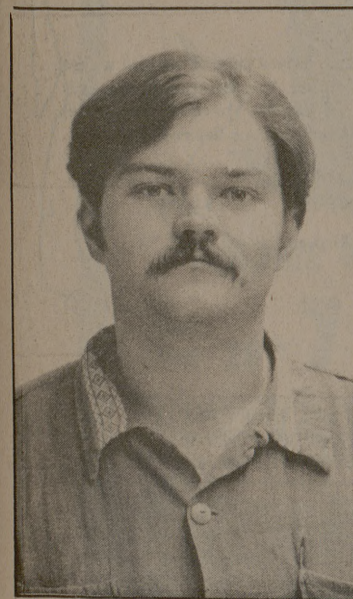
Gary Baldasari

Breedlove was PR chairman for the MSC from September 1974 until last Friday. He was out of town Tuesday night and thus unavailable for comments on his plans for running The Battalion.

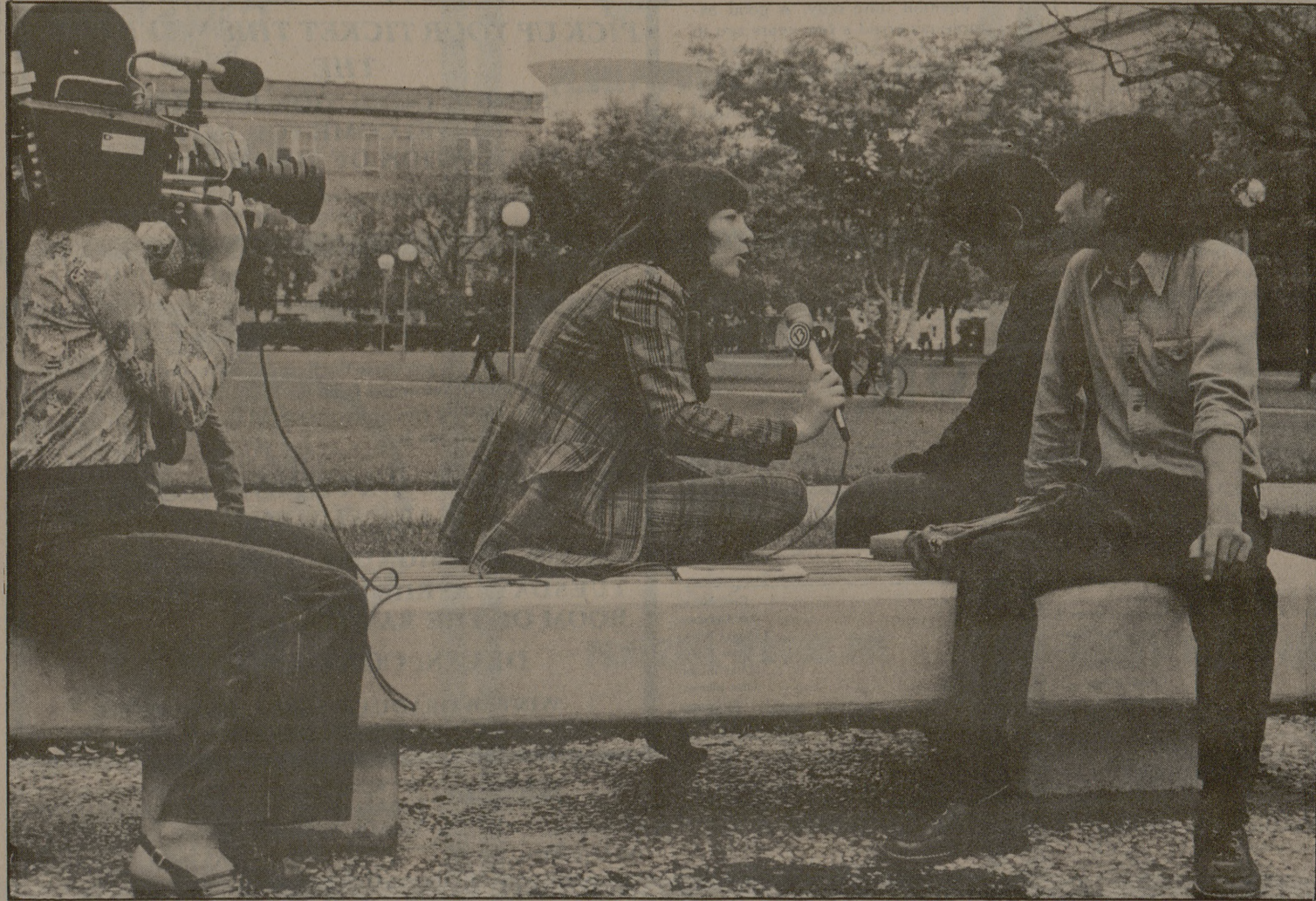
Baldasari received six votes for Aggeland editor. The only dissenting vote was cast by John Nash who voted in favor of Billy Slingerland.

Baldasari says he would like to see the students represented in a more "mature" fashion.

Baldasari also plans to have six photographers instead of the 20 the Aggeland has this year. The staff will be expected to be more involved with the yearbook, he says.



James Breedlove



Houston news comes to TAMU

In an interview with Nguyen-Q-Chau and Nguyen-Dziem (R), from South Viet Nam, Teel Saloun of

Eye Witness News in Houston asks the distressed students questions for a follow-up story.

Photo by Alan Killingsworth

## County court-at-law bill awaits governor's action

A bill establishing a county court-at-law for Brazos County passed the Texas House of Representatives Tuesday and now awaits the governor's signature before becoming law.

The new court will take over the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the current County Court, headed by County Judge Bill Vance. The county judge will lose authority

over the county's civil and criminal court proceedings but will remain the head county administrator, presiding over the Commissioners Court.

State Senator Bill Moore of Bryan, who sponsored the bill in the Senate, and State Rep. Bill Prenal, House sponsor of the bill, have both said growth in the county has created a demand for the new court.

Judge Vance, the county commissioner, and County Attorney Roland Searcy have said the civil and criminal caseload in the county is not great enough to warrant the expense of creating a county court-at-law.

The commissioners estimated the cost of the new court to be \$75,000 in the first year and \$60,000 in subsequent years.

The bill will become law unless vetoed by Gov. Dolph Briscoe within 10 days.

## School officers elected

Nancy Donaldson was elected as the first woman president of the A&M Consolidated School Board Monday night.

Other officers elected in the special meeting were Dr. O. C. Cooper as vice president, Lambert Wilkes as secretary and Frances Baumbach as assistant secretary.

Joe Natowitz and Bruce Robeck, who were elected to the board in Saturday's election, were administered their oaths of office.

Supt. Fred Hopson told the Board the district's budget for next year must be adopted and the tax rate set by Aug. 20. Before the budget can be adopted, state law requires at least one public hearing to be held. The board agreed one public hearing would be sufficient to get the community's opinions.

Each member of the board also agreed to attend a workshop on the A&M campus designed for school board members. The workshop starts April 28.

According to the board's regulations, the president presides at all board meetings, enforces board rules, signs all contracts authorized by the board and countersigns all warrants drawn on the school fund and authorized by the board.