

special student election section

Senior yell leader candidates stress spirit

Editor's note:

Following is a series of questions and answers with the 14 candidates for yell leaders. Eight are running for three senior yell leader vacancies and six are running for two junior yell leader positions.

The senior candidates are listed here and the juniors begin on page 5.

Tuesday The Battalion will publish a series of questions and answers to those questions from candidates for Student Government offices.

Student elections are scheduled for next Wednesday and Thursday. Polling places will be listed in Tuesday's Battalion.

BOWEN

Ric "Bear" Bowen, 21, Junior, Political Science major from Houston.

What are your qualifications for this office?

Being a yell leader requires a special quality; he must be full of the 12th Man Spirit and he must show it. He must be able to motivate his fellow Aggies so that the players on the field or court can feel that Aggie spirit and know the 12th Man is behind them. I know

that I have that spirit and ability and as a representative of Texas A&M will do my best to reflect a favorable image of today's Texas Aggie.

What do you consider to be your role in student affairs?

As a yell leader my role in student affairs would be to unify and



Ric "Bear" Bowen

motivate the 12th Man, not as C.T.'s and non-regs but as Aggies.

Should yell leaders serve as spokesmen for student athletes?

There's nothing wrong with a yell leader conveying an athlete's message to the students, but I see no real need for it. The yell leaders should provide the athletes with time, at yell practices, to talk to students.

How would you unify the increasingly diverse student body at Texas A&M?

The key to unifying the student body is simply to all consider ourselves Aggies and not as C.T.'s or

civilians or whatever. The divisions on campus may seem bad, but when we're in Austin we're all Aggies and that's what counts.

COOPER

Larry Cooper, 21, Junior, Marketing major from Beaumont, Texas.

What are your qualifications for this office?

I have been a student here at A&M now for five semesters. I consider the most important qualification for yell leader as being a loyal and undying supporter of Aggie athletics. As one who has lived and died with the A&M athletic pro-

gram throughout the past two years, I feel qualified and compelled to play a greater role in the support



Larry Cooper

and continuation of the great 12th Man spirit.

What do you consider to be your role in student affairs?

My role in student affairs and as yell leader would be to help create and maintain interest in A&M sports. I would do this by being informed and knowledgeable about all sports.

Should yell leaders serve as spokesmen for student athletes?

Yell leaders have an excellent opportunity to act as a liaison between student athletes and the student body. They can go a long way in dispelling the "dumb jock" image.

How would you unify the increasingly diverse student body at Texas A&M?

I have an excellent chance to unify the student body because I am a civilian living off-campus. With so many students living off-campus, I can provide a link to campus activities that they currently aren't interested in.

Also, I can help to break down the growing animosity between the Corps of Cadets and off-campus students. I respect and uphold the tradition of the Corps, but I can be a

representative of the large number of off-campus students.

FITZPATRICK

Steve Fitzpatrick, 20, Junior, Environmental Design major from Tyler, Texas.

What are your qualifications for this office?

My first qualification is that I have that fightin' Texas Aggie Spirit



Steve Fitzpatrick

and I have also played many team sports and realize the importance of support from fans. I am willing to work hard and devote my time to the activities connected with yell leading.

What do you consider to be your role in student affairs?

My main job as yell leader would be to act as an organizer of student

support at all athletic and school functions.

Should yell leaders serve as spokesmen for student athletes?

Sure, I don't see why this wouldn't work. But this would have to be a decision of the athletes, not the yell leaders.

How would you unify the increasingly diverse student body at Texas A&M?

I don't think the student body is all that diverse. I enjoy having the Corps here and think they are a vital part of most activities as well as other on- and off-campus groups. I see the need, though, to have at least one or two civilian yell leaders along with the yell leaders from the Corps to help the civilian students identify with the yell leaders and what they are doing.

KUBECKA

Dean Kubecka, 20, Junior, Ag. Economics — Business major from Palacios, Texas.

What are your qualifications for this office?

Coming from a family of Aggies, eleven in all, and being a member of the Corps of Cadets, I have a lot of

Aggie Spirit and have followed the Aggies in all the sports. Also I think I have the qualities of a good yell



Dean Kubecka

leader including getting along with everyone which is very important.

What do you consider to be your role in student affairs?

To build school spirit and unify the student body.

Should yell leaders serve as spokesmen for student athletes?

To some degree but it shouldn't be the duty of the yell leaders to serve as spokesmen for student athletes—they should have their own unless some of the yell leaders are athletes. It would be difficult to be spokesmen for any one club or organization; the yell leaders should be spokesmen for every student on

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