

# Student Government election section

## Presidential candidates seek student involvement

### Editor's note:

Following is a series of questions and answers with the candidates for Student Government executive positions. Elections are scheduled for tomorrow and Thursday.

### GREGSON

Scott Gregson, 20, Junior, Finance, Garrison.

**What do you feel to be the top priorities of the office of Student Body President?**

The activities that I consider to be priorities of Student Government are:

a. Work to alleviate the parking situation that the students of this University suffer through every class day.

b. We should expand the Student Purchase Program to provide more

and better discounts to students at businesses in the community.

c. Aid the organizations that are concerned in providing a better communicative network with the off-campus student population.

d. Continue research and make workable recommendations concerning academic and disciplinary appeals.

e. Begin researching the poor advisement and counseling in some departments and colleges.

**What are your qualifications?**

I have been active in Student Government for two and a half years. As a student Senator I realized that there are many forms of student participation that are unrecognized by the majority of the student body. As vice president for finance this year I have represented student input whenever and wherever I could. I have served on many University committees and have agreed, argued and fought with administrators. I am a member of the

class of 1978 and am majoring in Finance.

**What University rules or regulations would you like to see changed or modified?**

Rules and regulations of the University that I would like to be changed are the academic and disciplinary appeals procedures. Also I would like to see, after appropriate dormitory facilities are found or arrangements made, cooking allowed in the dorms. Many fiscal charges should be examined and reassessed and changed if the costs to the University are less than the amount charged to the students.

**On what basis would you choose members for University committees?**

In choosing members for University committees I would look for several qualities:

a. The student must be able to communicate to administrators in a straight-forward but tactful manner.

b. He or she must have some background or interest in that certain committee's work.

c. Attempt to get students that could possibly serve for more than one year to allow continuity of efforts.

**Do you feel that students have adequate input into University procedures and governance? If not, what changes would you propose?**

I would not hesitate to say that, at present, student input into the Texas A&M University Board of Regents is minimal and certainly not adequate. We have researched the possibility of a nonvoting student member on the Board of Regents to actively participate in all the proceedings of the Board. On the administrative level the students, at least this year, have had adequate input into actions, but not as much as possible. I would favor the scheduling of smaller meetings with various administrators on a regular basis. This would provide much greater information transfer between students and administrators. As it is now many meetings have 20 to 25 people present, this limits the time and quality of input at these meetings.

**What are your qualifications?**

I have been active in Student Government as a representative of the College of Engineering for the past two years. I have also served as Director of City Relations and as an active member of the External Affairs Committee. In addition, I regularly attended the meetings of the executive committee and served as a member of the Student Body President's Advisory Council. My experience as Corps Commander this past year will be of considerable

benefit in making the executive branch of Student Government an effective organization. It has given me experience in working with and understanding the A&M administration. My interactions with the leaders of campuswide organizations has given me a much broader perspective of the many facets of the A&M student body. As a result of my activities this past year, I have a working knowledge of the policy making system as well as a realization of the way to work through and around that system to the benefit of the student body.

**What University rules and regulations would you like to see changed or modified?**

Regulations affecting students should recognize that students are adults and should be treated as such. With this in mind, the University Regulations should be reviewed periodically to insure that no en loco parentis exists. This would require that such policies as those providing for mandatory class attendance be removed. In addition, guidelines concerning Academic Appeals and other appellate bodies should be reviewed to

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### HARVEY

Robert W. Harvey, 21, Senior, Mechanical Engineering, Houston.

**What do you feel to be the top priorities of the office of Student Body President?**

The Student Body President must insure the effective functioning of the executive branch of Student Government and this should be his primary consideration. Work-

ing with the Vice Presidents and appointed members of the executive committee, it is his responsibility to see that all legislation passed by the Senate is enacted. A second priority should be student input into Student Government, effected either through their elected representatives or through personal involvement with the many committees of the executive branch. This requires that students are made aware of what Student Government is doing at all times.

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### STANFIELD

Stan Stanfield, 20, Junior, Political Science, Lubbock.

**What do you feel to be the top priorities of the office of Student Body President?**

Annually, the top priority of the

Student Body President is the recommendation of students for appointment to University committees. We should encourage the development of responsible student participation in the overall policy

process of the University, invoking an awareness of the students' role in the academic process while enhancing the quality and scope of education at the University.

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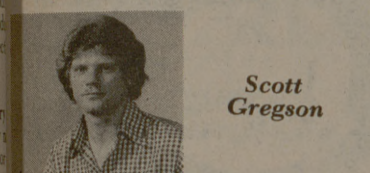
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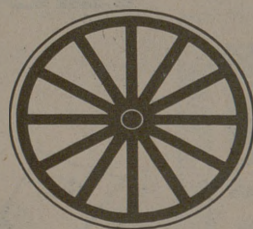
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