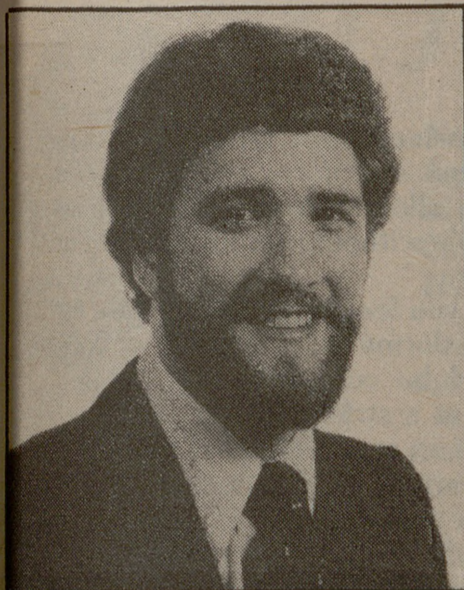


President's race draws 3 contenders

Wade Masterson



WADE MASTERSON

Name: Wade Masterson
Age: 21
Major: Sociology and Business Administration
Class: Junior
Hometown: Dallas

What are your qualifications for student body president?

I was the representative of Texas A&M for Scona 24 in February 1979 and I have been involved in the MSC, serving on the OPAS Executive Committee and working with VAE. I have worked with the Student Government, including civic work for the Student Purchase Program. As an on-campus student I have served as a member of the dorm J-Board and as an off-campus dweller.

How do you feel these qualifications prepare you to interact with the student body?

Working with both MSC programs and Student Government committees has given me a better overview of the sources and channels by which to get things done here at A&M. I have become associated with the programs of several of the

larger student organizations without becoming too enveloped or indoctrinated into one which has left me with the objectivity needed to represent the entire student body without impartiality. Living on and off campus has given me a better picture of the uniqueness and special concerns of both styles of housing.

What do you see as the major problems and issues confronting the student senate next year?

I think responsiveness and communication are presently lacking in the student government. Changes are needed: a responsive Student Government must be developed; one which is in-time with the needs of all the students, particularly the often neglected concerns of off-campus, foreign and married students as well as the academic and

economic issues that affect us all. Specifically, the Student Government should provide leadership to combat fee increases, like the tuition hike proposed by the state legislature, and encourage discount programs with service to the students as a priority over who provides it.

What changes, if any, do you plan to make as student body president?

One of the things I intend to do is have frequent surveys of student opinions and interests. I would also like to have weekly newspaper accounts of student government events and proceedings in a regular, readable column form, in order to better solicit student review of government activities. I would have a continuous public relations effort to keep everyone informed of the serv-

ices available to us all, and would use any other methods or procedures proposed that would establish a better communications link.

What do you feel is the role of student government and what direction will you point the senate toward if elected?

The role of the Student Government, strictly speaking, is to "act as a communicating link between the students and the administration." A more constructive approach includes such terms as: "advocates for student interests," "a representative body for student Aggies", or "a platform for student issues." The administration wrote the first definition; it's our responsibility to establish a new definition and expand the role of our Student Government. Improvement. Change. These are the only acceptable routes for the Senate.

J. Wayne Morrison

Name: J. Wayne Morrison
Age: 21
Major: Accounting and Finance
Class: senior
Hometown: Houston

What are your qualifications for student body president?

I have been an active member of the student government finance committee for the past two years. In addition, I had the privilege to serve the student body as vice president for finance in student government this past year. In this position, I have been able to assess from an inside perspective the inner workings of all three branches — executive, legislative and judicial — I know student government's strengths and weaknesses. My involvement on several University committees is an indication of my desire to serve the students of Texas A&M University.

How do you feel these qualifications prepare you to interact with the student body?

These qualifications have not only aided me in relating to students on a

one to one basis but have also given me the opportunity to work, support and serve many other student organizations, besides student government, such as the Memorial Student Center and the Off-Campus Student Association. My student government experiences have re-impressed upon me the fact that students must support students if we are going to improve the quality of life here at Texas A&M University.

What do you see as the major problems and issues confronting the student senate next year?

The priority issue confronting student government next year will be a continuing effort to widen the channels for student input into academic matters. It will be our responsibility to insure that the student viewpoint on such issues as Q-drop and the raising of standards for graduation with honors is taken seriously by the University administration. In addition, we should work in the Texas Legislature to insure that in-state tuition fees are not increased.



J. WAYNE MORRISON

What changes, if any, do you plan to make as student body president?

I would like to see increased input from students, not only into our University administration, but

also to our state and federal governments as well. After all, these three entities make policies which greatly influence our lives here at Texas A&M. Furthermore, I would like to see student government increase its services to the students next year as opposed to the decrease we experienced this year. I want to institute needed programs such as an effective student bookmart and a student self-service car care center next year.

What do you feel is the role of student government and what direction will you point the senate toward if elected?

Student government's role is to represent the student's interests to the administration in a prudent and effective manner. This is done, of course, to enhance the quality and scope of the education provided for us as well as promote the general welfare of the student body. If elected, I would direct the student senate in fulfilling this role of working for the students as opposed to overconcerning ourselves with our internal red tape.

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PAUL BETTENCOURT

Name: Paul David Bettencourt

Age: 20
Major: Chemical Engineering
Class: Junior
Hometown: Houston

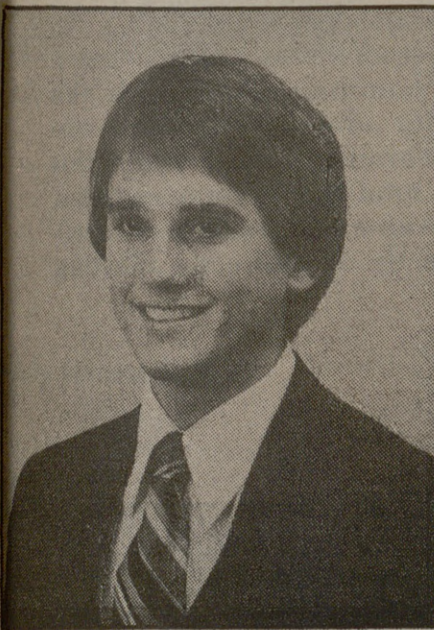
VP-Finance



GEORGE BLACK

Name: George Black
Age: 21
Major: Finance
Class: Junior
Hometown: Houston

Ronnie Kapavik



RONNIE KAPAVIK

Name: Ronnie Kapavik
Age: 20
Major: Agronomy
Class: '80 (grad May '80)
Hometown: Lancaster, Texas

What are your qualifications for student body president?

During the past three years at A&M, I've had many valuable experiences. Among these are: student government responsibilities in-

cluding 77-78 senator, Student Service Committee, Subcommittee on Internal Shuttle bus route, 78-79 Coordinator of Business Affairs, responsible for refrigerator rentals, VISA card program for graduating seniors, Campus Chest loan fund, and other business related programs. Other responsibilities have included: Class of '80 council, Student Y as Fish Camp counselor (two years), Student Agricultural council, Alpha Zeta honor/service fraternity, Cap and Gown, Mortarboard, and involvement in the American Society of Agronomy on the local, state and national levels. In addition, I am serving on the Student Organizations Board and employed as a Resident Adviser.

How do you feel these qualifications prepare you to interact with the student body?

A student body president's background should be broad based, with interest in many areas of student activities. My active involvement in organizations have enabled me to interact with students of all classifications, academic majors, and living areas. Having had these in-

volvements has made me able to appreciate the opinions of students with varied interest, and prepared me to serve those interests in an effective, efficient manner.

What do you see as the major problems and issues confronting the student senate next year?

As in the past, I feel that the senate will be faced with the problem of formulations the type of policy and legislation which will tangibly benefit students. This problem inherently stems from the complexity of Student Government structure. The senate must caution against becoming involved in trivialities and begin to address issues of concern to all students, especially in the responsibility of Student Government as a student spokesman in community relations.

What changes, if any, do you plan to make as student body president?

I would hope to work within the existing structure of Student Government to meet the needs of students as they arise. For the purpose of set meeting long range goals, however, I would encourage the se-

nate to establish a Student Government Long Range Planning Committee. A body of this type would definitely help maintain continuity and clarify the purpose of Student Government.

What do you feel is the role of student government and what direction will you point the senate toward if elected?

The responsibility of Student Government is to the students, all students. In a university the size of Texas A&M, their concerns can often be neglected. To overcome this problem, Student Government must remain responsive to needs as they arise, and continue working to improve student social and academic life at Texas A&M. The body should provide a forum for voicing opinion but it should also be committed to action. Taking recommendations to the university administrators as well as local and state leaders is an obligation which must be met for Student Government to remain effective. It would therefore be my objective to impress upon the Senate the importance of this duty.