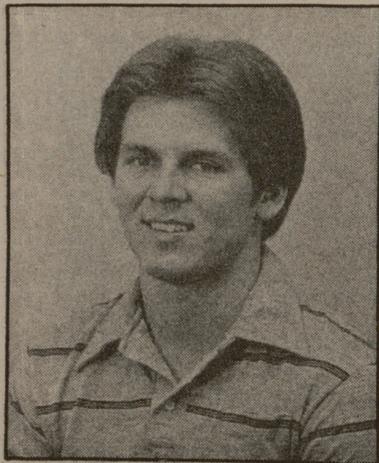


Two run for RHA leadership



JIM COOPER

Jim Cooper

Name: Jim Cooper
Age: 22
Major: Management
Class: Senior
Hometown: Borger

What are your qualifications for RHA president?

I have two years experience in RHA as Dunn Hall Intramural Director (1977-1978) and president (1978-1979). As a result of these two years experience in dorm activities and this year on Casino and other committees. I feel I can respond to challenges on the grass roots level of individual halls with residents and

the organizational level with student organizations, administration and staff.

What do you see as the major problems and issues confronting the RHA?

1. Accountability- Hall funds are being spent wiser and better than ever before but we are still obligated to strive for improvement. Effort also needs to be made to further inform residents about programmed halls.

2. Involvement- It is my opinion that RHA members should also give more input to University committees.

Do you see any problems with any aspect of the board plan?

No, having eaten at several other universities in the state I can say that our food services are far and above the average. Our Student Menu Board can take much credit in this area. Of course, a "little" improvement in food quality is always appreciated.

What priorities should govern the assignment of dorm space?

Upperclassmen in residence halls are responsible for carrying on tradition and dorm pride. It is too bad that more freshmen cannot live on campus and learn from these up-

perclassmen. But rather than ruin tradition and dorm pride, I would rather allow as many freshmen as possible without ruining the present system.

Do you feel dorm activity fees, for those dorms with such programs, should be compulsory? Compulsory, in a strict sense of word, no. This is an area which RHA needs to concentrate. As programming continues to improve this area will demand less and less attention. When all residents feel their desires in programming are satisfied they will want to pay their activity fees. This is what we strive for.

Barbara Thompson

Name: Barbara Thompson
Age: 19
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Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Midland

What are your qualifications for RHA president?

Last year, I served as the first RHA Educational Programs chairman, a subchairman for Casino '78, and I received the RHA Distinguished Service Award for outstanding work. I was a delegate to two state conventions and a national convention to exchange ideas with other university residence halls. This year, I am secretary of the RHA-- an active elected member of the Executive Committee which has encouraged a diversity of programs with the halls and excellent rapport within the RHA.

What do you see as the major problems and issues confronting the RHA?

The issues facing the RHA concern not only each individual hall but also halls' relationship with administrators and other organizations. We must improve on-campus input into issues such as parking, food services and administrative policy so that hall students will have an effective voice into current concerns. With the program fee issue soon resolved, we can turn to a wide range of programming for all residence halls.

Do you see any problems with any aspect of the board plan?

The problems concerning the board plan are more complicated than they appear. For example, many Commons residents would

like fast foods like Sbisas, but this is not economically feasible for the fewer students without increasing board costs. Rising food prices are already forcing our fees up higher each year. The two-meal-a-day plan would not cost the residents less since we already get breakfast virtually free. However, cross-dining between halls would be beneficial to allow convenience in dining and diversity of food. Also, we should maintain student input through the menu board.

What priorities should govern the assignment of dorm space?

Both freshmen and upperclassmen make a balanced, active hall. Fish learn about A&M and mature to well-adjusted individuals and upperclassmen provide the role models. The policy recently formulated by Ron Blatchley and Ron

Sasse of Student Affairs insures an optimum proportion of each class without forcing any resident to move off-campus.

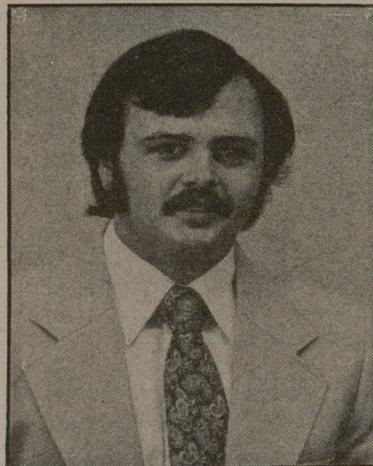
Do you feel dorm activity fees, for those dorms with such programs, should be compulsory?

Programmed halls should be beneficial and responsive to all residents. If the halls provide a wide range of activities from mixers to seminars and service projects, most residents will want to pay the fee. However, no one should be forced to pay if they object to the fees or the activities sponsored. The hall councils and the RHA plan to better inform residents on the uses of fees before payment next year. But, in fairness to all residents, they should pay for any services or program they attend.



BARBARA THOMPSON

Two race for off-campus presidency



BRUCE MARTIN

Bruce Martin

Name: Bruce Martin
Age: 21
Major: Animal Science
Class: Junior
Hometown: Houston

What are your qualifications for OSA president?

I have been associated with the OSA for two years as a representative and as a vice president of programs. I have also worked on the merger committee to set up the new Off-campus Student Association. I understand not only the difficulty

facing me in organizing the off-campus students into a solid student group, but also in organizing the structure and manpower of the organization to fully develop the potential of the off-campus student body.

What should be the goals of the OSA next year?

For next year the OSA shall have to try to establish a strong and knowledgeable following under the new organization constitution.

OSA shall have to re-establish its credibility in the eyes of the students and the administration

through its public service and student oriented programs.

What services should the OSA provide off-campus students?

OSA should act as the active voice of the off-campus students on issues that directly affect them both on campus and just as importantly in the community.

OSA should get off-campus students more active in programs and functions on campus that many of them rarely find about until it's too late. A good example of this is working on bonfire and participating in Parent's Day functions on campus.

OSA should work to help off-campus students with housing problems and other difficulties that arise from living off-campus.

What are the major problems confronting off-campus students as a whole?

The major problems facing off-campus students as a whole are; a lack of communication with the University administration and student government. As a result this causes a total lack of representation of their views and feelings on dealings directly or indirectly affecting them.

Debbie May

Name: Deborah (Debbie) May
Age: 20
Major: Business Marketing
Class: Junior
Hometown: Houston

What are your qualifications for OSA president?

Living off-campus since my freshman year, I've become quite aware of the problems facing off-campus students. I have worked actively on various OSA projects and was one of three members selected for the merger committee with

Hassle-free. I consider being OSA president a full-time job and intend to treat it as such.

What should be the goals of the OSA next year?

With the University's rapid growth, I believe off-campus students deserve a stronger voice in University affairs. My main goals are to eliminate the "kinks" of the new organizations, unify off-campus students, and establish the organization's reputation as a respectable political entity capable of great ac-

complishments.

What services should the OSA provide off-campus students?

OSA should:

1. Serve as the political voice for off-campus students in university and community affairs.
2. Keep the students informed of campus activities, trying to get them more involved.
3. Serve as a referral center for problems regarding off-campus living.
4. Offer programmed activities for off-campus students as a group.

What are the major problems confronting off-campus students as a whole?

Due to the construction, I would consider the lack of parking for off-campus students the most critical problem they are faced with. Shuttle buses, however, also pose a problem due to overcrowded conditions, infrequent pick-up and unpredictability. A third problem off-campus students face is lack of availability of information regarding campus events.



DEBORAH (DEBBIE) MAY