

Two vie for VP student services

John T. Groce

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Age: 20
Major: Political Science
Class: Junior
Hometown: Galveston

What are your qualifications for this position?

I am the Junior Senator for the College of Liberal Arts; a member of the student services committee, chairman of the New and Special Projects subcommittee of Student Service; Student Government Chairman of the "Aggie Blood Drive."

How do you feel these qualifica-

tions prepare you to interact with the student body?

Because of my past work with Student Government and with other organizations such as the Corps, Student Y, Arts Committee, recon, OCF and newcomers. I feel that I have met and know a good cross section of this University. I am interested in serving all students at Texas A&M.

What do you see as the major problems and issues confronting the VP for Student Services next year?

The major problems and issues confronting the Vice President for Student Services next year are: As usual, sport ticket allocations, park-

ing, the bike problem, the bus system, and other problem that the students would bring to Student Government. I would like to get more people involved in Student Government, for it and for all students.

What changes, if any, do you plan to make as VP for Student Services?

I would look at all the problems that arise and ask the students for their opinions and then would try to act on what would be best for the whole Student body.

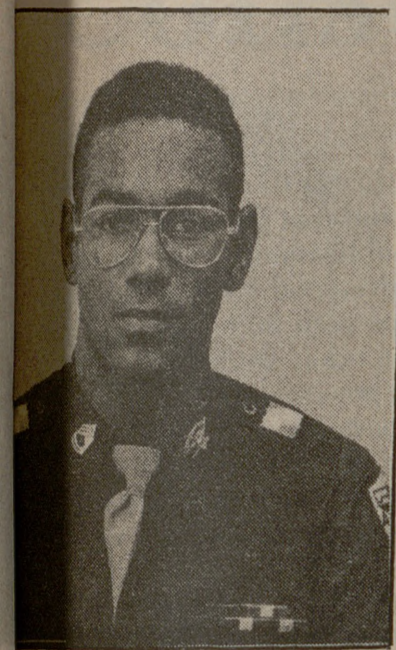
Why should students pick you over any of the other candidates?

I feel that all the candidates would do a good job. My past experience in Student Government and other

leadership positions and activities show that I would do a good job. I am interested in all students at Texas A&M and would do my best to help them get what is needed.

What do you as a student owe to the student body as an elected official, and what does it owe to you?

As an elected official of the student body, I feel that I owe the student my respect, try to get what he would like done, and also to be a go-between the administration and other universities. I would only ask that the students get active in this semester and tell me what they want done.



JOHN T. GROCE

Brad Smith

Name: Brad Smith
Age: 20
Major: Business - Management
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Houston

What are your qualifications for this position?

I've been a senator and Student Services coordinator for two years. My first year showed me student government has more than its share of problems. Active involvement the second year gave me a chance to experiment with some specific solutions and develop plans for finishing some good two-year-old projects and creating some needed new services.

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

Sometimes it's obvious what we need on this campus. The parking situation is terrible, basketball ticket lines stretch for miles, and we lack information on many campus events. Working with several projects for two years has made me aware of these and less obvious needs and has shown me some ideas to help solve them.

What do you see as the major problems and issues confronting the VP for Student Services next year?

The main problem next year is to turn the committee around and make it provide some new programs

that benefit students directly. Some ideas are publishing an informational magazine, a car care center, a food co-op, easier ticket distribution, better internal shuttle bus routes as well as several other new suggestions.

What changes, if any, do you plan to make as VP for Student Services?

The first change is to start a program to recruit some more members to Student Services. Then I'd set up a new organizational plan which is designed to inform every member what needs to be done and specifically what their individual job is. The main idea is to produce some action.

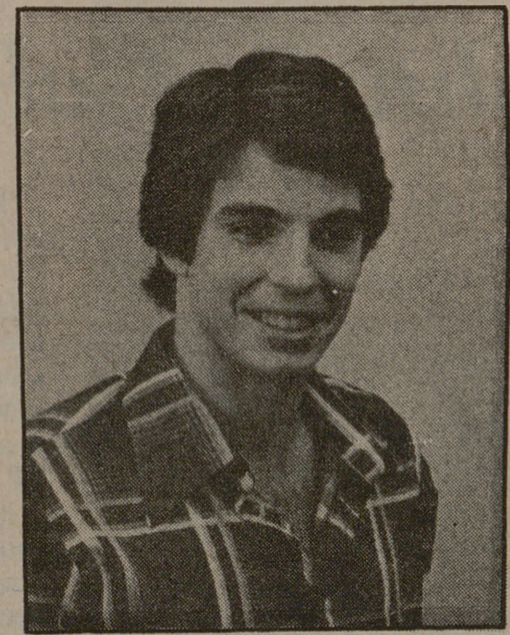
Why should students pick you over any of the other candidates?

Recently we haven't seen many

direct benefits coming out of student services. I think the committee has not performed to its potential. My experience has shown me that what Student Services can accomplish is almost endless if properly organized and motivated and I'm willing to work to see that done.

What do you as a student owe to the student body as an elected official, and what does it owe to you?

My responsibility to the student body is a year of hard work to do more than an adequate job directed toward the goals the students want at Texas A&M. Yet student government always can use more input from students as to what these goals are.



BRAD SMITH

External affairs VP race draws two

R. Andrew Cook

Name: R. Andrew Cook
Age: 23
Major: Agriculture Economics
Class: Senior
Hometown: Rotterdam, The Netherlands

What are your qualifications for this position?

As an international student, I feel that my great deal of travels have given me experience in communication with all parties involved in any decision processes. I've had a great deal of experience through having

had this position at my university in England. I've been vice president of the Dutch Rotaract (the students rotary).

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

The travel experiences, and especially the international activities at the different educational institutions which I attended, help me out and give me some ideas for this position.

What do you see as the major problems and issues confronting the VP for external affairs?

Due to the increases in enroll-

ment, we are experiencing certain inconveniences in community living, such as violence increase, service and utility inconveniences and housing. I would like to see even better understanding between the students and the councils of Bryan and College Station. Would like to see better integration of all student government of the universities in Texas. And will be looking for longer drinking hours in Bryan and College Station. And better representation of the students in the Legislature of Texas.

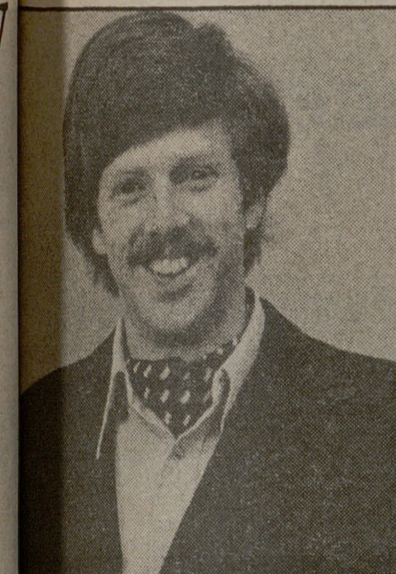
What changes, if any, you plan to

make as VP for external affairs?

See last answer, and I look for more interaction between student government and the student body. Be open for ideas.

Why should students pick you over any of the other candidates?

They will look for someone who cares what is going on and I believe that my international travels have given me a more objective view of student life and studies; those objectives make me open-minded and less indoctrinated by the Aggie tradition and TAMU ideas of the general students.



R. ANDREW COOK

Jeb Hensarling

Name: Jeb Hensarling
Age: 21
Major: Economics
Class: Senior
Hometown: College Station

What are your qualifications for this position?

The vice president for external affairs is charged with the duty of representing student's views on educational issues to our national, state and local governments. To serve effectively in this position, it is crucial that one has experience in the area of representation. Having served as officer in the American Student Federation, the National Student Body and Texas Student Association, I have spent much time in effectively representing Aggies' viewpoints. I have also served in

student government for four years in the external affairs committee and have received the Distinguished Senator Award.

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

These qualifications will aid me greatly in interacting with the student body. As president of the American Student Federation, I have come in contact with and dealt with student leaders from across the nation. My communications with them have provided me with a unique insight into the problems most students face and possible solutions to these problems. I feel this experience coupled with my four years of student government service to Texas A&M will allow me to relate to the student body in a positive and productive manner.

What do you see as the major problems and issues confronting the VP for external affairs next year?

The major problem we are facing in external affairs is a lack of student input. It is crucial that we make the student body aware of the different pressing educational issues of the day and then actively solicit students' opinions on them. After identifying students' views, we must represent them forcefully by having Texas A&M play a greater role in the national and state student organizations it is affiliated with, as well as by developing independent means of influence.

What changes, if any, do you plan to make as VP for external affairs?

I hope to play a key role in developing a student government

newsletter this letter would inform students about legislative affairs before they are acted upon instead of after. The students are paying for student service fees and they have a right to know what is happening in that area. In addition, I intend for external affairs to work on developing mechanisms that would allow Texas A&M a more direct voice into the formulation of educational policies.

Why should students pick you over any of the other candidates?

There are several reasons why I should be chosen over any of my opponents. (1) I have four years experience in working in external affairs. (2) I have represented Texas A&M students many times, including several occasions on Capitol Hill. (3) I have been an officer in the state



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and national student organizations A&M is a member of, and my knowledge in this area will allow me to maximize A&M's voice in them. (4) Finally, I have spent most of my life in College Station. I know Texas A&M quite well and am dedicated to preserving its traditions and working for its progress.