

# Local A&M student runs for CS City Council

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Mary Elizabeth Herring, a Texas A&M University student, filed Tuesday to run for a place on the College Station City Council.  
Herring, a junior agriculture economics major, is challenging incumbent Pat Boughton for place four. The election date is April 5.  
Herring has served as the Texas A&M student senate liaison with the council since October, and will continue in that position until April 1. "I'm running for the council," Herring said, "because I got interested in their issues, especially

zoning. But as the liaison I felt limited to student affairs, and it would be nice to have a voice and be able to vote."  
"I'm interested in College Station because it's where I live. It's a nice city that's growing fast and I want to see it maintain its beauty and atmosphere."  
Herring is the only student running for a council position in this election. There are four places open and all but one of the incumbents are running again.  
City Council Coordinator Mandy Milberger said students have run in the past, but none have served on the council before.

Herring says she is running not as a student representative, but as a member of the community. She said her response from College Station residents has been good so far.  
"I'm trying to talk to as many people as possible," Herring said. "My campaign will be a lot of word of mouth since I don't have that much money to spend."  
"I've talked to some off-campus student groups and to several people in leadership positions already. I'm trying to get the news out."  
Herring said she has a hard month of campaigning ahead of her that is going to involve a great deal of time.  
If she is elected to the two-year term, Herring said she will take fewer hours and not be involved with student senate in order to compensate for the time and responsibility with City Council.  
Council members meet twice a month and are not paid for the time they spend on city business.

## Simon's 'Chapter Two' playing tonight—tickets left

"Chapter Two," a humorous autobiographical play by Neil Simon, appears tonight at 8:15 in Texas A&M University's Rudder Auditorium.

The play stars Dawn Wells and David Faulkner. Wells, known for her portrayal of Mary Ann in the television series "Gilligan's Island," has also starred in the touring version of "The Owl and The Pussycat."

Faulkner has starred in numerous plays, and has appeared on several television shows, includ-

ing "Kojak," "Ryan's Hope" and "The Guiding Light."

"Chapter Two" is the true story of Simon's turn from grief to joy following the death of his first wife. The story centers around Simon meeting his present wife, Marsha Mason, and the heart-break and happiness involved in their romance and courtship.

Michelle Scudder, MSC Town Hall chairman, said 1,000 tickets are left for the performance, with student prices ranging from \$3 to \$5.50.

## Study hours changed

When Texas A&M University students return from spring break, they will have a place to study on Saturday evenings.

Beginning March 22, the reserve department of the library will be open to students for studying from 6-9 p.m.

The reserve department, which normally closes at 6 p.m., will be the only section of the library open and

no library services will be provided. Emma Perry, head of Circulation Division, said the program will continue through May 3 and will be evaluated at the end of the semester. Statistics will be gathered to help in deciding whether to continue the program.

"If the service is used by students and if it is warranted, the program will be maintained," Perry said.

# Help requested for song fiesta

By NANCY ANDERSEN  
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Brazos de Dios, a western fiesta to promote cultural awareness is coming to this area next month, but organizers need Texas A&M University students to help out now.

Events planned include the first professional rodeo to be held in the Bryan-College Station area, game and concession booths, a chili cook-off and live entertainment.

The three-day fiesta is to be held April 17-20. It is being organized now, and promoters of the event welcome community participation. Robert Nelson, of the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce, said the group is making special provisions to encourage Texas A&M student participation.

Student organizations wanting to raise funds for their groups may run game booths and keep 40 percent of the profits. The rental charge for non-profit organizations is \$60 for the three days. Nelson said the booths will be built and assigned by Brazos de Dios.

"The group doesn't have to do anything but show up and run them," he said.  
"This is an excellent way for a club to generate income, show some community participation and have fun, too," Nelson said.

Brazos de Dios is Spanish for "the arms of God," the name given to the Brazos River by Spanish conquistadors, Nelson said. The purpose of the fiestas is to build awareness of the county's cultural heritage, both the Spanish and western influences.

This will be accomplished partially with booths built in a western motif, and by requiring booth workers to wear western or pioneer clothes and speak Texan only.

Live entertainment such as fiddling or skits is also planned, Nelson said, and students are encouraged to participate.

Teams interested in the Fourth Annual Jaycees Chili Cook-off must enter by March 15. The entry fee is \$20, and teams are limited to four members. The Jaycees will also have contests for cow-chip throwing and egg tossing, and a shoe scramble for children.

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The only event not open to student participation is the rodeo.

The rodeo is officially sanctioned by the professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and is open only to professional cowboys.

"It will attract the best of the best," Nelson said.

"The best of the best" includes five-time world champion bull rider Don Gay.

Any students or organizations interested in participating can call Cathy French Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 779-2578.

Tickets for the rodeo go on sale March 24 and will cost \$4.50 in advance and \$5.50 at the gate.

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