

# Class of '82

**Class President**  
CHERYL SWANZY

Cheryl Swanzy bases her bid on three years in student government as freshman senator, director of legislative affairs, vice president for external affairs and class gift vice-chairman. As president she says she would like to increase awareness and participation in the affairs of the University. The candidate said she knows how to get results for her class.

**Class President**  
GARY WAYNE BRANCH

Gary Branch says he would like to be re-elected in order to maintain an ongoing pursuit of class goals. He cites communication as the class's major problem and says he hopes to increase involvement by working closely with the public relations committee.

Branch has served as Class of '82 President, Fish Camp sub-chairman, and on the advisory council to the student body president.

**Class Historian**  
BRYAN BARTELS

Bryan Bartels says he likes to get involved in all aspects of student life at Texas A&M.

His qualifications include having worked on the Class of '82 Council for two years and various other committees, Bartels says. He has also been selected as a Fish Camp counselor for 1981-82.

**Class Vice President**  
ANN HANKINS

Ann Hankins, a junior marketing major, says she wants to heighten involvement in the planning of class activities and to make more of her class members aware of meetings and activities.

Hankins has held offices in various clubs and organizations and says she feels she has adequate experience for communicating with her class.

**Class Vice President**  
JAMES BOND

James Bond, a junior biology-pre-med major, said his major goal will be to make decisions of the class officers more representative of the class through effective public relations.

Qualifications he cited included experience as a class officer, leadership positions in other organizations, experience in the field of public relations and a desire to benefit his class.

**Class Historian**  
MARK MORRIS

Mark Morris, a junior history major from Greensboro, N.C., says he wants to become involved with the Class of '82 and guide the class in making decisions about the senior class gift and other important goals.

Morris says his special goal will be to try and maintain contact with as many class members as possible after graduation.

**Class Secretary/Treasurer**  
DAVID S. MOYER

David Moyer, a junior computer science major from San Antonio, says by keeping the financial records during the past three years as Class of '82 secretary-treasurer he has become well acquainted with the responsibilities and workings of the position.

**Class Social Secretary**  
SUSAN PAVLOSKY

Susan Pavlosky, a biochemistry major from Houston, says she likes being involved in class activities and believes her two years of experience as social secretary have given her the knowledge and the contacts to anticipate and deal with usual problems.

Pavlosky says she would like to get more people involved in class functions like the annual picnic, the class gift, and fundraisers.

**Class Historian**  
BILL SMITH

Bill Smith says he hopes to become better acquainted with his classmates and to help with the problems encountered by the Class of '82.

Smith said his goals will be to make the members of his class more aware of the historian position and to keep an accurate record of all class happenings.

# A&M has high voter turnout

By KATHY O'CONNELL  
Battalion Reporter  
If the voting trend at Texas A&M University continues as did last year, student government officers shouldn't be too concerned about voter apathy.

Brad Smith, current student body president, said up until last year the turnout for student elections at Texas A&M was approximately 12 percent, which is normal for a university this size. Smith said the average turnout for other universities is usually between 12 to 15 percent.

Compared to other universities, Texas A&M does have a larger turnout. For instance, the University of Texas at Arlington (20,166 enrollment) had a 10 percent turnout at its Fall 1980 election.

Texas Christian University had an exceptionally high turnout for its 1981 election, because of a referendum to allow alcoholic beverages in dorm rooms, Chris Kelly, co-editor of the student newspaper, said.

Otherwise, the turnout at TCU is usually low, he said. Results showed that in the Fall 1980 election at TCU, only 446 (seven percent) of 6,000 undergraduates voted.

Universities hold their elec-

tions at various times in the year. Rice University holds an election in the spring and fall semesters, as does Baylor University.

Eddie Platt, chairman for academic affairs at Baylor, said the turnout is usually larger in the spring than in the fall because the spring election is held on Dia del Loso (day of the bear), which is a student holiday.

For that election, Platt said approximately 29.5 percent of the 8,100 eligible students (undergraduates) voted. He said approximately 3.7 percent (300 students) voted in the fall election.

The University of Texas at Austin doesn't have a student governing body, so it does not hold student elections.

Smith said he can't explain why 7,141 students (24.3 percent) of the 29,409 enrolled at Texas A&M voted last year.

"I don't understand why it was so high last year... a lot is that the campaigning is pretty heavy here. I'm biased on this, but we do have one of the best student governments in the state.

Smith is hoping there will be a 10,000 student voter turnout this year. "There are a lot of things that need to be done (next year), and we've got to get some good people in here," he said.

University	Spring 1980 Enrollment	Percentage Voter Turnout
UT at Arlington	20,166	
North Texas State University	17,200	12%
Texas Christian University	6,000	7%
Rice	2,500	33.8%
Baylor	8,100	29.5%
Texas A&M University	31,443	24.3%

### Take a trip to the polls

Pandora Dysart says with the experience she gained as a secretary of Mosher Hall she feels she will be capable of scheduling her time and upholding her responsibilities as class secretary.

The candidate says she enjoys meeting and talking with people and has been on an executive council before. She was also a 1980 Fish Camp counselor.

Richmond says she is running for Social Secretary of the Class of '83 because she wants to become a more active member of the class.

Richmond says she believes she is qualified for the office because she has worked with the current class officers on projects and would keep class activities well-organized and work with the other officers as a team.

**Class Treasurer**  
JOHN MOTLEY

John Motley says he plans to file bi-monthly reports of all income and expenditures because he believes the council and the class should be better informed regarding the financial status of the class.

Motley has served as assistant treasurer for MSC Aggie Cinema, and several other organizations at Texas A&M. He says he is in his outfit's financial committee and is minoring in accounting.

**Class Social Secretary**  
DEBBIE RICHMOND

Ann Horne says she wants to be an active part in continuing to make the Class of '83 the greatest class ever in the making.

Horne says her qualifications include being a hard worker who does her job as best as possible. She says she also enjoys meeting people and getting along with them.

**Class Vice President**  
LARRY M. COLLIS

Larry M. Collis says he would attempt to solve problems of organization and publicity as vice president of his class.

Collis says he believes he is qualified for the office because he has worked closely with the class officers in the past and held similar positions in high school. He says he also believes he has the leadership required for the position.

**Class President**  
MIKE LAWSHE

Mike Lawshe says he wants to continue working with the projects started by class members when they were freshmen. He said he believes his two years of experience as a class officer have given him insight into the workings of the class council and qualify him for president.

Lawshe says he would like to see more student input and participation in the Class of '83 beginning this summer.

# Off-Campus Aggies

**OCA President**  
PAUL BETTENCOURT

Paul Bettencourt, a senior chemistry major from Houston, says he sees the need for OCA to have a strong, interested and motivated president which he thinks he can be.

Beginning this summer he says he would plan to coordinate OCA as a viable student organization which would promote off-campus students' interest in every situation.

His past offices include Student Government Judicial Board chairman, Aston-Dunn senator and vice president of rules and regulations.

**OCA Vice President**  
BRUCE MARTIN

Bruce Martin, who is running opposed for OCA vice president, says he is running for the office because he felt there was a need for leadership in that position of the organization.

He says the main problem he wants to deal with is getting information for off-campus students who aren't in communication with the University, so they will have a greater voice in the issues that concern them, such as parking.

He has been involved in OCA since its inception and helped form the organization.

# OCA — voice of off-campus Ags

One of the more newly-created organizations at Texas A&M University, Off-Campus Aggies was formed in the Spring of 1979 through a merger of the Off-Campus Student Organization and Hassle Free.

The organization was created to help students solve the problems which are unique to off-campus living.

Louann Schulze, staff adviser for the OCA said "if students who live off-campus have any problem at all this is the place for them to start."

OCA calls itself the "political voice of the off-campus student" and aids students by representing their needs to the University administration and Student Government.

The organization works to keep students informed of university activities by posting notices of events at area apartment complexes. Distribution of material to the different complexes is routed through the Student Programs Office in the Memorial Student Center.

Yearly events in which the OCA participates include: Almost Any-

thing Goes, Apartment Managers Reception, Bonfire, Off-Campus Nite, Blood Drive, MSC All-Nite Fair, Crime Prevention Program and a Parents' Day Barbecue.

The OCA has won third place in both the Fall 1979 and Spring 1980 blood drives.

In one of its most recent efforts the OCA, along with the Residence Halls Association, sponsored a program for students who would be forced off-campus

next year as a result of the new housing policy affecting fifth-year seniors and graduate students.

Schulze said the OCA hopes to get some of those students next year who have held leadership positions in their dorms to take similar leadership positions within the OCA.

And the OCA is active in intramural athletics. The Organization owns the class "C" womens basketball crown.

A major project of the organization this year has been to establish apartment councils "to reach the students on a smaller scale," OCA President Paula Sorrels said. Five or six such councils will be formed next year, she said.

Other future goals in sight for the OCA, Sorrels said, include working closely with incoming freshmen as well as fifth-year seniors and graduate students who will be forced to live off-campus next year.



**OCA Secretary**  
RHONDA RHEA

Rhonda Rhea says she is running for OCA secretary because she wants to help in the revitalization of the organization. She says it is time the organization came back to life and brought off-campus students together.

She says communication is the biggest problem off-campus students face because they are so disperse. She says it is up to OCA to bridge this communication gap.

She has served as a Ward II senator and as a member of the Rules and Regulations Committee.

**OCA Treasurer**  
MELLISA ANN MONTGOMERY

Melissa Montgomery, a sophomore from Houston, says she would work hard to make Off-Campus Aggies successful, but that she feels there "aren't too many problems with our organization."

She says she wants to get OCA more involved in the University and is seeking the office of the treasurer because she is an accounting major.

As a current member of OCA, Montgomery says she views the organization as one whose purpose it is to help off-campus students get adjusted and involved in the University.

# Residence Halls Association

**RHA President**  
TIM RYAN

If elected, Tim Ryan, a junior agricultural economics major, says his primary concern would be to ensure that the new constitution is implemented as smoothly as possible.

He cites aiding the growth of RHA as another objective and says he would attempt to achieve this by making the organization more visible and available to all on-campus students.

The candidates experience with RHA includes serving as a general member, a hall delegate and communications coordinator on the executive council.

**RHA Vice President**  
MICHELLE ROWLAND

Michelle Rowland, a junior journalism major, says her experience on the RHA executive committee has taught her how to undertake responsibilities and meet challenges.

Since 1979 Rowland has served as treasurer and secretary of RHA, Chairman of the RHA Parents' Day. And the candidate says she wants to continue her service by running for vice president.

One problem area she says she would deal with is communicating and operating with other organizations.

**RHA Vice President**  
KARIN TINCH

Karin Tinch, now president of Hughes Hall, says if elected she would attempt to operate efficiently under the organization's new structure to increase the RHA's involvement in resident activities.

Tinch says being president of her dorm has given her experience in dealing with people on both social and professional levels.

The candidate has been active in RHA for two years and is presently involved with Casino and the National Association of College and University Resident Halls.

**RHA Secretary**  
GAYE HENLEY

Gaye Denley, a freshman journalism major from Houston, is running for RHA secretary because she says she sees it as a good way to stay involved in dorm activities.

Her qualifications include editor of the Mosher newsletter and RHA director of facilities and operations, the position she currently holds, and secretary of her high school student government.

If elected, Denley said she would become involved in committee work and help with administrative problems.

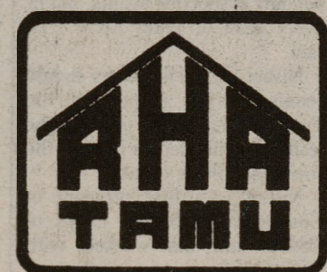
**RHA Treasurer**  
KEVIN J. BAILEY

Kevin Bailey, a sophomore chemical engineering major from Houston, says as treasurer of RHA he would attempt to expedite monetary transactions by making prompt and exact demands.

The candidate says he is seeking office in an effort to become more involved in campus life and learn how the administration works.

His previous experience includes president of Puryear Hall and involvement in RHA.

# RHA: 'unified voice' for residents



The Residence Halls Association, created from the Civilian Student Council in the Fall of 1973, now serves some 7,500 students.

The Civilian Student Council, which represented all students except the Corps of Cadets, experienced a transition period in 1972-73 and saw the need to diversify because of the rapid growth of the University, Sherrie Balcar, RHA president this year, said. At that time the RHA began to represent

those students who lived on campus.

The purpose of the RHA is "to serve as a unified voice for on-campus students," Balcar said.

Some of the larger yearly programs and activities of the RHA include Casino, which will be held on April 24 this year and Parents' Day, April 26. Also, the National Convention of Residence Hall Associations will be held here at Texas A&M this year.

Recently, the RHA attended

the Texas Residence Halls Association convention in Denton and received the award for the outstanding-school exhibit. Balcar was named president of the TRHA for next year at the convention.

The organization is comprised of an executive council including the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. A national communications coordinator who serves as a delegate for the RHA and a chaplain who serves as an officer. Presidents and delegates

from each residence hall represent the residents of each hall in the RHA's general assembly.

Officers must be full-time students in good standing with the university, have an overall GPR of not less than 2.25 during their term of office and live on campus.

RHA presently serves 25 halls at the University and with the additional housing to be completed next year, the organization is predicted to serve some 8,000 students.