

Off-campus students to vote by Wards

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For the election of off-campus senators, the Bryan-College Station area is divided into four wards, bounded by Texas Avenue and University Drive. Each student is eligible to vote only for senators from his ward.

"The intersection provides a natural boundary," Paul Bettencourt, chairman of the Student Government Judicial Board, said.

"Each of those areas has their own problems and needs."

Ward I is the area up Highway 30 and contains several of the area trailer parks and apartment complexes such as Sundance and Travis House.

Ward II contains apartment complexes such as Sevilla, Arbor Square and Taos.

Ward III contains the residential homes of Bryan.

Ward IV contains the older

apartment complexes and duplexes of the Northgate area.

Maps will be available at the polling places to help students determine their ward. No formal registration is required. "We don't have any registers or rolls," Bettencourt said. "We rely on the Aggie Code (of Honor)."

Redistribution of senators occurs every year, Bettencourt said. "We redistribute the number of senators from each ward ev-

ery year according to the number of voters from each ward the year before."

This year, six senators will be elected from Ward I, nine from Ward II, two from Ward III and four from Ward IV.

Off-campus students are drastically outvoted by residence hall and Corps of Cadets voters every year, Bettencourt said. "One out of nine off-campus students vote," he said, "while one out of two

Corps members and three out of seven residence hall dwellers vote.

"There has never been a tremendous effort to arouse the enthusiasm of off-campus students because it is so difficult. It's difficult because off-campus people are so disperse."

Efforts will be made next year, however, to get out the off-campus vote through apartment representatives and other measures.

