

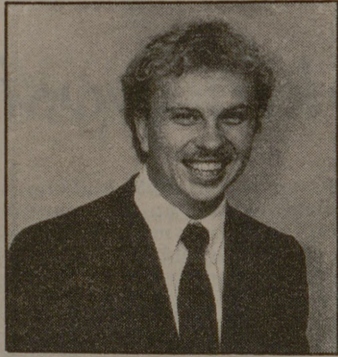
Four men vie for presidency

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I believe in Student Government. It works. Because Student Government exists, you and I have a voice in what goes on at this University. And that's very important.

We as students are the biggest single reason the University is here. Student Government has to make that plain to all concerned. It has to serve as a bridge between students and the administration.

The student body president in particular has to be a bridge-builder. Of necessity he is often the chief student voice heard by administrators, and that means



Jeff Anthony

he has a responsibility to be a clear and effective spokesman. The bridges he builds must be

lasting ones.

I'm seeking the presidency of the student body because I believe I can be that clear voice. Being speaker of the Senate this year, as well as Speaker Pro Tem last year and a recipient of the Distinguished Senator award, has taught me a great deal about how things work and how jobs get done. My work in the Senate has, I think, prepared me for the heavy weight that descends on the student body president's shoulders.

This office, of course, requires more than just a history of holding Senate positions. Broader experience in the University is essential. For me, that

experience has come in many ways: through being Chairman of last year's Student Agriculture Convocation, earning an American Farmer Degree from FFA (Future Farmers of America), and being active in Collegiate FFA the Saddle and Sirolo Club, and various University committees among others.

I'm excited about what we can accomplish in Student Government this year. There are great challenges but also tremendous opportunities. Among other things, we must work to:

- make long registration lines shorter
- provide an intra-campus shuttle bus system and expand

student parking

— expand student computer facilities

— ensure that on-campus housing remains economically reasonable

— recognize effective teaching

— bring senators and their constituents together to discuss common concerns

— keep off-campus students up to date on Student Government and other University activities.

Achieving all this will not be easy. Nothing worthwhile ever is. But we can do it if we work together unselfishly and untiringly — that is, if we work like good Ags. I hope to do my part as student body president; in that, I hope I have your support.

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The student body president is an advocate for the students. He takes issues decided by the Student Senate or by the students themselves and presents them to administrators and faculty members. The president also sets the attitude and direction that Student Government takes in serving the students of Texas A&M University.

Student Government has made great strides in providing student services and effectively working with administrators to find solutions to problems that students want solved. After three years of involvement in Student Government as a Freshman Aide, a Student Senator, and presently Executive Vice

President, I have worked in both the legislative and executive branches. From this perspective, I see what steps need to be taken to continue input in University affairs. In choosing a student body president, Aggies need an experienced candidate with fresh ideas.

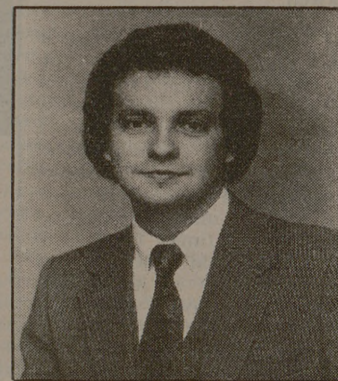
My main goal as student body president will be to develop a comprehensive statement on all issues affecting students so that we can initiate action in addition to responding to administration decisions. The University has a Planning Vice President who prepares the administration's position on Texas A&M's direction in the future. Students need the same time and effort put into preparing their views on the future of Texas A&M as well. Some areas of student interest

that need to be addressed are academics, student services, and administration policies.

Some specifics in the academics area include increasing computer access, improving academic advising, evaluating the physical education grading system, and encouraging student input in rewarding good teaching.

Texas A&M needs \$45 million to expand its computer facilities to prepare Aggies for success in their future careers. The allocation of computer time and computer money should also be evaluated to meet the increasing needs of business analysis, computer science and engineering students.

The P.E. grading system should be reversed, with Pass/Fail automatic and a letter grade



Jeff Bissey

optional, so fewer students would be penalized for attempting to learn new skills.

Student services that need to be established or improved include sports and recreation facilities to meet the overwhelming student demand, effective utilization of student financial aid, and a book exchange.

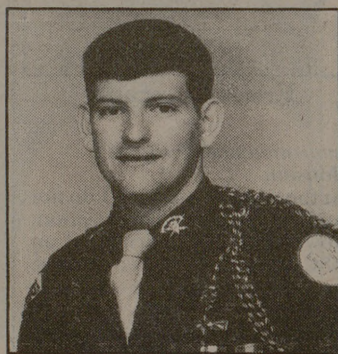
Major administration policies that need to be clarified for students include bonfire, construction, Q-drops and Dead Week.

By securing Building Exempt Status to protect the rest of Duncan Field, we can insure the continuation of bonfire on campus. Student Government can also insure that construction on main campus is on a student-use-first priority (intramural facilities, dorms, and classrooms) by working with the Board of Regents to make this a written policy.

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WHY DOES MIKE LAWSHE WANT THE JOB OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT?

Many issues are important for the welfare of the students at Texas A&M University. Mike Lawshe, as junior class president, has watched Student Government take on few of these important issues. He has seen the lack of direction that our Student Government has followed this year. Any time a governing body allows debate about whether senators can eat candy during a meeting, important issues are being ignored. Mike



Mike Lawshe

will define specific goals for the year that will have tangible gains

at the end of the year.

As a past member of the Advisory Council, Mike has seen the lack of enthusiasm and motivation of many senators. He has seen our Student Government so frustrated by inaction that 45 percent, almost half, of the senators have left the organization. Mike wants to promote pride in a governing body that will be involved in real issues and not "Candy Caper" issues.

What is a senator's job description in Student Government? This has never been defined. Mike will provide, in writing, guidelines for specific roles and responsibilities for each

senator.

As sophomore class president and a member of Student Government's Advisory Council last year, Mike knows that many organizations have not been consulted on many issues. For example the Advisory Council was never even convened this year. Mike will reinstate an effective Advisory Council that will voice the opinions of all major campus organizations.

A Student Government should know how to coordinate and be aware of all issues about Texas A&M and leave the details to organizations such as RHA for campus living, OCA

for off campus problems, and MSC Council for student programs and activities.

Mike believes that not everyone must be an active member in Student Government, but that Student Government should be responsive to the needs of all students. Input should come from dorm presidents, dorm councils and other organizations that are not heard in Student Government today.

Mike wants Mickey Mouse behavior to go back to Hollywood, so that we can have an effective Student Government with "real" issues.

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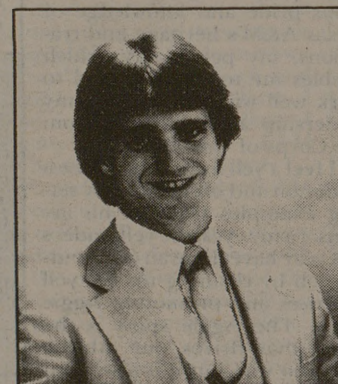
As a second year Senator representing the off-campus sector of Ward II, I have served on several committees including Rules and Regulations, Internal Affairs, the Student Financial Advisory Board, Student Services, and the Campus Canvass Committee. Through these committees I experienced the workings of our University and realized that there is room for improvement. I feel that many worthwhile committees have been stifled by some shortsightedness on the part of the executive branch of Student Government. These committees have an important role in meeting student needs — a role that could be strengthened by a pres-

ident involved in student activities. I am also a member of Town Hall, Off Campus Aggies, College Republicans, and have been a fish camp counselor for two years.

In the Senate, I gained knowledge of all aspects of Student Government and realized the capabilities of a strong leader. Leadership is a vital aspect of the presidency, but management of our Senate's responsibilities and its effect upon the student body is equally important. A manager of government could unify the student body by creating responsiveness and opening channels of communication between students and their government. I am looking for a change in direction from that of previous leaders in hopes to further the

potential that I think Student Government possesses.

The primary concern of students is academics. I plan to address the issues with the same interest that has been so greatly expressed by my peers. Numerous services are available to students concerning academic advice and counseling. Unfortunately, too many of us are unaware of them. Efficient programming and University-wide publication of these services can inform us of their helpfulness. I have found that one of the biggest academic-related problems is that advising varies from college to college. Therefore, we have developed a program that will involve honor societies and experienced students volunteering scheduling advice to others



Pat Pearson

prior to pre-registration. Of the deans and faculty members consulted, all were very receptive to the idea and offered aid in de-

veloping the criteria to train these volunteer advisors.

As the University grows, we must realize the unfortunate existence of daily crime problems. In order to protect ourselves and our property, positive action must be taken by the student body as a whole. The Resident Housing Association has begun steps toward crime prevention through a "Lock Up and Look Out" program. I would instigate a crime awareness program that will work in conjunction with area police and other organizations throughout the community.

After reviewing what such a program would entail, I feel confident of its success in eliminating much of the crime at Texas A&M.