

Election issues include crime

by Craig Harris
Battalion Reporter

Violent crime on campus will be the most important issue facing candidates in the 1983 Student Government elections, says Student Body President Patrick Pearson.

Pearson said four students plan to run for student body president have spoken to him and have said crime will be the most important campaign issue. Filing for offices opened Monday.

"The candidates will have to investigate this problem (crime) because it seems to be getting worse," Pearson said.

No one wants to hear about a crime increase, he said, but it needs to be dealt with.

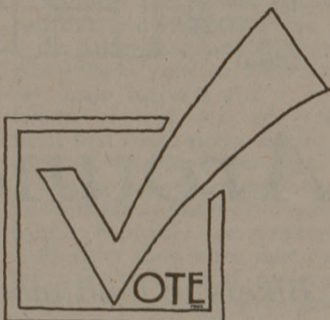
Crime, especially violent crime, will be the most difficult issue of the campaign because there is limited action Student Government can take, Pearson said. Concern for the correction of the problem is a good start, he said.

Pearson said that other issues, including parking, often are considered problem issues.

"Parking and other types of problems on this campus seem to be problems associated with Student Government, and I limit that they are real problems. But when you are victimized by a violent crime like rape, then you know what the real problem is," Pearson said.

Keith E. Carmichael, a senator for the College of Business, says enrollment standards will be another issue in the race for student offices.

Carmichael says the status of each week and finals week will be addressed by the candidates.



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Crime safety program begun

by Pamela Haisler
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Student Government has organized a Crime Awareness Committee to help students become more safety conscious.

"The program is basically to educate the students about the crimes going on around campus and to make them more safety conscious," said Judy Marcotte, director of committee.

The committee is working on a flyer that will be posted around campus, Marcotte said.

"These flyers will be a kind of safety check list, with questions like 'Did you lock your door?' and 'Did you tell someone where you are going and when you will be back?'" she said. "They will also have emergency telephone numbers."

Marcotte said the committee will try to have an open line of communication between the University Police and students because better communication is one way to make the campus safer.

She said the committee will become more active in the fall semester.

For example, he said the University could abolish dead week and have two weeks of finals which would give students two weekends to study.

Carmichael and Pearson both said that with the success of The Big Event, more programs which involve all the students will be part of the candidates' platforms. Carmichael said the clean-up program may even be state-wide in the future.

Carmichael agreed that crime control will be an important issue.

"The male dorms may form patrols if the problem continues," he said.

Election Commissioner Les C. Asel said a candidate questionnaire will be written to let students know how candidates stand on the issues. He also said debates between the candidates will reveal their positions.

Other issues the candidates may campaign about include bicycles on campus, the drinking age and the minority issue currently being studied by the Board of Regents.

Marcotte said theft, burglary and attacks on women are the most common crimes on campus. The committee will work on programs and other activities to help students become more aware of crimes and how to prevent them, she said.

American business topic of talk today

A former executive from International Harvester will be speaking in the Academic and Agency Building today at 2 p.m.

The speaker, Archie McCardell, is the former chief executive officer for International Harvester, a large equipment supply company, and is from Westport, Conn.

He will be presenting a talk at 102 A&A on the future of business in America.

Dean William H. Mobley says that McCardell will speak on the revitalization of business and the economy.

The speech is being sponsored by the College of Business Administration.

Throughout the year, approximately 22 executives from across the nation will be speaking at Texas A&M through the business college.

Advisors add two mid plans

by Susan Poole
Battalion Reporter

Meeting the needs of students in their career concerns, stress management problems, rusty study skills or personal problems is the objective of the Student Counseling Center.

To meet this objective, the counseling center has started a new program — a career orientation program and an enter group for older-than-average students.

The career motivation program, headed by Dr. Ann Schroer, is for freshman and sophomore students with at least 3.2 grade-point ratio. These students sometimes are confused about their majors and what they will do when they get out of school, Schroer said.

Through the program they will learn what kinds of career opportunities their current majors offer and how to choose a major.

"The program is going to look at the student's value system, skills and personality to confirm their interests and ability," Schroer said.

Eight to 10 students will participate in the program, which will last six to seven hours. Students will meet Friday afternoons, unless another time is chosen by the participants. Sign-ups will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For students who are older than 25 and returning to school, an older-than-average student counter group has been established.

The group is designed to help older students adapt to campus life and brush up on academics. Many older students feel isolated because their problems — such as families, jobs and homes — are different from those of younger students, says Sue Greenwood, a graduate intern working with the counseling center.

"It's kind of an orientation and information sharing group dealing with such topics as time management and how to find me for studying," Greenwood said.

The students seem to enjoy being able to share information and have expressed an interest in starting a social organization for the older students, Greenwood said.

The counseling center is directed by Dr. Wade G. Birch and is staffed by nine psychologists, four interns and two psychiatrists working part time.

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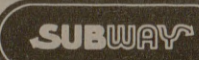
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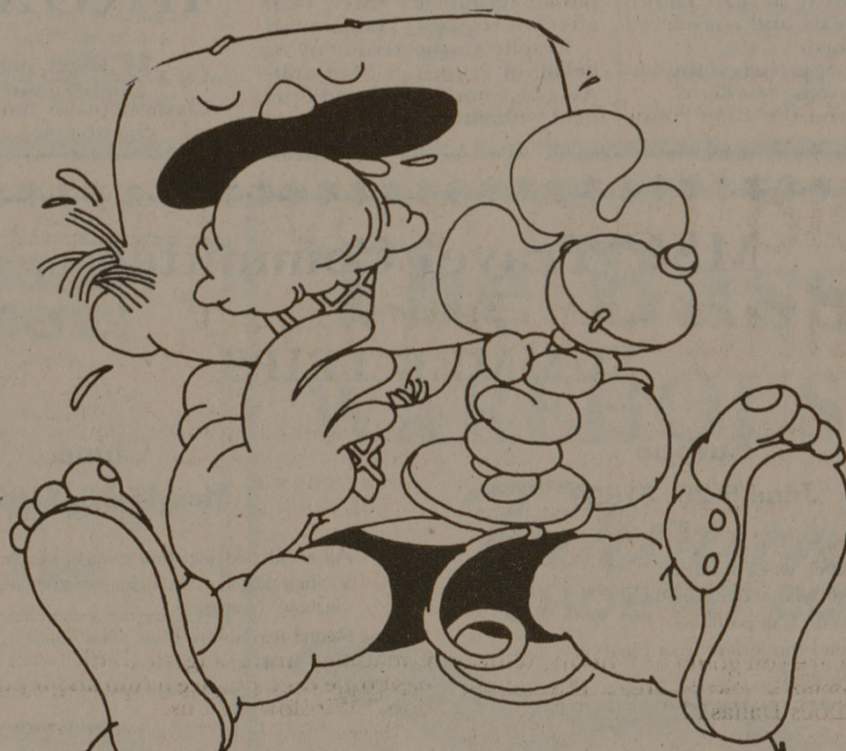
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