

OCA provides input, fun

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Getting off-campus students involved in on-campus activities and representing those students in Student Government are two functions of Off Campus Aggies.

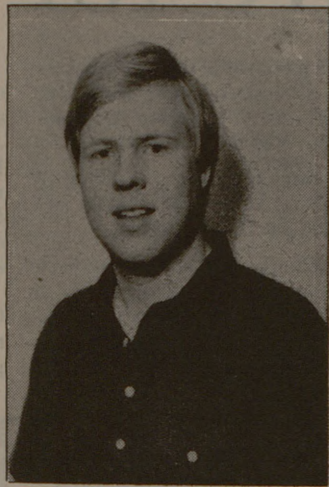
"Since two-thirds of the student body live off campus, OCA provides input and activities for students who live a distance from campus," Louann Schulze, adviser for the group, said.

The organization allows off-campus students to have a voice in Student Government. On one occasion, the student senate was trying to take a day-student parking lot and re-establish it for dorm students, Schulze said. OCA was able to defeat the proposal, however, and keep the lot for day students.

"It's important for off-campus students to get involved in OCA because sometimes they aren't motivated to get involved in campus activities on their own," Schulze said.

Through OCA, off-campus students get to know others and participate in campus activities as a group.

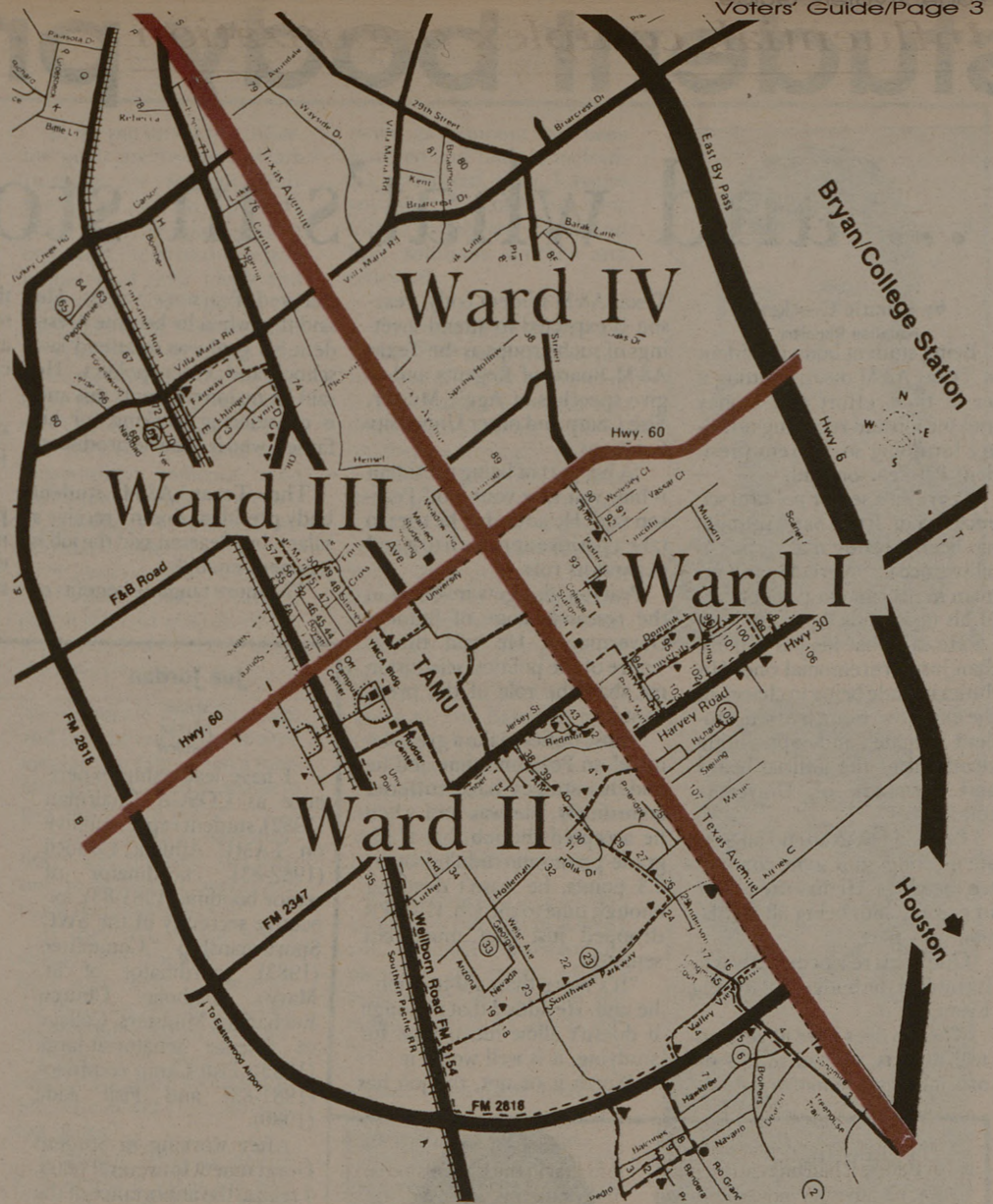
"Yell practice is a typical event that takes motivation to go to,"



Dale Collins
1982-83 OCA president

she said. "If your roommate doesn't feel like going, you end up not going, too."

Not only does OCA encourage students to get involved in campus events, but it also plans activities for them. Last year, OCA planned a street dance that was a great success, Schulze said. The group also had a chili cook-off and a Parents' Day barbecue.



RHA guides dorm activity

by Lezlee Hinson
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Experience, dedication and enthusiasm are the key characteristics an officer of the Residence Hall Association should possess, current president Stacy Graf says.

The RHA election, which will be held along with the other student organization elections Tuesday and Wednesday, is not as issue-oriented as other elections, Graf said. RHA addresses issues as they are presented by the Department of Student Affairs, she said.

The purpose of the RHA is two-fold. First, it represents the 8,000 on-campus students by evaluating the policies that affect them, Graf said.

To effectively evaluate those policies, RHA works closely with student affairs. For example, if student affairs is considering a proposal that would change the telephone service to the dorms, they would submit this proposal to RHA.

RHA then would evaluate the proposal in terms of its effect on hall residents. The group might approve the proposal, Graf said, recommend certain changes, or suggest an entirely different alternative.

Generally, student affairs follows RHA's recommendations, Graf said, because RHA is considered the "expert" on concerns



Stacy Graf
1982-83 RHA president

of the dorm residents.

The second function of RHA is to assist the individual hall councils in planning recreational, educational and social activities, Graf said.

RHA also sponsors various campus-wide activities such as RHA Casino and RHALloween. It also organizes seminars on such topics as dorm security and rape prevention, Graf said.

RHA's organizational structure contributes to its ability to accurately reflect the views of the dorm students, Graf said.

The group consists of about 70 voting members.

Leadership role continues

Yell leaders succeed

by Tracey Taylor
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Since the first yell practice in 1932, Texas A&M yell leaders have held an important leadership role in the daily life of this campus. But what happens after graduation? Do these students continue to be leaders in their respective fields?

A quick glance at the Association of Former Students roster says yes.

Occupations of former yell leaders range from ranch managers to flight instructors. In addition, three attorneys, several accountants and CPAs, six bank officials and officers in the United States Marine Corps and the United States Air Force are included in the roster of former yell leaders.

Former Aggie yell leaders are working for Price Waterhouse, E.F. Hutton, DuPont Investments, Hughes Tools and Exxon. Bob Segner, a yell leader in 1967, is now an assistant professor of building construction here.

But there also are those who still are leading large groups of people.

Garry Mauro was elected the first civilian yell leader in 1968. More recently he was elected Texas land commissioner.

After graduating from Texas A&M in 1970, Mauro went to the University of Texas to earn a law degree. Since receiving it, he has held numerous governmental jobs including assistant comptroller, director of field operations and comptroller of public accounts in Austin.

Mauro said he realizes that the yell leader experience was an important one.

"I'm always laughing that running statewide is no different than running for yell leader at A&M — just a little bigger campus," he said.

Also included among the ranks of yell leaders who have done well is Tom Nelson, who was a senior yell leader in 1963. Nelson is now a reporter with the Houston Post and responsible for covering events at Texas A&M.

Below is a list of the yell leaders from 10 and 20 years ago, their degrees, how they are currently employed and their marital status:

1962-63 yell leaders:

— Hugh Anderson, '64, chemical engineering, staff engineer at Texas Gulf Inc. — quality control department in Newgulf,

married, two daughters.

— Bill Brashears, '63, general business, stock broker with Dupont Investments in Dallas, married, one son.

— Mike Dodge, '64, finance, construction supervisor for Huie Properties in Dallas, single.

— Tom Nelson, '63, marketing, masters in educational administration, reporter for the Houston Post, single.

— Frank Summers, '64, economics, deceased.

1972-73 yell leaders:

— Joe Hughes, '75, accounting, CPA with Bright, Shin and Bright in Dallas, single.

— Bobby Sykes, '74, management, assistant vice president/trust for Landman First National Bank in Midland, married, no children.

— Griff Lasley, '74, animal science, commodity account executive in Waco, married, one son.

— Ron Plakemeir, '75, management, attorney with Neugent, Lilienstern, Vernon, Lions and Plakemeir in Texas City, married, no children.

— Mark McClean, '75, no information.