

Student body president

DAVID ALDERS

Junior

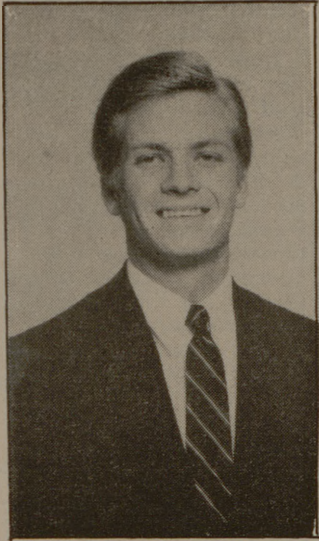
Major: Agricultural Economics

The election of student leaders this year will be quite significant due to the current environment of the decision-making process. Texas A&M is undergoing transition in many facets of its operation, not the least of which is at the administrative level. To a greater extent than heretofore, the faculty will have increased influence on University policy through the Faculty Senate. While this input should be welcomed, it is imperative that students continue to make positive, credible contributions through our elected leadership. Your newly elected student body president must possess a broad vision of what Student Government can become and must be capable of halting any further erosion of student input into the decision-

making process.

Some of my positions follow. The advising system must be modified to allow students to gain personal, consistent, and detailed advice regarding their educational opportunities. Efforts to maintain the status quo with regard to senior final exam policy must be expanded so that Aggies can continue to participate in a meaningful, timely commencement ceremony.

The curriculum of many degree programs must be enriched so as to allow students the freedom to engage in a complete educational experience. The resources and facilities of the University library must be expanded if Texas A&M is to increase its academic stature. Student opinions must be advanced capably and credibly on such issues as the construction of a new special events center, parking and traffic flow proposals, and the expansion of



the student center complex.

Having served as Speaker of the Senate, as student representative to the Faculty Senate, and as a member of the Chancellor's Student Advisory Board, I feel qualified to successfully represent you.

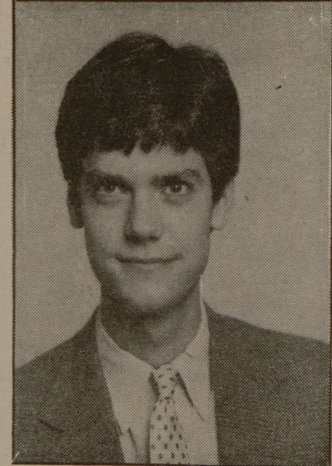
JAY HOLLAND

Senior

Major: Finance

I've been active in a diverse group of activities, including Student Government, and understand the needs of students as a whole. As vice president for external affairs, I was responsible for overseeing and initiating all intergovernmental, intercollegiate, business consumer, former student, and charitable relations between Texas A&M student and outside interests, including the Aggie Olympics and the Christian Children's Fund Village of Hope project. I've attended numerous workshops and seminars with regard to student activities. I've studied techniques in student activism and voter registration at Harvard University.

With your vote as support, I would be concerned with people, not politics. I would stress the initiation of inter-



governmental relations, including involvement in a national student lobby in order to give A&M students greater representation on respective governmental levels. I would devote full attention to the job, concentrating on an open-door policy and initiating the influx of new people, as well as their ideas and suggestions.

DIANE BAUMBACH

Senior

Major: Accounting

An effective student body president needs to exhibit three essential qualities: foresight, communication, and action. In order to accomplish the goals of Student Government, the president must be sensitive to the issues that will require the most attention. Next year will be an active year: the Faculty Senate has established a committee to research the possibilities of implementing a campus-wide core curriculum, which could possibly give students the chance to take more free electives and acquire a more liberal education. I know that students' opinions on this issue will be diverse — I will make sure that this issue and other equally important ones are thoroughly researched by Student Government before it is too late to affect the outcome. Once foresight has targeted the appropriate issues to be addressed, communication is essential. I believe that Student Government exists for the sole purpose of representing the student view.



We must communicate with other students and student leaders in order to know what that view is.

Finally, Student Government's job does not end with forming an opinion. Action must be taken. I have a history of showing initiative and dedication to get the job done. I work hard for things I truly believe in — namely Texas A&M and Student Government.

GRANT SWARTZ-WELDER

Junior

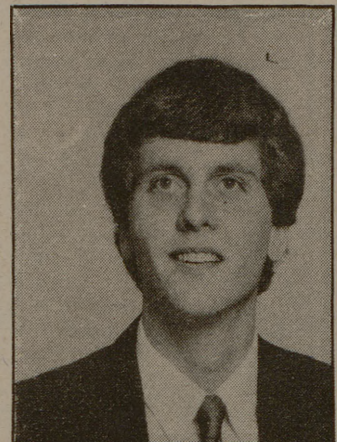
Major: Petroleum Engineering

Student Government has incredible potential to positively affect student life. However, for this potential to be realized, Student Government must regain its direction. With the emergence of the Faculty Senate and the nearing national elections, the upcoming year will demand Student Government has many resources. More interaction is needed between all organizations which will result in proper presentation and significant contributions to student life. The Big Event and the Academic Affairs Tutorial Service are successes because of combined student efforts.

By communicating needed

information, Student Government will fulfill one of its most important responsibilities to the student. I plan to use the Executive Aides to provide and gather needed information to the Corps, Greeks, MSC, etc. I will also utilize The Battalion by submitting articles which provide information on the plans, actions and programs of the Student Government.

Increased communication and coordination will provide unity between student groups while representing and serving the student body. To accomplish these goals experience is necessary. Serving as vice president of academic affairs, local election judge and in various positions within the college of Engineering, the importance of student interaction was evident. As student body president, I will



commitment of time and effort is required to implement these goals. I am committed to increasing student input into worthwhile and realistic programs.

strive to facilitate increased campus-wide interaction. More importantly, a firm

KEITH CARMICHAEL

Junior

Major: marketing

Having been involved in Student Government for three years, I realize the importance it plays in instituting new programs and solving problems. I have also had the opportunity to see the many areas that Student Government is lacking, the main one being effectively representing the student body.

In the past few years there has been a trend in the Student Government toward doing whatever they feel is best instead of researching the student body's opinion. As student body president, I would not only try to reverse this inclusive attitude possessed by Student Govern-

ment, but also try to solve what I feel to be the student body's largest problem — lack of cooperation. With 36,000 students, all involved in different activities and heading in different directions, it is very easy for an individual to forget about all the other students and how they might feel about an issue. Through the establishment of a University Committee to discuss student issues, which would include representatives from the Corps, MSC, OCA, Panhellenic Council, RHA, Student "Y", and Student Government, I feel this problem would be solved. This committee could prove to be very beneficial in the future helping the student body be more successful when issues like senior final exams arise. Many times the student body presi-



dent is referred to as a leader. I would prefer to call him a coordinator. The coordinator of 36,000 students.