

## VP/Academic Affairs

**JAMES M. TROY**  
Senior  
Major: Biology

I'm running for vice president of academic affairs as a means of best assisting the student body at Texas A&M. As Coordinator for Special Projects on the Academic Af-

fairs Committee this past year I've been actively involved with the functions of the vice president. Included was the development of a University-wide tutorial system now available in the library. My goals for the upcoming year, in addition to a close working relationship with the Faculty

Senate, are a revitalized effort supporting optional finals for graduating seniors. Also I would like to see the expansion of the present tutorial system and a continued effort to make the students more aware of the Job Placement Center and its reorganization.

**DOUG WITTRUP**  
Sophomore  
Major: Management

It is said that in the last few years the Student Government at Texas A&M has had more potential but has been less effective in getting student input into curriculum than at any other time in re-

cent history. In my experience with Student Government, as a senator this year and in committee work my freshman year, it has been frustrating to see this area stagnate. It is time for a change.

To solve this problem I would like to initiate the Current Curriculum Review

Board, a board consisting of the two portions of the University community most involved with the curriculum: students and faculty. Secondly, I would like to revamp the Faculty Guide, a program that seems to have been forgotten in recent years. It is time we took control of our curriculum.

**A'LETA PARKS**  
Junior  
Major: Business Analysis/Management

I have leadership experience as the co-chairman for Student Information Systems, University Rules and

Regulations Committee and two years experience on each of the Student Government Finance, Rules and Regulations and Academic Affairs Committees. My past experience has given me the opportunity to interact with University administrators. This

experience is necessary for an effective leadership on the Academic Affairs Committee. I would like to expand the Engineering Dean's Forum to other colleges. I will continue to represent student opinion on registration and senior final exams.

**TOM URBAN**  
Senior  
Major: Aerospace Engineering

I'm running a campaign of issues. After returning to Texas A&M from two years at the U.S. Naval Academy, I was very disappointed at the direction in which Texas A&M is moving academically. Having lived as a professor's

son in College Station for eight years I've had the opportunity to meet many students, faculty members and administrators so I know the problems of Texas A&M from more than one perspective. I have visited many other universities and know how they solve similar problems. I worked with many campus leaders as coordinator of Aggie Olympics and an

active member of External Affairs.

My main objective is to get serious students more access to the library and computer facilities, especially on weekends. I want to see more fundraising for academic improvements and faculty salaries, promotion of faculty based on teaching ability, and more student input on the academic administration.

**JIM COLLINS**  
Junior  
Major: Chemical Engineering

Although academic excellence is the goal of each student and faculty member, conflicts often arise between the two. The position of Vice President of Academic Affairs would allow me the op-

portunity to provide the students with a strong voice in the decisions being made. During the past year, I have served as a student senator, president of Lambda Sigma and have held other leadership positions throughout the University. Therefore, I believe I am qualified to serve the students in this capacity.

There are many academic decisions, including mandatory senior finals, which students feel very strongly about but which the administration believes the students are apathetic towards that are being made. I think the students do care, and someone needs to stand up and say something — now.

## VP/External Affairs

**CHRIS MCGILVRAY**  
Junior  
Major: Renewable Natural Resources

I have an extremely fresh outlook on the aspects of student government that need improvement, through my extensive involvement in several varied student activities.

I now have gained experience in a diverse variety of student groups, and thus have access to many different ideas and attitudes. My involvement includes: Agricultural Council, Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator for the External Affairs (B-CS city council liaisons, city council reception, and the Student Government

Voter Registration Drive), Student Senate, Political Forum, Prelaw Society, and officer in the Forestry Club. I also attended the National Student Conference on Voter Registration at Harvard, where I learned about the various aspects of student activism and also about Public Interest Research Groups

**BRETT SHINE**  
Sophomore  
Major: General Studies

Through External Affairs, Student Government strives to represent the student's views and concerns in the community; unfortunately, we have not yet begun to realize the tremendous potential this committee can achieve for our students. I feel that I have the leadership and de-

termination to make external affairs better than ever. As a freshman aide and off-campus senator, I have worked to improve student-community relations in many capacities, most notably as an apartment council president in Off-Campus Aggies and through city and state government in the Legislative Study Group. I feel that the key to a successful year will be comprised of several different factors:

- (1) More efficient, direct contact with city leaders and property owners,
- (2) Strong association with other student-community organizations such as OCA, RHA and LSG,
- (3) More representation for students in city government.

I am looking forward to a very productive year in External Affairs and would appreciate your support in the upcoming election.

## VP/Finance

**MICHAEL KELLEY**  
Senior  
Major: Aerospace Engineering

I am a candidate for the office of vice president for finance because I believe that the student body of Texas A&M deserves experienced, fiscally responsible leadership in their Student Government. I am the only candidate who has previous leadership experience on the Finance Committee, having served as executive director — the #2 position — on the committee. I also serve as a senator, representing Engineering at Large, for which I have been

recognized as an Outstanding Senator of the year. My primary goal in this office is to maintain the standards of efficiency and professionalism which were established by this year's Finance committee. My specific concerns in this area include:

Funding only clearly identifiable student services with Student Service Fees.

Investigating the availability of alternative funding sources for areas funded by Student Service Fees.

Development of long-term funding solutions for the MSC, Health Center and International Student Activities.

**KYLE COLDREN**  
Senior  
Major: Finance/Marketing

I am running for the position of Vice President of Finance because I believe that our Student Government should make a conscious effort to increase student involvement from all academic colleges on the campus. In working toward this goal, I plan to play a major role with a heightened awareness of the Finance Committee and its place in responsive Stu-

dent Government. I stand behind my past record as an officer on the Business Student council and my role on the Finance Committee for the past year, I feel that being a finance major should benefit me in that I fully understand the budgetary process and its impact on the University as a whole. In closing, my most important goal is that of assuring an equitable distribution of Student Service Fees to maximize the benefit for all students, whether they are on or off-campus Aggies.

## VP/Rules and Regulations

**RANDY VICKERS**  
Sophomore  
Major: Pre-med

I am running for vice president of Rules and Regulations. Rules and Regs reviews the University Blue Book, the Student Body Constitution and the Student Senate By-Laws. I want to help the student body have ample say in what goes into the University regulations. As VP I will be a representative of the student body, through the senate, to the University Rules and Regulations Committee.

I have held many Student Government positions. For example, I have held the following positions: Fish Aide, Senator (two years), Internal Affairs, Freshman Programs Co-coordinator, Rules and Regs Committee and Ad-hoc Committee (sub-committee of Rules and Regs).

My goal as VP will be to form some type of suggestion box. This box will be for student input. My highest goal is to fully represent the student body and keep the Aggie Code of Honor a major part of this University.

**MARK MANIHA**  
Freshman  
Major: General Studies

I am running for vice president of Rules and Regulations because I feel that I have many contributions to give to the committee. I have several ideas that I would like to see implemented next year. I hope to reach my goals and the goals of Student Government through my working with the committee and the four other standing committees.

I have also worked in the External Affairs committee on special projects. I am currently in numerous other clubs and organizations such as College Republicans and Aggies for Barton. I feel that I have a very good understanding of Student Government and Aggie life.

My overall goal is that the committee and Student Government in general will be stronger next year. I hope to contribute as much as possible toward this goal. I am a big believer in more student input, not just suggestions, but I feel that the student body as a whole should have more decision making through voting power.

I have been freshman senator this year and have worked in the Rules and Regulations general committee as well as the ad-hoc special