

# Six vie for student body pres.

**Sean Royall**  
junior  
economics

My candidacy for student body president at A&M is not the culmination of a life-time dream; it is simply the result of serious consideration of what I have learned in my three years of involvement with Student Government, and in turn what I have to offer through experience, leadership and commitment.

Aside from the administrative responsibilities, I view the student body president as an advocate on part of the students with the faculty and administration.

For this reason it is essential that the president be someone who not only understands the concerns of students, but one who can effectively deal with the policy makers of A&M.

As student body president, I would attempt to further develop communication at both ends of the spectrum. Through



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seeking the direct input and participation of concerned students and by using the experience and credibility I have attained to pursue policies that are beneficial to the student body.

**Mike Cook**  
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The overriding question asked during this campaign is "Can student government get things done?" I answer yes; it has great potential, but it lacks one thing — effective leadership. Student body elections have in the past been beauty contests where the smoothest talker, the sharpest dresser and the most effective issue-dodgers win. We've seen the results of such elections.

If the beauty contest approach to choosing presidents hasn't worked how should we choose a candidate?

Patrick Henry said: "I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided and that is the lamp of experience. I know no way of judging the future by the past."

In this election, the voter must judge a candidate on his record.

I run on a record of leading others and of getting things done. I've held three executive-level leadership positions as a vice president of the senate and a member of MSC Council. In these positions I've:

- Supervised the MSC budget process which included 32 committees.
- Increased student input into fee allocations.
- Fought for low intramural fees.
- Supported extramural sports clubs.
- Secured funding for study abroad and University art programs.
- Was named outstanding legislative vice-president by the senate awards committee.

Anyone can, in the heat of a campaign, make promises. The



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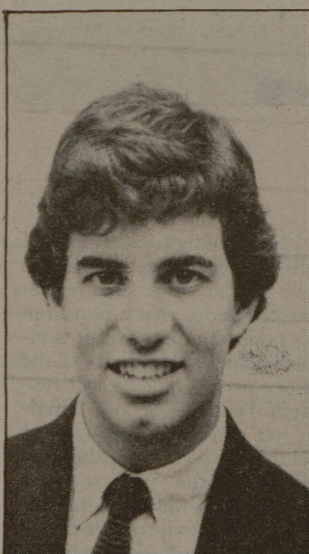
point is not talk but actually solving problems. I run on my record. Elect proven leadership for a change.

**Brett Shine**  
junior  
finance

In these elections, we have the opportunity to restore true student representation to Student Government. As student body president, I will combine experience and accomplishment with a service-oriented attitude to achieve this goal.

My experience as a student senator, LSG member, and vice president for external affairs have prepared me for the responsibilities of the student body president. I plan to work on the following goals:

- To build a more efficient, more productive Student Government;
- To promote better communication within Student Government and encourage more Student Government interaction with other student groups and the student body as a whole;
- To not only work effectively with the administration, but to identify and protect students' needs and interests in the relationship.



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I would appreciate your support on March 27-28. I will ensure that the voice of Texas A&M students will be carried by a conscientious and responsible representative. I will also remain committed to the goal of giving Student Government back to the students.

**Madelon Yanta**  
junior  
finance

Through involvement in the Legislative Study Group, the chancellor's student advisory board, and as assistant to the student body president, I have observed areas in which Student Government is making progress. However, there exists a two-pronged challenge for Student Government to strengthen itself from within, so that it can reach out to the student body and offer responsible representation.

From experience and observation, I have designed a platform that meets this challenge. My primary goals are three-fold.

First, student input must be enhanced through the 54 University committees ranging from traffic appeals to recreation. Through presidential appointment of responsible people from all sectors of the University, including those presently outside of Student Government, stu-

dents can be more effectively represented in the many facets of campus life.

Secondly, internal communication between the branches of Student Government must be strengthened to utilize the organization's potential.

For example, the census and research committee of the executive branch of Student Government randomly surveys the campus every semester to locate problem areas. These survey results should be reviewed more closely and acted upon by the legislative vice-presidents of the Student Senate. Lastly, and most importantly, an overhaul of academic advising is essential for enhancing the quality of education at A&M. By presenting credible information to the proper faculty and administrative committees, Student Government can ensure that student



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opinion is not overlooked. With experience, initiative and the desire to improve student life, we can make a difference.

**Jeff Danzinger**  
junior  
political science

While the student life program here at A&M is excellent, many improvements are needed. Student Government exists to serve the student body, and these areas of concern must be addressed by student political leaders.

One matter of concern is teaching: The increasing emphasis on research may be leading to a tenure and promotion system which pays little attention to quality teaching.

The registration system should be reorganized so it is less inconvenient and time consuming for students. The University also needs to work harder for the acquisition of a special events center.



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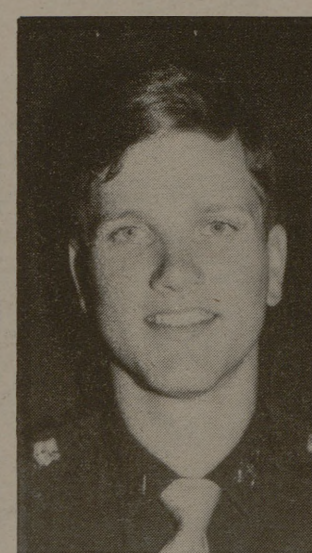
**Bob Stephan**  
senior  
mechanical engineering

I can make Texas A&M a more prosperous University through a more active Student Government and better representation to the administration, faculty and community. Student Government has the potential to effect daily student life, yet often times strong leadership and motivation is not readily apparent. For example, 56 percent of the senators elected last spring are out of office today. Are these people representing you? What kind of continuity does this leave in Student Government?

Through chairing traditions council in the executive branch and membership as senior engineering senator in the legislative

branch, I've shared a diversified view of Student Government. I've developed communication and leadership skills through the Corps as a cadet major, student leaders' speakers bureau, MSC hospitality, student engineers council and Student Y peer advising.

If elected as student body president, I will add direction to Student Government by requiring increased commitment and creativity, and broadening the information base of Student Government in order to provide stronger representation of the student body in Aggieland. A vote for Bob Stephan is a vote for action in Student Government.



**Bob Stephan**