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## Election

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Holmes received 1,894 of the 7,759 votes cast while 2,139 voted for Kelley.

The other junior yell leader candidates were Allen Temple who received 1,203 votes, Mark Trabling, 430, John Fetner, 1,203, and Lou P. Manitzas, 890.

Michelle Fisher was elected Residence Hall Association president with 91 write-in votes.

Michelle Davis was elected Off-Campus Aggies president. She ran unopposed.

Students also voted to approve a constitutional reform making the Speaker of the Senate the Chief Administrative Officer.

The responsibilities of the job include presiding over Senate meetings, handling the administration of the Senate and maintaining communication with Senate officers.

Seventy-four percent of the 2,435 students voting on the reform voted in favor.

Laura Madla, Student Government election co-commissioner, said late Thursday votes will have to be cast again next Wednesday in the Ward 2, and the sophomore engineering senate races because the ballot in these two races was difficult for many voters to decipher.

In the election, 134 graduate students voted, while 671 seniors, 1,135 juniors, 1,231 sophomores and 1,494 freshmen cast their ballots.

More than one-half of the students voting are enrolled in the colleges of engineering and business administration.

The total number of business administration students voting was 1,116; college of engineering, 1,198, liberal arts, 634, agriculture, 615, education, 346, science, 276, architecture, 202, veterinary medicine,



Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

Mike Cook (left) and Sean Royall shake hands after learning the results of the election Thursday night.

79, geosciences, 47.

Other Student Government election results include:

Vice President of Student Services: Carol Ellison (unopposed).

Vice President of Academic Affairs: James Cleary (unopposed).

Vice President of Finance: Mills Roberts (unopposed).

Vice President of Rules and Regulations: Clay Baker, 1,600, Mike Simms, 1,526.

Vice President of External Affairs: Douglas Baird, 1,749, Ken Skaggs, 1,457.

More than sixty students were elected to the Student Senate. An off will be held between Mark Neff and Troy Miller for the sophomore liberal arts senate seat.

There will also be a runoff between Thomas "Pre" Ball and Mike Feagins for Class of '86 president.

Cindy Webb was elected Class of '87 president with 50.7 percent of the 1,046 votes cast.

Dion Laurent was elected Class of '88 president with 64 percent of the 1,259 votes cast in the race.

Other election results are posted at the west entrance to the Pavilion.

## Houston areas sink one foot

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The increased rate of underground water pumping in areas south and west of downtown Houston has caused the ground there sink as much as one foot since 1978, officials announced Wednesday.

Studies by the Harris-Galveston Coastal Subsidence District and the U.S. Geological Survey show that subsidence has increased to a higher than usual rate in western and southern Harris County.

J. C. Holzschuh, chief hydrologist for the subsidence district, said if underground water continues to be pumped at the present rate, the area could sink another 10 feet in the next 35 years.

The bowl-shaped subsidence area in Harris County once centered on the Houston Ship Channel. Land sinking there contributed to flooding parts of the San Jacinto Battleground, neighborhoods in Baytown and roads near the Johnson Space Center.

But Holzschuh said subsidence rates in the eastern end of the county, around the Houston Ship Channel, have leveled off. Underground water pumping in the area has been curtailed in recent years and aquifers are recharging. Most water districts in that area have converted to use of stored surface water.

However, subsidence has increased in the western county areas where more than 187 million gallons of water a day is pumped to the surface. Jim Williams, a U.S. Survey hydrologist, said water levels in two underground aquifers there have declined significantly.

The ground is sinking slightly in downtown Houston and at the Houston Intercontinental Airport. Since 1978, downtown Houston has sunk about six inches and the airport about four inches.

Most of Houston is underlain by a dense clay that expands when it is wet. Pumping underground water causes the clay to compress deep underground, permitting the surface of the ground to sink. The sinking ground can cause house foundations, streets and bridges to crack.

## Around town

### Plant fair slated for Saturday

The Floriculture-Ornamental Horticulture Club, the Horticulture Club, the Student American Institute of Floral Design, horticulture faculty and the extension service have joined efforts to sponsor a **Plant Fair Saturday**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Horticulture Forestry Sciences Building on west campus. Houseplants and exotics, vegetable transplants, roses and blackberries will be on sale. Students, faculty, and extension agents will answer questions and solve problems. The SAIFD will have a flower-arranging demonstration. Bring your ailing plants.

### Off Campus Center sponsors program

The Off Campus Center and the Off-Campus Aggies will sponsor an informative program titled "Moving Off Campus." The program is designed for residence hall students planning to move off campus and will feature information about off-campus living. The program will be presented Sunday and Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the A-1 Lounge and on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Commons Piano Lounge. For more information, contact the Off Campus Center at 845-1741.

### KANM features student writers

"Alternating Frequencies," a weekly program on KANM-FM (99.9), will feature students reading stories from their own lives today at 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Station Manager Chris Dominy will host the writers, who are enrolled in two sections of English 103, Composition and Rhetoric, taught by Joan Penzenstadler, a graduate teaching assistant.

### Corps will march to river Saturday

The Corps of Cadets will hold its annual **March to the Brazos** benefiting the March of Dimes on Saturday. The Corps will assemble at 8:30 a.m. and will march about 4 miles to the Brazos River. Tonight a mixer will be held at the Lakeview from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. All proceeds will go towards the March to the Brazos fund.

### Political science society holds contest

Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society, is sponsoring its annual paper contest. The contest offers a \$100 first prize and a \$25 second prize with certificates to be awarded for the top three places. Deadline for entry is Monday. All papers must have been written since the Fall 1982 semester. Papers are to be submitted to the Pi Sigma Alpha box in 130 Bolton. See the Political Science Society/Pi Sigma Alpha bulletin board for further details.

### 5K run scheduled for Saturday morning

Texas A&M Roadrunners and OPAS are holding the 3rd Annual **Run for the Arts Saturday**. The race will begin at 8:30 a.m. in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum. Registration is \$6 before Saturday or \$8 the day of the race. Race day registration begins at 7 a.m. Awards will be awarded.

## Gramm show comes under fire

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After only one episode, the "Phil Gramm Show" already may be in trouble.

The freshman Republican senator decided to tape a monthly news conference and offer it to Texas television stations. The cost, according to Gramm press secretary Larry Neal, was dramatically less than that of other "constituent communications," such as mass mailings of newsletters.

Neal asked Washington reporters for Texas news organizations to participate. A couple of reporters turned him down, he said, but three

accepted and appeared on the first show, which was taped March 15 in the Senate recording studio.

The cost — \$328 — was paid out of Gramm's office expense account, Neal said. The account usually is made up of taxpayer money, but the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee also contributes to Republican senators' office accounts.

Neal said the participants were assured that the unedited show "would go on, warts and all." It was sent to about 25 television stations, plus cable outlets, but Neal said he did not know yet how many used the show.

This week two Texas newspapers ran stories questioning the ethics of reporters participating in what could be construed as a political promotion for Gramm.

Cragg Hines, the Houston Chronicle's Washington bureau chief, said in a story that ran Thursday that the Chronicle had a policy of not participating in such shows. He quoted Houston Post Washington bureau chief Kathy Lewis, who did have a reporter on the show, as saying the paper might not participate in the future because of concerns about who is paying for the production.