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Royall: Main goal of SG to represent A&M student body

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Reporter

Student Body President Sean Royall said Wednesday the first and foremost goal of Texas A&M's Student Government is to represent the student body.

At Sully's Symposium, the weekly noon-hour forum sponsored by Lambda Sigma, the sophomore honor society, Royall outlined many of his goals and how he is meeting them.

"I want you to realize we do bring results," Royall said.

As one example of bringing results, he described Student Government's involvement in getting the library to extend its hours at night. Student Government paid for the library to stay open after regular hours during an experiment to see if students would use the longer hours. The students did use the hours, and the library has taken over the funding.

Another goal Royall hopes to achieve this semester is the increased use of teacher evaluation sheets. He said one possibility is to make printouts of the results of the evaluations for each department as an aid to students in choosing a teacher when registering for a class. Royall said he also would like to see the evaluations

used in decisions about promotions and tenure.

Royall said Student Government is a service organization as well as a legislative organization adding that Student Government sponsors activities such as Aggie Muster and Parents' Weekend.

Royall described his role as an administrative officer and representative of Student Government.

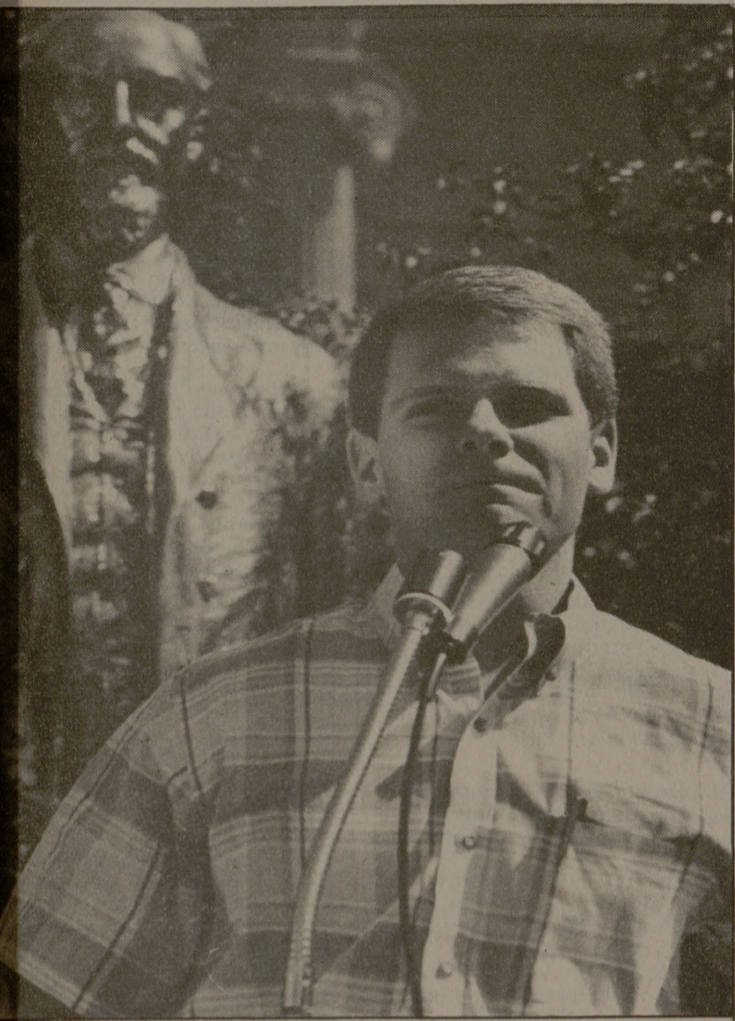
"I'm a leader and hopefully a motivator," he said.

Royall said he wants to increase communication between Student Government and the student body.

Royall said strides have been made in the right direction through an outreach program. The program is an educational tool to inform students about the role and accomplishments of Student Government by having its members talk to organizations about Student Government and tell them how they can get involved.

Another way Student Government is attempting to reach students is through Student Government information boards, which will be set up in the next few weeks, Royall said.

"This is to contact the more passive student," Royall said.



Student Body President Sean Royall

Houston official fears spread of AIDS, police tracking man

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Undercover police officers Wednesday were trailing a man of acquired immune deficiency syndrome who ignored the health director's order to abstain from having sexual relations. Fabian Bridges, 30, has boasted he will continue having sex with strangers, even though he knows he carries the fatal disease, said Capt. Fulbright of the Houston police division.

"We've got a man who's definitely a threat to society," Fulbright said.

Four undercover officers have been assigned to follow Bridges, but prosecutors said officers cannot arrest Bridges unless he solicits sexual favors from them or they actually see him having sex.

An assistant to Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes, Ted Busch, said that without proof, there is nothing the courts can do about Bridges.

"Without eyewitness proof — what law has he violated?" said Busch. "I have come up with nothing at this juncture."

Dr. James Haughton, the city health director, sent a letter to Bridges on Monday ordering him to "desist from having sexual relations and donating blood."

Violating the health order is a third-degree felony, carrying a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

If Bridges is arrested, health officials will ask that he be committed to a psychiatric hospital, Haughton said.

"A person who deliberately spreads a fatal disease is a danger to others and should be subject to psychiatric commitment," he said.

Haughton said he learned from an Ohio reporter that Bridges was in Houston.

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