Place 2 hopefuls pledge equality

By Teresa Montz and

Katherine Matzinger Reporters

th candidates for the College on City Council Place 2, Bob nels and Sara Goode Jones, say y are running to represent all of lege Station's different groups.

Incumbent

with the Runnels, associate professor of activities recorology at A&M, is running for ourth term for Place 2 on the So we wouncil against Sara Goode Jones, a tration until he ran for city council.

80, he says he is pursuing a fourth m because he is impressed with city manager, William King worth listening to," Runnels says. "I wanted to have a hand in the planning of the city." e, and he would like to continue on the riving on the city's comprehensive and long range budgeting proc-

d Brochu would like to see more commuion efforts being made to effec y involve the public in the bud-making process," Runnels says. ink we could make better use of thin the received cable channels and hold more olic forums to let the community Il social now the issues at hand. I think it's rtant that people be involved.

Background

nnels, 50, is a native of Hous-

bachelor's degree in physics and received his master's degree in meteorology from A&M in 1962.

Upon graduation he worked for NASA for two years.

In 1966 he came back to A&M to complete his education, receiving his doctorate in meteorology in 1968.

Runnels has been a professor at A&M since 1966 and has lived in College Station ever since with his wife, Sandra and four children.

Runnels says he is a member of A&M United Methodist Church and was very involved with its adminis-

attorney.

"I first ran for the City Council position because I felt my ideas were

Since he has been on the Council, Runnels has chaired the capital improvements committee and served as mayor protempore.

Issues

One of the big issues in the past has been zoning standards, he says.

"The use of land is always a personal and emotional subject," he says, "but I feel I represent many of the citizens when I say the city's zoning standards are good and we should stick to them.

Runnels also says he will represent all of the citizens of College Station.

"I will try to voice the concerns of just want to have a part in di-ng (College Station's) growth in one opinionated group," he says. "I also try not to divide the town into unnels graduated from the Uni- students and nonstudents. I'm seek-

versity of Houston in 1960 with a ing everyone's vote, which includes professor," she says. "I can identify

Runnels says if he is re-elected, he would like to see the city expand its parks and recreation facilities.

"Because we have an unusual number of citizens between the ages of 18 and 25, College Station needs to provide more services to meet these young adult's needs," he says.

Some ideas Runnels says he has for the city is to create a wildnerness park for camping as well as expand the sports fields in the community.

Challenger

Jones, Runnels' challenger, says College Station could benefit from a change on the College Station City Council, and she says she can provide that change

"I feel I can do the job better," she

Jones, 44, has four children and has lived in College Station since she

"I grew up here, and I love this town," Jones says. "The quality of life is better in a town this size, and I wanted my children to grow up

"It is a nice place to raise a family, and it has a cultural advantage with A&M.

Jones completed her undergrad-uate work at the University of Texas and earned her law degree at Baylor University,

Jones says she has experience running a business and can understand the needs of businesspeople as well as the needs of the A&M commu-

nity.
"I am the daughter of an A&M

with the A&M segment.

Concerns

But trying to encourage businesses to operate in College Station does not mean a person is uncaring about the neighborhoods, Jones

"I don't want to be cast as against zoning," Jones says. "I'm definitely in favor of zoning. The system we have is good, because people have the right to appeal zoning ideas to

Jones says she favors development and growth than Bob Runnels.

"It (College Station) can't stay the same size forever, and only change and growth can keep it alive," she

The Council needs to research and study to find long term utility operations at affordable rates, Jones

Experience

She says her business experience and her role as a lawyer will help with her role as a councilwoman,

"The role of a lawyer is solving problems, analyzing them and knowing how to solve them," he says. "I think that role will carry over in working on the council.

Besides working as an attorney, Jones is in a leadership class sponsored by the College Station Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Education Committee of the Brazos County Bar Association.

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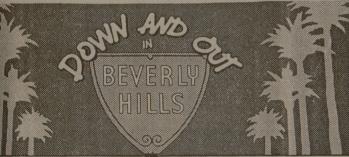
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