

President Student Body



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Realistic goals need to be set for Student Government and not empty promises. Students need to be more aware of how

Student Government affects them because it does have an impact on the students. Involvement in the Student Senate needs to be increased. I think senators should be more accountable to constituents, and I want to have input forms and suggestion boxes to aid this process.

I want to have a student representative on the Board of Regents because students need to have a stronger voice with the administration.

And I want to have an open application process for all the nonelected offices because every qualified person should be able to apply. Essentially, I want to get rid of the politics in Student Government.

For the past two years I have held leadership positions in two of the three branches of Student Government and believe I have gained the leadership skills necessary to lead it in a positive direction.



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The unreasonable method of implementing senior finals, student representation on the Board of Regents, and protection the students' financial interests by preserving the Permanent University Fund are some of the issues I believe call for immediate action.

My candidacy for student body president is not the culmination of a four-year collegiate dream. It is, however, the result of my belief that with three years of experience in Student Government, I can contribute to the student body of TAMU and effectively address the important issues mentioned above. Communicating student opinion to the policymakers on these issues is the ultimate responsibility of the president.

My campaign for student body president is not based on sophisticated rhetoric and promises that cannot be kept, but rather on my merit as a dedicated student and leader.



Students to choose '87-'88 leaders April 1

Texas A&M students will again head to the polls April 1 to choose their student government representatives for 1987-88.

As in years past, the only requirement for eligible voting status is a current A&M I.D. card, and a basic knowledge (which can be gained simply from reading this supplement) of where to vote and who to vote for.

Students will vote to fill these positions:

- The student body president.
- All Student Senate chairmen except for the chairman of the rules and regulations committee since that is now an appointed position.
- Junior and senior yell leaders.
- Student Senate representatives.
- Residence Hall Association officers.
- Off-Campus Aggies officers.
- Class councils.
- Graduate Student Council members.

Students also will vote on a referendum that would create an Intramural/Recreational sports fee to fund construction and operational costs of a new intramural facility. The referendum states that the fee is not to exceed \$50 per semester.

There are some new

polling places and extended hours this year with polls to be placed at the Memorial Student Center, Sbisa Dining Hall and Kleberg from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Students may also vote at the Sterling C. Evans Library from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Election results are scheduled to be announced at noon, April 2, at the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue in front of the Academic Building.

If runoff elections are necessary they will be held on April 8 at the same locations and times.

More than 150 candidates have filed for the various positions including nine candidates for student body president. This year, all committee chairman candidates are running unopposed.

Students may vote for a candidate not listed on the ballot by requesting and filling out a write-in slip at the polling sites.

Any positions which remain unfilled after the election will be filled early in the fall semester.

In the fall students can apply for membership in the Senate, and after interviews with the Senate's Internal Affairs Committee they may be recommended for a Senate seat which they can fill after being presented before the Senate for its approval.

Fee referendum included on ballot

A referendum that could affect student fees is included on the ballot students will be filling out April 1. The referendum would allow the creation of an intramural/recreational sports fee, not to exceed \$50, to support construction and operation costs of a new sports facility.

Becky Bauer, an intramural department spokeswoman, said the facility is still in the planning stage, and that few details

can be confirmed, including the facility's location. She also said the actual fee could be less than \$50, but the department has set that amount as an upper limit.

She said it is planned to be 150,000 to 175,000 square feet in size, and to include facilities for almost all areas of intramural sports. Student input would be taken into account on most aspects of the construction of the facility, she added.

Construction would not begin until approved by the students, the Board of Regents, and the Texas Legislature. It probably would not be considered by the Legislature until its next regular session, which is in two years, she said. The only chance of it being considered before that time would be if the Legislature had a special session, but even then it would have to be assigned by the governor to the group for study.