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Dear Readers:

Leap years always feature unusual events, such as 20-year-old people turning five on Feb. 29, the Olympics and, of course, the presidential elections. And now that the winners of the winter sporting events have been chosen, Americans are beginning to look toward choosing their next president.

As Super Tuesday nears, Texans are paying closer attention to the qualifications and campaign promises of each candidate. Instead of concentrating on the political personalities of these nationwide candidates, At Ease has focused on some past and present presidents of another body of people: the Texas A&M student body. We did some digging into the past and found out where some former A&M student body presidents are today. These former students talk about their feelings on Student Government and tell what they learned from their days as college-aged presidents.

Our second story returns to the 1988 political scene as we talk to the campaign headquarters of several presidential hopefuls about their feelings toward the American youth. Most candidates say they want more than the American youth's vote, as they also want their help in their campaigns.

Our profile this week is about a student who has had to find more than friends since he came to A&M; he has had to find supporters. Our subject discusses his role as a student leader, as well as his plans for the future.

Finally, our Aggienizing Answers column asks students what they think of Student Government. In particular, we asked them if they thought they were being well represented by Student Government. As usual, the responses were varied and interesting.

There's one last comment we'd like to make about this issue. We realize that we have only mentioned Student Government as a forum for college leadership. We are well aware that the MSC provides many leadership opportunities, as do all organizations at A&M. We simply felt the need to narrow what we saw as a very broad topic. No hard feelings intended.

Have a great week!

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Matt says that Harrison Ford is dazzling in his new movie, "Frantic," but that the movie itself is lacking pizzazz.

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The John Thomas Project played at Kay's Cabaret this weekend and Shane gave the band a listen. He says even though it took a while to get going, they put on a good show.

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Shane listened to Public Enemy's new album "Yo! Bum Rush the Crowd." He says the album goes back to the original raw sound of street rap.

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