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Hays wins top vote in student elections

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Jay Hays, the 1987-88 speaker of the Student Senate, will be Texas A&M's next student body president.

Hays received 56.61 percent of the 4,443 votes cast for Student Body President in Wednesday's Student Government general election to defeat Brian Banner by a margin of 587 votes.

"I'm relieved and weak at the knees," Hays said after the announcement Thursday that he won the election. "I was 90 percent sure that we won the campaign, but I didn't know about the election."

Banner, this year's vice president for administration of the Student Government, said he probably won't apply for a vice-presidential job in the Hays administration, but he didn't rule out some type of involvement in Student Government.

Hays takes office today and will work with this year's student body president, Mason Hogan, for the rest of this semester to learn some of the administrative details of the job. Hays, along with the other student government officers elected Wednesday and those to be elected in a runoff election April 4, will be sworn into office during the final

Student Senate meeting this semester.

The structure of the Student Government will remain as is, Hays said, with three executive-vice presidents directly under the president in the chain of command. Hays said he will select his vice presidents in a couple of weeks.

One change to be made under his administration, Hays said, will be to expand the role of the Student Senate in addressing issues pertinent to students.

"More emphasis will be placed on the Senate," he said. "If you can get the issues to them, they'll usually get on it, and I'm going to give them something to do."

Aside from the student body president, more than 100 other positions in the Student Government were decided in Wednesday's election. The races that attracted the most voters were for yell leaders. More than 13,000 votes were cast for senior yell leaders and 8,862 votes were tallied for junior yell leaders. The next group of senior yell leaders includes Steve Keathley, who received 3,350 votes; Ronnie Bolton, who received 2,217 votes, and Rick Hamilton, who got 2,025 votes. Keathley, the only returning yell leader, received the

most votes of any candidate for any position in the election.

Junior yell leaders will be Steve Coan, who received 2,174 votes, and Waylan Cain, who got 1,950 votes. All of the yell leaders are in the Corps of Cadets.

Results of all other contested races with percentage of votes won are as follows:

- Class of '89 Vice President — John Hovenden, 50.08 percent.
- Class of '89 Social Secretary — Chris Campbell, 71.6 percent.
- Class of '89 Treasurer — Scott Sloter, 58.53 percent.
- Class of '90 Social Secretary — Jennifer Evans, 60.26 percent.
- Class of '90 Treasurer — Kathleen Broderick, 54.67 percent.
- Class of '91 Secretary — Cindy Oden, 54.65 percent.

Student Senate

- Dorm seats
 - Hart, Law, Puyear, Cain — Aaron Day.
 - Mosher, Krueger, Underwood, Legett — Shannon Maloney, Melissa Rasberry.
- Off-campus seats
 - Ward 3 — Leanne Rogers, Robert Bodnar, Alisa Atsinger, Paul Wunderlick.



Photo by Jay Janner

Jay Hays was named student body president near the Academic Building at 10:30 p.m. Thursday.

- College seats
 - Agriculture, sophomore — Ty Clevenger.
 - Agriculture, junior — Bruce Lamphier.
 - Business Administration, sophomore — David Jones, Carolyn Wolfe.
 - Business Administration, junior — Brad Osborn, James Beck.
- Education, junior — Kim Cope-land.
- Education, senior — Tammy Wilson.
- Engineering, sophomore — David McGough, Steve Robbins, Rollin McPhee.
- Engineering, junior — Kenny Rogers, Chris Riley, Kurt Thomlinson.
- Liberal Arts/General Studies, sophomore — Brennan Reilly, Brent Kettle.
- Liberal Arts/General Studies, senior — Kyle Allen, Charles Hogan.

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Committee names candidates for A&M presidency

By Richard Williams
Senior Staff Writer

The Texas A&M presidential search advisory committee has released a list of 59 individuals under consideration for the A&M presidency.

Committee chairman Dr. Edward Hiler, head of the agriculture economics department, said the names on the list represent those who have applied or been nominated for the position.

The list includes Dr. James C. Miller III, director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, Marvin T. Runyon, A&M Class of '45 and president and chief executive officer of Nissan U.S.A..

Only one woman, Dr. Mary L. Good, was on the list released by the committee. Good is the president of Engineered Materials Research for Allied-Signal Corporation.

Hiler said he doesn't know if the list contains any minority individuals.

There were three or four nominees who are classified as minorities, but these minorities were among those who asked to be dropped from the list, Hiler said.

A person may either apply or be nominated to be considered, he said. If an individual is nominated, the committee informs him of the nomination and requests a resume, Hiler

The following is a list of candidates compiled for consideration by the search advisory committee.

- Edward C. Aldridge
Secretary of the Air Force
SAF/OS Pentagon
- Dr. Steven Altman
President
Texas A&I University
- Dr. Ryan Amacher
Dean, College of Commerce and Industry
Clemson University
- Dr. Duwayne M. Anderson
Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Studies
Texas A&M University
- Dr. George Ansell
President
Colorado School of Mines
- Admiral Lee Baggett, Jr. U.S.N.
Commander in Chief
U.S. Atlantic Command and Supreme Allied Commander

- Dr. D. James Baker
President
Joint Oceanographic Institutions, Inc.
- Dr. Norman Baker
Senior Vice President and Provost
University of Cincinnati
- Dr. Warren J. Baker
President
California Polytechnic State University
- Lt. General Melvin F. Chubb
Electronic System Division/CC
Clemson University
- Dr. Eddie J. Davis
Deputy Chancellor for Finance and Administration
The Texas A&M University System
- Dr. William E. "Bud" Davis
Chancellor
Oregon State System of Higher Education
- Joe Carter Denman '46
President & CEO
Temple-Eastex, Inc.

- Dr. Davis L. Ford '59
President
Davis L. Ford Associates
- Glenn A. Goerke
President
The University of Houston - Victoria
- Dr. Mary L. Good
President
Engineered Materials Research
Allied-Signal Corporation
- Dr. Richard J. Gowen
President
South Dakota School of Mines
and Technology
- Gerald D. Griffin '56
President & CEO
Houston Chamber of Commerce

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nority or otherwise, but it has encouraged all nominees to allow the committee to consider them.

The committee also has compiled seven questions to be answered by candidates that will show their commitment to affirmative action, Hiler said.

Instead of asking if the candidates believe in affirmative action the question will allow the committee to actually tell if the individual has proven that belief:

"What have you done in your job to ensure minorities and women are represented on all levels of your staff?" is one question that might be asked, he said.

The questions have been designed to give both committees involved in the search a way to establish the actual commitment of the candidate to affirmative action, Hiler said.

After reviewing all of the candidates the committee will forward the names of all candidates to Chancellor Perry Adkisson.

Adkisson will review the list, make any additional recommendations and then forward the list to the presidential selection committee. The presidential selection committee will examine the list, add any recommendations and then forward the list to the Board of Regents. The Regents then will select the new president us-

ing the recommendations forwarded to them.

This procedure means new candidates may be added to the list at each step.

Hiler said this also means individuals requesting not to be considered today may be considered at a later date.

Hiler said the committee hopes to be able to forward the list to the chancellor by May 1.

The list includes five individuals working at A&M and at least three others who formerly were employed by A&M as faculty members. Seven former students are included on the list.

Absent from the list was Dr. Gordon Eaton, president of Iowa State University, who was the provost and vice president for academic affairs at A&M before he left for Iowa State.

Eaton had been mentioned as a possible candidate in several newspaper reports.

According to Eaton's secretary, Eaton asked to be removed from consideration after being nominated for the committee's consideration. Eaton gave no reason for his decision, she said. She also said she did not know if Eaton would decide to be considered for the position at a later date.

Eaton could not be reached for comment.

Senate ratifies new aid bill for medical care to Contras

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate gave lopsided approval Thursday to a \$48 million humanitarian aid bill that would break a one-month drought in the flow of U.S. supplies to Nicaragua's Contra rebels and send medical care to war-injured children.

Approval on an 87-7 vote sent the measure to President Reagan, who has promised to sign it into law so that rebel fighters can be sustained in the field as they wait for agreement with the leftist Sandinista government on a long-term cease fire and a reconciliation between the two warring sides.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Reagan, who leaves Washington Friday for a 10-day vacation, wanted to sign the bill before he leaves. "I would think he would sign it almost immediately after receiving it," Fitzwater said.

Congress, twice earlier this year, had rejected aid proposals for the rebels, and their last U.S. support had expired on Feb. 29.

The easy passage of the bill in the Senate, and a day earlier in the House, was made possible by a March 23 accord on a 60-day truce between the Contras and the Man-

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gua regime reached after talks in Sapoia, Nicaragua.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., noted that the aid bill fell short of the desires of Contra supporters, who would have preferred to send weapons to the rebels, and also bothered rebel opponents who oppose sending any aid.

"This package strikes a balance, and is for the sole purpose of supporting that agreement in Sapoia," Dodd said during a harmonious floor debate on the measure. "If not for that agreement, we wouldn't be doing this today."

A Contra proponent, Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., said the action

on the part of any person whose name may appear," Hiler said.

Only about 35 of the individuals listed have forwarded resumes to the committee and asked to be considered as candidates, Hiler said. Miller is one of the individuals who returned a resume and is considered an active candidate, Hiler said.

Active candidates are those who have applied or been nominated and sent in resumes.

The other individuals on the list either have not been contacted by the committee or have not replied to a request for a resume, he said.

Hiler said the committee has not specifically recruited anyone, mi-

would "send a strong signal that the Contras are not being abandoned. . .

If the Sandinistas knew they could simply wait out the Contras, they would have no incentive to continue to negotiate."

But Boren also said the failure of Congress to agree on military support for the rebels would prove to be "one of the gravest mistakes in American foreign policy ever made." He predicted the leftist Managua government will never live up to promises it has made to restore democratic freedoms, and said lack of military pressure from the rebels already is encouraging the leftist insurgency in El Salvador.

Sen. Brock Adams, D-Wash., spoke out against the package, saying it maintains U.S. involvement in a conflict that should be up to Central Americans to resolve. "This vote today is to maintain a fighting force in existence," Adams said.

And Sen. David Durenberger, R-Minn., said the appearance of near-unanimity on the aid bill was illusory.

"I don't think the course . . . Nicaragua is on is the beginning of the end of this problem," he said. "It is a hiatus, the end of one American policy awaiting the beginning of another."

Lawsuit helps wildlife along Rio Grande

AUSTIN (AP) — An environmentalist said Thursday that a "precedent setting" lawsuit settlement was designed to protect wildlife along the Rio Grande, south of El Paso.

The area will get gains back for wildlife in the settlement of the federal suit against the International Boundary and Water Commission, Dede Armentrout of the National Audubon Society said in a news conference.

Environmental groups, state agencies and sportsmen banded together in the suit, which was filed five years ago against the U.S. section of the commission over its handling of a 200-mile boundary preservation project between Fort Quitman and Presidio.

The groups said the commission did not comply with its environmental impact statement to minimize wildlife damage.

In the settlement, the commission agreed to make up any damage to the environment after an assessment by an independent biological consultant. It also has agreed to comply with requirements in the environmental impact statement, Armentrout said.

Studies say AIDS virus grows more powerful as disease progresses

WASHINGTON (AP) — The virus that causes AIDS actually changes and grows more powerful as the immune deficiency disease progresses, according to studies at the University of California in San Francisco.

In a report to be published Friday, Dr. Jay A. Levy, professor of medicine at UCSF, said he and a group of researchers discovered the changing virus by studying blood samples taken over a four-year period from four men who were infected by the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV.

The scientists found that as the AIDS patients became sicker, the virus seemed to evolve and strengthen. "It's surprising," Levy said in an interview. "The virus doesn't just stay the same, but actually changes its biologic features. It looks like the same virus, but it's probably evolving within the individual."

The studies started while all four of the randomly selected subjects tested positive for the HIV virus, but had not yet developed AIDS.

Three of the men later developed AIDS and two died. The fourth con-

tinues to have no AIDS symptoms, even though he tests positive for the virus.

In the three who developed AIDS, Levy said the HIV viruses isolated from their blood samples became more and more virulent as their symptoms intensified.

Virulence was tested by exposing the isolated virus to cells in test tubes.

Levy said that when the subjects were experiencing the most severe AIDS symptoms, the HIV from their blood was able to multiply more readily. It also could infect cells more easily and would attack a greater variety of cells.

Viruses isolated periodically from the patient who remained without AIDS symptoms, however, did not show any change in virulence, Levy said.

Levy said it is obvious that the virus must be able to reproduce, or replicate, in order to evolve this increasing virulence.

As a result, he said, if researchers can stop the virus from replicating, then it could be kept harmless, even though it continued to live within the patient.