

Commissioners expect clean elections

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Although a reporter for the student newspaper at the University of Houston is in hot water for voting nine times earlier this month in a campus election to prove the shortcomings of the school's electoral system, Texas A&M's election system is "cheater-proof," an election commissioner said.

Co-chairman of the election commission Kristin Hay, a junior psychology major, said the possibility of someone voting more than once at A&M is virtually impossible.

Hay said certain checks and balances are set up in the system to assure a clean election.

"For example, for students to vote they must have their student identification card," Hay said. "It will be punched in some area of the card, so if a student went to another polling site the worker would obviously notice the hole in the card indicating they had voted."

Voters must 'bubble' in their social security number on their ballot or their vote will not be counted, Hay said.

"They'll also have to write-in their classification, what college they're in, what their living area is, if they're an on- or off-campus voter and what polling place they're voting at," Hay said. "All this information will be processed and double-checked by the computer. All ballots will be counted twice by the computer."

Student Government, RHA and APO each will have two representatives at each of the four polling sites working one-hour shifts. An election commissioner will also be at each of the polling sites. The commissioners include: Hay, co-chairman Perry Liston, Steve Lyssy, Mike Delgado, Gayle Bittiker, Angie Pollock and Karen Gibson.

Hay said the voting violation at Houston could not happen at A&M.

The day before Scott Streater, a reporter for the Daily Cougar, voted at each of nine polls during a student government election, he notified elec-

tion officials. Two days later his account of how and why he voted more than once appeared in the Daily Cougar.

The University of Houston Students' Association officials filed a complaint against him several days later citing violations of school policy.

William Linsley, a communications

professor at the university, was quoted in a March 8 issue of the Houston Chronicle: "Presuming he broke the law, he's not different from any other student just because he's a member of the press. But his intent is very important here," Linsley said. "He went about it in good faith to correct what was an incorrect voting process."

Students with a current Texas A&M student i.d. can vote at the following campus locations on Thursday.

Polling places	Polls open
Academic Building	9 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Blocker Building	9 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Kleberg	9 a.m. — 6 p.m.
MSC	9 a.m. — 8 p.m.



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Student Senate

Senate Chairmen

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| Academic affairs
• Kerrie Neck | Finance
• David Wieland |
| Student Services
• Christi Choat | External Affairs
• Kenny Gossett |

Agriculture

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| At-Large
• Kelly Spencer
• Kelly King
• Jason Baird
• Jeff Darby | Sophomore
• Stephen Weber |
| | Junior
• Dawn Wayne |
| | Senior
• Jason D. Grier |

Architecture

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| At-Large
• Phillip B. Chen
• Tim Hagen
• Mary Beth Haggerty
• Marc K. Lopez
• William Higgins | Sophomore
No candidates reported. |
| | Junior
No candidates reported. |
| | Senior
No candidates reported. |

Business

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| At-Large
• Jason Peterson
• Angie Arrona
• Steve Skipworth | Junior
• Meredith Ann Brown
• Chris McClain
• Darren A. Miller |
| Sophomore
• Jennifer Darr
• Tom Stauch
• Jay T. Garrett
• JoJo Yiu | Senior
• Thomas J. Donna
• Diane Purinton |

Education

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| At-Large
No candidates reported. | Junior
No candidates reported. |
| Sophomore
No candidates reported. | Senior
• John T. Hubert
• G.G. Grant |

Engineering

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| At-Large
No candidates reported. | Junior
• Brent Kettle
• Chuck Keffer
• Timm Doolen
• Joel Bittick
• Jeff Chapman | Senior
• Kurt Thomlinson
• Tim Dillman
• Jeff Starr
• David Corder |
| Sophomore
• Coy Kouba
• Steven G. White
• Drew Miller | | |

Geosciences

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| At-Large
• Keith Komar | Junior
No candidates reported. |
| Sophomore
No candidates reported. | Senior
No candidates reported. |

Liberal Arts/ General Studies

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| At-Large
No candidates reported. | Junior
• Priscilla Buelow
• Brennan Reilly
• Damon Smith
• Danellie Pena
• Jimmy Beard | Sophomore
• Tricia Heithecker
• Danny West
• Phyllis Janysek
• Jeff Shipley |
| Senior
• Jonathon A. Poe
• Katherine Hinson
• Kirsten Baker | | |

Science

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| At-Large
• Gregory S. Couger
• Charles Edward Phipps | Junior
No candidates reported. |
| Sophomore
No candidates reported. | Senior
No candidates reported. |

Graduate

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| At-Large
• Bruce Minchey | • Mark E. Inman
• Storm Kuykendall |
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Vet. Medicine

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| At-Large
• Brian Kingston |
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