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## A&M tightens registration rules

### Bill intends to end student worker abuses of system

**By Karen Praslicka**  
*The Battalion*

Class registration for students with jobs will be more complicated this year because of a new system designed to prevent student workers from abusing the early registration system.

Student workers who want to register for summer classes will now do so by telephone. They also are required to fill out a more detailed form to provide evidence that they are actually employed by Texas A&M.

The new policy is designed to address concerns about classes being filled before registration begins by students pre-registering for classes they are not going to take to reserve them for friends.

The Student Senate passed a student worker pre-registration bill in an effort to keep students from abusing the pre-registration system.

The bill calls for a stricter policy to verify whether students who are pre-registering are actually student workers.

Dr. Sallie Sheppard, associate provost for undergraduate studies, said the Academic Operations Committee (AOC) was asked by faculty members and students to check into pre-registration. The AOC, a committee primarily composed of the associate deans of all colleges, endorsed the student worker bill.

"The student group had passed this bill having to do with student workers," she said. "We endorsed directly what was passed there."

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**President Boris N. Yeltsin** fired a key member of his staff days before lawmakers are to decide the limits of Yeltsin's powers.

## Yeltsin fires architect of economic reforms

**MOSCOW (AP)** — President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia on Thursday fired Yegor Gaidar, the chief architect of his free-market reforms, just days before hostile lawmakers convene to consider whether to strip Yeltsin of some powers.

Public criticism of Gaidar had been building for weeks and his ouster as finance minister was the first sign of a response from the Yeltsin government. But it appeared unlikely to signal a major shift in Russia's painful drive toward a market economy.

Yeltsin could be trying to

defuse criticism before Monday's opening session of parliament, which could rescind his powers to issue economic decrees. In this way, Gaidar would be the fall guy for the unpopular reforms.

But Yeltsin indicated that he was not planning a wholesale retreat. He told reporters at the Kremlin that there would be no major Cabinet shake-up.

Gaidar played an important role in obtaining the \$24 billion in aid from the world's wealthiest

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**Steve Beller, left, garnered 49.17 percent of the vote, and David Brooks took 17.20 percent. More than 50 percent is needed to win.**

## Two remain in contest for president

### Beller, Brooks to compete in run-off; elections draw 6,003 student voters

**By K. Lee Davis**  
*The Battalion*

Voter turnout for Student Government elections was very high Thursday as 6,003 Texas A&M students made their choice for the candidates they hope will best represent their interests.

Twelve of the races, including the contest for Student Body President, will continue in run-off elections.

In the presidential election, Steve Beller beat his nearest competitor, David Brooks, by nearly three to one. Beller drew 49.17 percent at the polls, with 2,470 votes to Brooks' 864.

Candidates John Ansbach and Lisa Cash narrowly missed qualifying for the run-off. Ansbach finished six votes behind Brooks with 17.08 percent and Cash finished 33 votes short with 16.54 percent.

Surrounded by a throng of supporters, Beller jubilantly accepted the news that he had made the run-off.

"I'm very excited," Beller said. "It's really hard to think

right now with the excitement of the moment.

"I am ready to put the student back into student government," he said. "I am ready to put the Aggie back into government, what being an Aggie means."

David Brooks and his crowd of boosters took the news of the run-off in a calm, business-like manner.

"There is no doubt in my mind that I would have done better if the campaign had stayed with the issues," Brooks said. "After tonight, the first thing I will do is try to shift the focus of the campaign to my qualifications and goals."

"I think it is wide open, and am almost certain that Lisa Cash will support me in the run-off; and I hope I will win," he said.

Runoff elections will take place Tuesday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Any student may vote in the run-off, even if they did not vote in the first election.


*Reagon Clamon contributed to this story.*

### Voters' Voice

Students voted Wednesday and Thursday in favor of all three referendums, and there will be 12 run-off elections — including student body president.

For a complete list of student body election results, please see Page 3.

### Yell leaders for 1992-93

 <b>Ronnie McDonald</b> is a senior political science major	 <b>Tim Isgitt</b> is a junior political science major	 <b>Adin Pfeuffer</b> is a junior industrial distribution major	 <b>Mark Rollins</b> is a sophomore civil engineering major	 <b>Steve Scanlon</b> is a sophomore political science major
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## Libyans protest embargo

### Youths rebel, firebomb Venezuelan Embassy

**TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)** — Young Libyans with firebombs sacked the Venezuelan Embassy and tried to storm the Russian mission Thursday during a day of protests against countries that supported a U.N. air and arms embargo on Libya.

The U.N. Security Council, in emergency session, demanded Libya pay for damage to the embassies and laid blame for the attacks on Col. Moammar Gadhafi.

"This is so transparently and obviously directed to bring pressure on members of the Security Council," said U.S. Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering.

Women and schoolgirls carried flowers to the embassies of India and Morocco, two of the five U.N. Security Council members that abstained in Tuesday's 10-0 vote to impose sanctions after Libya refused to turn over suspects in the bombings of two airliners.

Venezuela's Foreign Ministry issued an unusually harsh protest to Libya, angrily denouncing the assault on its embassy and demanding an official explanation within 48 hours.

The U.N. Security Council held an emergency session in New York to draft a statement demanding an immediate halt to the attacks in Tripoli.

The United Nations later issued a statement saying Libya had apologized for the embassy

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attacks and claimed Gadhafi opposed the violence.

The sanctions were imposed after Libya refused to surrender six alleged intelligence agents sought in the bombings of Pan Am Flight 103 in 1988 and a French airliner in 1989, which killed a total of 441 people.

The sanctions will take effect on April 15 if Libya does not hand over the suspects.

Many Arabs reacted with anger to the vote. But Thursday, President Hosni Mubarak of neighboring Egypt said his nation would honor the embargo.

It was only the second time the Security Council voted to punish a country for ignoring its demands on peace and security. The council took similar action against Iraq after the Kuwait invasion.

The official Libyan news agency JANA said dozens of demonstrators were hospitalized after clashes with riot police. Western diplomats said they had no reports of injured protesters or embassy personnel.

Diplomats said the protests appeared well planned. They said that police reinforcements turned up early at several of the targeted embassies and that many demonstrators arrived in buses.



RACHEL HYMEL/The Battalion

## Lawyer details lawsuit responsible for GLSS

**By Julie Polston**  
*The Battalion*

An Austin attorney discussed Wednesday the history and context of the lawsuit which established the Gay and Lesbian Student Service organization at Texas A&M.

Patrick Wiseman, who graduated from A&M in 1970, gave a brief synopsis of the history of GLSS for Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week.

On April 4, 1976, three A&M students met with Dr. John Koldus, vice president of student affairs, for permission to advertise the meeting times of a new service group for gays and lesbians.

The students' request was denied because only officially recognized groups were allowed this advertising privilege.

The group filed an application

for recognition the next day, but was denied on the grounds that they were not "consistent with the philosophy and goals of TAMU."

In 1977, the group hired Wiseman to file a lawsuit against the University. Eventually, the case was appealed all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. However, the court refused to hear the case on April 1, 1985.

As a result, the Fifth Circuit Court decision ruling in favor of the establishment of the organization was allowed to stand.

Wiseman said the United States government can be a necessary but evil entity that uses its power to impose personal standards.

"People are the reservoir of power, and we give a piece of that to the United States," he said. "This country has become more and more controlling, and less and

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