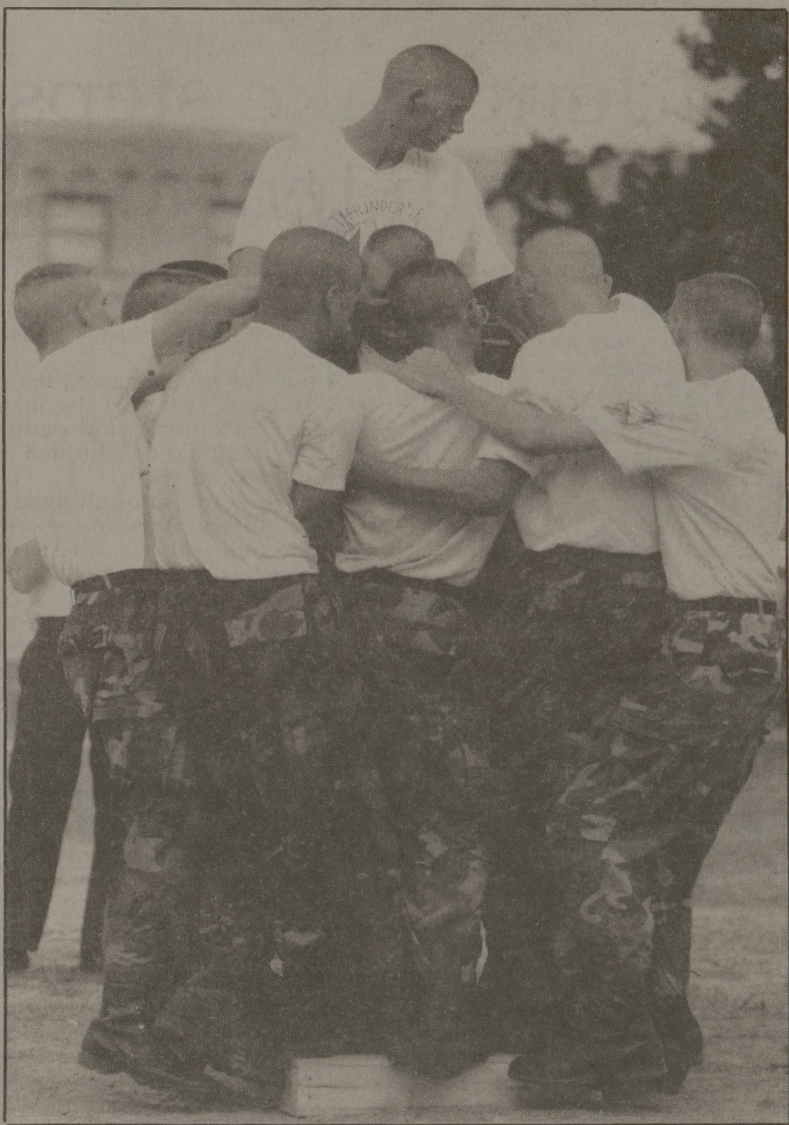


## TIGHT SQUEEZE



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Freshmen and sophomores from Squadron 13 attempt to get 17 people on a 2X2 platform during the Air Force Leadership Lab Thursday evening. **Barry Patterson**, a freshman, surveys the action as he sits on top of another squad member's shoulders.

## Judges debate juror participation

By WILL HEALY  
Reporter of THE BATTALION

The question of whether jurors should ask questions during trials dominated the MSC Political Forum's Thursday night debate between incumbent Judge John Delaney and opponent John Hawtrey in the race for the 272nd District Court.

Hawtrey, a Republican and a self-proclaimed judicial conservative, said he opposed allowing jurors to ask questions.

Hawtrey advised the audience to watch a sports event without supporting either opponent. Because of human nature, the spectator will end up taking a side, he said.

"It is absolutely impossible, if you go into that court room and

Candidates discuss opposing opinions of allowing juries to question witnesses

know that you're going to have the opportunity to ask questions, that right away you're not going to start picking sides," Hawtrey said.

Delaney, a Democrat, said the questions jurors ask are screened.

"You don't let the jurors ask questions like, 'What did you think you were doing when you ran the red light?'" Delaney said.

Juror questions are allowed in 27 states, including Texas, Delaney said.

"It's humbling to lawyers that jurors can ask better questions than they can," he said.

During the debate, Delaney questioned Hawtrey's qualifications for the position citing a survey of the Brazos County Bar Association. The survey asked local lawyers who was better qualified for the job.

Quoting the survey, Delaney said that out of 72 respondents, 70 said Delaney was qualified or well-qualified compared to 10 for Hawtrey.

On the topic of court appeals, Hawtrey accused Delaney of hearing 128 appeals from February 1985 to August 1991. He also said Delaney was spending more time in his courts than in the two other

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-John Delaney

district courts in the area. Hawtrey promised to resign if he had 128 appeals in the same amount of time.

Delaney responded by challenging his opponent to compare his number of appeals to other courts. He answered the charge of overspending by citing that there are five personnel on the other district courts compared to four on his own. Delaney called Hawtrey's figures on overspending in his court "careless mis-stated facts."

## Student Senate members now include liaisons

By GINA HOWARD  
Reporter of THE BATTALION

The Student Senate approved legislation Wednesday concerning student liaisons and handicap facilities on the Texas A&M University campus.

Senate Bill 92-12, dealing with student liaisons between the Student Senate, Faculty Senate and Bryan-College Station City Councils, was approved with the addition of an amendment after a short debate on the floor.

The legislation adds an amendment to Senate by-laws to make student liaisons members of the Senate. Appointment of these liaisons will be based on submission of applications and will be open to any qualified students.

Brian Walker, speaker of the Senate, introduced the second piece of legislation passed, Senate Resolution 92-8. The resolution, titled American Disabilities Act Compliance, encourages the ADA Steering Committee to "go well

beyond technical compliance and to reach compliance with the spirit and intent of the American Disabilities Act."

Walker said simply meeting the requirements is not enough.

"The purpose of this committee would be to provide a clearer channel of communications concerning policy changes, not to mandate what the committee decides."

-Patty Warhol, Senator

"A lot of buildings are in technical compliance, but do not stand with the spirit of the act," Walker said.

Several other bills were approved to go back to committee for the next step in the legislative

process.

The Bus Operations Advisory Board, which deals with setting up a non-Senate committee to serve as a sounding board for bus operation patrons and employees, was returned to committee. Senator Patty Warhol, who introduced the bill, said it will not be a Senate committee nor will a Senator specifically serve on the board.

"The purpose of this committee would be to provide a clearer channel of communications concerning policy changes, not to mandate what the committee decides," Warhol said.

Other business addressed by the Senate included a committee to solicit money from former Senators in order to generate funding, looking into the implementation of a B+ to C+ into the grading system, the possibility of students being able to substitute academic classes for required kinesiology and Senior Awareness Week, which will be conducted the week of Nov. 2.



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