

Student body president

Officials comment on position, important characteristics of office holder

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The Battalion

Texas A&M's next student body president needs to be willing to make hard decisions which will affect student's lives and work towards bringing the campus together, said University officials Monday.

"A student body president needs to articulate and communicate the goals, aspirations and needs of the University inside and outside of the community," said University President Dr. William Mobley.

Mobley said the student body president is the primary communicator of the student body's perspective, and the president needs to take advantage of the many opportunities to interact with the administration.

"The president will need to be a good listener and understand how challenging it will be to get unanimity on any issue," he said.

Mobley also said the president needs to represent the views of the student body in a variety of forms, but particularly to the administration.

"I look personally to the input and advice of the president," he said.

Both university presidents and student body presidents perform a limitless number of ceremonial duties, he said, and represent students in legislative affairs.

"The legislature is very interested in the student perspective," Mobley said. "When a student body president appears before them, it carries the weight of their important elected of-

office."
Student Body President Steve Beller said although there are few listed official duties, the office of president is a full-time job.
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A president has the option of approving or vetoing bills presented by the student senate and has to be committed to following up on the issues, he said.

Beller compared the job to being the chief executive officer of a corporation.

"You're the executor of a \$100,000 budget and the talents and resources of over 800 people," he said.

Like any leader, Beller said, a president has to be involved with his constituents.

"A president has to be in close proximity to effectively represent," Beller said. "A&M is so

huge you have to be involved with all factions."
Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, said the role of president is a demanding position that takes a "tremendous amount of time."

"A president needs to be well-organized and get a handle on things early on," he said.
Koldus said a great many things that affect student life come down through the Faculty Senate, and one of the president's chief jobs is to act as liaison for the student body.

"A president needs to be someone who can provide leadership in regard to all programs sponsored by student government," he said.

In addition to being a representative of all facets of student life, a president has to support those elected officials in positions under him and provide guidance, Koldus said.

"A person doesn't know what it's like until he's walked in his shoes," he said. "A president can't say yes to everything. He has to have the ability to say no at times."

Former Student Body President Steven Ruth said besides working on policy, the president's has other important duties which include meeting with the board of regents, the Association of Former Students and visiting dignitaries.

Ruth said a president has to see things from a broad perspective and make decisions affecting students that may not please everybody.

"This election is going to be competitive," he said. "The candidates are going to share a lot of their views on the issues - I wish them prudent judgment and moral guidance that will help them in this capacity."



Rick Taylor # 1 on ballot

Awards

- 2-time service meritorious award for outstanding leadership
- Outstanding member of Ross Volunteer third platoon
- 2 1/2 year Army Scholarship
- Graduated from both Army Airborne School and Air Assault School
- Experience**
- Guidon of the Fish Drill Team
- Guidon of the Ranger Challenge Team
- Commanding Officer of the National Champion Ranger Challenge Team
- Executive Officer of the Ross Volunteer Company
- Corps Staff
- Member of Traditions Council
- Class Council
- 2 years as a Fish Camp Counselor
- Big Brother Program

The student body representative of Texas A&M is to be elected. I have held several positions and stand the amount of time necessary to push an important matter. Furthermore, I have great experience in the past year, I have been a member of the national organization who have never seen a president. Thus, I have had experience. Texas A&M has a lot of money to pay Texas A&M has ever had. Thank you and God.

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Jimmy Stathatos # 2 on ballot

Awards

- Academic Excellence Award
- Order of Omega Honor Society
- Opportunity Award
- Lambda Chi Alpha National Service Award
- Commended Student Award
- Activities**
- Student Senator
- Student representative to Faculty Senate
- External vice president of Interfraternity Council
- President and social chair of Lambda Chi Alpha
- Fish aide
- Sub-chair for Designated Driver's Program
- COSGA delegate
- Student Organizations Advising Council
- MSC Jordan Institute
- Fish Camp
- Student Organizations Liability Task Force
- Rules and Regulations Committee
- Texas A&M Speakers Bureau

Howdy Ags!
My name is Jimmy Stathatos and I want to be your next student body president. I feel that I have the most experience, and I also feel that I have many ideas and solutions to the problems that have only received band-aids in the past. The time has come to push forward and break new ground instead of merely projecting the status quo.
I just completed my third year on the Student Senate. I am presently the only undergraduate student on the Faculty Senate. I am external vice president of the Interfraternity Council and I am involved with various other activities such as Fish Camp, Whoop! This is important because I have been exposed to a large number and a wide variety of students.
The more students I come in contact with, the better chance I have of effectively addressing the needs of the majority of the students at Texas A&M.
I have a platform that includes solving some of the main problems with financial aid disbursement, food services and parking.
For example, many of the 24-hour reserved spaces are only used a few times a week. Therefore, I want to work to get these converted over to after 10 p.m. spaces so students can use them after 10 at night and on weekends. This is one of my many ideas.
Above all I want to be responsive to the needs of you, the students. I will have an open-door policy where you can let me know what you think needs to be addressed.
I appreciate your support and please take the first step to beginning a partnership between myself and the students and vote for Jimmy Stathatos on the two election days.
Gig'em!

Experience and existing ties to University administration are the biggest reasons to vote for Jimmy Stathatos, he said during student body presidential candidate interviews Sunday.
"I have a lot of experience with student organizations and have been exposed to many facets of the University," Stathatos said. "I feel that I can respond to anybody's problems."
Student body presidents often go into their presidency with a strict agenda, but the agenda reflects only what the candidate and his or her supporters think the students want, Stathatos said.
He said he wants to be flexible enough to be able to respond to any need that is put to him by students that come to his office.
Even though he would like to be flexible, Stathatos is campaigning with some of his own goals.
Stathatos has focused his campaign on increasing student parking areas, decreasing the time it takes for students to receive their loans, grants and scholarships and continuing off-campus catering on-campus.
Other issues he wants to tackle include the passing of a Cultural Sensitivity Promotion Bill and lowering the cost of obtaining a transcript.
"Through my experience in Student Senate, I have worked with President Mobley and other administrators," he said. "I believe this will help me to implement my plans."
"I won't spend the first half of the year creating ties with the administration - they already exist," he said.

-Juli Phillips



Brian Walker # 3 on ballot

Awards

- Buck Weirus Spirit Award
- Outstanding Student Services Committee Award
- Outstanding Judicial Brand Member
- Achievements**
- prepared comprehensive bikeway proposal of on-campus roadways
- created and implemented Senator/Constituent Enhancement Program within Student Senate
- disseminated Student Government's budget proposal for 1993-1994
- The Student Senate, under my leadership, accomplished the following major issues:
- secured an extra reading day
- secured a fall break
- obtained the release of student/teacher evaluations
- early registration for graduation seniors
- allowing the use of Q-drop with only three hours during the summer

Before the candidate they they have done. This year, the release of teachers was the following positions: Student Government Council, Student Advisor of Finance, Student Services, Student Government Council. As student body president, I will see that student quality of academic course instructors, relations with faculty, Texas A&M needs president will better the quality of I will see that student at Texas A&M.
If elected student stressing accountability. Walker proposes to make the plan targets children. "We want to teach what it is like, but Walker's plan to like the fraternity directed toward college. "We want to prepare home. Walker also stressed this, Walker said the large. Further, the Greek had a bigger, larger Currently, A&M help fraternities Austin by testifying in Leg who most affect student student services.



Jason Arbaugh # 4 on ballot

Awards

- President's Endowed Scholarship
- National Eagle Scout Scholarship
- Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society
- Tau Kappa Honor Society
- Eta Kappa Nu Honor Society
- Activities**
- Freshman Programs
- External Affairs
- Judicial Board
- President Mobley's Disciplinary Appeals Panel
- Comptroller
- S.G.A.'s Executive Council
- Judicial Board Chair
- Director of Development
- Lechner Hall Social Chair
- Lechner Hall Council
- Casino Dealer
- Eppright Hall Newsletter Staff
- Fish Camp Counselor
- HQ Crew
- Fish Camp Co-Chair
- Class Council
- SCONA
- Aggie Leaders of Tomorrow

Howdy!
My name is Jason Arbaugh. I'm a senior electrical engineering major from Kyle and I am running for student body president.
I would like to take this time to tell you why I am running for student body president.
As a senior, I have seen, heard and experienced many of the problems that all of us face each and every day: Then when I realize that no one is working to solve them, I get upset. These problems include things such as:
• ACADEMICS - the lack of diverse and effective faculty members in all departments
• MULTICULTURALISM - the lack of multiculturalism curriculum and voluntary educational opportunities
• PARKING - the inability of students to find parking on campus when they need it
• UNIVERSITY SERVICES - the high costs of books the inadequate library, Food Services, Financial Aid, registration, PITTS, etc.
I am tired of seeing these problems persist and I want to work to solve them for the student body. I will do my best to make sure that the student's views are fully represented to the faculty and administration.
In short, I want to work for you. I have the experience and knowledge from my four years in Student Government, the Memorial Student Center, Fish Camp, and the Residence Hall Association to get things done.
Texas A&M is known for its great traditions, but it is the students who make those traditions and truly make this a great institution. I want to serve the students and make sure that you are getting everything you can from your stay here at Texas A&M University.

As Texas A&M University student body president candidate Jason Arbaugh sees it, University funding is the most important issue facing student government.
"The reason we are here is academics," said Arbaugh, a senior electrical engineering major. "We need to make sure we're being provided with the education we are paying for."
Arbaugh told the Battalion Sunday that it is important for Student Government to maintain close ties with the state Legislature in the coming months.
"There's going to be a lot of issues coming up that we need to speak with the legislature about," he said. "We need to make sure they are not going to adversely affect students."
Other topics Arbaugh said he would address were on-campus parking, campus safety and on-campus recycling. Multiculturalism deserves special emphasis, he said.
"For students to get a good education, they have to feel comfortable," Arbaugh said.
Arbaugh said he would look into proposing a mandatory one-hour class or seminars for student leaders on multiculturalism.
"We need to look at our options and see what other universities have done," he said. "Some say a class would just be a way for people to antagonize others."
It is Student Government's job to make sure the University is doing everything it can for the students.
"I want to work for the students and make sure they are getting what they deserve," he said. "I'll always have an open door and find solutions the University can work with and the students can accept."

-Gina Howard



Zack Barcevac # 5 on ballot

Awards

- Student Government Outstanding Committee Member - PIO, United Way
- Outstanding Committee Chair for the Executive Branch
- President's Endowed Scholarship
- Experience**
- Public Information Office member
- Student Government United Way member
- Public Information Committee Chair
- Fish Camp counselor
- Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing

HOWDY!
My name is Zack Barcevac. I would like to be your next student body president. Ask yourself if you can be an apartment complex. 1) Off-Campus Housing - A&M. 2) Textbook Prices - Paying Student Government a bonus save \$\$ and the seller Work hardcover textbooks buy. 3) Engineering Use fee in can be done? Drop the alter fee (based on need) and the private donation of student prospective students. 4) Traditions at A&M. 5) Multiculturalism - page from A&M. There exists a freshmen to cultural (NOT a class). We can do these issues are not there, on this campus.
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