

Student body presidential candidates

Brooke Leslie — Background & Platform



Major: Ag development

Howdy! I once heard the quote, "By confronting reality, we can change it . . ." The arrival of a new university president, upcoming state legislation proposing substantial funding cuts, an increase in our health center fee, the controversies surrounding the Board of Regents and athletic department and decreased campus safety are just a few of the realities that the new student body president will face. Through my experience as speaker pro tempore of the Student Senate, judicial board chair, Fish Camp counselor and motivational speaker for the national FFA, I have developed a unique ability to build coalitions and develop creative solutions that will effectively improve student life at Texas A&M. Securing additional reading days before finals, instituting a student book swap network, improving the University's image in the media and world community and tackling the previously mentioned issues will be difficult. Accomplishing these goals, however, will make a difference for all students at Texas A&M University. This is why I want the honor of serving as your student body president. I sincerely want to give back to the University that has made such a difference in my life. We face a tremendous task; but with faith, dedication and hard work there is nothing we as Aggies can't overcome. Let me make a difference as your student body president and together we can move mountains and change reality. Gig 'Em!

- Organizational and Leadership positions held:**
- Speaker pro tempore of student senate
 - Executive council
 - Off-campus senator
 - Fish Camp Counselor
 - Judicial board chair
 - Presidential search advisory committee
 - Southwestern Black Leadership Conference Hostess

- Class of '94 Council
 - Legislative Study Group
 - Chancellor's advisory board—Vice president of student affairs
- Awards and Honors:**
- Buck Weirus Spirit award
 - Dean's list
 - Golden Key National Honor Society
 - Outstanding legislative branch chair
 - Outstanding junior Ag in education

Background & Platform — Jeb Jones



Major: economics

Howdy Ags! My name is Jeb Jones and I am a junior economics major from Henderson running for student body president. As student body president, I want to work for improving these areas:

- quality academic advising
- off-campus housing costs
- student fee increase approval
- accessibility of student leaders
- campus beautification projects
- increases in state funding
- diversity through creative leadership and minority recruitment

With these goals in mind, I want to provide leadership for the entire student body in order for policies to be implemented that represent all students. For the past two years, as the Class of '95 president, I have led and coordinated programs for the betterment of my class. With your support, I will have the opportunity to use my experience to initiate programs, addressing the needs of all students.

- Organizational and leadership positions held:**
- Class of '95 president
 - Student Senator
 - Freshman Programs
 - TAMU Speakers' Bureau
 - Parents' Weekend Committee
 - Academic Affairs Committee
 - Aggie Men's Club, VP of candidate class
 - Fish Camp counselor

- Muster Greeter
 - Special Olympics
 - Big Event
- Awards and Honors:**
- Buck Weirus Spirit Award
 - Distinguished Student
 - Walton Hall Fish Run Champion

New president faces long hours, busy agenda

By Kim McGuire
THE BATTALION

Whoever Texas A&M students elect as student body president will definitely have his or her work cut out for them during the next year. Dr. Carolyn Adair, director of student activities, said presidents typically spend 60 hours a week performing job-related tasks. "Whoever wins has to be instinctively bright to be able to balance a full academic load with the presidency," Adair said. "They have to be ready for the tornadoes as they come."

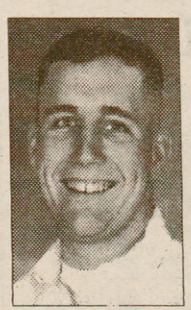
Adair said the newly elected student body president will be expected to perform many duties. The new president will primarily be a liaison between students and administration and will voice student concerns to A&M officials. In addition, the new president will represent A&M at speaking engagements throughout the country. Brian Walker, current student body president, estimates he has spoken at close to 100 functions and traveled as far as Washington D.C. and Mexico City. However, Walker said he didn't mind. "The highlight of my presidency

was speaking to young people and trying to get them motivated about A&M," Walker said. "I really enjoy promoting the University. Walker said the new president will also be expected to address higher education issues as they are brought up when the state Legislature meets this year. "This year was an off year, but we spent a lot of time doing research on issues of higher education and listening to legislators speak," Walker said. "Next year, the student body president will be spending a lot of time in Austin." Some of the other responsibilities

of student body president include: enacting Student Senate legislation, overseeing all Student Government committees such as Muster, Big Event and Fish Camp, and appointing University committees with student representatives. With so many job responsibilities, the position of student body president requires time and dedication. Dr. Adair said during her 20 year career at Texas A&M she has seen some of the best presidents come and go. "A good student body president must have a willingness to be everywhere," Adair said. "They must be a team player."

SENIOR & JUNIOR YELL LEADER CANDIDATES

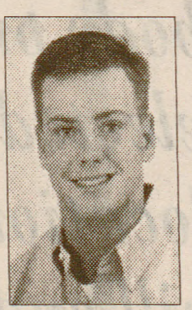
Scott Whitaker — for Senior Yell Leader



Ballot No. 1

Howdy Ags! My name is Scott Whitaker. I am a wildlife and fishery science major from Bowie, Texas. I am also a proud member of the Corps of Cadets, Company A-1, running for re-election as Senior Yell Leader. To sum up my year as a Junior Yell Leader in one word is easily done, integrity. I was honored to have the opportunity to represent you, the student body, at various Texas A&M University events. Whether I was running all over the track in Kyle Field or jumping around in G. Rollie White, I tried to motivate the 12th Man. Never once did I think I was one of five guys who simply put on a white uniform and promoted Aggie Spirit for a few hours. The five of us worked together with one common goal in mind - to represent and motivate the Aggie Spirit anyplace and anytime we could. We strived to be leaders and exemplified a unified team representing Texas A&M. Gen. O.R. Simpson once said integrity is the basic building block for the Aggie Spirit in any real Texas Aggie. I am giving Texas A&M my all and I want to serve as your Senior Yell Leader. Remember, Scott Whitaker, Senior Yell Leader, #1 on the ballot.

Trent Ashby — for Senior Yell Leader



Ballot No. 2

Howdy Ags! My name is Trent Ashby, Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of '95, agriculture economics major from Henderson, Texas, and I want to be your next Senior Yell Leader. Ags, let me ask each one of you a question, "What is a Yell Leader?" Is a Yell Leader simply one who dresses in white resembling a milkman or janitor and runs around the track of Kyle Field making silly hand signals and hollering ARMY? No way Ags, a Yell Leader is a lot more than just that. In my opinion, a Yell Leader should exemplify the true meaning of Aggie Spirit, or in other words, I want to be the type of Yell Leader that is real. When someone sees me walking across campus and they say "Howdy Trent," and I reply "Howdy Ag," they will turn around and think to themselves that Trent Ashby is a great Yell Leader, but more than that, he's a good Ag! As an Aggie, each one of us has a responsibility, a responsibility to pass the flame of Aggie Spirit burning bright in each of ourselves, but an even greater responsibility to pass that flame on to future Aggies even brighter than when we first received it. On March 30 and 31, help me pass that flame of Aggie Spirit on by remembering Candidate #2 is the choice for you, Trent Ashby for Sr. Yell Leader! God bless and Gig 'Em!