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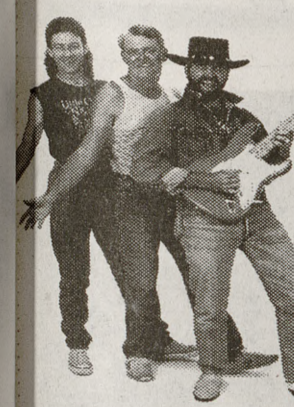
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## STUDENT ELECTIONS '95

### Runoff election to be held April 6

□ Almost 2,000 more students voted in the election than last year, an increase to 24 percent.

By Kasie Byers and Tracy Smith  
THE BATTALION

The election that brought the most students out to vote in A&M history will continue Thursday in a runoff for student body president and a few RHA and class officer positions.

The election committee counted 8,034 votes this year — 24 percent of the student body. This was almost 2,000 more votes than last year.

The election for student body president ended in a runoff between Toby Boenig and Carl Baggett.

After the results were announced, Toby Boenig said he couldn't stop shaking. "My heart is pounding," he said. "I am a total basket case."

Boenig said he doesn't plan to change his

campaign strategy over the next week, but will just continue to focus on his platform and inform the student body of his ideas.

"I'm feeling really confident about my position right now, but what happens will happen," he said. "Whatever God plans to happen will happen."

Carl Baggett will be the other candidate in next Thursday's runoff for student body president.

"Overwhelmed and excited are two words describing my feelings about tonight's results," he said. "Five great guys were running for student body president — it was a tough decision."

Henry Hewes, David Kemp and Michael Thornberry were elected senior yell leaders. Chris Torn and David Thornberry were elected junior yell leaders.

Michael Thornberry said the anticipation he felt for his brother was greater than that for himself.

"It is the greatest feeling in the world to have your brother as a yell leader with you," Michael Thornberry said. "Since we were kids we talked about this, but we never knew until

now that it could be a reality."

David Thornberry said that at this point he is simply trying to take it all in.

"I see an enjoyable year ahead of us," he said. "I'm looking forward to representing A&M."

Kemp said he is glad things worked out the way they did.

"We should have a good group representing A&M next year," he said. "I can't believe the election is finally over."

The Class of '95 agents will be Jeb Jones, Jennifer Watkins and Trent Ashby.

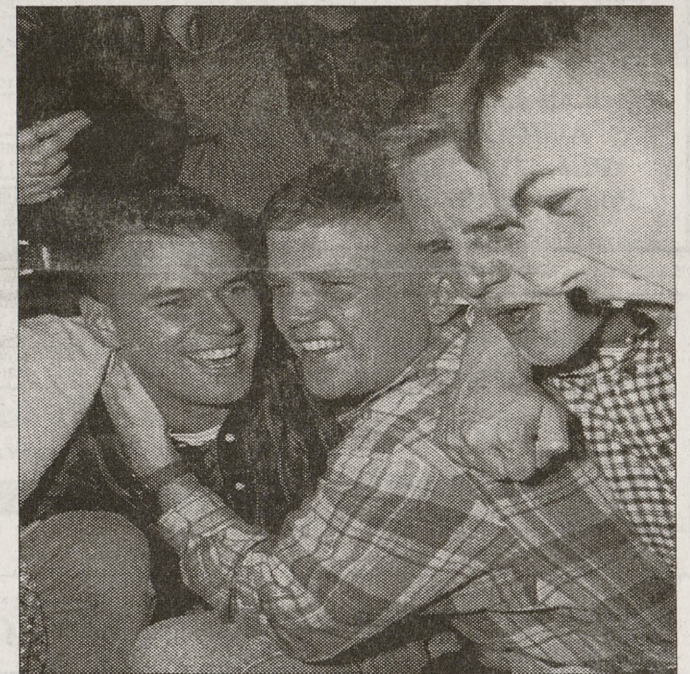
The Health Care referendum also passed, with 83 percent of the vote.

The referendum will raise the ceiling on the health care fee from \$25 to \$75. However, the increase, will be no more than 10 percent each year. The increase will require student approval each year.

By combining the health care fees into one fee, the referendum strives to make understanding the fee statements easier. Right now, students pay \$25 under the health care fee and \$15 under the student service fee for health services.



Toby Boenig is lifted up by his supporters Thursday night when he was announced as a runoff candidate for student body president.



Carl Baggett is congratulated by friends as he is announced as a runoff candidate for student body president Thursday night in front of the Sul Ross statue.

# RESULTS

<b>Student Body President</b> Runoff Carl Baggett Toby Boenig	<b>Runoff</b> Matt Chilek Shannon Habgood	<b>Class of '98 Historian</b> Runoff Betsy Cates Mike Pontiff	<b>RHA Treasurer</b> Bryan Hunt	Becky Silloway
<b>Senior Yell Leader</b> Runoff Henry Hewes David Kemp Michael Thornberry	<b>Class of '97 Vice President</b> Runoff Erik Figueredo Courtney Lyons	<b>OCA President</b> Adrian Sanderlin	<b>Agriculture Senators</b> Mike Tippit Neely Young Jimbo Cross	<b>Science Senators</b> Wendy Hawks Pam Clark Christian A. Tuma
<b>Junior Yell Leader</b> Chris Torn David Thornberry	<b>Class of '97 Secretary</b> Jenny Martin	<b>OCA Vice President</b> Tara Buban	<b>Architecture Senators</b> Mike Reining	<b>Northside Senators</b> Hilary Ekblad Kyle Mezger Jesse Czelusta
<b>Class of '96 President</b> Gerry Brown	<b>Class of '97 Treasurer</b> Wes Barnes	<b>OCA Secretary</b> Stacey Shackelford	<b>Business Administration Senators</b> Ron Mo Mark Harmon Richard Holt Jeff Prince	<b>Southside Senator</b> Dan Chaput Robert Payne Rusty Adams David Armstrong
<b>Class of '96 Vice President</b> Barry Johnson	<b>Class of '97 Social Secretary</b> Tracy Mapes	<b>OCA Treasurer</b> Terra Philby	<b>Education Senators</b> Kathryn Burgess	<b>Off-Campus Senators</b> Stefani Stone Elizabeth Neugart Amy Bigbee Leslie Johnson Rob Lewicki Brian Myers Michael Glynn Jill Jackson Melissa Moloney Bo Armstrong Matt Mayfield Annie Blanco Tracey McAllister Patrick Cone Conway James Atkinson Chris Reed
<b>Class of '96 Secretary</b> Tommy Hollahan	<b>Class of '97 Historian</b> Michael Stewart	<b>RHA President</b> Runoff Trevor Dunham Suzanne Lyons	<b>Engineering Senators</b> Ben Samuel Jason Waligura Bradley Eilers Nicholas Dickson Stuart W. Glenn Ryan Shopp	
<b>Class of '96 Treasurer</b> Runoff Todd Logan Erskine Kristen Smith	<b>Class of '98 President</b> Blake McKinney	<b>RHA Vice President for Student Development</b> Amy Wakefield	<b>General Studies Senators</b> Will Jenkins	
<b>Class of '96 Social Secretary</b> Kelly Quye	<b>Class of '98 Vice President</b> Nolan Barkhouse	<b>RHA Vice President for Operations</b> Runoff Jay Greenberg Jesse J. Sanchez	<b>Liberal Arts Senators</b> Bradley Morefield Jason Ross Erin Fitzgerald	
<b>Class of '96 Historian</b> Amy Hohlt	<b>Class of '98 Treasurer</b> Will Jenkins	<b>RHA Secretary</b> Laura Derby		
<b>Class of '97 President</b>	<b>Class of '98 Social Secretary</b> Laura Beth Vogt			

### RHA opposes funding Corps with dorm fees

□ The RHA passes a bill that objects funding for two Corps of Cadets programs.

By Wes Swift  
THE BATTALION

The Residence Hall Association condemned the use of residence hall rent money to support two Corps of Cadets programs Thursday night.

The bill said the two programs, the Corps Leadership Training and Adviser Program and the Corps Room Scholarship Program, cost on-campus residents

\$337,972 every year, at an average cost of \$30 per resident.

Mark Gribble, RHA vice president for student development, said the RHA recently discovered the programs when the residence hall finances were shifted to the Division of Student Affairs.

"Previously, the finances were all under the Division of Finance and Administration," Gribble said. "When they were put in the Department of Residence Life and Housing, the program was found during the breakdown of the finances."

Owen Ross, RHA president, said he supported the bill because he could find no benefits for non-

Corps residents.

"If these programs benefited the entire campus or the residents, I wouldn't mind funding these programs," Ross said. "But I don't see how someone living in a non-reg hall could benefit from them."

Jennifer Enos, Northside senator and member of the Student Housing Input Committee, said that a decision made by the committee on the issue was overruled.

"When this was brought before us, we decided that we didn't think it was right," Enos said. "But then it was turned over down the road."

Ross said that although he did

not approve of funding the programs through rent, he had no ill feelings toward them.

"These are two excellent programs," Ross said. "We're just paying for them out of the wrong pocket."

Although there was little opposition, Ross said he had contacted the Corps Housing Office, Corps Commandant Sgt. Maj. Thomas Darling and Corps Commander Matt Segrest to offer support for the programs. None attended the meeting.

Although the bill passed quickly through emergency legislation, some people opposed the way it was passed.

### Students give back to B-CS community

□ Students will give back to the community Saturday through the 13th annual Big Event.

By Lynn Cook  
THE BATTALION

More than 4,800 students will help clean and repair areas in Bryan-College Station Saturday for Texas A&M's 13th annual Big Event.

Laura Perkins, a member of the student government's Big Event committee, said the number of students volunteering and the number of job sites has doubled since last year.

Residence Halls, Corps outfits, Fish Camps and Greek organizations are among the groups who will be fixing roofs, painting, building wheelchair ramps and beautifying the area.

Scott Satterwhite, director of Big Event, said help is available to anyone in the community who wants it.

"A lot of people are under the impression that Big Event is only for the needy, those who can't afford to do the work themselves," Satterwhite said. "But it's not."

"It's a 'thank you' to the community for putting up with more than 40,000 students every year. No one who asks for help is turned down and we pay for all the supplies."

Most of the work sites are in-

dividual homes, Satterwhite said. However, he said, students will also help build two wheelchair ramps and clean out the old Walmart.

Big Event will start at 9 a.m. with speeches from former regent Bill Clayton and Clayton Williams Jr.

From there, students will report to their assigned work sites and work until their jobs are done.

Satterwhite said Big Event is operating under a \$15,000 budget this year. The student government gave the committee \$3,000 and the other \$12,000 was raised primarily through private donations.

Big Event began in 1982, Satterwhite said, as an idea of Joe Nussbaum's, an executive vice president in student government.

"It all started out with close to 12 people," Satterwhite said. "They went and cleared out one of the city's cemeteries."

In the past 13 years, this day of community service has expanded to involve thousands of students and hundreds of job sites.

Stephanie Green, member of the Big Event committee and service chair for Chi Omega, said her sorority will be painting houses Saturday.

"We're going to be painting two houses and we have between 50 and 60 people going," Green said. "We participate because it is such a wonderful project for the community."

### Faster not always better, panelists say

□ Journalists discuss the role of media in foreign policy.

By Stephanie Dube  
THE BATTALION

Media officials stressed the influence journalists have on foreign policy and the responsibilities this influence creates Thursday during the final forum of the Wiley Lecture Series.

Ralph Begleiter, an anchor for CNN in Washington, said the news media play an instrumental role in foreign policy.

"The media are in the satellite age of diplomacy," Begleiter said. "It is playing an integral role in the conduct of foreign policy."

The satellite age, Begleiter said, includes everything from faxes to television signals generated at a moment's notice.

Although this technology improves communication, he said, it can also create problems for foreign policy makers.

Wayne Nelson, senior producer and bureau manager for CBS News in Dallas, said this instant communication can have negative effects by creating instant decisions.

"News is transmitted almost as it happens," he said. "So decisions on foreign policy are

made in haste.

"Is it fair for media to have minute-by-minute coverage of ongoing foreign crises? This is not a baseball game we're covering. We need to be careful of how we

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represent foreign events."

However, Begleiter said that nothing should be done about the problems developing from this

rapid communication.

"America's press is an unshackled force in American democracy, a force that is widely respected around the world," he said. "This does not mean it is good, just that we should not do anything about it."

Brent Bozell, chairman of the Media Research Center, said that although the media should not be regulated, they should be aware of the influence they have over foreign policy.

"I cannot say reporters have no role to play in the conduct of foreign policy," Bozell said. "Reporters play a role in every aspect of foreign policy."

"We should not suggest

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