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Last spring
the Student
Senate
asked the
student body
to vote on
yell leader
run-off elec
tions in a
referendum.
The referen
dum passed,
but the
Student Senate
rejected con
sidering the
referendum
last semester.
Chris Williams,
a senior political
science and
speech communication
major, said he
feels his Student
Government
failed to do
something
it committed
to do when
it tabled
discussions
concerning
the referendum.
Williams, also
MSC president,
emphasized
that he is not
acting as a
member of
Student Government
or the MSC,
just as a
concerned
student.
"I want
students to
know if they
think Student
Government
has done
something
it shouldn't
or hasn't
done something
it should...
they have
the right and
the responsibility
to go to the
j-board,"
Williams said.
"That's why
it's there."
Williams said
whether he
supports
yell-leader
runoffs is
irrelevant.
He said he
just wants
to make sure
that when
students
raise their
voices, they
are heard.
Kevin Jordan,
a finance
graduate
student and
member of
the j-board,
said
Williams' petition
is a question
of the Student
Government
Association's
constitution's
stand on
referendums.
"If the j-board
rules it [the
referendum]
was binding,
then the [Stu
dent Government]
executive
branch will
implement
that [yell
leader runoffs],"
Jordan said.
Another group
of students
has started a
petition
regarding
yell leader
run-off
elections.
The students
will attempt
to get the
signatures
of 10 percent
of the student
body to ensure
there will be
yell leader
runoffs in the
next election.
If the petition
gets the
required
number of
signatures,
it would
force a
referendum
that, if passed,
would not
need Student
Senate
approval to
be implemented.
Jesse Czelusta,
Residence
Hall Association
president and
a senior agricul
tural economics
major, is helping
to promote the
petition. He
said yell-leader
runoffs should
be given a
chance.
"First and
foremost we
want to represent
the student
body," Czelusta
said. "[There
were] 6,300
students who
thought they
were giving
the Student
Government
Association a
mandate [with
the referendum],
and they
found out it
was just an
opinion."
Eliot Kerlin,
student service
chair and a
senior finance
major, said he
hopes the j-board
will act on
Williams' petition.
"There's not
much other
alternative
than to
organize a
petition drive,"
Kerlin said.
"[We want to]
make it clear
this isn't
Student
Government
or Student
Senate
covering
their tracks.
We're just
concerned
students."
Matt Mayfield,
Student
Government
executive
vice president
and a senior
animal science
major, said
students
should know
all the facts
before they
sign the
petition.
"I urge them
[students] not
to sign
flippantly,"
Mayfield said.
"Take time
to read it
and know
what's going
on. I'm not
saying sign
it or don't
sign it, just
know what
you're signing."
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Yell Leader Runoffs

J-board to hear case for referendum

By MELISSA NUNNERY
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A concerned student will petition the Student Government Association Judiciary Board to clear up the confusion surrounding last semester's referendum on yell leader run-off elections.

Last spring, the Student Senate asked the student body to vote on yell leader run-off elections in a referendum. The referendum passed, but the Student Senate rejected considering the referendum last semester.

Chris Williams, a senior political science and speech communication major, said he feels his Student Government failed to do something it committed to do when it tabled discussions concerning the referendum.

Another group of students has started a petition regarding yell leader run-off elections. The students will attempt to get the signatures of 10 percent of the student body to ensure there will be yell leader runoffs in the next election.

First and foremost we want to represent the student body," Czelusta said. "[There were] 6,300 students who thought they were giving the Student Government Association a mandate [with the referendum], and they found out it was just an opinion."

"I urge them [students] not to sign flippantly," Mayfield said. "Take time to read it and know what's going on. I'm not saying sign it or don't sign it, just know what you're signing."



Williams

Five-legged frogs baffle researchers, scientists



Stew Milne, THE BATTALION

A researcher examines a five-legged frog that was found near College Station. The leg is attached at the knee joint of the hind leg.

By KATHLEEN STRICKLAND
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On September 21, 1996, three children playing near a pond in Burleson County, 20 miles from College Station, found a frog laying on a dirt path. Upon closer inspection, they realized the frog was deformed, possessing an extra back leg protruding from a knee. The frog was taken to Texas A&M University for scientific research.

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Professional Organizations

Groups help guide careers

Laura Oliveira
THE BATTALION



Nationwide professional black organizations at Texas A&M University help students become familiar with their chosen fields of work. Jemia Midget, former president of National Association of Black Journalists and a senior journalism major, said focusing on specific professions prepares members for the work force.

The organization is the largest African-American media organization in the country. The group strives to strengthen ties with black journalism students, helps sponsor activities to enhance the performance and effectiveness of its members, and expands coverage of African Americans in a balanced manner.

know (The University of) Texas has gone through it, and people in the Louisiana area." Gonzalez said the falling minority enrollment is unfortunate but it prompts the association to become stronger.



Tim Moog, THE BATTALION

Two-and-a-half-year-old Grant Hughes-Whitlock crosses Ross Street on his mini four-wheeler Wednesday afternoon. His mother, Robin, is a graduate student in education.

Plagiarism problem plagues profs

By JOEY SCHLUETER
THE BATTALION

Rising classroom plagiarism prompted the Faculty Senate to send a memorandum to Texas A&M University teaching staff earlier this month with information about copyrighted course material.

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Because of complaints of plagiarism and other forms of cheating allegedly encouraged by some off-campus tutoring services, the Faculty Senate at Texas A&M has urged professors and teachers to inform students about scholastic dishonesty and its consequences.

The Faculty Senate committee on off-campus tutoring services stated that "ideally, professors and tutoring services work in concert to provide students with a maximum learning opportunity. But sometimes the desired synergism does not occur."

Rec Center attendance increases

Shikonya Cureton
THE BATTALION

After all the pounds are added and resolutions made over the holidays, students and faculty look forward to working off the extra weight at the Student Recreation Center.

Semester	Week 1 Total	Semester Total	Number of Different People (in a semester)
Fall 95	35,700	379,794	30,121
Spring 96	28,596	474,634	32,024
Fall 96	44,058	460,140	37,882

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