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ELECTION

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Alice Gonzalez, speaker of the Senate and a junior agriculture development major, said run-offs are not being eliminated but are being used more efficiently than in previous run-off elections. She said the ranking system should satisfy students and candidates.

"It is a compromise of all the concerns that have ever been voiced," Gonzalez said.

Because run-offs would be included in the general election, campaign time would be shortened by one week. Also, candidates would save money that would have been used for extra campaigning time.

Tim Duffy, head yell leader and a senior marketing major, said the yell leaders support the ranking system because it shortens campaign time and allows more students to afford to run for positions.

Magee said the system also would give the candidates who are voted into office an extra week to prepare for their terms.

"It serves the students better," Magee said. "There won't be all that campaign material and we, as officers, will be able to serve them

better as well."

Duffy said the system would encourage more students to vote.

"If people realize they only have to vote once, it will increase voter turnout," Duffy said.

Javier Martinez, chair of the summer election regulation revisions committee, an off-campus senator and a senior English and philosophy major, said the run-off elections were meant to guarantee that candidates were elected with a majority of the votes, but the previous system did not accomplish this goal.

"This [ranking] system gives the students what they wanted and eliminated problems with the run-offs," Martinez said.

Magee said every student is able to vote for one of the last two candidates.

"With this system, because votes are redistributed, a majority is certain," she said.

Kyle Sparkman, a senior yell leader and biomedical science major, said this system would benefit the student body because the redistribution of votes would ensure that its opinion is better represented.

"Anytime the student opinion is better represented, that will help the student body," Sparkman said. "The candidates will have

more student support."

Martinez said the difficult part of the ranking system is explaining the process to the students.

"As long as they (the students) understand it, I can't foresee anyone having a problem with it," he said.

Gonzalez said communication on a college campus such as A&M is difficult. It will make the process more difficult to explain to the student body.

Magee said it is crucial that Student Government provide information on the process to the students.

"It depends on how well we inform them and reach them," she said. "If we fully inform them, they (the students) will like it."

Student Body President Curtis Childers, Gonzalez and other Student Government members made the decision to use the ranking system on a conditional basis for the freshmen elections after meeting with student leaders, such as yell leaders, other Student Government members and Resident Hall Association representatives.

Student Government is searching for someone to write the computer program that would be used in the elections.

Six dead after restaurant massacre

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Gunmen massacred five people in a hail of automatic weapons fire at a popular restaurant and killed a state official who rushed to investigate the shooting, police and prosecutors said Monday.

Authorities declined to comment on evidence or motive in Sunday night's shooting, but at least 11 people have now been slain in Juarez since the July 4 death of Amado Carrillo Fuentes, reputed head of the Juarez drug cartel.

Killed in the restaurant were David Ramirez, 28; Maria Eugenia Martinez, 27; Teresa Alida Herrera, 26; Hector Arturo Jimenez, no age available; and an unidentified man in his late 30s, police said.

Killed outside the restaurant was Armando Olague, 44, the chief of custody at the Chihuahua state prison in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso.

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