

WILLIAMS

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"Being away from my family and working long hours is one of the things that does not appeal to me about being a doctor," he said.

The sense of family among the students at Texas A&M is one of the reasons Williams was attracted to the campus.

"A lot of Texas A&M graduates that I had met were the friendliest people," he said. "It was the only school to which I applied. Texas

A&M is pretty much a big family. It feels like a much smaller university because the traditions (lend to) an automatic brotherhood and sisterhood."

As RHA president, Williams oversees the 8,500 on-campus residents and presides over the RHA executive council. He said his position gives him the opportunity to oversee changes made in RHA.

"This past year, we changed the constitution," Williams said. "Everything that we do is probably going to be mimicked in future years. I want to streamline RHA and help ease

some of the growing pains of this transition."

Michael Hoy, a RHA representative and a junior mechanical engineering major, said Williams was instrumental in reconstructing the RHA constitution.

"There is nobody that knows the inner workings, the nitty-gritty of RHA, as well as Eric Williams," Hoy said.

Williams is a member of the National Residence Hall Honorary, an organization that selects students for leadership.

Last year, Williams performed administrative duties as operations vice president of RHA

, which prepared him for the presidency.

"I grew to enjoy the jobs that I had last year (as vice president)," Williams said. "For me, it has been hard to make the transition and to pass on my administrative duties."

Williams said his experience as a freshman motivated him to become more involved in RHA.

"My freshman year I lived in Aston Hall, and my hall president gave me a paper to fill out," Williams said. "I was accepted into Freshman Leaders In Progress (FLIP), an organization specific for RHA."

MARKET

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John Anderson, president and vice president of Lynch in Bryan-College Station, said investors should be about yesterday's market.

"In the long term, that it will have no effect," Anderson said. "We believe the market will be short-lived at this point, the market will

The mounting pressure in Hong Kong has led to about whether global conditions will be unkind to Southeast Asia's economic where mounting pressure have sent interest rates and local currencies. Despite the

Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 7 percent as forecasts also fell Monday.

S&P's Kaufman, however, a stream of weak earnings a jump in interest rates off a steep decline just Hong Kong's problems.

"The Southeast Asian a trigger," he said. "It would have come about. The

The Standard & Poor's index, the standard and most mutual funds are tumbled 64.65 to 87.65, nearly 7 percent.

The Nasdaq composite, dominated by technology, tries, also suffered its own point drop ever, falling 1,535.48.

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