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Senate bill makes exception to yell leader runoffs

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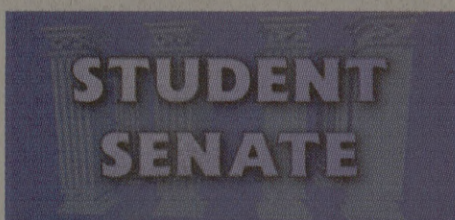
The referendum, passed by the student body twice last year, requires runoffs in yell leader elections for top candidates not receiving a majority vote. This is to prevent yell leaders from going into office with only a small percentage of votes, senators said.

Mark Floyd, a senior speech communication major and senator, said the yell leader amendment allows for a better representation of the student body because the runoffs will only include the top candidates.

"I think this is going to be positive for the students," he said. "By having two people go into a runoff for one slot, we ensure that all the students' voices are heard and that all of our yell leaders are true representatives of the student body."

According to the amendment, if no can-

didates receive a majority vote, five seniors and four juniors will go to the runoff. Any candidate who receives a majority vote will go into office. If two spaces are left, four will



go to runoffs and if one space is left, two will go to run-offs.

Tim Duffy, head yell leader and a senior marketing major, said the best candidates will still win the election.

"Regardless of what kind of stipulation they put on the election and its regulations," he said, "the person who campaigns the most and represents the students the best will win."

Duffy said although the yell leaders were against the amendment, they think it is best because the student body wanted it.

"Even though it was against what we believe, we thought if the students want it then it is in the best interest of A&M," he said. "Because we are servants of the student body, it's best if we uphold their needs and desires."

In other business, the Student Senate:

- Passed a bill requiring students' names to be randomized for elections.
- Passed a bill that will set office hours to allow candidates access to the Election Commissioner.

- Passed a bill that allows the Student Senate to retain session in the summer without the privilege of passing resolutions.
- Passed a bill that raises the senate by three seats to 60 seats.
- Passed a bill that eliminates the senate freshman caucus and assigns freshmen to caucuses representing their academic college.
- Passed a resolution supporting actions taken in the U.S. and state governments concerning funding and tax credits.
- Referred a bill to the academic committee that would prohibit mid-term blank-grading.
- Referred a bill to the student services committee that would provide recycling services for The Battalion newspapers left in trash bins and classrooms.

Cook-off to benefit children's homes

By LYNDSEY NANTZ
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The Ag and Life Science's Student (AGLS) Council is hosting their 11th annual Chili Cook-off and Benefit Bash Saturday at the Texas Hall of Fame to raise money for the Stillcreek Boys Ranch and Girls Home.

Keith Braden, a junior Agricultural systems major, said even though his chili cooking team did not place last year they all had a good time.

"We started cooking in the morning and the judging was from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There were horseshoes and dominoes, and it was fun and a chance to meet new people."

The cook-off starts at 10 a.m. with awards for best chili, most creative and showmanship. The concert starts at 8 p.m. at the Hall.

Bubba Cook, chairman of the Brazos Valley Benefit Bash and a sophomore Wildlife and Fisheries major, said the concert will be fun and a great way to support the community.

"This year Doug Supernaw is the headlining act," he said. "On a larger scale, the coming years maybe we can have a Country-palooza with several acts. But for now, we are excited about Doug Supernaw."

Cook said the Council wants the proceeds from the concert to stay in the area so they can see how it affects the people of the community. "The money we raise is staying in the Brazos Valley and it is going to help kids," he said. "We want to see where the money goes and who it benefits first hand."

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'80s music heats up Texas Hall of Fame with artists Tone Loc, C+C Music Factory

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Miss Greek A&M represents a celebration for all sororities on campus and a chance for one sister to be recognized as an outstanding example of what serving the University and community really means. But behind sorority service projects, members' grades and overall involvement with A&M, there is another side to the pageant — the music.

The Texas Hall of Fame, the venue used for the post-show celebration, hosted Tone Loc and C+C Music Factory. Freedom Williams, of C+C Music Factory, said the audience would get a lot of energy and interaction at the show.

"I know what I'm going to do, then I just play off of them [the crowd]," he said. "We'll mix it up. We'll play songs they know and new stuff."

For Williams, he said music has a tie to the arts. "Music is like painting. You know what you want to do, but sometimes you have to change," he said.

The music people would remember stems from Gonna Make You Sweat, which Williams said was the first big record he worked on as a performer.

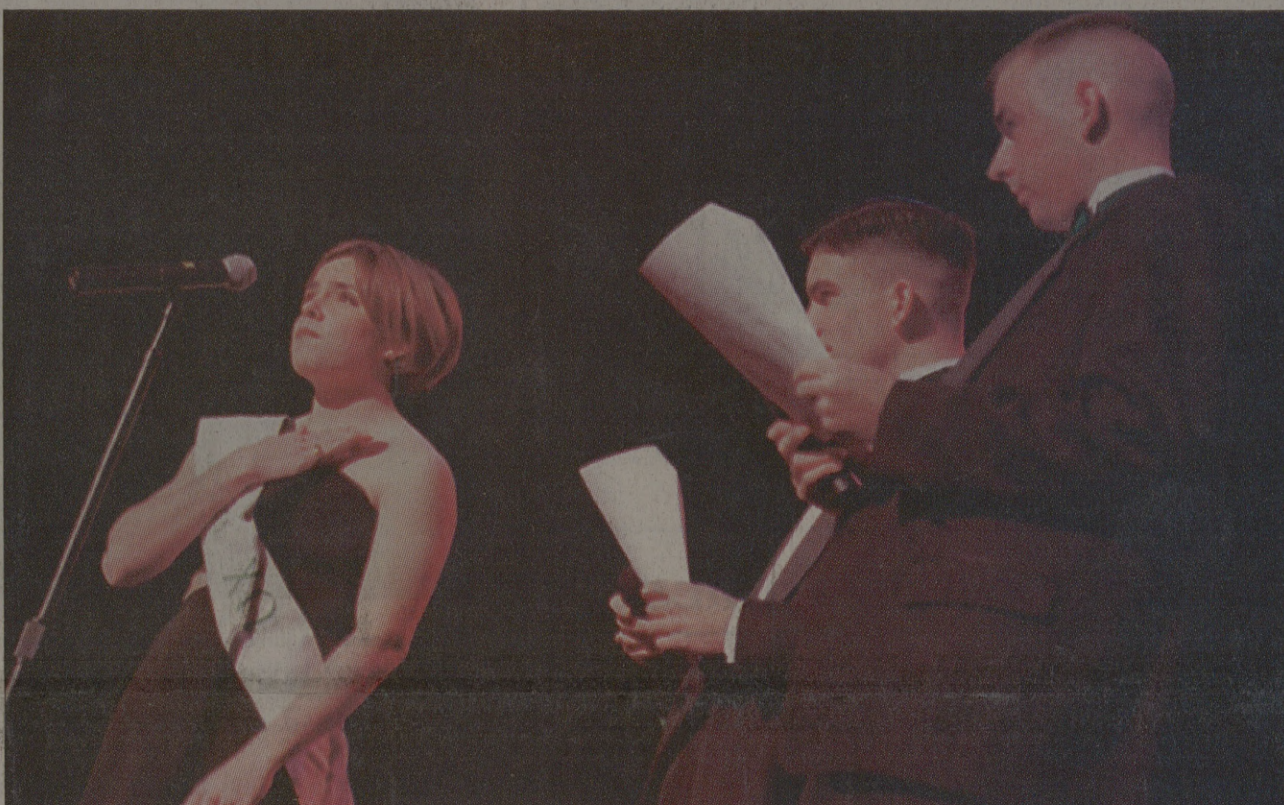
Gonna Make You Sweat also was the last album Williams did with C+C Music Factory, back in 1991 (the group was formed in 1989).

Williams said, as he grew up reading Jet magazine and wanting to record music since he was in second grade, being recognized comes as a bit of a shock to the system.

"It's exciting," he said. "I didn't really have time to understand it. I was working so hard with touring, radio, interviews and photo shoots. Then you cool down — you realize it after you have time."

David Gilliland, a junior forest science major and brotherhood chair for Delta Sigma Phi, the fraternity that hosted the pageant, said the fraternity was looking for a group people could revisit in memory.

"We were looking at our options and we decided that with the success Vanilla Ice had, we thought it would be good to find



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Kendall Kelly, a senior spanish major and Miss XΩ, won the title of Miss Greek A&M. See photo, Page 2.

a group from the '80s," Gilliland said.

Jeremy Newton, a junior business management major and member of Delta Sigma Phi, said hopefully this will not be the only time the groups visit Bryan-College Station.

"C+C Music Factory was really excited about coming to College Station and opening for Tone Loc," Newton said. "They're hoping to be able to come back if everything works out."

With the group's schedule, it would be no surprise if it made its way back to the area.

"We definitely stay on the road," Williams said. "We're basically a touring group."

After leaving Texas, Williams has plans to go to Iceland. But for now, he is stationed in New York, where he manages five groups for his individual project E.A.R.S. (Extreme Artist Recording Service).

Although the group has talked about making another album, Williams said there basically is not enough time to work on one right now.

And though he has never heard of the B-CS area, Williams

said he is a big fan of Texas.

"Texas is probably the only other place I would want to live in America, besides New York City," he said. "I love the people in Texas, they're not contrived or pretentious. They're like New Yorkers [because] they tell you how it is."

Now that the show is over, people should know Williams has a great respect for residents of the state.

"Some of the nicest people I know are in Texas," he said.

3rd Floor Cantina, with its reputation for bringing bands to town, was one of the driving forces behind acquiring the musical talent.

Malynda Williams, owner of 3rd Floor Cantina, said she was excited about having the show at the Hall.

"The management there has been wonderful," she said.

As far as Tone Loc and C+C Music Factory playing in an area usually dominated by country/western and alternative music, Williams said there is a need for a variety of music here.

"It just goes to show how diversified the community really is," she said.

CAMAC conference aims to represent Hispanic culture

By JENNIFER WILSON
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More than 300 high school and college students will attend the 11th annual Southwest Student Conference on Latino Affairs (SSCLA) at Texas A&M today.

The two day conference aims to educate, inform and motivate participants to be active in the community.

The Texas A&M Committee for the Awareness of Mexican American Culture (CAMAC) is hosting the conference, whose theme, "Children of the Sun; Activism: The Dawn of La Nueva Raza," is symbolic to the heritage of Hispanic culture.

Arturo Jose Serna, Jr., conference director for the SSCLA and a senior civil engineering major, said "Children of the Sun" refers to this generation as being the the product of their

culture's past.

"Activism is also a big part of the conference because it is acting on knowledge," he said. "The students will learn, but also have a plan of action so they can go out and do something with what they have learned."

Serna said "La Nueva Raza" refers to the new race that is emerging.

"The Latino population is becoming a majority and this conference gives students the economic and political clout to impact the community in a positive way," Serna said.

Angelica Castro, advisor for the SSCLA, said the conference is open to anyone interested in learning about the culture.

"Our primary goal is to educate and motivate students about this culture in order for them to accomplish something on their campus or in their community," Castro said.

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host sessions on topics such as Hispanic literature, political issues, voter apathy and the future of affirmative action.

Varagosa Espinoca, registration

coordinator for the SSCLA and senior history major, said this year's conference will be different because of the renowned key note speakers.

"We are very excited this year about the great people we have coming to speak," he said. "The speakers are very motivational and really fired up about the conference."

Espinoca said two poets will give workshops and host a book signing at the conference. There will be key activists from the Hispanic population, including Lalo Alcaraz, a political cartoonist, and Oscar de la Torre, a student activist from the University of Texas. Two A&M professors and a lawyer for international business will also speak.

Castro said students can participate in discussions about current issues that are affecting them.

"These discussions will motivate

students to help solve these problems on their campus," Castro said.

Espinoca said by educating students on cultural diversity it empowers them to make positive change.

"We want students to see that just because one door is shut, it does not mean they all are," Espinoca said.

Castro said registration is still open and fees are \$35 for A&M students. One day passes and are available to those who cannot attend the entire conference. A dance sponsored by the Hispanic President's Council Friday night is open to anyone interested and is \$3. A dinner banquet will be held Saturday night and tickets are \$15. The Latin Greeks will host a dance after the banquet.

Anyone interested may get more information from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the second floor of Rudder Tower.

College of Education to provide forum for sharing research

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Texas A&M University students, faculty and the Bryan-College Station community are invited to attend the 1998 Education Research Exchange Saturday on the fourth floor of Rudder Tower.

Dr. Jane Close Conoley, Dean of the College of Education, said the conference provides preparation at national meetings and provides an opportunity for students to get

feedback on their research.

"The college wants to be sure everyone knows that in addition to preparing the best teachers in the state, we are also a very well known research center," she said.

The conference events include six symposia on topics including program evaluation and assessment. Forty-two individual presentations covering education topics will be given by faculty and students representing five College of Education departments.

A continental breakfast will be provided in

the morning and lunch will be served at noon.

The conference will begin with introductory remarks by Dr. Conoley. The keynote address will follow at 9 a.m. with speaker Dr. Ellen Weissinger, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor and editor of the Journal of Leisure Research.

Jason King, conference chair, said the conference allows those who have not previously presented papers to do so in a professional setting with a supportive atmosphere.

"The participants can share research across disciplines within the College of Education and to get to know graduate students and faculty from other departments," he said.

Jean Whitaker, head of conference advertising, said conference participants can gain exposure to faculty and staff while attending a relaxed, friendly forum.

"Those who attend can benefit directly by the content of the actual papers because they cover diverse areas relating to education," she said.