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Christian Gutierrez, a junior biology major, gives pennies during Penny Wars Wednesday in front of Rudder fountain as Heather Lamotte, a sophomore business major, looks on.

Students announce intentions to file for student body president

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Official filing for candidacy for student body president does not begin until March 1, but the A&M campus is buzzing with names of those who intend to file.

Four students have been identified as potential candidates. However, the following may not be the only ones remaining. Anthony Edwards, Will Hurd, Kendall Kelly and Brandon Neff said they intend to file for student body president.

Kendall Kelly, president of the Class of 1999 and a senior Spanish major, said she intends to file for student body president.

Anthony Edwards, junior biomedical science major, said he is considering running for student body president.

Will Hurd, MSC Council president and a senior computer science and international studies major, said he intends to file for candidacy. He said a student body president candidate should be aware of their possi-

ble effects on future and enrolled students.

"A student body president candidate should have an understanding of how the University works and how the position impacts the students here as well as the students who could walk on this campus," he said.

Hurd also said he has begun to create an exploratory committee.

Kelly said running for student body president would be a learning experience, and she "is pleased to be surrounded by such qualified potential candidates." Kelly said one role of student body president candidates is informing the student body about the duties and capabilities of student government.

"The student body should know the University administration is really willing to work with students, and the communication gap between the two has been significantly shortened," she said.

Kelly also said last semester she formed a staff for her upcoming intended candidacy.

"I have gotten together an incredible group of people which will make this a neat experience regardless," she said.

Head yell leader and senior political science major Brandon Neff said he intends to file for student-body-president candidacy. Neff said it is important for a student government candidate to understand they could be a representative of all Aggies.

"SGA (Student Government Association) is a representative group of the campus because they are making decisions for all Aggies, and it is important everyone feels that an SGA member is there to serve as a voice for them," he said.

Neff said it is still early, and the formation of a campaign staff is still in the works.

Students who want to run for student body president must file at the Student Government Office from March 1 to March 5, must have a 2.5 grade-point ratio and must be in good standing with the University. Potential candidates are not permitted to begin campaigning until March 21 at noon.

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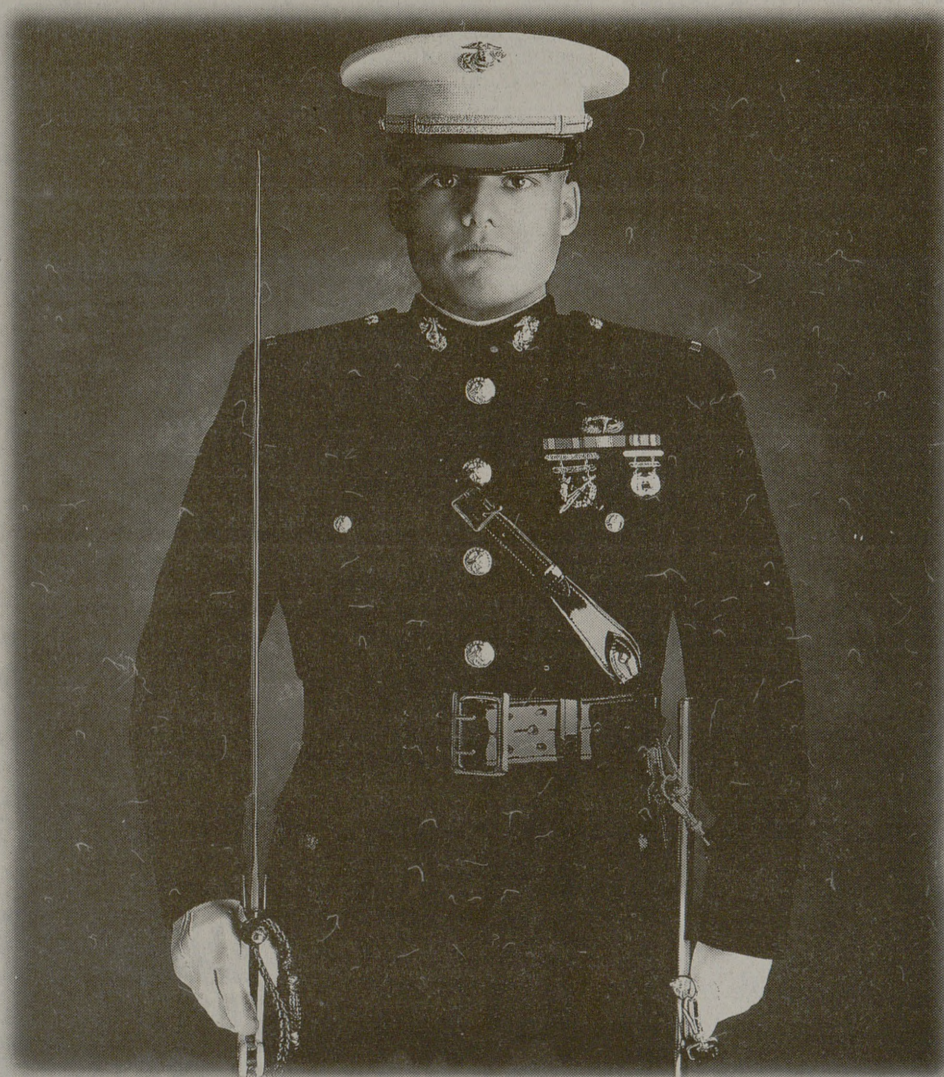
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