



Student Body Election Results 2004

Student Body President
Runoff between
Jack Hildebrand and
Will McAdams



Hildebrand



McAdams

Senior Yell Winners



Ryan Bishop



Paul Terrell



Houston Haley

Junior Yell Winners



Keaton Askew



Patrick Hebert

Runoffs will be held April 7 - 8

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Elections 2004

McAdams faces Hildebrand in SBP runoff

By James Twine & Brain D. Cain
THE BATTALION

This year's student body election turnout exceeded last year's with 13,962 votes cast, and it ended with Jack Hildebrand and Will McAdams emerging from the six student body presidential candidates to advance into a runoff this week.

Ryan Bishop, Paul Terrell and Houston Haley won the three senior yell positions. Keaton Askew and Patrick Hebert won the junior yell positions; all five candidates are members of the Corps of Cadets.

The unofficial election results were announced after midnight Friday by election commissioner Melissa Graham at the Academic Plaza amid a restless and anxious crowd of Aggie supporters.

McAdams, currently Corps commander, said he was grateful to the student body for giving him the opportunity to compete in this week's runoff.

"It's going to be a tough race; I believe it will be neck and neck to the wire," McAdams said.

Jack Hildebrand, a junior accounting major, said he felt blessed to be in the runoff.

"I want to encourage the student body to go out and vote again next week; it's just a blessing to be here," Hildebrand said.

Both student body president candidates are already anticipating a close runoff election.

"We are going to get as many of our friends together and work hard, and run a good clean race and win," McAdams said.

Hildebrand said McAdams has run a good campaign so far.

"I want to wish Will the best of

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'Reflections' to be displayed on Muster

By Natalie Younts
THE BATTALION

Meri Ivison Paholek, Class of '91, lived in McFadden Hall, participated in Bonfire activities, loved Midnight Yell Practice and knew the name and history of every station on campus.

Paholek wanted to have the Aggie War Hymn played as she and her husband exited the church at her 1993 wedding, said her mother, Evelyn Ivison.

The church personnel didn't know, Ivison said, "However, it was played at the reception."

Paholek died from a lifelong heart complication 10 years after her husband's death at age 35. She will be one of many honored at the Texas A&M Muster ceremony April 21.

A glimpse into her life and the lives of other Muster honorees will be offered through a new addition to Muster — the Reflections display. Reflections was displayed for the first time in 2003.

Personal items of this year's honorees will be displayed in the Memorial Student Center Flag Room the day of the ceremony to

help illustrate the lives they led, said Sara Cockburn, a junior math major and the Reflections display coordinator.

"We're actually giving them a face and a personality," Cockburn said.

Cockburn said she asked friends and family members of honorees to submit photographs, letters, stories or other personal items reflecting each person's life.

Ivison will submit pictures of her daughter, including ones of her graduation, her wedding and Paholek with her husband and son. There will also be a picture of Paholek with Reveille and pictures of her participating in Bonfire cut, Ivison said.

Ivison will submit two other items — her daughter's Bonfire ashes from 1990 and her maroon boots that have A&M written on them.

Ivison said she would have displayed Paholek's pot, or hard hat from Bonfire, but Paholek had dedicated it to the memorial when Bonfire fell in 1999. Her pot is currently in the Bonfire archives.

Last year's coordinator was

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Hit me with your best shot



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Sophomore mechanical engineering major Mina Choi, left, jousts with freshman biology major Lauren Davis at Island Party at Wolf Pen Creek Saturday afternoon. The annual event is hosted by Brothers Under Christ and included live music from noon to midnight.

CARPOOL gives 50,000th ride

By James Twine
THE BATTALION

On a typical Friday night on Northgate one can spot a number of Aggies decked out in bright green T-shirts looking for people who need a safe ride home.

Those students are volunteers with Caring Aggies Protecting Over Our Lives, an organization that began in 1999, aimed at giving students a safe ride home after a night of drinking.

CARPOOL reached a milestone Friday night as it gave its 50,000th ride since it began operating.

"This milestone says a lot for the people who are a part of the organization and how we have impacted our community," said Lauren Barbier, a senior journalism major and director of CARPOOL public relations.

CARPOOL began on Sept. 16, 1999, by former A&M student Jeff Schiefelbein who, after receiving a DWI in College Station, went to a Mother's Against Drunk Driving impact panel where he was inspired by a tragic drunk driving story and decided to begin a program unlike any other in the nation.

"CARPOOL was created to serve the community, keep Aggies and others safe, make roads safer and make the community safer," Barbier said.

At the end of this past weekend CARPOOL had given a total of 50,409 rides, with 5,264 rides in the spring semester alone, and 12,209 rides for the 2003-04 school year — almost a 20 percent increase from last year's numbers, Barbier said.

"We are really excited about this," Barbier said. "It's so great to see that in five years the community and the students at A&M have really embraced CARPOOL."

Drivers Patrick Barrett and Heather Tijerina gave the milestone ride, and said they were excited to be a part of it.

Tijerina, a sophomore psychology major, said this was her first semester with the program and that Friday was a busy night for her and Barrett.

"To me it means that 50,000 people have been kept safe, and we are looking forward to another 50,000,"

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CHILIFEST 2004

Nearly 40,000 people attended the annual Chilifest event held in Snook, Texas April 2 - 3.

- 100 teams competed in the chili cook-off
- 27 arrests on the site and 94 arrests made throughout the county
- Only two major injuries were reported



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SOURCE: DENNIS GAAS, CONSTABLE FOR BURLIESON COUNTY

Chilifest runs smoothly with few problems, arrests

By Michael Player
THE BATTALION

Nearly 40,000 people attended this year's Chilifest held this past Friday and Saturday in Snook, Texas, and organizers said the event went off with few problems.

About 100 teams competed in the chili cook-off during the two-day event.

"We are really happy that there were no reported vehicle accidents this year," said Brandon Wallace, CEO of Chilifest Inc.

Wallace said there was some concern Friday night as it began to rain, and organizers thought that would lead to accidents.

"This was the smoothest running Chilifest that we have done, and it is mainly because of the great team we had here," Wallace said.

Several of the managing crews for the entertainers complimented the organizers on Chilifest's efficient management, Wallace said.

"George Jones' road manager said he had not seen George this energetic on stage in 10 years," Wallace said.

Several things made this year's event go much smoother than last year's, such as the shuttle buses that toted people back and forth from Bryan, said Constable Dennis Gaas, head of security.

"The shuttle buses really helped to keep down the excess traffic, and the powered chute pilots did a great job of spotting traffic for us," Gaas said.

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Fox: World Court ruling will not harm U.S., Mexico ties

By Morgan Lee
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEXICO CITY — A world court ruling that the United States violated the rights of Mexican inmates on death row should not affect diplomatic relations between the two countries involved, Mexican President Vicente Fox said Sunday.

The International Court of Justice, also known as the world court, ruled Wednesday that the United States violated the rights

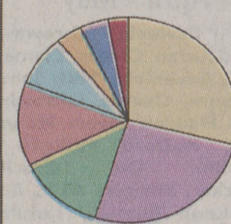
of 51 Mexicans on death row to receive diplomatic help, ordering Washington to review their cases.

"These are decisions of the court, judicial decisions, legal decisions that don't have to affect the extraordinarily good relationship that we have with the government of the United States, with the governors of the states," Fox said Sunday at his ranch in rural Guanajuato state, 170 miles northwest of Mexico City. "It's a

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THE BATTALION Online Weekly Poll

This Week's Results:
"Which organization do you think should benefit the most from a Student Service Fee increase?"



- 29% Aggie Band
- 26% Student Activities
- 13% MSC
- 13% Student Life
- 8% Student Government
- 4% International Student Programs
- 4% Student Counseling Service
- 3% Child Care Center

Next Week's Poll:

"What are your plans for the summer?"

Take this poll at: www.thebatt.com

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