

# FORUM

THE BATTALION

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## SGA works for A&M



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Over the past months, student government has been working on a number of issues affecting students. The closing of the Commons Dining Center has been of high concern to Aggies as the semester begins. Food Services decided to close

the recreational activities in the Commons. We want to be sure these activities remain in place for Southside residents to enjoy.

Student government representatives are serving on the newly created Commons Steering Committee. This committee has been tasked with collecting student opinions regarding the closing, how the new plan is working and future plans Food Services has for the

Commons. It is imperative that Southside residents and Commons diners provide members of the committee with feedback.

Student government will also be involved academic issues — many of which are in the infant stages of proposal: the possible creation of a common freshman experience, how future tuition rates will be set, the

possible creation of a Leadership Certificate, an evaluation of summer school, distance education and evaluating the Honors Program. Student representatives will be serving on numerous committees advocating on behalf of all students and will seek out students for their input on these issues.

Over the next year, student government will hold weekly forums in the MSC. Current issues affecting students, such as the new parking plan and the closing of the Commons, will be discussed and students will be able to provide input to Student Government representatives and members of the administration. SGA will also be seeking student input through our newly formatted Web site at [sga.tamu.edu](http://sga.tamu.edu). This year will be full of opportunities for SGA to serve as advocates for students and improve their way of life at A&M. Success will require us to seek out those opportunities, gather input and act upon it without hesitation. The sole reason student government exists is to serve students, so be sure to voice your concerns in the coming semester.

Jack Hildebrand is student body president.

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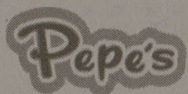
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