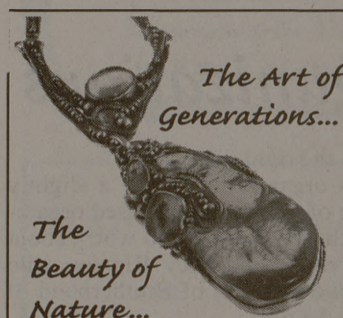


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Parking

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park so far away. It's more convenient to ride the bus, and the buses are packed."

Ng said she is worried that overselling the lots will allow the system to revert back to what it was last year and that it is already hard to find a good spot in parking area 100, the Reed Arena lot.

"People in the 100 lot are really at a disadvantage because anyone can park in that lot," Ng said. "It's really hard to find a good, close spot in the PA 100 lot, and usually everyone has to park really far. I think the parking plan in general is a bad idea."

Andy LaHaye, a senior chemical engineering major, said the new parking system has been beneficial for him, but that it could be done more efficiently so that other students could benefit also.

"The parking situation is working really well for me, because I have had a parking permit for four years now," LaHaye said. "But I feel bad for people, mainly fifth years and seniors, who are all but assured a parking permit and didn't get Seniority is a good plan, but TS needs to focus more on class year, and less on the number of parking permits you previously owned."

LaHaye said this system is better than last year's system and that he is OK with overselling as long as lots don't become overly full.

"Last year I wouldn't even go to the Zachry because (trying to find a parking spot) was like vultures hunting around a dead animal," LaHaye said. "It was vicious. Now, as long as I'm guaranteed a spot in Zachry, I'm fine with overselling. If I pull up to Zachry and the lot is full of people with permits, then it will undermine what they're trying to do."

Senate

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Rules and Regulations position.

"We've made a lot of rules, and we made them a long time ago. We need to go back into our bylaws and Constitution and revamp a lot of different things," Nichols said. "That's going to be a big part of what I plan to do this year if elected."

Dugat said a revitalization of the SGA constitution was a major priority, but that he wanted to see the senate live up to its potential.

"The first thing out of Rules and Regs will be a revitalization of the constitution, so that we can fulfill our primary purpose and the reason we exist, which is to be the voice of student at Texas A&M," Dugat said.

Foley echoed his colleagues, saying the revamping of the constitution was a major priority. Foley also spoke about the issue of reapportionment.

"Many senators have talked about adding constituencies for athletics and Greek organizations," Foley said. "It seems like a great idea, but I'm just concerned about triple and quadruple representation."

A&M students are represented through their respective colleges and their living areas, which include Northside, Southside and off campus.

"We will never grant constituencies based on Greek affiliations or involvement or sports or anything like that as long as I have something to say about it," Nichols said. "Students are represented through their college and where they live, with the exception of freshmen, due to the fact that they never got to vote on senators the previous spring."

Foley and Dugat both disagreed, saying they would want to hold some sort of referendum and see how students felt about the issue.

Owen Taylor, a senior animal science major, announced his candidacy for the external affairs chair, as did Junior Raimond, a junior political science major.

Both candidates spoke about the importance of the upcoming legislative session regarding tuition deregulation and other issues affecting students.

"I'm running for EA because there are so many huge issues coming up this year and someone needs to stand up for stu-

dents and not be passive to the Texas State Legislature," said Taylor, an off-campus senator.

Raimond, who was vice chair of Legislative Relations last year, said he would like to see SGA have a strong presence in Austin this year concerning issues such as tuition deregulation.

"I am completely against tuition deregulation, and the Legislature should put a cap on it immediately. It will take persistence and a coalition of public schools across the state," Raimond said. "We need to go to Austin and have a united front."

Raimond also spoke about wanting to see a statewide letter-writing campaign so that it was clear to legislators that students were furious.

"I think we need to put a cap on tuition immediately. We'll be better off going to TCU, Baylor or Rice if we wanted to pay that much in tuition," Taylor said. "It's essentially a backdoor tax on college students and their families."

Elections will be held on Wednesday, and all Senate meetings are open to the public.

Hostages

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but he later said in televised comments that the number was 335.

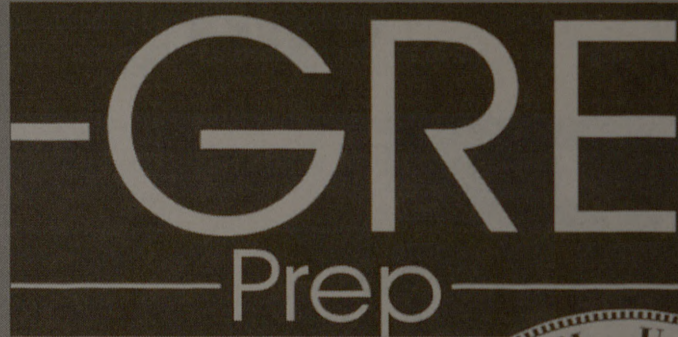
The regional health ministry said 180 people were missing after the three-day hostage crisis, which began when armed attackers raided School No. 1 on Sept. 1, the first day of classes, seizing students, teachers and parents attending opening-day ceremonies.

ITAR-Tass later cited a Beslan city official as say-

ing that a list of children unaccounted for included 176 names. Russian media speculated that some of the missing could be among the wounded brought to hospitals in North Ossetia, unconscious or too deep in shock — or too young — to identify themselves.

The health ministry said 207 of the dead had been identified, but some bodies were charred beyond recognition. Questions also remained about the number and identity of the hostage-takers — heavily armed and explosive-laden men whom reporters demanded independence from the nearby republic of Chechnya.

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Faith

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the men in the organization and his devotion to Bible studies. Rigney said he spends the whole week prior to the meeting preparing. First, he has his own devotional time going over what he will speak about; then a few days before the devotional, he prepares what he will say to the members.

"The greatest need men in our organization have is my personal walk with God," Rigney said. "Before I can try to build them up, I have to be doing the same."

Rigney said being a student himself, if he is further along in his spiritual walk than the other members, it isn't much further. He compared the Christian life to a race, describing fellowship as running the race together and his position as the voice of someone running with everyone and encouraging them.

Bringing faith-based studies to A&M's campus is very important, Rigney said.

"The most important thing anyone can do at A&M is not the conditions or education," Rigney said. "It is getting to know who God is."

Leslie Sherin, a sophomore business major, is the chaplain of Philadelphia Sisters, a Christian organization for women. Every week she gives a short devotional at meetings and leads a Bible study.

"Since we are a Christian organization, it's important to have spiritual advisers," Sherin said.

Sherin works to facilitate the spiritual direction of the group among individuals and the organization as a whole.

Sherin said that her position allows her to view women in the organization in a different way, having a special connection with them because she is watching over them, in a sense.

"The position will drive me closer to the Lord by having the responsibility for this organization," Sherin said.

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