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Student body president runoff necessary

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The 4,324 votes cast in this year's Student Government election produced the first non-reg yell leader in several years and a runoff for student body president.

Student body presidential candidate Mike Cook received 975 votes, or 22.5 percent of the total votes cast, while Sean Royall received 1,313 votes, or 30.4 percent. They

will face each other in Wednesday's runoff election.

"It's been a frustrating campaign," Royall said Thursday night at the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue. "But, I feel very optimistic about the next week."

"In my opinion, there hasn't been enough stress on issues concerning the student body and the student body president's ability to deal with these issues."

Cook said he was proud of the

way his campaign was run.

"My campaign was straightforward, positive and free of controversy," Cook said. "This is a real grassroots victory. The people on my campaign committee were willing to go out and meet people."

"I tried to shake as many hands as I could and I stressed my past experience."

Royall said that he hopes to put more emphasis on his past record during the runoff campaign.

"I want to stress my past perfor-

mance and my past experience," Royall said.

Cook agreed with Royall saying: "I think that a campaign for student body president should be based on the candidate's credentials."

Madelon Yanta received 21.2 percent of the vote for student body president while Bob Stephan received 19 percent and Brett Shine received 7 percent.

Steph Emage, Larry "Bud" Melmann, Ed Polasek and Beaver

Cleaver received write-in votes for student body president.

Royall and Cook will speak at Sully's Symposium at noon next Wednesday.

David Lawhorne will be the first non-reg yell leader in several years.

He received 1,893 votes, 17 percent of the 11,109 votes cast for senior yell leader.

"I don't think that my being a non-reg will be an issue," Lawhorne said. "I hope people will just see us

(the yell leaders) as five Aggies yelling down on the field."

The other two senior yell leaders elected were Thomas Buford who received 3,148 votes and Barry Sowerwine who received 2,098 votes.

In the race for senior yell leader, Chris Cordts received 1,135 votes, Steve Lord, 1,524, Todd Watson, 809 and Tim Koch, 502.

Marty Holmes and Tom Kelley were elected junior yell leaders.

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Seniors waiting to be cleared for graduation

By SARAH OATES
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About 3,300 people are expected to participate in spring commencement ceremonies May 3 and 4, Associate Registrar Don Carter said Tuesday.

Carter said about 3,500 undergraduate and graduate degrees will be awarded.

The degree check office will begin contacting students about problems with degree applications early next week.

The clear list for graduating seniors will be posted outside Heaton Hall at 8 a.m. May 1.

Students will have until noon the next day to take care of any problems.

A red dot next to a senior's name on the list means he has an academic block that must be cleared.

In the past, red dots indicated either an academic or a fiscal block, but this year a fiscal block list will be posted outside Heaton Hall.

Students may be blocked for unpaid parking tickets or money owed to the Student Financial Aid office or the fiscal office.

If the block is fiscal, the transcript office will not release a student's transcript.

If the block is academic, he may not be allowed to graduate.

Students with academic blocks should contact the degree check office in Heaton Hall.

Fiscal blocks must be cleared by the fiscal office. Graduation ceremonies will be at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. May 3, and 9 a.m. May 4.

All graduate degrees and degrees in the colleges of agriculture, architecture and education will be awarded at the afternoon ceremony on May 3.

Students in geosciences and engineering will receive their degrees at the evening ceremony on May 3.

Degrees in business, liberal arts, science and veterinary medicine will be awarded May 4.

Ambassador John Tower will speak at the first ceremony.

State Sen. Phil Gramm is guest

speaker for the evening ceremony on May 3.

U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen is the scheduled speaker for the last ceremony. Commissioning ceremonies will be at 3 p.m. May 4.

General Ormand Simpson, assistant vice president of student services, will be the guest speaker.

More than 100 cadets will be commissioned into the military services, with 65 entering the Army, 37 entering the Air Force, 10 entering the Navy and eight joining the Marines.

Final Review also will be held May 4.

Graduation announcements can be picked up today at the Memorial Student Center Browning Library in 223 MSC.

Students must show their receipts and student I.D.s when picking up their announcements.

Marjorie Patke, acting supervisor for the MSC Student Financial Center, said about 6,000 extra announcements were ordered and will go on sale at 8 a.m. April 4.

Senior Weekend begins April 26 with the Senior Bash at the Texas Hall of Fame.

Ring Dance, sponsored by the Class of '85, is April 27.

Tickets for the weekend activities are \$60 a couple, including Ring Dance, the senior banquet and the Bash.

Tickets to Ring Dance are \$35 per couple and tickets to the Bash are \$5 per person.

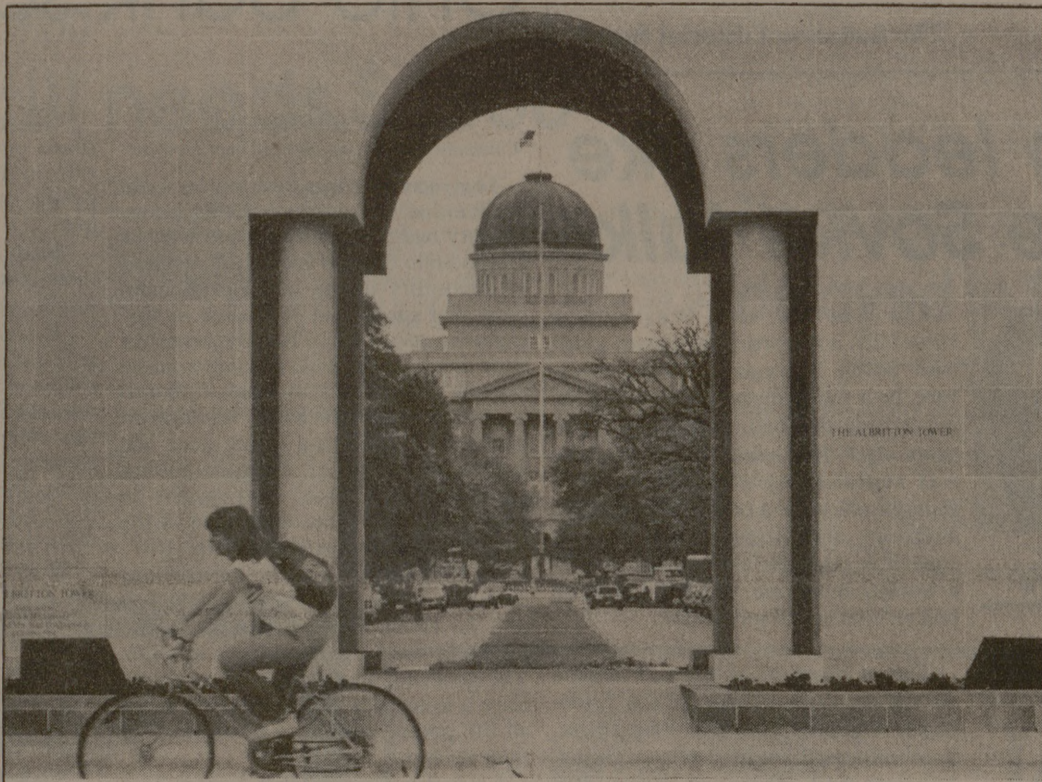
Tickets will go on sale April 8, and may be purchased at the MSC Box Office in Rudder Center.

Keith Carmichael, chairman of the Ring Dance committee, said about 2,500 couples are expected to attend the dance.

Music will be provided by The Drifters and the Ed Gerlach Orchestra. The Debonaires will perform at the Bash.

The Association of Former Students will hold senior induction banquets April 8 and 9.

Dr. Davis Ford, president of the Association, will speak at the banquets.



Gateway To Aggieland

Photo by DEAN SAITO

The Academic Building is perfectly outlined by the arch at the bottom of the Albritton Tower in this view from the west side of campus.

Goetz remains free on bail after making innocent plea

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bernhard Goetz pleaded innocent to attempted murder Thursday and was allowed to remain free on \$5,000 bail for the subway shootings that his lawyer said have made him "the best-known face in the country."

Goetz, who had been led into the courthouse in handcuffs, left quickly after the arraignment.

Assistant District Attorney Gregory Waples had asked that bail be raised to \$20,000 from the \$5,000 that was set for Goetz in January.

But State Supreme Court Justice Stephen Crane refused after Barry Slotnick, Goetz's lawyer, said Goetz has nowhere to go. "You're looking at, unfortunately, the best-known face in the country. He couldn't flee," Crane said.

The supreme court is a trial court in New York.

"I concede the defendant has faithfully appeared in court whenever required," Waples said, but he asked for higher bail because the new charges, handed up Wednesday, were more serious than the indictment issued by a different grand jury in January.

The latest indictment came after District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, saying he had a new witness, resubmitted the case to a grand jury. Slotnick, arguing there was no new evidence, tried unsuccessfully to block the resubmission.

Slotnick was granted 45 days to prepare a motion to throw out the indictment. The grand jury charged Goetz with four counts of attempted murder, four counts of assault, one count of reckless endangerment and one count of criminal possession of a firearm.

Goetz shot the four youths on a

subway car Dec. 22 to forestall what he said was an attempted robbery. Two of the youths, however, said one of them merely had asked Goetz for \$5.

Attempted murder is a felony with a maximum penalty of up to 25 years in prison for each count. The assault and weapons possession charges carry up to 15 years for each count, and the reckless endangerment charge carries up to seven years in prison.

Slotnick told reporters after the hearing that Goetz was "an average Joe who's going to face trial and who's going to look at a jury and hopefully that jury will acquit him."

On Wednesday, Goetz said the indictment was probably all for the best. "Everything now should come out in the open, with time, and that will end the controversy," he said.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House ended a bruising congressional marathon Thursday and voted 217-210 to release \$1.5 billion for the production of 21 more MX missiles.

The last of four votes in the Senate and House closed the latest chapter in a decade-long battle over the need for the strategic weapon.

But opponents said President Reagan's first major congressional victory of 1985 also marked the high-water mark for the MX, which critics believe would be destroyed in the first wave of a Soviet nuclear attack.

Reagan said the House vote "shows again that we were able to stand in a bipartisan way before the world as far as our security is concerned."

From New York, where he had traveled for a speech, the president acknowledged the many Democrats who voted for the missile by saying he "will not soon forget those who chose the road of political courage and vision."

Voting for the missile were 156 Republicans and 61 Democrats, while 187 Democrats and 23 Republicans voted against it.

During an equally tense fight two years ago, Congress approved a first batch of 21 MXs.

Reagan eventually wants to install 100 of the 10-warhead missiles in existing underground Minuteman missile silos in Nebraska and Wyoming.

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., who led the unsuccessful campaign against the missile, said Reagan is "going to have a very tough time" winning approval this June for an additional 48 MXs worth \$3.2 billion included in the administration's proposed 1986 fiscal year budget.

House Republican Whip Trent Lott of Mississippi agreed saying there is growing pressure within his party to make cuts in Reagan's defense budget beginning with the MX.

Reagan also is expected to lose the support of a number of moderate Democrats, including Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia and Rep. Les Aspin of Wisconsin, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Aspin voted for the 21 MXs approved Thursday.

Reagan successfully timed the MX debate in the Senate and House to coincide with the opening of the Geneva arms control talks.

In public appearances and in dozens of personal lobbying sessions with Senate and House members, Reagan said the success of the arms talks with the Soviet Union hinged on congressional approval of the MX.

The president also brought Max M. Kampelman, a Democrat and Reagan's chief arms negotiator, back from Geneva last Monday for a day of intensive lobbying with wavering House members.

O'Neill said Kampelman's emergency trip persuaded a half-dozen Democrats and made the difference in the final vote.

Critics said the U.S. nuclear arsenal is already intimidating enough to force the Soviets to bargain seriously. They said no matter how much accuracy, range or firepower the MX adds, the weapon is still vulnerable to a first-strike attack from the Kremlin's own force of land-based missiles.

'Proposal will maintain quality education'

Caperton talks about new budget plan

By TRAYCE BERTLING
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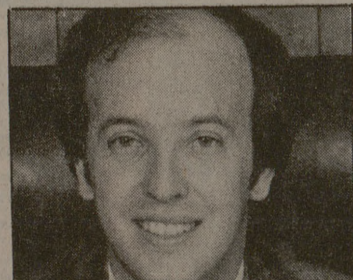
Sen. Kent Caperton elaborated on a new state education budget plan in a lecture sponsored by the Political Forum Thursday night.

If new proposal is adopted, no faculty salaries will be cut.

The same amount of instruction will be given and possibly even more money will be available for new research and advanced technology.

"It does require some pain like most plans," Caperton said.

"It requires that we raise tuition instead of \$8 an hour next fall to \$12



State Sen. Kent Caperton

an hour. This would still mean that only New Mexico and Oklahoma would have lower tuition than Texas."

Non-resident tuition also will go up to \$120 an hour.

"The state of Texas can no longer afford the luxury of subsidizing students from other states," Caperton said.

Caperton said he's glad Texas has out-of-state students. He said one of the main components of a quality institution is having a variety of students from different geographical areas of the world.

Even with the tuition increase, the budget proposal will only cover 10 percent of the cost of education in 1986.

To make up the difference, the state is planning to divert funds

from other areas such as parks and highways, Caperton said.

"If it ever comes to making a decision between funding state parks or higher education, there's no doubt about it, I'm for education," he said.

Caperton said a state law exists that increases the scholarship and loan funds available to students having financial difficulties from student increases in tuition.

"We are committed to striving for excellence in higher education and these plans call for money," Caperton said.

"We don't want to discourage students from coming to Texas. We