

Incumbents get triple challengers' contributions

Common Cause says overall donations down from '74

WASHINGTON (AP)—Incumbent members of Congress are raising three times as much money as their challengers this year, but total contributions to congressional candidates are lower than in 1972, Common Cause reported Tuesday.

The citizens' lobby also said it found that such special interest groups as labor unions and business organizations were playing a much

larger financial role than they did two years ago.

In a study of candidates' campaign spending reports, Common Cause said that Democratic candidates for contested seats - including incumbents and non-incumbents - had received more than \$22 million by Sept. 1. Their Republican opponents had been given slightly more than \$16 million. That was a reversal

of the 1972 pattern, when Republicans led Democrats.

The organization said the change was an effect of Watergate.

"The figures demonstrate the Republicans were seriously hurt by Watergate when it comes to fund raising," said Fred Wertheimer, Common Cause's legislative director.

But the organization also said Re-

publican congressmen were being given twice as much as their Democratic challengers and GOP senators were receiving an average of three times as much as their opposition.

Republican challengers, however, were averaging less than one-quarter of the contributions raised by Democratic officeholders and in key races where no incumbent was running, Democrats were

substantially out-drawing Republicans in both houses.

A Democratic National Committee staff member said recently that if Democratic challengers received as much money as their Republican incumbent opponents, the Democrats would gain 60 or 70 seats in the House.

Wertheimer said total funding up to Sept. 1 was \$40 million, with \$24

million going to incumbents, \$8 million to challengers, and \$8 million to candidates where no incumbent was running.

In 1972, incumbents outdrew challengers two-to-one.

"It would appear at this stage that contributions to 1974 congressional candidates are substantially lower than they were in 1972," he said at a news conference.

Common Cause's study found that 80 per cent of the money contributed by the special interest groups was going to incumbents, up from 66 per cent two years ago.

Directory honors 48 students

The 1974 "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" will list 48 TAMU students.

Nominees were chosen on the basis of academic achievement, community service, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

"Who's Who" is limited to graduating seniors with a minimum 2.5 grade point ration and graduate students with at least a 3.5 GPA.

The 1974 listing is taken from more than 1,000 institutions in the U.S. and several North and South American countries.

Students selected are: Daniel R. Anderson, Shirley Ashorn, Tony Pelletier and Patricia Whatley, San Antonio; Clarence Annett, Amarillo; Beverly Barnes and William Ricker, Corpus Christi; Allen Bettisworth, Craig Brown, Jon Bullock, Susan Carstens, Jeffery Hollowell, John Nash and Phillip Schraub, Houston.

Also, Lee Billingsley, Albuquerque; Deborah Blackmon, Gwen Flynt, Marianne Hamm and Merrill Mitchell, Bryan; Barry Brooks, Tyler; Mark Cooke, Bloomington; William W. Davis, Harlingen; Steve Eberhard, New Braunfels; Tommy Engelke, Kingsbury; Herschel Fulmer, Nacogdoches; Louis Gettermann, Waco; Louis Gohmert, Mt. Pleasant.

Plus, Rickey Gray and Joe Vincent, Dallas; Jeff Grote, Mason; Jacquelyn Heyman, Melissa Martin, Jack Russell and Keith Tyler, Fort Worth; John Hoover, Seguin; David Kaspar, Shiner; Granville Lasseter, and Stephen Philpy, Midland; Naomi Logan, Burnet; Curtis Marsh, Los Altos Hills, Calif.; Roger Monk, Garland; Terry Rathert, St. Louis, Mo.

In addition, Michael Tiner, Highlands; John Tyler, Slidell, La.; Eileen Urban, Victoria; Margaret Whinnery, Galveston; Patricia Wilkinson, Rosenberg, and Robert Wooten, Lovelady.

Proficiency exam offered tonight

Today is the day for all juniors and seniors in the College of Science to take the English Proficiency Examination.

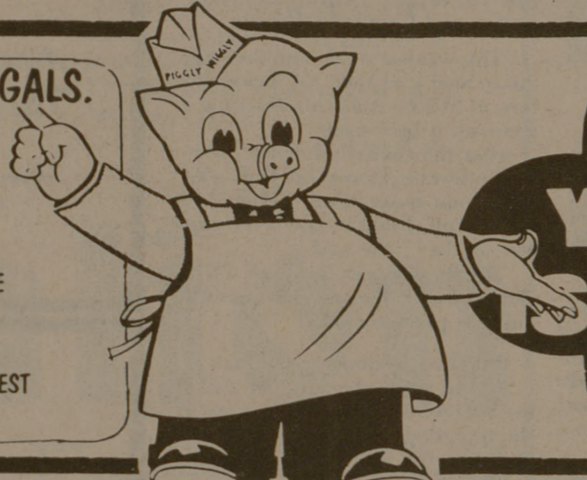
At 7 p.m. the exams will begin in four areas: biology curricula, in room 113 of the Biology Building East; chemistry curricula, room 228 of the Chemistry Building; math curricula, room 208 of the Academic Building, and physics curricula in room 202 of the Physics Building.

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