

Weather

Partly cloudy and mild today, tonight and Wednesday. High Tuesday 73; low tonight 52; high tomorrow 76.

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Signs Pulled Up

Photo by the Balzak Raider

The campus election signs not the regulation four feet from the curb were pulled up Sunday. These signs were located near the Krueger-Dunn Commons.

SG exec election today, Senate vote comes later

After the confusion created by last week's Student Senate reapportioning of the reapportionment plan, many students may want to know when election filing ends and elections take place.

Student Government executive members are being elected today while student senator elections and executive runoffs will be April 15.

All filing for senate positions are closed except for the living areas of Hart-Law-Puryear, Walton-Leggett-Milner-Hotard, Schumacher-McInnis-Crocker-Cain, Davis-Gary-Moore-Moses and University Married Housing.

Filing for these posts closes Wednesday, April 9 at 5 p.m.

Offices open for filing that are unopposed include Davis-Gary-Moore-Moses and Dunn-Utay.

With two positions open, no one from University Married Housing has filed for office.

In the senate contests that are closed, many posts are vacant or unopposed.

The write-in vote is the only hope left to those who had wanted to run.

Those races unopposed or vacant are as follows:

College of Agriculture — One graduate student has filed. Two positions are available.

College of Education — Graduate and junior candidates are unopposed while the sophomore and

senior races are vacant.

College of Engineering — One graduate post has been filed for with two available.

College of Liberal Arts — the graduate race is unopposed.

College of Science — One senior is unopposed and no graduate has filed.

College of Veterinary Medicine — One candidate has filed with three positions available.

In the Corps, one sophomore position is unopposed.

Only three people have filed with six posts available in the off campus graduate race. Those senate positions left vacant will be filled by nomination of the newly elected student body president and approved by the senate.



Photo by David McCarroll

International Student Dance

Dilip Desai keeps Vikie Mendosa company while she collects money at the door to the International Students' Dance. The dance was attended by foreign students, as well as more local people.

Also competing for Position 7 were John Sandstedt, a local attorney, and a TAMU professor of industrial engineering, James Hennigan. Hennigan received 243 votes, 15.32 per cent of the vote, while Sandstedt received 356 votes for 22.45 per cent.

Thirty-five-year-old Bruce

Committee proposes TAMU budget cut

The Higher Education Committee (HEC) of the Texas House of Representatives recommended Monday night to earmark \$4.75 million of TAMU's available fund for utility expenses. It also recommended a 10 percent cut from the Legislative Budget Board's (LBB) recommendations for three budget line items: special items, other administrative costs and organized research in all state colleges and universities.

TAMU President Jack K. Williams said earmarking funds for utilities doesn't make much sense. A study of estimated utility ex-

penses by the Bovay Engineering Firm, Houston, said A&M would need \$6.33 million in '76 and \$8.1 million in '77 for utilities. Brad Duggan, staff director for the House Higher Education Committee, said A&M does not have to use all the earmarked money for utilities if it can find a way to spend less than \$4.75 million on utilities. But with the engineering firm's estimates, this seems unlikely.

HEC Chairman Fred Head, Athens, could not be reached by press time.

Williams also said the 10 percent

cut in organized research would "reduce to mediocrity" the two institutions which provide the bulk of the state's graduate training — Texas A&M and Texas.

Of the 22 formula funded state colleges and universities, A&M and UT systems will receive 55 percent of organized research monies according to LBB recommendations.

Rep Bill Presnal, Bryan, said the HEC has made the LBB budget recommendations almost illegible. "This is the first committee to make drastic changes," said Presnal.

"They have gone completely ape."

Presnal said he had not seen the report which will be debated in his Appropriations Committee sometime next week. Under new rules, the Appropriations Committee met jointly with the HEC to hear the budget requests. The Appropriations Committee can raise the HEC recommendations with a two-thirds vote of committee and can lower the recommendations by a majority. Presnal said when the rules were devised, it was expected that the Appropriations Committee would be lowering recommendations rather than raising them.

Judicial Board upholds appeals

Blasts violations, 'unenforceable' election rules

By JIM CRAWLEY
Staff Writer

The Student Government Judicial Board ruled the "selective enforcement policy" of the Election Commission to be "unjust and inequitable." The panel added that the members of the commission were not at fault but rather it "is the result of a rather slipshod system of producing Rules and Regulations."

The board released the statement Monday night as the verdict in an election appeal of Mary Ellen Martin, sophomore candidate for SG vice president of rules and regulations.

The panel, lacking the required quorum of seven, because of family illness and recent resignations asked the parties assembled for Monday's hearings if they would abide by their decisions. All agreed to comply. Chairman Sam Walsler said he regretted the situation but that it was necessary to finish the business before the elections.

The panel also reviewed the appeals of two others disqualified by the Election Commission, in six hours of hearings Friday and Monday. Both candidate's appeals were upheld.

The panel of students also decided that the Commission has the power to disqualify a candidate.

On Friday the board threw out the disqualification of Jim Bob Mickler, senior Yell Leader candidate. Mickler allegedly failed to properly file his application.

In the five hour Monday session the board decided in favor of Austin Sterling, senior yell leader candidate. Sterling was accused of having more than the maximum of 32 square feet of sign area within a certain posting area.

Martin's case stemmed from ac-

cusations that she had placed posters in violation of the election regulations.

Susan Warren, Election Commission chairman, had disqualified Martin because she had placed posters on dorm doors without the occupants approval. Additionally, she had placed posters on water fountains and trash cans in the Academic Building.

Martin, running against Karla Mouritson and Duane Thompson, told the board that Warren had warned her of the violation (placing of posters on water fountains) and that they were removed before she went to remove them herself.

Martin and her attorney, senior John Nash, pleaded that the glass covered bulletin boards in the Academic Bldg. are three separate boards and not one as Warren had contended.

The Election Commission, represented by Gwen Flynt and Warren Russell, contended that Martin had been sufficiently warned and that the other violations were grounds for disqualification.

The board questioned whether the commission had equally enforced the regulations.

Barry Brooks, student vice president for student services and member of the commission which holds all campus-wide elections, said that he and Warren looked into violations if someone complained. He added that this policy was taken because the only commission members are he and Warren.

Nash argued that the commission had failed to give his client warning of two of the violations and that no hearing was held.

Flynt countered that the regulations do not require warnings or

hearings concerning election violations.

Nash told the panel that Martin was not the only candidate in violation of election rules concerning the number and manner in which posters may be placed.

Shannon Walker, board member, asked Brooks how many complaints they usually receive about a candidate before he would be disqualified. Brooks answered, "Two or three, definitely more than one."

"At present, all the other candidates have received no more than one complaint," said Brooks.

Nash asked Brooks, "Did you know that Jeff Dunn has violated the rules three times?" Brooks answered, no.

At this point, Mike Perrin, judicial board member, quizzed Brooks if he would disqualify a candidate if numerous complaints were re-

ceived the night before the election. Brooks slowly replied, "It's conceivable."

After this line of questioning and summations the board deliberated and decided in favor of Martin.

The issue in the Sterling case centered around the use of two eight feet by four foot signs placed near Sbsia Dining Hall. The revised regulations state that the maximum surface area of signs within a certain area is 32 square feet. Sterling had two eight by four signs across from Sbsia.

The board decided that Warren had not given Sterling enough warning before disqualifying him. Warren contended that her notification of the violation to Sterling's roommate was sufficient.

The roommate, Tom Wilson, testified that he had explained to Warren early Friday evening that Sterling would be out of town until Sunday afternoon on a field trip. On his return, he tried to contact Warren but her phone was not connected, testified Sterling.

The board, in a split 4-2 decision, favored Sterling and reinstated him in today's election.

Friday, the entire board of seven decided that Mickler should not be disqualified because his forms were not properly filled out.

The case was punctuated by the involvement of former student Dale Foster. Earlier this year, Foster resigned from his Senate place after it was revealed that he was no longer an A&M student.

Testimony indicated that Foster had told Mickler that "everything has been taken care of" after Foster notified Mickler of his failure to sign and fill-out an information form. In reality, the forms were forged by someone.



Mary Ellen Martin

School race

14 per cent vote gives okay to Natowitz, Robeck

A 14 per cent voter turnout Saturday elected Joe Natowitz and Bruce Robeck to positions on the A&M Consolidated School Board.

Natowitz, an A&M chemistry professor, said Monday he had expected to win but was surprised by the size of his winning margin.

In the four-way race for Position 7, Natowitz took 889 votes of the 1,666 cast in the election, for a 56.5 per cent.

Aileen Wenck, a lecturer in A&M's English Department, filed for the same position, and Natowitz said he was convinced she would hurt his campaign, since she supported many of the same issues as Natowitz. However, she managed to get only 98 votes, 6.18 per cent of the vote.

Also competing for Position 7 were John Sandstedt, a local attorney, and a TAMU professor of industrial engineering, James Hennigan. Hennigan received 243 votes, 15.32 per cent of the vote, while Sandstedt received 356 votes for 22.45 per cent.

Thirty-five-year-old Bruce

Robeck attributed his victory in the race for Position 6 to a broad base of support from the community.

With 51.95 per cent of the vote, the A&M political science professor won a narrow victory over Cubby Manning, 53, a researcher with the Texas Transportation Institute, who took the remaining 48.05 per cent. Robeck had 853 votes to Manning's 789.

Robeck said he was not confident of victory but anticipated a close race. The false rumors of his atheism, he said, was no doubt a factor in the race. He couldn't say whether the rumor hurt his campaign or a backlash helped it.

Robeck said one of his first efforts as a board member will be to re-order some priorities in the district's budget, emphasizing some of the creative arts such as music, drama, art and literature.

The most immediate problem in the district, Natowitz said, is overcrowding. He said the board will have to move quickly to find out what space is needed. A bond issue will have to be considered, he added.

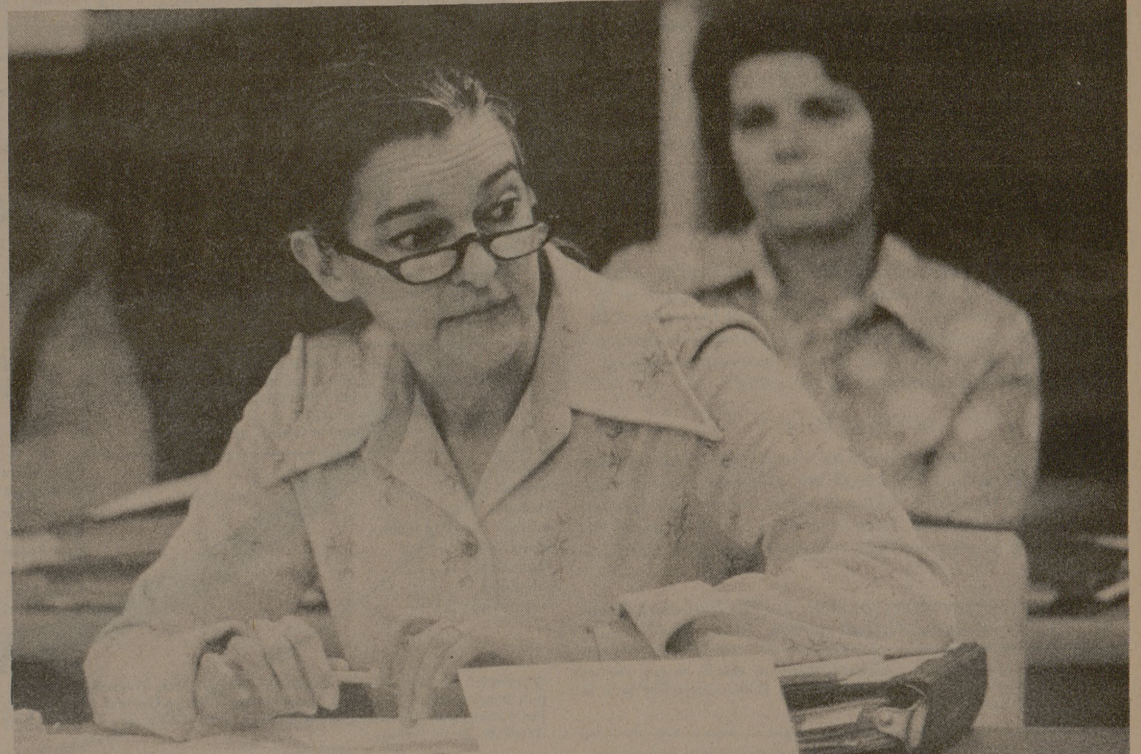


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Nancy Donaldson, new president of the A&M Consolidated school board.

Vote in campus elections. Polls close at 6.