

Run-off elections to be Wednesday

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Ken Johnson and Marc Schneider are in the run-off for the office of Texas A&M student body president.

Run-offs in these elections will be Wednesday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Polling sites will be the Commons, Evans Library, the guard room, the Memorial Student Center and Sbsa Dining Hall.

Complete election results were released and certified by the Judicial Board Monday night following the special election that gave graduating seniors the opportunity to vote.

A total of 6,185 ballots were counted in the balloting, which began last Tuesday and Wednesday, and which concluded with the special graduating senior election Monday. An additional 17 ballots were not counted because of computer incompatibility.

Johnson received 2,267 votes (40 percent) to Schneider's 1,415 (25 percent). David Collins received 1,366 votes (24 percent); Matt Woodruff was fourth with 343 votes (6 percent); and Mary Elizabeth Herring got 304 votes (5 percent).

The following offices will be contested in Wednesday's run-off election:

Student body president — Ken Johnson and Marc Schneider



Ken Johnson

Vice president for external affairs — Sue Vito and Blaine Edwards

Class of '84 president — John Dungan and Kam Hutchins; Class of '84 vice president — Nicole Williams and Joseph A. Sandoval

Class of '82 historian — Mark Morris and Bryan Bartels

Graduate Student Council representatives

Agriculture (five places) — Paul Pierce, Bruce Clark, Neil Jeter, Morrie Luka, Jim Harris, Marcel Valday, John Roach, Kevin Bond and Sandra Hodge

Education (two places) — Rick Putnam, Kay Moss and Barbara Tuepek

Engineering (one place) — Sam Aleton, Dan Ruhn, Patricia Harding, Derrick Sallee and Alison McFarland

Senators

Agriculture at-large — Eloy Corona and Curtis Stewart

Graduate off-campus (three places) — Tim Sager, George Stork, Frank Stiles, Dan Watkins, Buddy Urbanczyk and Shish Mehta

Preliminary results indicate the following winners:

Legislative vice presidents

Academic affairs — Kathy Bartholomew

Finance — J. Terry Smith

Rules and regulations — Rhonda Rhea

Student services — Chris Langford

Yell leaders

Seniors — Mike Thatcher, Norris Hodgins and John Nisbet

Juniors — Uwe Wolfgang Guenther and Tom Joseph.

Off-Campus Aggies

President — Paul Bettencourt

Vice President — Bruce Martin

Secretary — Rhonda Rhea

Treasurer — Melissa Montgomery

Residence Hall Association

President — Tim Ryan

Vice President — Michelle Rowland

Secretary — Gaye Denley

Treasurer — Kevin Bailey

Senators

Ward I — Dale Collins, Donna Zimmerman, Sherry Trask, Chris Duncan, Chrise Cleveland and Mike Meyer

Ward II — Jeff Anthony, Patricia Linck, Roland Flanagan, John W. Porter, Pat Pearson, William Beard, Michael Hafner, Cheryl Roberts and Jerry Ward

Ward III — Adren Pilger and James Saxon



Marc Schneider

Ward IV — Shannon O'Farrell, Ellen Pifer, Eddie King and Cody Whitten

University Apartments — Jim Scrivner

Graduate off campus — Fred Seals

Mosher-Krueger — Kristy Wright

Aston-Dunn — George Boozalis

Keathley-Fowler-Hughes — Cathy Seeburger

Haas-McFadden-Neeley-Hobby — Melissa Cosper

Spence-Briggs-Modular — Laura Furr

Crocker-Davis/Gary-Moses-Moore — Mike Maddrey

McInnis-Schuhmacher-Hotard-Walton — Mark A. Stasney

Law-Puryear-Hart-Cain — Joe Nussbaum

Geosciences senior — David Close

Agriculture at-large — Mike Wolff

Architecture at-large — Barton A. Dennis and Brad Simmons

Business at-large — Debby Rutledge and Lisa Kueck

Education at-large — Beth Castenson, Lynda Beard and Patsy Jenkins

Engineering at-large — Dave Ward

Geosciences at-large — Linda Holman

Science at-large — Bobby Ogdee and Jeff Young

Veterinary Medicine at-large — Denise K. Williams and Mark Vara

College of Medicine — Satish Patel

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Middle-class may be hit hardest

Budget cuts affect student aid

By KATHY O'CONNELL
Battalion Staff

Circumstances indicate President Ronald Reagan's proposed budget cuts in student financial aid would hit middle-income and working class families the hardest.

Financial Aid Director Dr. Bill McFarland, said the proposed cuts would affect the Guaranteed Student Loan program and the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant program.

This is due to the fact that the cuts the president supports would be directed primarily at the same programs which have made it possible for middle- and low-income families to finance an education.

Under current regulations of the GSL program, an undergraduate student may borrow \$2,500 annually, with a maximum amount of \$7,500, while graduate students can borrow a maximum \$10,000.

McFarland said students must secure the loans from commercial lenders that participate in the loan program.

One change proposed for the GSL program is to eliminate interest subsidies to institutions who lend money to students. Under the current program, the government pays interest to lenders for a designated period of time based on the amount the student borrows while he is in school.

Reagan also proposes contributions from other aid programs and earnings from the family and the student be considered before granting loans to students.

Because these changes would impose a limit on the amount of money a student could borrow, parents or the student would have to make up the difference. Presently, it's possible for a student to finance the majority of his education through loans.

McFarland said the amount of money a student is eligible to receive is dependent upon the actual cost of education. He said the financial aid office calculates approximate figures for tuition, books, room and board, transportation and personal expenses.

Prior to Jan. 1, the GSL program was handled by federal agencies; however, it is now handled by the state. This is advantageous, McFarland said, because applications can be processed faster when the program is under state control. And "when it comes to collection time, some people think it's better to make payments at home than sending their money to some bureaucrat," he said.

Not only did the program change hands, but the interest rates were changed. Before Jan. 1, the rate was seven percent, with a nine month grace period. This means the government pays seven percent simple interest on the total amount borrowed until the time span has ended.

The new rate is nine percent simple interest with a six month grace period.

McFarland said any student who secured a loan before Jan. 1, still pays the seven percent interest rate, however.

Under the new regulations, if a student borrows the maximum amount, (\$7,500) he would repay approximately \$19,000 over a ten-year repayment plan. This compares with the old regulations where the student repays \$14,000 over the same amount of time.

McFarland said the proposed changes are designed to limit rapid growth of the GSL program.

Despite these proposed changes, officials expect an increase from 3.2 million to approximately 3.6 million

in 1981-82. Without the proposals, there would about 4.5 million participants, he said.

The Congressional Budget office estimates that the changes will cut into half the number of students eligible for loans.

In the BEOG program, the maximum amount a student can get is \$1,750 annually. The average grant paid to the approximate 2.6 million people in the program is \$929. McFarland said grants are awarded by calculating the basic cost of education.

Approximately 4,000 students, or 12.7 percent of the 31,443 students at Texas A&M receive BEOGs.

But, because of the proposed changes, the federal government has halted the processing of applications until Congress can agree on what changes are to be made, McFarland said.

Proposed changes in the BEOG program, he said, "seem to be a regressive change which will affect those applicants from lower income families severely."

There are two possible ways in which the grants would be awarded. First, the amount the student would receive would be limited to the lesser amount of the maximum grant minus any expected family contribution.

Second, the student would receive the full cost of education, after family contributions and \$750 of the student's own earnings are subtracted.

In a UPI story, Sen. Clairborne Pell, D-R.I., was quoted as saying the cuts in aid are "penny-wise and pound foolish" since the long run affects of the cuts could mean fewer highly trained people in the future.

Beginning the 1981-82 academic year, BEOGs will be called Pell Grants after the senator.



Don Lee Munsell
Glen Wayne Mitchell Jr.
Bob Leslie Boyles Jr.

Tulio Ruben Pena
Eva Fees Smith

Lobbyists target on tuition bill

By TERRY DURAN
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Lobbying efforts from several schools have targeted a state senate bill now in committee that would double undergraduate tuition at state supported colleges and universities.

The bill, filed in mid-March by W. E. "Pete" Snelson of Midland, would raise tuition at state-supported schools from the present \$4 to \$8 per semester hour for in-state undergraduate students. Tuition for out-of-state students would also double, from \$40 to \$80 per semester hour.

In-state medical students' tuition would jump from \$400 to \$3,600 per 12-month academic year, while resident dental students will have to pay \$2,500 a year.

The bill calls for out-of-state medical students to pay \$7,200 a year (up from \$1,200); dental students' tuition would be \$5,000 a year.

The proposal is a result of recommendations by a special committee charged by the senate with a "study of the financing of higher education in Texas with particular emphasis on providing the highest quality ... in the most efficient manner possible." The committee, chaired by Lt. Gov. William P. Hobby and appointed by Gov. William P. Clements, submitted its report in January.

The committee recommended raising faculty salaries 40 percent by fiscal year 1983, increasing state funding of organized faculty research, a tuition increase as outlined above, and changes in the handling of available funds from the Permanent University Fund. It would also set aside funds from the tuition increase for schools not eligible for PUF financing and scholarships for students needing financial aid.

The committee's report acknowledged that higher tuition rates might cause up to a five percent enrollment drop. It also recommended 10 percent

of fees collected under the new statute be set aside for those hit hardest financially.

The study estimates a net increased income due to higher tuition of \$51.9 million if enrollment figures remain stable. If enrollment dropped five percent, about \$46.2 million in extra funds would be generated.

Mike Martin is a leader in the Texas Student Lobby, an independent group of mostly University of Texas students working to defeat the tuition increase proposal. Martin, who is also head clerk for the senate natural resources committee, says the senate is "taking advantage of a group that can't defend themselves" by raising college tuition.

"When you're a student, you don't have a lot of time" to compete with professional lobbyists," he said.

Although the TSL does not officially represent the UT student body — UT has no student government — Martin said efforts are being made to sway senate higher education committee members to kill the bill in committee. He said four committee members already oppose the measure; two more will be needed to keep the measure from making it to the senate floor.

The TSL is not the only group lobbying against the tuition increase. A Texas A&M Student Government lobbying group has been researching the situation for "quite a while," said David Collins, 1980-81 external affairs vice president, as well as the Texas Student Association.

Collins said Monday that a report on the situation should be finished within a week. The report will state and support

a specific position representative of the Texas A&M student body, he said.

An SG student survey was conducted in March, asking students if they favored the tuition increase and whether the added "financial burden" would be enough to cause the student to leave school.

Texas A&M biology major Tom Schwartz (son of former Texas legislator A. R. "Babe" Schwartz of Galveston), said it's "unfair" to raise tuition, especially in conjunction with President Ronald Reagan's proposal to cut the Education Department budget by \$9.2 billion over the next five years.

"They (the committee) admit at least a five percent enrollment drop," he said. "They don't care who the five percent are or where they go, just as long as they get their extra money."

Texas currently has the third lowest tuition rate for in-state students of the 48 states ranked; Texas tuition for out-of-state students is 25th of 48. Medical school tuition for both resident and non-resident students is currently the lowest of any in the nation.

"They're just raising tuition because it's low," Schwartz charged. He warned of a "triple-threat" to Texas A&M students, due to recently-approved increases in room and board fees, the impending tuition increase and cuts to federal grant and guaranteed student loan programs.

Collins, Martin and Schwartz all say the best thing to do right now is write state representatives. "The important thing is to write," Martin said. "If no one writes, those guys will never know how we feel."

Ex-hostage speaks at A&M tonight

Former hostage Richard Queen will speak at 8 tonight in Rudder Theater. Queen, who spent 250 days in captivity in Iran, will speak on "An Analysis of the Iranian Hostage Crisis." The speech is sponsored by Political Forum.

During the embassy siege in Iran, Queen took on the task of organizing a makeshift library for the hostages. He is now employed as an Iranian analyst by the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

Silver Taps tonight

The Silver Taps Ceremony will be held tonight at 10:30 in front of the Academic Building. The following Texas A&M students will be honored: Don Lee Munsell who died March 15, Glen Wayne Mitchell Jr. who died March 16, Bob Leslie Boyles Jr. who died March 19, and Tulio Ruben Pena and Eva Fees Smith who died March 25. Lights on campus should be turned off from 10:20 p.m. to 10:50 p.m. during the ceremony.