

Neeley, Lewis discuss issues

By KAREN WALLACE
Staff Writer

Richard Smith and Neeley Lewis, the front-runners in the District 14 state representative's race, faced questions on crime, education and the Permanent University Fund Monday night at a debate sponsored by MSC Political Forum.

Both candidates answered the planned questions similarly, but disagreed on a question brought up by a member of the audience.

Lewis was asked why he said only a Democrat could represent Texas.

"I never said that," said Lewis, a Democrat from College Station.

Lewis said that past Democrats have had a good record in Austin.

"The Democrats are strong in Austin," he said. "I think the record speaks for itself."

Smith disagreed with Lewis. "Effectiveness can't be bestowed on somebody by his predecessors," said Smith, a Republican from Bryan. "That is a phony issue in this campaign that has been exposed."

The first debate question dealt with crime in Texas and changes in the Texas Department of Corrections.

Both candidates agreed that the prisons were too crowded, but disagreed on how to solve the problem.

"Not everyone who is sick has

to go to the hospital," Lewis said.

Therefore, not everyone who commits a felony needs to go to the TDC, he said.

Smith said the main problem is a lack of a management training program at TDC.

"Good management skills are greatly lacking in the Department of Corrections," Smith said.

On second question, which dealt with the educational system, Lewis and Smith agreed there should be an increase in teacher salaries.

Teachers should be paid higher so they will stay in the classroom and not have to go into administration to support a family, Smith said.

"We don't need to move experienced, long-term teachers out of the classroom," he said.

Both candidates said they favor the passage of House Joint Resolution 19, which would keep the Permanent University Fund for Texas A&M and the University of Texas.

"If you don't do anything else, get out and work to get HJR 19 passed," Lewis said to the audience to stress his support.

Smith said he will support Reagan in the 1984 presidential election.

Lewis said he hasn't thought much about who he will vote for.



Photo by JOHN RYAN

Candidates Neeley Lewis, right, and Richard Smith faced questions about crime, education and the PUF in a debate Monday night.

Bad weather expected for primary

Mondale leaves New Hampshire

United Press International

CONCORD, N.H. — Front-runner Walter Mondale left last-minute campaigning to an army of 700 workers Monday as his seven Democratic rivals bombed New Hampshire on the eve of the first-in-the-nation presidential primary.

A major storm with snow, sleet and freezing rain was forecast for primary day, which could hurt the turnout expected to be about 100,000 on the Democratic side.

Although there were no new polls, there was a general feeling that Mondale would come in first with his percentage in the mid to high 30 percentile.

Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado was

believed to have moved into second place in the closing days ahead of Sen. John Glenn of Ohio.

Glenn, who finished a dismal fifth in the Iowa caucuses, said he would not drop out of the race regardless of his finish in Iowa. "I'm in this for the long run," he said. "We're not down and out."

The other contenders — civil rights activist Jesse Jackson, former Sen. George McGovern, Sens. Alan Cranston of California and Ernest Hollings of South Carolina and former Gov. Reubin Askew of Florida were all seen as trailing the others. For some, New Hampshire

could be the last of the political race.

But the independent Yankee voters of New Hampshire have a habit of surprising the experts and hurting front-runners.

And another unknown was the drive by a conservative group backed by the New Hampshire's only statewide newspaper, the Manchester Union Leader, to get Democrats and independents to write in President Reagan's name on the Democratic ballot. The newspaper has written three consecutive front page editorials endorsing the idea.

After a dawn appearance at a Manchester shoe factory gate, Mondale flew back to Washing-

ton for a fundraiser, leaving the final campaigning to an army of 500 volunteers and 200 staffers in the state.

"I'm not taking anything for granted," he said in Boston where he was endorsed by Mayor Raymond Flynn. "I think I'm going to do well. I think the reason I've done well is that I'm a person who has kept his promises."

In Portsmouth on the New Hampshire seacoast, Hart said he felt there was a "very strong movement" of voters toward his candidacy and said he was confident of his prediction he would finish second.

"I don't mean to be brash," Hart said. "There a fine line be-

tween confidence and brashness. I hope I haven't crossed it."

Cranston said he would continue in the race even if he does poorly.

"I intend to go on to Maine where I think we have a good chance of doing very, very well regardless of what happens in New Hampshire," he said. Maine holds caucuses Sunday.

Jackson campaigned in the northern part of the state on the morning after he admitted using an ethnic slur to describe Jews. He apologized for the remark Sunday night and said he hoped his comments would open a dialogue between blacks and Jews.

Speaker says research key part of technology to solve hunger

By MICHAEL RAULERSON
Reporter

Technology needed for the continued production of an abundant supply of food and fiber will be based on the results of research, the director of the National Tillage Machinery Laboratory in Auburn, Ala. said Monday.

Dr. Robert L. Schafer con-

trasted today's technology as evolutionary or revolutionary in the fourth of the Agricultural Engineering Distinguished Lecture series.

Schafer defined evolutionary technology as that which makes improvements in existing machines or processes and revolutionary technology is that which creates or adopts an entirely new concept or process.

"Evolution may well meet the needs for solving today's problems," Schafer said. "But I have to wonder if evolution will provide the machinery technology we will need for food, feed and fiber production in the 21st century."

Schafer described a tillage hypothesis in which systems of the future will be prescribed for soil and environmental types

and specific crops. The system he referred to was called Custom Prescribed Tillage or "CPT". This technique prescribes a tillage process for soils by using the knowledge and specifications of the soil's specific characteristics, he said.

"I believe that farm machinery technology will be an important part of farming systems of the 21st Century," Schafer said.

Correction

The Battalion reported on Wednesday, Feb. 22, that applications still are being accepted for resident adviser positions. They are not. However, applications are being accepted for head resident positions until March 31. The Battalion regrets the implication.

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