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## Polls show Mondale ahead in New York delegates race

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NEW YORK — Walter Mondale led Gary Hart and Jesse Jackson in two statewide polls Monday as the Democratic candidates stumped New York on the eve of the biggest primary so far in the 1984 presidential race.

With 252 delegates at stake, New York City voters dominate the primary turnout. City elections board officials predict 50 percent of the 1.8 million registered Democrats will vote — up from 38 percent four years ago. Statewide, officials predict 30 to 35 percent of the Democrats will vote.

Mondale wanted a big win in New York Tuesday and another next week in Pennsylvania to show he is the clear favorite of the big industrial northern states with their heavy

Democratic vote. He told the Buffalo Evening News on the eve of the primary a loss in New York would mean his drive for the nomination is in trouble, but a victory would make him the candidate to catch.

"It's the shootout at the OK Corral," he said. "If we lose, we're in trouble. But if we win, they're going to have to make a pretty good grab at our coattails to catch up with us."

Hart said a strong second in New York would be a good showing, especially since Mondale is backed by the Democratic establishment including Gov. Mario Cuomo and New York Mayor Edward Koch.

Asked if he was sounding pessimistic about his chances in New York, Hart said, "We came from far behind in this race. I don't know what's going to happen tomorrow,

but if we have closed the gap as much as I think we have and we run a very strong second at the very least, which I think we will, then we will have done well. I think it will be a fairly close race."

Mondale, with a strong appeal to the traditional Democrats and Jewish voters who are a large component of the New York turnout, held the edge in two polls over Hart, who was running well among suburban and wealthier voters.

Jackson could pile up his biggest vote of the year and was seen taking more than 20 percent of the vote in the three-way battle.

The ABC-Washington Post poll, which tracks shifts in voting patterns over the closing days before the election, said Monday that Mondale had 41 percent, Hart 30 percent and

Jackson 22 percent, with a 6 percent margin of error. The New York Post said Mondale was leading Hart 47 percent to 38 percent and Jackson only 9 percent, with a 6 percent margin of error.

But the Washington Post-ABC poll said Mondale was holding on to his lead or building, while the New York Post said Hart was closing the gap in the final hours before the voting.

In the crucial battle for convention delegates, the latest United Press International count gives Mondale 728 of the 1,967 delegates needed for nomination, while Hart has 440 and Jackson 101. There are 325 uncommitted.

## Faculty to vote Wednesday

By DAINAH BULLARD  
Staff Writer

Spring elections for Texas A&M's Faculty Senate will be held Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Voting places will be located in several buildings on campus.

A total of 53 faculty members have been nominated for the 28 available Senate seats. All faculty members can vote in the election, but faculty members can vote only for Senate seats open in their colleges.

The number of Senate seats open in each college and voting places for the colleges are as follows:

- College of Agriculture — four open seats. Voting will be in the first floor lounge of Harrington Tower.
- College of Architecture and Environmental Design — one open seat. Voting will be in the Langford Architecture Center gallery.
- College of Business Administration — three open seats. Voting will be in the second floor lobby of the Blocker Building.
- College of Education — two open seats. Voting will be in East Kyle for health and physical education department faculty, and in the first floor lounge of Harrington Tower for other college faculty members.

- College of Engineering — six open seats. Voting will be in the Zachry Engineering Center lobby.
- College of Geosciences — one open seat. Voting will be in the Langford Architecture Center gallery.
- College of Liberal Arts — five open seats. Voting will be in the second floor lobby of the Blocker Building for English department faculty, and in the first floor lounge of Harrington Tower for other college faculty members.
- College of Medicine — one open seat. Voting will be in the first floor lobby of the Medical Sciences Building for College Station faculty members.

- College of Science — three open seats. Voting will be in the Academic Building rotunda.
- College of Veterinary Medicine — one open seat. Voting will be outside the dean's office in the Veterinary Sciences Building.

Sterling C. Evans Library also has one Senate seat open. Voting will be in 211 Evans Library.



Photo by JOHN RYAN

### International Week

Ravi Krishnan, a freshman pre-med major from Houston demonstrates the harmonium, a musical instrument similar to an accordion, to Ed Guthrie, the assistant Director of Academic Services here. Krishnan was in the MSC as part of International Week

## Alders, Swartzwelder ready for run-off race

By ROBIN BLACK  
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Tomorrow winds up the home stretch in the run-off election for Texas A&M student body president, and both candidates are keeping a firm grasp on their original campaign platforms.

David Alders, speaker of the senate, and Grant Swartzwelder, vice president for academic affairs, are engaged in a tug-of-war to get the now-uncommitted votes as well as the 18 votes that separated them in the initial election.

Alders, who came out with a slim lead over Swartzwelder in the first election, with 31.3 percent of the vote as opposed to Swartzwelder's 26.6 percent, said the election and the position of student body president must be attacked with maturity and credibility, something he said has been lacking in the past. Swartzwelder's concept differs

somewhat. He said the past is important in the choice of a student leader.

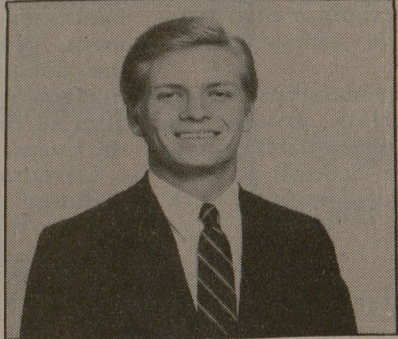
"I think it's vital that whoever serves as student body president has a proven record, showing that he has experience and knows what he's doing to some degree," he said.

Alders has outlined five main objectives in his campaign:

- The advising system must be modified to allow students to gain personal, consistent and detailed advice regarding their educational opportunities.

"This is not available in many of the colleges, and it's something the students deserve," he said. "I think this is something the administration recognizes as a concern, but with everything else they do, they don't give it top priority."

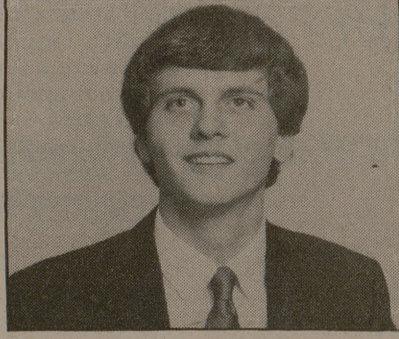
• Efforts to maintain the status quo with regard to senior final exam policy must be expanded so that Aggies can continue to participate in a



David Alders

meaningful, timely commencement ceremony.

"Aside from the issue of what the students want," he said, "I think the administration should consider what this will do to the graduation ceremonies. If seniors have to take final exams along with the rest of the student body, given the processing time in-



Grant Swartzwelder

volved, it'll be a virtual ghost town around here when ceremonies are finally held."

• The curriculum of many degree programs must be enriched so as to allow students the freedom to engage in a complete educational experience.

"I think having a broad education

is important, even if that means extending degree programs such as engineering to four and a half or five years," he said.

• The resources and facilities of the University library must be expanded if Texas A&M is to increase its academic stature.

"We should have the resources in the library to support the courses we teach," Alders said. "Professors and students who want to do scholarly research shouldn't have to go to the University of Texas library to do it."

• Student opinions must be advanced capably and credibly on such issues as the construction of a new special events center, parking and traffic flow proposals and the expansion of the Memorial Student Center.

"We need to establish positive, consistent stands on these issues to increase the power of our input," he said.

An issue Alders is very interested

in but hasn't declared formally is the establishment of a graduate school placement center.

He said the University should have a system for graduate school placement similar to the job placement center because more and more students are going into graduate studies after they receive their degree rather than immediately pursuing jobs.

Swartzwelder's campaign objectives differ substantially from Alders'.

• Registration — Use on-line registration to provide students with a copy of their schedule on that day.

"We need a registration system where a student can hand their packet to someone sitting at a computer, have their courses punched in, and walk away with a copy of their schedule," Swartzwelder said.

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## Lawyer appointed as special prosecutor to investigate Meese

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Washington lawyer Jacob A. Stein was named as special prosecutor Monday to probe the financial dealings of Edwin Meese and charges of cronyism that have blocked his confirmation as attorney general.

Acting on a request from Attorney General William French Smith, a special three-judge court named Stein as an "independent counsel" to investigate whether Meese violated any criminal law.

President Reagan has nominated Meese, a longtime friend and now White House counselor, to succeed Smith as the head of the Justice Department and the nation's top legal official.

Stein, 59, was given the authority to investigate any allegation or evidence of violation of any federal criminal law by Mr. Meese developed

during the independent counsel's investigation.

The court also gave Stein jurisdiction to prosecute any violations.

Stein, a past president of the District of Columbia bar, has been in private practice since 1948, handling both civil and criminal cases. He also has teaching experience at Harvard and Georgetown Universities.

Among Stein's more notable courtroom experiences was his defense of Kenneth Parkinson, a lawyer for Richard Nixon's Committee to Re-Elect the President who stood trial for the Watergate cover-up — the scandal that inspired passage of the Ethics in Government Act. Parkinson was acquitted.

Stein is not the only Watergate-era lawyer involved in the Meese case. One of Meese's three lawyers, Leonard Garment, served as Nixon's White House counsel during the Watergate era.

"We're pleased that the judicial panel has acted promptly and has appointed a distinguished lawyer as the independent counsel. We look forward to cooperating fully with him," Garment said.

The naming of Stein is only the fourth time a special prosecutor has been named since the ethics law went on the books in 1978 with its provision to remove investigations of high-level government officials from the usual workings of the Justice Department to avoid political influence.

Meese had called for the independent counsel to put to rest questions about his fitness for the job of attorney general.

Smith, in a formal request to the special court revealed last week, asked for the appointment of a special prosecutor to conduct a full-blown investigation of Meese's failure to disclose a \$15,000 interest-free loan that his wife, Ursula, obtained

from longtime Meese associate Edwin Thomas and used to purchase stock.

Thomas, his wife, Gretchen, and their son, Tad, all got federal jobs after the loan was made.

Smith sought broad jurisdiction for the independent counsel to investigate Meese's financial transactions with several other individuals who received federal appointments; stock traded by Meese and his family, and special treatment for businesses in which Meese held a financial interest.

He also asked for an investigation of Meese's sudden promotion in the Army Reserve, which allowed him to get bigger pension benefits and his sworn statements about his knowledge of the 1980 Reagan campaign's use of President Jimmy Carter's campaign materials.

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