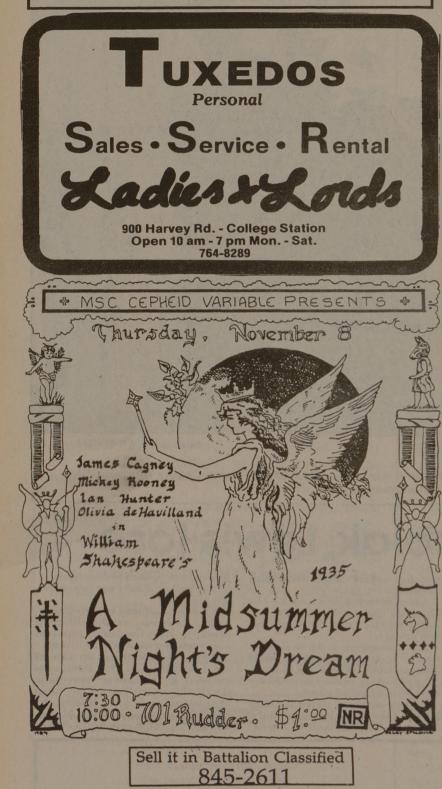
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Student voter turnout heavy

By KATHERINE HURT Staff Writer

Student voter turnout was unusually high in Brazos County Tuesday. The number of voters in precinct 20, an all-student precinct on the south side of campus, doubled 1980's figures.

Seventy four percent of pre-cinct 20's 4,000 registered voters turned out to vote before the

polls closed at 7 p.m. In precinct 34, a central Col-lege Station precinct with large student registration, 2,019 of the precinct's 3,071 voters, 64 percent, voted in Tuesday's election.

Douglas Jones, precinct 34 election judge, said voter registra-tion in the precinct has doubled in the last six months.

Ninety percent of the increase in this precinct is students," he said

Jones attributed increased voter registration to the completion of nine sorority houses in precinct 34. "President Reagan was the main drawer of voters this year," he said.

Voters in precinct 35, students living on the north side of cam-pus and in Northgate area apart-ments, also turned out to vote in large numbers, Scott Brooks, precinct 35 election judge said.

Seventy seven percent, 2,410, of the precinct's 3,110 registered voted before the polls voters closed

Precinct 10 election judge, Ruby Freeman, was under orders not to speak to the media. Her only comment was, "We've had a big turnout." Precinct 10, in

By CAMILLE BROWN

Staff Writer

With two weeks to go in the fund drive, the Brazos County United Way has reached 68 percent of its goal. Reports on fifth week of the

campaign showed pledges at

"Admittedly the next 28 or 29 thousand (dollars) is going to be a lot tougher to get," said Robert Fleischer, executive director of the Brazos County United Way. "But I think we can still get close to the

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Ceila Stallings, drive chairman,

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southeast College Station, also has many registered student vot-

"Student voter turnout was high this year because students have finally been told they really make a difference," Stokes said. "They're realizing that if they do go vote, it can change an election.

Absentee voting also was high in Brazos County this year — vot-ers cast 3,790 absentee ballots be-fore the Nov. 2 deadline.

Some confusion reigned among students who had not received their voter registration cards and did not know they

could vote, Stokes said. "Hundreds and hundreds (of students) didn't get their cards and didn't know they could vote," she said.

Stokes said so many students registered to vote that Voter Reg-istrar Buddy Winn's office didn't have time to get registration cards mailed to every student who applied.

Stokes said students without registration cards could vote by affadavit at any precinct.

"Students have to be allowed to vote as long as they swear that they filled out a voter registration card," she said.

Many precinct 35 voters living in north-side dormitories were confused about which precinct to vote in because their voter registration cards said to vote in pre-cinct 20, Chris Bowers, precinct 35 pollwatcher said.

Election judge Brooks said, "There are too many people ... not enough machines, and people are confused about where to vo-

Texas voters pass Je six amendments to

United Press International

AUSTIN — Texas voters added six amendments to the 108-year-old state constitution Tuesday, with approval of the establishment of a \$100 million a year college construction fund heading the list but rejecting a proposal for an average \$8,300 an-nual pay hike for legislators.

The Texas Constitution has been laden with 263 amendments since it was drafted in 1876, systematically altered by voters every two years since 1879.

Proposition 2 was easily approved by a 3-to-2 margin and sets up a \$100 million a year building fund to be shared by 26 state colleges and universities.

Voters rejected Amendment No. 8, which would have raised legislators' pay by more than \$8,000 a year by a 2-to-1 margin.

Also nixed was by a 2-to-1 margin was Amendment No. 6, which would have allowed cities, counties or school districts to invest public funds in premiums for mutual insurance

A lawsuit against the state by Midwestern University prompted a 1982 constitutional amendment that repealed the state property tax, which had been set up to fund college con-struction but was unequally assessed. That left the schools that do not

share in the oil-rich Permanent University Fund, which benefits the University of Texas and Texas A&M, without a dedicated source of

funding for construction projects. Since 1881, state lawmakers have sought voter approval of higher leg-islative pay 20 times but were successful only four times: in 1930,

1954, 1960 and 1975. The 1975 amendment set monthly salaries at \$600 for House

members and senators and also tablished a \$30 per day stipend each day the Legislature is in reg session (140 days every two re and special session. In odd-numbered years when

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Legislature meets, a lawmaker earns a minimum of \$11,400a Office expenses such as staf ries, postage, etc., are paid from ferent funds.

Amendment No. 8 would eliminated the \$30 per diem made it a floating amount tied to maximum allowable federal tax duction for legislative en That amount currently is \$75 day, meaning the minimum w in-session pay would have risen \$17,700.

Other amendments approve Tuesday included:

No. 1, winning by a 3-to-1 mary giving state-chartered banks same rights and privileges en by federally-chartered banks. No. 3, winning by a 3-to-2 ma allowing parents, brothers and

ters who are dependents of a p safety officer to collect state aid officers are killed while on haz ous duty.

No. 4, winning by a 2-to-1 mag abolishing the county treasurery fices in Bexar and Collin counter

No. 5, winning by a 3-to-2 mar permitting the Senate to electate cessor to the lieutenant gover (who presides over the Senate)i case the lieutenant governor comes incapacitated or dies.

No. 7, winning by a 4-to-1 man changing the membership State Commission on Judicial G duct and altering the ways in wh the commission disciplines judge

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returns, but there is still a lot of work to accomplish to reach the \$425,000 goal. A&M had contributed the most

said: "There are several promising

money to the total, but this week the pilot division took the lead with \$98,638. A&M is next with \$81,950. Of A&M's three divisions, the

University has given \$51,154, the System has given \$30,791 and the student contribution, now officially at \$24, will be totalled at the end of the eight week drive.

Because the student campaign is based on activity-related fund

drives, students do not enter the a very successful campaign." eight-week race to raise money

Donations collected by A&M students are handed in to the United Way throughout the year.

C.R. "Chuck" Cargill, vice presi-dent for operations at A&M and coordinator of the University's drive, is enthusiastic about A&M's showing this year.

"We have a chance to be the heroes of the campaign," Cargill said. "I think we can exceed our goal by a significant amount. It should be

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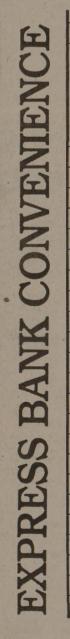
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