

Royall elected student body president

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Sean Royall is Texas A&M's new student body president. "The people have shown that they believe in me and what I can do," Royall said late Wednesday upon the release of the election results. The run-off election swept Royall into office for the 1985-86 academic year with 1,083 votes, or 60 percent. About 5 percent of the student body turned out Wednesday to elect Royall into office by a five-to-three margin. "This campaign has exposed not only the experience of the candidates but also the role of student

government at A&M and what can be done to make it as effective as possible," Royall said. Mike Cook, Royall's opponent, received 658 votes, or about 36 percent. "I'm proud of the campaign we ran," Cook said. "We raised some important issues and created a lot of enthusiasm."

Cook said his only disappointments were the low turnout Wednesday and the rumor and innuendo that was raised near the end of the campaign. "People won't vote until someone stands up and gets something done,"

Cook said. "That's when people think they can make a difference." Cook also said he wishes Royall luck in making Student Government as effective as possible. "My plans are the same as if I was elected," he said. "I'm ready for student government to start representing the students and speaking for their viewpoints."

Election committee members were slowed in their tabulation when the wrong magnetic tape was used at first in recording votes. "The student body president votes were all counted by hand," Jim

Collins, election co-commissioner, said. The rest of the votes were tallied and released by 10:30 p.m.

Student voters also decided Wednesday that next year's Class of '86 will be led by Mark Feagins and that Robert Brian Temple will be the senior class historian.

Ward 2 senators will be Gayle Cougot, Mark McCann, Stephen Parke, David Klosterboer, Merrill Swans, Mike Wood, Susan Baker, Martha Bellens, Sandy Bennett and Joe Lloyd next year.

Sophomore senators from the College of Engineering will be Rob-

ert Russ, Brian Hopkins and Sean Dempsey.

Next year's Sophomore Class Treasurer will be Traci Ryan.

The election results were released to a small gathering in front of the Academic Building Wednesday night. Campaigners cheered as the winners' names were announced in front of the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue and the Bell Tower tolled in the distance.

Election results also revealed that more freshmen voted than any other single class. The second biggest turnout came from the junior class,



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followed by the sophomores. The senior class had the lowest turnout. A total of 1,799 students voted in the runoff.

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Attorney says copy of roster in Cuadra case not lost after all

Associated Press

A copy of the list of exercises that led to the August death of cadet Bruce Goodrich has been in authorities' hands for more than a month even though they said it was lost, an attorney said Wednesday night.

Hank Paine, defense attorney for Gabriel Cuadra, 21, who was convicted in connection with the death of Goodrich, said he was "shocked and outraged" that Brazos County Attorney James Kuboviak had not told him about the list and said he learned about it by accident Tuesday.

Cuadra was sentenced to one year's probation after he pleaded guilty to destroying the original list to keep it out of the media's hands.

But Cuadra hand-wrote a copy of the list after destroying the original and gave that copy to Paine, who said he in turn gave it to the grand jury investigating the case. Goodrich, 20, was a transfer student from New York who died of a heat stroke after being forced to participate in "motivational exercises."

Kuboviak later said the list had been lost, and although a judge or-

dered it to be produced, it never came to light during the trial that netted Cuadra the probated sentence for tampering with evidence.

A woman who would not identify herself said Kuboviak would not be available for comment until Thursday when The Associated Press called his home Wednesday night.

Paine told the AP that the list "is an exact duplicate of that specific night's exercises. It's most helpful to us because it establishes that Gabe had no culpability, that he had no intent to hide anything from police."

Three other former Texas A&M cadets pleaded guilty to reduced charges Feb. 25 in the hazing death and were given probated 90-day sentences.

Paine had already submitted motions for a new trial for Cuadra, and initial arguments have been scheduled to be heard by Brazos County Court of Law Judge Carolyn Ruffino on April 10.

In his motion, Paine accused Kuboviak and the trial jury with misconduct. He says Kuboviak twice mentioned punishment for Cuadra when jurors were asked only to decide guilt or innocence.

White supports panel to review state colleges

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White and legislative leaders Wednesday endorsed creation of a blue-ribbon committee to give higher education in Texas the same kind of study that H. Ross Perot's panel gave public schools.

"Now that we have completed a total review of public education, I believe it is time we gave higher education the same scrutiny," said Rep. Larry Don Shaw, D-Big Spring, sponsor of the resolution to create the select committee.

"We must try to maximize the use of our tax dollars in higher education, but we must also look for possible duplication in programs in our colleges as well as the quality of the curriculum offered."

If the Legislature approves its creation, the select committee would look at all aspects of higher education, including funding, cost-effectiveness of various programs and the

possibility of closing some campuses, officials said.

The plan calls for an in-depth study of our entire system of higher education, House Speaker Gib Lewis said. "Its ultimate goal is to establish that system as the finest in the United States," he said.

Lewis said the select committee would be the proper group to study possible consolidation or closing of some state campuses, adding that he is working to reverse the House Appropriations Committee's tentative decision to close the University of Texas at the Permian Basin and Texas A&M at Galveston.

The legislative leaders compared the new panel to the Select Committee on Public Education, headed by Dallas businessman Perot, which made the series of recommendations that became the controversial House Bill 72 last summer and overhauled Texas' public schools.



Polishing The Brass

Photo by JENS KOEPKE

Da Bihler, from Leander, concentrates on getting jewelry ready for the craft festival at the Memorial Student Center Wednesday.

Thirty-eight vendors sold their goods at the festival that was sponsored by the MSC Craft Center.

Poison

Outbreak of food poisoning blamed on milk

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — An outbreak of food poisoning that has stricken as many as 937 people in three states almost certainly was caused by milk contaminated by salmonella bacteria, health officials said Wednesday.

Tests on 10 cartons of milk indicated the product was contaminated by the disease-causing bacteria, said

Barbara Weiner, assistant director of the state Public Health Department. She said officials were confident that conclusive results expected Thursday would confirm the finding.

Symptoms of those stricken by the bacteria include diarrhea, vomiting, fever and headache. No serious or life-threatening cases have been reported, health officials said.

The number of reported cases has risen to 937, with 515 of them con-

firmed, Weiner said. Of those, 898 were in Illinois, 30 in Indiana and nine in Iowa.

Although reports of salmonella are expected to increase in the next few days, Weiner said onset of the illness should have ended Tuesday.

The only contaminated product identified was 2 percent fat-content milk sold under the Bluebrook brand in Jewel and Eisner food stores, she said.

CS and Bryan set for weekend election

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Most Texas A&M students won't go to the polls this Saturday to cast ballots for a host of positions on College Station's and Bryan's city councils and school boards.

In 1984, only 27 people in three predominantly student precincts voted and most city officials don't expect this year's student turnout to be any better. This year, the elections fall on an Easter weekend lengthened by Friday's state holiday.

But those who do trek to the polls in College Station will elect three city councilmen and answer a non-binding survey on the establishment of a library. Bryan has five positions up for grabs, one of them is the mayor's job.

Seven candidates in College Station are vying for the city council. Although each is concerned about expanding the region's tax base, maintaining the quality of life and improving the city's industrial park, they don't always agree on how to reach the goals. Below is a summation of some of their views.

Place 1

Fred Brown, owner of Fred Brown Mazda-BMW, has lived in College Station for 2½ years and says he sold profitable car dealerships in other cities to move here. He says he liked College Station's low crime rate, its quality of life and its park system. But the city needs to be run like a business, he says, and his experience in private industry would help him

tighten control on the city's budget. More industry could be attracted to the area, he says, if the city's industrial park was turned over to the Industrial Foundation and if Texas A&M was used as a carrot.

More important than that, he says, is encouraging improvements in Easterwood Airport: "In the past we've had major industries come to town and like everything about our city except the airport." He also says the city should scrutinize each department's budget and buy as much for a dollar as possible.

Roy W. Kelly says he's semi-retired but that he wants the job of councilman. Kelly has lived in College Station for 25 years and served one year on the council as well as

three years on the planning and zoning commission.

His top goals are making the city adopt a "no frills" budget, bringing in more industry and keeping citizens involved in the community.

He says re-evaluating the city's financial position now that funds for federal revenue sharing and Texas A&M are in danger of being cut is very important. The city's budget should be trimmed where necessary, he says.

The council should attract many small businesses to the area, he says, rather than a few large ones so the impact of one or more failing wouldn't damage the economy.

Place 3

Roy Hann Jr., an environmental en-

gineering professor, says his top priorities are attacking problem areas which exist and improving the quality of life for residents. Hann says his experience in engineering and business management gives him the qualifications he needs to be a councilman.

The city's industrial park, now relatively undeveloped, should be improved and the city must examine all possible alternatives to help it, he says. Hann says he prefers to think in terms of community development rather than industrial development. For example, he says, the possible establishment of a city library is part of the cultural development of College Station.

It's official: No classes on Friday

Associated Press

Texas A&M students and faculty will get a Easter break this weekend because of legislation passed and signed by Gov. Mark White Wednesday. The legislation designated Good Friday as a state holiday.

Food preparation for students, campus security and physical plant activities are among the service operations that will be working despite the holiday.

The Memorial Student Center also will remain in operation, including the bookstore, cafeteria and Rudder Tower. The Student Programs Office, 216 MSC, will close at noon Friday.

Intramural facilities will remain open. Sterling C. Evans Library will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. on Sunday.

Negotiators propose budget cuts

GOP leaders struggle to agree

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Negotiators for the White House and Senate Republican leaders struggled Wednesday to complete agreement on a multi-billion dollar package of spending cuts to reduce federal deficits, but said differences remained over Social Security, defense and education.

"We hope to conclude preliminary work today," Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan., told reporters after meeting with President Reagan at the White House and a few hours before the formal talks resumed on Capitol Hill.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said any deficit-reduction plan would be brought to Reagan for his review, but added, "I would anticipate that the president would give a nod very quickly."

He said there was a "good chance" that could take place before the president's scheduled departure for a California vacation Friday.

But after reaching tentative agreement on a \$14 billion, three-year package of farm program cuts Tuesday, sources said negotiators at a preliminary morning session quickly ran into difficulty when some senators objected to Reagan's call for sharp reductions in education programs, including student loans.

Sources close to the negotiations added that while no final decisions had been made, there was an "inclination" to accept Reagan's recommendation to eliminate the federal subsidy for Amtrak, most Small Business Administration functions and the Urban Development Action Grant program.

On the other hand, the sources said Reagan's proposal to end grants for mass transit was likely to be rejected in favor of a reduction in funding.

Dole told reporters the two sides had yet to discuss defense spending and Social Security, but other sources said any overall agreement would probably call for after-inflation spending increases of 3 percent a year through 1988 for the Pentagon.

Correction

On Tuesday The Battalion incorrectly stated that two Texas A&M students were killed in train accidents at the Holleman Drive crossing. In fact, the accidents were at the Luther Street crossing.

The Battalion regrets the error.

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