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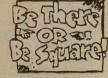
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Candidates call

for cooperation, improved schools

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By Sherri Roberts Staff Writer

A cooperative relationship between the local school boards and state board of education are needed to improve the quality education in Texas, Texas State Board of Education candidates agree.

These issues were addressed in debate sponsored Tuesday night by the MSC Political Forum between Will Davis and Dorothy Chandler, both District 10 candidates for the Texas State Board of Edu-

Court admits **DNA** tests as evidence

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — DNA fingerprinting, which links convicted police killer Michael Lee Lockhart to a Florida murder victim, was allowed to be admitted as evidence in his capital murder

Lockhart, 27, was convicted earlier this month in the slaying of Beaumont patrolman Paul D. Hulsey Jr., 27, on

Lockhart, accused of going on a nationwide killing spree that ended with his arrest in Texas, also is charged with capital murder in slayings in Indiana and

He is charged with the October 1987 slaying of Windy Gallagher, 16, who was found in the bedroom of her Griffith, Ind., home. She had been stabbed

Lockhart also is charged with the slaying of Jennifer Colhouer, a 14-year-old Land O' Lakes, Fla., girl who was found stabbed to death in her home on Jan. 20.

During the punishment phase of the trial, Dr. Daniel Garner, director of the Cellmark Diagnostics Laboratory of Germantown, Md., testified that blood samples taken from Lockhart matched that of the sperm taken from Colhouer's body.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys had argued about the admissibility of the test with Lockhart's attorney, Charles Carver, saying that the test had not been scientifically proven.

Davis said the student to teacher ratio must be reduced to allow the creativity and imagination of teachers to take charge in the classroom.

"The great bulk of teachers are very talented but they don't have time to be creative," he said.

Chandler said the increased amount of paperwork required of teachers in formulating lesson plans was driving many out of the profession.

Chandler said the increased amount of paperwork required was the major factor causing her to leave her teaching career.

She said her 40 years of teaching experience and her extensive studies of comparative education were the factors qualifying her for the board position.

Chandler said her visits to countries including Austria, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Hungary had alerted her to the need for educational reforms in the United

The near 100 percent literacy rate of these countries can be attributed to the compulsory education rules which are strongly enforced by education officials,

Chandler said compulsory education should be enforced in the primary grades in the United States, as well.

Davis compared the state board of education to a local school board, and said it must take practical measures to be a strong advocate of education.

Both candidates addressed the controversial teacher waiver issue, a privelege which allows uncertified adults to teach in the classroom because of the teacher

Referring to the standards required to obtain a teaching certificate, Chandler said, "When you raise the criteria, you will have fewer teachers and, therefore, more waiver priveleges.

The solution to this, she said, is to increase teacher salaries— a measure which would attract a higher quality of

individuals to the profession.

Davis said that although many districts depend heavily on waivers to attract teachers, certification of teachers in the classroom must be vigorously enforced.

Davis said the partnership between the state and local boards of education must be carefully nurtured.

Chandler agreed with the difficulty of the relationship, calling the state rules a strait jacket on local boards which would function better without the mandates.

She said the rules were necessary, however, to maintain a certain standard of quality on those school boards with a weak educational system.

Absentee voting opens in B-CS area

By Susan Stubing Staff Writer

voting sites opened Wednesday at the College Station Community Center and the county courthouse, but County Judge Dick Holmgreen did not expect the Community Center polls to be ready for voters until slightly after the scheduled 8 a.m. opening.

In a news conference Tuesday, Holmgreen told reporters that he had originally called the meeting to announce that the Community Center site would not open at all Tuesday because he had not yet received pre-clearance from the Justice Department. The site was approved shortly before the conference began at 4:30 p.m. by Assistant Attorney General Mark

"We had not heard one way or the other," Holmgreen said, "and to set up a from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Nov. 4.

box without pre-clearance is a direct violation of federal law.

The Community Center was designated as a temporary absentee polling site last week to provide a more accessible location to College Station residents.

Although Holmgreen said that new absentee voting regulations have been extended too far, he also said the Community Center polling site will be convenient.

"Because 50 percent of Brazos County lives out in that area," the judge said, "this spot will make voting more convenient.

Absentee voting, originally established for voters who could not be in their precinct on election day, is now a system that allows anyone to vote absen-

Absentee voters may cast their ballots

Salutes

Faculty/Staff

Dr. Henry F. Taylor, A&M professor of electrical engineering, has been named to the Irma Runyon Chair in Electrical Engineering. The Chair is one of the highest honors a professor or scholar can receive because it affirms the recipient's reputation as a leader in his field. Taylor came to A&M in 1985 after serving as head of the Optical Techniques Branch of the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Harry T. Cralle; Dr. Frank M. Hons and Dr. James R. Wild, professors of agriculture, have been awarded Association of Former Students Teaching Excellence Awards

Dr. John J. Burnett; Dr. Stanley H. Kratchman and Dr. Stuart A. Youngblood, professors of business administration, have been awarded Association of Former Students Teaching Excellence Awards.

Students

Michael E. Ondrusek of College Station and John R. Moisan of Bideford, Maine have been awarded the Antarctica Service Medal. Recipients of the award are determined by their contributions to exploration and scientific achievement under the U.S. Antarctic Research Program.

Salutes is a community service provided by The Battalion to list students, faculty and staff who have received honors and awards (such as scholarships, retirement, etc.). Space is limited and is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee that your submission will run. Submissions may be refused if they contain incomplete or incorrect information. If you have any questions, please call The Battalion at 845-3315.

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