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## Voters to decide fate of student loan program, state lottery

By Troy D. Hall  
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When voters go to the polls on Tuesday, November 5, they will decide the fate of 13 proposed Constitutional amendments, including the proposed state lottery, the issuance of up to \$1.1 billion in general obligation bonds to build and renovate prisons, and the sale of \$300 million in Texas general obligation bonds to continue funding for the Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan Program.

Rob Giesecky, staff assistant for state

representative Stephen E. Ogden, said constitutional amendment elections do not usually draw voters to the polls, but with the lottery and funding for the Hinson-Hazlewood program there may be more participation than normal. "The kicker this time will be voters' interest in the lottery issue."

The amendment of probably most interest to students is proposed constitutional amendment 13. Voters will decide the fate of Texas' student loan program.

Texas' Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan Program could be depleted as early as next spring if voters fail to pass

Proposition 13 next Tuesday.

Proposition 13, which would earmark \$300 million in Texas general obligation bonds to the program, is necessary to allow the sale of the bonds for continued funding of the Hinson-Hazlewood program.

In a published opinion in last week's Battalion, Texas A&M University President William H. Mobley said the proposition is important to A&M students and all Texas citizens.

"Passage of Proposition 13, the last item on the ballot, will help assure that students who are attending — or plan-

ing to attend — Texas colleges and universities will continue to have access to an education loan program that has already aided more than 200,000 young men and women in Texas over the past 25 years."

Demand for student loans through the Hinson-Hazlewood program increased dramatically during between 1988 and 1990. In 1988, 6,259 students borrowed money through the program. That number increased to 26,389 by 1990.

In a news release, Harry Reasoner, chairman of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, said that even more students will take out Hinson-Hazlewood

loans during 1991.

Mobley said the Hinson-Hazlewood loan program is the "lender of choice" at A&M. "Nearly 19,000 students have been helped at A&M alone, with more than \$37 million borrowed — and repaid, or in the process of being repaid."

But the Hinson-Hazlewood program not only supplements low-income students, but also middle-income students.

Reasoner said the program is the only state student aid program that serves middle-income students as well as low-income students. "As college expenses

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### Solitude

Bryan resident, Mike Greer, works on his golf swing Monday at the polo fields. Greer said he was practicing for an upcoming game with his son.

Monday was clear and sunny. The weather outlook shows similar patterns throughout the week.

## Officials question cadet

University investigators say female Corps member lied about assault

By Liz Tisch  
The Battalion

The female cadet who alleged she was physically assaulted twice, once by members of the Parsons' Mounted Cavalry, told University officials that she lied about being attacked in both instances, Texas A&M officials said Monday night.

Sources with the University confirmed the report but declined to comment further.

The female cadet confessed Monday when University police questioned her about the Oct. 13 assault, sources said.

She had reported that she was abducted and beaten by two men

at 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

The University will release a statement today with details about the female cadet's motives and the fate of the Parsons' Mounted Cavalry.

Allegations against the Cavalry began Sept. 17 when the female cadet told University police that three members of the military unit assaulted her.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Darling suspended the Cavalry while the University conducted the investigation.

Bob Wiatt, director of University Police Department, said Oct. 14 that the second set of allegations were "the most unbelievable and bizarre happening alleged by the victim."

## Corps fears fewer recruits

Administrators unsure of allegations' effects on future enrollment

By Jayme Blaschke  
The Battalion

Whether the recent allegations of sexual harassment will have any effect on Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets enrollment remains to be seen, Maj. Mark Satterwhite said Monday.

Satterwhite, Corps recruiting coordinator, said because enrollment in the Corps doesn't become clear until the spring and summer semesters before the incoming class arrives, it is difficult to tell what next year's numbers would be.

"I can't comment on what effects this investigation will have, because we don't know the outcome of the investigation," Satterwhite said. "Once something comes out, then we'll know better what to expect."

Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, said the controversy will have little effect on the overall enrollment at A&M, but could potentially

reduce the number of women joining the Corps.

"Women might be more cautious in the future about joining the Corps, and that could have an impact on enrollment," Koldus said.

Koldus said even if the investigation caused a drop in the enrollment within the Corps, it would be nearly impossible to identify because of many other factors which could also reduce enrollment next year.

"The Corps has to deal with military cutbacks this year, which means fewer military contracts," Koldus said. "The lack of scholarships will probably affect enrollment more than anything else."

Satterwhite agreed reduction in defense spending could reduce the number of new cadets in the fall.

Satterwhite said despite all the uncertainty he could detect no declining interest in the Corps, even though no definitive trend had been established.

"It seems our early response is just as healthy now as it has been in the past," he said. "Response to our outreach program has been high, and we should be able to get an idea of what next year will be like in a couple of months."

## A&M, Brazos County face possible congressional district realignment

By Greg Mt.Joy  
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A Texas legislative redistricting plan could put Texas A&M and most of Brazos County into Republican Rep. Jack Fields' congressional district, although several hurdles remain.

Fields says he is excited with the possibility of representing A&M in the 8th district, but Rep. Joe Barton, who currently represents the area, is not nearly as pleased.

Barton, who introduced Fields to the A&M System Board of Regents in September, said the realignment would occur only over his "dead political body."

Fields said nothing will be def-

inite with the plan until January at the earliest, since three hurdles remain before the redistricting plan can become law.

"There is still a very strong likelihood the plan will be adopted," Fields said. "I've got to be realistic, though. The plan still has to get past the Justice Department, possibly the Texas State Legislature again and a lawsuit in a Federal Court."

Fields praised Barton's efforts while serving A&M, and said his approach will be similar.

"Joe and I are both very conservative," he said. "We both think individuals, not government, are what makes Texas great. My objective is to be as good for A&M and Brazos County as he has, and I think he's been great."

Bryan Wirwicz, Fields' news secretary, said Fields has no control over the redistricting decision.

"Jack has said the final decision is not his to make," Wirwicz said. "He has said he would be excited to work with A&M, but at the same time, Barton is a good friend of his who really, really wants to keep A&M."

Fields said he would enjoy representing Brazos County and A&M, however, despite Barton's negative reaction to the redistricting plan.

"I came to Texas, and visited A&M to let everyone know I am not disappointed with the prospect of representing A&M,"

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## HIV carriers fail to report status to health officials

By Karen Praslicka  
The Battalion

Cases of HIV in Brazos County probably are higher than statistics represent because people often do not report they have the virus, said Tracy Anderson, health education coordinator with the Brazos County Health Department.

The health department and private medical practitioners reported that this year 43 people tested positive for the HIV virus. Of those 43 people, 34 have died. Information about HIV tests is based on the most up-to-date reports released Sept. 6.

But Anderson said these statistics are not a good representation of the actual number of cases in the county.

Anderson said results from HIV tests often are not reported to health departments because people go to private doctors, who usually do not report results.

She said about one person per month is tested positive for HIV out of about 60 tests given per month at the health department.

"Through the health department, we've tested about 58 people positive since 1987," Anderson said.

Andrea Beshara, health education coordinator at Texas A&M's A.P. Beutel Health Center, said the health center does

not keep statistics of HIV tests because the numbers would not be accurate.

"In terms of trying to report the number of students, they'd be inaccurate because most students don't come to the health center to be tested," she said.

Most students go to personal doctors in their hometown or to doctors in Houston, Dallas or Austin to be tested, Beshara said.

Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) sometimes can go undetected for several years. The disease is caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), also known as the AIDS virus, which destroys the body's defenses

against other diseases such as tuberculosis, pneumonia and several types of cancers.

The only way to know if someone has the AIDS virus is through tests, but not everyone needs to worry that they may have the virus. Only people engaging in what is called "risky behavior" should be concerned.

Risky behavior includes sharing drug needles or syringes, unprotected sex, sex with someone who has had several sex partners or sex with someone who shoots drugs.

The Public Health Service recommends that people be tested if, since 1978, they have:

- had a sexually transmitted disease (STD)
  - shared drug needles
  - had sex with a prostitute
  - had sex with anyone who has had an STD, shoots drugs or is sexually active
  - been engaged in risky behavior and is a woman who wants to have a baby
  - had a blood transfusion between 1978-1985
  - been diagnosed with tuberculosis
- Ann Pulliam, also with the Brazos County Health Department, said there are two types of AIDS tests, and if they are both used they have almost 100 percent
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