

U.S. Rep. fined for campaign violations

DALLAS (AP) — U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson has been fined \$44,000 for finance law violations she reported concerning her initial 1992 race for Congress.

According to documents filed with the Federal Election Commission, Johnson, D-Dallas, discovered problems with her campaign finance reports and alerted the commission.

At the time, she was a Texas state senator running in a newly created district.

The FEC ultimately outlined several campaign law violations, including failure to accurately report political action committee contributions, reports that were filed late or not at all, excessive contributions and incomplete reports.

The FEC, in announcing the fine Monday, said it decided not to pursue civil cases against four of Johnson's campaign workers and volunteers.

Johnson attributed the prob-

lems to her treasurer at that time, Dallas attorney Eric Moye.

Moye acknowledged he may have "occasionally" filed reports late, but added: "Any errors that I made were purely ministerial-type errors. Things were cured as soon as we found they were not correct."

Johnson said she has already paid \$20,000 of the fine with campaign funds. The rest is due in monthly installments.

Her attorneys said in a lengthy explanation to the FEC that at the time of the violations, she was a first-time federal candidate relying on an unpaid staff.

Also, her campaign committee accepted contributions exceeding the \$1,000 limit for individuals, for a total of \$16,700. The amount included a \$16,000 loan that her campaign said it did not realize was also subject to limits.

Johnson said she asked Dallas businessman Cappy McGarr to be the treasurer and correct the problems.

Admissions: Officials explain A&M policy

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This exception to A&M's admissions policy was implemented, Prescott said, to preserve A&M's roots as a land-grant institution that provides education to everyone.

Operating as a true land-grant institution is no longer possible because of the University's size, Prescott said.

"We tried to keep the concept that some people should be able to come and prove themselves, and we want to cling to that as much as we can," Prescott said.

"... But when there are 16,000 students who want to come here, it makes it very, very difficult."

Some athletes who do not meet minimum standards are recruited, she said, but they are required to make passing grades like all other students on campus.

Carreathers said the biggest misconception about the admissions policies is that standards are frequently lowered and that there is a quota system.

However, he said sometimes criteria, in addition to the four ba-

sic criterion on which 50 percent of applicants are judged, have to be considered in order to ensure a diverse student population.

Fifty percent of those admitted to A&M each semester are accepted based solely on quantitative measures, such as Scholastic Aptitude Test scores.

The other 50 percent are reviewed on an individual basis by criteria that go beyond the minimum requirements.

If two students meet the basic requirements, but space is available for only one candidate, it becomes necessary for secondary qualifications to be considered.

The four basic admissions criteria are the completed application, standardized test scores, a high school transcript and class rank.

Students from outside of Texas must rank in the top 10 percent of their high school class and residents must be in the top 25 percent.

In addition, students must submit minimum SAT scores of 1,100 total or composite American College Testing scores of at least 24.

Because A&M is committed to

representing the state's population, Prescott said that economic, racial, ethnic, geographic and social diversity become factors in deciding who to admit when it becomes necessary to look beyond the basics.

These additional considerations include preferences for Texas residents and those who displayed leadership or exceptional talents in high school.

Other factors are the student's major, whether he or she has received an athletic scholarship, and whether he or she is a minority under-represented on campus.

A&M legacies, which are students who have family members that attended the University, and those associated with A&M through summer-enrichment programs, 4-H Clubs or A&M area outreach centers, also receive special consideration.

Verified interest in participation in the Corps of Cadets and letters of recommendations are of interest to the admissions committee, as are "individual differences or adverse circumstances that might reflect on the applicant's record."

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in touch with them," Marotta said.

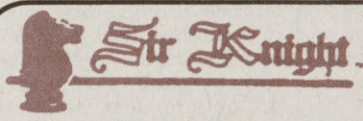
The council also is trying to help students by coordinating with the Sterling C. Evans Library to improve book availability.

"Through the library we can pull down lists of the most frequently checked-out books and books that are lost or stolen," Spearow said. "That way the bookstore can keep those books accessible for students by at least having things for sale that can't be found at the library."

Marotta said he hopes that it will accomplish its semester goal of establishing better lines of communication among faculty, students and the bookstore administrators.

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