

Union Endorses Board Candidates

On January 17, 1987, members of the faculty who live in the College District will have an uncommon opportunity to exercise democracy in the workplace: they will be able to help elect their own leaders. On that date candidates for three out of the seven positions on the NHCC Board of Trustees will be elected. The union has had an historic role in these elections over the past six years. Its basic interest in the elections has always been to identify candidates who will provide the fullest support for professionals on our staff dedicated to the mission of teaching our students. After endorsing such candidates, the union has worked hard for their election; and after helping to elect them, it has sought to maintain close working relationships with Board members who solicit the union's views on the governance of the College. Three of the current Board members were elected with union support, and in most cases they have proven to be accessible and to have an overriding concern about the quality of education that we offer our students.

This year we invited all candidates seeking the union endorsement to speak before the union membership. Three responded: David Robinson, Kevin Bailey, and Elmer Beckendorf. After these appearances the membership was polled about their preferences, and the following endorsements are made on the basis of that balloting.

For Position 1: Perry Hickey

Mr. Hickey is owner of a small business and a longtime resident of Aldine. He was educated as an engineer at Texas A & I University. In community work he has volunteered as a Boy Scout Master and in the Imperial Valley Crime Watch Patrol, and his memberships include St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, The Better Business Bureau, and the Texas Gas Association. He ran for the NHCC Board two year ago with union support.

For Position 2: Kevin Bailey

Mr. Bailey is well-known at NHCC as a former fulltime instructor of political science, a position he filled after receiving his Master's degree at Sam Houston State University. He is now employed as an aide to Houston City Councilman Dale Gorczynski and is the past President of the Birnam Woods Civic Association. He continues to reside in Spring, where he coaches Little League, serves in the Jenkins Elementary PTO, and participates in the Northeast Houston Chamber of Commerce.

For Position 4: No Endorsement