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NHCC VOTE SET FOR JAN. 17

On Saturday, January 17, the registered voters in the Aldine, Humble, and Spring school districts will have an opportunity to elect two members to the North Harris County College Board of Trustees.

The NHCC Board of Trustees consists of seven members elected for six year terms. Every two years, either two or three positions are vacated. At such time, local residents can decide who will represent them on the College Board which has substantial power over the fiscal and educational life at one of Texas' newest and fastest growing community colleges.

The North Harris County College district was created on October 7, 1972 when voters approved overwhelmingly a chartering measure. A new campus was open to students and the community in the spring of 1976. This distinctive college, which includes an all-purpose gymnasium and a fine arts theater, is located near Aldine-Westfield and FM 1960. In the fall of 1980, over 7,000 students were registered for credit courses at the college.

In looking over past board elections, Dr. Robert Locander, an NHCC political science instructor, said, "It's a sad commentary on democracy in Texas when only 1,700 people vote in an election where several hundred thousand are eligible." The irony here, according to Dr. Locander, is that people shun local elections where their votes really count and participate in presidential elections where popular votes have so little effect on a system based on Electoral College votes.

ROBINSON FOR POSITION TWO

The NHCC United Faculty Committee on Political Education has endorsed the candidacy of David Robinson, a Spring university professor for Position Two in the 1981 College Board election. No endorsement is made in the Position One race.

In announcing his faculty group's endorsement, Kevin Bailey, chairperson of NHCC-UF COPE, said, "We are urging all voters participating in the Aldine, Humble, and Spring school board elections to vote for David Robinson in the North Harris College board election which will be on their regular school board ballot as well."

The decision to support Robinson, according to Bailey, was made by a faculty screening committee consisting of Carrie Davis, Alan Hall, Gary Hall, Olin Joynton, Bob Locander, and Arlene Schultz. The committee's endorsement decision was based on a recognition that the College is entering a new period following its highly successful building program. NHCC's challenges of the 1980s will be instructional and educationally related, and the Board of Trustees will need someone like Robinson whose experience and background is in the area of higher education.

As a faculty member at the University of Houston Downtown College for nearly 20 years, David Robinson brings to his candidacy a knowledge of the community and the college, and a commitment to work to fulfill the needs of both. Along with a professional life in the field of education, Robinson has had an active career in community service, which includes participation in local, county, and state political affairs, current membership in two Parent Teachers Organizations, membership in Spring Band Boosters, block captain for the Ponderosa Forest Civic Association, and former PTO treasurer.

Robinson is married and the father of two daughters and a son. His children currently attend Texas A & M University, Bammel Middle School, and Spring High School.

WHERE TO VOTE

Aldine Polling Places by Precinct Numbers

Aldine Junior High (14910 Aldine-Westfield) #106,
#108, #342, #399, #410
Oakwilde Elementary (3002 Hartwick) #152, #171,
#241, #254, #411
MacArthur Senior High (4400 Aldine Mail Route) #83,
#241, #397, #497
Stovall Junior High (11201 Airline) #61, #185, #320,
#321, #358, #408, #409, #423, #494
Drew Sixth Grade School (2100 West Little York) #109,
#157, #169, #197
Inwood Elementary (5815 West Little York) #147,
#322, #364, #450, #495, #498
Shotwell Middle School (6515 Trail Valley Way) #400,
#466, #468
Magrill Elementary (2701 Rayford) #334, #342, #399

Humble Polling Places by Precinct Numbers

Foster Elementary (1800 Trailwood Vig) #199, #469
North Belt Elementary (8105 North Belt Dr.) #83,
#363, #45, #380
Oaks Elementary (5858 Upper Lake Dr.) #351
Kingwood Middle School (3000 Woodland Hills) #340
Humble Admin. Bldg. (611 Higgins) #108, #399, #334

Spring Polling Places by Precinct Numbers

Jenkins Elementary (4615 Reynaldo) #6
Wunsche Middle School (800 Spring Cypress) #110
Oak Creek Elementary (3975 Gladeridge) #466
Bammel Elementary (17309 Red Oak) #111, #465, #520

Spring Precinct #s 112, 113, 342, 251, 399, 482--
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