

SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE

The biannual North Harris County College Board of Trustees elections will take place this Saturday, January 17, 1987. All registered voters who live in the Spring, Aldine, Humble, Tomball, or New Caney school districts are eligible to cast a ballot. For NHCC faculty members this election is fine opportunity to influence the conditions under which they discharge their professional responsibilities.

Ask yourself whether you are receiving adequate support from the Board in your mission of serving our students. We union members believe that the majority of the current Board has often lost sight of the instructor-student relationship in its quest for new campuses, remote administrative offices, and more administrative positions. We believe there are pressing issues in need of corrective attention, and we are supporting candidates committed to remedial action.

The key faculty issues in this election are:

- 1) The Learning Resource Centers. Notwithstanding appeals from the LRC staff, the Board has continued its tradition of low acquisitions appropriations. Currently NHCC ranks 51st among the 60 Texas junior colleges in books per student.
- 2) The Part-time Faculty Ratio. We have many highly qualified part-time faculty members who should be hired full-time. In some departments close to 50% of the courses are handled by poorly compensated part-timers, who must make a living elsewhere.
- 3) The Off-Campus District Office. Much money and travel time is wasted by maintaining District officials in an off-campus, corporate-style office building near Greenspoint Mall. When this move was made it was admitted by all that existing on-campus space could have been used.
- 4) The Administrative Bureaucracy. The administrative staff and support personnel have vastly proliferated following the off-campus move. The taxpayers deserve a streamlined administrative structure with the elimination of redundant and overlapping functions.
- 5) The Quest for Expansion. As the Board seeks to embrace more and more school districts and build more and more campuses, its attention will continue to be diverted from the quality of education in the classroom. We must uphold the interests of our students in the face of such empire-building.

b. The candidates who support our stance on these issues are Perry Hickey, Kevin Bailey, and Robert Burns. Mr. Hickey and Mr. Bailey have received the formal endorsement of the NHCC United Faculty, and they have chosen, on the basis of similar positions on the issues, to slate with Dr. Burns.

For Position 1: Perry Hickey. Mr. Hickey is an Aldine businessman who won the union endorsement two years ago and narrowly missed defeating incumbent Trustee Brad York.

For Position 2: Kevin Bailey. Mr. Bailey, former NHCC political science, is a resident of Spring and works as an aide to Houston City Councilman Dale Gorczynski.

For Position 4: Robert Burns. Dr. Burns is a resident of Aldine and practices as a chiropractor in Humble.