

Election '75: Four seek SA president's office

Editor's note: On this and the facing page, candidates for Student Association president in the March 5 election give their platforms in interviews with UD reporters John Camp and JoAnna Verneti.

Bob Duncan

By JOHN CAMP
UD Reporter

Bob Duncan, senior agriculture economics major, said he is running for president with no political ambitions, only a desire to spend an extra year at Tech solving some problems.

Some of the problems Duncan mentioned were a communication gap within the executive offices, ineffective teacher evaluations and pass-fail system. He listed his priorities as academics, student services, and academic recruiting.

An arts and sciences senator

for two years, Duncan has also served on the Student Life Committee and budget and finance committee. Because of his work with the SA budget, Duncan said, "I know finances pretty well, how the money is spent."

Duncan said his qualifications included acting in the Agriculture Economics Association, treasurer of the Aggie Council, and selection to Who's Who.

Duncan emphasized the need to improve communication between the executive offices and the Senate. Communication would serve as the base for most of his programs. "The president has to consult a lot of people like Senators, Administrators, as well as political leaders outside of Tech."

"Each semester the president should itemize a legislative program and present it to the Senate," Duncan continued. Legislation



Duncan

is no good unless it is followed-up, he said. "You have to stay with it, can't let it get you down. It is important to go through all channels."

One of the first things Duncan would like to do as President is to make the student body more aware of the services available from the Counseling Center. He said the students pay a lot of

money into the Counseling Center but they do not utilize the facilities. "They're not getting their money's worth."

Student involvement is the way Duncan describes his program to improve academics. "By keeping the students better informed, better representation will result from more student input."

Continuation of teacher evaluations would be a concern of Duncan's administration. Duncan said he would like to appoint someone to teacher evaluation who could really be dedicated. He suggested the program be started earlier in the semester to become more effective.

Pass-fail received criticism from Duncan as presently useless to both student and faculty. He explained that when a student declares a course pass-fail he is really indicating that he won't spend as much time with the course as he would if taking the

course for a grade. College councils are not being used properly, according to Duncan.

Duncan said he would like to establish a committee, which he would chair, composed of students who have excelled academically. The committee, with members coming mostly from honoraries, would concern itself with

improvement of academics. The reason for the use of the honoraries, he explained was because they have a more serious look at the situation than most.

University complex committees also need exceptionally responsible people, Duncan said. A priority of his is to find top qualified people to fill student

appointments. Duncan expressed concern for the prices and budget of the University Center. "The new building may force us to raise our fees." He said the UC is not catering to the majority of students now. "Need some changes made because now all we are getting are negative results."

Academic recruiting, or selling Tech to high school students as Duncan calls it, should emphasize quality and not quantity. "We now have the new buildings and facilities to increase the enrollment. He added that he would like to work with the Ex-Students Association and combine the funds for one solid academic recruiting program.

The Freshmen Council should have more direction and consideration from the Senate that created them, Duncan said. While he advocates allocating the Council

more money, he did say he believed the council should arrange for more programs. He also suggested electing the Council members sooner to get them started earlier.

Duncan called the proposed alcohol policy offered by the Residence Halls Association (RHA) a good proposal. Questioning the present regulations, Duncan asked, "Why try to enforce some of the rules and overlook others?" Duncan's reference was to the many Resident Assistants who do not enforce present alcohol rules.

"The students need a place on campus where they can relax and drink a beer," Duncan said referring to the idea of selling liquor in the UC. He pointed to the University of Texas which has on-campus facilities for consumption of alcoholic beverages. He said it is no problem there or anywhere else 18-year-olds have liquor.

Withdrawing from Tech relatively simple matter

By LISA WARMAN
UD Reporter

Withdrawing from Texas Tech University is a relatively simple procedure, according to D. N. Peterson, Tech registrar.

Peterson said a student who wants to withdraw from school should report to his academic dean to obtain a petition for withdrawal.

This form requires the student to fill out a minimal amount of personal information, including name, social security number and benefits if any are being received, permanent home address, and whether he is a veteran or a foreign student.

The student must then obtain the signature of the dean of his college, the cashier, his department representative, the coordinator of Veterans Affairs (if he has been associated with the military), the Dean of Students, and the dean of his college for final approval.

The registrar's office then sends copies of the petition to the Office of Accounting and Finance and to the Dean of

Student Life, and notifies the instructors and the student's dean.

If a student withdraws before the fifth week of school (which includes the week of registration), or the date specified on the Tech catalogue calendar, Feb. 17, a grade of "W" will automatically be given the student. However, if the student waits until after this date, he is then subject to the grade his professor determines on the basis of work previously completed.

If a student fails to go through the proper procedures, he automatically fails all courses in which he is enrolled.

More students withdraw from classes during the fall semester each year than in the spring, according to Peterson. This is probably due to the fact that more students enrolled in the fall and withdrawals increase accordingly, he said. In the spring semester 1974, 429 students withdrew, and in the fall, 571 students left the university.

No rules govern profs' office hours

By MELISSA GRIGGS
UD Reporter

Although there are no set regulations concerning office hours, most Tech professors observe some time during which their students can contact them, according to University administrators, deans and professors of the various colleges.

DR. SAM CURL, associate vice president for academic affairs, said there is no university policy on faculty office hours. The various deans' offices may handle the subject differently, he said.

However, according to Curl, there is a University policy on administrative office hours. All administration offices must be open from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. All offices are closed on Saturday and Sunday with the exception of the Office of Admissions and the Office of the Registrar. Tech's president, vice presidents and deans must be available on Saturday by appointment, said Curl.

The question of office hours and regulations concerning them has not arisen in the various departments and colleges, according to several Tech professors and deans. Dr. Anson Bertrand, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, said there are no formally stated regulations concerning professors' office hours in his college. He said he did not believe the question of office hours was an important issue in the College of Agricultural Sciences.

"MOST OF OUR professors have research responsibilities

so when they are not in class, they are either in their office or in the lab working on their research," said Bertrand. Students in this college are usually aware of this and know where to find them. The professors do not just have class and disappear."

Dr. Carl Stem, administrator of Graduate Programs for the College of Business Administration, said there are no regulations in the college concerning professors' office hours. "I have not been aware of any complaints on the subject," said Stem. "There is not much we can do about a teacher that does not keep office hours."

Dr. Lawrence Graves, dean of the College of Arts and

Sciences, said, "Every faculty member is expected to act professionally and part of this action is to be available to his students. We leave it to the different departments and most faculty members have office hours. If it becomes a problem, we deal with professors on an individual basis."

CARL ANDERSON, chairman of the Child Development and Family Relations Department, said, "The professors in our department post their office hours on their office doors, so if he is not there, the student will know when he will be."

"Professors are expected to cooperate on the basis of at least eight work hours a week

outside of class time," said Anderson. Most professors realize they can't do the job with that amount of hours. I'd say three-fourths of our faculty keep office hours of six to seven hours a day, five days a week. Most work a 35-hour week and some more than that."

"Having office hours is traditional," said Robert Newell, associate dean of the College of Engineering. "Every semester, each professor writes his office hours in a book we keep in the main office."

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BOSTON (AP) — "We're a dying breed," says Alfred Fearing, captain of one of the three remaining Coast Guard lightship positions in the United States.

Fearing's 128-foot ship, Relief, stands watch today in waters off Nantucket, while 200 miles to the north the Portland (Maine) Lightship is being replaced by a buoy.

When the Boston Lightship is removed next month, only two of the fleet of 56 red vessels that stood guard along the nation's coastline in 1909 will remain on station — at Nantucket and off the mouth of the Columbia River in the Pacific Northwest.

"In a way, I'm sad to see them pass," said Fearing, a chief warrant officer. "It's a tradition that's going to be gone."

Because it is so far from shore, 200 miles east of New York City, Nantucket traditionally has been considered the most dangerous lightship position.

It is covered in three-week shifts by two ships, the Nantucket and the Relief.

The Nantucket lightship is the first point of contact in the United States for ships crossing the Atlantic bound for New York. Its flashing light, radio beam and foghorn guide vessels through the stormy, treacherous waters.

The Portland Lightship, also 128 feet long, is being replaced after 72 years on station by a buoy 40 feet across.

The buoy is designed to handle most of the duties previously carried out by the lightships and their 17-member crews.

The Boston Lightship, a familiar sight to weekend

sailors as well as European freighters, has bobbed at the mouth of the harbor since 1894. It, too, will be replaced by a buoy.

Buoys and offshore towners — essentially lighthouses on stilts — have been taking over the lightships for several years.

"It's a matter of money," said Cmdr. Ransom Boyce of the Coast Guard's Aids to Navigation Division. "The lightships are too expensive. Except for nostalgia, it's not really worthwhile to maintain them out there."

Over the years, several lightships have been cut in two by ships whose crews have failed to see them in the fog and dark, and Fearing said this remains the biggest fear of lightship crews.



Cinematheque offering

"Great Expectations," will be shown tonight movie classic, sponsored by Cinematheque Film Society, is \$1 at the door.

Tech department awarded science, engineering grant

Tech has received a \$3,000 science and engineering grant in chemical engineering from E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company.

The grant may be used for purchase of equipment in the Chemical Engineering Department, for scholarships to faculty and students, summer fellowships, and visiting lectureship and seminar series.

The grant to Tech was part of educational aid grants of \$3 million to 164 colleges, universities and other educational activities. This is the largest annual contribution in the 58-year history

of the company's aid-to-education program.

Most of the grants are to support teaching and research programs in the fields of science and engineering. The 1975 program also includes grants totaling more than \$750,000 for educational programs for minorities and for women.

Increases are low levels of enrollments and the growing importance of engineering disciplines. Since the Du Pont aid-to-education program began in 1918, the company has contributed more than \$45 million to education in the United States.

Grants to departments of chemical and mechanical engineering have increased to 130 and 150 per cent, respectively, of 1973 levels. Major reasons for the in-



Group aids handicapped to adjust

The Human Resources Committee is trying to help retarded people better relate to their new lives in the community.

The committee has formed, through the Human Development Center, a force of "citizen advocates" to help the retarded adult adjust to his move from an institution to community life. The retarded adults involved will mainly be from the Lubbock State School, 18 years old and older.

Each advocate 'adopts' a retarded person and serves as an advisor to them. The citizen advocate is strictly a volunteer and provides his own funds for all activities.

According to Bill Crow, chairman of the committee, the citizen advocate could plan interesting activities for

the retarded person, help him with budgets, income taxes, introduce him to people and acquaint him with other things one must know to exist in today's busy and complex society.

Volunteers for the program will be screened. Their opinions of retarded people, financial status, amount of time available and their preference for age groups and levels will be taken into consideration. Crow said, "Presently there are seven members on the committee and volunteers are always welcome and needed."

The program is due to begin within a couple of weeks. For more information contact Gary Crow at 763-1265 or go by the Starlight Activities Center, 2323 Broadway, in the basement of the First Christian Church.

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