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Election results to stand

BY JULIE POUCHER

On Wednesday the Student Court made an informal decision to allow the results of the recent Student Association elections to stand. The elections were contested Monday in a petition claiming election committee members were not neutral. The petition was signed by Pat McCall, Kristen Kobierowski, Blythe York, Kristin Fraser and Jeff Leiman, the winner of the race for SA vice president.

An informal Student Court hearing ensued Tuesday night because of the urgency of the issue.

The petition stated "certain members of the Elections Committee displayed behavior that proved that they were not neutral during their conducting of the elections and as a result the outcome was affected."

According to the Student Association Constitution, "The Student Association Senate will appoint a neutral Election Committee to conduct and tabulate all school elections."

The petitioners accused committee members Ben Hughes and Beth Claxton of breaching that neutrality by wearing "Mark Livingston for President" buttons immediately after the Speakout on April 10.

Hughes said, "Although I'm a member of the elections committee, that does not compromise my right as an individual to express my opinion outside the functioning of that committee."

Hughes took off the button after there appeared to be concerns of committee bias. However, he said wearing a button was not going to make anybody change their mind.

Claxton said she doubted she influenced many people during the short time between the end of Speakout and going home. "They had heard the speeches and they knew who they were going to vote for," she said.

But Leiman said election committee members are people who can make a big difference in candidate selection. "A smile, a handshake, a 'Hi-How are you?'" is all it may take to get somebody to vote for you, and as a result something as small as wearing a button could sway a vote."

The petitioners also questioned the neutrality of election committee member Cathy Still who was seen wearing an "Andrew Mansfield for Senate" button at the ballot box on the front page of the April 14

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Paul Rush addresses alumni

Alumnus fired from Frost Bank

BY DAVID QUINN

Frost Bank has fired bank vice-president, Paul Rush, a Trinity graduate and president of the Trinity Alumni Association. According to a report in Wednesday's *Express-News*, the bank will conduct an audit of all the accounts handled by Rush and an FBI probe is possible.

Rush graduated from Trinity in 1982 and served as Student Association president his senior year.

Since graduating, Rush has played an active role in alumni affairs. He has served on the National Alumni Board since 1983 and was elected president of the Alumni Association in 1987.

Director of Alumni Relations, Jerry Crockett, said Rush will not

be asked to resign his positions because a new president and new board members were elected during Alumni weekend. Rush's term of office as president and his term on the board formally end on June 1.

Crockett said Rush "cared very deeply about a lot of different things." He said Rush has worked tirelessly on a number of different projects for the university, including the Coates Center renovation and minority student recruitment. "It was amazing that he was able to be involved in so many different things and do them so well," he said.

"I would hope that students, no matter what else, would remember the good he did for Trinity," Crockett said.

Tigers demonstrate smarts

BY BOB KARL

"We came in first for fun," said Director of Student Activities Pete Neville in reference to Trinity's performance in New Mexico Tech's World Class Competition for Real Students. In celebration of NMT's centennial, 12 students and two coaches were invited from the California Institute of Technology, Colorado School of Mines and Trinity to attend two days of mental and physical competition.

The team from Trinity was lead by Neville and Debora Baker and consisted of first-year student John Cook; sophomores Molly McGill, Janet Lewis, Thomas Garnett, John Branch, Ellen Atkinson, Dennis Carpenter and Bob Karl; junior Karin Trgovac; and seniors Erin Gideon, Mike McBride and Janie Ramirez.

Early Thursday morning the competition began with frisbee golf. All 48 contestants were divided into groups of four and sent out to play the "back nine" at Tech's golf course in the desert. Cook led Trinity with a score of 80, but it was not enough to prevent the Tigers from finishing fourth.

An hour later Trinity was struggling against CSM in a game of "mushball," which is softball played with a cantaloupe-sized ball. The Tigers led early in the game, but after a "sports bloop" type collision in centerfield between Garnett and Karl, things quickly went downhill. The final score was, well let's just say, a whole lot to not very many. After breaking for lunch, Trinity "duked it out" with Cal Tech in the consolation game. Coach Lewis' comments pretty much sum up the game. "We played well. We just came out way short." Let your imaginations run with that. And for those of you without imaginations I'll translate: FOURTH.

At this point some commentary on the event may be required. NMT had been practicing for close to a month while both Cal Tech and Trinity had just met their respective teams on the flight to Socorro. NMT and CSM were out to win at all costs, while Cal Tech and Trinity were out to have a good time at all costs. The results reflected this discrepancy.

Following a short break, basketball began. T.U.

was pitted against a war-hardened and short-tempered NMT. The game was close...until the opening jump ball. The entire Tiger team played very well in spite of being shorter, slower and unaccustomed to the altitude. NMT built up a quick 20-point lead. After the game, everyone broke for dinner before playing the championship and consolation games. Take a guess as to who played in which game. Let me help you out. Cal Tech and Trinity did not play in the championship game, but they did play in the game that was the most fun and most enjoyable. This time the Tigers finished third.

Later that night there was a dance and mixer for the teams to become better acquainted. NMT and CSM were noticeably absent, probably because they were practicing for the paper airplane and quiz bowl competition. Midway into the dance an exhausted Trinity team went home to get some sleep.

Saturday morning began with the feared paper airplane contest. A student from NMT built a plane with a three-foot wingspan which had "controllable wing surfaces." In response, Trinity came up with the creative and everpopular "paper-wad." Points were scored by "landing" the paper object in a triangle drawn on the ground. Surprising everyone, Trinity came out of nowhere to capture third by successfully demonstrating the technical genius of the "wad."

Volleyball was the last of the true sports to be played in the competition. Under the skillful eye of McGill, Trinity was able to stretch the first game out to four sets, but ended up falling to a tough Cal Tech team. Once again Trinity fought it out in the consolation game, but this time with CSM. It was a good game, but Trinity cracked under the pressure of the beating sun and the desire to eat lunch.

The last event was to be dominated by Cal Tech and Trinity. In the quiz bowl, which is similar to the college bowl, CT and TU blew away NMT and CSM. A brilliant Cal Tech team finished first with 400 points. Trinity came in second with over 200 points. CSM finished third with 15 points and NMT was the big loser, finishing last with -5 points. Enough said.

When all was said and done, the Trinity delegation had to admit it was fun. "It was a lot of fun. I am glad that I was able to represent our school," said Carpenter.



Cadet Robert Edmondson and his date Tehmina Banatwala at the annual Military Ball on April 14. The traditional walk under the swords is taking place. ROTC students enjoyed an evening of dancing.