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Campus organizations ready for May primaries

By SHERRY WOODARD
Campus Reporter

With the 1980 primary elections starting, several political organizations on campus are drumming up support for one candidate or another.

The organizations get supporters by having parties, calling students, or more commonly by setting up

booths in the Memorial Student Center where they answer questions and distribute literature.

Young Texans for Connolly Campus Director Kathleen Tobin said their organization has been successful in signing new members.

"Nearly 400 A&M students have joined," Tobin said.

She also said, "It's not necessary to

be a student to join. We've had a couple of professors come by also."

Tobin said Young Texans for Connolly plans to have a national watch party to "get together with other Connolly supporters to watch his speech on television."

Aggies for Reagan Co-Chairman George Mauze said their current membership is about 200. He said activities are planned to interest other students in Aggies for Reagan.

Mauze said that during February the organization will have a 'Campus Canvass' in which they plan to call all A&M students to find out how many support Ronald Reagan.

"We want to have everyone called by Feb. 23," he said.

Young Americans for Freedom, which is the largest conservative youth organization in the country, is also supporting Ronald Reagan.

YAF President Dan Simpson said membership at A&M now stands at a little over 100.

He said the organization has plan-

ned a meeting for signing new members on Feb. 21, and a membership drive in March.

Simpson said, "A&M has the third largest YAF chapter in the state."

Chuck Mullins Political Forum International Programs Chairman, said his organization tries to increase students political awareness through field trips to Austin and Washington, D.C.; and by bringing various political speakers to the campus.

Team wins A&M College Bowl, advances to regional tournament

By RICK STOLLE
Campus reporter

Three juniors and a graduate student won Texas A&M University's first annual College Bowl Thursday night when they named the theory that relates character traits and personality to skull conformation as the final answer to the competition.

Juniors Mike Smith, a chemistry major; Camellia Pratt, a biological engineering student; captain Ruth Walters, an accounting major and Ruvane Marvit, a graduate student in meteorology, won the competition without a loss.

They will advance to the regionals to be held at ICU in Fort Worth February 22-23.

They swept through the double elimination competition with little

trouble. They won the final match 280-205. They had beaten the same team 490 to 0 in an earlier match.

"It's one of the highest scores I have ever heard of," said Ted Hoef, one of the organizers. Hoef said 410 was considered a very high score.

"The competition was really great," Walters said. "Some of the questions were tough but I don't think they were impossible."

The winners will receive free tickets to the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra, a dinner with Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller, plaques to be hung in the MSC and an all-expense-paid trip to the regionals.

College Bowl is a question and answer game played between two teams of four players. Toss-up questions are asked and the team that

responds first gets a chance at the bonus question.

Toss-up questions are worth ten points and the bonus questions can be worth as much as 30 points. The team with the highest score after two seven-minute halves is the winner.

The team will have a practice match with Rice University the Saturday before it goes to regionals. After the regionals are the finals that are scheduled to be held in Miami, Fla. "There is a question right now concerning the site," said Patricia Price, coordinator of College Bowl, "but I think they will have by the time the finals roll around."

Allen P. Schreiber, twins Daniel and Charles Erlanson and Adalberto Gallegos won free Aggie Cinema tickets Cinema for second place.

Reagan Brown calls for honesty

By BECKY SWANSON
City Staff

Calling for honesty and integrity at all levels of government, especially at the "grass roots," Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Reagan Brown told several county officials that government officials need to dispel the image that "politicians are crooks."

Brown spoke Thursday morning at the County Judges and Commissioners Conference being held at the College Station Ramada Inn this week.

Brown said the FBI investigation of congressmen is "another slam at public officials."

"We're going to have to be careful — more than any time in our lives — that we guard carefully the integrity of political aspiration," he said.

Brown said much of the credibility

crisis stems from "poor understanding by people of public officials."

Officials cannot afford to lose the public's trust, Brown said.

"I'm one of the top eight elected officials in Texas and I'm not a crook," Brown said. "You couldn't buy me with a million dollars."

Brown expressed his faith in the county governments of Texas, saying that county governments have kept the country free.

Brown called for more government responsibility, rather than referring problems to committees.

"The most damnable that has ever happened in this country is committees," Brown said. "Who ever heard of a committee being held responsible?"

Congress "hides" in committees to avoid responsibility, he said.

A&M debating team wins fifth in contest

By USCHI MICHEL-HOWELL
Campus Reporter

Texas A&M University debaters Michael T. Shelby and James Starr placed fifth in a field of 46 teams in a regional debate tournament last weekend.

Shelby, 21, a junior in psychology, and Starr, 20, an accounting sophomore, beat five universities and lost to three at Baylor University, coach Wayne L. Kraemer said Wednesday.

Whether the government should significantly increase regulations on mass media communications in the United States was the topic of the debates.

"We did better than we thought," Shelby commented on the Baylor tournament.

"Baylor is a good measure of the district's teams," Starr said, "and it showed that we're competitive with other teams in the national tournament."

The Baylor win improves the Aggies' chances of qualifying for the National Debate Tournament in Tucson, Ariz., in April, Kraemer said.

Forty-five teams from nine regions will compete in the NDT, Kraemer said, and he added that for the Aggies to participate in the tournament they must place in the top five at a district meet in March.

It would be the first time an Aggie team would participate in the NDT.

Aggies have debated since 1959, Kraemer said.

Shelby and Starr are the leading team of 35 Aggie debaters, Kraemer said, and they will represent Texas A&M next weekend in another tournament at Northwestern University in Chicago.

To prepare for the NDT the

Aggies debate almost every weekend in regional and national tournaments, Kraemer added.

Topics for the regional and national debates are selected by the American Forensic Association, Shelby said.

Shelby and Starr, who started debating in high school, do research and practice 15 to 20 hours a week together, Shelby said.

"My parents stirred me into debating," Starr said. "They said I liked to argue a lot and told me to join a debate team."

"This is our second year together," Shelby said. "We're the traveling team."

Both Aggies have debated in Kentucky, Tennessee, Kansas, Georgia and Texas.

Other Texas A&M debate teams have taken second and third place in other regional debates this semester, Kraemer said.

Cadets to perform at church

The Singing Cadets of Texas A&M University will present a program of spiritual music at the First Baptist Church in College Station Sunday evening.

"Sermon In Song" will begin at 7 p.m. in the church auditorium, located at 200 College Main. The program is free of charge and the public is encouraged to attend.

The Singing Cadets are directed by Robert L. Boone.

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