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by Scott McCullar

Lobbying

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• Because of the low rate of participation in student elections, it's wrong for a student lobby to claim it represents the student body.

• Those voting in student elections make their decisions on the basis of candidates' stances on campus, rather than state or federal, issues.

Munisteri said student lobbies aren't the only resource students have in communicating with legislators.

"Students have their freedom right now," he said. "And nothing prevents any student from being able to voice his opinion at the Capitol, to organize, to represent a political group."

"All we're saying is, 'If you want to be politically involved in the Capitol — fine. But don't use mandatory student service-fee money. You are forcing every student in this university to pay for a handful of students' own political involvement and that's wrong.'"

Although an A&M branch of the YCT is reorganizing after a few years' absence from campus, the organization as a whole has made its presence known here.

In a February letter sent to LSG Director Alan Moore and A&M

President Frank Vandiver, an Austin attorney representing the YCT warned that legal action might be taken against LSG if it refused to cease its lobbying activities.

The YCT's attorney, Howard A. Hickman, wrote that LSG actions were in violation of state law and his clients' constitutional rights of freedom of association. He also cited a November 1985 lawsuit filed by the YCT and Munisteri against Attorney General Jim Mattox, UT President William Cunningham and UT Students' Association President Scott Scarborough.

The plaintiffs in that case contended the UT Students' Association used student service fees to buy advertising space for political endorsements in UT's campus newspaper, the *Daily Texan*. The matter was settled out of court in January, after which time the court concurred with YCT's contentions.

In the wake of the attorney's letter, Moore said he's concerned that the way in which LSG operates may be misconstrued.

He said LSG is a privately funded, diverse, non-partisan organization that exists to "identify and research issues in higher education and formulate a position that we feel is in the best interests of the students of

A&M — contingent upon approval of the Student Senate."

Since receiving Hickman's letter, Moore said, LSG has remained in the Student Government for all of its actions that might be tied to service fees. Student Government also has been reimbursed for the LSG incurred this semester.

In a letter distributed to Faculty Committee members on Tuesday, Moore outlined LSG's support of the Caperton amendment, the proposal "would allow the governments to continue to pay these services to their students' organizations without the threat of litigation."

LSG distributed the first issue of its newsletter to legislators, organizations and university administrators after receiving Hickman's letter. But Moore said all types of costs were paid with private funds.

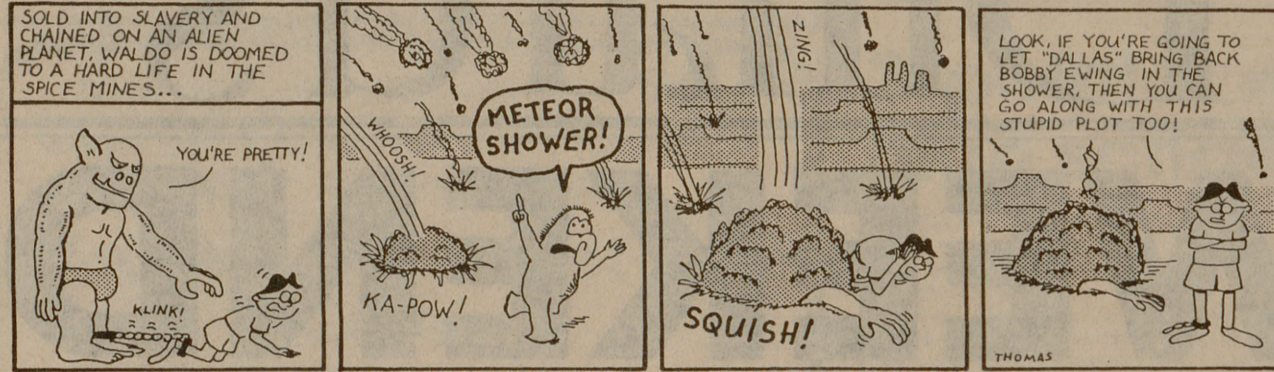
Although the group insists it was ever in violation of any law, Moore said, LSG, through its representatives, has made the extra effort to ensure its name is beyond reproach.

"I think if you look around, it's difficult to find an organization that's more squeaky-clean than LSG," Moore said.



Waldo

by Kevin Thomas



Park

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said. "We're going after a fairly narrow market, that is those that have some legitimate reason for being here. So that's a limitation in itself."

All prospective tenants must be approved as to qualifications for occupancy by the Facilities Review and Advisory Board.

As part of the criteria for occupancy, consideration will be given to a firm with a logical tie to the University, including whether it will hire students, and whether it will contribute financially or otherwise to the University.

With the added criteria, A&M hopes to create jobs for students, opportunities for faculty in consulting and research, and a chance for students to get jobs after graduation, Money said.

Compared to other facilities, however, the park is on or ahead of schedule. Stanford, North Carolina, and the University of Utah represent the successful university-related research parks. The first two have been in business over 30 years and Utah began 18 years ago.

"Even though we have started at a fairly modest pace, we are actually at about the same rate as Stanford and ahead of the rate of Carolina," Money said. "It took them seven years before they got their second building started."

Research parks have to get started on the right foot and then people are attracted to them by the publicity they get and it feeds on itself, he said.

"I see us moving slowly up to a critical mass of three to five build-

ings," Money said. "And then it will go quicker from there."

Currently only one-third of the land planned for the park — 120 acres out of 430 — has been developed.

At this time the park houses the Ocean Drilling Program, an international partnership of scientists and governments that have joined together to explore the structure and history of the earth beneath the ocean basins.

The building for the Ocean Drilling Program is a University building paid for with funds from the Available University Fund.

A new building under construction is on land leased to a private firm by A&M. Upon completion, it will be leased to an approved firm.

Most structures will be built by

the private sector and subsequently leased by them so the taxpayers' money will not be used, Money said.

After 40 years and a 10-year renewal, the building and land will revert back to the University to be included either in the academic program or as a research facility.

Money said the University stands to gain much from the project.

"We hope to gain prestige and the interest of other research-oriented entities like the ocean drilling project," he said. "I hope we are able to home grow some of our own industry from the research of Texas A&M. That will be the true test of success."

Deaver pleads innocent of as to federal perjury charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former White House aide Michael K. Deaver pleaded innocent Thursday to charges he lied to a congressional committee and a grand jury that investigated his lobbying business for possible ethical violations.

Deaver entered his not-guilty plea during a brief appearance before U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, who set a trial date of June 8.

Asked if he waived a reading of the five-count indictment, Deaver said: "I do, and I'm not guilty, your honor."

"Very well," said Jackson, who asked if Deaver wanted a jury trial. "We certainly do," replied defense attorney Herbert J. Miller.

Jackson, who scheduled the trial for June 8, released Deaver, President Reagan's former deputy chief

of staff, on his own recognizance. Deaver, who professed his innocence after his March 18 indictment, declined to make any comment. He left the U.S. Courthouse.

The former White House aide was charged with two counts of perjury before Congress and three counts of making false declarations to a grand jury impaneled by U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, who set a trial date of June 8.

Deaver is accused of lying during sworn testimony last year before the House Energy and Commerce oversight subcommittee.

The indictment charges Deaver lied by denying the trial for June 8, released Deaver, President Reagan's former deputy chief

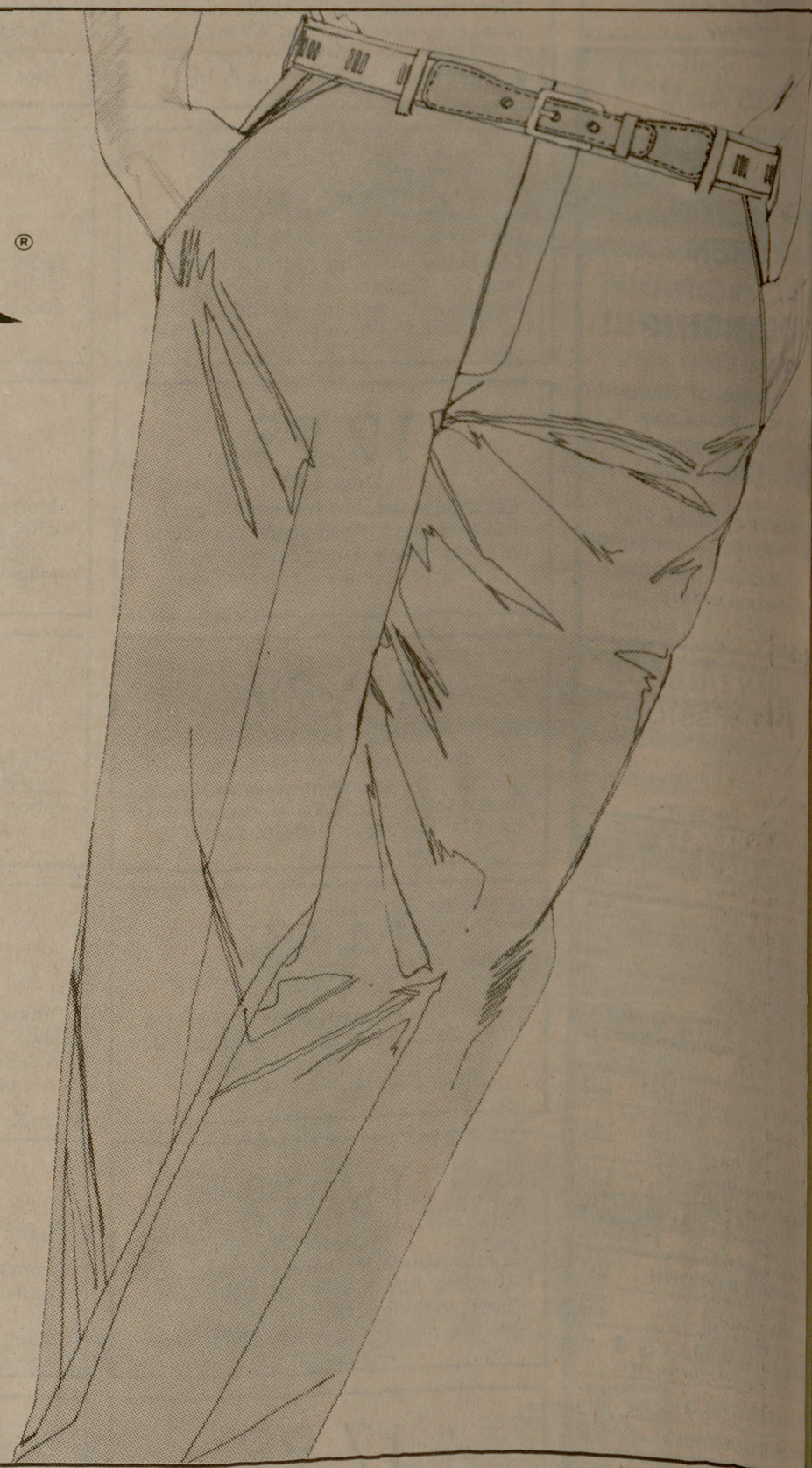
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