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A&M group wants student as A&M Regent

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Efforts by Texas A&M's Legislative Study Group to have a student named to the University's Board of Regents are picking up speed in preparation for the next legislative session, but LSG members still may have to wait for their goal to be reached.

The LSG has led the fight to have student named to the Board, which began last semester. Organization members say although the possibility exists for a student appointment to the Board, it is not probable.

LSG director Mario Castro said that the organization's goal for this year is to have a student named to

the Board, but said he realizes that the addition won't come quickly.

"When you look at it realistically, our goal probably won't be achieved, primarily because of the Board itself," Castro said. "It's just that the Board of Regents isn't ready to give away any of their power yet. It would be nice, but it probably won't happen."

"The Board just seems to feel that students should be here to study and not to help run it."

The LSG is a part of Student Government which focuses on the students' sides of the legislative issues. Organization members find out what issues the state legislature is

considering, research student opinions on the issues and then present them to legislators.

To help the LSG obtain their goal, a joint committee is being formed with the External Affairs Committee of the Student Senate, Castro said. The committee, which will comprise seven members, will try to determine what possibilities are available to the group.

A similar committee was formed last semester by the LSG and EAC to determine what it could do to have a student appointed to the Board. However, Castro said that the group wasn't as active as he would have liked and that the LSG portion of the committee took most of the re-

sponsibility for the project toward the end of the semester.

Although the LSG's efforts are determined, Student Body President Jay Hayes said the group has been heading in the wrong direction.

Hayes serves as acting chairman on the Senate's Chancellor's Student Advisory Board, which can submit proposals and recommendations to the chancellor. However, he said he believes that the LSG has not utilized the advisory board well enough.

"There has been a big push in a lot of schools to have a student named to the Board of Regents because they want a full pledged voting member to help in the decision ma-

king," Hayes said. "But they must work through the legislative process."

Hayes said that the LSG would have a better chance of getting a student appointed to the Board if it worked through the CSAB.

"The thing that I tried to impress upon him (Castro) is that this is a vital mechanism to get to the Board, but they haven't used it yet," he said. "I could understand if maybe we had tried to work with the CSAB and it had failed. Then we could've seen what we can do to bring about some changes. It's been a very under-utilized group."

Even though the legislative wheels

are beginning to turn, Hayes said that for now, the LSG will just have to be patient because the wheels aren't moving quickly enough right now.

He said that could change, however.

"It might develop into an issue," he said. "I think it definitely bears watching, but as of right now there isn't a member of the LSG who would be able to tell *The Battalion* that they're going to have a student on the Board of Regents by the end of the year, and that they're going to die for it."

"They just don't seem to be as motivated right now as they were at the end of last semester."

Democrats say Reagan's trip won't affect Texas Senate race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Rep. Beau Boulter's uphill campaign to unseat Sen. Lloyd Bentsen is banking on a big boost from Reagan's trip to Waco this week, but Democrats say it shouldn't make much difference in the race.

A spokesman for Boulter's campaign, Joe Fleming, said the two-term Amarillo congressman expects to raise \$100,000 in a private fundraiser with the president Thursday in the conservative Central Texas city.

The White House announced Friday that Reagan planned to attend a rally at Baylor University and appear at a private fund-raiser for Boulter, a graduate of the Baylor law school.

President Reagan will visit the Johnson Space Center and attend a Houston fund-raising event Thursday evening, possibly with Republican presidential nominee George Bush, said White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

"It's going to be a great day with Ronald Reagan coming to help us with our fund-raising effort," Fleming said.

"It's a tremendous boost that the most popular president in modern history is coming to campaign on behalf of Beau Boulter in an area that's critical to our campaign."

But Anita Dunn, a spokesman for the Demo-

cratic Senatorial Committee, said she doubted Reagan's presence would do much to sway Texas voters away from Bentsen, a three-term senator.

"He (Boulter) will need more than the money that will be generated at this event to convince Texas voters that he can beat Lloyd Bentsen," Dunn said.

"It will help him raise money — it will probably double his campaign in the amount he has raised so far."

Bentsen, who is also running as the Democratic vice presidential nominee under a Texas law that permits both races, has far surpassed Boulter in fund-raising for his Senate campaign, according to reports filed with the Federal Election Commission.

At the end of the last reporting period, June 30, Bentsen had \$3.8 million cash on hand to the \$14,098 in Boulter's campaign kitty.

Since the first of last year through the end of June, the Democratic senator who chairs the influential Senate Finance Committee had raised \$6.1 million and spent just over \$3 million. Boulter during the same period raised \$587,254 and spent \$582,721.

But Fleming said fund-raising has picked up significantly for Boulter since July 12, when Bentsen signed on as running mate to Demo-

cratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis, and the campaign's next FEC report will show a total of \$1 million has been raised.

"Big things are starting to happen and our message is starting to take hold," Fleming said.

Boulter has hit on Bentsen for "hedging his bets" by running two races, and for teaming up with a Massachusetts governor who is Fleming said is "way out of the mainstream" with more conservative Texas voters.

Fleming said Republican vice presidential nominee Dan Quayle also plans campaign appearances in Texas with Boulter on Sept. 27 and 28.

"If Texas is the big enchilada, which Richard Nixon said it is, and I think it is, they'll see a lot more (high-ranking Republicans) coming into the state," Fleming said.

Dunn, however, believes voters decide a Senate race on its own merits and not on whether a candidate campaigns with Reagan or other heavyweights.

She said Reagan in 1984 campaigned in 49 states but the Democrats still picked up two seats, and in 1986 — despite Reagan's appeals to voters to put Republican senators on his team — the GOP lost 11 seats in the Senate.

Observatory director submits resignation

AUSTIN (AP) — The astronomer who has been director of the McDonald Observatory of the University of Texas for 25 years has submitted his resignation, effective August 1989.

If all goes as planned, Harlan Smith should leave the observatory on Mount Locke in the Davis Mountains of West Texas about the time that an innovative 320-inch telescope is constructed there, in cooperation with Pennsylvania State University.

A UT search committee soon will begin seeking a new director for the observatory, said Smith, who recently returned to Austin from meetings with scientists in the Soviet Union. He said he intends to remain with the UT-Austin astronomy department.

"There's so much going on, I'll probably be busier than ever," Smith said. "But I'll be 65 by then and, as a matter of principle, it is a good time to make a change."

Smith came to UT from Yale University. His tenure at the obser-

vatory, which is administered from Austin, saw the completion in 1969 by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of the largest telescope on Mount Locke, the 107-inch reflector.

Smith's plans for a 300-inch reflector, dubbed the Eye of Texas, founded in 1985 when donations for the \$50 million project failed to materialize.

UT and Penn State officials said last week they have collected almost \$1 million in cash and an in-kind contribution of structural steel for the proposed 320-inch telescope, which has a \$6 million pricetag.

Designed by Penn State astronomers to cost a fraction of most giant telescopes, the instrument will be one of the world's largest and most innovative.

UT officials recently collected \$350,000 in donations toward their \$3 million share of the project. After half of that \$3 million is collected from donors, the university has pledged to donate the other half.

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1.61	5,325	11,500		850	1,600
1.51	3,875	7,000		795	1,500
1.43	5,550	12,000		695	1,400
1.24 w/GIA report	2,500	5,000		695	1,400
1.18	2,325	4,600		795	1,500
1.17	2,750	5,000		895	1,700
1.11	2,350	4,600		595	1,000
1.11	3,950	8,000		695	1,400
1.09	2,195	4,000		795	1,500
1.09	2,750	5,000		875	1,600
1.09	3,850	7,000		795	1,500
1.05 w/GIA report	2,950	2,950		795	1,500
1.04	2,150	4,000		695	1,300
1.03	2,195	4,000		695	1,300
1.03	3,595	7,000		795	1,500
1.01	1,495	3,000		695	1,400
1.01	1,895	4,000		695	1,400
1.01	3,495	7,000		695	1,400
1.01	2,185	4,200		650	1,200
.95	2,395	4,600		595	1,100
.93	1,595	3,000		595	1,100
.92	1,850	4,000		495	1,000
.92	1,650	3,200		575	1,200
.91	3,195	6,000		275	500
.90	1,750	3,100		375	600
.89	1,350	2,600		335	600
.89	895	1,700		335	600
.88	1,340	2,600		275	500
.85	1,685	3,000		335	600
.84	2,150	4,000		210	400
.83	1,595	3,000		165	300
.81	1,025	4,000		185	400
.80	985	2,000		215	400
.77	1,075	1,800		165	300
.77	950	2,000		155	300
.75	1,135	1,900		118	200
.75	1,375	2,200		111	200
.75	1,395	2,600		95	180
.74	1,480	2,800		78	140
.73	1,495	2,800		63	120
.73	1,125	2,200		55	110
.72	1,395	2,600		48	90
.71	1,395	2,700		45	90
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1.61	5,875	11,000
1.23	2,250	5,000
1.23	2,250	5,000
1.18	2,250	\$4,500
.95	1,850	4,000
.70	1,395	2,780
.65	1,195	2,390
.63	895	1,600
.62	1,275	2,400
.58	1,195	2,000
.58	995	1,800
.57	1,225	1,400
.53	1,225	1,400
.51	1,095	2,200
.50	1,050	2,000
.41	795	1,400
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.10	105	200

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1.13	2,295	4,500
1.04	2,495	4,800
1.01	2,675	5,200
.93	2,095	4,000
.82	1,590	3,000
.64	1,295	2,400
.65	895	1,600
.62	1,395	2,700
.59	795	1,500
.60	1,150	2,200
.58	995	1,900
.52	665	1,200
.45	325	600
.10	95	200

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2.04	\$11,875	\$23,000
1.56	4,775	6,500
1.10	3,275	5,300
1.05	2,675	4,900
1.02	2,275	3,900
1.01	1,275	2,200
.89	1,750	3,300
.89	1,795	3,590
.82	1,575	2,900
.79	1,895	3,600
.74	795	1,500
.72	1,650	3,300
.70	1,795	3,300
.70	1,250	2,400
.61	975	1,800
.55	850	1,700
.55	895	1,800
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