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| | Bob Thomas | Opponent |
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| Experience on the 10th Court of Appeals | 6 years | None |
| Number of appellate opinions written | 300+ | None |

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Texas schools lead quest for government funding

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas colleges and universities lead the pack of Southern institutions in the quest for federal funding for research and development projects, according to an official with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Texas ranks sixth nationwide in the amount of federal research grants awarded to colleges and universities — with four of the top 100 schools being located in the Houston area, said Roger Elliott, assistant commissioner of the coordinating board's research department.

Elliott said eight Texas schools are among the top 100 recipients of federal grants, according to a recent report. The University of Texas at Austin, which received \$74 million, was the biggest Texas recipient and ranked 20th nationwide.

Houston-area schools among the top 100 are Baylor College of Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center, University of Texas System Cancer Center and University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

But on the whole, Southern schools aren't getting their share of federal money for research and development Houston.

Andrews said a report from the Sunbelt Institute, commissioned by congressional representatives from 16 Southern states, showed that schools in the Sunbelt received an average of \$17.12 in research and development grants per capita, less than half that of the Northeast and Midwest states.

Andrews also said that only three Sunbelt universities — Texas, Texas A&M University and the University of Georgia — are among the top 25 recipients of federal research grants, while the bulk of those schools are on the East and West coasts.

"If the philosophy is that you should be getting money back in relation to your population, it is true" that the Sunbelt

isn't getting its share, Elliott said. "We (Texas) are ranked sixth in federal R&D (research and development) dollars and third in population."

Elliott said California and Massachusetts universities have earned the reputation as research centers because of the major financial investments they have made over a long period of time.

But Elliott said the name recognition of Eastern and California schools does hinder worthy projects in lesser-known universities from getting federal dollars.

For 15 years, University of Houston chemistry Professor Ralph Becker labored on a photochemistry research project that has aroused international interest. Becker paid for most of the project, which studied how light triggers the vision process, out of his own pocket.

Turned down for funding by the National Institute of Health, Becker funded the research as he could afford it. He completed the project about six months ago and published his findings in the September issue of Photochemistry and Photobiology.

Health authorities investigate hospital

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — State health authorities and the Travis County district attorney are investigating allegations of mismanagement at a state hospital, officials said.

Part of the investigation of the San Antonio State Chest Hospital centers on more than \$11,000 in missing television sets, vacuum cleaners, medical equipment, office machines and tools over the past two years.

State Sen. Frank Tejeda, D-San Antonio, who initiated the investigation, said an announcement on some of the results of the probe will be made Monday by state officials.

Dr. Robert Bernstein, commissioner of the Texas Department of Health, said some action could be taken by the middle of next week.

Attending a Texas Board of Health meeting Friday in San Antonio, Bernstein declined to provide details.

"We're not trying to hide anything," he told the *San Antonio Express-News*.

"It just wouldn't be fair to the people over there (at the hospital) until it's over."

Because the hospital is a state facility, the Travis County district attorney's public integrity unit was asked by the state Health Department to look into the case.

Tejeda said he referred complaints by a number of employees in September to the Health Department, which launched the investigation. The employees feared retaliation from superiors for complaining, he said.

Hermas Miller, deputy state health commissioner, first traveled to San Antonio Oct. 13 to interview hospital employees about allegations involving the hospital.

He then turned the investigation over to Travis County prosecutors.

Of the value of the missing items, Bernstein said, "Whatever it is, it is enough for us to look into it."

Tejedam was concerned that the investigation could provide ammunition to others who want to see it closed.

Campaign

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was no big secret. It follows that going to have negative campaigning.

"The Dukakis campaign did not do with that. His ads have mostly been exclusively, been a defensive posture."

DeBonis said that although many are misrepresented in those political advertisements, they have been effective. Political advertising has come so refined that subtle messages make a major impact on voters.

"The public recognizes that it is active campaigning, but they don't know what's said," DeBonis said. "In a poll last week, three-fourths of the people surveyed agreed that there was active campaigning and 49 percent both parties are at fault."

"Going into the campaign, I said it would turn voters off. When voters might not consciously accept truth, it might affect them unconsciously. The subliminal message such that people remember it helped Bush tremendously."

"Americans are media-literate. Television in family homes is on seven a day. We're so used to seeing commercials, we should be able to pick out fluff. For some reasons, Americans not doing this election."

"I don't understand why people are accepting these ads, except that the good ads and they're subtle."

Smart, however, she said she thinks the negative campaigning make a major impact on voters or the other.

"I don't know that it makes a whole of difference," she said. "We all have selective perception abilities. We see out messages from the opposition."


DeBonis said she predicts that active campaigning will contribute to low voter turnout.

DeBonis said she expects a voter turnout of only about 35 to 40 percent of Americans voted on election day and Bush won by 52 percent, 20.8 percent of the American population would have elected the president, she said.

"Even as a political analyst, I'm using this campaign with a dirty taste in my mouth," DeBonis said.

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Immigration amnesty begins permanent residency phase

EL PASO (AP) — The second phase of the federal government's immigration amnesty program starts Monday, when thousands of amnesty recipients can begin applying for permanent residency and get their so-called green cards.

Federal officials expect about 1.5 million of the 1.8 million non-agricultural workers who applied for amnesty under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 to apply for permanent residency.

But that figure may be optimistic, authorities said, because some potential applicants could find themselves shut out of overcrowded English and civics classes they must take to qualify for permanent residency.

In Los Angeles, at least one school — the Evans Community Adult School — has been holding classes 24 hours a day to handle the crush.

The situation is less critical in Texas, where the public schools in El Paso are offering day classes and the Roman Catholic diocese plans day and night classes. In Dallas, classes for amnesty recipients are free in public schools, but many attend privately-run programs.

Vanna Slaughter, program director for the immigration counseling services of Dallas' Catholic Charities, said classes are packed and the waiting period to get into them is usually two to three months.

"There are about 75 sites where the classes are being taught, (but) we need at least 100, probably more," said Slaughter, who helps find teachers for classes. "They (amnesty recipients) are looking in a very nervous fashion for a class to get into."

She said each class holds about 20 people and "more than 20 is unmanageable." The classes, she said, normally last six weeks and students attend them 10 hours a week.

Slaughter said about 65,000 people have applied for amnesty in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, but less than 15,000 had enrolled in any kind of class.

In New York City, classes will be offered by the Board of Education, the City University of New York and many community-based organizations.

New York's applicants represent 153 nations and pose a challenge to educators, according to Garrett Murphy, director of the state Department of Education's Division of Continuing Education.

"We probably have more language groups and languages than any other state," Murphy said.

Arthur Helton, a spokesman for the Lawyer's Committee for Human Rights, predicted New York would be overwhelmed by a late swarm of applicants because the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service has done little to inform immigrants about the amnesty program.

"It's starting with remarkably little fanfare," Helton said, adding that many immigrants are probably unaware of the educational component. "People may think they have (legal) status now, and they're thinking about the next step."

The INS released its guidelines for civics classes only about two weeks ago.

Amnesty recipients who apply for permanent residency must either take a 60-hour course from an approved school or pass an oral and written examination similar to the citizenship test given to permanent residents who entered the country legally.

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