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## Quayle plans visit to Texas A&M

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With flags flying and banners waving, the Republican campaign will swing into College Station early next week when Vice President Dan Quayle visits Texas A&M.

"They (the Bush-Quayle campaign) called me to say that we are firm on the calendar for early next week and tentatively scheduled for just before noon on Tuesday," said Rodger Lewis, chairman of the Brazos County Republican Party.

"It's not going to be just another whistle-stop. The vice president will make some comments on some issues which haven't been heard before."

Though, the specifics have yet to be nailed down, Lewis said College Station is planned as one of two stops which Quayle will make in Texas next week.

"The vice president and the president feel very comfortable at A&M," Lewis said. "They like the student body we have here."

Lewis expects prominent Texas politicians, such as Sen. Phil Gramm, to make an appearance when Quayle visits.

The Bush-Quayle campaign has asked Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry and Fred McClure, a senior Bush administration adviser who has served as a congressional liaison for the White

House, to attend the rally, Lewis said. Both Perry and McClure are former students of A&M.

An advance team, including members of the Secret Service and the Bush-Quayle campaign, will arrive on campus today to begin making preparations for the visit.

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Their primary concern will be to find a place on campus large enough to adequately accommodate both students and community members, Lewis said. Current possibilities include Olsen Field and G. Rollie White Coliseum.

"It is our desire to have every

student, as well as people in the community who would like to hear the vice president, be able to get in and hear him speak," Lewis said.

The advance team will work with the Department of Student Affairs and members of the MSC to iron out details of the visit, Lewis said.

This will be Quayle's first visit to A&M since becoming vice president. Bush's last visit to the University was in May 1989, when he gave the commencement address.

In the past, Brazos County has shown strong support for Bush, Lewis said. In the 1988 presidential election, 65 percent of the

votes in Brazos County went to the Bush-Quayle ticket. Of the votes cast at A&M polling places, 82 percent supported Bush.

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"They're (the Bush-Quayle campaign) billing this as the major stop of the day."

Once the advance team arrives, firm plans will be laid out. Lewis hopes to have all of the details finalized and available to the public by the end of the weekend.

A&M President William Mobley could not be reached by press time, and Vice President for Finance and Administration Robert Smith had no comment on the upcoming visit.



Quayle



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Members of the "Ballet Folklorico Celestial" dance group perform as part of the Hispanic Unity celebration held near Rudder fountain Thursday night.

## House OKs \$517 billion for super collider project

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WASHINGTON — The same House that three months ago voted to kill the super collider did an about-face Thursday night and approved a \$22 billion energy and water development conference report with \$517 million for the giant atom smasher.

The \$8.25 billion super collider's unusually bumpy path through Congress this year is almost finished. Only Senate approval of the conference report containing the collider money remains.

The battle was essentially won when the House and Senate conferees agreed earlier this week to the \$517 million. They reached that number by splitting the difference between the Senate's \$550 million figure and the \$483.7 million earmarked by the House Appropriations Committee prior to the House's stunning vote to kill the collider.

Approval came Thursday night on a 245-143 vote after collider opponents mounted a halfhearted bid to reject the entire conference report because it contained the collider funding.

"When are we going to start making the hard choices?" asked Rep. Dan Burton, D-Ind., urging his



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colleagues to vote down the package and the collider funding.

But Rep. Joe Barton, whose district spans the collider, urged his colleagues to approve the conferees' report.

The super collider is the "modern-day equivalent of turning swords into plowshares," said Barton, R-Ennis.

The \$517 million for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1 is \$133 million less than what President Bush

had requested.

Barton and Sulphur Springs Democrat Jim Chapman, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, said earlier this week that the \$517 million level of funding would swell the collider's eventual price tag.

To date, almost \$1 billion in federal money and \$227 million in Texas funds have been spent on the super collider, which is due to be completed in 1999.

The collider fared better on Capitol Hill Thursday than did several other projects with Texas ties.

## Federal judge reverses impeachment

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A federal judge in an unprecedented move Thursday overturned the impeachment of former U.S. District Judge Alcee Hastings on grounds he did not receive a fair trial by the Senate.

U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin said Hastings' 1989 ouster was unfair because a 12-member Senate committee, rather than the full Senate, conducted the impeachment trial.

Sporkin, saying the issue "will clearly be settled by the Supreme Court" did not order a new trial for Hastings, so that the case can be appealed. Hastings was not reinstated as a result of Thursday's ruling.

Hastings, Florida's first black federal district judge, was convicted by the Senate on Oct. 20, 1989, of eight impeachment articles charging him with perjury and conspiracy to obtain a \$150,000 payoff. He had been acquitted of those charges by jury in a criminal trial six years earlier.

Sporkin said only the full Senate had authority to try Hastings on the same charges that led to the acquittal.

"Judge Hastings did not get a trial by the full Senate," Sporkin said. "He is entitled to have one."

Contacted by telephone at his home in Miami, a jubilant Hastings said: "Well, I'll tell you what my mother says: 'It sure feels good to be unimpeached.' It certainly is a good feeling."

"We had so few victories along the way, it's certainly a measure of vindication when the opinion comes from an intellectual conservative like Judge

Sporkin," Hastings said. "It certainly gives me a boost for my election, too."

Hastings is in an Oct. 1 Democratic runoff for Florida's 23rd congressional district against state Rep. Lois Frankel.

In his 35-page opinion, Sporkin ruled that "the 12-member impeachment trial committee did not have the votes to convict Judge Hastings by the necessary two-thirds majority."

Sporkin said, Hastings' lawsuit alleges that only 12 senators who were not on the committee checked out video tapes of the proceedings and the government has not countered that allegation.

"The Constitution explicitly states that an impeachment shall be tried by the Senate. This court holds that a trial by the Senate means by the full Senate and not by a committee of the Senate," Sporkin ruled.

Sporkin said that when the Senate proceeds with an impeachment case "after the judge has been acquitted" on when there was no criminal trial, "it is absolutely essential that the judge be tried by the full Senate . . . no matter how great the burden."

Any change in the Senate procedure, he said, would require a constitutional amendment.

Sporkin added, "It is inconceivable to think that violent criminals, prisoners seeking parole, civil litigants with the smallest complaints, and witnesses who appear before Congress have due process rights but that judges . . . do not when they face impeachment."

## RHA seeks residents' opinions

Hall traditions could stand in way of coed housing on south side

By BRANDI JORDAN

Reporter of THE BATTALION

President of Texas A&M's Residence Hall Association Kim Tenpas encouraged the Commons residence hall presidents to seek their residents' opinions on a proposal that would make two of the south side dorms coed.

John White, assistant director of residence life with the On-Campus Housing Office, said the south area housing office submitted the coed proposal because of the high demand for coed housing.

"We have six times as many people requesting coed housing as we're able to place in coed housing," White said. "I have no idea whether this proposal will pass."

"Right now, I'm just in the process of getting information about how the students feel about converting single-sex halls to coed halls from the RHA and residence hall presidents."

Tenpas said the RHA really wanted to know how the students feel about the proposal. She said the south side residents' opinions are crucial to the proposal but the north side

residents' opinions should be considered too.

"After all, coed halls are requested at about a five to one rate over non-coed halls. But there could be other factors that we need to consider," Tenpas said.

Tenpas thought the proposal would be universally supported because of the 24-hour visitation policies currently in place in halls that are already coed.

"But, I'm not really sure that either Aston or Dunn will want to go coed because of their involvement with bonfire. I think Aston wants Dunn to go coed and Dunn wants Aston to be coed," Tenpas said.

Raoul Rodriguez, representing Dunn Hall, said his hall is circulating a survey to find out how the current Dunn Hall residents feel about the issue.

"The hall council is pretty much against it because of Dunn's traditions. I mean, our mascot is named 'Tom Doss,' which stands for The Only Male Dorm On South Side," Rodriguez said.

Aston Hall is also circulating a survey concerning a coed hall in the Commons. Aston's Hall President Donnie Curren said he has also

posted sheets of paper for his residents to write down the pros and cons of converting to a coed hall. The pro and con sheets will be circulated with the survey in Aston Hall.

Aston's hall council will also hold an informational meeting to discuss the proposal.

Krueger will be the female hall that will convert to coed if the proposal is approved, because Mosher is much larger and the housing office will not want to lose any spots for females on campus, Tenpas said.

"If one male and one female hall convert to coed halls, then there will not be any less available spots for females or males on campus," she said.

"I feel like student affairs wants to be able to provide more coed housing and they're willing to do it, but they are very concerned with the students' opinions."

"The RHA's acceptance or refusal of the proposal will certainly influence my decision, but then I have to submit the proposal to the director of residence life, the director of student affairs and Dr. Koldus with student services," White said. "So, this could all still be a long way off."

## Lottery earnings exceed expectations

By REAGON CLAMON

Reporter of THE BATTALION

Earnings for the Texas lottery have gone above and beyond expectations, said Steve Levin, spokesman for the state comptroller's office.

The office projected that earnings for the fiscal year 1992 would be \$61 million. As of Aug. 31, the lottery has earned \$238 million.

Part of the reason for the unexpected increase was that the lottery started seven weeks ahead of schedule, Levin said.

Another reason for the increase was the rate that the tickets have been selling.

"Texans have been buying tickets at a phenomenal rate," Levin said. "From May 29 to Aug. 31, Texas sold \$589.9 million worth of lottery tickets."

Levin said the increase was also due to the low cost of ad-

ministration.

"We like to think that some of it's due to the fact that we've been running this thing frugally and efficiently and therefore hold down our administrative cost," he said.

How the state spends the extra revenue is up to the Texas Legislature, Levin said.

Jennifer Voss, a clerk at the Seven Eleven store at the corner of Finfeather Road and Villa Maria Road, hasn't noticed any difference in the number of tickets being sold.

"The only difference is people are playing the newer games," Voss said.

Voss said most people seemed to support the lottery.

"Some of them say they would rather have this than pay their taxes," Voss said. "I guess this way at least they have a chance of winning some big money."