

UT regents to hear case against Los Alamos

Four opponents of plan to speak at meeting today

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Daily Texan Staff

The UT System Board of Regents will hear arguments this morning against its possible fall bid for a contract to manage Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The agenda for today's open meeting includes a discussion about the bid led by

Chancellor Mark Yudof, but the System task force on the issue is not scheduled to give its recommendation until August.

Board Chairman James Huffines will also allow four opponents of the bid to address the regents.

Rep. Lon Burnam, D-Fort Worth, who is against System management of Los Alamos, will argue that the task force has not been honest enough in its evaluation of the Los Alamos contract, said Burnam spokesman Colin Leyden.



Rep. Lon Burnam

Austin Van Zant, a member of activist groups UT Watch and UT Nuke Free, said he will also speak. Van Zant said he plans to tell the regents the

"We think there hasn't been enough open discussion," Leyden said. "There is tremendous possibility for downside and negative aspects."

System would not gain from a bid.

"Some people are saying UT could benefit economically and could see increased research opportunities if it manages Los Alamos," Van Zant said. "But if you look at it, this is not true."

He said he plans to show that Los Alamos has had a negative effect on its manager, the University of California System, as well as New Mexico, and argue that the same would happen to the UT System.

Stefan Wray, a UT alum and anti-nuclear weapons activist, said he will also address the regents. He said he plans to focus his speech on the lab's nuclear production capabilities.

"A lot of people don't realize this is the only facility to produce plutonium pits, which are at the core of a nuclear weapon."

The System sent a letter to the U.S. Department of Energy declaring its interest

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PIE IN THE SKY



Bonzo Crunch juggles three pizzas at the Austin Public Library on Guadalupe Street Thursday during the library's Summer Reading Program, which runs to the end of the month.

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NEWS BRIEF

Los Alamos shuts down, conducts inventory

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Another security breach at Los Alamos National Laboratory prompted the lab to halt all classified work Thursday while officials conduct a wall-to-wall inventory of sensitive data.

The stand-down began at noon, and the inventory of CDs, floppy disks and other data storage devices is expected to be completed within days, lab spokesman Kevin Roark said.

Last week, the lab reported that two items containing classified information were missing. The items were identified only as removable data storage devices.

The incident was the latest in a series of embarrassments that have prompted federal officials to put the Los Alamos management contract up for bid for the first time in the 61-year history of the lab renowned for building the atomic bomb.

— Associated Press

Documentary relives adventures of WWII

David Grosvenor, manager of graphic services at the University, displays artifacts from World War II where his father, Bill, served as a pilot. After his plane crashed, Bill Grosvenor was harbored by the Belgian Resistance and eventually survived as a prisoner of war.



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Son retells story of his father's escape from a concentration camp

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Bill Grosvenor never really talked about his time in Belgium. Sometimes he would off-handedly mention his time there to his son David, but he never went into much detail.

As a result of Bill's hesitation to talk about his experiences, David, a graphic services manager at the University, didn't hear the full version of his father's story until a cassette showed up in the mail one day in early 2000.

Abilene native Bill Wright, an amateur historian, had decided the stories of World War II veterans living in Abilene needed to be told, so he went around with a recorder

asking the veterans to relive their experiences on tape.

"I asked these men to sit down with their wives and a glass of wine and retell their stories into the tape recorder," Wright said.

He originally started out to archive the stories for the University of North Texas' Military History Museum.

David was on his way over to a colleague's house when he discovered the tape in the mail, and he popped it into the cassette player to listen to as he drove.

"I was listening to the tape ... and was so overcome, I had to pull over to the side of the road," he said.

After hearing his father's story in its entirety, David decided it might have the makings of a great film. He sought out the advice of Ramona Kelly, a colleague of his and communications coordinator in the Office of the Dean of Continuing and

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Bill Grosvenor, an Iowa native and World War II pilot, used a fake ID to escape and survive the enemy territory after his Thunderbolt fighter plane crashed.

TODAY'S NEWS



Iraq requests help from Muslim nations

Iraqi government may believe insurgents will be less likely to attack Muslim troops.

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OPINION

Statues aren't the only confederate memorials

Many University structures are named after confederates and confederate sympathizers.

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Outdoors Week visits Concerts in the Park

The Austin Symphony takes its shows outdoors once a week for Wooldridge Park's Sunday Concert Series.

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Low salaries make it difficult to attract, retain Texas teachers

Average salary in state ranked 30th in nation

By Cyndee-Nga Trinh
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The average Texas teacher's salary is ranked 30th in the nation at \$39,230, about \$5,000 below the national average of \$44,367, according to a study conducted by the American Federation of Teachers.

The low salaries make it hard to attract quality teachers and retain them, said Rob D'Amico, a spokesman for the Texas Federation of Teachers.

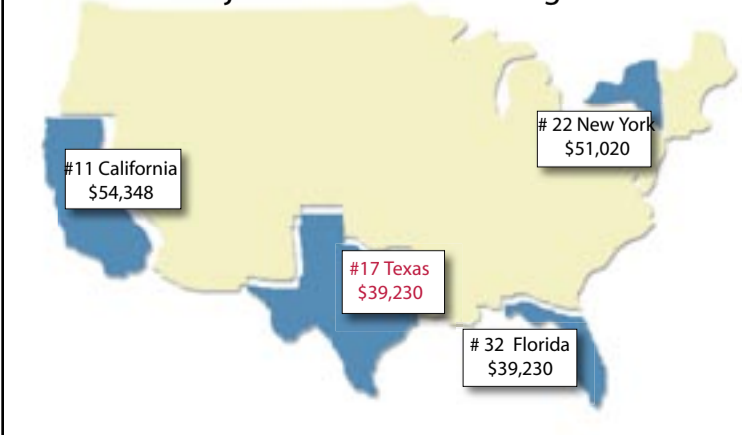
Retention has always been an issue for the Texas education system, especially this year, when a record number of teachers are expected to retire, D'Amico said. A Texas Teacher Retirement System report projected a 25-percent increase in state school employees retiring this year. The report attributes the record number of retirements to federal legislation that ended the last-day exemption of the Government Pension Offset.

The last day for teachers to take advantage of the exemption was June 30, and many teachers retired early to keep their benefits.

Shelby Patrick, president of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, said Texas schools have a high rate of employee turnover.



State Rankings: Average Teacher Salary, 2001-2002 Adjusted for Cost of Living



Counties fail to submit racial profiling reports

Sen. says 68 agencies still not complying with law

By Rafael Mittlefehldt
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Sixty-eight police and sheriff's departments across Texas have failed to respond to an open records request made by a state senator, according to a statement issued Wednesday by the senator's office.

In March, Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, sent 600 law enforcement agencies a request for copies of their racial profiling reports, which state law mandates must be kept on hand. West authored S.B. 1074 in 2001, which requires police to compile statistics of traffic stops, citations and arrests, broken down by race, ethnicity and gender. Under the Texas Public Information Act, the reports are public records and must be provided upon request within 10 business days.

David Quin, West's legislative director, said that 100 agencies missed the initial deadline. The senator sent a follow-up letter in June to the remaining agencies, and only 32 have responded so far.

Quin said there was no way to tell which of the unresponsive agencies have failed to record the statistics required by S.B. 1074, only that they hadn't

yet complied with TPIA. "They're in danger of violating two laws here," Quin said.

Some agencies complained that a lack of funding has prevented them from honoring West's request, or in some cases, from even compiling racial profiling reports.

Zapata County Sheriff Sigifredo Gonzalez Jr. said that his department was "very behind" in submitting the report to West because of staffing issues. He said his report has been ready for four weeks, but he hasn't had a chance to send it in yet.



Sen. Royce West

"This is a small county," he said. "I do almost everything myself."

Gonzalez said Thursday he would send it in that day. Sheriff Eusebio Salinas of Zavala County said his office was even further behind. "It's very difficult when you're very short-staffed, and you're trying to deal with major crimes," Salinas said. He said his office has not yet compiled the reports, but hopes to before Aug. 31, the end of the fiscal year. Nearby Crystal City Police

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Documentary tells anecdote of Belgian resistance

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Extended Education at UT. "When David got over to my house he was very emotional, and after hearing the tape, I understood why. I knew right away that this needed to be a documentary," Kelly said.

The two applied to the Austin Film Society to solicit funding for the film. Humanities Texas, the state partner for the National Endowment for the Humanities, awarded them \$13,825 to make the documentary, which was eventually titled "Rendezvous With Freedom: A True Story of Escape, Evasion and Remembrance."

The documentary follows the story of 1st Lt. Bill Grosvenor's nine-month sojourn behind enemy lines, where he was forced to bail out of his plane and was eventually harbored by the Belgian resistance until his arrest by the German Gestapo.

On Nov. 30, 1943, Grosvenor's plane stalled, and he was forced to parachute into a field one mile outside of Mariekerke, a small Belgian village northwest of Brussels. He hid there until hours later, when a young Belgian

man ran past the brush where Grosvenor was hiding. David's father knew enough French to ask Marcel Harnie, a refugee from the German Gestapo friendly with the Belgian resistance, for help. Harnie said he would come back with civilian clothing and take the American to Brussels, where he would be harbored by members of the Belgian resistance. In return, Grosvenor gave Marcel his "crash bracelet," engraved with the pilot's name and military ID number on it, as a token of his appreciation.

Almost 60 years later, David and Kelly traveled to Brussels to document his father's story. The filmmakers received a surprise when they found Harnie, who returned the bracelet David's father had given him.

"It was very emotional. Marcel is a formal man, and while I was at his apartment interviewing him, he got up a presented me with the bracelet," David said.

After spending six-and-a-half months with the Belgian resistance, moving from house to house, Grosvenor was arrested by the German Gestapo. Because of his civilian clothing, the Germans did not recognize him as a pris-

oner of war. They took him to St. Gilles, a Belgian prison, where he spent a two-and-a-half months, including 31 consecutive days, in a the solitary confinement of a "dark cell."

"I thought it was the end of the world ... the dark cell was no bigger than a kitchen pantry," Grosvenor said later. "A person doesn't realize how lucky they are to be free until something like that happens."

After his stay in prison, Grosvenor and 1,500 other prisoners were loaded onto a train to be taken to a concentration camp. The war was coming to a close, and Hitler had ordered most prisoners killed. The Belgian resistance tried for days to stop the train by sabotaging the tracks and the engine until one night, when Grosvenor's boxcar derailed while being shifted around the train yard.

He and 42 other men lay trapped in the boxcar with no food or water for three days. Finally, their guard left momentarily, and the prisoners escaped.

"As I remember, it was a Canadian soldier who slipped his hand through a slot and was able to pick the lock," he said.

"We scattered like a bunch of quail and hid overnight in a bombed-out ferry."

The next day, they were picked up by liberating British forces and returned to safety.

Scheduled to be released in early 2005, the documentary features Grosvenor's reunion with members of the Belgian resistance, as well as the excavation of his plane from the site of the crash in 2001.

"[The film is] very significant because of how it personalizes the global conflict and the depiction of Belgian citizens putting their own lives on the line," said Michael Gillette, executive director of Texas Council for the Humanities.

Kelly called the grant from Gillette's organization a windfall in helping maintain the film's momentum. In addition, the



filmmakers' assistants and crew put in thousands of man hours as volunteers to keep the project alive.

"So many films have been made about World War II, you would think one more was not that significant, but the story of the Belgian resistance is not usually shown, and this touches on something very personal," said Jean-Pierre Cauvin, a professor in the University's French and Italian Department and a member of the film's advisory board. "These folks needed to be documented."

UT BRIEF

Police looking for male suspected for sexual assault

Austin police are still looking for a suspect who is wanted in connection with a sexual assault that occurred Tuesday evening in a parking garage on the 2000 block of Guadalupe Street.

A 20-year-old female reported to police she was in the parking garage when the suspect assaulted her and then fled the scene, according to an APD news release.

The woman described the suspect as a black male, 22-to-29 years old, 5 feet, 10 inches, bald with freckles and having a muscular build. Police are asking anyone with information to call the Sex Crimes tip line at 974-5095.

—David Kassabian

Regents hear views of students

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in a bid to operate the lab on June 29. The Board of Regents is not expected to officially decide whether to bid until late August.

Van Zant and Wray said they appreciate the opportunity to speak, but need more than three minutes to explain their positions.

"I think this is a step in the right direction," Wray said. "It will be difficult to make a case in three minutes, though."

The board will also hear a recommendation from Regent Robert Estrada about appointing an independent accounting firm to audit System finances beginning in September. According to the agenda, the regents decided to hire an auditor as a way to "manifest financial accountability and compliance in the public sector," and plan to approve a proposal from one of five accounting firms.

In addition, the regents will decide whether to commit an extra \$60 million for faculty recruitment and research at System institutions. According to the agenda, the money would be distributed to seven of the nine universities, including UT-Austin.

The open session will be held at 10:30 a.m. today on the ninth floor of Ashbel Smith Hall, 201 W. Seventh St. A webcast of the meeting will be available at the UT System Web site.

Turnover rate too high

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"There are significant certified personnel in the classrooms, but because of reasons, they choose not to teach after one or two years and go somewhere else," Patrick said. "So, at the end of a five-year span, we see a 40-percent-to-50-percent turnover in teachers and staff."

According to Richard Kouri, spokesman for the Texas State Teachers Association, the state has a shortage of qualified teachers in the classrooms, and the situation is worsening.

"Currently, we have 53,000 classrooms in Texas that have inappropriately certified teachers in them," Kouri said.

But Texas does have enough certified teachers — in fact, twice as many as needed, Kouri said. "We just can't get the teachers to stay in Texas," Kouri said.

He said a combination of salary levels, benefits and working conditions makes Texas unattractive to teachers.

D'Amico said that teachers are making \$10,000-to-\$15,000 below the average private sector pay.

"Teachers are the most important asset to our education system, no question about that," said Rep. David Swinford, R-Amarillo, a member of the House Select Committee on Public School Finance.

Swinford said the main expense of a school's budget is teachers' salaries.

According to the AFT study, the percentage of education expenditures in Texas devoted to teachers in 2001-02 is about 40 percent.

The American Federation of Teachers, a 1.3 million-member union, gets its financial data from state education departments.

House committee approves bill

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small minority of students, but there could be a domino effect for other students who have financial aid should the bill become law, said Don Davis, associate director of Student Financial Services at the University.

"For those students who had Pell Grants, you need to come up with something more to make up the difference because they are the neediest students," Davis said. "If you're going to meet the need of the needy, you either take grant money from other [less-needy] students, or you award other loans."

The reduction of money for Perkins loans is less of an issue, Davis said, because for most students there are other loan programs available, such as the Stafford Loans, which are available in whatever quantity students want and have had a slightly better interest rate over the past few years. Last year, 20,000 UT students had Stafford loans, as opposed to 3,000 with Perkins loans.

Because of the way the system is structured, however, any changes made by the Appropriations Committee bill will decrease new money for the

Perkins Loan Program, which last year only accounted for \$950,000 of \$11 million awarded by the University in Perkins loans, Davis said. The vast majority of money obtained for Perkins loans at UT is obtained through what Davis called "revolving fund collections," which is basically money made off of previous UT students who graduated and are still paying off their Perkins loans, he said.

"Where a decrease in Perkins funding could hurt is in high-need students who have Perkins loans as second loans, creating problems for probably less than 100 students who receive financial aid," Davis added.

For some lawmakers however, keeping the amount of Pell Grants awarded at the current level is a step in the wrong direction.

"It is unacceptable to freeze the maximum Pell Grant award as Republicans have done, when its buying power is at the lowest point it has been since the 1970s," said U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin.

Doggett is a sponsor of the College Opportunity for All Act, which would double the maximum Pell Grant award if passed.

Students interested in learning more about financial aid

can learn more at the Student Financial Services office in the Student Services Building, which offers a variety of resources for students, ranging from individual counseling to computer databases, all detailing the different types of aid available.

Davis said students shouldn't worry about the ultimate affect of the proposed student aid changes.

"The changes will have a very modest effect on students, because they're not cutting Pell funds, and Perkins loans are a small part of student loans awarded by the University," he said.

For psychology freshman Lauren Berry, reassurances from those within the Office of Student Financial Services are not enough to put concerns regarding financial aid to bed. Berry has both Perkins and Stafford loans and would be one of the few students who would be affected the most if cuts to Perkins loans did happen.

"I think that's ridiculous, because we barely get enough as it is — the loans are pretty much for students who need financial aid," Berry said. "If I didn't have loans, I pretty much would not be able to pay for college — if anything they need to increase the funding for the loans."

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Open record requests don't get lawful, prompt response

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Department, also on West's list, has the same funding problems, Salinas said.

But that's an issue law enforcement agencies will have to take up with their city or county governments, Quin said.

"I'm not sure a police department should be saying they'll only obey the laws they can afford to obey," he said. "All we're saying is, they have to comply with the law."

Sheryl Smith, chief secretary of the Manor Police Department, said her office is also understaffed, but they still make sure to honor open records requests "in a timely manner."

"Staffing is never an issue when we're supposed to be complying

with the law," Smith said. "We just do it."

MPD was not among the 600 agencies to receive a request from West's office, Smith said.

Under TPIA, someone who violates the law commits a class A misdemeanor and may be subject to criminal charges, six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Quin said West may file lawsuits for writs of mandamus to compel unresponsive agencies to submit their reports, but he does not yet know when his office might act.

The list of unresponsive agencies released by West's office originally included 69 agencies, but Quin said the Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Department has since submitted its report.

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