

STATE AND LOCAL

# Entrepreneur honored by free enterprise group

By REBECCA ADAIR  
Staff Writer

Edwin J. Feulner has been named "Free Enterprise Man of the Year" for his powerful influence on public policy and continuing fight against excessive government.

Dr. Steve Pejovich, director of Texas A&M's Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise, said Feulner will be the first recipient of what is to be an annual award.

Pejovich said Feulner also has been successful influencing public policy by having two-thirds of his 2,000 specific policy recommendations to President Reagan in 1981 accepted as policy.

Feulner also has led the effort in reducing many government departments and changing government policy.

Since 1977, Feulner has been president of the Heritage Foundation, a public-policy research institute.

The foundation's ideals are free market, strong defense and limited government.

As the foundation's head, Feulner has provided President Reagan with the "Mandate for Leadership."

The 1,000-page volume outlining methods for each government de-

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partment to reduce the size of government has been termed a blueprint for conservative leadership.

The main function of the Heritage Foundation is to provide quick evaluations — both economic and philosophical — of bills before Congress.

One of the best features about the Heritage Foundation, Pejovich said, is the fact that it's a place for a meeting of the minds and ideas, not a meeting for groups separated into libertarian, economist or conservative factions.

The Heritage Foundation provides a guide to public policy experts nationwide for those needing a local expert on a public policy topic.

Sources listed are from the foundation's Resource Bank containing the names of academic groups supporting the foundation's free enterprise goals.

One of the foundation's functions is keeping people across the country informed of legislation before Congress that they could affect, and bringing people to testify before Congress who are outside of the so-called Washington D.C. "beltway."

Feulner's Research Assistant Bridgette Wagner said that although the foundation has conservative ideals, it works with a broad selection of individuals.

Wagner repeated the often-heard phrase that politics makes strange bedfellows.

The dinner for Feulner on April 2 in Dallas will host such dignitaries as Joseph Coors, the founding member of The Heritage Foundation; H.R. "Bum" Bright, chairman of the Texas A&M Board of Regents; William J. Bennett, secretary of education; and James C. Miller III, Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission.

Before the award is presented, a



Edwin J. Feulner

Public Policy Seminar will be held for a discussion on two views of Reaganomics: the monetarist and the supply side.

Wagner said Feulner leans heavily to the supply side view, but is comfortable with both.

The Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise was created in 1977 by the Board of Regents.

The Center is governed by a board of directors, consisting of the deans from A&M's Colleges of Agriculture, Business Administration, Education, Engineering and Liberal Arts, and five outside directors.

# University facilities set new schedules for spring break

By VERONICA MUZQUIZ  
Reporter

While most A&M students and faculty will be out of town for spring break, a few University facilities will be open for the hardy souls who remain.

The dormitories will be open for residents but visitation hours will be suspended for the break. Beginning at 7 p.m. today, no visitors will be allowed until March 17.

open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Monday and Tuesday the library will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday through Saturday its hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Memorial Student Center will keep regular hours Monday and Tuesday, but several services will close early Tuesday.

The bowling lanes, Craft Center and the MSC snackbar will not be open during the break. The bowling lanes will reopen at 1 p.m. on March 17.

The MSC and Rudder Tower will close Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. and will remain closed until March 17 at noon.

Academic buildings will be open as usual Monday and Tuesday. Shuttle buses will stop running at 6 p.m. today.

# Senate softens blow of no-pass, no-play rule

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas senators, by a 24-5 vote, directed the State Board of Education on Thursday to soften the effect of the controversial no-pass, no-play eligibility rule.

A committee of the Board of Education was scheduled to consider the resolution Thursday afternoon and make recommendations to Saturday's meeting of the full 15-member board.

"Some injustices are being done," Sen. Carl Parker told the Senate concerning the board's ruling that no student with a failing grade in one course can take part or practice in athletics or other extracurricular activities for at least six weeks.

Upset parents, coaches and school administrators protested at a Senate committee hearing Wednesday that school teams were being broken up, students were dropping out of school and at least one boy considered suicide because of the rule.

Parker's resolution directs the board to revise the rule to reflect a week-by-week grading period instead of six weeks.

"Academic excellence is still our No. 1 goal but emotional development also is important," said Parker, D-Port Arthur and chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

# Texas highways to blossom with wildflowers

By TAMARA BELL  
Staff Writer

As you drive on the highways of Texas during spring break, you might find the Bermuda grass that once covered the roadside has been replaced with bluebonnets, Indian paintbrushes, firewheels and daisies.

For more than 50 years, the Texas Highway Department has experimented in 24 Texas counties with the planting of wildflowers along some of the highways.

Not only do these flowers add color to the countryside, but they also have been proven to cut costs, save labor, conserve water and help control litter.

Mark Mathews, a field landscape architect for the highway department, said the vegetation on the side of the road helps to stabilize the roadbed from wind and water erosion.

"Planting wildflowers gets us away from Bermuda grass, which must be

mowed once a week, to two or three mowings a season," Mathews said. "By not mowing as much, the state reduces its \$32 million spent on mowing by \$8 million."

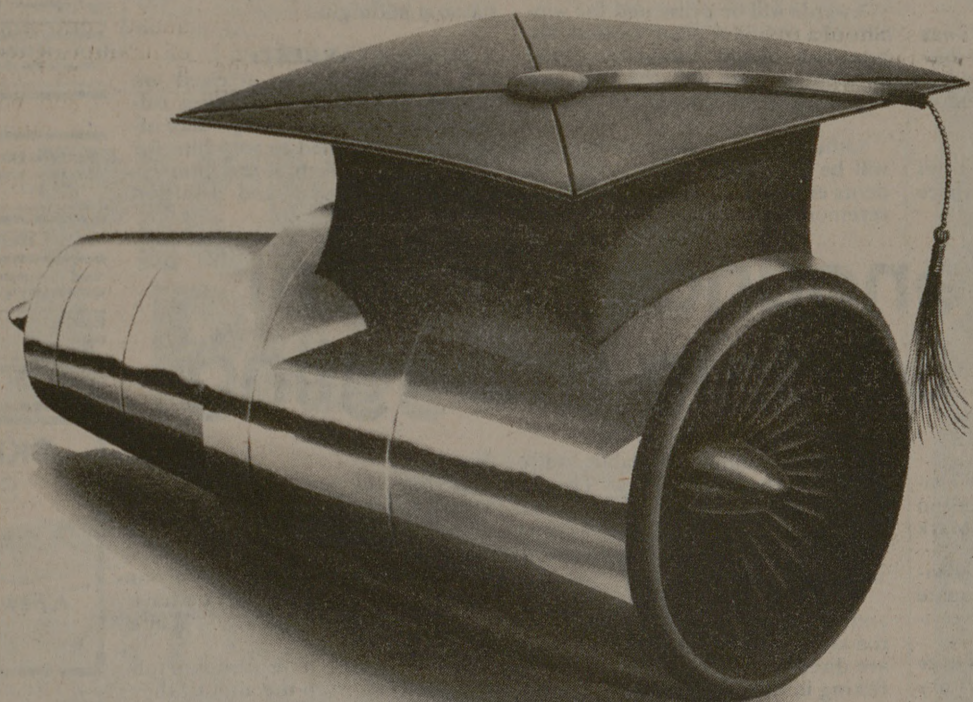
In contrast to the 20 or 30 waterings required for the grass, he said, wildflowers only need five or six waterings a year.

Mathews said that the department is making a concentrated effort to spread the project to urban areas like Houston, where the flowers are

being planted on interstate 610 and 290 and alongside Houston Central Expressway.

Through the planting of wildflowers, the department also wants to change the concept that motorists have toward the state.

"Not only are we trying to change the philosophies of the maintenance people, but we're also trying to change the philosophies of the traveler," Mathews said.



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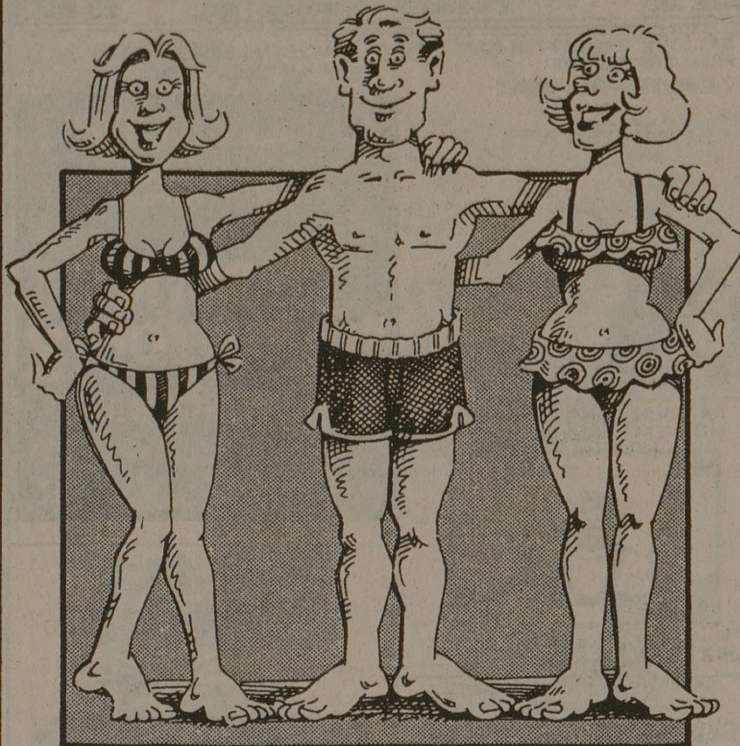
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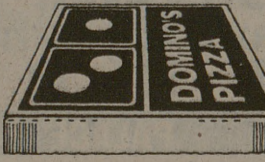


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