

# Wells guarded over state appropriations to school

## Campus briefs

# Activities date selection planned

Student organization leaders and sponsors will meet May 4 to select dates for 1971-72 student activities.

F. W. Hensel of the Continuing Education Office said the all-university calendar meeting will be from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Social Room.

He said special meetings of student governing bodies, college and school councils, honor societies and graduate and apartment councils will be considered for publication on the calendar.

He said an organization representative should attend the meeting and be prepared to submit dates, rather than "every other Tuesday" type lists. Forms are available.

A representative should be present especially for events that fall on Friday or Saturdays, since most conflicts occur on weekends.

The registrar's proposed 1971-72 schedule should be kept in mind during planning. Fall semester classes begin Aug. 30 and conclude Dec. 10, with commencement Dec. 11. Thanksgiving holidays will include Nov. 25-28 and semester exams will be Dec. 15-21.

Spring classes commence Jan. 17, 1972, and end May 5. Spring recess will include March 30-April 4, commencement, commissioning and Final Review are May 6 and spring semester exams are scheduled for May 8-13.

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### Memorial scholarship taking contributions

The Bennett Friedlander Memorial Scholarship has been set up in memory of the senior student who died in an April 8 automobile accident.

Friends and acquaintances of the late Company F-2 cadet officer of Port Arthur are invited to make contributions through the Bennett Friedlander Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Friedlander, 33, died in an accident in the Houston-Galveston area. A Texas A&M student Herbert B. Winkler, sophomore industrial technology major from Fort Huachuca, Ariz., was injured in the mishap.

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### Four boys picked for summer camp

Plans to select four boys from the College Station area to attend The Salvation Army Camp Hoblitzelle, June 20-27, has been announced by Col. Walter Parsons, local service unit camp chairman.

The camp, located near Midlothian, is offered free to boys 8-14 years of age who would not normally be able to attend a summer camp.

Boys from all over Texas attend Camp Hoblitzelle to live, play and worship together for one week. Camp officers and counselors see that each boy has a good time and receives useful camping experiences during his stay.

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### Lead-free gasoline to be studied here

Dr. Bruno J. Zwolinski, director of the Thermodynamics Research Center, has received a three-year \$12,000 unrestricted grant from the Mobil Foundation for research involving low lead or lead-free gasoline.

The research is funded through the Mobil Research and Development Corp. of Paulsboro, N. Y.

Dr. Zwolinski is studying the chemical thermodynamics properties of hydrocarbons.

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### San Angelo water study to be made

State and federal funds totaling \$42,832 have been approved

to conduct a water management study in the San Angelo area, announced Dr. Jack Runkles, director of the Texas Water Resources Institute at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Runkles said funding includes \$21,000 from the U. S. Department of Interior's Office of Water Resources Research and \$21,832 from the state, administered through TWRI.

The study will develop the best methods to obtain and utilize water resources in an arid urban area, said Dr. Chia Shu Shih, project leader and assistant professor of industrial engineering at Texas A&M.

Included in the study will be an attempt to insure San Angelo has an adequate high-quality water supply for domestic, commercial, industrial and irrigation requirements.

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### Sperry to address garden club meeting

Biology Prof. John Sperry will be guest speaker for the Men's Garden Club meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Monday in the old College Station City Hall, 101 Church Ave.

Dr. Sperry will speak on "Native Plants and Wildflowers," reports club president Fred R. Brison.

Dr. E. J. Dyksterhuis is program chairman for the meeting.

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### Sea Grant program gets advisory group

A Texas advisory council has been formed to aid in the development of the state's Sea Grant Program.

The council was organized by the Sea Grant Program under the direction of John C. Calhoun, Jr., with the cooperation of President Jack K. Williams.

"Texas A&M University has committed its resources to the goal of becoming a Sea Grant college," Dr. Williams said in a review of the institution's Sea Grant and marine resources program.

An organizational meeting of the Texas Advisory Council is set for May 6 in the university library.

Praise of personnel and programs by the president of the university's board of directors was mixed with guarded optimism regarding state appropriations.

Clyde H. Wells of Granbury and Dallas, named earlier this year to a second term as president of the governing body, was featured speaker Monday at the institution's annual board of directors-faculty-staff dinner.

Wells noted that higher education is no longer the number-one priority of the Texas Legislature, as underscored by allocation of funds in the appropriation bills passed by the two Houses.

The lesser of the proposed appropriations eliminates funds for organized research for all state-supported institutions, Wells noted, pointing out this would be a loss of more than \$2 million.

He also emphasized the same bill includes no funds for salary increases.

"Nevertheless, we are optimistic," Wells observed. "The American political system is complex. The legislative processes bring into focus the myriad of public views. These bills are doing this." He noted, for example, there

is a feeling among many citizens that tuition should be increased. If a tuition bill is passed, he said, the funds might be added to appropriations for higher education.

We may be the victim of a poor image of colleges and universities, and of a poor image of college teachers and of a poor image of college students," Wells pointed out. "What a shame that we would have to bear this burden."

"Our good image helps to overcome this in many respects," he stressed, "and yet when the bell tolls, it tolls for all of us."

"I believe, however, that when the final appropriation bill is written, the Legislature will do what is proper and fitting by us and we will not suffer for the sins of others," the board president added.

"In all of my years of close association with this school," Wells said, "I don't believe that I have ever sensed such a feeling of unity and optimism as I do now."

He noted, however, that while the institution has done well in the past, it must do even better in the future.

"As a land-grant university," he said, "we must seek to serve the needs of the state's population as thoroughly as possible."

Wells expressed confidence that the years immediately ahead will be marked by "prudent change, rapid but reasonable growth and superior accomplishment."

"We have faith," he concluded, "that a fine faculty and staff, good facilities and a great president is an unbeatable combination in higher education."

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