

Campus Names

Sea grant award given to Dr. Abel

Dr. Robert B. Abel, assistant vice president for marine programs at Texas A&M University, received the Distinguished Service Award of the Sea Grant Association at the group's annual meeting in New Orleans Thursday.

The association represents more than 60 educational institutions which participate in the National Sea Grant Program, a coordinated federal-state arrangement for conducting marine-related research, education and public service.

Abel was director of the National Sea Grant Program from its inception in 1967 until joining the Texas A&M administration in April.

\$2,100 awarded by Ag scholarship

Four Texas A&M University students have been selected by the College of Agriculture Schol-

arship Committee to receive real estate related scholarships for the 1977-78 school year.

Steven C. Haley, a senior from Houston, will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Society of Real Estate Appraisers. Robert B. Waltman, a sophomore from Mansfield, will receive a \$600 award from Fort Worth Chapter No. 55 of the real estate appraisal society.

Jerry E. Fox, a freshman from Livingston, and Richard M. Thallman, a freshman from Kingsville, will each receive \$500 scholarships from the Texas Real Estate Research Center (TREC) at Texas A&M. TREC was also the coordinating agency for the other two awards.

Haley is majoring in agricultural economics, has been a Distinguished Student three semesters and has a 3.28 grade point ratio.

A member of the Corps of Cadets, Haley is a cadet major and executive officer for the First Group Staff. He was an Outstanding Scholastics Freshman, scholastic sergeant of the First

Wing and a member of the Ross Volunteers.

Haley has been active in the Polaris council, Scholastic Corps, Cadet Court, Parents Day Committee, March of the Brazos Committee and Alpha Zeta. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School.

Waltman is majoring in agricultural economics and has an overall grade point ratio of 3.23. At Texas A&M he has been active in the Agricultural Economics and 4-H Clubs. Waltman graduated from Mansfield High School.

Fox is majoring in agricultural economics at Texas A&M. Active in the Future Farmers of America (FFA), Fox received many honors and awards, including selection as district president. He graduated first in his class at Livingston High School.

Thallman, an animal science major, is in the Corps of Cadets and a member of Squadron 6. He graduated from Kingsville High School.

An active member of the FFA, he held a number of offices and received numerous awards.

White speaks here on key issues

By MARK POWERS

Mark White presented a polished performance for Thursday's Political Forum audience, sounding out his views on key issues in his bid for the Democratic nomination for attorney general.

White, former Texas secretary of state, resigned Oct. 17 to run for attorney general.

"We have a spirit and pride unequalled by any of our sister states that create abundant economic opportunity here. I want to be a responsible defender of that spirit and opportunity," White said in a half-filled Rudder Tower conference room before launching into a spirited defense of his platform.

Preventive counseling to government agencies was White's answer to saving the taxpayers money by keeping the state out of court.

"Charges of employment discrimination brought against several

state agencies could have been prevented through early legal advice about each agency's legal responsibilities," said White.

His approach to the office, White says, would be a friendly one so that state government would regard the attorney general as a friend rather than foe.

White made his strongest statements concerning energy programs and pending legislation. He sees the issues shaping up as a battle between Texas interests and the federal bureaucracy.

"Our problems in energy are all political, pure and simple," White said. "They stem from false economic policies forced upon the energy industry by the federal government."

He added that Texans are willing to pay the price rather than supporting artificially contrived market prices that benefit no one.

Along similar lines, White said that an ironic situation exists when other parts of the country can tell Texas natural gas producers what prices will be paid.

White cited the northeast coal situation as an example of unfair laws. Texas producers, he said, may be forced to supply natural gas at a price set by the federal government while the same authority encourages

Texas industry to buy coal at free market prices.

White hinted that the prices charged by Texas producers were not much above cost while coal prices have soared 350 percent since 1973.

When questioned about the duties of attorney general, White stressed that the office had more civil responsibilities than criminal duties.

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — Palestinian guerrillas say they have gunned down 20 Israeli soldiers and officers, and clashed with Israeli tanks in fighting that stood in sharp contrast to this week's diplomatic move toward a Middle East peace.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said gunmen opened fire on a packed Israeli military bus Wednesday afternoon near the border town of Metullah.

In Tel Aviv, military sources dismissed the report as "nonsense."

"Our comrades totally destroyed the bus," the Front said in a statement. "The bodies are still scattered

around the vehicle."

Shortly afterward, a Mercedes staff car carrying Israeli officers drew up behind the bus and the Palestinians unleashed a second burst of machinegun fire, the statement said.

"There were 20 killed officers and soldiers," in the two attacks, it said.

The guerrilla group later said the staff car belonged to Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman but did not say if he was inside the automobile.

Israeli police said Weizman sustained light injuries in a car crash on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway, far south of Metullah.

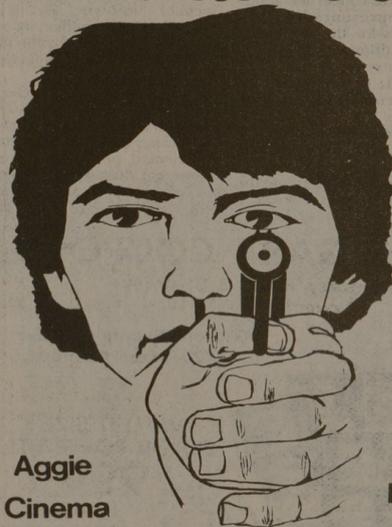
The previous night, guerrilla and

leftist sources said four Israeli tanks crossed from Metullah into Lebanon. The tanks clashed with Palestinian guerrillas near a village 4 miles inside Lebanon, sources said.

Artillery, heavy machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades were used in the battle, which the sources said killed or wounded an estimated 10 people on both sides.

The latest violence along the border took place in the midst of a dramatic new initiative for peace by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, now in Syria to discuss his offer to go to Israel, and by Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin, who officially invited him to come.

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The festivities will begin at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 20th. There will be a ten minute limit on taco eating. In case of a "Mexican Stand-Off" the winner will be decided by drawing.

To enter, just drop by the Pepe's location in College Station on Dominik. Entries will be limited to the first 50 contestants. The entry fee is \$5.00 per person and entries will close at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 20th. All entry fees will be matched dollar for dollar by Pepe's Mexican Food and donated to the Bryan-College Station United Fund — along with an additional contribution of one dollar for each taco eaten during the contest. Each winner will be photographed and immortalized in Pepe's Hall of Fame. Come watch the fun and listen to the music provided by WTAW's "Good Time Machine."