

Prof: energy a problem

By BRIAN BLALOCK
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The United States may be headed for serious energy problems in the future unless action is taken now, a University of Texas professor said Wednesday.

Dr. John McKetta, a professor of chemical engineering, said the prospects of this country becoming energy self-sufficient in the future are non-existent.

"I'm here to tell you there's no way," McKetta said. "No way for you (the public) to have energy self-sufficiency during your lifetime. You're not going to have it and your children are not going to have it."

McKetta said the blame for the country's energy problems should be placed not only on Congress because of its massive rules

and regulations on energy producers, but also on the general public which continues to be wasteful with energy.

"The real bad part of it is we have vast quantities of energy available, but we've made rules in this country so that we are unable to produce much of that energy," McKetta said.

He said environmental groups interested in zero pollution have helped to create agencies which decrease energy production. McKetta said while he is also in favor of a cleaner environment a compromise had best be made before it was too late.

"Let's change the rules now," he said. "We know we're going to have trouble and we know we're going to have a slump. We can start getting out of this now. We

won't have energy self-sufficiency, but the thing maybe sloping in our favor by the year 2000."

McKetta joked throughout the speech about Congress and environmental agencies, but became serious when he began to talk about energy production in this country.

He said the energy problem began in 1954 when this country first produced less than what it used. Because of this, he said, the United States had to start importing energy from other countries. McKetta said that today, 25 percent of the total amount of energy used in the country is imported.

McKetta also said the sagging U.S. dollar was responsible for the high prices Americans must now pay for a barrel of oil.

A&M student radio survives problems

By JAN EVANS
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Despite continuing problems with reception quality, cable radio station KANM survives after seven years of operation.

KANM is a non-commercial rock station which broadcasts 24 hours a day from the B-2 Lounge on the north side of campus. The station, at 99.9 FM, was started by student government and is run by students.

Station manager Roger Weiting explained that the problems are due to a combination of two main factors: the cable companies which transmit the radio signal, and the phone company wires that connect KANM to the cable companies.

Midwest Video Corp. and Com-

munity Cablevision Corp., which service Bryan and College Station, both receive the radio signal through General Telephone and Electronics Corp. (GTE) telephone wires. Weiting said the wires are sometimes responsible for a clicking noise on the air, and transmission problems at the cable companies sometimes cause a high frequency static.

Weiting said if the problems are resolved by the end of the summer, KANM could easily compete with Houston stations since there are no commercials. He added, "If our signal sounded as good as some of the other big boys around, I think that we would take the cake."

Weiting said the station might take on advertising in the future, but "I don't like it because that's not

what makes a station popular. Radio's about music as far as I'm concerned."

The station can run without money from advertisers because the staff of about 60 students is not paid. And after student government made the initial investment in equipment when the station was started, only minor repair parts were necessary. Most albums come free from record companies, and a former student makes regular contributions to keep the station running. Weiting estimated it takes \$3,000 a year for equipment, office supplies and albums.

The student disc jockeys have a four-hour shift each week. The station is now looking for summer disc jockeys.

Smith addresses new student senate

By MERIL EDWARDS

New student body president Brad Smith told the recently-elected senators at their first meeting Wednesday that they would get out of student government what they put into it.

Smith said he looks at the senate as another class, a class in practical experience.

"It's going to take time and application on your part," he said. "But it's also going to be fun. You'll develop many interpersonal relationships with students, the administration and with organizations."

"And I'm going to make a commitment to you. If you pass a bill, I'm going to do my best to carry it all the way out. I'll push it as far as I can."

Smith encouraged the senators to stand up and talk during meetings. He said they'd learn how to express themselves and how to think things through.

"I'm looking forward to working with this senate," he said. "We're representing 30,000 people. This is a big responsibility and I think we have the potential to do a whole lot."

No legislation was discussed. The purpose of the meeting was to orient the new senators and give them an opportunity to sign up for committees.

Speaker: Clements' action to threaten civil liberties

By SCOT K. MEYER
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Governor Bill Clements' anticipated call for a special session of the Texas Legislature to legalize wiretapping, threatens civil liberties, Texas Civil Liberties Union director John Duncan said Wednesday.

Specifically, Clements' action threatens the rights of citizens to be politically active, Duncan said.

Duncan spoke to about 250 people at a meeting of the A&M Civil Liberties Union.

The TCLU is affiliated with the

American Civil Liberties Union, whose purpose, Duncan said, is "basically to protect the civil rights of Americans."

Duncan said the legislation may pass because Clements is only asking for wiretapping powers for the Department of Public Safety, and only for use in drug-related cases.

The danger is that "if you can do it for one, you can do it for anyone," Duncan said. Once the DPS has the equipment, it will be able to do whatever it wants with it, he said.

"Nobody has the courage to stand up and defend the nasty drug pushers, so the DPS can go out and wire the state," Duncan said.

Duncan said he considers this a tactic or "trick so they can get their foot in the door." He said Clements is not sincere when he says that wiretapping is needed to control drug activities because:

— Federal law allows the Drug Enforcement Agency to wiretap in drug cases, and if the DPS had probable cause they could get authorization for wiretapping by going before a federal judge, and

— Federal agents have filed very few applications for wiretapping in Texas — only eight or nine between 1973 and 1978 — because they have found that it is not a very effective or efficient way to stop drug traffic.

Clements uses the DPS as his own personal police force, Duncan said. He just wants the agency to be able to legally possess the wiretapping

equipment, Duncan said, because right now it is against the law for it to even possess it.

Duncan showed a film which detailed the activities of federal agencies such as the FBI and the CIA. Such agencies conducted surveillance of civil rights groups, anti-nuclear activists, antiwar organizations, environmentalists, churches, and feminist groups in the past, Duncan said, and there is no reason to believe they no longer do so.

"All the files that we received through freedom of information requests were on political organizations — none contained any allegation of criminal wrongdoing," Duncan said.

"When the government is allowed to infiltrate and harass political groups just because they hold views contrary to those of the status quo, then we really can't talk about a political democracy in America," Duncan said.

Saturday's festival to highlight art talent

Twenty-one artists will be displaying and selling pottery, stained glass and paintings at the Second Annual Spring Arts Festival Saturday at Oaks Park on Highway 30.

College Station Recreation Superintendent Marcie Rodgers said the artists were chosen for the festival by a panel of judges in March.

She said about 40 artists submitted their work and each of the 21 chosen is donating a piece of work to be auctioned off at 2 p.m. to help pay for the festival.

Along with the arts and crafts show, Rodgers said, there will be demonstrations by the artists, a variety of food and live entertainment.

Games will be held for children, and a puppet show will be presented by Willa Evans from Houston at 3 p.m.

The festivities being at 10 a.m. and will end around 8 p.m. The rain date for the festival is April 26.

For more information, contact Rodgers at the College Station Parks and Recreation Department.

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