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Business vocations program

The College of Business Student Council is sponsoring a Business Career Awareness Conference Monday in Rudder Theater at 7:30 p.m. Alan Hague, a vice president of the College of Business Student Council, said the purpose of the conference is to help freshmen and sophomores being thinking about their career plans. The council will host speakers from each department of the College of Business. In one of the sessions Dr. Vernon Drossler from the Personal Counseling Service will discuss vocational choice and decision-making in the occupational world. Although aimed at freshmen and sophomores, Hague said the council welcomes all students to the conference.

Last day for degree applications

Texas A&M University students who plan to graduate this fall must apply for a degree today. The deadline applies to undergraduate and graduate students who expect to complete degree requirements this semester, Registrar Robert A. Lacey said. Application begins with payment of an \$11 graduation fee at the Fiscal Office in the Coke Building. Undergraduates then present the fee receipt at the Registrar's office in Room 105 of Heaton Hall. Graduate students complete application at the Graduate College in Room 125 of the Teague building. Fall commencement will be December 12-13.



Some liberal Democrats came through College Station Thursday to stump for President Jimmy Carter. They are (from left) John Hill, former state attorney general; Erma Jefferson, a state Democratic committeewoman; Paul Ragsdale, a Texas

state representative; and Jim Hightower, who ran unsuccessfully for the Democratic nomination for Railroad Commissioner.

Texas Democrats visit B-CS

By WILEY GILMORE
Battalion Reporter
Former Texas Attorney General John Hill was the principal spokesman here Thursday for a team of Democrats touring East Texas for the national Democratic ticket. "We're trying to spread the Democratic Party's message throughout the state of Texas and to deal with voter apathy," Hill said. "We will be successful if people will just assert themselves. Our

greatest challenge is to get out the vote."

Hill, Jim Hightower and Paul Ragsdale held a press conference at Texas A&M University's Eastwood Airport en route to appearances in Tyler and Lufkin. About 20 people, mainly reporters and Democratic Party workers, attended.

Hill was the Democratic nominee for governor in 1978. Hightower was candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Texas Railroad Commission this year. Ragsdale, a member of the Texas Legislature, won renomination from his Dallas district in the May Democratic primary election.

Besides urging party workers to get out the vote, Hill emphasized efforts by the Carter administration to reduce American dependency on

foreign oil and to spur industrial growth. He added that the administration's tax reform proposals are less inflationary than those of the Republicans.

"Carter is also an honest man," Hill said. "You can see his hand and you know where he's coming from. We have a better chance under Carter than if we go backward with Reagan."

Regarding presidential campaign debates, Hill said, "The debate question is not just Mr. Carter's problem, but Mr. Reagan's problem too. He (Reagan) has refused three offers to debate one-on-one. Debates are going to take place. It's just a matter of when and where."

Hightower noted the Democratic Party's support of the Equal Rights

Amendment and the Carter administration's efforts toward equal employment opportunity in government.

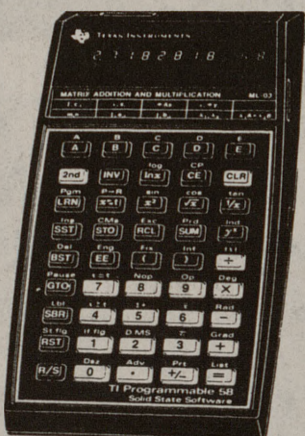
Citing his own 1977 experience in helping change state hiring policies, Ragsdale said Justice Department brought the most massive action in securing equal employment in the state government.

The Hill group is one of the touring the state. Other tours being led by former Sen. Ragsdale and State Comptroller Bullock.

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CS city council gives \$28,000 toward tax appraisal district

By DEBBIE NELSON
Battalion Staff
College Station gave \$28,000 toward creation of a county tax appraisal district at Thursday's city council meeting, yet decided against joining the district at this time. The entire city of College Station was appraised last year, City Manager North Bardell said, so the city council does not feel reappraisal by the district is practical. The \$28,000 allocated is for implementation costs of the district agency, such as em-

ployee salaries, computers and typewriters. In accordance with a new Texas law, Brazos County is creating a central tax appraisal district which will guarantee each piece of property is valued equally by each of the county's governing bodies: College Station, Bryan, each city's independent school district and Brazos County. Bardell said the law's intent is to save money and gain equity by allowing for one appraisal instead of several. Wide valuation variations now occur because property values rise

yearly but appraisals are not that often. Also approved by the council was a 7.6 percent increase in county bills. The new rate takes effect thirty days. Al Bartley, manager of Lone Star Gas Company, the company asked for higher rates in all 50 cities it serves because of a deficit in the gas company's books. Lone Star Gas requested a 7.6 percent increase in May, but will accept a 6.6 percent increase. Bardell said charges per cubic foot of gas will be the same for residential and commercial customers, instead of declining rates were given to large users in the past. Regular monthly charges will be \$4 for commercial and \$3 for residential. Bardell said the new rate approved by Bryan this week is the lowest in the whole area south of Dallas — which Lone Star Gas serves. During the meeting, a committee to examine cable television utility franchises was formed.

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