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Hobby focuses on schools



Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby

Staff photo by Pat O'Malley

By NANCY ANDERSEN
Battalion Staff

Education should be the major priority for the upcoming 67th Legislature, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said Monday night.

More than half of the \$26 billion available for the 1982-83 general appropriations bill will go for education, Hobby told an audience of about 100.

"About 53 percent (of the state funds available for appropriation) is needed to operate school districts, junior colleges and universities," he said.

Increasing teaching salaries, Hobby said, "is an important part of the Legislature's tremendous responsibility towards education."

Hobby said he proposes a 22 percent salary increase for teachers.

"This would work by a 6.8 percent increase in base pay and, assuming a two-step increase on the way, 22 percent in two years," he said.

"That's no number to be ashamed of," Hobby added.

"Salaries in the past 10 years have just kept up with inflation," he said. Secondary school teachers have faced a 1.6 percent loss of purchasing power, he said, but college educators have lost 24 percent of their purchasing power.

"This neglect of higher education has had its effects on the institutions and state itself," Hobby said. "We're borrowing from

the future with this pinch penny approach."

There is no incentive for graduates to seek higher degrees, he said, and gave an example of a petroleum engineering graduate whose starting salary is higher than the professor who taught his last course.

"This is foolish," he said. "And it's going to be tough, but it (salary increases) should be the Legislature's priority for the next session," he said.

The other big issue for the 67th session is redistricting, Hobby said. A possibility exists that redistricting could be an issue, he said, if the final census data is delivered by April 1, 1981.

Prompt delivery of the census data will leave 60 days in the session, and this is clearly adequate time for redistricting, he said. A constitutional provision states that if redistricting is not done by the first regular legislative session following the submitting of the census data, then a redistricting board must do it.

If the data is delivered late, then someone will have to decide how much time is adequate, he said.

"But the constitution or laws cannot command the impossible," he added.

Nationally, redistricting will probably result in two and possibly three additional Texas seats in Congress — from 24 to 26 or 27, he said.

MSC Political Forum sponsored Hobby's speech.

Carter, Reagan 'bruise' each other

United Press International
Ronald Reagan charges President Carter with manipulating government inflation figures; Carter suggests again Reagan may lead the nation into war and adds a Reagan victory might split the U.S. religious and racial communities; John Anderson compares the president's campaign with Richard Nixon's in 1972.

And Patrick Lucey, Anderson's vice presidential running mate, says the independent ticket can win because the major party candidates are "bruising each other" with negative campaigning.

All three candidates were on the road Monday, seeking votes in the Midwest and East.

In Chicago, Carter hit hard at Reagan, suggesting the former California governor might be a divisive force.

"You'll determine if we'll be unified or if I lose this election, whether Americans will be separate — black from white, Jew from Christian, North from South," Carter said.

The president, in his first stop Monday, called Reagan's proposal for cutting taxes, balancing the budget, increasing military spending and stopping inflation simultaneously "quicksilver economics," and said it couldn't be done.

"The only response I would give is that's what's wrong with the country — he doesn't understand economics," Reagan said. "Mine is a very well thought out plan. It can be done and I did it in California."

Reagan, addressing a shopping-mall crowd in Cherry Hill, N.J., also accused Carter of "jimmying" the September producer price index so it would show a favor-

able 0.2 percent drop instead of the real — but gloomy — 0.4 percent increase.

The index, released last week, did include two new items — automobile rebates and discounts. But Janet Norwood, career commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said the decision to include the figures was made months ago, and no one outside the bureau was involved in, or was aware of it.

Returning to the war issue, Carter said "abandoning arms control is probably the most serious mistake in keeping the peace."

He did not mention Reagan by name, but said at a suburban backyard meeting: "If you have just a strong military and you're jingoistic in spirit, and you want to push everybody around and show the macho of the United States, that's an excellent way to lead our country toward war."

Anderson, also in Chicago, was asked to explain his linkage of Carter with Richard Nixon in a weekend United Press International interview.

He noted the 1972 Nixon campaign "became famous — or infamous — for a Department of Dirty Tricks."

He then ticked off a list of tactics the Carter campaign has used against him.

When Lucey was asked how their National Unity Campaign could win, he said Carter and Reagan are "bruising each other" with increasingly negative advertising, and that could open the way for Anderson. Lucey told about 750 students Carter's policies are wrong and Reagan's are irrelevant.

Iran, Iraq fight for major oil route

United Press International
KHURRAMSHAHR, Iran — Iran and Iraq poured reinforcements into Iran's southern Khuzistan province in what shaped up as a major battle for the vital oil route and total control of the Shatt al-Arab river to the West.

Fierce fighting was reported on the highway from the Iranian port of Khurranshahr to Abadan, 25 miles southeast along the disputed Shatt al-Arab waterway, a vital outlet to the Persian Gulf for the two warring members of the OPEC oil cartel.

An Iranian military communique today said "Iranian home troops" moved in to attack "Iraqi reinforcements" around the two cities. It claimed 30 tanks and

vehicles were destroyed and said 80 Iraqis were killed or wounded in the assault on the armored column.

Iraq moved up more tanks, troops and pontoons for temporary bridges into the area of Khurranshahr, the major Iranian port Iraqi troops surrounded and all but totally captured Sunday and Monday.

One Western correspondent said the bridge-building equipment indicated that a direct assault on Abadan across the Shatt al-Arab might be planned.

Air attacks picked up in pace. Iran claimed it shot down two Iraqi MiGs attacking Abadan and its giant oil refinery, which was pounded and set afire by Iraqi artillery Monday.

It claimed three other Iraqi planes also were shot down, two in a raid on Bushire, a Persian Gulf port southeast of Abadan, but conceded that an Iraqi raid had left part of the northern oil installation at Tabriz near the Soviet border in flames.

Iraqi planes hit Tehran Monday in the deadliest raid yet on the Iranian capital. Iran admitted four people were killed and 60 were wounded in strikes on Tehran airport, a huge petrochemical complex and Iran's largest car assembly plant.

Baghdad radio claimed Iraqi planes also wrecked oil and fuel tanks and military vehicles in bombings across a 200-mile stretch of western Iran covering Ahvaz, Dizful and Kudsht.

Cutting site finally found, with 75 acres of trees

By BERNIE FETTE
Battalion Reporter

A three-month headache has finally ended, and plans for the 1980 Aggie Bonfire are back on schedule.

The bonfire coordinators recently acquired a cutting site which contains approximately 75 acres of what Head Coordinator Bill Singer called "really good trees for a bonfire."

The site is located 26 miles northeast of Texas A&M campus, near the Old San Antonio Road, and is owned by Granada and Cattle Company.

Singer said he met with Jim Eller, an executive of the company and a Texas A&M graduate, after a cattle auction recently, and Eller told him they were welcome to a section of the land.

"He said he had a place he was going to clear with a bulldozer for pastureland, but we could cut it if we wanted to," Singer said.

"Everything out there is straight as an arrow," Singer said. "I think it's the best we've ever had."

Problems with finding a site developed July when the coordinators were told the site they had intended to use this

year was no longer available because the Texas Municipal Power Agency had already started strip mining operations there. Since then, more than 20 other possibilities for a site were turned down.

Singer said that Eller seemed to be eager to help out in any way he could.

"He said he'd have his bulldozer out there if we wanted to make a road through the site. If we needed help, all we have to do is ask for it."

"But this is a one-shot thing," Singer said. "He's going to have the rest of the land cleared after we're through."

Situations like the one this year are not new. The 1978 bonfire didn't have a source of logs until a week before cutting was to start.

The problem this year, as in the past, has been due in part to the rising cost of firewood.

"A lot of people just aren't willing to give their wood away when it's selling for \$150 per cord in Houston," Singer said.

According to Singer, finding a cutting site may continue to be a problem in future years.

"I'll bet there won't be much left in five years or so," he said.

Sly friends rush Thanksgiving

By BECKY SWANSON
Battalion Staff

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Clause . . . and yes, Bryan, Thanksgiving came early this year."

Thanks to some crafty friends, Thanksgiving got moved up a few weeks for Bryan Foy and Julie Peterson.

"How did you do this without me finding out about it?" was the first utterance Bryan, a senior Aggie bandsman, could make after almost five minutes of gaping open-mouthed at his fiancée who was flown from Minnesota for the Texas Tech — Texas A&M game by two of Bryan's friends, who collected enough money for Julie's plane ticket.

Mollie White and Valerie Vickers collected money from members of the Aggie Band, friends in Mosher Hall and several student leaders.

Julie said she and Bryan had discussed her coming down for Thanksgiving, but no definite plans had been made when the two women called her to see if she was free for the weekend.

"I just about died when they told me they were sending the plane ticket," Julie, a senior English major at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., said.

Julie was sequestered Friday afternoon, after flying into Houston International Airport at noon and coming to College Station by car, until band practice on Kyle Field was over. There the carefully planned surprise reunion was executed.

Julie waited calmly in the stands, watching Bryan and the rest of the Aggie Band practice for Saturday's halftime performance and talking to Mollie and Valerie.

As the bandsmen gathered for their last critique and instruction from the drum majors, the well-laid plan began to unfold. Julie, Mollie, Valerie and a host of well-wishers made their way down the bleachers to the ramp, then around the outside of the stadium to the south end of the field.

The girls had arranged to have a meeting of the senior bandsmen called after the rest of the band was dismissed. While the seniors met, Julie — surrounded and hidden by friends — walked toward the group in the center of the field.

"Hey, Bryan, have you had a good day?" one of the seniors asked.

While another senior distracted Bryan, Julie walked up behind him and embraced him before he even knew she was there.

His first reaction was to hug her, then, realizing what had happened, he stepped back about three feet and stared, his mouth occasionally moving, but not uttering a sound.

Finally he managed to speak, saying only, "How did you do this without me finding out about it?"

Sitting next to him in the Kettle restaurant Sunday night, Julie said, "Even if you had guessed it, you wouldn't have believed it."

"I probably wouldn't have," he said. Julie said she thought she gave away the secret when she talked to Bryan on the phone.

"He was talking about how much he wanted me here for the Texas Tech game, and I just kept on cracking up." But the secret remained just that until Friday after drill.

Bryan and Julie, who have been dating since their high school days in Germany, plan to get married sometime

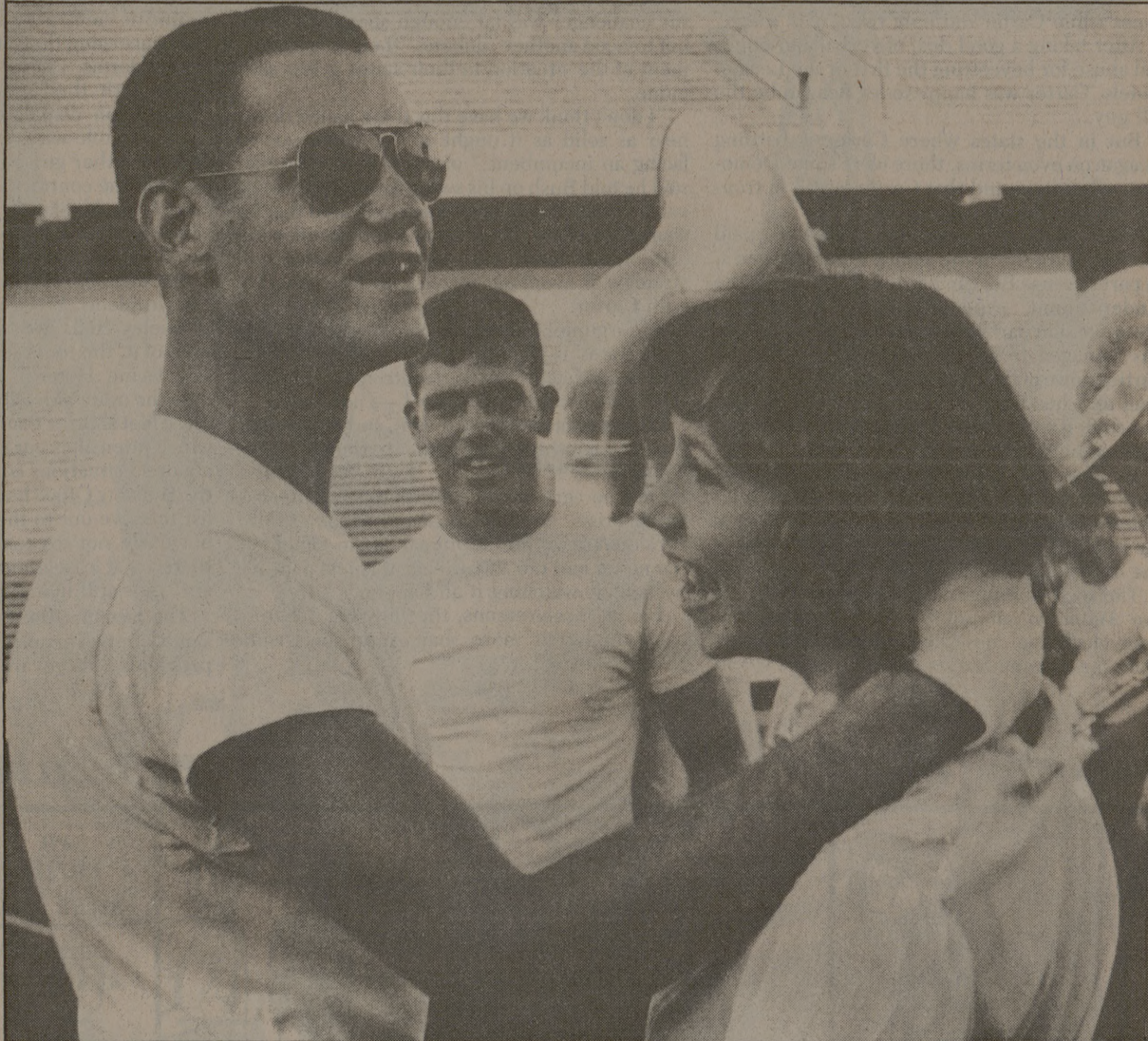
after they both graduate in May, Julie said.

Valerie said she and Mollie made announcements about the plans to fly Julie down for the game in some of their classes where people knew Bryan.

"One freshman girl that didn't even know Bryan donated money because she thought it was a neat idea," Valerie said.

Mollie and Valerie collected over \$230 for the ticket and made the arrangements for Julie's trip.

Most of the money came from band members, Molly said. About 30 to 40 people contributed, with some donating \$20 to \$30.



Staff photo by Becky Swanson

"How did you do this without me finding out about it?" a confused Bryan Foy said after friends flew his fiancée, Julie Peterson, in from Minnesota Friday afternoon for the Texas Tech—Texas A&M football weekend activi-

ties. Bryan, a senior Aggie bandsman, had no idea that friends Mollie White and Valerie Vickers had collected enough money to fly Julie in for the game.

Carter trying to reconcile oil-rich Nigerian relations

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Carter invited Nigerian President Alhaji Shehu Shagari to the White House for what U.S. officials said was the culmination of four years trying to improve relations with the oil-rich African nation.

Shagari, president of the most-populous African nation, addressed the United Nations General Assembly Monday, before coming to Washington for his meeting with Carter.

U.S. officials pointed out that in 1976, during the Gerald Ford administration, relations between the United States and Nigeria were so bad Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who was scheduled to visit Nigeria, had his invitation canceled by the Nigerian government in a policy dispute over the war in Angola.

Nigeria, which sells an average of 1 million barrels of oil to the United States per day, is coming under pressure to increase production and exports to the United States in light of the cut off of Iranian and Iraqi oil.

Historically, U.S. officials say, Nigeria has been eager to export as much oil as it can sell, but it is not expected Shagari, who leads a government modeled after the U.S. federal system, will be able to make the decision on his own.

Monday, before the U.N. General Assembly, Shagari gave a tough speech on a subject expected to be raised repeatedly

during his Washington talks: the differences between the two countries on how to deal with the Republic of South Africa.

"I find it intolerable the independence of Namibia continues to be bedeviled by the transgression of South Africa," said Shagari.

South Africa has governed the former German territory — also known as South West Africa — under a mandate granted by the League of Nations, since 1920.

The mandate was withdrawn by the United Nations because of the racist policies of South Africa's white minority government.

"Nigeria will no longer tolerate the provocations by South Africa or the dilatory tactics of her allies in the Western bloc with regard to self-determination and majority rule for Namibia," Shagari told applauding delegates.

"We deeply deplore the collusion between South Africa and its Western allies, which continue to deny the people of that territory their inalienable rights."

U.S. officials say Shagari will be told Congress has passed legislation that effectively forbids economic boycotts, with the single exception of Iran.

Furthermore, officials said, the administration does not believe economic boycotts are effective in bringing pressure on a target regime. Although the United States forbids the sale of arms to South Africa, there are no economic restrictions.