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BEOG processing halted due to federal aid budget

By JERI JONES
Battalion Reporter
Processing of the 1981-82 Student Eligibility Reports for the basic Educational Opportunity Grants has stopped because of possible tight federal funds.

"Students at Texas A&M University may not get their BEOGs in time next year if the federal administration and Congress cannot agree soon on who is eligible or grants and how much money they should get," Ann Vivero, grant coordinator for student financial aid, said.

The BEOG office in Los Angeles is accepting student applications, but they are not processing the reports, she said.

Usually a student makes an application for a BEOG to the Los Angeles-based office, and the basic grant office then processes the application. They can either grant or deny aid to the applicant.

If the student is eligible for aid, he is assigned an index number based on the amount of need, Vivero said.

After receiving the SER, the student brings it to the Student Financial Aid Office at Texas A&M and payment is made.

Approximately 4,000 students or 12.7 percent of the 31,443 stu-

dents at Texas A&M receive BEOGs.

The decision may take months and cause an immense backlog as Texas A&M receives the SERs.

"This will put us behind in processing grant payments," Vivero said.

Similar delays plagued payment of the BEOGs last year. The grants were cut by \$50, Vivero said, but the decision was not made until August and required many adjustments to be made be-

fore students could receive their grants.

Vivero encourages students to apply for the BEOGs even though the SERs are not presently being processed.

Applicants will be notified by the grant office when the federal government and the U.S. Department of Education make a decision.

Beginning with the 1981-82 academic school year, the BEOGs will be called Pell Grants.

Artist uses Bible as inspiration

By CAROLYN BARNES
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The song of the human spirit is the theme of artist Clarence Talley's exhibit "Inspirations" on display in the Ernest Langford Architecture Center this week.

Talley said the exhibit, sponsored by the Department of Environmental Design, "attempts to motivate and inspire the viewer to think, to ask questions, as well as seek an answer."

Talley says he reads the Bible to find scriptures that could be used as inspirations for his paintings.

"Everyone should make a contribution

in terms of bringing people to Christ," Talley said. "This just happens to be mine."

Talley said his goal is to "visually preach through my work."

One of his main themes is fertility, because he said he believes "the Lord is the only one who gives life."

One of the three series of the exhibition is a contemporary approach to the subject of "The Nude," with the female figure as the central theme.

A distinct trademark of Talley's works is a wood-grained effect, created when the

artist places 1/8-inch strips of masking tape on the canvas and paints over them. When the paint is dry and the strips are removed, the resulting effect is a series of lines which resembles the rings on the inside of a tree trunk.

Talley, a native of Alexandria, La., is an international exhibitor and a student of the arts. He is currently assistant professor of art at Prairie View A&M University and has participated in invitational exhibits and has had his work in many private and public art collections.

Handmade art on show at Rudder

By SHARON D. RENFROW
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Art, crafts demonstrations, music and a festive atmosphere are all part of the April Fool's Festival today and Thursday.

Local artisans are displaying their works from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. around the Rudder Tower Fountain at Texas A&M University. Pottery, stained glass designs, graphic art, fiber arts — anything handcrafted — are being shown.

"Everything has to be handmade or handcrafted," Andy Bally, assistant manager of the MSC Craft Shop, said. "No kit-produced items or items which are cast in molds are allowed in the festival."

To prevent such items from being entered, a sample of each item that the artisan plans to display has been checked by the Craft Shop management, Bally said.

Along with the crafts displays, information booths on various MSC committees are set up.

"These booths are for those people who just walk by the MSC and never come in," Jill Teel, chairman of the MSC day, said. They will be able to find out about committees available in the center, she said.

The committees are providing skits and other promotional activities the first day of the festival. And to get everybody in the spirit, a yell practice is planned for noon, Teel said.

Sherry Symank, a graduate student in biology, will entertain the following day with her belly-dancing. Demonstrations in pottery-making by hand and by wheel and jewelry-making with horseshoe nails will also be presented. And the performers in the MSC All University Variety Show will present a preview of the show to be held on Friday.

The craft festival is put on every semester, Bally said.

Armadillo gets backing from youths

United Press International
AUSTIN — It looks like the youthful "armadillo lobby" has won a partial victory in its efforts to have the nine-banded animal designated as the official state mammal.

The lobby, headquartered at Oak Creek Elementary and Wells Middle School in Houston, won quick House committee approval Monday of a resolution giving the title to the armadillo after two years of lobbying. The resolution now goes to the full House for consideration.

The backers of the resolution — one in an armadillo suit, another in her cheerleader outfit and a third wearing an armadillo cap — first bombarded the House Rules Committee members with letters supporting the proposal, then softened them up by presenting them "gingerdillos" — gingerbread armadillos.

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