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The Weather

Today	Tomorrow
High 95	High 92
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Chance of rain 30%	Chance of rain 40%

List ruling due soon from state

By BERNIE FETTE

Battalion Staff
All that remains before a ruling is made on whether the Texas A&M Board of Regents must release its list of presidential candidates is the attorney general's rejection or approval of the opinion drafted by his opinion committee.

The drafted opinion is presently sitting on Attorney General Mark White's desk awaiting action, Susan Garrison said Tuesday. Garrison is chairman of the opinion committee.

The Bryan-College Station Eagle in February requested the list of candidates for the Texas A&M presidency. When the Board of Regents refused to release the list, White was asked to rule on whether or not the list should be available for publication under the Texas Open Records Act.

"I really don't know how long it will be before he (White) sees it (the opinion)," Garrison said. "It depends on his work schedule."

The Eagle is basing its case on similar Open Records decisions by the attorney general, but the Board is claiming the list is covered by an exception to the act.

The regents have said they plan to have chosen a new University president by Sept. 1.

Five men known to be under consideration for the post are: Dr. Arthur Hansen, president of Purdue University; Dr. Jack Freeman, senior vice chancellor for administration at the University of Pittsburgh; Dr. Stephen B. Sample, executive vice president for academic affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Dr. James McComas, president of Mississippi State University; and Dr. Lawrence E. Fouraker, former dean of the Harvard University graduate school of business.



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

He's a 'Dream rider'

John Caldwell takes an afternoon break to rest on his bicycle in front of the Academic building. The fast pace of summer school, heavy study

loads and high temperatures, are enough to make anyone sleepy. Caldwell is an aerospace engineering student from Corpus Christi.

Texas A&M regents schedule special meeting in Dallas

By JANE G. BRUST

Battalion Staff
The Texas A&M Board of Regents Thursday will hold a special meeting in Dallas primarily to discuss the sale of Permanent University Fund bonds.

The regents will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Republic National Bank Building. The special meeting was scheduled to discuss a variety of business items not coming under regular committee business discussed prior to every regular meeting of the full Board.

Regents will discuss the bond sale as well as a land purchase in closed session.

Two personnel appointments for Texas A&M University will also be discussed in closed session. Those appointments are for the positions of director of the Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise, and member of the Board of Consultants of the Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise.

Also on the agenda is the consideration of names for two residence halls on the Texas A&M campus. The modular dormitories currently under construc-

tion are scheduled to open with the beginning of the fall semester.

While the Board meets in closed session, it's also possible the regents will discuss the current status of the search for a University president. Following the regents' May meeting, Board Chairman H.R. "Bum" Bright said the selection process is not progressing as fast as he would like, but he still anticipates the selection by Sept. 1.

Sources indicate at least two presidential candidates have turned down the job offer, saying they're not interested in the position under the current System organization.

The controversial reorganization plan implemented in January 1980 stripped the University president of his authority over the extension services and experiment stations and transferred that authority to the System chancellor.

The plan gave the president control of the University alone. Former President Jarvis Miller and Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert clashed in the power struggle which resulted in Miller's firing by the Board of Regents in July.

Reagan adjusts cut to suit big business

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Reagan is willing to add more business breaks to his tax cut plan in answer to industry complaints — but wants to stick within his dollar and deficit ceilings, the White House said Tuesday.

Deputy White House press secretary Karna Small described a tentative compromise as "fine tuning changes" to Reagan's plan. She said they involve improved depreciation allowances in 1985 and 1986.

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, who held gripe sessions with business leaders last week and arranged another meeting Tuesday, told the corporate representatives, "We need to keep the rough dollar and deficit figures," said Small.

"Now, if you have any other ideas, we'll be happy to look at the figures," she quoted Regan as saying.

"Various business groups have come forth with ideas," she said, "but nothing is finalized. Treasury is doing a cost analysis which should be completed today (Tuesday), in time for the mark-up of the bill," expected today.

Reagan originally proposed \$173 billion in business tax relief over six years. A revised proposal he announced last week calls for \$123 billion in breaks.

The president's original business tax proposal would allow business to depreciate investments in buildings over 10 years, equipment over five years and vehicles over three. To save money, the administration proposed last week to stretch out building depreciation to 15 years and to slow down the rate of equipment investment that could be written off during the five-year period.

The original measure included a proposal to allow business to use a 200 percent "declining balance" — doubling its rate of depreciation — in figuring equipment write-offs. Last week, the White House proposed a 150 percent figure. The tentative compromise allows 175 percent in 1985 and 200 percent in 1986.

The Washington Post said the compromise could restore \$15 billion in business breaks between 1981 and 1986 — nearly a third of the \$50 billion chipped from the original plan.

Democrats working on their own alternative tax plan intend to begin by working on the business tax angle, and the White House is anxious to head off industry defections.

Both bills call for tax cuts for individuals, an accelerated depreciation schedule for business investments and a laundry list of sweeteners, including modification of the so-called marriage penalty and larger exemptions for estate and gift taxes.

But the administration's bill, because it stretches over nearly three years, involves more lost revenue to the Treasury and cuts individual taxes 25 percent across the board.

The Democrats want a 15 percent cut in personal income taxes over two years, with additional changes — such as an increase in the standard deduction — to target the tax savings to families with incomes between \$20,000 and \$50,000.

To the White House, the critical deficiency in the Democratic alternative is its failure to cut taxes across the board for three years. Congressional observers say that may be the Democrats' best selling point.

Rain may not rebuild water supply

Recent heavy rains covering most of the state may alleviate some surface water shortages, says the director of the Texas Water Resources Institute, but Texas still faces a water crisis that could be more severe than the present energy crisis.

"The lack of rain last year has reduced the amount of surface water available and ground water supplies are being used up faster than they are being replenished," said Dr. Jack Runkles. This presents problems to cities and municipalities, the energy industry and particularly in agriculture.

While the developing water crisis will affect the entire nation, it will be most severe in Texas and the Southwest as the population continues to grow, said Runkles, who predicts by the year 2000 Texas will be consuming 24 billion gallons of water a day, up from an estimated 15 billion gallons a day currently being used. Part of the Texas A&M System, the water resources institute conducts long-range studies on water use and technology to improve the efficiency of use.

"Although recent rainfalls have brought up reservoir levels, helping to

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ease concerns about water supplies for summer needs," Runkles said, "there still will be problems of getting water to residences as many of the state's cities are having growing pains in terms of expanding and improving their water distribution systems.

"Cities that ration water during summer usually don't do so because there's a shortage of water," Runkles explained, "but because the demand for it surpasses the capacity available to supply it."

Of concern to many water experts is the time it takes to develop additional quantities of water for the state to survive a severe drought.

While water concerns are among top

priorities for cities and industry working within the guidelines of the state's water resource development plan for alternative water sources and distribution methods, the biggest user of water, agriculture, is also taking steps to curtail foreseeable problems.

"A new method of irrigation in the High Plains alone, developed by Texas A&M agricultural engineers, could result in a \$1.5 billion energy savings during the next 20 years," Runkles said, "and it could extend the underground water supply coming from the Ogallala Aquifer by at least 10 years."

The system, termed Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA), uses a combination of low-water pressure,

trickle irrigation and small retaining dikes between rows of plants to hold both irrigation and rainwater. Runkles pointed out as levels in water aquifers continue to decline, the cost of getting water out of the ground will increase. New designs in both wells and irrigation systems increase energy efficiency in pulling water out of the ground and distributing it, he said.

Agricultural researchers with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station are also developing drought-resistant plants in light of the water situation. The Texas Engineering Extension Service is developing a state-wide program of water and waste water training aimed at setting standards of drinking water, improving waste treatment methods and assisting small communities in meeting more stringent requirements of the Safe Water Act.

"For the next few decades our best options will be to pursue a more active program of conservation and perhaps additional water supplies from outside the state," Runkles said, "and to develop technology that would improve the efficiency of water use and distribution."

Academic programs open to vacationers

Texas A&M University is opening its academic arsenal to offer unusual "learning vacations" this summer for its former students.

The program is called "Wappenschaw," from the Scottish term for a display of strength.

"The word literally means weapons show," said the group's leader, Dr. Henry D. Pope, coordinator of the continuing education program in the College of Liberal Arts.

"We named the program Wappenschaw because it involves weapons of the mind, spirit and heart, and the event would allow vacationers to see Texas A&M's academic arsenal."

Pope explained the new program will give former students a chance to get reacquainted with Texas A&M and experience a little of present-day student life. Too often, former students return to the University and feel alienated because of its rapid growth, he said.

"The vacationers will be staying in

dormitories and attending classes ranging from archaeology, computers and investments to candy making, floral decorations and woods in architecture and sculpture," Pope said.

"They'll also have full use of the University's recreational facilities, allowing them to golf, swim, bowl and participate in a number of other activities."

The classroom lectures, meant to be stimulating and challenging, will be taught by Texas A&M faculty members.

"The idea is for former students to have a place for self-renewal," Pope said, "and for them to get a chance to see how their alma mater has changed over the years."

The four-day program begins June 15, costs \$450 per person or \$850 per couple and has been planned to give former students and friends of the University time to relax. Those who wish to participate should contact the Liberal Arts Continuing Education program at Texas A&M.

MSC offers art exhibit by women

An art collection from the estate of a former Texas A&M professor of history is now on exhibit at the Memorial Student Center Gallery.

The collection of prints, serigraphs, lithographs, etchings and photographs reflect Dr. Lloyd Taylor's scholarly interest in the history of women. Taylor was with the Department of History at Texas A&M from 1956 until his death in 1977. He donated the collection to the University in 1978.

The exhibit consists of works by female artists including: graphic artist Peggy Bacon, photographer Laura Gilpin, abstract painter Sonia Deluanay and portrait painter Janet Turner.

Other artists represented in the collection are: Joan Hill, Ruth Kerkovius, Barbara Latham, Margaret Philbrick, Clare Romano, Rosalyn Stern and Beth Van Hoesen.

The exhibit is being presented by the MSC Arts Committee. The MSC Gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The exhibit will be on display through July 10.



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

Steven Scruggs, a senior Engineering Technology student studies some of the artwork on display by Lloyd C. Taylor in the Memorial Student Center

Gallery. The Gallery, located on the first floor of the MSC, will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. through July 10.