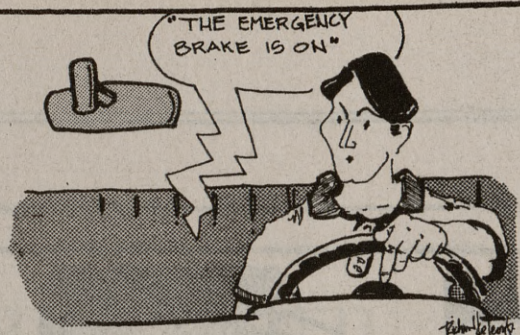


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Flying So High

Maureen Beiter, top, a freshman pre-med from Austin, and Darcy Wilson, a freshman Pre-med from League City, dive in formation at Wofford Cain pool.

Target 2000 task force on academics to meet

Target 2000 work continues with a meeting of the academic task force Wednesday.

The academic task force of the Target 2000 Project, a project studying 20-year plans for the Texas A&M University System, will begin its meeting at 9:15 a.m. in 601 Rudder. After a short welcoming speech, task force members will split into committees and spend the rest of the day working in small groups.

The Target 2000 Project was

established last semester by the Board of Regents to discuss problems the System is likely to face by the year 2000 and to come up with solutions for those problems. The project is divided into three task forces in the areas of academics, engineering and agriculture.

The academic task force concentrates on the System's four academic campuses, including Texas A&M, Prairie View A&M University, Tarleton State University and Texas A&M

University at Galveston. It discusses whom the academic institutions should serve, how they should serve their clientele and their sources of funding.

Other task force groups deal with the System's extension services, experiment stations and research institutions. The engineering and agriculture task forces met here Feb. 11.

The Board of Regents is expected to receive a final report of the Target 2000 Project in December.

Egypt tells Israel talks will continue after withdrawal

United Press International
CAIRO, Egypt — Egypt pledged to work with Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to maintain good relations and work for Middle East peace after Israel withdraws from the Sinai Desert in April.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, who was discussing relations between the two countries today, made the promise as Shamir arrived late Monday for a three-day visit.

Since their 1979 peace treaty was signed, Egypt and Israel have con-

cluded several cooperation agreements.

Ali said Egypt was committed to "going ahead with the tripartite efforts now being exerted for the achievement of a just and comprehensive settlement of the Middle East situation, according to what was agreed upon in Camp David."

The pledge appeared aimed at allaying Israeli fears Egypt might cool relations with Israel and patch up ties with the Arab world after Israel hands over the remaining eastern third of the Sinai April 25.

Egypt has said repeatedly any reconciliation with the Arabs will not be at Israel's expense.

"It is a source of satisfaction," Ali said, "that bilateral relations between our two countries are constantly developing to the benefit of our peoples."

In a hitch in the Sinai withdrawal plans, Egypt insisted Monday the border town of Rafah be redivided. It submitted an 11-point plan for solving the problems of several thousand Egyptians and Palestinians living on the wrong side of the border.

Task force to examine New Federalism effects

United Press International
AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby announced Senate committee chairmen will make up a new task force to figure out how President Reagan's New Federalism will affect Texas.

Nine Senate committee chairmen — including one Republican — flanked Hobby during the news conference announcing creation of the special committee, which will conduct hearings during the summer to listen to recommendations of local officials and major state organizations.

The lieutenant governor said Texas is in better shape than most states to absorb the proposed increase in state responsibilities and decrease in federal funds.

"However, the reductions at the federal level are broad and in some cases deep," Hobby said.

He said \$1 of every \$3 in reduced federal spending now being proposed would affect children, and said with the present 12 to 13 percent inflation rate and a reduction in federal

aid to education, the purchasing power of school districts could be reduced by about one-third during the next two years.

Hobby said the committee's work should be guided by the principle that local government in Texas should be equipped to provide the basic services demanded by citizens.

"We should not assume, however, that Texas' state government must move in and duplicate the mistakes of the federal government," Hobby said.

Teague tosses his hat into Congressional ring

The son of the late Olin E. "Tiger" Teague announced Monday his intentions to seek the Congressional seat once held by his father.

John O. "Jack" Teague, 45, will be running for the seat now held by Rep. Phil Gramm, who has already filed for reelection.

Teague is retired after 20 years in the U.S. Air Force and is currently a real estate broker in the Bryan area.

Olin Teague held the 6th District post for 32 years before retiring in 1978. Gramm has held the post since January 1979.

Jack Teague said his decision to run wasn't an easy one but the destruction of American social programs is one of the reasons why he decided to enter the race.

"Over the past year I've sat and watched the continuing erosion of America," he said, "which until now had never forsaken its elderly or poor people."

Another reason Teague decided to run was political differences between himself and Gramm.

"We have many differences of opinion," Teague said. "We differ in style, personality and philosophy."

Teague said he would elaborate on those differences in coming weeks.



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John O. "Jack" Teague

Aggies join in Mardi Gras celebration

by June DuVall

Battalion Reporter

Amid colorful floats and costumed revelers, the Fish Drill Team, Ross Volunteers and a group of 45 other students have joined in Mardi Gras celebrations in New Orleans.

Mardi Gras is the French name for Shrove Tuesday. Literally translated it means "fat Tuesday," so called because it represents the last opportunity for merrymaking and indulgence in food and drink before Lent, the Christian period of fasting and penitence preceding Easter.

The RVs' itinerary includes sightseeing, a dinner given by the New

Orleans A&M Club and today's march in the King Rex Parade, Executive Officer Scott Jordan said.

Parades, also known as krewes, are a major part of the celebration. The King Rex parade was preceded by the Iris, Endymion and Venus parades Saturday and Sunday.

The King Rex Parade is about eight miles long and lasts almost five hours. The RVs have led the parade for more than 30 years, with the exception of last year, when they followed a Walt Disney group.

Known for their straight faces and precision marching, the RVs are a source of amusement for some who

constantly try to distract them and force smiles, Jordan said.

The 110 Ross Volunteers and advisers who made the trip have stayed aboard the USS Guam, a navy ship near the French Quarter, along with members of the Fish Drill Team.

The 35-member Fish Drill Team left for the festival Thursday to compete in the Tulane University Drill Meet Friday. The team finished second behind North Georgia College in the 11-team competition. Major James Sanborn, marine officer-instructor, said the outcome was outstanding because most of the other

teams had sophomore and junior members.

The drill team also marched in the 10-mile Krewe of Iris Parade Saturday, in what Sanborn said was a long, hot walk.

Mardi Gras celebrations take place in the French Quarter in downtown New Orleans. Within the main business district, the French Quarter is noted for landscaped patios, lacy iron grillwork and Spanish and French architecture. The area also is known for its nightclubs on Bourbon Street, antique shops on Royal Street and a number of famous restaurants.

Such sights were included in the MSC Travel Committee's annual Mardi Gras trip over the weekend. This year's group, comprising 45 students and one adviser, enjoyed street entertainment, the arts of Jackson Square and jazz music in their Friday through Sunday stay, said committee Chairman Tom Ryan.

Several hundred thousand people attend the annual Mardi Gras festivities of carnival parades, costume balls and street dancing. Ryan said reservations had to be made close to a year in advance.

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, marking the first day of Lent.

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forecast

Today's forecast: Foggy becoming partly cloudy with a high in the upper 80s; low tonight near 60. Wednesday's forecast calls for morning fog again with a 20 percent chance of rain.