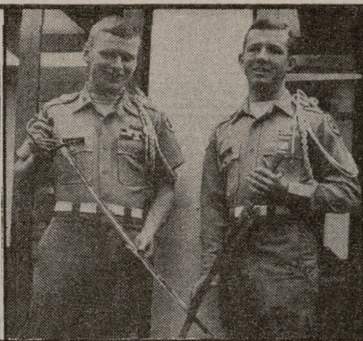


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## Economic growth requires cooperation, Hubert says

by Laura Williams  
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Cooperation between Texas A&M and Bryan-College Station businesses is important in striving toward community growth, Texas A&M University System Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert said Thursday night.

Hubert spoke to more than 500 people at the B-CS Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet at the Brazos Center. He delivered the keynote speech in place of University President Frank E. Vandiver who has the flu.

Emphasizing the University's role in community growth, Hubert noted that present construction on campus exceeds \$55 million and construction in the designing stage exceeds \$33 million.

"These investments on the campus

will undoubtedly have a major effect on the construction industry and other businesses associated with the construction industry," Hubert said.

Texas A&M generates jobs and incomes through its own businesses, such as housing and food services. The University houses more than 10,000 students, serves almost 1.5 million meals annually and provides medical care in more than 80,000 cases annually.

"We're in these businesses because we're in the people business," Hubert said.

Visitors to the University also bring about \$14 million into the Bryan-College Station area annually, an increase of \$1.6 million from last year, he said.

Although applications for acceptance to the University number 420

less than at this time a year ago, the chancellor said, the University is still growing.

"This decrease ... we suspect, may be a result of this year's new enrollment policies," he said.

"We are eager to have at least a breathing spell in the enrollment increases in order to give our physical facilities and construction programs an opportunity to catch up."

The Permanent University Fund is as important as legislative appropriations in University growth, Hubert said.

He said the PUF is essential because it provides an annual income of \$40 million, making Texas A&M "a university of the first class."

The PUF helps maintain the political, social, economic and cultural aspects of a class university, he said.

"Universities of the first class are extraordinary institutions," Hubert said. "They are rare and uncommon, and they require extraordinary amounts of funding, in order to maintain their rarity and their uncommon-like character."

Hubert quoted that comment from a speech he made to the Senate Committee on Education in response to a proposed bill to split the PUF among other state schools in addition to Texas A&M and the University of Texas.

He told Chamber of Commerce members: "You can be sure ... that again, in the next regular session of the legislature, there will be many attacks against the Permanent University Fund, and we'll need help in order to maintain this critical life-support system."

## Subcommittee hears officials' comments on federal policies

by Bill Robinson  
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The impact of federal budget cuts and the implementation of New Federalism were subjects of a hearing of the Texas House Appropriations Subcommittee on Federal Funds Thursday.

Brazos Valley officials who administer federally funded programs had an opportunity to express their views on those proposals.

The subcommittee's chairman, Rep. Dan Kubiak, D-Rockdale, said: "I realize that all government entities are going to be affected by changes in the federal budget.

"This committee is attempting to determine what these changes will mean to local government."

Information gathered in the hearings will be used to make recommendations regarding block grants, said Rep. Bill Presnal, D-Bryan, chairman of the Texas House Appropriations Committee.

"We need to hear particularly from local officials that are responsible for these programs," Presnal said.

Bryan Mayor Richard Smith said the City of Bryan supports President Reagan's New Federalism proposal despite the lack of details on it.

"We're all operating in a vacuum,"

Smith said. "It's easy to talk about it in theory but hard to make things happen."

"I have a great deal of confidence that the State of Texas could handle these programs with a greater degree of efficiency than the federal government can."

Bryan currently receives 18.3 percent of its annual operating budget from the federal government — funding that may be lost if Reagan's program is implemented.

Kubiak said the state might not be able to make up for those losses.

"We will not have the surplus to take up the shortages resulting from

the program transfer," he said. "The Texas Legislature can't deficit spend and can't increase the budget more than the Gross National Product increases in Texas."

State representatives are bound by the Texas Constitution to pass a budget which is in the black.

Texas currently receives \$1 back for every \$1.48 in taxes sent to Washington.

Also, only 60 cents out of each gasoline tax dollar are returned to the state.

Programs currently funded by the federal government might be cut if a greater percentage of Texas tax dollars are not returned to the state.



staff photo by Sumanesh Agrawal

### Cold, wet, and overloaded

Armed with her umbrella, Pam Sikes, a graduate biology major from McAllen, goes home after making purchases at the MSC bookstore. Cold, wet weather is expected to continue through today.

## White House rumors whisper of Stockman's end as budget director

WASHINGTON — After recently losing a series of fiscal arguments with the White House, budget director David Stockman was despondent and ready to resign, sources say.

On Capitol Hill, even now, there is speculation Stockman may soon be gone.

The Reagan administration, however, says rumors of Stockman's demise are "unfounded — the president has full confidence in him."

Stockman's tenure has been a matter of speculation since an Atlantic magazine article last November that quoted him as expressing severe doubts about President Reagan's economic program.

In recent days, talk has mounted that Stockman, who embarrassed the administration and damaged his own credibility in the article, is on his way out.

When members and staff aides returned to Washington this week, a top Senate aide said he was bombarded with questions — not about when Stockman would leave but who his successor would be.

A Republican source said the negative talk was as strong as green onions, but any move to oust Stockman probably would wait until the 1983 budget legislation is well along, perhaps by May 1.

A source told United Press International Thursday that Stockman was despondent over losing internal budget battles to raise certain taxes and cut some defense spending.

The source said Stockman expressed a willingness to surrender his job at the request of the White House.

Edwin Dale, Stockman's spokesman, angrily denied Thursday night Stockman had been ready to quit.

House Republican Leader Robert

Michel rallied to Stockman's defense, calling reports of his resignation some sort of fantasy. He called Stockman knowledgeable and "out in front — on the real nitty gritty. He deserves to be supported."

A senator well informed about budget matters — who asked not to be identified — confirmed there was talk, but "not a broad rampant feeling," that Stockman had to go.

Democrats have used Stockman's recent appearances to score political points against administration policies, repeatedly referring to his admission figures used in preparing last year's budget were not realistic.

Republican senators generally were silent, for the record, on Stockman's effectiveness, but one who is close to the budget process said, "He's done a helluva job. He's an invaluable asset."



staff photo by David Fisher

### Biking for E.R.A.

David Dismore of Los Angeles decided it was time to put up or shut up so he closed his business in L.A. and went on the road for the Equal Rights Amendment. He is biking across the country to Miami, hoping to raise

substantial contributions for the as yet unpassed amendment. Already he has raised more than \$7,000 and hopes to double that by the time he reaches Florida sometime in March. Dismore went through College Station on his trip.

## Former students' foresight aids MSC

by Johna Jo Maurer  
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Three years ago, a group of former students who foresaw a need to supplement the Memorial Student Center operating and programming budget founded an enrichment fund.

Today, the MSC Enrichment Fund is a formal organization and part of the MSC Council. The fund provides money for the MSC that is not generated by general revenue and student service fees, said Doug Noah, Council vice president of development.

"We've got one of the foremost alumni support boards for college unions in the country," he said.

Current total assets of the enrichment fund are about \$100,000, Noah said. Ninety percent of this comes from the Friends of the MSC, a group that contributes from \$25 to \$100 annually to the MSC. The remainder of the fund is generated through large contributions.

Money is contributed in the form of endowments that are invested and allowed to accrue interest. Interest

earned on the principal investment is used for various MSC projects and programs.

A tract of land in the Houston area also was donated to the fund.

The Class of '81 contributed \$10,000 last year, Noah said, and the interest is being used to purchase works of art displayed throughout the MSC.

Allocation of funds is controlled by the Enrichment Fund Board of Directors, made up of 24 former students, three faculty representatives, the

MSC director and associate director, the MSC Council president and vice president for development and three council directors in the development area.

Wayne Stark, a special assistant to the University president, acts as an ex-officio member of the board of directors. Stark, who was MSC director prior to current Director Jim Reynolds, was instrumental in starting the enrichment fund, Noah said. Noah said the enrichment fund

gives people a chance to make tax-deductible donations while helping the MSC and campus programming.

"Our goal is to raise \$940,000 within the next couple of years," he said, explaining that this amount is needed to maintain MSC programs and projects at their present level.

The Association of College Unions International has invited representatives of the MSC enrichment fund to make a presentation at its March national conference in Dallas.

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### forecast

Today's forecast: Rain expected with mostly cloudy skies; high in the upper 40s. Saturday's forecast calls for decreasing cloudiness with a high in the upper 50s.