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Iternative budget lears completion

United Press International ASHINGTON — The Senate leadership hopes to complete week a draft of a comprehensive, it-reducing alternative to Presi-Reagan's embattled budget osal for fiscal 1983, a spokesman

he package could include any of ral options to reduce Reagan's ected \$91.5 billion deficit, includtax hikes, more spending cuts for tlement programs and reduced ense spending, said Senate Re-blican Leader Howard Baker's ss secretary, Tom Griscom. "Nothing is final yet," he said

sday, although adding none of

the options frequently mentioned have been ruled out either.

As an indication of what might be

expected in the draft, however, he noted Baker has indicated he believes \$5 billion to \$10 billion could be removed from Reagan's proposed \$263 billion defense budget.

Griscom also noted Reagan is ada-

mant about keeping intact the 10 percent personal income tax cuts scheduled for this July and for July 1983.

The compromise is being put together by Chairmen Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., of the Senate Appropriations Committee; Bob Dole, R-Kan., of the

Domenici, R-N.M., of the Senate

Budget Committee. The tax-writing Senate Finance Committee voted, 14-3, to send the Budget Committee a letter endorsing the deficit-reduction figures in Reagan's budget as a minimum goal, rather than making specific recom-mendations on each item in the budget under its jurisdiction.

The procedural vote by which the committee signaled its approval of Reagan's deficit-reduction figure indicated the panel will work to reduce the 1983 deficit by at least as much as Reagan proposed and maybe more, a



photo by Christine Mallo Spring cleaning?

With brasso in hand, four Company F-2 freshman spend their Tuesday afternoon giving "Sully," Lawrence Sullivan Ross, a spring shining. Freshman cadets such as

Allan White, John Sottile, Cary Wortham and John Cartwright, (left to right) keep the statue in good condition throughout

Horticulture, profits aid handicapped in project

by Michael Larkin

Battalion Reporter love of plants mixed with a desire human contact has resulted in a all program to aid the hand-

Geranium Junction, located on S. lege Avenue, supervises hand-oped employees who will grow his in a special greenhouse dened to accommodate wheel chairs.

Temporarily operating out of a averted gas station, the program nds horticulture and profits and o may eliminate handicapped per-ns' dependence on federal aid, said cia S. Barksdale, a 1976 Texas kM floriculture graduate who ben the program.

She embarked on the project bese she knew she wanted to work plants but didn't want to be sed up in a greenhouse, she said. I still wanted the contact with the ole," she said. "(These people) are ns of the community.

While Geranium Junction will conntrate mainly on selling plants olesale, Barksdale said the busis also will do some retailing.

The whole success of this program pends upon it being profitable. We are a non-profit organization

se goal is to provide jobs for serely handicapped people, while at e same time producing a market-Although most aid programs in the

untry rely heavily on government nding, Barksdale said she plans to Currently, 70 percent of the fundig for Geranium Junction comes com the Texas Rehabilitation Com-

Barksdale relies mainly on help m volunteers in the community. While there are no legal ties beeen Geranium Junction and the niversity, she said, various profess and student organizations are ac-

ely involved with the project. Nine handicapped people work at ranium Junction, putting in a sixur day, five days a week



Gary Webb fixes plant racks of an abandoned nursery while Troy Amerson looks on. Both are involved in the Geranium Junction workshop project on S. College Avenue.

The Texas Rehabilitation Commission is responsible for obtaining handicapped workers for the project.

The program will be housed at its present location for only six months, until Barksdale can obtain a permanent location where the new green-

house can be built. Wide aisles, ramps and waist-high benches will facilitate work. Hand-icapped workers grow and maintain the plants, prune them, transplant them and sell them.

Sea oil \$4 a barrel, Iran has turned to selling its national treasures and desperate OPEC members want an emergency meeting to halt what one analyst calls the unraveling of the oil

good news for American consumers: the world oil glut could mean as much as a further 10-cent-per-gallon drop in the price of gasoline.

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WASHINGTON — The United
States says it now has "overwhelming
and irrefutable" evidence El Salva-

dor's leftist guerrillas are under fore-

ign control and a key senator says the CIA pointed the finger at Nicaragua.

"The operations of the guerrilla forces in El Salvador are controlled

from external command and control," Secretary of State Alexander

Haig told the House Foreign Affairs

Committee Tuesday.

Britain, America's second largest oil supplier, became the latest exporter to buckle under to the global oil glut when it cut crude prices Tuesday \$4 a barrel. It already had trimmed

prices \$1.50 to \$35 a barrel Feb. 9. That lowered North Sea crude \$3 below OPEC's base price of \$34 a barrel. But the 13 nations of OPEC also

tel. "We are witnessing the unraveling But bad news for producers is of OPEC," said William Randol, a senior oil analyst at First Boston Corp. in New York. "Unless OPEC can agree on some production curtail-ment, OPEC has a real problem con-

> Analysts estimated the latest British price could save U.S. motorists about 3 cents a gallon. But a Cornell University economist said the current

must remain secret. Goldwater said the CIA provided

intelligence sources while Goldwater said the details of the CIA briefing

evidence Nicaragua's support "in-cludes arrangements for the use of Nicaraguan territory for the movement of arms and munitions to guerrillas in El Salvador.

He said it also includes "the continuing passage of guerrillas in and out of Nicaragua for advanced training in sabotage and other terrorist tactics and the presence of high-level guerrilla headquarters elements in

Gasoline prices may drop 10 cents

Haig says Nicaragua

aiding leftist guerrillas

ate Intelligence Committee Chair-

man Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., reported a secret CIA briefing on Central America last Thursday showed

Nicaragua plays a direct role in the insurgency in El Salvador.

active involvement by Sandinista gov-

ernment officials in support of the

Salvadoran guerrilla movement," Goldwater said in a statement issued

shortly after Haig's testimony.

"The briefing left no doubt there is

Oil glut hurts OPEC

United Press International
Britain slashed the price of North

Dommittee Tuesday.

Both Haig and Goldwater declined

Haig did not say what country was to provide specific details. Haig

manipulating the guerrillas, but Sen- warned disclosure would jeopardize

have been been cutting prices and some analysts believe its base price should sink to \$26.

trolling the world oil market.'

glut will cut gasoline prices 10 cents a

The major factors in determining how low the prices will eventually go are American consumption levels and the degree to which the OPEC countries are able to hold their monopoly together," Duane Chapman said. Gasoline prices will go down 10 cents a gallon and might go as low as \$1 a

The current oversupply of oil, decreased consumption and a reluct-ance by oil companies to keep big inventories at high interest rates already have lowered U.S. prices about 10 cents a gallon.

Power fails in Bryan

A short in a power line was probably the cause of a oneour power outage that affected 500 to 600 homes and a television station in Bryan Tuesday night, a spokesman for the Bryan utility said this morning.

Kyle Kuntz, assistant superntendent of Bryan Utilities' light department, said a fire on an electrical pole was probably started by some of the wires coming into contact. He said the area served by the line had to be cut off from power until the damage could be repaired.

The area affected was around 29th Street, Rosemary and Carter Creek; Kuntz said the customers hit by the outage were mostly residential.

Chancellor gets on board of Blocker Energy Corp.

by Dennis Prescott

Battalion Reporter
Dr. Frank W.R. Hubert, Texas A&M System chancellor, has been elected to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors of Blocker Energy Cor-

Blocker Energy is a worldwide drilling contractor presently operat-ing 54 oil rigs in the United States, Canada, Africa and Latin America. The company also has domestic exploration and production operations in 10 states.

John R. Blocker, vice chairman of the Texas A&M System Board of Regents, is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the com-

Alan Payne, manager of public re- private consulting firm.

lations for the company, said Hubert would begin serving as a director immediately

Hubert has served at Texas A&M since 1959, first as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and dean of the College of Education, which he helped

He has served as chancellor since Oct. 1, 1979 and will retire from that

position Aug. 31.

Hubert is a former president of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities and is a past president of the board of directors of the National Regional Educational Laboratory for Louisiana and Texas. He presently serves as president and chairman of the board of the Corporation for Research and Engineering of Bryan, a

Board of Regents to meet on building expansions

ty Geosciences Building expansion design and bids for the Transportation Center expansion will be among the items discussed at today's committee meeting of the Texas A&M Sys-

tem Board of Regents.
The Planning and Building Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the MSC regents annex. The meeting is expected to adjourn at

1:30 p.m. Thursday.
The Committee for Service Units is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. Thursday. The committee will meet jointly with the Planning and Building Committee to hear a report concerning

An appropriation for the Halbou-Geosciences Building expansion Forest Service.

Both committees will discuss items on the agenda for the March 23 meeting of the Board of Regents.

In September, the Board appropriated \$100,000 for the design of the Halbouty Building expansion and is requesting \$235,000 for the detailed design. This 40,000-square-foot addi-

tion to the geosciences building will cost an estimated \$7 million. The \$1.3 million addition to the Transportation Center will provide service and maintenance areas, park-

ing space for 34 buses and space for

future expansion.

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forecast

Today's forecast: Mostly cloudy and mild with a high in the mid-70s; low in the mid-50s. Thursday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and mild temperatures.