

PUC after AT&T's documents

United Press International
AUSTIN — The Texas Public Utilities Commission has filed suit against American Telephone & Telegraph Co., claiming the company has refused to turn over documents sought in Southwestern Bell's \$471.5 million rate increase case.

The suit asks a state district court to hold AT&T in contempt for refusing to relinquish documents concerning the prices of alarm services and private lines. AT&T has agreed to turn over only part of the information.

Freshman parties planned

by Michael Raulerson
Battalion Reporter

Off-campus freshmen have an opportunity to meet their neighbors through Freshman Contact, a program sponsored by the Off-Campus Center, Off-Campus Aggies and several apartment-owning property companies.

The Off-Campus Center is planning to hold parties at seven apartment complexes to allow students to meet others and become involved in clubs, organizations and intramural sports, Cheryl Hollenshead, the off-campus center advisor, said.

The program began two years ago as a post-orientation type program, but last fall the center started using a social approach, she said.

The first party is scheduled for Arbor Square Apartments

Off Campus Nite tonight

Off Campus Aggies will sponsor Off Campus Nite tonight at 8 p.m. in the Grove to kick off the group's fall activities.

OCA President Dale Collins said the event is a get-together to welcome everyone back and is open to on-campus and off-campus students.

Off Campus Nite will fea-

ture two local rock bands, Warehouse and Steelfinger. Soft drinks will be sold and admission is 99 cents.

Collins said the two bands would stop playing about 11:30 so people can attend midnight yell practice.

Collins also said apartment council representatives will be elected Sept. 16. The council is composed of one represen-

tative from each of the apartment complexes, Bryan-College Station.

Voting booths will be set up all shuttle bus stops.

Other forthcoming activities include a dance Oct. 16 and a dance Dec. 4.

OCA meets twice a week. The next meeting is Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder-

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RHA improves on dorm events announces activities for '82-'83

by Kelly Krauskopf
Battalion Reporter

Students living on campus can expect a fun-filled year of residence hall activities and social gatherings, the Residence Hall Association says.

The RHA, Texas A&M's coordinating body of residence halls, plans to improve last year's activities as well as adopt some additional events.

The first activity scheduled for the fall semester is "RHalloween." RHA president Stacy Graff said the hall councils are working on improvements for

this event and also Casino Night, which were both held last year.

Another area that will be improved, Graff said, is the social gatherings — better known to residents as dorm parties. Hall councils are currently revising alcohol guidelines so dorm parties will run more smoothly.

Graff said she hopes the new guidelines will develop a consistency among the dorms so each hall will coordinate when planning a party.

A responsible party will be held for hall council members to encourage the right kind of par-

ty and set examples of what a social gathering should be, Graff said. The party will have such items as a breathalyzer and a wine wagon for those who need to be told or already know they drank too much, she said.

In addition to activities and parties, another feature for hall residents is dorm contests. Graff said last year's "Security Awareness Contest" was a big success and another one will be held in the spring.

An additional contest scheduled in the spring will be a take-off on the TV show "Almost

Anything Goes." This will serve as a public program with all proceeds going to charity.

Graff said the biggest event of the year will be in February when Texas A&M hosts the Texas Residence Hall Association Convention. It will attract people from all over the States as well as over 300 A&M participants, she said.

The RHA's first meeting will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. in 321 of the Physics Building. On-campus residents are

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Clements commends SBA for border relief proposal

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DALLAS — Gov. Bill Clements congratulated the Small Business Administration Wednesday for its plan to provide financial aide to retailers on the Mexican border whose business has dropped substantially since the devaluation of the peso.

He made the statement in conjunction with other statements concerning U.S. relations with Mexico. Retailers from San Diego to Brownsville have reported losses of sales ranging from 40 percent to 98 percent since Mexico devalued its currency. The peso dropped from 27 per \$1 to 108 per \$1, which meant the price of U.S. goods quadrupled for the

millions of Mexican shoppers on the border.

The SBA in Washington on Wednesday announced formation of a \$200 million emergency fund to rescue the border businesses. Administrator James Sanders said the money would provide reduced interest rates for loans, guarantee private loans to small businesses and allow payment extensions for existing loans.

Clements, interviewed from Dallas on the CBS Morning News, termed the program "a significant step forward."

"All of the border towns and small businesses greatly appreciate what the SBA has done," Clements said. "In a manner of

speaking, it is a federal loan. It will give these people some breathing room."

Clements said, however, U.S. relations with Mexico would be particularly important considering the impact on the country's financial position.

He said the proposed legislation which has passed the U.S. Senate and is being considered in the House must be drawn or it will aggravate relations with Mexico, particularly that of illegal immigration.

The number of illegal immigrants into Texas has skyrocketed since the devaluation of the peso.

Clements said he supports parts of the bill, and said he must be drawn with consultation with the Mexican government.

"No consideration has been given to the mutuality of our relations with Mexico," he said.

"This (writing the bill) has been done in full consultation with Mexico. Then we will have cooperation, and then negotiation. Unless we follow the path of examining this mutual problem, then the plan is going to work."

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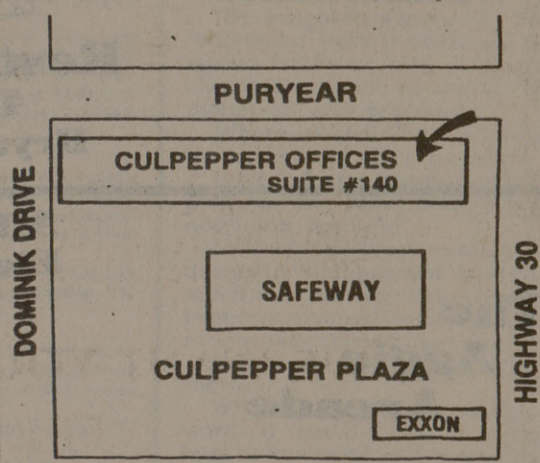
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