



Practice makes perfect

staff photo by Octavio Garcia

The practice adage must be true in the case of the Aggie Band. Their precision marching and booming sound that gives goosebumps to new and old Ags alike comes from hours

of practice on the Aggie Band's drill field next to Underwood Hall. The Band practices daily — and even draws a big crowd then. Although football is the main attraction at

Kyle Field, halftime is a close second as the Band continues to improve on a great thing.

## United Way sets A&M goal

by Jaime Bramer

Battalion Reporter

The Student YMCA will be encouraging students and faculty to participate in the Brazos County United Way fundraising campaign held Sept. 27 through Nov. 5.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, United Way campaign leader at Texas A&M, said the fundraising goals this year are \$3,500 for the students and \$70,000 for the overall campus. The total goal for the county this year is \$325,000.

Southerland said he believes the University should be able to raise up to \$100,000.

"I think it is important for people to participate in the United Way because of the number of agencies it assists," he said.

In a comparison of donations from Texas universities, Texas A&M ranks second to last in per capita contributions. With 7,966

Texas A&M employees, the University collects \$6.97 per capita.

The University of Texas ranks lower than Texas A&M with donations of \$6.85 per capita. However, other schools of roughly comparable size have a much higher contribution level. Per capita contributions are \$10.37 at the University of Houston and \$19.08 at Texas Tech University.

The United Way serves a total of 17 agencies in Brazos County.

Organizations that are helped through the United Way program include: the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, the Brazos County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Brazos County Senior Citizens, and the Salvation Army.

Donators can restrict their contributions to a specific program if they wish, Southerland said.

## White will speak Tuesday in theater

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark White will speak at 8:30 Tuesday afternoon in Rudder Theater.

The speech is being sponsored by the MSC Political Forum and admission is free.

White was elected attorney general of Texas in 1979. Prior to that, he was an attorney in private practice; served as an assistant attorney general in the

Insurance, Banking and Securities Division of the attorney general's office for three years; and served five years as secretary of state of Texas.

White, a native Texan, has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Baylor University and a law degree from Baylor Law School. He is married and has three children.

## Dean wants ruling on 'right to run'

United Press International AUSTIN — Secretary of State David Dean has accused Attorney General Mark White of not issuing an opinion on the "resign to run" section of the Texas Constitution for political reason.

"Hundreds of thousands" of voters will be disenfranchised unless White clears up legal questions over the issue, Dean said Friday.

Earlier this year the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutional provision that states local officeholders automatically give up one elected post to seek another.

Dean said he cannot give notification to local party officials of vacancies that have occurred in their counties under the "resign to run" ruling unless he receives a formal advisory opinion from White's office that the high court's ruling was retroactive.

He said about 65 offices will be affected and challenged White to exert "legal leadership" rather than ignore the issue.

"I suppose he's made some sort of political decision that if he rules on it, it might adversely affect his campaign," he said. "This is not a political issue."

Dean said without official word from White, the offices will have to be filled by appointment instead of election. Dean said local parties are facing a Sept. 24 deadline in substituting names on the official ballots.

A spokesman for White's office said he does not have a current request for an opinion from Dean. And Mary Hardesty said White believes he cannot issue advisory opinions on matters still before the courts.

Hardesty said the "resign to run" issue still is pending before a judge in Harris County.



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