

Regents to review events center plan

by Simon C. Gonzalez
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Texas A&M University is ready for and can support a special events center, says Wesley Peel, vice chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction. A feasibility study for a special events center is complete and will be presented to the Texas A&M System Board of Regents on Nov. 21, Peel said. The center, which would be located behind the Penberthy Intramural Complex, is needed because G. Rollie White Coliseum is too small, he said. The

seating capacity in the coliseum is 7,500, while the special events center would seat 15,000.

"There is a need and it's desirable to have one, but there is a problem as to how it would be funded," Peel said. The center would cost \$25 to \$45 million, depending on what extras are added, he said. "I think the board will support the plans to construct a special events center subject to the availability of financing," Peel said. "It all hinges on outside financing." Peel doesn't want to use

money from the Permanent University Fund to finance the center because that wouldn't leave any money for new classrooms.

"I don't think the board is ready to fund it totally from the Permanent University Fund," he said, "but with support from former students I think it will be built." Peel said that for the center to succeed, 90 to 125 event days would have to be scheduled in the first year. The center would not approach the break-even point for six or seven years.



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Belinda Moore of the Wadley Blood Bank assists of Cadets, in donating blood during the Aggie Blood Drive Tuesday. The drive ends Thursday.

Politics to be focus of event Thursday

by Tracy Johnston
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Political groups ranging from the Moral Majority to the National Organization of Women will be represented at MSC Political Forum's Political Awareness Day Thursday in the Memorial Student Center. Jay Simmons, special events coordinator for Political Forum, said Political Awareness Day is designed to help educate students on political issues that are occurring outside the Bryan-College Station area. Between 17 and 20 groups throughout the state are ex-

pected to attend the program. In selecting the groups, Simmons said Political Forum tried to achieve a balance of viewpoints for the program.

Participating groups include: the Houston Human Rights League, which advocates reform of the criminal justice system especially as it relates to homosexuals; the Young Conservatives of Texas; the American Civil Liberties Union; Common Cause; the North Texas Abortion Rights Action League; the Brazos Residents Against Drug Abuse; and the Citizens Party. Simmons said most of the

groups come from the Austin, Houston or Dallas areas and most have national organizations. He said twice as many groups are attending this year.

The program also will include speeches by Texas political candidates. Speakers include John Leverette III, running for county treasurer, and Alan Clark, candidate for state treasurer. Steve Smith, running for county court at law judge; Betty Miller, county commissioner candidate, and Hugh Lindsay, justice of the peace candidate, also will speak.

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