



# Around town

## Vandiver named to UN program

Texas A&M University President Frank E. Vandiver has accepted an invitation to be a member of the U.S. Council for World Communications Year 83, part of a worldwide United Nations information-appreciation program planned for next year.

Vandiver was asked to serve by W. M. Ellinghaus, president of American Telephone and Telegraph Company, who was appointed by President Reagan to chair the U.S. council.

The purpose of the World Communications Year is "to increase understanding of the key role communications plays in enhancing social and economic progress and the well-being of the people around the world."

The council will include corporate executives and leaders of universities, unions, professional and trade associations and foundations.

## Tickets on sale for Nelson concert

MSC Town Hall will present Willie Nelson in concert at G. Rollie White Coliseum on Friday, Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$11.50 and \$12 each. Tickets are on sale for option pass holders now.

This will be Nelson's first appearance in the Bryan-College Station area in eight years.

Nelson's latest album, "You're Always On My Mind," is the number one album on the country music charts and has been for six months.

The Willie Nelson concert is being presented in connection with Bonfire 1982.

## Music synthesizers to be discussed

The Audio Engineering Group will hold its November meeting tomorrow at 7 p.m. in 203 Zachry. The subject of discussion will be "Audio Signal Processing in Music Synthesizers." Admission is free and the public is invited. For more information call Erich Friend at 779-1929.

## Parks department to sponsor contest

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Design-A-Christmas-Card Contest. There is no age limit and anyone can enter. Entries must be submitted on two 6 inch x 12 inch bristol or illustration boards using a vertical display format.

All entries are due on Nov. 18 Mail or delier entries to: The College Station Parks and Recreation Department, 1000 Eleanor, College Station, Texas 77840.

The designers of the top five winners will receive two 4 feet x 8 feet plywood panels to duplicate their design. The giant Christmas cards will be displayed in front of City Hall. For more information call Marci Rogers at 696-4753.

## Theme picked for All Nite Fair '83

The theme for the MSC All Nite Fair '83 is "Let's Get Physical."

The All Nite Fair is set up in a carnival-type atmosphere where various student organizations will sponsor contests centered around the theme of "Let's Get Physical."

Any recognized student group who wishes to participate in this year's All Nite Fair needs to decide what booth event they wish to sponsor, go to the Secretary's Island in the Student Programs Office in Room 216 MSC and get an application, and return the application by Dec. 10.

Turn applications in early because duplication of games will be discouraged.

## Research group asking for help

As part of a planning and research effort, a group on the Texas A&M campus is soliciting opinions from students and faculty. The question is whether or not providing facilities on campus where alcoholic beverages could be served is feasible. The following are several important questions upon which they need specific comment.

— Do you think a faculty lounge could become a reality at TAMU? When and how?

— Do you think a student lounge could become a reality at TAMU? When and how?

— Do you think the lounge should be a combined facility for faculty, staff, student and alumni? Why or why not?

— Where do you think such a facility should be located? On or off campus?

Please direct your responses to Professor Joseph J. McGraw, c/o Leroy San Miguel and Doug Nett, Department of Environmental Design, Texas A&M University 77843.

If you have an announcement or interesting item to submit for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald or call Tracey Taylor at 845-2611.

# Handicap

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handicapped student," Powell said.

Wheelchair lifts and elevators generally are not a problem for handicapped students, Powell said. All elevators except one can be operated without the use of a pass key.

Liz Jackson, a junior community health major, is a quadriplegic. She said Texas A&M has done a good job adapting the

campus for handicapped students.

"This will be my third year here and, so far, I haven't had any trouble getting into buildings and going to classes," Jackson said.

"A lot of colleges say they are accessible but they're really not, and you don't ever find that out until you visit the school. I think A&M is a very accessible school."

Severely handicapped stu-

dents can choose to take their class exams in Powell's office. Non-handicapped students volunteer to help with the testing procedure, which is both tedious and time-consuming, Powell said.

"First, the volunteer has to read the test question out loud to the handicapped student," Powell said. "Second, the student dictates his answer and third, the volunteer writes down the answer. It takes a long time to test a student this way."

Students who are tested in his office usually don't do as well on tests as they could if they were tested in a regular classroom, Powell said.

"I can't answer questions that are confusing the students," he said.

"Also, if a volunteer or I don't understand a subject like calculus, how can we know what symbols or formulas to put down on the test paper after the student tells us what to write?"

Today, 14 wheelchair students live on campus. Powell said a shuttle bus service is provided for these on-campus handicapped students.

The bus, which is equipped with a wheelchair lift, picks the student up at his dormitory and drops him off in front of the building where his class is scheduled. The shuttle bus operates from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The University provides modified dorm rooms for 10 handicapped men and 12 handicapped women. Only one wheelchair student per room usually is assigned.

"All the rooms for handicapped men are filled at this time," Powell said. "Plenty of dorm rooms are available for handicapped women because so many new girls dorms have been built recently. Very few dorms for men have been built recently."

Some features found in a

modified dorm room include roll-in showers, wide bathrooms and lowered mirrors.

Most dorms and buildings, including the Commons Dining Hall and Sbis Dining Hall, are accessible to handicapped students.

However, one major building that usually is a necessity for Texas A&M students — Sterling C. Evans Library — still presents a problem for handicapped students, Powell said.

"The bookshelves are too close together for a wheelchair student to set his chair be-

hind," he said. "In order for

icapped students. Members include handicapped and non-handicapped students, faculty and staff.

The group sponsors programs focusing on the needs of disabled persons. Slide presentations showing major

tions done on the Texas campus are shown annually to faculty, staff and community residents.

In the past, the club has sponsored wheelchair basketball games and invited the wheelchairers to attend as the guest of honor.

Each spring, the organization sponsors a "Wheelchair Awareness Day," which brings handicapped students and non-handicapped students together to experience the same bumps and hard-to-open doors that students in wheelchairs encounter every day as they wheel on campus.

The Texas Rehabilitation Commission offers employment information and financial assistance to handicapped students at Texas A&M.

The major goals of the Commission are to help students successfully complete college education, to assist student in getting a job after graduation and to help each student achieve the best possible degree of independence.

John Greening, coordinator of the vocation division at TRC, said the group works on all handicapped students with the exception of blind students who are handled by the State Commission for the

"We look at the abilities, disabilities and interests of handicapped students and determine what he can do and what he would like to do," Greening said.

"From there we set up a plan that will best meet the student's handicap as well as his interest. We hope the plan will provide him with training for a future job."

Greening works with eligible handicapped students to determine his needs, develop vocational rehabilitation and follow up on his success.

Greening also helps handicapped students with financial problems.

"Sometimes we can provide money for tuition or required fees," Greening said. "If a severely handicapped student needs financial assistance, we can have his room, board attendant paid for by the

Greening said interpreters, note-takers and tutors are available through the TRC.

"Even though we provide interpreters, I believe the handicapped student should do as much for himself as possible," Greening said. "We have 14 deaf students enrolled at A&M and none of them has an interpreter."

"We would like to see a handicapped person become a payer rather than a liability. We have done our job providing the handicapped student find a job he can do well though he does have a disability," The Texas Rehabilitation Commission is located in MSC.

## Gas hike necessary, Bryan council says

by David Marchand

Battalion Reporter

Bryan residents can expect an increase in natural gas rates by Christmas if the City Council approves a final request by Lone Star Gas Co. Nov. 22.

Dan Weber, District Manager for Lone Star Gas, told the Council Monday night that the increase, about 59 percent of the more than \$805,000 originally requested, would barely cover growing operating costs and additional increases might be requested in eight to twelve months.

"Nobody likes to see a rate increase," Weber said, but the hike, "based on operating cost and return on investment, ... is necessary."

Mayor Richard Smith questioned Weber as to the necessity of the increase in light of what he called "a surplus of gas."

Contracts made during the recent increase in gas supply would take some time to affect the open market, Weber explained. Meanwhile, more than 20,050 contracts held currently by the company would be the greatest influence on prices.

Councilman Henry Seale,

considering Governor-elect Mark White's election promise to curb natural gas rates, attacked the validity of the increase. He asked Weber what he thought the chances were that White could succeed in this.

"Slim to none," Weber said. Following about 40 minutes of discussion, the Council approved the measure.

Noise and traffic problems at Carter Creek Parkway and E. 29th Street were the focus of Dorothy Doty's complaint to the Council.

She wanted to know why construction at the intersection was eating away at her yard and what the Council would do to protect her from the many accidents that would "someday destroy (her) bedroom."

Ed Ilschner, Director of Municipal Services, explained that the northbound lane of E. 29th was being widened both north and south of Carter Creek to facilitate traffic flow.

Smith said that in spite of deed restrictions, some kind of protection, fence or otherwise, would be approved following inspection by the City Planner.

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