

## Attorney General files pollution suits

United Press International  
HOUSTON — Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox has filed lawsuits against five sewage treatment plants for allegedly contributing to pollution at Lake Houston — a major source of

drinking water for the city of Houston court records showed today.

Mattox, vowing to make an example of chronic polluters, Monday said he would seek injunctions and fines ranging

from \$50 to \$1,000 dollars per day, per violation against each of the five facilities.

Those named in the lawsuit included the sewage treatment plant of the city of Cleveland in Liberty County, Prestonwood Forest Utility District, Harris County Municipal Utility District 82, Montgomery County Municipal Utility District 15 and the Spring Creek Utility District in Montgomery County.

Each facility drains into creeks feeding Lake Houston,

which supplies about 40 percent of the drinking water for the city of Houston.

Recent samples from the lake showed higher than normal levels of fecal bacteria which means the lake fails to meet standards for contact recreation, such as swimming.

Mattox said the lawsuits represent the beginning of a "new direction" for the attorney general's office in a battle against polluters.

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## Braniff-PSA deal gets tentative OK

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FORT WORTH — A federal judge reviewed a bankruptcy court's tentative approval for a joint deal between bankrupt Braniff and Pacific Southwest Airlines.

The ruling by Judge John Flowers, issued Monday, was stayed for two days to allow for a thorough check by federal authorities to see if there were any potential legal snags in the arrangement.

Regardless of the review, attorneys representing airlines, unions and some creditors, who opposed the agreement, told Flowers they would appeal the ruling before U.S. District Judge Eldon Mahon of Fort Worth.

The decision ended Braniff's two-week long court battle to win approval of its plan with PSA. The California carrier will operate a Texas division using some of the Dallas-based airline's idled planes and equipment and rehire 2,000 of the

9,000 of its former employees.

An unfavorable ruling probably would have killed the deal and forced Braniff into liquidation to pay off some \$1 billion in debts.

Cecil Scaglione, spokesman for PSA in San Diego, Calif., said, "This was one of the major hurdles and the ruling shows the bankruptcy court agrees with us."

Flowers said the Braniff-PSA arrangement was the best deal possible for idle Braniff employees and its creditors.

"I am convinced this is the best that can be achieved under the circumstances," Flowers said while approving the deal.

He also ruled that he has authority to assign landing slots held by Braniff to PSA for the new operation.

The Federal Aviation Administration had earlier said it had sole authority over the slots, but Flowers contended the slots could be

assigned to any Braniff "successor" and Flowers defined PSA as a successor under that regulation.

Mahon could give the appeal a priority and hand down a decision within a month, but losers in his court could turn to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans and, if rebuffed there, ask the U.S. Supreme Court for a final ruling.

The appeals process could last several months and kill the agreement between the two airlines.

PSA officials said the airline would withdraw from the agreement if it is unable to begin operating its proposed Texas division by May 1 to take advantage of the lucrative summer travel season.

The agreement would allow PSA to use 30 Braniff jets and the former landing slots and facilities used by the defunct airline at the Dallas-Fort Worth airport.

## Many Student Opportunities for Involvement

Texas A&M University's College of Business Administration offers students much more than just a classroom education. Although academic excellence is a priority, students are also involved in a wide array of extra-curricular activities. These activities are voluntary and add to the student's academic experience.

Student organizations in business are open to anyone who would like to donate time and effort to a worthy cause. The organizations are beneficial to the college, the community and, most of all to the students, who have similar interests and needs.

### Business Student Council

In order for Career Fair '83 to take place in February, much planning and preparation had to be done. Business Student Council began working on Career Fair in August '82 and has yet to cease. Because of all the work and dedication that people have devoted to Career Fair, I feel it is only appropriate to use this time and space to thank all the people who volunteered their time to help in the organization of Career Fair.

The eight committee chairmen, Lisa Klussmann, Frank Cinatl, Greg Patak, Gerard Thibodeaux, Monica Calvin, Wes Volberding, Jim Currie and Jeff Lamberth, along with the officers, Marianne Dominguez Cheryl Roberts and Tres Wright, and the remainder of the Business Student Council, worked late nights and weekends to create a professional environment that would allow student and recruiter interaction.

Business Student Council owes much appreciation to our advisor, Lynn Zimmermann, who has been very patient and understanding with all of us. He has taken the time and energy to work individually with each council member.

Finally, a special thanks to the remaining Career Fair workers who are not Business Student Council members. Business Student Council is not only composed of thirty members, yet we have over 200 people working on Career Fair. Without the help of all these people the planning and preparation for Career Fair '83 would not have been successfully completed.

Susie Brandt, President  
Business Student Council

### FINANCE ASSOCIATION

The Finance Association is a professional organization geared toward benefiting the students. The Association offers several advantages during the course of the year.

The activities range from receptions and parties, to field trips and guest speakers. Firms host receptions at local hotels and country clubs that all Finance Association members are encouraged to attend. The students learn about the hosting firms and have the opportunity to have any questions

answered and to talk with professionals on a one to one basis.

Also, if the students happen to be interviewing with a particular firm that is hosting a reception, the student has a chance to meet and get to know his interviewer and it also gives the interviewer a chance to talk with the student in a social atmosphere.

Feel free to drop by the Business Student Council Office, or check the Finance Association bulletin board for upcoming events. Good luck this semester—

Frank Cinatl, 693-4459

### ASPA

Enjoy working with people? Interested in a career in personnel? If so, ASPA is for you. The student chapter of the American Society for Personnel Administrators opens many career opportunities for those interested in the field of personnel and at the same time offers students a chance to interact with others on a social basis.

When you join ASPA, you join thousands of human resource management executives, staff specialists, and students with similar needs and responsibilities. ASPA helps members become more effective on the job by offering opportunities for idea exchange and career development services.

The student chapter of ASPA is affiliated with the national ASPA organization and is eligible to participate in all national ASPA activities, including regional meetings and their national convention.

If you have any questions, or would like to join this chapter, please give us a call!

Candy Canter, 693-4156, or Joselyn Boyd, 696-2087, co-presidents

### MBA ASSOCIATION

The TAMU MBA Association will begin its new semester with nominations and election of new officers. Nominations will be taken on February 9 at the general meeting, rm. 156 A&A at 6:00 pm. Elections will be February 10 and 11. Only PAID members as of February 9 will be able to vote.

Other February activities include, of course, the case competi-

tion on February 18 and 19. We hope to win this year with our team—Keith Kaminsky, Cathy Ragan, and Nancy Nelson.

For more details, check the "DIVIDEND" calendar!

### MARKETING SOCIETY

The spring of '83 will be one of the best opportunities for students in the College of Business to take advantage of events that will not only bring them in contact with recruiters and visiting executives, but will also expose them to valuable information beyond the textbooks and classroom situation. Career Fair and Business Week are excellent examples of such opportunities.

The Marketing Society, as one of the largest student organizations in the College of Business, will strive to provide its members with activities that will make this semester a worthwhile and meaningful experience. The Marketing Society had an excellent fall semester. The Dallas Trip was very successful with over 170 members participating. Xerox and Beecham Products made presentations at student meetings on the marketing activities and job opportunities in their respective fields. We hope that more members will see the benefits of attending these activities and possible job contacts that can be made at such events.

This semester the Marketing Society will plan a field trip to Houston, have guest lectures at selected meetings, and an end of the year banquet for all members. The officers attended a leadership conference at the University of Texas this past weekend.

The Marketing Society provides an excellent chance for students to meet faculty and others who are interested in careers in Marketing. The officers and advisors hope that more of our members will actively participate. If you have any questions about joining Marketing Society or the semester's events, please feel free to give me or any of the officers a call.

Ron Foshee, president, 696-4060

### ACCOUNTING SOCIETY

The 1983 spring semester is going full steam ahead and so is

the Accounting Society! The first week of February is designated as Business Week and the Accounting Society is in full support of Career Fair.

The Accounting Society is one of the largest professional organizations on campus. Its purpose is to promote the relations between faculty and students as well as between professional accountants and students.

We will be having our first meeting of the spring semester on Feb. 8, "Alternatives in Accounting".

At this meeting we will introduce available alternative career opportunities to "Big Eight" accounting. At our next meeting on March 8, "Why Accounting?", we hope to discover what really goes on "behind the scenes" in public accounting. Our last meeting will be the 1983-84 officer elections on April 5.

Our activities will be better than ever this semester! Starting with the Un-Party on Feb. 24 for those of us who are tired of having to "dress up" to fit in at a party. Next is the infamous annual Luau - need I say more? And last but certainly not least is GAAP on April 25. GAAP (Greater Annual Accountants Playday) is held annually and this year includes a 5K run for students and professionals, a golf tournament, and a tennis tournament, and a banquet and dance. Professional accountants, faculty, and students are all invited to interact in an informal atmosphere.

Don't forget, potential members can still join the Accounting Soci-

ty at our first meeting or in the Accounting office for \$8 this semester.

Ronda Steely, 696-2580

### DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Data Processing Management Association is off to a fast start this semester! We want all those interested in Data Processing to join DPMA and benefit from what we have to offer. We especially would like to see all the new BANA majors join!

DPMA is an organization that will keep you in contact with the business world. We bring in experts to share developments in information processing, schedule prospective employers to discuss career opportunities with A&M students prior to the company's campus visit, we publish a resume book each fall to be distributed to over 100 companies and each spring DPMA sponsors a spring trip in order for students to visit different companies and see how they operate.

If you are interested in becoming a DPMA member, please come to our next meeting, Captain Grace Hopper, one of the key personnel in the development of the COBOL programming language, will be speaking. She is coming to A&M from Washington, D.C. Her presentation will be February 9, in Rudder Tower, room 228, at 7:30. Capt. Hopper is a very dynamic speaker that students have always enjoyed.

See you at the first meeting—Julie Van Doren, president

## Plan ups education spending

United Press International  
AUSTIN — A proposal by the Texas Federation of Teachers to increase public education spending by 65 percent would boost the state from 39th to 10th nationally in per-pupil expenditures, the head of the group said, Monday.

The teachers' union proposed the spending package, which would be financed by tripling the state oil and gas severance tax.

The \$12.5 billion package includes a 40 percent increase in teacher salaries over the next two years and establishment of a \$1.8 billion building improvement fund for poor districts.

The federation also recommended a 54.7 percent increase in textbook funding and a 100 percent increase in equalization and compensatory aid to poor districts.

John Cole, president of the 15,000-member group, said if the package is approved, it will boost Texas from 39th to 10th nationally in per-pupil expenditures.

"We anticipate hearing objections that these proposals are visionary, revolutionary and impractical," Cole said. "These measures will succeed if those legislators who campaigned as supporters of education have more than rhetoric in them."

Cole said boosting the oil and gas severance tax from 4.6 percent to 12.5 percent would generate \$5.7 billion over the next two years. He said the federation's proposals would require only \$5 billion of the new money, leaving more than \$700 million for other purposes.

The proposals drew immediate criticism from the oil and gas industry in the state.

Scott Anderson, spokesman for the 5,000-member Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association, said the group will actively oppose any effort to increase the severance tax. Association president Gene Wright said the Texas oil and gas industry "already is being taxed to the hilt."

"We believe any increase would be unreasonable," he said. "What we want is fairness and equalization of taxes, and then we'll cooperate in just about anything."

The 40 percent increase in teacher salaries sought in the federation's package compare to a 24 percent hike urged by Gov. Mark White in his message to the Legislature last week.

Ann Arnold, White's press secretary, said the governor would have no direct comment on the proposal, but she emphasized he is urging a teacher salary increase with no new taxes.

Cole said he believes White and lawmakers will support the plan.

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