

Unitedbank appoints two student directors

by Karen Schrimsher
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Two Texas A&M students have been selected to receive the 1983-84 Unitedbank College Station endowed scholarship.

David G. Franz, Jr., a junior accounting major, and Mark D. Taylor, a graduate student in finance, have been named advisory directors to the bank's board. They will each receive \$3,000 next year for attending monthly board meetings.

Two students are selected each year for one-year terms. The scholarship recipients are given the same responsibilities as any advisory director. They are expected to attend board meetings, serve on loan and discount committees and operations committees, review and evaluate bank policies and procedures and help set short and long term goals.

The program is unique, not

only to this area, but to the nation.

Scholarship applications are taken during the first week in March. Applicants are screened by a selection committee composed of University department heads, student representatives and the outgoing student advisory directors. The selection committee and Jim Scamardo, president of Unitedbank, interview the finalists before selecting the new advisory directors.

Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25, a total of 75 credit hours with at least 21 hours of economics or business courses and have demonstrated leadership ability in campus activities.

Franz has been actively involved with the MSC Great Issues Committee, the College of Business Administration Fellows Program and is a member of the Cap and Gown senior honor society. He will serve as vice president of educational programs of the MSC Council next year.

Taylor expects to receive his master's degree in finance in December 1984. He has been active in the Class of '83 Council, the Finance Association and the M.B.A. Association. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi national honor society and Gamma Sigma Delta, a national agricultural honor society.

Franz says he sees his appointment as a great opportunity to learn bank processes, especially regarding loans and operating procedures.

"It will be interesting to see how a bank operates," he says, "to see what responsibilities

each employee has."

Franz says he also is interested in seeing how banks will face the challenges that come with deregulation.

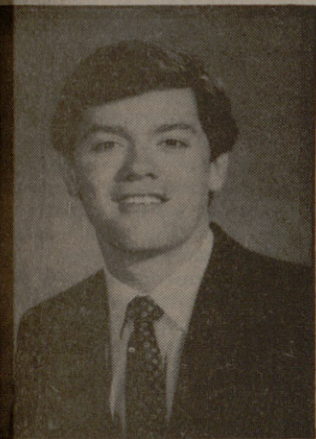
Nancy Nelson, a graduating senior, served as advisory director this year.

"I loved it," she says. "I was really impressed with the professionalism of the board members and the excitement of seeing how decisions are made."

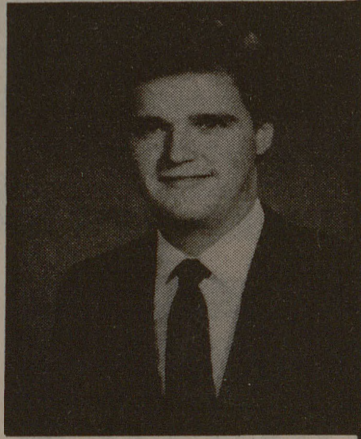
"The experience really helped me decide to go into banking."

Nelson says that beginning in June, the student advisory directors will work in each department of the bank. This experience is valuable because it helps in policy making. The new advisory directors learn how each department functions within the bank's system.

Nelson will be working for Texas Commerce Bank after graduation.



David G. Franz, Jr.



Mark D. Taylor

Bonfire after Thanksgiving, still will be built on Duncan field

by Mallous Kazemzadeh
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The annual Aggie bonfire will be Friday, Nov. 25 due to the rescheduling of the Texas A&M-University of Texas football game, says a bonfire adviser.

Every two to three years the Texas A&M-University of Texas football game is televised by national networks. Because the networks cannot televise the game on Thanksgiving Day this year, the game date has been changed to Nov. 26 and the annual Aggie bonfire will be held the evening before on the 25th.

Nolen Mears, bonfire adviser, said although the date has been moved forward the plans to build the bonfire remain the

same. Cutting of logs will begin Oct. 1 and will entail a six to eight-week commitment from those who participate in the cutting.

Building the bonfire is mostly a weekend activity where students begin cutting the logs in the morning and haul the logs back by truck at night, he said.

However, the week before, the building of the bonfire enters the "push" phase. Mears said at this point students work in different shifts for 24 hours to cut down the logs.

"The entire student body is encouraged to participate," he said. "Last year at some point there were about 10,000 people working on the bonfire at one

time or another."

The cutting site for bonfire will be near Carlos, on land that belongs to the Texas Municipal

Power Authority, Mears said, and the bonfire will be constructed on Duncan Field where it has been built in the past.

Man charged with student's deaths

United Press International

AUSTIN — A 20-year-old man hospitalized in critical condition has been charged with four counts of involuntary manslaughter in the traffic deaths of four high school students.

Police reports said Jesus Estaban Arellano of Austin, charged with manslaughter Wednesday, allegedly was drunk last weekend when he led Department of Public Safety troopers on a 108-mph chase in the town

of Taylor northeast of Austin.

Arellano's car collided with a car driven by Gay Lynn Brinkmeyer, 18, who was killed in the accident along with her passengers, Cheryl Wade and Donna Kay Hobbs, both 18. All three women were students at Taylor High School.

Another Taylor student, Michael Jerome Hunt, 18, had hitched a ride with Arellano and also was killed in the accident.

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Hughes Aviation will open amid Coulter Field fix-up

by Kimberly Hix
Battalion Reporter

Coulter Field in Bryan will receive a new aviation service June 1, Steve Hughes, president of Hughes Aviation said Wednesday.

Hughes Aviation will provide flight services that include aircraft tie-down and hangar rentals, aircraft sales plus rental, fuel and oil sales.

Also planned are airplane and helicopter flight instruction, an airframe and engine repair service and charter flights.

"There are three company goals," Hughes said. "First, as in any business, is to be profitable. Second is to provide an attractive airport environment. The third is to provide reliable aircraft and maintenance services."

The short term goal for Coulter Field is to improve the attractiveness of the field in order to attract more business customers.

"This involves basic housekeeping — fixing lights on the terminal building, mowing the grass, planting shrubs," he said. "They are basically simple things — clean up, fix up, paint up."

Long term goals for the airfield include adding new ramps and extending the present runway, Hughes said.

A plan is currently being formulated to obtain federal and state funding as well as funding from the Texas Aeronautics Commission to improve the runways, he said.

But improving Coulter Field will not place it in competition with Easterwood Airport, he said.

"Easterwood serves a particular need. It is a commercial type airline," Hughes said. "Coulter is an auxiliary to Easterwood. It is a community service airport.

It handles private and business aviation."

The city of Bryan has operated Coulter Field since 1970 without a formal contract for a fixed business operation. As business and city growth increased, the city became more interested in serving a business atmosphere, he said.

"For many years the airport was neglected by the city," Hughes said. "It is evident now that the priority in the city has changed."

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