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Grain embargos

Senator Kent Caperton, D- Bryan

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recent magazine articles ing the "best" Texas legis-Senator and former Kent Caperton made the

e program the past three months. n, D-Bryan, has been ed as an outstanding legislaor by several Texas magazines. exas Monthly, The Texas server and Texas Business ines commended Caperon for his work during the 68th

Texas Monthly described aperton as a senator who "uses intelligence as a tool rather an a weapon: doesn't put anyne down, doesn't make any

In Texas Business magazine aperton was described as willng to put in extra hours — do

is homework— and eager "to eam, to fight and to lead." And, The Texas Observer ven said Caperton "is himself a otential lieutenant governor.' Regardless of each magaine's particuliar wording, they all agree on one thing — Caper-lon is rising in the world of poli-

Caperton said many considera- who can accommodate himself tions must be made before de- to other people's interests ... but ciding on his political plans. He willing to stand firm when he said he must take his family into has to account as well as his law prac-

tice in College Station. "Timing is ... important in deciding on a political future ... and I can't necessarily control that," he said. "If I had to decide

today, I would stay in politics."
But Caperton said he is not certain what type of office he will run for if he does decide to stay in politics. "There is no doubt that every

always think about the gov-

Caperton is appealing because he is extremely diplo-

Texas Monthly said Caperton "knew how to play good cop sixth sense about where the women constituents.'

Another reason for Caperton's recent recognition is that he has gained respect from fellow legislators.

The Texas Monthly article said a main criteria for its "ten best" list was that the legislator "inspires respect rather than Caperton said the best way to

gain respect from legislators is to never mislead them. "I can't lawyer who serves as a senator would love to be attorney general," he said. "And of course you when a legislator has a repu-

tation for being reliable, Caperton said, his colleagues will re-But for now, Caperton said, he is waiting to see what will happen during the next three years rious issues.

In addition to Caperton's recognition by these magazines, he also was honored by the Texas State Council of the National Organization for Women. NOW honored Caperton for his "senbad cop ... and seemed to have a sitivity to the issues concerning

pressure points were, where Caperton graduated from each side could and couldn't Texas A&M in 1971 with a dems rising in the world of poli-cs. The Texas Observer said He was also student body presi-Butinan interview Thursday, Caperton is a "solid member dent during his senior year."

Awards recognize outstanding faculty

by Nicole Williams

Battalion Reporter
Texas A&M and the Association of Former Students will begin presenting this year's Col-Distinguished Achievement Awards for Texas A&M faculty on Wednesday.

reward, encourage and recognize the University's outstanding educators, says Dr. Clinton A. Phillips, dean of faculties. The total awards program represents a \$108,000 effort by the Association and the University. Association and the University. This year 27 awards will be pre-

Each award carries a \$4,000 cash award and a framed certificate to be presented to the selected nominee at one of the regularly scheduled faculty meetings this fall.

The selected nominees are chosen by a committee from within their respective collegeconsisting of five student members, three faculty members and one former student.

The selection committee reads the resumes, letters of nomination and accompanying letters of recommendation for each nominee to determine the winner or winners. The number of recipients varies according to the size of the college.

"The number of awards within each college is determined by the full-time equivalent," Jim Jeter, associate executive director of the alumni association, said. This equivalent is a result of the combination of the number of faculty members with the number of student credit hours

"We (the Association) have always felt that they've done an excellent job in selecting the recipients," Jeter said.

Phillips said he is enthusiastic about the program and said he likes the idea that a member is not limited to winning only once but can be nominated again five

"I think the program has been valuable in encouraging outstanding teaching," Phillips said.

The dates of the presentation ceremonies and the number of awards distributed per college

Sept. 7 — College of Business Administration will present three awards; College of Medivard encourage and record cine will present three awards; College of Medivard encourage and record cine will present the same awards and present three awards; College of Medivard encourage and record cine will present three awards; College of Medivards and present three awards; College of Medivards and present three awards are designed to the control of the control o cine will present one award. Sept. 15 — College of Liberal Arts will present four awards.

> Sept. 22 — College of Educa-tion will present two awards; College of Agriculture will present three awards.
> Sept. 27 — College of Science

will present four awards. Sept. 30 — College of Engineering will present four

Oct. 6 — College of Veterinary Medicine will present two

Nov. 10 - College of Geosciences will present two awards. Nov. Il — College of Architecture and Environmental Design will present two awards.

WASHINGTON — Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd Thursday said the Reagan administration should cancel its new grain agreement with the Soviet Union in reaction to the shooting down of a South Korean

jumbo jet. But members of the House and Senate Agriculture Committee disagreed saying cancel-lation of the grain sales pact would serve no purpose and would be ineffective.

Byrd called the downing of the plane "reprehensible, horri-ble, inexcusable."

As far as I'm concerned, said Byrd, "we ought to cancel the recently negotiated grain contract if legally possible. That would be one strong action we could take

The new five-year agreement, which goes into effect Oct. , was formally signed last week Despite restrictions in the agreement against cancelling grain sales, Reagan conceivably could mistan. President Reagan lifted the embargo, but postponed talks on a new agreement in December 1981 after martial law was imposed in Poland

unilaterally cancel the agree-

Byrd said, "The important thing now is to get the facts but there can be no explanation for shooting down an unarmed pas-senger airline even if it were over Soviet air space.

Opposing Byrd's call for can-cellation of the grain pact, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who serves on the Senate Agriculture Committee, said another grain embargo would not "affect this kind of activity" and would be ineffective.

"I don't think the Soviets see it as an effective tool, or an effec-tive threat," he said. "I think they simply ignore it when we have grain embargos. They just go and buy the grain someplace

In January 1980, Jimmy Carter embargoed grain sales in ex-cess of the guarantees in the pre-vious agreement in retaliation for the Soviet invasion of Afgha-



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