

Watt's successor faces same issues

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WASHINGTON — William Clark's Senate confirmation hearings are likely to focus on several critical environmental issues that got James Watt into controversy during his turbulent term as interior secretary. They include such politically explosive questions as offshore oil leasing, federal coal leasing, strip mining regulations and

protection of national parks, wildlife refuges and wilderness areas. Clark, President Reagan's national security adviser and nominee to succeed Watt as Interior Department chief, has virtually no background in conservation or natural resource policy. That fact outraged environmental leaders when Reagan

made the surprise announcement Thursday. Officials of some national environmental groups — including the Wilderness Society and Friends of the Earth — immediately vowed to fight Clark's nomination. Those who did not — such as the Sierra Club — warned they will be closely examining his positions on the key policy questions.

Among Watt's most controversial programs were massive plans to open offshore areas for oil and gas drilling and lease large stretches of federal land for coal mining. Environmentalists and congressional critics called the effort a "fire sale" of federal resources during a period of depressed energy prices. Watt planned to lease virtually the entire Outer Continental Shelf to industry in just five years — 1 billion acres off the Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf and Alaskan coasts.

He ran into several roadblocks — court rulings, congressional action and lack of interest from industry. The Supreme Court, for example, will hear arguments Nov. 1 on California's challenge to a key part of the offshore oil leasing program. It focuses on the demand of California and 14 other states that federal officials consult with

states before conducting the massive lease sales.

"There must be substantive policy changes," argued Jay Hair, executive vice president of the National Wildlife Federation, the nation's largest environmental group. "The new secretary should support the role of good science and the principles of natural resource management in the development of public policy."

A second coal-related question confronting Clark is Watt's proposed relaxation of strip-mining rules. The federation has pursued litigation against Watt's plan, charging it would open sensitive areas to strip mining and weaken the public's right to contest individual strip mining permits.

What's up

MONDAY

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS: There is a program on security awareness and rape prevention, "Rape: The Crime Against Women," at 7:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder Tower.

MSC CAMERA COMMITTEE: True Redd will speak on alternative photography at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder Tower. The Photo Competition will be on Nov. 5. Prints may be entered at the Memorial Student Center hallway from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 31 until Nov. 4, and the contest is open to all professionals in the Brian/College Station area. We are offering half-price darkroom memberships at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder Tower.

ONE WHEELERS: We will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Gym. Everyone is welcome.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN STUDENT CENTER: Bible study begins at 7:30 p.m. at the center, 315 N. College St.

AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: Square dance class is at 7 p.m. at the club meeting begins at 9 p.m. in the Pavilion.

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: The theme of the meeting is "La Oracion." Meet St. Mary's student center at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday.

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES: If you fail the requirements of a minimum GPR of 2.25 and are a freshman student having completed one semester at Texas A&M, apply for the 1984 Cotton Bowl Representative. Applications will be available in the Student Activities Office Nov. 1.

STUDENT Y: Today is the last day to sign up for the Apollo 11 at Janie's desk on the second floor of the Pavilion. They meet and dine with faculty and staff members.

MARANATHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: There is a evolution seminar at 2 p.m. in the MSC and a Bible teaching worship at 7:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder Tower.

PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI: A regular meeting is at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder Tower.

COLOR COMPUTER USERS' GROUP: We will learn how to attach a keypad to a color computer and review Rainbow's the 7:30 p.m. meeting in 352 MSC.

BRAZOS VALLEY SAFETY AGENCY: Register at 5 p.m. today at the Ramada Inn for defensive driving courses offered from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. today and Tuesday at the Ramada.

MESQUITE HOMETOWN CLUB: We will plan events to collect dues at the meeting at 7 p.m. in 604 Rudder Tower.

ASC/AIA-ASLA (HAUNTED HOUSE PROMOTION): Come to the Haunted House on the first floor of the College of Architecture Building on Oct. 30 from dark to 10 p.m. and Oct. 31, dark to 11 p.m. Admission is \$1 and open to students and the public.

OFF CAMPUS AGGIES: We are having a doughnut sale on Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon in the lobby of the Black Building.

CAMAC: We will have our yearbook picture taken at 6:30 p.m. in the MSC lounge and have a meeting afterward.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Dr. Southerland will discuss the Texas A&M computer system at 8:30 p.m. in 203 MSC.

Wichita Hometown Club: Club picture for the 1984 Aggie League will be taken at 7:15 in the student lounge of the MSC. Students from Clay, Archer and Baylor counties are invited to join the picture.

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