

United Way reaches 70 percent of goal

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The Brazos County United Way reached 70 percent of its goal last week, with the help of some record pledges by local businesses.

Contributions for the drive reached \$294,625. The county's goal was \$420,000.

Bob Fleischer, executive director of the Brazos County United Way, said in a prepared statement Friday that reaching the \$420,000 goal is critical.

"If we fall substantially short of that goal, it could mean a decrease in allocations to the 17 human service agen-

cies in our community, and a resultant reduction in services from them," Fleischer said.

The 17 agencies that will receive United Way funds in 1984 include the Boys Club, Red Cross, Rehabilitation Center and Senior Citizens Association.

None of the nine divisions of the United Way campaign has complete reports of their pledges yet, but the industrial division headed by oilman Emil Ogden already has exceeded its \$24,000 by \$2,000.

Employee pledges reported last week included \$12,221 from the Bryan Independent School District — an

increase of 20 percent from last year, \$1,238 from Central Texas Hardware — an increase of 35 percent from last year and \$3,875 from St. Joseph Hospital — an increase of 47 percent from last year.

Westinghouse employees pledged \$8,610 — or about \$51 per person.

Fleischer said Thursday that Texas A&M pledged more than \$80,000. The University's goal was \$111,000.

Although the official campaign ended Friday, Fleischer said he will probably continue to accept pledges — possibly as late as Dec. 31.

Mail may be 'beamed'

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Federal Express plans to build a vast, \$1.3 billion space age delivery system that will "beam down" letters and documents now carried by its fleet of planes and land couriers.

In an application filed with the Federal Communications Commission, the small-package delivery company revealed details of an electronic document relay service it is already building and plans to start up in July 1984.

The recent filing also reveals that between January 1985 and 1995, the Memphis-based company intends to completely bypass many fuel-gobbling delivery trucks and jets. It wants to launch two of its own satellites linked to a nationwide network of 50,000 earth stations to distri-

bute the information "packages."

The Federal Express Satellite Network, which the company says "bears a close analogy to Federal Express aircraft operations," would at first transmit just documents and data, but would likely be enlarged to include telephone and video services.

"We're very excited about the satellites and would like to start building as soon as possible," said Allen McArtor, vice president of Federal Express satellite systems.

The company, which now delivers 240,000 packages each day, expects the electronic document service to generate \$1.3 billion a year in revenues by 1988. In the seven years after the proposed satellite system

kicks in, it expects business to grow 15 percent a year.

If the predictions hold true, the system would be a serious challenge to American Telephone & Telegraph Co.'s data and teleconferencing services, and electronic mail services such as the one launched this year by MCI.

An MCI spokesman, however, denied the two systems would compete for customers.

"We're an information highway and they'll still be a document service. There isn't anything you can do with a satellite that you can't do cheaper with fiber optics and microwave," he said.

In the FCC filing, Federal Express proposed to build three and launch two medium-powered Ku-band satellites,

which would transmit and receive information from four regional teleports in Memphis, Colorado Springs, Colo., and unspecified locations in California and the Northeast.

The teleports would transmit and receive from the 50,000 low-cost 1.9-meter earth station "dishes" Federal Express proposes to build at its customer offices nationwide and at businesses that frequently use the service.

The satellite system would cost \$1.2 billion to build, including \$900 million for the teleports and earth stations. Federal Express expects to finance the project mainly with its own capital. The company last year showed an after-tax profit of \$89 million after being in business only 10 years.



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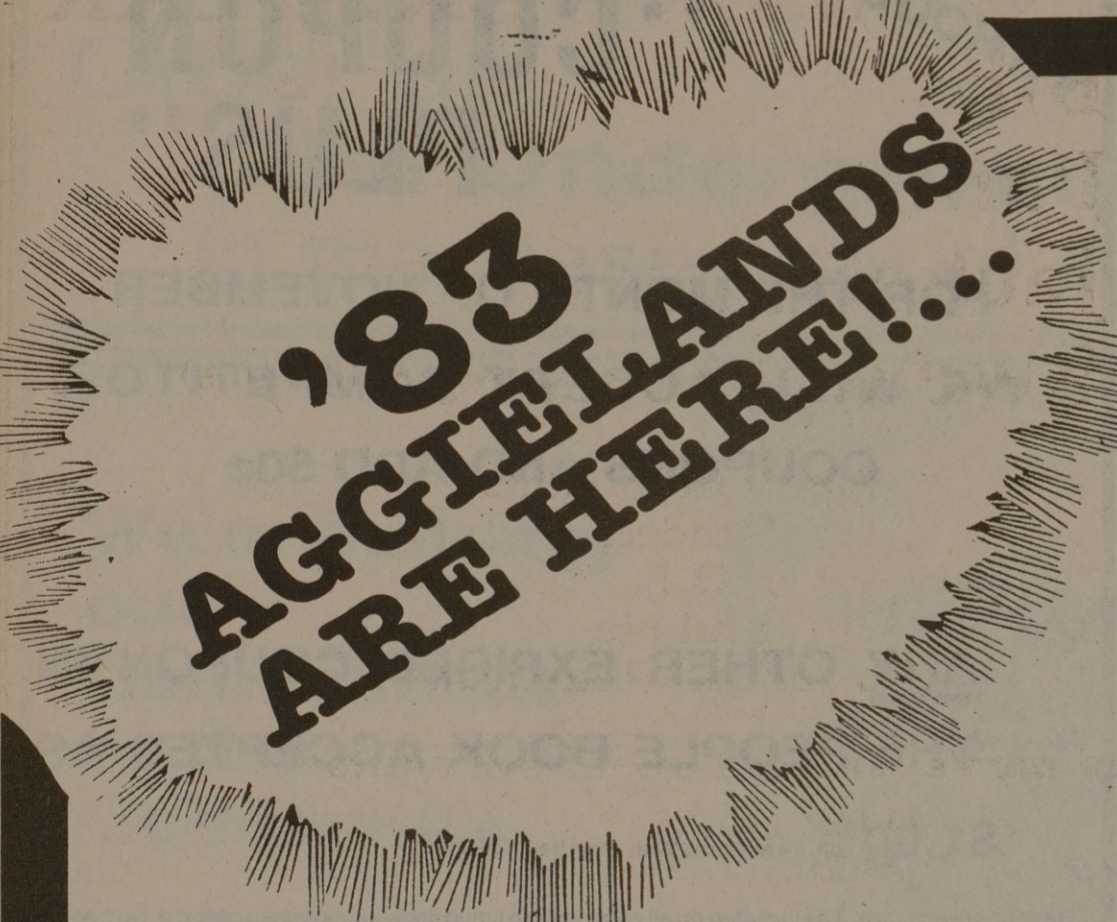
- A brown 10-speed bicycle from the front of Dorm 10.
- A grey 10-speed bicycle from the front of Southside Apartments.
- A green 3-speed bicycle from behind University Book Store.
- A motorcycle helmet, jacket and gloves from a 1982 motorcycle parked in the staff lot north of the Engineering Building.
- A rifle from the student parking lot west of Olsen Field. The rifle belonged to the Corps freshmen drill team, practicing at the time.

BURGLARY:

- \$40 in cash from a room in Dorm 2.

OTHER:

- Two juveniles were damaging a green on the Texas A&M golf course, University Police said. The children were taken to the police department and released to the custody of their parents.



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