

Clayton Williams helps teach business course

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Reporter

known as a booster of Texas A&M.

Williams, a 1954 animal husbandry graduate of Texas A&M, will be boosting Texas A&M again by helping to teach the class entitled Special Studies in Entrepreneurship, says visiting lecturer Ella Van Fleet, who designed the course.

"Considering the success that Williams has had, and super Aggie that he is, what else is left for him to share his knowledge with the students?" she asks. Van Fleet will be the primary teacher of the class.

Before conducting his first

class on Thursday, Williams, a Midland resident, asked, "What Aggie wouldn't like to come back and be called professor?"

Although Williams has never taught a class before, he said that he thinks both he and the students will learn valuable business insights from the class.

Because the class is available only to seniors and graduate students in the business college, Williams will stay after each class to talk with students who wanted to get in the class, but couldn't.

Williams will be teaching the class Feb. 23, March 23, April 12, and April 26.

Bronze statues depicting Indian culture on exhibit

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KERRVILLE — In 1959, the chairman of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council asked sculptor Robert Macfie Scriver to create 12 statues depicting facets of tribal culture.

The Indian leader suddenly died, but Scriver's artistic mission lived on.

Instead of the 12 statues, he eventually completed 53 bronze works depicting 1,200 years of Blackfeet culture.

The dramatic collection, titled "No More Buffalo," is on display through April 15 at the Cowboy Artists of America Museum, representing its first major exhibition of the year.

"No one can view these beautiful works of Bob Scriver without being terribly moved," said museum director Griff

Carnes. "To see them is an emotional experience."

Scriver, the son of a trader, was born on the Blackfeet Indian reservation at Browning, Mont., in 1914 and saw first hand the effects of white man's presence on a native American culture.

With the extermination of the buffalo in the late 1800s, the Blackfeet tradition was destroyed and the Indians were forced to rely on the government for food and shelter.

"The buffalo was their entire existence," Scriver said in a telephone interview from Browning. "They used them for food, housing, clothing and religion. You take that away and they don't have anything. It (buffalo) was the key to their culture."

As their culture declined, the Blackfeet became reservation

Indians. But Scriver said they did not fight the encroaching white civilization.

"They more or less accepted it. They knew the end of the buffalo was in sight and they gradually started staying near the trading posts and forts," he said.

Scriver said it was 1959, when tribal leader Mead Swingle commissioned the statues, before he thought of capturing the Blackfeet culture in bronze.

The theme "No More Buffalo" was taken from the title of a single work — an elderly Black-

feet clutching a spear and gazing across the empty plains.

The model was Ed Big Beaver, and Scriver recalled explaining his intentions to the old man.

"Eddie, I want to portray an old-time Blackfeet with only a spear for his weapon, dressed in moccasins, breechcloth, belt and knife. No feathers or other props we will use. This man is standing on a high and windy hill, looking off across the plains that were once dotted with buffalo but are silent and empty now."

Senate proposes crime bill

Insanity plea debated

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WASHINGTON — The Senate began work Monday on its first major bill this year — sweeping anti-crime legislation that includes a major change in the insanity plea.

Republican leader Howard Baker said a final vote could come late Monday or Tuesday.

Four controversial issues — the death penalty, habeas corpus, the federal tort claims act and the exclusionary rule — were kept out of the bill under the common agreement allowing each to be handled separately once work on the main legislation is finished.

Among the more noticeable legal changes in the measure is a proposal to reverse the insanity defense, making a defendant prove he was insane at the time of the crime rather than making prosecutors prove he was not.

The proposal is a direct outgrowth of the verdict in the trial of John W. Hinckley Jr. on charges of trying to assassinate President Reagan. Hinckley was found not guilty by reason of insanity and is now in a federal mental hospital in Washington.

The administration-backed measure also would require a jail term for anyone convicted of using a firearm during a violent crime that falls under federal jurisdiction. It would impose a mandatory five-year term for anyone using any handgun loaded with armor-piercing bullets — often called "cop killer" bullets since they can penetrate bullet-proof vests — during a violent crime. The legislation also would:

- Tighten bail laws to provide for pre-trial detention in some cases.
- Replace the U.S. Parole Commission with a sentencing commission to develop standardized sentencing guidelines for judges to use.
- Give the government greater power to seize the assets of those involved in organized crime or drug operations.
- Substantially boost fines and penalties for drug trafficking.
- Increase penalties for labor racketeering, and for crimes involving the transport of large amounts of money in or out of the country.

The Senate tried last year to pass the package but in the final weeks of the session was unable to agree on what could be included. The leadership set it aside until this year.

In the House, crime control measures have been handled in a more piecemeal fashion, with various parts of the comprehensive package taken up in different subcommittees.

The four most controversial proposals — the ones on the death penalty, habeas corpus, the federal tort claims act and the exclusionary rule — are expected to be debated in the Senate as separate items next week.

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