

Teachers' group files grievance with district

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EL PASO—The Texas State Teachers Association has filed a grievance with a rural school district, saying first and second grade students are being denied their right to textbooks.

Joanna Pittman, association representative, said Thursday the grievance is aimed at putting pressure on the Socorro Independent School District in eastern El Paso County to provide math textbooks to first and second graders.

Socorro Superintendent Bill Sybert said the district has been trying to get the books since last spring, but that the Texas Edu-

cation Agency has failed to deliver them.

Students are using photocopies of textbooks to complete their math assignments.

"We've heard a lot of different reasons why this has happened," Pittman said. "At this point, we don't want to blame anyone, we just want the materials delivered."

Teachers in the Socorro Independent School District have complained they have been receiving conflicting information from the district about the availability of books.

Sybert said he was angry the books had not been delivered yet.

He said he put in his request for books last spring, and asked the agency again for the books in October and January.

Finally, he sent a letter to Austin last Friday, seeking an explanation.

An official in the TEA office confirmed that Sybert's letter arrived there Tuesday, but said no one in the office could comment on the situation.

The school district has been growing 15 to 20 percent annually in recent years, and this is especially evident in the lower grades, district officials said.

Kissinger, Haig scheduled to speak at lecture series

by Ed Alanis
Staff writer

Contracts have been signed with Henry Kissinger and Alexander Haig to speak for the MSC Endowed Lecture Series, setting the cost of this year's program at an estimated \$65,000.

MSC Director James Reynolds estimates ticket sales may reach as high as \$20,000. Even so, more than \$45,000 in donations will have to be raised, as the lecture series still does not have a permanent endowment.

A \$300,000 endowment is being considered by a private corporation, but it is still being negotiated and will probably not be available for funding of this year's program, Reynolds said.

The lecture series currently receives most of its funding from the MSC Enrichment Fund, but this fund is only as big as students make it, Director of Fund Raising Rebecca Noah said.

Students from the fund raising committee visit businesses around the state, soliciting donations for the various MSC programs. They have contacts in every major metropolitan area of Texas,

tional as the lecture series itself, Reynolds said.

Although the cost of this year's program is lower than last year's, the fund raising committee has a big job ahead, Noah said. However, all of the bills from last year have been paid and we are starting with a clean slate, she said. Not counting ticket revenues, more than \$55,000 was raised for last year's program.

Speaker fees for this year total \$60,000, but transportation and lodging fees are also paid for by the lecture series.

The highlight of the program will be a discussion between Kissinger and Haig on U.S. foreign policy. NBC Chief Diplomatic Correspondent Marvin Kalb will act as the moderator.

The program will include two or three seminars with Kissinger and Haig. The Political Science Department has been put in charge of these sessions. A review of the Corps of Cadets is also planned. The program date is set

for April 19.


Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter were invited to speak in the program, but both declined due to election year activities. However, they both expressed an interest in coming to the University in the future, Endowed Lecture Series Chairman Jason Wischmeier said.

The Endowed Lecture Series began last year, with former President Gerald Ford, former British Prime Minister Edward Heath and former German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt gathering to discuss the future of the Western Alliance.

Marvin Kalb, who also acted as moderator last year, made this comment:

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BANDERA—The slaying of a 36-year-old elementary school teacher was ruled homicide, Bandera County Sheriff Guy Pickett said Thursday.

The body of Denise Walker, 36, was found Wednesday by her parents in their mobile home six miles south of Bandera near Lake Medina, authorities said.

Walker, an elementary school teacher, was killed by a gunshot wound to the head, said Bexar County Medical Examiner Dr. Vincent B. He

who ruled the death a homicide. "It was a gunshot wound, there was no gun (in the mobile home), Pickett said. An investigation is underway, but authorities have no suspects in the case, he

Will they miss you at Spring Break?

Gov. Mark White Tuesday named March 10 as the special election date to fill the District 14 state representative vacancy. Democratic Secretary of State John Fainter said he did not know, nor had he heard it discussed, that March 10 was the beginning of spring break.

He said that March 10 had been described as a "convenient day" by party officials.

But Fainter did say the election could have been called earlier, possibly March 3, another Saturday.

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Student Senate opposes election date

The bill states that because "students and faculty traditionally make vacation and travel plans during the break and are therefore expected to be out of town during the election, expecting such a large number of voters to vote absentee is both an inconvenience and increases the chances of misrepresentation of the 14th district's population."

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