

# Suit money will support education

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White said Thursday that \$300 million awarded to the state under a federal-court ruling would be used to support public education, with some of the funds perhaps available for a special legislative session next summer.

The award, which Land

Commissioner Garry Mauro said could reach \$315 million, was ordered by U.S. District Judge Robert Parker of Beaumont in his ruling on a case filed by the state against the U.S. department of Interior. White, who originally filed the suit when he served as attorney general, said the state had argued that the increased value

of four federal oil and gas tracts off the Texas coast was due to the state's aggressive efforts to develop oil leases on its own nearby offshore lands. "The judge accepted the state's argument that federal OCS leases increased in value by \$430 million as a direct result of escalating bonuses earned from nearby state offshore leases," the governor said.

White said the value of the federal tracts went up only after Texas had proved there was oil on its adjacent land and had secured 45 percent to 50 percent production royalties from oil and gas companies developing its tracts. Parker awarded half of the enhanced value, or \$215 million, to the state as well as \$85 million in interest and royalties that had accrued since the case began in 1979.

The money currently is being held in escrow by the Interior Department, White said, and could be transferred to the state immediately should the federal government not appeal Parker's ruling.

However both he and Attorney General Jim Mattox said an appeal probably was unavoidable.

White credited former Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong with aggressively promoting offshore development of Texas lands, thereby pushing up the value of adjacent federal oil tracts.

Mattox also called Parker's order a "major precedent" because it supported Texas' interpretation of a federal statute that says the federal govern-

ment and the states will share revenues on oil and gas leases along the border between state-owned and federal-owned offshore lands.

"This is an extremely significant opinion and will have a major impact for many states concerning the division of revenues between the sea coast states and the federal government," Mattox said. "We are very pleased with this landmark case."

White and Mattox said the \$215 million automatically would go into Texas Permanent School Fund, an endowment that produces interest income used to defray the cost of public schooling.

The \$85 million in interest and royalties, they said, probably would go directly to education and could free up additional funds to be used for funding White's promise of higher teacher salaries.

Mattox also noted his office has made a similar claim against \$135 million in revenue produced by the federal government's sale of leases on three other offshore tracts near the state lands.

## What's up

FRIDAY

**BAPTIST STUDENT UNION:** A free international dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the BSU. Everyone is welcome.

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** A leadership training class will be held at 6:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington. For more information, call David Morrison at 266-6205.

**CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** The 'Acuser' will be discussed at 7 p.m. in 501 Nagle #2. Contact Brent Lyon at 696-6063 for more information.

**HILLEL:** Shabbat services will be held at 8 p.m. in the Student Center. For more information, contact Jean at 696-7313.

**TAMU CHESS CLUB:** A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 407 A&B Rudder Tower. Players of all strengths welcome.

**TAMU SPORTS CAR CLUB:** A scavenger hunt will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Zachry Lot #50. For more information, contact Cyndie Harris at 779-9301.

**TAMU TENNIS CLUB:** Challenge ladders are posted in East Kyle and will begin today. Memberships are still available. For more information, call Mike Streeby at 693-2987.

**UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL:** Grad students and single undergrads over 22 are meeting to go out for dinner. Those who are interested in joining should meet at 6 p.m. in the Student Center. Contact Pastor Hubert Beck for more information.

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## UIL recommends limiting absences due to sports to five days per year

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AUSTIN — A study committee of the University Interscholastic League Thursday recommended that participants in

minor high school sports be limited to five absences per year to cut down on time lost from classroom work.

The five days of absences per year would apply to students who participate in swimming, track, golf, tennis, speech and drama and literary programs.

The recommendation on absences by the Loss of School Time Committee followed by five days the state Board of Ed-

ucation committee's approval of five excused absences per year for extra-curricular activities.

But UIL assistant athletic Director Susan Zinn said the Board of Education's proposed rule is more restrictive since it does not apply only to UIL-sanctioned activities.

No action was taken to restrict football and basketball, Zinn said, because a UIL survey showed those sports were not

causing excessive classroom

sences.

The UIL panel also recommended several other changes in UIL rules to address concerns that too much of students' day is taken up by extra-curricular activities.

The recommendations were forwarded to the UIL legislative Committee at a March meeting in Austin. They will have to clear another UIL panel and be approved by a state vote of school superintendents before being implemented.

Zinn said the earliest recommendations could take effect would be 1985.

Other recommendations the panel would:

- Discourage coaches from forcing athletes to specialize in one sport or participate in season conditioning programs.
- Limit non-varsity competition to one school night per week.
- Eliminate activities during nights prior to exam week.
- Set up a trial program of round robin and pool play in basketball and volleyball tournaments.
- Adopt another UIL committee recommendation to establish district official junior high school competition.

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- A blue Huffy 10-speed bicycle was stolen from in front of Walton Hall.
- A maroon Western 10-speed bicycle was stolen from the Bolton Hall bike rack.
- A red Scourcher 10-speed bicycle was stolen from in front of Rudder Tower.
- A Fluke brand voltmeter was stolen from 111A Zachry.

**BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:**

- A citizens band radio, Audiovox equalizer and a overnight bag containing a variety of tools were stolen from a car in Parking Annex 24.

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