

Committee to research travel agency options

By JILL GOLDEN
Reporter

The MSC Council approved forming a committee to study options for providing a full service travel agency at Texas A&M which would provide services to students and faculty including study abroad pro-

grams in the first meeting of the new council Monday night. Headed by Cory Courtney, executive vice president for administration, the committee will decide how great the need for an on-campus travel service is. The study was prompted by the recent rejection by Univer-

sity administrators to renew Texas A&M's lease with Beverly Braley Travel, Courtney said. The rejection by administrators was based on the space Braley Travel takes up in the MSC, he said.

The council felt the need for an on-campus travel service was high, especially among international students, who make up a large percent of Braley's business, said Greg Hawkins, former Council chairman.

Also approved at the meeting was a proposal to be given to the Enrichment Fund Board requesting it to assist in developing fundraising projects for MSC Great Issues' Buckley/Galbraith debate next semester. Great Issues needs an additional \$12,000 said Becky Noah, vice president for development. Bill Reynolds, secretary/treasurer for the Council and Enrichment Fund Board member, said the Board will probably accept the proposal.

Spence closed to traffic due to sewer construction

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Reporter

The portion of Spence Street in front of Zachry will be closed for the next three weeks because of the addition of a larger sewer pipe to the drainage system.

Ernie Sims, construction inspector for the maintenance and modifications division of the Physical Plant, said that a 66-inch diameter pipe is being installed to divert the heavy flow of excess rainwater backing up from the additions of the Halbouty Annex and the Engineering Labo-

ratory Center on the northeast side of campus. Smaller pipes already existing he said, cannot handle this overflow of rain water from these buildings.

He said the pipes needed to be replaced to avoid additional flooding.

Since much of the northeast campus is paved and is lower than other parts of the campus, rain water flows to that side causing a flood, Sims said.

"The new buildings, plus Zachry and Blocker cause an

even greater water drainage problem than we had before," he said, "which resulted in a flood on that side of campus every time it rained. The old drainage system just wasn't meant for that many buildings."

The problem is also related to the problem of overflow water on the golf course.

Mike Smith, the construction project manager said that some of the pipes crossing underneath the engineering buildings and going out towards the golf course will be abandoned and new

pipes will be installed perpendicular to the existing pipes, rerouting the water into a collecting under the Engineering Building.

"This really is a simple project," he said.

Utility lines that were clearly marked are causing minor problems with the progress of the project.

"Utility lines are everywhere and we have to be careful to break the lines without hitting them, which requires extra time."

Texas gaining importance for Democratic nomination

United Press International

AUSTIN — Until John Glenn bailed out and Gary Hart tightened the screws on front-running Walter Mondale, it appeared the Democratic nomination for president would be decided long before the May 5 caucuses in Texas.

But Texas, with its 200 delegates representing the third richest prize in the nation, is now rapidly assuming an importance that was lacking just weeks ago.

"Texas is going to be viewed as one of the pivotal states in the whole thing," says Rep. Martin Frost, Hart's Texas coordinator. "Texas will be a real battleground."

State party Chairman Robert Slagle admits primaries and caucuses in other states have changed Texas' status, but he says "it would be an overstatement to say we're critical yet."

Mondale is still viewed as the leader in Texas, but Hart's national momentum has carried over into Texas where he has picked up the support of several former key Glenn supporters.

"Mostly what he's got is what he already had plus some Glenn people," says Slagle, a Mondale

backer. "They (Hart workers) are going to be working hard and spend a lot of money, but I still think Mondale will get 60 percent."

"The Mondale people say they'll get two-thirds of the delegates, but we think we'll do much better than that," says John Poulard, Southwest regional coordinator for Hart.

The former vice president has the all-important backing of party pros who are familiar with the complicated delegate selection process.

"Mondale has a lock on local leadership," says Tony Bonilla of Corpus Christi, a national coordinator for Jesse Jackson's campaign.

Even Hart concedes the Texas' confusing caucus system "favors Mr. Mondale's candidacy."

Mondale supporters say his two-year head start in organizing Texas support will be too much for Hart to overcome.

"The reason Mondale is going to win is that he's built the infrastructure," says State Land Commissioner Garry Mauro.

Mondale's support in Texas includes former state party chairmen Calvin Guest and Billy Goldberg, popular San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisner-

os, Texas AFL-CIO President Harry Hubbard and Slagle.

Popular Democratic Gov. Mark White has declined to endorse a candidate, but his chief political aid, Dwayne Holman, has taken a leave of absence to direct Mondale's Texas campaign.

Blacks and Hispanics in Texas are divided between Mondale and Jackson.

While Jackson's support seems scant, he could chip away at Mondale and Hart by picking up sizable chunks of minority votes in cities such as Houston, Dallas and San Antonio.

"He's (Jackson) running so far behind, he's got to get some movement, some way," says state Rep. Al Edwards of Houston, Jackson's state chairman.

Among the Hart converts since Glenn's departure are Houston oilman Jim Calaway, who helped raise \$1 million for the Ohio senator. But other former Glenn heavyweights, including wealthy and influential Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, have not made up their minds.

Four Texas congressmen who had supported Glenn, Mike Andrews, Ralph Hall, Charles Stenholm and Jack Hightower, say they expect to go to the convention uncom-

mited.

Hobby and Calaway, however, that Hart will be chief beneficiary of Glenn's departure.

"There's no doubt about it," said Hobby. "A substantial amount will go to Mondale."

Calaway said a "large percentage" will move to Hart because "there are just a few people who think Mondale has a hard time against Hart."

State Sen. Ray Farabee, former Glenn backer who now supports Hart, said a Hobby endorsement could sway others.

"I think we need a statement to encourage that," he said.

Democrats will select 200 delegates — including pledged delegates — in a process that begins at the district level the night of the 5 Democratic primary.

State senatorial caucuses May 19 will elect delegates to the state convention in Dallas on June 15-16, where delegates to the national convention will be selected.

The national convention delegates will be divided between men and women, at least 42 must be Hispanic and 30 younger than

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Roa will speak on statistics as a technology of the present age. His visit to campus is co-sponsored by the University President's office and the Institute of Statistics.

Roa earned his doctoral degree from Cambridge University. He is currently a professor at the University of Pittsburg

and a Nehru professor at Indian Statistical Institute.

Roa has specialized in research in estimation, appropriate analysis, design of experiments, combinatorics and characterization of probability distributions.

The lecture begins at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder Tower and is open to the public.

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Applications are available in 216 MSC from the secretary. All applications are due by Tuesday, April 24th no later than 5:00pm. Applications can be handed in to the secretary or placed in the Career Development mail box in the back of SPO. Interviews will be held Wednesday, April 25th and Thursday, April 26th.

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