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## Family donates money to MSC

By JULIE ENNIS  
Reporter

A Dallas family has donated a \$500,000 endowment to underwrite the MSC Endowed Lecture Series. MSC Vice President of Development Becky Noah told the MSC Council Saturday that the James Wiley family of Dallas has agreed to provide the endowment because family members want to help provide resources necessary for the series' continuation.

Noah said the Wiley family was impressed with the "Perspectives on U.S. Foreign Policy" program in April and wanted to help.

The endowment will be added to the MSC Enrichment Fund, which provides the Memorial Student Center with money that is not generated by the general revenue and student service fees.

James Wiley, '71, is a member of the 1983-84 Enrichment Board of Directors. The board is a group of 24 former students, three faculty, five students and two staff members. It was created to support the fundraising efforts of MSC organizations that depend on donations.

MSC Director Jim Reynolds said a two-year-old fund, established by accounting professor Charles Plum and his family, has been retitled. The \$25,000 Plum Family Fund has been renamed the MSC Council Officers Special Fund, he said.

The name change was made to encourage donations from past and present MSC Council members.

In other business, the MSC vice president of student development, Jill Thrash, announced her committee's plans to incorporate a Learning Resource Library in the MSC Student Programs Office in the fall.

The library will provide information on a variety of topics such as problem solving, decision making, self-improvement and group management, Thrash said.

Resources for the LRL include the Richardson Independent School District, Otis Engineering Inc., International Business Machines and the Texas A&M Student Activities Office, she said.

"This is a great opportunity for anyone looking to inspire and motivate their committees or organizations," Thrash said.

The council established an ad-hoc committee to study the feasibility of a student leadership center. The center, suggested by Dr. William Mobley, dean of the College of Business Administration, would be an on-going program that would provide leadership and management skills for students.

Steve Hodge, manager of the University Center Complex, gave the council an update on the Special Events Center's progress. He said the center, now planned to seat 17,000 people, is in the conceptual design stage, but he said a completion date is still uncertain. The architect selected for the project is the same person who designed the Frank Erwin Special Events Center at the University of Texas.

The council supported the University Center Advisory Committee's recommendation to relocate and consolidate the Offices of School Relations from the MSC and the Rudder Theater Complex to the lower level of the MSC.

Hodge said the Office of School Relations needs additional space that could not be added to either of the existing offices.



Flying Fun Photo by PETER ROCHA

Ana Villaronga, a sophomore environmental design major from Houston, flings a flying disc Monday afternoon near Haas Hall. Villaronga and friends take time after class to play just about everyday.

## Education bill modifications 'unacceptable'

United Press International

AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White and House Speaker Gib Lewis told an angry crowd of 500 Monday that changes made to an education reform bill were unacceptable, setting the stage for a fierce fight when the measure reaches the floor of the Texas House.

Despite intense pressure from Lewis and lobbyists for H. Ross Perot's Select Committee on Public Education (SCOPE), the House Public Education Committee early Monday adopted a bill that Lewis said "guttled" reforms agreed upon after intense negotiations last week.

To express their displeasure with the committee action, community groups from across the state rallied on the front steps of the Capitol to demand an education funding plan that would give more money to the state's poorest school districts.

The school funding proposal adopted by the committee essentially would keep the present funding system, even though it has been challenged as unconstitutional in a class-action lawsuit.

"Last night there was a crime committed here," said Helen Ayala, executive vice president of Valley Interfaith, a church-based reform group located in the Rio Grande Valley. "Instead of a Fathers' Day celebration, our children were assaulted."

Marcia Welch, a member of the Eastside Apostolate of San Antonio, called the committee action "the Father's Day Massacre of SCOPE."

Both Lewis and White said they were dissatisfied with the committee's bill and predicted that many of the SCOPE reforms would be put back in the bill during floor debate as early as Wednesday.

"Not only do I think it does not improve education," Lewis said. "I think it takes about five steps backward." Lewis also said he could not support a tax bill to pay for the education bill unless it was revised.

White, who spent most of the morning conferring with House and Senate members, also blasted the committee's action.

"I'm not satisfied at all at the current time on where we are on the bill," White said.

The groups that rallied against the committee bill were particularly adamant in their demand for a new equalization aid program, the school funding mechanism that is supposed to funnel money to the state's poorest school districts.

The Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund has filed suit against the state, claiming the present equalization aid formula discriminates against poor schools.

Attorney General Jim Mattox told the crowd that he could not defend the current school funding program unless it was revised to give more money to school districts with a low property tax base.

## 'I Care' will help minority students

By Karen Giles  
Reporter

Mix involvement, communications, academics, relations, and enrichment and the result is "I Care," a program designed to help incoming minority students.

Kevin Carreathers, a minority advisor for the Student Activities Center directs the program. He said "I Care" consists of a series of counseling workshops aimed at retaining minority underclassmen.

"Although minority students are entering college at the same level as majority students, studies show them leaving at a faster rate," Carreathers said. "I Care" is an academic and personal support system for this problem.

"I Care" was founded three years ago at North Texas State University, where Carreathers received his undergraduate degree. He has been working closely with its founder, Argie Nell Madison, since she recently

gave him permission to start her successful program at Texas A&M.

Carreathers says the workshops help students prepare for problems in academic survival, career planning, self-marketing, budgeting and finance, and human relations.

The program, scheduled to begin Sept. 1, will include tours of the library, the career center in Rudder Tower, and trips to the Westinghouse and Texas Instrument plants. Participants in the program will

learn where to find tutors, how to participate in classroom discussions, and how to manage money.

The "I Care" staff is composed of an assistant director, three activity coordinators and nine team leaders, all students.

Karen Wright, a senior economics major from Silsbee, said her job as activity coordinator will take at least nine hours of her time a week.

"I'll do anything to help retain minorities at A&M," she said. "My job

consists of scheduling speakers, coordinating team leaders, and helping with just about everything."

Wright said she's worked with Carreathers for the past year.

"We're expecting 150 blacks to enroll this fall, and most, from previous records, aren't expected to stay past their freshman year," Wright said. "Many don't realize they're eligible for scholarships or financial aid. We're hoping to change this through 'I Care' by informing the

students of the opportunities open to them through the lectures and counseling."

The program, funded by Student Activities, also provides lectures on reading and study skills, career entry, resume writing and how to interview, effective use of the library, and male-female relationships.

"I Care" will meet once a week for seven weeks.

### In Today's Battalion

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• Brazos County is making plans for the 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial celebration. See story page 3.

#### State

• A Texas bill that would mandate the use of car safety seats for children is predicted to pass in the current special session. See story page 8.

• Parents of a Houston teenager charged in the shooting death of a female mail carrier followed a judge's order Monday and appeared before a grand jury. See story page 4.

#### National

• The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that states cannot censor cable television programming to eliminate liquor commercials. See story page 4.

## Stock market rebounds with big gain

United Press International

NEW YORK — The stock market, coming off its worst week in nearly five years, rebounded Monday with its biggest gain in two months as a small wave of buying turned into a near-hurricane of activity.

Trendsetting IBM, which fell to a 14-month low last week, and bellwether General Motors were among the leaders in the powerful blue-chip rally that lifted Wall Street from a 16-month low on hopes for lower interest rates.

The Dow Jones average, down 3

at the outset, soared 22.75 to 1,109.65, the biggest gain since it surged 26.17 April 12. It dropped 44.35 overall last week, the worst setback since Oct. 12, 1979.

Some analysts think Friday's close of 1,086.90, which put it at the lowest level since Feb. 22, 1983, might be the bottom point for the year.

The New York Stock Exchange index jumped 1.38 to 87.55 and the price of an average share increased 48 cents. Advances led declines 1,060-492 among the 1,945 issues traded at 4 p.m. EDT.

## Immigration bill 'probably will pass'

United Press International

WASHINGTON — House Democratic leader Jim Wright said Monday a controversial immigration bill "probably will pass" if it contains a key provision giving legal status to many aliens now illegally in the country.

"I think that some form of legalization or amnesty is necessary," the Texas Democrat told reporters. "Otherwise, without that, you really don't have much of a bill."

He called the amnesty provision a necessary part of the landmark legis-

lation and said: "About the whole bill, it would be my guess that it probably will pass."

The measure would grant permanent residence to millions of illegal aliens who entered the United States before 1982, but impose sanctions against employers who hire others in the future.

The bipartisan legislation is known as the Simpson-Mazzoli bill in recognition of its key sponsors, Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., and Rep. Romano Mazzoli, D-Ky.

Amnesty is the most controversial

and divisive issue left for the House to face before the final vote.

Backers of the bill say legalization and sanctions against employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens are so closely linked that loss of either would throw the measure out of balance and lead to its defeat.

Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., is expected to offer an amendment that Wright said "would wipe out amnesty altogether."

Some members have indicated they will vote against the bill if it in-

cludes amnesty, but McCollum has announced that he expects to vote for the bill even if his amendment fails.

An amendment expected to be offered by Rep. Dan Lungren, R-Calif., the chief Republican supporter, would make the bill conform to the Senate-passed version, which would grant permanent residence to those in the country since Jan. 1, 1977, and temporary residence to those who came later but before Jan. 1, 1980.

Some dealers said the Treasury's announcement Wednesday of its quarterly refunding plans could cause the market to pause.

The bond market, which rallied last week, rebounded from an early decline even though federal funds rates banks charge one another rose to 11 1/2 percent from 11 1/4 percent Friday.

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