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## Education official doesn't want cuts

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — Departing Education Secretary Terrel Bell says he is seeking a fiscal 1986 budget of \$17.9 billion — the same as this year — despite President Reagan's calls for cuts in federal spending.

"Education is just as important as national defense," Bell said in an interview in which he disclosed his budget proposal. "It is just as critical to our future."

"What I'd like to see is at least level funding," Bell told United Press International in a weekend telephone interview from his home in Salt Lake City.

"There are some areas that could use more resources, but given the deficit, if it stays at \$17.9 (billion), that will be pretty darn good," he said.

"I know the president faces a terrible burden of this deficit," Bell said. "But we're going to be sending the wrong signal to all those trying to turn education around if we don't come up with the right proposal."

Budget director David Stockman told Reagan last week the federal deficit for this fiscal year is headed for \$210 billion — a \$20 billion increase over earlier projections.

"It's hard for me to speculate what the budget will look like when it leaves the White House," he said. "But I predict it will fare better than all other budgets — save national defense."

Reagan proposed cuts in money for education during his three years in office, but each time Congress refused. The resulting increases did not keep pace with inflation, however.

In February, Reagan proposed his first increase in the department's

budget — \$15.5 billion, a 1 percent rise over the year before. Congress kicked up the number to \$17.9 billion.

Bell, 63, a former high school teacher and principal, announced his resignation as education secretary on Nov. 8, becoming the first member of Reagan's Cabinet to decline a second term.

He will formally step down on Dec. 31 and begin his new job the following week as an education professor at the University of Utah.

Bell helped initiate an unprecedented campaign to upgrade America's schools and nearly all states and localities have moved to raise standards and teacher salaries in the past two years, primarily using local tax money.

When Bell joined the Cabinet, he had a mandate to help the president abolish the Education Department. But, by spurring education reform, he strengthened it.

"I think the department is safe now," Bell said, noting Reagan, along with the Republican Party, has shelved efforts to abolish the agency created at the urging of President Jimmy Carter.

Bell said he initially agreed with Reagan that the department should be dismantled, but concluded after becoming secretary, "American education needs to be represented by a Cabinet-level department."

As secretary, Bell created the National Commission on Excellence in Education, which in April 1983 issued a report that found the nation's schools engulfed in a "rising tide of mediocrity."



Photo by KATHY MCHUGH

### Sharp eye

Deer hunting season began this weekend and David Mueller, a business major from Seguin, was ready. Mueller sits high on a deer stand and takes some practice shots at his deer lease in Jeddo.

## Satellites pulled from Discovery

**United Press International**  
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Two satellites plucked from useless orbits last week by the crew of the shuttle Discovery were removed from the spaceship's payload bay Sunday to ready them for shipment back to the factory.

The Westar 6 and Palapa B-2 radio relay stations, were wrestled aboard the shuttle by astronauts Dale Gardner and Joseph Allen during spacewalks last week.

Workers also have started tests of the shuttle's heat shield tile system. Discovery's sistership Challenger is grounded with insulation problems and engineers want to be sure a similar problem does not exist with Discovery.

NASA spokesman Hugh Harris said several tiles have been tested, although none have yet been removed from Discovery to examine the adhesive layer below them where problems turned up with Challenger.

"They have not pulled any off, but they have pull tested some of them and they were OK," Harris said.

Insurers hope to sell the used satellites to recoup a portion of the \$180 million in claims paid out to the original owners of the relay stations.

Western Union and Indonesia.

Both \$35 million satellites were sent into useless orbits by rocket failures shortly after their launch by the

crew of the shuttle Challenger in February.

Underwriter Stephen Meren who spearheaded the retrieval effort, said Palapa would resell for between \$30 million and \$40 million while Westar could bring as much as \$30 million.

The satellites will be partially disassembled and shipped back to a Hughes plant in El Segundo, Calif. at the end of the month for detailed inspections and refurbishment.



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# McDONALD'S

## INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

DRIVE-THRU WINDOW At University Drive

Now at Manor East Mall BREAKFAST EVERY MORNING



Yellow-SAE Dogs vs. Red-Who Knows Preseason Flag Football

### FLICKERBALL-IT'S SO UNUSUAL

Flickerball is a game that combines both football and basketball skills. The game is played on a field 53 yards long and 30 yards wide with a rectangular goal at both ends.

The object of the game is to advance the football toward the goal by passing and then attempting to throw the ball through the goal.

Teams consist of seven players while Co-Rec teams consist of 3 males and 3 females.

Intramural Flickerball finals are being played tomorrow, Nov. 20. Come out and watch this truly unusual game.

- ### FLAG FOOTBALL
- #### MEN'S
- A Walton Boxers
  - B Team Effort
  - C Imports
- #### WOMEN
- B Clements Crush
  - A Tunas
  - C BSU We Be
- #### COREC
- A Metro Con
  - B Parkway Partiers

### T-SHIRTS STILL BEING SOLD

Texas A&M Sport Club long-sleeve T-shirts are still available.

The shirts are 100% cotton and are available in white, grey, gold, pink, purple, and light blue.

The cost of the shirt is \$10.

### WANTED

Basketball and outdoor soccer officials are needed for next semester. The first meeting is Monday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. in room 267 G. Rollie White. For more information call 845-7826 or come by the Intramural office, room 159 East Kyle.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

### ROAD TRIP

IM-Rec Sports is sponsoring a road trip on Wednesday, Nov. 28 to Houston for the Boston Celtics - Houston Rockets Game.

Reservations will be taken until Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. in the IM-Rec Sports Office, Room 159 East Kyle.

The cost is \$25 which covers transportation costs, beverages and snacks on the bus and lower promenade reserved seating.

For further information contact Jerry Miller or Robert Reese at 845-7826.

- ### INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL RULE CHANGES
- Starting next semester, the following rule changes will go into effect:
1. JUMP BALLS-after the first initial jump ball of the game, all other jump ball situations will result in alternating out-of-bounds takeouts. The team not obtaining control of the initial jump ball will start the alternating process.
  2. DUNKING-ALLOWED ONLY IN CLASS A COMPETITION!
  3. HANGING ON THE RIM-legal if done by a player who is fouled while shooting to prevent injury.
  4. COREC-all field goals shall be worth two (2) points, regardless of who scored.
  5. ELIGIBILITY-rules have been modified. Refer to the Intramural calendar for further details.

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