

Student liaison positions open

The deadline to turn in applications for the Chancellor's Student Advisory Board is April 17.

The 13-member board was formed two years ago as a "mechanism of getting student input directly into system administration and the Board of Regents," said Dr. Malon Southerland, assistant vice president of student services.

Madelon Yanta, vice chairman of the board, said the group has worked for increases in International Student Services funding and student health insurance, and also lobbied last fall for a system-wide endorsement of Proposition 2.

"We have substantially increased communication with the Board of Regents," she said.

Southerland said the group is a good way of facilitating communication with the presidents of the institutions.

The board also has fostered better communication between the stu-

dents at the different universities within the system, he said.

Four positions are open for Texas A&M representatives on the board. To be eligible, a student must have completed at least 27 hours of college, attended A&M for at least one semester, and have a 2.25 overall grade point average.

Applications are available at the following offices:

- Director of Student Activities
- Office of Student Affairs
- Office of the Commandant
- Office of the Director of the Memorial Student Center
- Office of the Vice President for Student Services

Completed applications should be returned to Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, in 110, YMCA Building. Interviews will be held April 22-26, and the list of 1985 CSAB members will be posted April 26.

Coastal wildfires rage across North Carolina

Associated Press

CRESWELL, N.C. — Wildfires that stretched in a 25-mile line, consuming 90,000 acres of coastal brushlands and destroying about two dozen homes, were "mostly contained" Monday, a North Carolina forestry official said.

The outbreak in three eastern counties "still poses a threat to unburned adjacent areas," said E.F. Corn, spokesman for the state Forest Service. "The perimeter of the fire is approximately 70 miles," he said. "About 75 percent of this area contains ground fire."

"Mostly contained means it is not spreading. We think we have it down ... It's really too smokey to see the area yet."

He added, "When the fire is controlled, it will probably take many weeks to mop it up."

Meanwhile, dry, windy weather persisted and damage from a week of fires across North Carolina climbed toward \$5 million. Joseph Dean, the state's public safety secretary, said the fires were the worst in North Carolina since 1963.

Coastal fires also raged Monday over 4,500 acres in South Carolina.



Presenting a service award to outgoing Councilman Bill Scasta (left) is Bryan Mayor Marvin Tate. Scasta, accompanied by his

wife Delma, and outgoing Mayor Ron Blatchley (right), next to his wife Ruth, both received the award.

Photo by PETER ROCHA

Bryan hosts farewell party for city mayor, councilman

By REBECCA ADAIR
Staff Writer

The city of Bryan hosted an informal gathering for outgoing Mayor Ron Blatchley and outgoing Councilman Bill Scasta Monday afternoon. The reception, at the Bryan Utilities Building, was complete with elaborate decorations and refreshments for the more than 100 people who came to pay tribute.

Introduced by newly-elected Mayor Marvin Tate, Scasta and Blatchley were presented plaques for community service.

Tate next introduced Blatchley as a man who is never at a loss for

words, and one who had served as a great friend and great leader for the city.

"He'll be a hard act to follow, and a class act," Tate said of Blatchley.

Blatchley used his time at the podium to publicly thank his wife and family for the sacrifices they had made.

"I'm embarrassed because we asked all of you to come down here during a working day," Blatchley added, "but I'm glad you're here."

Scasta said, "I've enjoyed my two years on the council, but it's like a woman's housework — the work is never done."

Blatchley's wife Ruth said now that her husband has returned to his one job as Texas A&M's student affairs director, he will have more time to spend with his grandson.

"Ron has always been a busy person," she said, "and I've learned to adjust to that through the years."

"I think it's been a burden more on him than on anyone else, having to be away from the family."

Both Blatchley and Scasta decided earlier this year not to run for re-election, though each served only one term in office.

White arrives in Honduras with the bee

Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Gov. Mark White arrived in Honduras Monday, carrying 400 pounds of barbecued beef for Texas National Guard troops taking part in games and kind words for President Reagan's Central American policy.

"I think the president is entitled to the support of the nation on issues relating to foreign affairs," White, a Democrat who has been critical of the Republican administration in the past.

In addition to the smoked beef, White brought 500 pounds of tortillas, 100 pounds of pinto beans, barbecue sauce and an unlimited number of jalapeno peppers.

White was invited to Central America by the Department of Defense after giving his permission to the Texas guardsmen to participate in the Big Pine Hill war games.

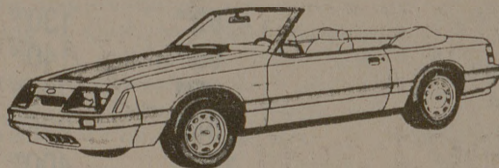
"It's important we demonstrate we are an effective fighting force. We should be called to the defense of our nation," White said.

The governor said his three-day trip was designed to show support for the troops and "let them know the seriousness of the mission."

Considerable attention has been paid to the participation of the Texas guard because of the proximity of their base camp, which is called "the Alamo," to the Nicaraguan border and the possibility of a Sandinista troops.

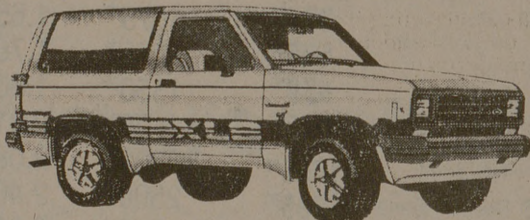
White was scheduled for a meeting with General Walter Lopez, head of the Honduran military, and U.S. Embassy officials said Lopez had been called to a council meeting by Presidentberto Suazo Cordova.

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