

## In Advance

### Scientists to discuss world troubles at A&M's Cassandra Conference

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Cassandra had the gift of prophecy. In Greek mythology Cassandra warned the Trojans to "beware of Greeks bearing gifts." Then the now-famous Trojan horse arrived with Greek warriors hidden inside, and the city fell.

Since that time, the name of Cassandra has been associated with ignored warnings.

And unheeded warnings will be what scientists from around the country will try to avoid at the Cassandra Conference. The conference will be held at Texas

A&M Monday and Tuesday. Overpopulation, poverty, declining resources, the environment and the threat of nuclear war are some of the topics to be covered by the scientists.

The conference was organized to honor Earl Cook, former dean of the College of Geosciences who spent much of his time warning others about having too much confidence in technology and of the danger posed by declining resources.

The conference will kick off Monday morning with a welcoming speech from University President Frank Vandiver. Monday's

speakers and their respective topics are: Garrett Hardin, Population; Dave Pimentel, First World Agriculture; Anne Ehrlich, Development and Agriculture; Peter Raven, Saving the Rainforests; John Harte, Acid Rains; and Steve Schneider, Climate and Agriculture.

Tuesday's speakers and topics include John Holdren, The Arms Race; Paul Ehrlich, The Ecology of Nuclear War; Ken Watt, World Economic Modeling; Herman Daly, Moving to the Steady State; and Dana Meadows, How We Can Improve Our Chances.

### Regent meeting set for Saturday

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The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents will meet Saturday to discuss state budget matters. The regents also will review management of Texas A&M's resources.

The regents will receive a status report on legislative action re-

garding prospects for appropriation of the state budget and a discussion of priority for the money to the Texas A&M System.

The board will also review management studies for making maximum use of Texas A&M's existing resources.

The regents will consider a

change in meeting dates and are expected to approve minutes from the March 26 meeting.

The meeting has been scheduled to coincide with Texas A&M's spring commencement and commissioning exercises because many of the regents participate in the ceremonies.

### Jamaican singer to give concert

Totlyn Jackson, a Jamaican jazz singer, will give a free concert Saturday at Tanglewood Park from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The concert is sponsored by the Arts Council of Brazos Valley, the Bryan Parks and Recreation Department and the Nina Heard Astin Charitable Trust Fund.

The majority of Jackson's performance will consist of Jamaican folk songs.

Jackson, a native Jamaican, lives in the Bryan-College Station

area, although she has retained her Jamaican citizenship.

She gave her first stage appearance when she was 16 years old and has performed worldwide in such places as Jamaica, Canada, England, Scandinavia and East Africa.

Because Jackson is the first Jamaican to make a career of the stage, she is billed as "Jamaica's First Lady of Stage." She also has received a citation from the Jamaican government for her worldwide promotion of Jamaica.

Jackson has performed several times in Bryan-College Station at local clubs, Central Park, weddings and for the Community Singers.

The concert is one of 13 events the Bryan Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled for 1985.

"About 400 people showed up at the last concert," Monique Dekker, a department employee, says. "We average between 250 to 300 people at each event."

### Soap opera star to perform in CS

Soap opera star Michael O'Leary, better known to "The Guiding Light" fans as Rick Bauer, will be at Post Oak Mall at 1 p.m. Saturday.

O'Leary is being brought to

College Station by Soaps Alive! of New Jersey, Post Oak Mall and country and western radio station KORA.

He will participate in a question and answer session and act in two

on-stage, mini-soap opera love scenes with members of the audience.

The mini-soap operas will begin at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. near the Dillard's-Sears court area in the mall.

### Party switch still suspected, unconfirmed for Kent Hance

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Sen. Phil Gramm scheduled a Friday news conference in Washington, and Republican Party sources said the session apparently was being called to announce Democrat Kent Hance's conversion to the GOP.

"I have been told it's a done deal," one Republican source in Austin said Thursday.

Hance remained mum on his plans. Calls to his law offices went unreturned Thursday, although late in the day he issued a one-paragraph statement scheduling a second news conference for Austin Friday afternoon. The subject wasn't announced.

Hance, a conservative former congressman from Lubbock, came within 1,344 votes of being the Democratic nominee against Gramm in 1984. Since then, he has been heavily courted by top Republicans.

Hance for weeks has said a party change isn't "in the cards." He recently told several fellow Democrats, including state party chairman Bob Slagle, that he wasn't planning to "change parties or wives."

Gov. Mark White said he talked with Hance by telephone on Wednesday and that Hance said he intended to remain a Democrat.

"Yesterday, he said he wasn't going to do it," White said. "I don't know what he's going to do today."

"He's said (in the past) he hadn't planned to switch," he said. "That's what I'd heard, and that's what he confirmed yesterday."

Larry Neal, press secretary to Gramm, would say only that the 8 a.m. news conference was being scheduled in Washington to discuss "party realignment."

Gramm, himself a former "boll weevil" Democrat, has been a prime mover in the GOP's efforts to con-

vince Democrats to change parties.

He has attended news conferences in Texas where local elected Democratic officials announced their switches to the Republican Party.

Some Republican officials have urged Hance to become the party's nominee for governor, but sources Thursday said they didn't expect Hance to announce his candidacy at Friday's news conference.

"I don't think anybody wants to run with (Gov.) Mark White against Kent Hance, if he changes," one source said.

White said he didn't discuss a possible gubernatorial bid with Hance during their phone call.

"I didn't ask if he was going to run against me," White said. "I would think that certainly he would have better judgment than that."

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