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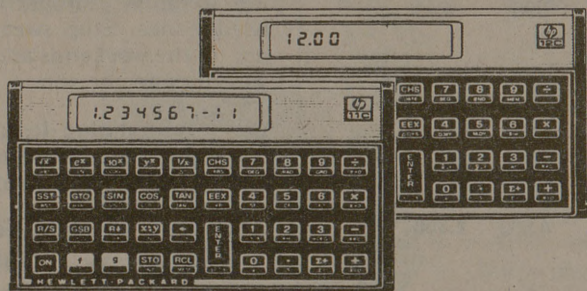
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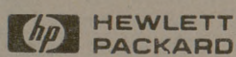
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Former Secretary: Education reform needs leadership

By DONNA DAVIS
 Reporter

A former U.S. Secretary of Education said Monday that while in Washington D.C. he learned the difference between Republicans and Democrats: "... Republicans raise dahlias, Dalmatians and eyebrows and Democrats raise Airedales, kids and taxes."

Terrel Bell, opening speaker for the six-day academy for principals sponsored by Texas A&M's new Principals' Center, spoke to a group of principals from across the state about the need for dynamic leadership in education reform.

Bell said he has learned much through his experiences and has come up with five qualities that a successful principal should possess:

First and most important, he said, good principals must be more concerned with learning than management. Bell said management capabilities are important, but obsession with how well a curriculum is being mastered by the students is a necessity.

Principals must be reaching out constantly. He suggested using telephones to contact parents and get them involved with their children's educations.

Principals must be teachers as well as motivators. They need to seek ways to highlight the good work of the teachers, Bell said.

Good principals meet challenges as they arise. Bell said that principals often "waffle away" from a challenge — they should meet them head on.

Finally, he said, principals must understand how to apply motivation from students to the community.

Bell went on to say that few principals possess all these qualities, but they must strive for them in order to complete successfully their role in educational reform.

While in Washington, Bell appointed his own education commission after his national commission request was denied.

In April 1983, the commission released its highly-publicized report, "A Nation at Risk."

Bell said that "schools were starving for support," and that they finally began to receive it after the report was published.

President Reagan made 51 major addresses on the problem of education between the release of the report and his re-election in 1984.

Bell said support from the president and each state governor is crucial to education reform.

"The president needs to use the power of the Oval Office to keep education off the back burner," he said.

Bell also said the effectiveness of a governor can be measured by how well he highlights the needs of education.

Bell said that quality leadership at all levels is lacking. At the local level principals must work to improve their leadership as a critical part of renewal and reform.

He added that the principals present at the convention were taking a step in the right direction. They must be concerned with educational reform, he said, or they would not have attended the meeting.

The establishment of A&M's new Principals' Center will help in the growth of education in Texas, Bell said.

Chairman decides to continue serving on prison board

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — State prison board chairman Robert Gunn said Monday he was remaining on the board and is "very anxious to continue as chairman" in order to carry out new prison reforms.

Gunn said after a two-hour, closed-door meeting of the board that "a consensus" of board members agreed he should stay on.

Published reports over the weekend indicated that Gunn, a Republican appointed by former Gov. Bill Clements, would be ousted by the Democrat-controlled board because of Gunn's intent to see incumbent Gov. Mark White, a Democrat, ousted in a 1986 re-election bid.

Gunn, however, said "the whole thing has been blown up out of proportion."

White was traveling Monday afternoon and was not yet available for comment, his press office said.

Gunn has chaired the board during a time of upheaval in the Texas Department of Corrections, the nation's second-largest state prison system.

Earlier this year, officials agreed to a settlement of a 13-year-old lawsuit filed by prisoner David Ruiz, agreeing to reforms and expansion. The settlement awaits federal court approval.

Gunn, a 60-year-old Wichita Falls oilman, said a major reason for him

remaining was to see implementation of the Ruiz settlement.

"I am very anxious to get things lined up, to get things running smoothly," he said.

Most board members refused to disclose the events of the executive session, which preceded a regularly scheduled prison board meeting.

One board member, Robert Lane, said reports of Gunn's demise "totally surprised me."

Asked whether he supported Gunn, he replied, "I certainly do."

With Gunn's prodding, the TDC took steps toward modern prison management. Consultants were hired to scrutinize the agency's antiquated management and accounting procedures, and federal court orders were obeyed instead of opposed.

During Gunn's tenure, longtime director Jim Estelle resigned under pressure, revelations of financial mismanagement accumulated and a landmark court ruling created turmoil and change in almost every area of prison conditions and inmate rights.

Gunn played a strong role in running the agency until Raymond Procnier was hired in May 1984 to replace Estelle.

During Procnier's stint as director — which ended abruptly last month — Gunn played a key role in negotiating the lawsuit settlement.

Slouch

By Jim Earle



"Anybody who's opposed to prayer in the classroom hasn't taken a test like this one!"

'Invent'

Program assists entrepreneurs

By AMY NETTERVILLE
 Reporter

There's a new division of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, the INVENT program, that may produce the next Alexander Graham Bell.

TEES, a part of the Texas A&M University System, serves and supports business and industrial communities, and higher education in Texas and the nation, with engineering research and development.

The Institute for Ventures in New Technology (INVENT), one of TEES' newest divisions, works with inventors from Texas and the United States, lending them the necessary technical and business expertise to develop and establish a market for a new product or service.

Dr. Herbert H. Richardson, vice chancellor and dean of engineering and director of TEES, said anyone with a good and creative idea has a chance with the INVENT program.

"People who have innovative ideas or new approaches can come here to INVENT," Richardson said. "It's a program intended to help inventors and entrepreneurs in Texas to establish new business ventures."

Richardson said people can bring their ideas to INVENT for a series of evaluations to see whether they are feasible. If the idea passes the

screening, INVENT will provide assistance in formulating a business plan, market analysis and, eventually, establishing a complete business.

Richardson said that though INVENT is still a new program, some products such as the Aggie Game commercial product, have resulted from it.

Richardson said one of TEES' objectives is to strengthen the sources of higher education in the community and state.

"We use students quite extensively to help in the evaluation and screening process as part of their education," Richardson said. "There also a very strong involvement of the College of Business as well as the College of Engineering."

Richardson said anyone can go to INVENT and say "Look, this is what I have invented!" but most of the concepts so far have been discarded very early on.

"So far they've had something in 700 or so people who have come with their new inventions," he said.

"The INVENT program is just another part of what TEES is about," Richardson said. "We find new opportunities in business development and to solve problems that the state faces and is likely to face in the future."

Around town

Defensive driving class begins today

The Bryan-College Station Noon Optimist Club is sponsoring a defensive driving course Tuesday and Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Brazos Center on Briarcrest Drive in Bryan. The course can be used to receive a 10 percent reduction in automobile insurance rates or for the dismissal of a traffic fine. The fee is \$20. All proceeds are used to help local youth organizations and groups. Call 779-1111 for more information.

Theater group presents Thurber's works

The Premiere Players, area high school students under the direction of the TAMU Aggie Players, open their production of the delightful comedy, *A Thurber Carnival*, at 8 p.m. Thursday in Rudder Forum. The play consists of an amusing and touching collection of the short stories of one of America's most beloved humorists, James Thurber. Admission is \$2 for students and \$3 for the general public.

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