

Around town

The Big Event:

All individual students and student organizations are encouraged to volunteer their services to "The Big Event" March 8. Applications are available on the second floor of the MSC in the Student Programs Office and on the second floor of the Pavilion in the Student Government office. Applications are due Friday. For more information call 845-3051.

Phi Eta Sigma:

Nine \$1,000 scholarships and 30 \$500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors who are planning to enter graduate or professional school, who are members of Phi Eta Sigma. For more information call Holly, 764-9450.

College of Science Scholarship Applications:

Applications are currently available in the College of Science to undergraduate health science majors. The Julia Ball Lee Scholarship is a minimum of \$400 to undergraduate biological science majors of high academic achievement and evidence of financial need. The H.R. Lewis Scholarship is a minimum of \$400 to undergraduate health science majors of high academic achievement. The Howard L. Gravett Scholarship is for undergraduate premed/preudent majors of high academic achievement. Applications can be made by completing Academic Excellence application forms in the scholarship office, second floor of the Pavilion; Dean of Science, 313 Biological Sciences West; or the Prehealth Advising Office, 101 Agronomy. The deadline is March 1.

Pre-Law Society:

Any student planning to attend Tulane Law School next year may apply for a scholarship in the amount of \$4,500 per year. The award is based on academic merit. For more information contact Dr. Hillary Jessup in 101 Academic.

Co-op Career Fair:

Employers interested in hiring co-op students will have booths set up in the lobby of Zachry Engineering Center from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to visit with students about possible job opportunities. See the large ad in The Battalion for a complete list of employers who will be participating.

College of Science:

Any junior or senior in the departments of biology, chemistry, mathematics or physics who entered his current major prior to catalog 107 and who has not previously taken the English Proficiency Examination should plan to do so this semester. Please see Marilyn Radke in 152 or 151 Blocker for details.

A&M comptroller: It's useless to speculate on budget cuts

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real question as to what the average faculty salary increases will be, he said.

About two-thirds of the A&M budget constitutes salaries, Eaton said, and a quarter of the biennium is already over, so faculty positions can't be moved and those that are vacated can't be filled.

"That means you're down to 15 months when trying to turn back \$38 million," he said, "which comes out to about a 21 percent hit (reduction)."

"If we did nothing but preserve salary money and didn't spend another nickel, then we could do what the governor has suggested, but of course you can't run a university that way."

A temporary freeze has been placed on any hiring because of the terms of the executive order, Eaton said, but few University positions

will be open next year anyway because of declining enrollment.

"It's possible we can escape without a whole lot of damage to our recruiting ability," Eaton said.

The reductions in general revenue spending are necessary because of decreasing oil prices, Eaton said.

"We can't even promise to spend money when they indicate revenues are down," he said, "because the price of crude oil has dropped so low."

"It's really a reflection of the very dangerous nature of basing an economy on a single commodity — we're at the whim of volatility."

Eaton said A&M President Frank E. Vandiver already has convened a series of meetings to assess the impact of White's order. Vandiver will send recommendations to Hansen, who will propose recommendations for the whole system to White, Eaton said.

Hussein to stop effort for peace with PLO

Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — King Hussein said Wednesday he has ended a year-long effort to work jointly with Yasser Arafat toward peace with Israel because the PLO did not meet its commitments.

"We are unable to continue to coordinate politically with the PLO leadership until such time as their word becomes their bond," he said in a recorded television speech that lasted nearly 3½ hours and included a detailed review of his efforts to make the plan work.

It was the second time Hussein had tried to cooperate with the Palestine Liberation Organization in a Middle East peace effort. He abandoned the previous effort in April 1983 for similar reasons.

Although he is negating the agreement on a joint approach to peace that he and Arafat reached on Feb. 11, 1985, Hussein said, its "principles and tenets . . . will continue to embody the foundations governing relations between the Jordanian and Palestinian peoples with regard to equality of rights and obligations in facing our joint destiny."

He also said that, on Jan. 29, he rejected a U.S. proposal to deal with Israel in cooperation with Palestinians not connected with the PLO.

Hussein repeated his acceptance of the 1974 Arab summit conference designation of the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Millionaire teaching at A&M

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Along with the gas royalties, Williams says he set himself up as gas supplier to the little town nearby. But he didn't hire someone to do the dirty work for him. He built the gas line himself, literally. He says he worked from morning until well after dark fitting pipe and meters.

Williams admits, almost regretfully, to being a workaholic. He says his working has chased off a few friends, and he doesn't recommend doing business with someone you want to keep as a friend. But there is one thing worse than doing business with friends, he says.

"Be careful of kinfolk always, and friends most of the time," he says. "Once you're dealing with kinfolk you can't do it businesslike."

One thing Williams likes to do is fight with the big boys.

When he built his pipeline he went up against a monopoly that had ruled the gas supply business in West Texas for ages.

Williams says his philosophy is simple.

"The number one thing is to always be a straight shooter," he says. "Outfits that are slickers or cheaters, you can beat hell out of them when you catch 'em."

White's skills questioned

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Clements also questioned White's support of the tuition increase for students at state-supported universities. He said this represents one of many promises White has broken.

"I have a very good memory," Clements said. "And I have a vivid recollection of being on the same platform with him in a debate where this question was raised. And I can hear him today saying, 'Under no circumstances would I ever increase the tuition for our university and college students in the state of Texas because that would be a severe penalty to them.'"

"Well, you and I both know that he violated that promise, and the tuition here at A&M is up 300 percent."

In the speech which followed his press conference Clements took a markedly less partisan stance and focused his remarks on Texas as it approaches the 21st century.

"You as students here at this wonderful school will be right in the middle of your careers and your family responsibilities at that time," he said. "And so what we do in Texas and how we approach our vision for Texas and the kind of Texas that we have as we enter the 21st century becomes terribly, terribly important to us."

Williams credits his parents for his integrity. His parents were hard-working honest people who respected others, he says.

Since his start in 1957, Williams has organized 21 major entities in oil and gas, production and transportation, real estate, cattle and ranching, banking, and oil field services. His latest venture, this time telecommunications, is a shot at the competitive long distance market.

Claydesta Communications, named for his wife Modesta, was started in 1984. It is Williams at his best, taking advantage of an opportunity — the break-up of AT&T.

Today Claydesta has facilities to provide service to most of Texas, including Bryan-College Station. By the end of 1986 Claydesta will have facilities throughout Oklahoma and Louisiana too.

And if by some chance Claydesta falls through, which seems doubtful, Williams can fall back on another of his assets; his sense of humor. He urges students to remember that a sense of humor can get you over the rough spots.

"When things get difficult, when you bust your ass, it helps to have a sense of humor," he says.

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