

Clements calls TSTI key to jobs

WACO (AP) — Former Gov. Bill Clements, continuing on his jobs platform, on Wednesday toured a vocational school he said is the key to getting unemployed Texans back to work.

Clements, who faces Gov. Mark White on Nov. 4 at the polls, repeated his pledge against cutting education during a tour of the Texas State Technical Institute.

Clements, who is pushing a six-point jobs plan in the gubernatorial campaign, applauded the center's efforts.

"You are a key element to getting

Texas back to work," Clements told students and administrators at TSTI.

He said, however, that once in office he would ask directors of state agencies to list their priority programs and he would go from there.

Because of his claims that White is scaring the poor and elderly by charging that Clements would cut social programs, the former governor was asked what he would do if the head of Texas Department of Human Services said programs there were too important to cut.

"We'll look for a new executive director because there is no institution, whether it's educational or commercial, that doesn't have its priorities," Clements said.

During a campaign stop in Beaumont he said, "I find it deplorable that the governor of the state of Texas would degrade the governor's office by some of the things he's saying and doing in his advertising and from his speeches."

"I have a great deal of compassion and feeling about the people that are being scared and the fear element introduced in this campaign. I deplore it and I think it's a terrible thing."

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, joined Clements at a news conference in Beaumont. Gramm said White was trying to stir voters away from the economic problems of the state, the main issue in the campaign.

"He would like all the charges and

all the negativism to turn off the working people, hoping that the people he's trying to energize to get out and vote," Gramm said.

He continued to hammer on economic issues Wednesday.

At TSTI in Waco, Clements toured the biomedical, electrical and laser optics programs and heard from the program directors who said the majority of graduates had jobs waiting for them.

Sid Lenoir, director of the electrical power technology program, said graduates in his program have job offers from electric companies before they finish the 18-month program. He said the average salary is about \$21,000.

He also said that he has a maximum of 20 students per class and that there is room for more students.

"Anybody who wants to go to work has a job," Lenoir said.

Clements told Lenoir, "We have 740,000 Texans out of work and there is a retreat situation here. We need to have them here and we need to retrain them for a different career."

Lenoir answered, "Bring them on, sir."

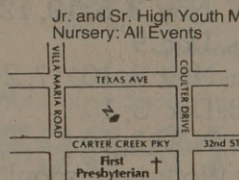
Clements said charges by White that Clements would cut the education budget were not true.

White has said that Clements would take money away from the Permanent University Fund to correct the state's \$900 million budget deficit.

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Thursday

BETA ALPHA PSI: will sponsor a professional meeting with DeLoitte, Haskins and Sells to discuss "Marketing for CPA, in the '80s" at 6 p.m. at the Hilton.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH: Helen O'Keefe will sponsor a writing outreach session, "Connectives: Coordinating, Subordinating and Embedding," at 6:30 p.m. in 153 Blocker.

ASIAN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will hear a guest speaker from the Dallas Theological Seminary at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: the seminar committee presents Dr. Mourir Bayyoud speaking on "The Middle East: Past, Present and Future" at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

OFF CAMPUS AGGIES: will sponsor "Nightmare on Spence Street," a Halloween haunted house, at the Pavilion from 8 p.m. to midnight.

ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTING MACHINERY: will take yearbook pictures at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of Zachry Engineering Center. After the pictures, the head of artificial intelligence division of the CIA will speak.

GREEN EARTH SOCIETY: Joel Campbell of the Brazos Valley Peace Action will speak at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

MSC POLITICAL FORUM: will sponsor a campus preview of the 1986 gubernatorial election from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables will be set up in the Memorial Student Center, Rudder Fountain, Blocker Building, the Commons, the Quadrangle and Sbis Dining Hall.

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: will take yearbook pictures at 7 p.m. in the lobby of Zachry Engineering Center.

STUDENTS FOR SCIENTIFIC CREATIONISM: will elect officers at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

Friday

MANAGEMENT 481: Donald McCroy, senior vice president of the development division of Gerald Hines Interests, will speak at 10 a.m. in 114 Blocker.

LATTER DAY SAINT STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Gordon Wright will speak on "The Book of Mormon and the Destiny of the Church" at noon at the Latter-Day Saint Building.

LUTHERAN COLLEGIANS: will sponsor a progressive dinner and costume party at 5:30 p.m. Call the Rev. Fritz, 693-4514, for more information.

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will sponsor a concert of prayer at 7 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: will sponsor a "peanut butter fellowship" at 11:30 a.m. at Rudder Fountain and a Bible study at 6:15 p.m. in the A&M Presbyterian Church office.

CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will meet at 7 p.m. in 160 Blocker.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: will sponsor "Friday Night Alive" at 7 p.m. in 108 Harrington.

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Church closes refugees' home; alternate sought

SAN BENITO (AP) — Casa Oscar Romero, a controversial shelter for Central American refugees, will be closed indefinitely while the Roman Catholic Church tries to find another location for it, church officials said Wednesday.

Hernan Gonzalez, a spokesman for the Diocese of Brownsville, said the 528 occupants were to be bused today to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service for processing.

The city of San Benito asked the church in August to move the shelter, which opened in December 1982. The church moved the male refugees to the county fairgrounds but has been unable to find a new location for the shelter, Gonzalez said.

The process could take up to six months, he said, so the shelter was being closed in the interim.

"We could stay at Casa Romero indefinitely, but we have been ordered by the city to vacate," Gonzalez said. "We have not been told there are any ordinances that we violate."

San Benito City Manager Demetrio Lucio said the aliens "definitely" will not be able to return to the Casa.

The city's main concern is for its residents, Lucio said. There have been clashes between residents and others who live in the neighborhood.

He said extra police will be on duty in the area of the Casa this weekend and the sheriff's department has said it will beef up patrols in the area as well.

INS Director Omar Sewell said he's glad the shelter is closing down, calling it a "magnet" that draws Central Americans to the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

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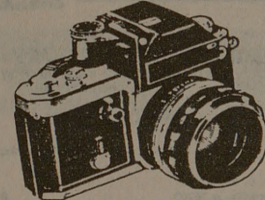

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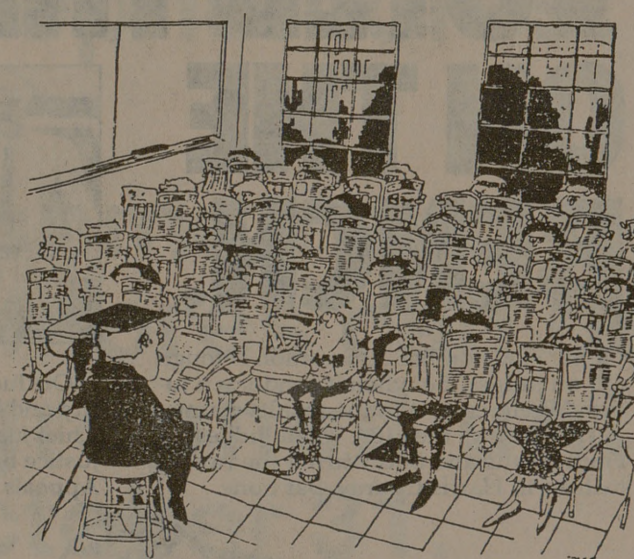
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