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White's A&M speech focuses on university research fund

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Gov. Mark White took the opportunity Friday at a pre-election speech at the Texas A&M Engineering Research Center to discuss the \$500 million permanent research fund the state intends to establish for funding university research.

In its last regular session in 1985, the Texas Legislature appropriated \$35 million to serve as the "seed corn" for a permanent research fund to be drawn from private funding sources throughout the state, White said.

"We are going to be naming a committee very shortly that will be the base of that funding effort," White said. "The yields from that fund will give that continuum (of funding) that you enjoy today as part of the Permanent University Fund."

White responded to a strongly worded question regarding cuts to higher education funding in the Legislature's recent special sessions by saying the cuts were largely administrative and didn't affect research or faculty salaries.

"There's a difference here in how you go about making those cuts," White said. "We didn't cut a single faculty salary... (or) any research program. Those cuts were administrative cuts."

White took time to praise the job A&M and other Texas universities have done in drawing "the best and brightest minds" to the state.

"You're taking the initiatives today that will be seen in years to come as the right step at the right time," White said. "This is going to be the new Spindletop that is being discovered today in Texas."

"What we're doing today by investing in education in research, we're literally bootstrapping a new boom for Texas."

White also said that the current slump in the agriculture and petroleum industries points to a



Gov. Mark White greets a student in his A&M visit Friday.

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need for research and innovation in those fields in which A&M historically has excelled.

"I think now is not the time to turn our backs on agriculture," White said. "It is an industry in desperate need of rejuvenation."

Petroleum technology will

grow in importance as an export commodity, White said.

"Oil and gas is a long-term technology that will be utilized around the world," he said. "But the technology has historically been Texas-based. We want to keep that here."

B-CS faces tug-of-war in 4th Precinct election

Skin color may bias commissioner's race

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Although the issue is not publicly debated, the winner of the race for 4th Precinct Brazos County commissioner may be determined by the color of the candidate's skin.

Analysis

The election is a classic example of the tug-of-war Bryan and College Station have been having for years. The Democratic incumbent, Milton Turner, was raised on a farm in Brazos County and has owned Turner's Paint and Body Shop in Bryan for years.

Turner, who refers to College Station as "the silk-stocking addition," is black and draws his support largely from the predominantly black community in the 4th precinct.

In contrast, his Republican opponent Roger Lewis is a 1975 graduate of Texas A&M and is the program director for KAMU-TV. Lewis is counting on the support of A&M students to elect him Tuesday. He's also years younger than his opponent and white.

Lewis says the present districts were drawn up as a result of a lawsuit the League of United Latin American Citizens filed against the Brazos County commissioners. The suit charged that the commissioners had drawn up the districts in a way that precluded a minority candidate from ever being elected in Brazos County, Lewis says.

So in 1981, the U.S. Department of Justice re-drew the county's four precincts, Lewis says.

The 4th Precinct includes the Northgate area and A&M's north-side dormitories. It also includes nearly all of downtown Bryan and the areas immediately north and west of Bryan, which are occupied largely by blacks and Hispanics.

Lewis contends that Turner's color is the reason he is in office.

"The way these boundaries are drawn, the largest block of people

who vote in the primaries are black," Lewis says. Turner was opposed by Ramiro Quintero both in this primary and the 1982 primary. But Quintero was defeated in a runoff both times, Lewis says, because there are more black than Hispanic voters in Bryan.

Turner does little in the way of campaigning. His total advertising budget amounts to about \$500 this year, and consists of a few radio and television spots with Bryan station KBTX-TV and K94 radio. He refuses to speak to the *Bryan-College Station Eagle*, saying it has turned his words around in the past.

"Some things they did in the primary with Quintero, I didn't ap-

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prove of the way they said it," Turner says of the *Eagle's* coverage. "So I'll just live without them."

"Everybody knows me. I've been here all of my life. I've been in business here 30-some years. Everybody knows me here in Bryan."

Turner has drawn heat because he will not meet Lewis in debate. Of three major candidate forums held this year, Turner has attended only one, and he stormed out immediately after Lewis' talk, scarcely making a reply.

"I don't believe in somebody getting out in public, dominating somebody," Turner says. "It's not right. I don't approve of it. I stay out of it. Now if you want to talk to me man-to-man, I don't care what it is, I'm willing."

Lewis says Turner's aversion to public speaking is consistent with Turner's unavailability to the public.

Turner takes exception to this charge, saying that he and his staff are good about returning calls and responding to complaints about county road maintenance.

The Northgate area, the north-side dormitories and the apartments between Nagle Street and Wellborn Road are included in a voting area called the 35th voting precinct, which is the most populous of the 40 voting precincts in the county. The 35th voting precinct falls within the 4th Precinct.

Lewis says he will win if he can get out the student vote. To this end, 60 of his volunteers have launched a student voter registration drive, yielding around 1,500 newly registered voters. This brings the total number of registered voters in the 35th voting precinct to over 3,300.

"When I filed in February, some of the best political thinkers in the county told me, 'Well, that's a nice gesture Roger, but you don't stand a chance,'" Lewis says.

Lewis says that about one-third of the voters in the 4th Precinct are students. However, students are well-known for political apathy, especially toward local elections.

In 1982 when Turner was elected, only 312 voters from the 35th precinct turned out, Lewis says.

Correction

In Friday's issue of *The Battalion*, an article on the results of the mock election on campus contained an incorrect percentage in the race for 6th District representative.

The article said U.S. Rep. Joe Barton received 43.7 percent of the vote. However, Barton actually received 53.7 percent of the vote to opponent Pete Geren's 46.3 percent.

The Battalion regrets the error.

Christmas Workshops

Registration for the 1986 Christmas Workshops begins **Monday, Nov 3** at 10am in the University Plus Craft Center, located in the basement of the Memorial Student Center. Registration will continue until either classes fill or they begin to meet. For further information, call or come by, **845-1631**.

Ornaments				Gifts & Decorations			
			Student/ Nonstudent				Student/ Nonstudent
Bread Dough Ornaments	Tues, Dec 2	6-9pm	\$10/\$11	Appalachian Gift Baskets	Mon, Dec 8	6:30-9:30pm	\$12/\$13
Bread Dough Ornaments	Wed, Dec 3	6-9pm	\$10/\$11	Christmas Potpourri	Thurs, Dec 4	5:30-7pm	\$12/\$13
Etched Ornaments	Thurs, Dec 4	6-9pm	\$8/\$9	Classic Baskets	Mon, Dec 1	6:30-9:30pm	\$10/\$11
Gingerbread Men	Tues, Dec 9	5:30-7pm	\$9/\$10	Cutting Boards	T/W, Dec 2&3	5-7pm	\$10/\$11
Stained Glass Ornaments	Thurs, Dec 4	6-9pm	\$10/\$11	Cutting Boards	T/W, Dec 2&3	7:30-9:30pm	\$10/\$11
Stained Glass Ornaments	Wed, Dec 10	6-9pm	\$10/\$11	Flashed-Glass Serving Trays	Tues, Dec 2	6-9pm	\$30/\$31
Stenciled Ornaments	Wed, Dec 3	6:30-8:30pm	\$8/\$9	Holiday Calligraphy	Thurs, Dec 4	6:30-9:30pm	\$10/\$11
Ukrainian Eggs	Tues, Dec 9	6-9pm	\$12/\$13	Holiday Calligraphy	Wed, Dec 10	6:30-9:30pm	\$10/\$11
				Holiday Geese Serving Trays	Wed, Dec 3&10	7-10pm	\$16/\$17
				Mahogany Serving Trays	Thurs, Dec 11	6-9pm	\$12/\$13
				Mouse & Sled Door Hanger	Wed, Dec 3&10	5:30-6:30pm	\$10/\$11
				Picture Frames	Tues, Dec 9	6-9pm	\$10/\$11
				Stick Horses	Sat, Dec 6	9am-12noon	\$10/\$11
				Watercolored Christmas Cards	Thurs, Dec 4	6-9pm	\$10/\$11
Wreaths				Holiday Bakery			
			Student/ Nonstudent				Student/ Nonstudent
Cornhusk Wreaths	Tues, Dec 9	6-9pm	\$12/\$13	Buttercrunch Toffee	Mon, Dec 8	8-9:30pm	\$8/\$9
Pinecone Wreaths	Mon, Dec 8	6-9pm	\$15/\$16	Cake Decorating	Wed, Dec 3	5:30-7pm	\$10/\$11
Pinecone Wreaths	Tues, Dec 9	9am-12	\$15/\$16	Cookies, Cookies, Cookies	Tues, Dec 9	7:30-9:30pm	\$14/\$15
Pinecone Wreaths	Thurs, Dec 11	6-9pm	\$15/\$16	Egg Rolls	Thurs, Dec 11	7:30-9:30pm	\$18/\$19
Winter Wreaths	Mon, Dec 1	6-9pm	\$14/\$15	Flaming Desserts	Mon, Dec 1	5:30-7pm	\$12/\$13
Winter Wreaths	Sat, Dec 6	1-4pm	\$14/\$15	Fudge	Mon, Dec 8	6-7:30pm	\$6/\$7
				Gingerbread Houses	Tues, Dec 2	6-9pm	\$15/\$16
				Gingerbread Houses	Wed, Dec 10	6-9pm	\$15/\$16
				Seasonal Strudels	Thurs, Dec 4	6-9pm	\$12/\$13
				Texas Tamales	Sat, Dec 6	9am-12noon	\$18/\$19
				Tortillas	Thurs, Dec 11	5:30-7pm	\$5/\$6
				Yule Logs & Fruitcakes	M/W, Dec 1&3	7:30-9:30pm	\$18/\$19
Let's Party							
			Student/ Nonstudent				
Messina Hof Premieres	Tues, Dec 2	6-7:30pm	\$9/\$10				
Waltzing	Mon, Dec 8	6-7pm	\$5/\$6				
Women's Make-Up and Colorization	T/Th, Dec 2&4	6-9pm	\$30/\$31				

Christmas Craft Festival

The University Plus Christmas Craft Festival being held **Tues, Dec 2** and **Wed, Dec 3** in the Rudder Fountain Mall is now accepting applications for vendors. If you would like to participate in this juried show, please phone **845-1631**.

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