

State and Local

Economy, school reforms, weather combine to drag White down in race

AUSTIN (AP) — Mark White carried a lot of baggage to be running a race. In the end, that extra weight helped drag the Democrat down. Republican former Gov. Bill Clements had plenty of things going his way, including some key issues and even the weather.

Working against White were tax increases, the controversial teacher tests and no-pass, no-play rule, and a

needed a big South Texas turnout. He didn't get it. According to an ABC-TV exit poll of voters, White won 56.9 percent of the South Texas vote. White also showed strength in Austin, East Texas and his hometown of Houston.

The exit poll found Clements very strong in his hometown of Dallas, where he got 58.6 percent. He also ran well in West Texas, plus the San Antonio, El Paso, Fort Worth, Waco and Wichita Falls areas.

Conventional political wisdom says the Democratic turnout dwindles in bad weather.

Rain that swept much of the state Tuesday seemed to dampen White's chances.

But more than anything, it may have been that baggage — the negatives — which hurt White.

Among the heavier items:

- White twice signed his name to massive tax increases.

- He approved \$4.8 billion in sales and gasoline tax hikes in 1984 to fund school reforms and highway construction.

- He approved \$860 million in temporary sales and gas taxes in September to help balance a state bud-

get wracked by falling oil prices.

- White endorsed and defended the no-pass, no-play rule that barred students from extra-curricular activities if failing any course.

Coaches were angered and many put red dots on their wristwatches to remind them to "say something bad about Mark White" each day. Many parents, particularly in rural areas, also were unhappy with the rule.

- White angered teachers, some of his most loyal backers in 1982, by advocating the teacher competency test.

Although most of the state's 210,000 teachers passed, they failed to work for White as they did four years ago.

Unemployment, which topped 9 percent this year, probably worked against the governor. Clements insisted that as a businessman and ally of President Reagan, he could find jobs for those people.

Clements ran a strong campaign, hammering White on what he called the integrity issue.

The Republican reminded voters that White in 1982 had promised lower utility bills, no increases in college tuition and no increases in

taxes, then broke at least two of the three promises.

Despite Clements' victory, 1986 still didn't prove to be the year of the Texas Republican. The party failed to field a complete slate, and no other GOP candidate won statewide office.

San Antonio Judge Roy Barrera came closest, but was edged by incumbent Attorney General Jim Mattox. Republicans had hoped Barrera would attract Hispanics to their party, but Supreme Court Justice Raul Gonzalez, a Democrat, became the first Hispanic to be elected statewide.

The Republicans let Democrat Ann Richards have a free ride to a second term as state treasurer, and Democrat Bob Bullock drew no GOP opponent as he won a fourth term as comptroller.

Democratic Land Commissioner Garry Mauro won re-election and even had some fun with his GOP opponent, M.D. Anderson Jr., who Mauro jestingly referred to as "that hospital" — a reference to the Houston cancer facility of the same name. Anderson, a Seven Points dance hall operator, won in the primary, with many attributing it to his name.

In Advance

Speakers scheduled for PR Day '86

Six professionals from Houston, Dallas and Bryan will speak to interested students **Friday** about a career in public relations.

The program, "PR Day '86," begins at **9:30 a.m. in 212 Memorial Student Center** with an open question-and-answer session until 11 a.m. The panelists will lead roundtable discussions for students to discuss individual concerns form **11 a.m. until noon**.

The purpose of the program is to provide candid information on what public relations people do, on recommended coursework and experience, and on tips for finding a job in the field.

Panelists include Sue Anders, president of Sue Anders Advertising and PR in Dallas; Joe Buser, president of Joe Buser & Associates in Bryan; Robert E. Haine, manager of PR for Litton Industries, Inc. in Houston and president of the Houston chapter of Public Relations Society of America; Cathy Oppel, president of Oppel & Associates in Dallas; Jim Pattillo, district staff manager external affairs of Southwestern Bell in Dallas; and Marilyn Pippin, principal of Cox Pippin Communications in Dallas and president of the Dallas chapter of Women in Communications, Inc.

Battalion spring editor needed

The Student Publications Board is taking applications for spring editor of *The Battalion*.

Applications can be obtained in the journalism department office and must be turned in to that office by 5 p.m. on Nov. 19.

Qualifications include:

- At the time of taking office and during the term of office, applicants must maintain a grade-point ratio of 2.0 overall and

within their major;

- At least one year of experience in a responsible editorial position on *The Battalion* or comparable student newspaper OR at least one year experience on a commercial newspaper OR at least 12 hours of journalism courses, including Jour 203 and Jour 303 or equivalent and the completion of or enrollment in Jour 301 or equivalent.

Analysis

altering Texas economy that has seen unemployment soar to record levels.

Some of those things worked in Clements' favor, combined with personal pitches from popular President Reagan and Clements' repeated promises to get Texans working again.

And a big part of the outcome was determined by a mechanical detail of politics — the turnout. Clements got his voters to the polls; White fell short.

In an interview aboard his campaign jet Saturday night, White genuinely seemed to believe he would win.

But he acknowledged then he

Pickens says rising oil prices won't halt drilling downturn

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens Jr. says Ahmed Zaki Yamani's ouster as Saudi Arabia's oil minister means oil prices may rise to \$20 a barrel by spring, but that won't reverse the downturn in U.S. drilling.

He told the Tulane Business Forum that he is delighted that the Saudi royal family ousted Yamani.

Pickens, chairman of the Amarillo-based Mesa Petroleum Co., said Saudi Arabia once again will resort to being the swing oil pro-

ducer, cutting back its production to keep the supply under control, which will raise prices.

He predicted that prices will reach \$28 a barrel in two years, but that the U.S. oil industry will not recover until oil reaches \$35 per barrel, with the anticipation of a rise to \$50 per barrel.

Even more important than the oil price, Pickens said, is the price of natural gas, because the bulk of the reserves will be gas.

When natural gas prices rise to \$5 per thousand cubic feet, Pickens said, recovery will begin.

Senate approves health center bill

By Rodney Rather
Staff Writer

The Student Senate Wednesday unanimously passed a bill calling for Texas A&M to re-establish 24-hour emergency services at the A.P. Beutel Health Center.

The health center discontinued 24-hour emergency service for students this summer when the University's budgetary ax chopped some of its funds.

The center currently is open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and after that time, the University ambulance service transports students who need medical attention to either St. Joseph Hospital or Humana Hospital, both located in Bryan.

Senator Chris Kopp said members of the senate's student services committee met with Dr. John Koldus, A&M vice president of student

services, and discussed options that could revive the emergency service program.

The first option Kopp explained was a contract between A&M and area hospitals, in which the University ambulance would take injured students to the hospital, hospital personnel would treat them and A&M would pay for a designated amount of the treatment.

Voicing Koldus' opinion, Kopp said this plan would save A&M money because A&M wouldn't have to pay medical staff costs to keep the health center open or the medical supply costs incurred when patients are treated.

"We don't have to have all these facilities open on campus," Kopp said. "They're already in existence — why not use them?"

Another plan discussed at the meeting with Koldus, Kopp said, involves bringing doctors from a Houston health center to A&M. The doc-

tors would staff the health center from 4 p.m.-8 a.m. and charge A&M for their services.

One other alternative option that had been discussed with Koldus was the idea of tampering with the student services fee, Kopp said.

The student health center fee can't be raised any higher because it already has reached the state-mandated limit of \$15, but every dollar the student service fee is raised increases University revenues by about \$60,000, he said.

The student service fee, however, is divided up by the Student Senate, he said, and more of that money could be allocated for health center use.

In other senate action, Clay Baker, chairman of the rules and regulations committee, introduced a bill detailing the reapportionment of senate seats.

Freshmen & Sophomores

LAST CHANCE



Freshmen and sophomore photos for the 1987 Aggieland have been extended until **November 7**. Photos will be taken at AR Photography, 707 Texas Ave., across from the A&M Polo Field.