

State and Local

Panel: Money goes to missiles over education

Delegates say government overemphasizes defense

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The government has the ultimate responsibility of educating the country's youth, but it seems to be spending more on missiles than on education, delegates to the National League of Cities were told Tuesday.

Eugene Lang, president of RESEARCH in New York and one of the panelists on education, said the government seems to be over-emphasizing defense.

"It is putting tax cuts and missiles ahead of philosophy," Lang said. "I think the government has the responsibility of every disadvantaged kid having the opportunity for quality education, but the cards are stacked against the disadvantaged kids."

He said adults can encourage students to stay in school to better themselves.

Lang is a sponsor of a group of disadvantaged students who are promised fully paid college education if they finish high school.

"We know what we have to do, but we don't pick up aspirations," Lang said about students.

He said the program is going well and that he is trying to get others across the country to follow suit.

Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn, another panelist, said that the family should teach first about issues like counseling on drug and alcohol prevention and teen pregnancy.

But he added, "In the absence of a family not providing this kind of information... it is the responsibility of the government to do that."

Flynn said the public and private sectors should work together to cre-

ate job opportunities and not allow jobs to go overseas.

"We should create enough of an educated workforce and develop an economy that doesn't have to compete with others," he said. "The future of our city's growth and prosperity is going to depend on how well we train our children."

Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers, said that control of programs would be handled better at the local level.

"Moving from a local level to a state level would be moving in the wrong direction," he said.

"They are the responsibility of the state, but they belong to the parents," Shanker said.

A&M students to vie for College Bowl team

By Catherine Vincent
Reporter

Texas A&M's representatives for regional College Bowl competition will be selected Monday and Tuesday after a tryout match before the school's College Bowl Committee, committee chairman B.J. O'Rourke said.

Twelve A&M students will be vying for the five available positions on the team — one player being an alternate. The 12 include the four all-stars and four honorable mention all-stars selected by the committee, as well as the four members of "The Sons of the Covenant," the winner of A&M's College Bowl tournament.

The Sons of the Covenant — Charlie Erlandson, Laree Huffman, Ruvane Marvit and Lynda Young — defeated the "Secular Humanists" in the final game by a score of 320-200. The game was the highest scoring match of Texas A&M's 40-team College Bowl tournament, which began Oct. 1.

The all-star team consists of Mark Card, Matt Diedrich, Nick Ro and Mike Shiro. Members of the honorable mention team are Tony Cor-

nett, Jerry O'Leary, Sethuraman Srinrajan and Mark Wilson.

"We are looking for the five strongest players who answer the toss-up questions quickly and accurately," O'Rourke said.

North Texas State University will host the regional competition in February.

Last year the A&M team won the regional tournament and placed fifth nationally. This is A&M's eighth year to participate in College Bowl competition.

O'Rourke said a faculty and staff tournament is being planned for next semester. He said he also hopes an invitational tournament with Rice University can be organized in the spring.

The tournament is similar to the old quiz shows of the 1950s. Students answer questions on topics such as current events, literature, science and entertainment.

The moderator asks two types of questions: toss-ups worth 10 points each and bonuses worth 20 to 30 points. Teammates may not confer on answers to the toss-up questions but may discuss the bonus questions.

Shuttle commander Engle resigns

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Veteran space shuttle commander Joe H. Engle has resigned from NASA, becoming the 10th experienced astronaut to leave the agency since the Challenger accident grounded America's space shuttle fleet.

Engle, a 54-year-old Air Force colonel, officially left the agency last Friday, and NASA announced the resignation Tuesday.

A NASA spokesman said Engle was required to retire from the military after completing 30 years of service and then chose also to leave National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Engle was commander of two space shuttle missions, including a dramatic flight in which a disabled communications satellite was plucked from orbit, repaired aboard the shuttle and then redeployed into orbit.

In the last 12 months, the number in the astronaut corps has dropped from 101 to 85. Ten have resigned or been reassigned. Five of the seven crew members killed in the Jan. 28 Challenger explosion were astro-

nauts, and another astronaut died last summer in a plane crash.

A NASA source said economics may have played a role in Engle's resignation from the space agency. Under a federal rule, he would not be eligible to receive full retirement entitlements from the Air Force if he had accepted a NASA civil service position.

Remaining an astronaut would have resulted in a considerable loss of income, the source said.

Since joining the Air Force as an ROTC cadet at the University of Kansas, Engle followed a career at the leading edge of aeronautic technology, earning 24 special honors as pilot in both aircraft and spacecraft.

He earned his Air Force wings in 1957 and later graduated from the Air Force Experimental Test Pilot School and the Aerospace Research Pilot School.

Engle served three years as a test pilot in the X15 rocket plane research program and twice flew the winged craft to an altitude of 50 miles.

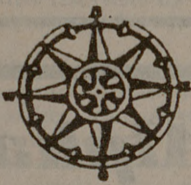
What's up

Wednesday

- COOKE COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB:** will have photos taken for AggieLand '87 at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of Zachry Engineering Center.
- GREAT COMMISSION STUDENTS:** will present a program, "Looking for Love in all the Wrong Places," at 7:30 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.
- AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.
- MSC POLITICAL FORUM:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.
- SAILING CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.
- OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES:** will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 102 Zachry.
- GAY STUDENT SERVICES:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. Call GAYLINE at 846-6051 for location.
- PHI ETA SIGMA:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder.
- EUROPE CLUB:** will meet at 9:30 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.
- INTRAMURAL RECREATIONAL SPORTS:** will hold a meeting for soccer officials at 6 p.m. in 167 Read. A meeting for basketball officials will be held at 6 p.m. in 164 Read.

Thursday

- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will hold a panel discussion, "Africa Facing the 21st Century," at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower. Check monitor for room.
 - MSC ALL-NIGHT FAIR:** will have photos taken for AggieLand '87 at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.
 - TAMU EMERGENCY CARE TEAM:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder.
 - NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS:** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder.
 - DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY:** Alvin Plantinga O'Brien, professor of philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, will speak on "Epistemic Justification" at 3:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder.
 - INTRAMURAL RECREATIONAL SPORTS:** will hold a basketball officials meeting at 6 p.m. in 164 Read.
 - ASIAN-AMERICAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** will meet for a Bible study at 8:30 p.m. in 401 Rudder.
 - ASIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 604 A-B Rudder.
 - GREEN EARTH SOCIETY:** will show the film, "Atomic Cafe," at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.
 - MSC LITERARY ARTS:** now is accepting submissions for "Litmus." Call 845-1515 for more information.
- Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days prior to desired publication date.*



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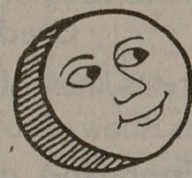
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