

What's up

Thursday

WELLNESS LECTURE: Dr. Raymond Buck, M.D., will speak on hypertension at 6:30 p.m. at Walden, 2410 Memorial Drive, Bryan.

KANM: will hold a meeting for all interested disc jockeys at 7 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST AND BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: will hold a rally from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Rudder Fountain.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: will hold a Howdy Party at 7 p.m. at the Baptist Student Center.

TAMU POLO CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 604 A-B Rudder.

TAMU EMERGENCY CARE TEAM: will meet at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

MSC SCONA: Host and delegate applications are available in 216 MSC through Friday. Host applications are due Friday and delegate applications are due Monday.

Friday

CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will meet at 7 p.m. in 156 Blocker.

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will meet at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

MSC LITERARY ARTS: is now accepting submissions for Litmus. Call 845-1515 for more information.

PARENTS WEEKEND COMMITTEE: applications for nominating 1987-88 Parents of the Year are available in the Commons, Sterling C. Evans Library, the Memorial Student Center and the Pavilion.

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.

Poor schools face off against rich in court

AUSTIN (AP) — A court battle between property-poor and wealthy school districts over the way state school money is distributed got underway Tuesday.

The non-jury trial started at 2:20 p.m. before State District Judge Harley Clark.

In the two-year-old lawsuit, 67 school districts claim that under the 1984 school reform legislation, state funds for schools are not being distributed equitably.

The state, backed by 48 other school districts, claims state money is being spread evenly over the state, but districts are not collecting as much local school taxes as they could.

During a December preliminary hearing, the attorney general's office contended that any change in school financing should be made by the Legislature, not the courts.

State's attorneys said the poorer districts do not want equity, just more state money without having to raise local taxes.

Attorneys for the low-wealth districts said some school districts with wealthy assets can collect local taxes of only eight cents per \$100 property valuation and spend up to \$19,000 per student in school. They said the poorer districts, which are limited by law to a tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation, can spend only \$3,000 per student.

Hobby: Texas should make commitment to education

AUSTIN (AP) — After taking the oath for a fifth term, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said Tuesday that Texas must take action to improve higher education regardless of the state's oil-dependent economy.

"If we join hands, if we make the right decisions now, if we make them on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico and don't let them be made in the Persian Gulf, we can take Texas proudly into the next century," Hobby said in his inaugural address.

Throughout his speech, Hobby, who also is the presiding officer of the Texas Senate, stressed the need to improve education to meet future challenges.

"Education is as much a tool for the high-technology frontier of the 1980s as those things (cattle and oil) were tools for an earlier Texas," Hobby said.

However, modern Texas is far from having an educated workforce

to handle the complex problems of the future.

"More than one-third of our adults don't finish high school," he

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said. "Nearly one-fifth don't finish the eighth grade."

"The state is not doing its job if Texans cannot compete in the new economy."

Higher education is the key, Hobby said.

"It is time to send a different message to the nation, one that says

Texas intends to have a world-class system of higher education," Hobby said.

"We need to support our public colleges and universities in a way that does not fluctuate with the price of oil," he said. "It doesn't make sense to let an Arab sheik decide the quality of education in Texas. It doesn't make sense to balance our budget at the expense of higher education."

"We need to give our universities the flexibility they need to manage their budgets and people. And the universities must make the best use of the resources provided. They must react quickly and responsibly, directing those resources to the needs of the future rather than the needs of the past."

"We need to reaffirm our commitment to educational opportunity for every Texan. Our goal should continue to be a higher education for every qualified student."

Doctors trying to delay decisions about participation in Medicare

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge Tuesday rejected a bid by the American Medical Association and other groups to delay new rules forcing doctors to decide whether to participate in Medicare.

An attorney representing the AMA said the group would press on with the suit, despite U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders' refusal to issue a temporary injunction.

Sanders had been asked to halt enforcement of a requirement that doctors decide by Jan. 1 whether to sign Medicare participation agreements locking them into a fee structure set by the government.

"The appropriate forum for plaintiffs' grievances is the Congress, not the courts," Sanders said.

The plaintiffs, which also included the Texas Medical Association, the Lubbock-Crosby-Garza

County Medical Society, seven Lubbock doctors and three of their patients, had sued the U.S. secretary of Health and Human Services.

The doctors argued that they should not be required to decide whether to participate yet because it may be March before they get all the information they need on fees they can charge.

The doctors argued the rules were unconstitutional because Medicare recipients cannot use their own money to buy more expensive medical services.

The AMA contends the regulations create a "two-tiered system of medical care."

Medicare participants who go to non-participating doctors are reimbursed only 90 percent of what is paid to patients of participating doctors. The fees of non-participating

doctors for such patients also are limited by the government.

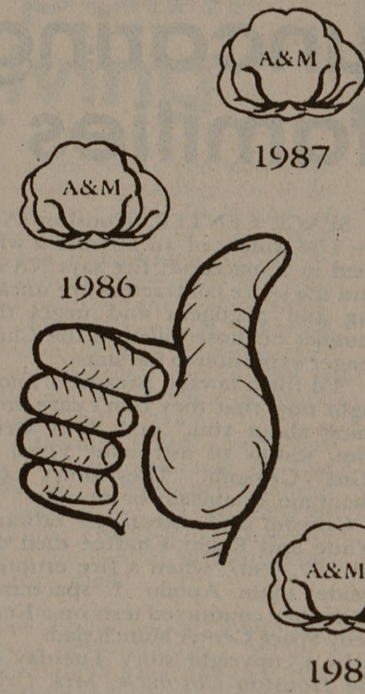
The new rules are part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act signed into law by President Reagan on Oct. 21.

Sanders and U.S. District Judge Halbert O. Woodward of Lubbock earlier had issued temporary restraining orders that postponed until Tuesday the deadline for doctors to decide whether to participate.

"The court finds no violation of plaintiffs' federal constitutional rights and no improper action or omission by the secretary (of Health and Human Services)," Sanders said.

During a two-day hearing last week, government attorneys argued that the budget bill did not require HHS to release immediate details of the Medicare fee structure.

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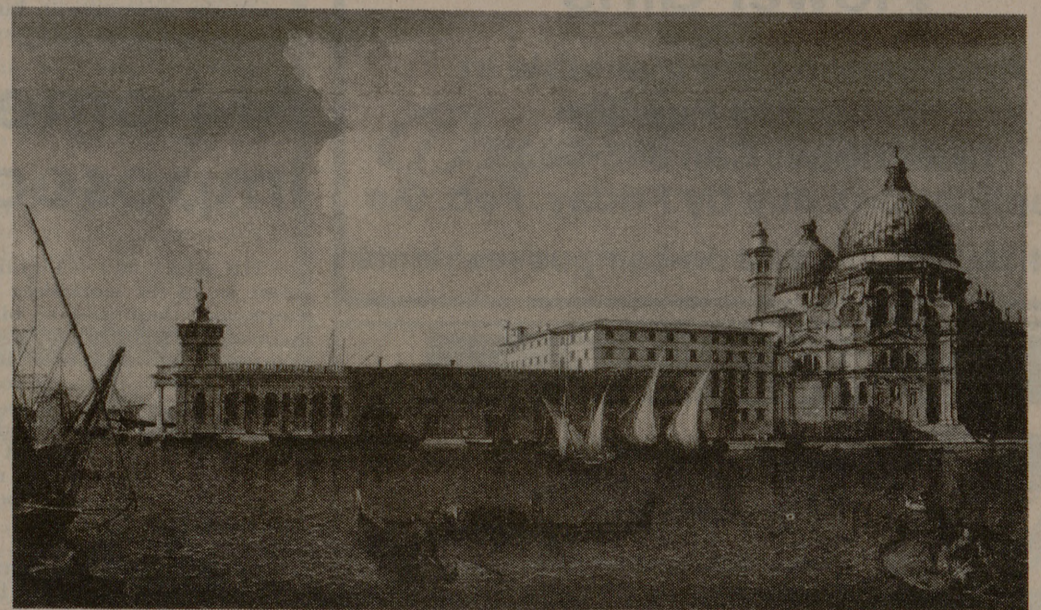
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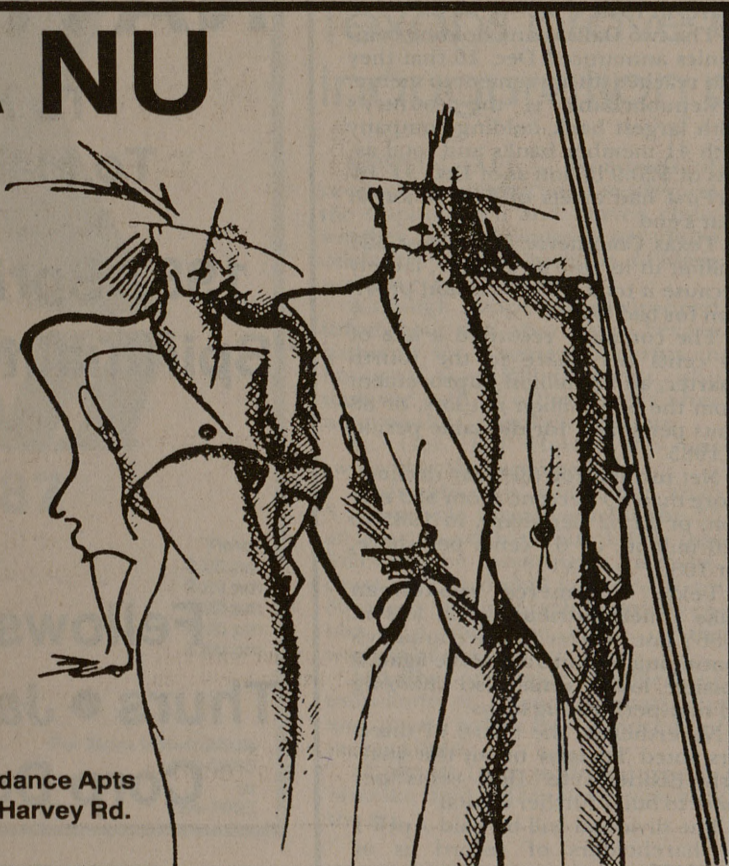
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