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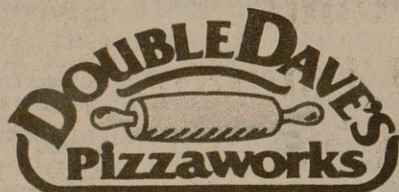
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Commissioner called to testify in school case

AUSTIN (AP) — Education Commissioner William Kirby was called Monday to testify for the defense in the complex challenge of the state public school financing system, but ended up just a spectator.

Attorneys said he would take the stand today. The trial, which began Jan. 20, resumed Monday after a two-week recess.

Attorneys have estimated it will be at least two weeks before the non-jury trial goes to State District Judge Harley Clark for a decision.

Clark is expected to study the trial record, along with additional legal briefs, for about a month.

Cross-examination was completed Monday in the testimony of Victoria Bergin, a TEA deputy commissioner.

Bergin, a native of Monterrey, Mexico, who did not learn English until after entering the third grade, said she agreed with previous witnesses that the amount of money spent on schools did not guarantee a high level of learning.

She cited two low-wealth school systems, at Ysleta and Presidio, which she said had a high commitment to quality education.

The suit was filed by 67 property-poor school districts who claim the financing formula decreed by the 1984 school reform act discriminates between poor and rich districts.

In Advance

Stroke forces Rusk to cancel lecture

By Olivier Uyttebrouck
Senior Staff Writer

Dean Rusk, a former secretary of state slated to participate in the Memorial Student Center Wiley Lecture Series on Wednesday, has suffered a mild stroke and will not take part in the event, a lecture series spokesman said.

The other three participants, Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, Dr. Jeane Kirkpatrick and Howard K. Smith will appear as scheduled, Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

Liz Hudson, Wiley Lecture Series public relations officer, said she received word last Tuesday that Rusk was hospitalized and would not attend the event. Rusk has not lost any motor skills, nor is his condition life-threatening, she said.

Rusk, 78, was secretary of state under presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson from 1961 to 1969, during the greater part of the Vietnam War. Rusk, whose particular area of expertise is the Far East and Indochina, was an assistant secretary of state under President Harry Truman and influenced U.S. policy toward Vietnam perhaps as much as any American official during the 1950s and 1960s.

Muskie, 73, has been a prominent news figure in recent months as a member of the three-man Tower Commission — the board appointed by the president

to investigate the Iran-Contra fair.

Muskie served as U.S. senator of Maine from 1958 to 1983, served three terms in the House of Representatives and two terms as governor of Maine prior to election to the Senate. In 1969, he was the Democratic nominee for vice president. He also was president Jimmy Carter's secretary of state during the latter part of Carter administration.

Kirkpatrick, 61, is most noted for her work as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations from 1982 to 1985 and as a member of President Ronald Reagan's cabinet. She currently works as a professor at Georgetown University, Washington D.C. and holds political science degrees from Tulane College and Georgetown.

Smith, 73, began his career as a reporter in New Orleans and worked for United Press International and the New York Times. During World War II, Smith was a war correspondent for CBS and authored a best-selling book, "Last Train From Berlin," based on his wartime experiences.

In 1946 Edward R. Murrow appointed Smith to succeed as CBS' chief European correspondent, and his experience that post inspired his book, "The State of Europe," transferred to Washington in 1957, and in 1962 began his year career with ABC News.

School officials: Enrollment expected to strain facilities

By Darren Allen
Reporter

Skyrocketing enrollment at Texas A&M is expected to stress the school's facilities, but school officials say they are committed to keeping academic standards high.

A&M's enrollment has increased from 36,561 students last fall to an estimated 37,700 students this fall and is projected to be more than 42,000 students by 1990, according to a report from the Office of Planning and Institutional Analysis.

An increase of 900 students last fall from the previous year gave the University the largest increase in student population of all Texas universities, the Texas College and University System Coordinating Board reported.

But keeping up with the increasing student population is an ongoing problem, says Dr. John Koldus, vice president of student services.

"We are a public institution," Koldus says. "And with a public institution, if they (students) meet the admission standards, they're in."

Although A&M's resources are stressed, he says, the University will try to meet the demands more students place on it.

"A&M is a public institution and a land-grant university," he remarks. "If our only goal was to limit enrollment, then we could do it artificially."

Expansion plans for the school exist, but Koldus emphasizes that the Legislature controls the money allotted for such projects and has the final say.

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Dr. Frank E. Vandiver, president of A&M, says in a press release that meeting the new financial responsibilities that a higher student population brings will be a challenge.

"We are obviously pleased that so many young men and women," Vandiver says, "well-qualified young men and women, I hasten to add —

want to continue their education careers at Texas A&M.

"But the projected influx of students will strain our resources, time when we are already stretched fiscally and physically.

The projected rise in the student population is attributed to a number of factors, says Glenn Dowling, director of the Office of Planning and Institutional Analysis.

A large number of Texas school graduates and a healthy economy, however, are the primary reasons for the sharp increase, he says.

When the economy is bad — is now — and young people can't find jobs, many of those people decide to go to school, he says.

In 1986, there was an abrupt increase in the number of high school graduates in Texas, Dowling says.

About 3.85 percent of all Texas high school graduates enrolled at A&M last fall as compared to the normal enrollment of 3.45 percent.

"Quantitatively, we just had an increase in Texas high school graduates," he says.

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