

What's up

Wednesday

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES: Professor Michael Katz will speak on "What is to be done about *What Is To Be Done*" at 4 p.m. in 204 Academic.

FELLOWS SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION: presentations by current fellows will be held for prospective undergraduate fellows from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Check the monitors in Rudder Tower for location.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH: J.J. Dent will hold a writing outreach session on "Applying for a Job: Writing the Right Letter" at 6:30 p.m. in 105 Blocker.

TAMU INVESTMENT CLUB: Greg Stiles, associate vice president of investments at Dean Witter-Reynolds will speak at 6:30 p.m. in 131 Blocker.

PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA: will hold a panel discussion about careers in public relations at 1 p.m. in 401 Rudder. Guy Brown, president of the Houston PRSA chapter, will speak on trends in public relations at 6:30 p.m. in 014 Reed McDonald.

STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: will hold a seminar on study abroad programs at 10 a.m. in 215 Bizzell West.

GREAT COMMISSION STUDENTS: will discuss "In God We Trust: Is America a Christian Nation?" at 7:30 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.

STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID: will show "Mandela" at 8:30 p.m. in 604 Rudder.

PANAMANIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 604 A-B Rudder.

GAY STUDENT SERVICES: will discuss "Safe Sex Guidelines for Gay and Bisexual Men" at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

ASIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: will hold an Aggie Supper at 6 p.m. at the A&M Presbyterian Church.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will meet at noon. Call 845-5826 for location.

MANAGEMENT SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 150 Blocker.

EUROPE CLUB: will meet at 9:30 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's Pizza.

ALVIN HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 6 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.

SAN ANTONIO HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 305 A Rudder.

Thursday

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: a speaker from Exxon will discuss its methodology and systems management at 6:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

PI SIGMA EPSILON & AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION: will host a speaker from Dow Chemical U.S.A. at 6:30 p.m. in 165 Blocker.

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM: students interested in honors courses should meet at 5:30 p.m. in 209 HECC.

STUDENTS FOR SCIENTIFIC CREATIONISM: will meet at 8 p.m. Check monitor in Rudder Tower for location.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 304 Rudder.

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.

Clements to call special session if bills don't pass

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements threatened Tuesday to keep lawmakers after school with a special session if they fail by June 1 to approve civil justice reform and expand gubernatorial power over state spending.

"We're going to have a special session if we don't have a responsible answer to this issue (tort reform)," Clements told his weekly news conference.

He said lawmakers also would be kept in session if they fail to give him so-called budget execution authority.

On another subject, Clements accused some state officials of having a "panic-button mentality" by saying the state will go broke this autumn due to cash-flow problems.

Using some of his toughest talk of the half-gone legislative session, Clements insisted that lawmakers take action on the "tort reform" issue.

Clements said he is convinced that frivolous lawsuits, excessive damage claims and rising liability insurance costs are damaging the Texas economy.

"This (tort reform) is a good example of what is conducive to job formation and economic development," he said.

He called for a "responsible bill," although he failed to detail just what measures he wants included, saying "I'm not going to get into the bits and pieces."

Some lawmakers suggest that the tort reform fight involving plaintiff's lawyers, insurance companies and others may have stalled legislative movement. But Clements said he won't accept excuses.

"I fully recognize that no one special interest, whatever that might be... will get everything they want," Clements said. "There's going to have to be a responsible compromise among the various interests."

"I've been talking to several of the senators and House members, as well as the leadership... My message was that we will have a special session on tort reform if it's not addressed in the regular session."

That threat also applies to budget execution authority, the power to allow the governor — or perhaps a panel of state officials — to shift funds from one agency to another in times of fiscal emergency and when the Legislature isn't in session.

Because the authority would strip the Legislature of some traditional power over state monies, many lawmakers oppose it. The Senate early this year voted against even debating the plan.

But Clements said voters OK'd a constitutional amendment to authorize that power in 1985, and he blasted legislative opposition to it.

"The people of Texas, who voted for the constitutional amendment, are just being ignored by certain people in the House and Senate," he said.

Clements predicted his special-session threat would work.

"I would anticipate that with some gnashing of teeth, we'll get budget execution authority," he said.

Neither House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, nor Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby voiced surprise at Clements' threat.

Clements drops attack on ag post

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements, abandoning a controversial call to abolish the elected post of agriculture commissioner, endorsed a series of moves Tuesday he said are crucial for the Texas economy.

The proposals — ranging from creating a department of commerce to relieving small business of regulatory burdens — were recommended earlier by a blue-ribbon task force.

But Clements dropped a plan to convert the elected state agriculture commissioner's job to a post filled by gubernatorial appointment.

"After taking the pulse of various people, I find that is probably not a viable condition," Clements told his weekly news conference.

The proposal, first offered with other economic development recommendations Jan. 23, pitted the state's only 20th-century Republican governor against Democrat Jim Hightower, a self-proclaimed populist who has transformed a once-sleepy office into one with national visibility.

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— Bill Clements

At least three newspapers had sought the tape under the state's Open Records Law.

On the tape, made by Clements press secretary Reggie Bashur, Clements said the pay-for-players agreements were "family business" done by official SMU representatives.

"At least half the board understands the details of what we're talking about," Clements said. "But the other half accepted with faith that we, in a judgmental sense, made the right decision in the interests of the institution."

Clements the next day told a news conference that when he was chairman of the SMU board — a post he resigned before taking the Texas governor's office Jan. 20 — he and some other school officials decided to continue improper cash payments to players.

The school was placed on probation by the National Collegiate Athletic Association in 1985. The NCAA earlier this year banned SMU from football in 1987 and restricted its 1988 schedule to seven games for continuing rules violations.

Clements said "we had several lawyers involved" but that legal considerations played no part in the final decision to continue payments.

"Our decision was based on good faith and integrity," Clements said on the tape.

Clements: SMU deals were 'family business'

AUSTIN (AP) — Before making his involvement in the SMU football scandal public, Gov. Bill Clements told the *Dallas Morning News* that half the school's governing board knew about improper payments to players.

According to a tape recording of a March 2 interview, Clements called the Southern Methodist University pay-for-players situation a "first-class, A-No. 1 mess."

Clements also claimed that boosters at other schools were similarly violating the rules.

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In an unusual twist to an already unusual story, Clements' staff members Monday night permitted news reporters to listen to the tape.

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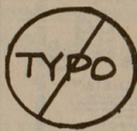
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