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Bloodline

Mike DeArman, a junior health major, shows Jill Kizer, a freshman psychology major, how to fill out the registration forms required to

donate blood. The Red Cross was striving to get 1,755 units of blood from A&M that would be 4.5 percent of the student enrollment.

Celebrations prompt Clements to honor Air Force anniversary

By Elisa Hutchins
Staff Writer

Thursday the United States celebrated the 40th anniversary of its Constitution and today is the 40th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force. Today is also the official day to remember Americans missing in action or who are prisoners of war. In keeping with the national celebration Gov. Bill Clements declared Sept. 18 as Air Force ROTC day in Texas.

Clements, who served as the U.S. deputy secretary of defense from 1973 to 1976, wrote on the official memorandum that Texas' programs serve a vital role in U.S. society and have pro-

duced more commissioned Air Force officers than any state in the nation. He specifically mentioned Texas A&M as an especially important member of this role.

Capt. Kevin R. Gamache, assistant professor of aerospace studies, said he and 10 other professors of military science sent a letter to Clements asking him to consider declaring the day so that all Texans could celebrate the honor.

"We sent the letter and on Sept. 8 members of other statewide programs and A&M went to Austin where Governor Clements signed the proclamation," Gamache said.

He said A&M has the largest Air Force ROTC unit in the country with 687 cadets and that De-

partment 805 will produce 72 commissioned Air Force officers this year.

Jay Rosser, deputy press secretary for the governor, said Clements is not scheduled to appear in any related events but programs statewide including units at Southwest Texas State University and the University of Texas, and A&M also has activities scheduled.

Corps Commandant Maj. Gen. Thomas Darling planted a tree in front of Dorm 2 in commemoration of AFOTC day at 7 this morning.

And at 8 a.m. a POW/MIA and U.S. flag-raising ceremony in front of Dorm 2 honored the 2,413 Americans missing overseas.

Agents seize drugs, planes in South Texas

HARGILL (AP) — Federal agents said Thursday they have seized more than a ton of marijuana and five airplanes at a private South Texas airstrip they suspect of being a staging area for distributing the drug to other parts of the country.

"The airport, we believe, was used to bring in shipments from Mexico," said James Castillo, resident agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Brownsville office.

A 26-year-old Mexican pilot was arrested in connection with the Wednesday-night raid at Filigonia Airport near the Lower Rio Grande Valley farming town of Hargill, about 30 miles north of the Mexican border, officials said.

Federal agents obtained a federal search warrant for the airport after Border Patrol agents reported suspicious activity, said Oran Neck, agent in charge of the U.S. Customs office in Brownsville.

Activity that attracted the Border Patrol's attention was the sight of "airplanes touching and going in and out of there," Neck said.

5 UT medical chairmen fired for protesting hiring change

HOUSTON (AP) — A proposed controversial change in the affiliation agreement between Houston's Hermann Hospital and the University of Texas Medical School left five department chairmen at the school fired and two more resigning in protest.

John C. Ribble, dean of the medical school, told a faculty meeting Wednesday the five were let go for protesting changes that would give the hospital more control in selecting department heads in the medical school.

The usual practice is for chairmen of the 14 medical school departments at the university also to head the clinical services at the hospital.

Both the school and the hospital are part of the Medical Center complex in Houston.

Eleven department heads at the school sent a letter to Charles Mullins, executive vice chancellor for health affairs for the University of Texas system.

In the letter, they threatened to resign if the proposed changes between the university and the hospital were not rescinded.

Ribble said the letter circumvented usual protocol and threatened hospital negotiations so the

school asked the 11 to retract the ultimatum.

"Some recanted, some did not," he said.

Physicians out as department chairmen include Thomas E. Andreoli, internal medicine; Joseph C. Gabel, anesthesiology; Stewart Sell, pathology and laboratory medicine; R. Rodney Howell, pediatrics; and Louis A. Falliacci, psychiatry and behavioral sciences and executive director of the Harris County Psychiatric Center.

In addition, Robert K. Creasy, chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology, and Robert E. Jordan, dermatology, are resigning in protest.

Hospital officials said all seven, however, are tenured professors and would remain as teachers and treat patients at the hospital despite the firings.

Faculty members complain top professors of medicine will not be attracted to the school if they cannot be assured that a department chairmanship also will mean they can head a clinical department at the hospital.

Hermann Hospital has been affiliated with the university since 1968.

Ribble said the hospital now wants some influence in the appointment of its chiefs.

"It's important to feel that people who are a very important part of your institution have your best interest at heart," he said.

The chief executive officer at the hospital, Jephtha Dalston, said tough competition for patient dollars prompted the hospital to initiate talks that led to the proposed change in its relationship with the university.

"The agreement is 20 years old and outdated," he said.

"We're not guys with white hats and black hats," he said. "Both sides are wearing white hats. We've just been pushed together on this by the recession."

"It is true that economics plays a substantial part of what we are doing but it is not motivated by economics alone."

The change in the agreement still needs the approval of the school's board of regents and the hospital board.

Ribble said the hospital and the school would make every effort to see that department heads hold both positions at the school and the hospital.

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