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**Freshmen recruits**

Incoming freshmen Kyle McPherson and Jeff Lemonds, both of Arlington, discuss the Corps of Cadets with sophomore Blane Tredway, from Weatherford, on Tuesday afternoon in Rudder Tower. Tomorrow is the final day of the student conferences.

**Dukakis gains Jackson favor, campaign base**

ATLANTA (AP) — Michael Dukakis won the platform of his design Tuesday at the Democratic National Convention while a parade of Democrats ridiculed George Bush as a "toothache of a man," and worse. After Dukakis left the stage the atmosphere was set for a thumping late-night demonstration of Jackson action.

In his campaign farewell, Jesse Jackson said he'd seek "bold leadership" and new direction.

Dukakis easily defeated Jackson's call for higher taxes on wealthy individuals and corporations by a vote of 2,492 to 1,091. He thus sought to avoid the political damage suffered by Walter F. Mondale in the 1984 campaign when he pledged to raise taxes if he won the White House.

Dukakis was expected to prevail, as well, on his rival's call for a "no first use" pledge of nuclear weapons. Jackson's third minority plank, a call for self-determination for Palestinians as well as Israelis, was debated and withdrawn.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts was leading off the prime time speechmaking, to be introduced by his 27-year-old nephew John F. Kennedy Jr., son of the late president, in his national political debut.

Otherwise, Day 2 of the convention belonged to Jackson—a chance to present a video of his life to the convention and a prime-time audience of millions. A chance to have his children join him on the Omni podium, and a chance to wrap up his remarkable campaign with a rhetorical flourish.

"God is not finished with me yet," he said in a campaign-ending speech at the 1984 convention. This time he told reporters he would speak about the need for "bold leadership" in the coming campaign. "That's what we need: new direction, sound ideas and America must never surrender to be bigger and be better."

Georgia delegates supporting Dukakis and campaign dropout Albert Gore Jr. gave seats on the floor to alternates pledged to Jackson in a gesture of unity. And in a sign of sensitivity to the former civil rights leader, a top convention official swiftly ordered the strains of Dixie cut off when they began blaring over

the Omni public address system.

The platform debate went as scripted, with Jackson supporters calling for adoption of a plank demanding tax increases on the wealthiest Americans and on corporations, and with the Dukakis camp resisting.

"Let's not tie (Dukakis) hands with a tax increase," said Denver Mayor Frederico Pena.

Dukakis has said consistently that he would not rule out a tax increase to balance the deficit, but doesn't think one should be considered until all other avenues have been explored.

Dukakis, his nomination secure for Wednesday night, breakfasted with AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland and visited the gravesite of Martin Luther King Jr. He praised the slain civil rights leader as a "man of action, a man of inspiration." He cited his own background as the son of Greek immigrants and quoted the words of King: "Everybody can be great because anybody can serve."

**Department investigates Meese**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department has launched a new ethics investigation into the conduct of outgoing Attorney General Edwin Meese III in the wake of an independent counsel's finding that he "probably" violated criminal laws on four occasions.

Meese's assistance to his longtime friend E. Robert Wallach is expected to come under especially close scrutiny in the latest probe, said department sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The self-styled citizens group Common Cause asked the Justice Department's Office of Professional Responsibility on July 6 to look into Meese's ethics. OPR Counsel Michael Shaheen replied, in a letter re-

leased Tuesday by Common Cause, that "We have initiated an inquiry into your complaint."

Common Cause President Fred Wertheimer had requested specifically that the Justice Department unit examine whether Meese violated a 1965 executive order spelling out standards of conduct for government employees as well as provisions of a federal law, the Code of Ethics for Government Service.

The basis for Shaheen's inquiry is expected to be the 814-page report compiled by independent counsel James McKay and publicly released Monday after a 14-month criminal investigation of Meese. The attorney general, who said McKay's decision not to prosecute "completely vindic-

ated" him, has announced he is leaving the government, probably next month, to become a writer and lecturer at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

The potential consequences of the OPR inquiry aren't precisely clear. If Meese remained on the job, a negative OPR report could have led to the unit's recommendation that President Reagan fire him. As things now stand, an official censure or reprimand likely would be the worst possible outcome, although Meese's successor-designate, Richard Thornburg, has promised to pursue any new investigation wherever the evidence leads.

McKay found that Wallach engaged in a number of activities

which were "of substantial benefit" to Meese, including representing Meese without charge in connection with his nomination and confirmation hearings to become attorney general. McKay also said Wallach assisted in obtaining a paying job for Meese's wife, Ursula, helped the Meeses get an \$80,000 bank loan in 1983 and facilitated a 1986 loan of \$260,000 to refinance Meese's mortgage.

McKay also found that Meese helped Wallach by interceding on behalf of Wedtech Corp. in a move that culminated in a \$32 million engine-building contract for the company and also by assisting the attorney in connection with a \$1 billion Iraqi oil pipeline project.

**Clements experiences slight stroke**

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements suffered a "slight stroke" Tuesday and was admitted to Seton Medical Center Tuesday, his press spokesman said.

"Gov. Clements has had a slight stroke that had affected his vision," the spokesman, Reggie Bashur, said Tuesday night. "His vision right now is almost all back to normal. There are no other difficulties or symptoms," Bashur said.

Clements checked in at about 6:30 p.m. and walked in on his own, accompanied by the Department Of Public Safety officials who usually escort him, said M. A. Bengston, a hospital spokesman.

Bashur said the governor was expected to remain at Seton for two to three days for observation.

**All quiet on Mandela's 70th birthday**

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — South Africa was quiet on Nelson Mandela's 70th birthday, showing once again the government's ability to defuse potentially explosive events and its refusal to bow to world opinion.

Dozens of governments — including the United States — appealed for Mandela's release. Thousands of people held rallies in world capitals to mark the birthday Monday of the African National Congress leader who has been imprisoned since 1962.

In South Africa even the pro-government, Afrikaans-language newspaper *Beeld* said it now would be better to free Mandela rather than further enhance his stature as a martyr.

But the government responded in its customarily blunt fashion: no birthday celebrations and no freedom for Mandela until he renounces violence.

Mandela's birthday passed in South Africa without a major public celebration or an outburst of violence.

"This day turned into what the government wanted to be made of it," the leader's wife, Winnie Mandela, said Monday.

The government banned all celebrations, including concerts, festivals, sports events and even a private tea party. More than 30 people involved in organizing the events were detained.

The Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference said government authorities "were making themselves look quite ridiculous."

But Minister of Information Stoffel van der Merwe said Monday on national television, "No matter how much international pressure is brought upon us . . . we must do what is right from our own perspective."

**Iran reports raids on nuclear plant**

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Iraqi warplanes raided an unfinished nuclear plant and other Iranian industrial targets Tuesday, the day after Iran said it would accept a U.N. cease-fire proposal.

The ranking Republican member of House Armed Services Committee, on a visit to the Persian Gulf, said it would be "very simple" to start pulling the U.S. Navy out when a truce takes effect.

Iran claimed three attacking jets destroyed the targets. Iraq did not acknowledge the air raids but claimed to have destroyed two Iranian aircraft — one in a dogfight over the gulf and the other with anti-aircraft fire near Kirkuk, an oil center on the northern frontier.

War communiques from Tehran said the Iraqi raids were "barbaric" and Iranian warplanes retaliated by raiding a dam at Lake Darbandikhan near Kirkuk, 140 miles northeast of Baghdad.

Each side acknowledged the loss of one aircraft.

Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz of Iraq said Iran's decision to accept the year-old Security Council resolution was "two-faced" and "aiming at winning time to launch surprise offensives" in the war, which began in September 1980.

Rep. William Dickinson of Alabama said in an interview that a gradual reduction in U.S. forces could begin as soon as a cease-fire became reality and the political and diplomatic process permitted it.

"The extraction of our forces is going to be very simple," he said. "We don't have anything on the ground. All we have to do is wind that ship up and go."

The United States has had naval forces in the gulf since 1948 and now has 27 warships in the region, with about 17 in the gulf at any time, according to U.S. military sources.

Iran said the Iraqi air raids were proof that Baghdad opposes an end to the 8-year-old war.

Tehran's official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted the head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, Reza Amrollahi, as saying the Iraqi raid on the nuclear plant inflicted "heavy losses."

Amrollahi said in a letter to the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency it was the seventh attack on the unfinished facility in four years, the news agency reported.

The Tehran radio report said the attacks would force "international forums," including the United Nations, to a "historic and sensitive test" while showing a need for Iran's forces to "remain on a state of alert so as to confront the aggressive enemy."

The report accused Iraq of violating international law by attacking the nuclear power station at Bush-eh.

By Fiona Soltes  
 Reporter

Even though a recent survey found lower-than-expected levels of drug and alcohol abuse among Texas A&M students, University officials realize the need to continue educating the public about substance abuse.

"We're striving to prevent drug abuse through education and information," said Dr. Dennis Reardon, coordinator of the A&M Center for Drug Prevention and Education.

"We want to help students make responsible lifestyle choices that will stay with them forever," he said.

The center, which opened in January, was created for this purpose through a two-year, \$120,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education's fund for the improvement of post-secondary education.

The center surveyed students to discover the size of the drug problem at A&M.

Based on questions asked of 1,000 students, the survey found that 34.3 percent of 18- to 25-year-olds at the University have tried marijuana, compared to an average of 64 percent of the same age group in the general population.

College-bound students tend to use less alco-

**Marketing specialist says drought will increase grain, grocery prices**

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Summer droughts in the mid-west are more than likely going to raise feed grain prices and cause an increase in grocery prices for meat, poultry and some produce and canned goods, said Dr. David Mellor of the Texas Agricultural Extension service.

Mellor, a poultry marketing specialist, said the effects first should become evident at the produce counter later this summer.

"The drought should affect produce first, then it will affect the feed grain prices, causing beef and poultry prices to increase," Mellor said.

Dr. Dick Edwards, an agricultural economist for the service,

said consumers should find attractive meat prices and sales during the mid-summer as farmers continue to sell off their stock.

"If the drought continues, farmers will sell their cattle because they can't afford to feed them," Mellor said. "There should be a brief drop in beef prices because of a flood in the market and in poultry prices because poultry generally follows beef in pricing trends."

Consumers aren't going to see the abundance of produce that usually prompts sales or falling prices as the season progresses.

"We've already seen this effect with Texas watermelons, cantaloupes and peaches," he says. "There's no shortage, but prices aren't falling as you would expect

during the height of the summer."

Edwards said consumers also can expect higher prices on some canned goods this winter.

Some consumers may find it practical to stock their home freezers in advance while the prices are lower.

Bonnie Piernot, an Extension family economics specialist, suggests that if consumers do purchase meat in bulk, they should protect it with moisture vapor-proof freezer wrap, freezer containers and tape so they still have a quality product three or four months later.

Piernot also suggests that people consider the cost of running a freezer to see if that would offset any money saved by purchasing meat now.

**A&M supports drug, alcohol education**

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 Reporter

hol and drugs than non-college-bound people of the same age, but A&M student averages are significantly lower than other college students," Reardon said.

Besides the survey, the center has planned many activities to help students, faculty and staff understand the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.

"Right now, we're planning a carnival for social chairmen of student organizations," Ann Coombes, assistant coordinator, said. "Booths and games will promote responsible party-planning, including choosing foods and non-alcoholic beverages."

"We also emphasize the legal issues of alcohol, such as forms of risk management and how to handle a liability charge. We want to get as much information out to the public as possible."

The center also is planning Alcohol and Drug Awareness weeks for the fall and spring semesters. These events will include "Anatomy of a Party," an Interfraternity Council skit about drinking that requires audience participation, and "Hall-y-wood Squares," a mock game show run by the Residence Hall Association.

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of events," Coombes said. "This way, the influence on the student body comes from peers."

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