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Builders: Nuclear plant not ready for licensing

GLEN ROSE (AP) — Builders of Comanche Peak nuclear power plant have "a lot of things to complete" before the behind-schedule, over-cost facility is ready for licensing, federal officials say.

A federal inspection, to end Friday, was to be the final hurdle for \$9.1 million plant before it was loaded with fuel and began low power operation.

But inspectors have already made a decision, said R.R. Warnick, who is leading the examina-

tion.

The 12-member team "is not going to take the position this Friday that this plant is ready for licensing," Warnick said.

TU Electric "is still finishing construction," he said. "They're still building the plant. They're not down to the nitty-gritty yet."

Inspectors "have found several things — the utility has got a lot of things to complete," Warnick said.

Professor says Women's Studies now give attention to non-whites

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In the past, Women's Studies Courses at colleges focused on white, middle-class women, but now these courses are giving more attention and respect to women of color, Jane Gallop, a professor from Rice University, said Tuesday night.

The Women's Studies courses which were taught in the past could have been called White Women's Studies Courses, but this has changed because feminists are now

focusing on other groups of women. Gallop, an author and Professor of Humanities, said.

"A few years ago we were getting established so we couldn't do too much to help other groups," Gallop said. "Now we can reach out because it is no longer viewed as treacherous to be a feminist as it would have been 10 years ago."

Women's Studies courses are still lacking in the area of addressing the

plight of minority women because racial issues are taught only as special topics in a small unit, Gallop said.

Gallop said two alternatives to teaching biased Anglo history is to add token units to the syllabus or teach students how to read text books and make up their own minds on what is good or bad.

"It is better to add token units because having a few units on minori-

ties and women is better than having nothing at all," she said. "Western civilization says everything about America is great and this isn't true. Professors should focus on the bad as well as the good aspects of history."

Gallop said some institutions see it as an obligation to bring in women of other classes and colors when discussing feminism.

Jordan Institute helps A&M students get summer jobs in other countries

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Getting a summer job doesn't have to mean living at home with the folks.

The Living Abroad Program offered by the MSC Jordan Institute for International Awareness sends Texas A&M students overseas for work experience.

Jordan will send ten students to the Dominican Republic for four weeks and pick up the tab for travel, room and board during late May and June. The students will live with host families during their stay and work at jobs relating to their major field of study.

Jordan revived the Living Abroad Program this year because it's an important way to give students a cultural awareness of another country, Living Abroad Director Aaron DeWitt said. The program was handled by another committee in the past and discontinued a few years ago, he said, but Jordan is bringing it back and hopes it will expand.

"If we have more successful programs, maybe we can send some people to England next year, too," he said.

Dr. Stephen Biles, the committee's advisor, targeted several places where he thought students might learn the most about another culture, DeWitt said, and visited the Dominican Republic during the summer. He found some contacts who will help locate host families and appropriate jobs, DeWitt said.

The Dominican Republic is on an island southeast of Cuba in the Caribbean Sea, and is equal or greater in advancement than Mexico, DeWitt said.

"It's not an under-developed country," he said. "I don't know a lot about it, but I know students won't be living without running water or in grass huts. Many will be working for large corporations."

Proficiency in Spanish is required for participants. "They're going to need to communicate with the people there," DeWitt said. Participants should have taken two years of Spanish in college or high school, he said, but the program will "work with them in that area."

The Living Abroad Program will pay for a non-credit University Plus Conversational Spanish course during the Spring 1990 semester for selected students, but will not pay for University credit classes.

All applicants for the program must be currently enrolled at Texas A&M and have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average. They will be interviewed by DeWitt, Biles, Jordan Chairman David Dowell, the MSC Director of Cultural Programs and a professor of Spanish, DeWitt said.

"I can't speak for the others, but in the interview I'm personally looking for someone who has a general interest and enthusiasm for the program and has never done something like this before," he said. Students also will speak with the Spanish professor in the interview to demonstrate their language skills, he said.

Participants are eligible for interest-free loans from the MSC Overseas Loan Program to help cover their personal expenses. Applications for the loan and the Living Abroad Program are available in Room 223G of the MSC Browsing Library. Living Abroad applications should be returned to the office by Nov. 6.

Hance says he will approach drug, crime war realistically

By Andrea Warrenburg
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Kent Hance, Republican candidate for Texas governor, spoke to a crowd of about 75 people Tuesday night about the main focuses of his campaign: the economy, crime and education.

Economically, Hance is the only candidate who wants to propose a constitutional amendment banning a state income tax.

"Texas could use this as a tool to recruit businesses," Hance said. "And we will never have another income tax unless the people vote for it."

To fight the war on crime and drugs, Hance said he wants to construct 25,000 new state prison beds, push a constitutional amendment to eliminate bail for drug dealers, appoint a victim of crime to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles and suspend state benefits such as welfare payments, student loans and drivers' licenses to anyone convicted of felony possession of illegal drugs.

"We want to emphasize programs to cut down on what is going on," Hance said. "We want

to take the momentum away from the drugs and crime that are hurting society. But we're going to be realistic about it."

Hance also wants to create drug-free school zones, where harsh penalties are imposed on people who possess or manufacture illegal drugs within 1,000 yards of a school.

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In an effort to improve Texas education, Hance said he wants to elect a commissioner of education, have textbooks selected locally and increase involvement among teachers, students and their parents.

"Society often pushes off problems into schools that should be solved at home," Hance said.

The issue of abortion was also

addressed in a question and answer session following his speech. Hance said he is pro-life and if elected governor, he would try to pass legislation to prohibit women below the age of 18 from getting an abortion without parental consent and to prohibit tax money from paying for abortions.

Born and raised in Texas, Hance received his undergraduate degree from Texas Tech and in 1968 graduated from the University of Texas Law School.

He entered public service in 1974 when he was elected to the Texas Senate. Four years later, he was elected to the U.S. Congress. In 1987, Gov. Bill Clements appointed him to the Texas Railroad Commission, which he now serves on as chairman.

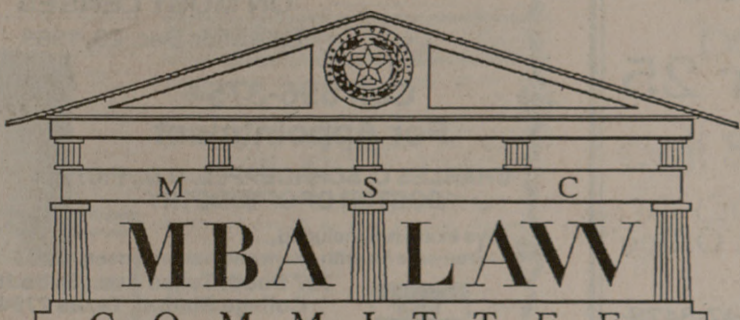
Hance is one of four principal candidates vying for the Republican party nomination in the March primary.

Speaking about his running mates, Hance said, "If you had to have brain surgery tomorrow, you wouldn't get a first-year medical student to do it. You would get someone with experience — I have experience."

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