

# Clements receives SMU appointment

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist University President Kenneth Pye has come under fire from students and alumni because he appointed former Gov. Bill Clements to a school fund-raising committee.



Clements

Pye announced last week the appointment of Clements to the President's Leadership Council, which will identify new financial resources for academic uses. A few months after retiring as

## Debate arises over his past role in 'pay-for-play' scandal

chairman of SMU's board of governors in 1987, Clements — who was governor at the time — disclosed that he and other board members had approved continued payments to football players two years after the school had been placed on probation for similar violations.

As a result of its "play for pay" scandal, SMU in 1988 became the first school ever to receive the NCAA's so-called death penalty. The NCAA canceled SMU's 1987 football season, and the school

voluntarily canceled the 1988 season. The Mustangs were among the nation's worst football teams in 1989 and 1990 as they struggled to rebuild.

"We as alumni gave him an opportunity to run the university," said Don Williams, a board member of the SMU Mustang Club, which raises money for athletic scholarships. "He destroyed the image academically and athletically."

"I feel like putting him on any board, council or committee is a

complete hypocritical outrage. The whole appointment is based on one word — money," Williams said Wednesday.

Pye on Thursday defended his decision in a news release that insisted the council will have no policy-making or governing powers.

"I find it unfortunate that a few individuals choose to rehash the football scandal at periodic intervals," Pye said in a statement. "I would think that my record speaks for itself both in terms of insistence upon institutional integrity and observance of the highest ethical standards in athletics."

"The welfare of SMU requires that we look to the future, not to the past."

# Morales seeks protection for fund

## Plan halts raids into victim's compensation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Attorney General Dan Morales has proposed new regulations to stop private psychiatric hospitals and others from raiding the \$25 million Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

In a letter sent to some state lawmakers, Morales proposes limiting the amount hospitals can receive for in-patient psychiatric care and cracking down on facilities that submit fraudulent claims, the San Antonio Express-News reported Thursday.

The attorney general's office, which assumed administration of the fund last Sept. 1, needs no legislative action to impose the new rules. State law provides agencies with a process, including public hearings, to change regulations.

State Rep. John R. Cook, D-Breckenridge, said he received a copy of Morales' proposed regulation changes Wednesday.

Cook, chairman of a special House commit-

tee studying ways to protect the fund, said he plans to respond to Morales' call.

"I am going to look closely at the proposals and then I may call hearings on them," Cook said.

The proposal comes during the state's court battle against 12 Texas psychiatric hospitals owned by National Medical Enterprises Inc. of Santa Monica, Calif.

Morales filed a lawsuit against National Medical on Sept. 12, accusing it of illegally paying kickbacks for patient referrals and seeking to collect inflated payments from the state fund for treating crime victims.

National Medical has denied doing anything illegal.

Although only National Medical's facilities were cited in the lawsuit, the attorney general's office has expanded its investigation to include hospitals owned by three other medical corporations based in other states.

Among the regulatory changes proposed by Morales is a limit on in-patient psychiatric care to no more than 30 days at a maximum of \$400 per day, the newspaper reported.

Morales also wants to limit counseling to 40 sessions not to exceed \$3,000 and to redefine fraudulent practices to include submitting charges for health care that are unfurnished or unnecessary.

Most of the new rules would provide for unusual circumstances.

The fund pays out more than \$25 million a year to more than 5,000 crime victims, and state law sets a \$25,000 maximum benefit per claim.

Morales has frozen \$10 million in claims against the fund, including \$3.1 million billed by National Medical hospitals in Texas and Louisiana.

## Corps to restructure outfits

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He said when there is enough growth in the Corps, more units will be added and the disbanded units will probably be the first to come back.

Members of the disbanded outfits will for the most part be moved as a group, Darling said.

"It's not a desirable thing," he said. "It's not something that they really want to do, but we've all agreed in the best interest of the Corps we need to have units that are sixty cadets or more."

At this time, Darling said, it appears that all units already integrated with women will remain the same.

"We're trying to hold on to the progress that we've already made and not lose any ground there," he said.

The addition of female Air Force Maj. Rebecca Ray to the staff has been a big asset, he said.

"She has achieved good things and spotted trouble ahead of time," Darling said.

Darling also said no more incidents of sexual harassment in the Corps have been reported this semester.

"I'm not saying that everything is perfect," he said. "Once in a while someone will disappoint you, but it is only typical kinds of things."

Previous action taken by the Corps seems to be working out very well, he said. ROTC staff members' offices have been placed in the dormitories so that any time in the day they are not teaching, they are available for the students. The officers are there for assistance and to maintain a presence, Darling said.

"We're pleased with what we have been able to accomplish. We're always looking at new things and trying to find ways to improve the Corps."

## Neutral nation, not heart

### Donations from Swiss town send Gulf veteran to college

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Swiss woman who comforted a McAllen man recovering from a severe injury during the Persian Gulf War has contributed \$15,000 to help him attend college.

Gabriela Thomas first came to the aid of Army Spc. Alcides Robledo in a German hospital several days after he stepped on an Iraqi land mine and lost his left leg.

"I was afraid my mother would really take it bad, as far as my getting hurt," said Robledo, 24. "She explained to me that mothers all over are the same way. They always love their children no matter what. She set me at ease."

While in the hospital, Robledo pledged to make something of his life using his mind.

"He told me, 'I still have my brain, I'll develop my brain,'" Thomas said.

Thomas decided to help him do that. She began collecting donations for Robledo's education at her antique shop in a small village outside Zurich.

News reports about her campaign helped boost donations. Wednesday, during a ceremony outside Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Thomas gave Robledo a check for \$15,000.

"In spite of our neutrality as a nation, our hearts have never been neutral or alone," she said.

Robledo, who has retired from the Army, said he is finally ready to return to a normal life after 14 operations on his leg and mangled left arm.

## Commander outlines goals

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for the Corps," Michaels said.

Michaels came to A&M as a civilian, but after one year he decided to give the Corps a try.

"I came in as a civilian student with long hair and a safety pin in my ear," Michaels said. "People said I couldn't last two weeks in the Corps. So I did it."

A short haircut was not the only thing Michaels said he has gained from the Corps.

"Self-confidence and discipline are the best things I've gotten out of the Corps so far," he said.

Michaels said being a non-contract cadet makes his appointment to the position of commander unusual.

Candidates for the commander position were nominated by stu-

dent and faculty Corps leaders. A final decision was reached after all candidates were interviewed.

In the past, emphasis has been on cadets who plan to make a career out of the military, but the Corps now seems to be moving toward building leaders in the civilian sector, he said.

"A leadership development program has been started which will give those cadets not continuing in the military a better basis for after college," Michaels said.

"Matt is articulate and he handles situations really well. He has everything we need in a leader," said Corps Commandant Gen. Thomas Darling. "He has the right answers to some of our problems and some good ideas for improvement."

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