

# The Battalion

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'Twas the Night before the parade . . . Visitors to Galveston's "Dickens on the Strand" line the streets to await the parade. Visitors are admitted free if they come in costume.

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## Clinton starts to pick new administration

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — President-elect Clinton began building his new administration Thursday by selecting Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen for treasury secretary, and a cadre of other experienced hands from Wall Street and Congress for remaining top economic posts.

Clinton said to "stay tuned" for more major appointments, with his health, housing and environmental picks among those that could come yet this week.

Propelled into office on a pledge to restore the nation's economic vitality, Clinton promised to "work my heart out" with his new economic team. He announced five appointments in all, selecting faces familiar to the Washington scene and reassuring to the business community.

Besides Bentsen, who chairs the Senate Finance Committee, they are:

- Rep. Leon Panetta, chairman of the House Budget Committee, who will be director of Office of Management and Budget.
- Robert Rubin, co-chairman of Goldman, Sachs & Co., to be assistant to the president for economic policy and coordinate a new National Economic Council.
- Roger Altman, a Wall Street investment banker, who will serve

as Bentsen's top deputy.

• Economist Alice Rivlin, former director of the Congressional Budget Office, who will be Panetta's deputy.

The five nominees offer what Clinton hopes will be the right mix of economic philosophy and practical skill to fill in the details of his economic proposals, and get them enacted. Rivlin and Panetta are known as strong advocates for cutting the federal deficit.

"These people are seasoned, skilled, incredibly able and ready to work for the American people," Clinton said of his first appointees, who appeared with him at a news conference in Arkansas' Old Statehouse.

Clinton's appointments came on a day that brought yet more encouraging news about the health of the economy.

## Cultural studies available here, NAACP reports

By WILL HEALY

Reporter of THE BATTALION

The preliminary results of an informal survey organized by the Texas A&M chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People found 7,000 students per year are exposed to some sort of multicultural education.

The surveyed polled 490 liberal arts professors, of which 44 reported they currently teach material relevant to at least one of the five affirmative action groups.

"The results were better than I hoped to find," Gourrier said.

Of the 73 surveys received in the first week, 60 percent reported some participation in Integration Leadership Studies, while 29 respondents, or 40 percent, said they did not give any type of instruction on the affirmative action groups, according to the NAACP survey.

The topic of the survey was Integration Leadership Studies and Multicultural Curriculum. It was designed to estimate how many students were studying course material dealing with at least one of the five affirmative action groups — women, Hispanics, African-Americans, Native Americans, and Asian-Americans.

The idea was to find out what type of resources the university is currently offering its students and to assist with proposals being discussed to require some type of instruction on multiculturalism, said Joseph Gourrier, president of A&M's chapter of the NAACP.

The current proposal for Integration Leadership Studies is a six hour requirement of classes that teach about affirmative action groups. The survey proposed two levels of education called Remedial Integration Leadership and Advanced Integration Leadership.

Remedial Integration Leadership would be a remedial humanity course which dedicates at least 40 percent of course material to at least one of the five affirmative action groups.

Advanced Integration Leadership would entail an advanced course that concentrates on at least one affirmative action group. The program will not add any hours to student's degree plans and will affect only incoming freshman and not students currently enrolled at A&M, Gourrier said.

He said the information will be passed on to campus administrators who are working on the requirements.

"It will give them direction to go on," Gourrier said.

## Texans will miss Bentsen

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WASHINGTON — As Lloyd Bentsen's political star rises, Texas' clout on Capitol Hill wanes.

But no one appears to begrudge the Democratic elder statesman's move to the Treasury Department, where he will make many of the decisions that determine how well and how quickly Democrats jump-start the economy.

It's an important job. A plum job. A prestigious place to have a Texan.

Bentsen will become only the third Texan in the 203-year history of the Treasury Department to head the influential agency, joining John Connally and Jim Baker.

He may be adding to his place in history, but Texans from Gov. Ann Richards on down are keenly aware that the state will lose a lot: power, political savvy and a place in Congress' inner sanctum.

"You can't be disappointed by an opportunity like that," says Rep. Pete Geren, the Fort Worth Democrat who once served on Bentsen's staff.

"I just wish there were two of him so we could have Lloyd Bentsen as senior senator from Texas and Lloyd Bentsen as secretary of the Treasury."

The worry was clear last week when Richards voiced her desire that Bentsen remain in the Senate and continue building on his 22 years of seniority.

Richards even telephoned President-elect Clinton to point out that Bentsen, as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, could play a pivotal role in pushing the administration's economic package through Congress.

"Lloyd Bentsen has been pretty much our godfather in Washington, shepherding the projects that are close and dear to our hearts down here through Congress," says Bill Cryer, Richards' press secretary.

## Bentsen to be next Treasury secretary

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AUSTIN — Democrats and Republicans alike Thursday applauded the selection of Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen to be the next Treasury secretary.

But Gov. Ann Richards said the nation's gain was Texas' loss.

Sen. Bentsen is irreplaceable in the Congress. He was our tireless defender and most elegant champion," Richards said.

The governor, who will name an interim replacement until a special election next year, called Democrat Bentsen "one of the most knowledgeable men in

Washington and certainly one of the most respected."

The state's other senator, Republican Phil Gramm, offered his congratulations and said he was ready to lead efforts for quick Senate confirmation of Bentsen.

"Sen. Bentsen was an excellent choice to run the Treasury Department. His lifetime of experience and his commitment to a strong business climate will be well received on both Wall Street and Main Street," Gramm said.

"I will miss him as a Senate colleague, but I look forward to working with him in his new post," Gramm said.

Rep. Ron Coleman, D-El Paso, said the appointment would leave big shoes to fill.

"I'm not going to kid you — we are going to miss Lloyd Bentsen's presence in the Senate," Coleman said.



Bentsen

## A&M group goes public

Diversity and Equality Coalition looks for student support

By TANYA WILLIAMS

Reporter of THE BATTALION

Members of a newly formed organization, Diversity and Equality Coalition (D.E.C.), met Tuesday night to present their organization to the public, inform students about their goals, and to see how much support they can garner from students at Texas A&M.

D.E.C. is the brainchild of a group of 15 students that have been meeting continuously throughout the semester.

After the Rodney King incident and ensuing riots in Los Angeles last spring, a discussion between A&M President William Mobley and students began.

DEC formed at the beginning of the semester to continue those discussions which did not resume, as planned, last September.

When events began to take place concerning the University and racial issues this semester, local NAACP President Joseph Gourrier said he felt that a group needed to form to continually look into these issues.

"When all of these things began to happen with SAE (Sigma Alpha Epsilon), and now with Ron Wilson, I felt that there was a need for a group to continuously pursue these issues," he said.

"The committee was called together to basically stick with these issues throughout the semester, keep the interest in them up, and to find out what was be-

ing done about them."

The group which was formed consists of a good mix of individuals, said Gourrier and Sala Senkayi, organizer of a racism rally held earlier this semester.

Gourrier also serves as a member of the DEC coordinating board.

"The coordinating board consists of blacks, whites, Hispanics, women and men," Senkayi said. "It's a representative group of the campus."

The group's main focus has been to get the Texas A&M administration to develop a campus-wide program, affecting all areas of the school, to make curriculum, staff and faculty hirings reflecting the diversity of the student population.

"We (the University) need to realize what the end results they are working toward are," Gourrier said. "Are we looking to be a university with diversity programs or are we looking to be a diverse university?"

During the course of Tuesday's two-hour meeting, 10 in-depth items, touching various administrative measures and state policies were discussed before an audience of approximately 50 people.

"The turnout for this inaugural meeting was surprisingly good considering it's finals week," said Gourrier.

"I was delighted to see such a diverse group in attendance," Senkayi said. "We had people from NOW, CAMAC, . . . MSC Townhall, and other organizations."

## Parties look to capture vacant post

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AUSTIN — Sen. Lloyd Bentsen's appointment Thursday as U.S. Treasury secretary set off a high-stakes scramble in Texas, with politicians in both parties hoping to replace him.

"The way it's looking now, it's going to be more of a free-for-all. You could wind up with 30 candidates in there and 10 of them being very strong," said Republican Kent Hance, a former congressman and railroad commissioner who's considering the race.

Gov. Ann Richards will name an interim senator until a special election is held in May or August.

## Finals Schedule

<b>THURSDAY, DEC. 10</b> Reading day, no classes	final is 3:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY, DEC. 11</b> □ classes meeting MW 5:45 p.m. — 7 p.m. or later; final exam is 7:30 a.m. — 9:30 a.m. □ classes meeting MWF 8 a.m.; final is 10 a.m. — noon □ classes meeting TR 9:35 a.m. — 10:50 a.m.; final is 12:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m. □ classes meeting TR 11:10 a.m. — 12:25 p.m.; final is 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.	<b>TUESDAY, DEC. 15</b> □ classes meeting MWF 10:20 a.m. — 11:10 a.m.; final is 8 a.m. — 10 a.m. □ classes meeting 3 p.m. — 3:50 p.m.; final is 10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. □ classes meeting TR 3:55 p.m. — 5:10 p.m.; final is 1 p.m. — 3 p.m. □ classes meeting MWF 1:50 p.m. — 2:40 p.m.; final is 3:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
<b>MONDAY, DEC. 14</b> □ classes meeting MWF 9:10 a.m. — 10 a.m.; final is 8 a.m. — 10 a.m. □ classes meeting MWF 12:40 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.; final is 10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. □ classes meeting TR 8 a.m. — 9:15 a.m.; final is 1 p.m. — 3 p.m. □ classes meeting MW 4:10 p.m. — 5:25 p.m.;	<b>WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16</b> □ classes meeting TR 12:45 p.m. — 2 p.m.; final is 8 a.m. — 10 a.m. □ classes meeting MWF 11:30 a.m. — 12:20 p.m.; final is 10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. □ classes meeting TR 2:20 p.m. — 3:35 p.m.; final is 1 p.m. — 3 p.m. □ classes meeting TR 5:30 p.m. — 6:45 p.m. or later; final is 3:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.