

## Weekend rap-up

### U.S. promises aid to Kazakhstan

ALMA-ATA, Kazakhstan — Secretary of State Warren Christopher brought a pledge of increased U.S. aid to this oil-rich former Soviet republic Saturday, hoping it would provide an incentive to get rid of more than 1,000 nuclear warheads left over from the Cold War.

Kazakhstan is to receive \$85 million to dismantle the warheads and ship them to Russia. To qualify, it also must carry out a pledge to sign an international treaty designed to stem the spread of nuclear technology.

Christopher was also ready to promise President Nursultan Nazarbayev a boost in aid to \$140 million for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1. This includes \$15 million to reverse environmental damage to the Aral Sea, U.S. officials said.

### Texas to be repaid for super collider

AUSTIN — Gov. Ann Richards said Friday that Texas has a money-back guarantee from the federal government over the super collider.

Richards said the state will pursue "whatever is necessary" to make the U.S. government reimburse the state for what Texas has paid into construction of the atom smasher that was shut down by Congress.

She declined to put a dollar amount on how much Texas has spent on the project near Waxahachie, but super collider officials say more than \$400 million of a \$1 billion state bond issue has been expended.

Richards said she will meet next week with Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary and possibly President Clinton on where to go from here.

### UT School of Law subject of lawsuit

AUSTIN — Four white applicants denied entrance to the University of Texas School of Law are suing, saying minority students with lower academic credentials were admitted.

"The injury is not that they didn't get into law school," said Terral Smith, a lawyer for the applicants. "The injury is that they didn't get to compete equally for positions in the law school."

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks refused to end the reverse-discrimination case Thursday and indicated it would likely go to trial next summer.

Smith contends the law school "has a target" for minority admissions, with minority enrollment hovering at 14 percent of the total enrollment over the past four years.

### Juvenile attempts theft by pellet gun

PASADENA — A 12-year-old Pasadena boy has been arrested for allegedly trying to rob a restaurant with a pellet gun.

The sixth-grade student walked up to the drive-through window of a Checker's Restaurant Wednesday and motioned to an employee with the gun, according to Pasadena authorities. That person then went to the back of the restaurant and called police.

A police officer who happened to be near the restaurant chased the boy and caught him on nearby school grounds, authorities said.

The youngster, whose name was not released because he is a juvenile, has been referred to Harris County juvenile authorities.

—The Associated Press

# Margraves targeted by DPS probe

By Jennifer Smith

THE BATTALION

Texas A&M University System Board of Regents Chairman Ross Margraves called allegations that he has personally benefited from several of the system's business deals "bull" and the anonymous letter containing them "hateful."

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**A&M System Board of Regents Chairman Ross Margraves has described an anonymous letter, which makes allegations against him, as "bull" and "hateful."**

This letter, which makes sweeping allegations against Margraves, was sent to members of the A&M System Board of Regents about a month ago.

Margraves took the letter to Gov. Ann Richards, whose office forwarded the document to the Department of Public Safety. The Texas Rangers have been investigating the letter for about two weeks.

The Associated Press reported Sunday that sources close to the investigation say the Texas Rangers are investigating whether Margraves had a role in helping award a contract in June to A&M booster Rod Dockery for a book commemorating 100 years of Aggie football.

The AP reported the letter also contained allegations questioning Margraves' involvement in the awarding of the contract for the Texas A&M Bookstore to Barnes and Noble.

Margraves said he receives four or five anonymous letters a month, and he usually throws them away.

"But when you accuse a member of the Board of Regents of a wrong doing, then I take it to the Governor," Margraves said. "This letter makes serious allegations."

A representative with the DPS said the investigation is well underway, and results will be announced as soon as the investigation is complete.

"We will take our findings to the appropriate district attorney," the representative said. "Or if nothing is found, will reveal this information too."

Margraves said he meets with representatives from the DPS "periodically" to be informed of the investigation's progress.

"There's a good chance we will never find out who wrote the letter," Margraves said. "It's just very unfortunate that some people have to conduct their business this way."

DPS Director Col. James Wilson told the AP Margraves "has cooperated fully."

"Ross Margraves has been up front and concerned about these things and immediately made contact with us and offered his assistance in trying to resolve

these matters," Wilson said.

James Bond, interim general counsel for the A&M System, told the AP an internal inquiry also is being conducted.

"The letter elevated the need to make some checks," Bond said. "But no pattern has turned up other than an awarding of contracts in a very objective process."

Margraves admitted to the AP Sunday that Barnes and Noble paid for him and Robert Smith, A&M vice president for finance and administration, to travel to New York to complete the deal.

Margraves said there were at least four trips in July 1990 including stays at the Waldorf Astoria and the New York Helmsley Hotel, which are considered two of the city's finest hotels, meals, limousine service and tickets to Broadway shows.

Margraves called this practice "standard procedure" and said saw nothing wrong with it.

Sarah Woelk, of the Ethics Commission in Texas, told the AP that these type of trips were legal in 1990.

"The law is much more restrictive now," Woelk said. "A lot of trips that were legal then are illegal now."

## Watch your back ...



Kevin Ivy/The Battalion

Texas A&M rugby first team member, **Leo Perez**, pulls away from a Southwest Texas player in a 19-10 loss Saturday afternoon. A&M's second team went on to beat Southwest Texas' second team 21-12. The rugby team takes on the Old Maroon rugby team (a former A&M student team) Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the rugby field.

## Open records requested in System chair investigation

By Michele Brinkmann

THE BATTALION

Ross Margraves, chairman of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, is the subject of open records requests filed by the Associated Press and The Battalion.

Chip Brown, a reporter from the AP office in Austin, filed a 13-item request Oct. 7, and The Battalion filed a request Friday identical to Brown's request.

The University responded to Brown's request with a letter stating he must contact each office involved in the request.

Brown has requested information from the offices of Margraves, Robert Smith, vice president of finance and administration, Wally Groff, A&M athletic director, Gen. Wesley Peel, vice chancellor of facilities, planning and construction, Rex Janne, director of procurement and material services, Joe Sugg, director of maintenance contracts and Greg Anderson, director of treasury services.

Most of Brown's requests involve records, memorandums, reports and correspondence during Margraves' term that began in 1989 and will end in 1995.

Some of the other people and agencies mentioned in the request are Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Merrill Lynch, ARA Services, Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros, Barnes & Noble and A&M regent member John Lindsey.

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# Super collider shutdown devastates physicists

By James Bernsen

THE BATTALION

The congressional vote to shut down the superconducting super collider is a serious blow to the future of science, a Texas A&M physics professor said Sunday.

Dr. Peter McIntyre, who has promoted the super collider since 1983, co-authored the Texas site proposal and helped develop the design for the project, said the decision seems to be part of an alarming trend in government against science.

"The future of our civilization hinges, in the long-term, on our ability to see beyond the present and sustain a constant level of support of science," McIntyre said.

Congress, in the last few years and particularly in this administration, he said, has had a declining ability to understand science.

"If we decide as a society that that (science) is of no use to us, we are doomed as a society, and Congress is moving in that direction," McIntyre said. "That worries me."

Congress is only concerned with things that will result in short-term benefits, he said.

McIntyre said the super collider emerged out of a lengthy period of self-examination in high energy physics. He said a similar collider in Batavia, Ill. and another near Geneva, Switzerland will not be able to do what the Texas one would have.

"Each has contributed very fundamental new knowledge," he said. "But what we're searching for, primarily the top quark, are beyond the reach of those colliders."

McIntyre said the decision will also threaten the future of cooperative projects between the U.S. and other nations.

"A few years ago, the Japanese committed to the space station and delivered. The House killed it, so they were not likely to help with the SSC," he said. "The perception is that the U.S. cannot commit to a project, and we've just proven those fears were justified."

"That's not the way science funding works in other parts of the world," he said. "Others evaluate a program, make value judgments, and make a decision, and once that's made, it's honored."

The decisions of one congress are not allowed to tie the hands of another so projects like this are killed after having been started, McIntyre said.

The project has already cost \$2 billion,

and is one-fifth complete.

"Congress could have submitted an order to re-evaluate the project to the department of energy," McIntyre said. "But they just killed the largest science project in history."

"People don't see the long-term benefits," he said. "It's like some of the progress in chemistry and electromagnetism in the last century that we now take for granted. It was viewed that way too."

The cancellation is also a major blow to Texas A&M, McIntyre said, because the University has committed to bringing in faculty with expertise in high-energy physics.

"It's personally agonizing, agonizing for the university, a deep blow to the state and a bitter blow to the national and world-wide science communities," he said.

## Hutchison aides to assist Treasury inquiry

The Associated Press

DALLAS — The second of two aides indicted along with U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison says he will assist prosecutors in their investigation of alleged wrongdoing within the state Treasury, according to a published report.

Chris Gunter, an attorney for former Deputy Treasurer Michael Barron, says his client will cooperate with Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle in his probe of the Treasury under Hutchison.

"He has cooperated up to this point and intends to cooperate fully and completely," Gunter said in Sunday's



Hutchison

editions of The Dallas Morning News.

Another indicted Hutchison aide, David Criss, said in published reports Saturday that he "won't be the scapegoat" and also would cooperate with prosecutors.

Hutchison, 50, was indicted last month on charges of using state employees and equipment for political purposes while serving as state treasurer, then destroying records as part of a cover-up.

She resigned her 21/2-year tenure as treasurer after winning landslide election to Lloyd Bentsen's vacated Senate seat June 5 over Democrat Bob Krueger.

Criss and Barron also were indicted on charges of official misconduct.

Their promises to help in the Treasury probe come just days after Earle announced he would seek to throw out the indictments because a grand juror was found to be ineligible.

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## WEATHER

- Monday: partly cloudy, high in the 70s near 80
- Forecast for Tuesday: partly cloudy, not too cold

## TEXAS LOTTO

- Saturday's winning Texas Lotto numbers: 10, 39, 14, 1, 48, 50