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# Clinton tour to help Democrats raise funds

## President travels south promoting political issues, attends gala functions

#### **The Associated Press**

WASHINGTON - President Clinton is mixing policy and politics on a three-day Southern swing designed to fatten Democratic Party coffers and promote his new federal budget.

The president was expected to raise \$2 million Sunday night at a glitzy Texas Presidential Dinner and Gala at Houston's Wortham Center, the money to be divided between the De-mocratic National Committee and the Texas state party

A few hundred guests were paying \$10,000 a couple for a buffet dinner with the president before a larger \$1,000-per-couple reception fea-turing country and Western entertainment by Asleep at the Wheel.

Clinton is trying to build support in political-ly important Texas, where his approval ratings

dropped into the 20s last year before rebounding to the 50 percent range in recent months.

The first stop on Clinton's agenda Sunday was the American Cancer Society children's party at the Four Seasons Hotel in Houston.

On Monday, the president's focus shifts from politics to policy. Clinton planned to promote his proposed \$1.5 trillion budget for fiscal 1995 before Houston business leaders as the spending plan was being unveiled in Washington. The president wants to cut spending on

more than 300 programs to free up money for priorities including job training, education and crime fighting. With the latest space shuttle mission still in

progress, Clinton planned a Monday afternoon visit to the Johnson Space Flight Center to tour

shuttle training facilities. Ironically, NASA is among the programs

targeted for cutbacks in Clinton's new budget. The administration wants to trim NASA's spending by \$250 million, a small cut, but the first the space agency has received in 21 years. On Tuesday, Clinton shifts the focus to his

health care reform plan, which took major hits from Big Business last week. The president will speak at a General Motors Corp. plant in Shreveport, La., hoping to emphasize that the plan would be good for business and labor.

United Auto Workers President Owen Bieber was expected to be on hand, with GM chief executive officer Jack Smith hooked up via satellite from Detroit.

Combining fund-raising trips with official 'presidential' events is a long-used strategy. It reduces the costs to political organizations of bringing in the president for fund-raisers by getting taxpayers to shoulder part of the expense

# Programs to mark HIV/AIDS Awareness Week

#### **By Laurel Mosley**

#### THE BATTALION

Texas A&M students will have an opportunity to learn more about the AIDS virus this week through a series of special programs and activities during HIV/AIDS Awareness Week.

Stacey Garner, assistant health education coordinator, said she hopes this week will make students more aware of the serious-ness of AIDS because the number of young people with the disease is rising.

"We don't have any numbers on how many have AIDS at A&M, but people in their 20s account for one in five AIDS cases," Garner said.

She said students should realize AIDS is not a moral issue; it involves real people.

"With this week we hope peo-ple will develop compassion and concern towards AIDS victims," Garner said. "We must unite together. I think students care enough to get involved."

She said she hopes to make all students become more aware of the virus so they can realize it does have to do with them.

"With the different activities we are trying to reach as many different kinds of students as possible," Garner said. "We want them all to know they need to think before they act.'

Activities for the week include a panel presentation Monday at 1 p.m. in 601 Rudder Tower by the Houston AIDS Foundation, a prayer vigil Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel and a movie about AIDS and its victims Wednesday at 7 p.m. in 101

Richardson Building. Local night clubs will offer red ribbons and AIDS information Thursday night.

Informational tables will be set up throughout the week in the MSC, and a 300 foot ribbon will be tied around the A.P. Beutel Health Center

HIV/AIDS Awareness Week is sponsored by the HIV/AIDS committee, a division of Student Ser-vices. Many student organizations are also involved, including Aggie Reach, Residence Hall Association, MSC Hospitality and Student Government.

# Lamar student protests censorship of photographs

#### The Associated Press

BEAUMONT, Texas – A communications student has protested an order by Lamar University's art department to remove photographs of leather -and lace-clad Houstonians from a library entrance.

An administrator at the Beaumont school later told Tracy Silverberg he could return

his black and white photographs to the Gray Library entrance area — but not before the

27-year-old student complained to officials.

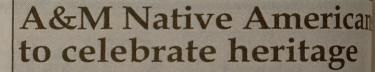
Theater.

"Some people were dressed in leather, some of it was light bondage," he said.

About 15 complaints were received in the two weeks after the photos went on display Jan. 5 at Lamar.

On Jan. 17, Silverberg was told to take down his pictures.

Silverberg contacted the American Civil Liberties Union Arts Censorship Project, which has successfully defended artists in



#### By Stephanie Dube

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Texas A&M students can experience Native American of and celebrate Native American traditions this week during second annual Native American Week.

Rose "Red Elk" Hardman, a senior sociology major and member of A&M's intertribal council, said Native Ameri Week promotes higher education for Native Americans.

"Native American Week will provide a cultural enrichmer the community and students," Hardman said. Many people mistakenly believe Native Americans no h

have a strong culture, and they no longer perform many of activities of their ancestors, she said.

Xavier Villarreal, a junior accounting major, said one air Native American Week is to teach the community that this be is not true.

Native American Week will bring awareness, especial the Texas A&M campus, of Native American culture," hes "Many people feel the culture is dying, but we feel it's them site. Native American culture is still very strong.

Ray Torgerson, a senior English major, said often this mis derstanding of Native Americans stems from a lack of expos to the American Indian culture.

"There are lots of misconceptions about American India Torgerson said. "The association's activities work towards cha ing the misunderstanding to understanding and explain things people normally wouldn't be exposed to

The group has planned many activities to celebrate at A&M Dep ethic An opening ceremony will begin the week Monday at nom the MSC Flag Room. mor 693-

Don L. Coyhis, president of White Bison Corporation, speak on Native American values and multiculturalism Wede day at 7 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

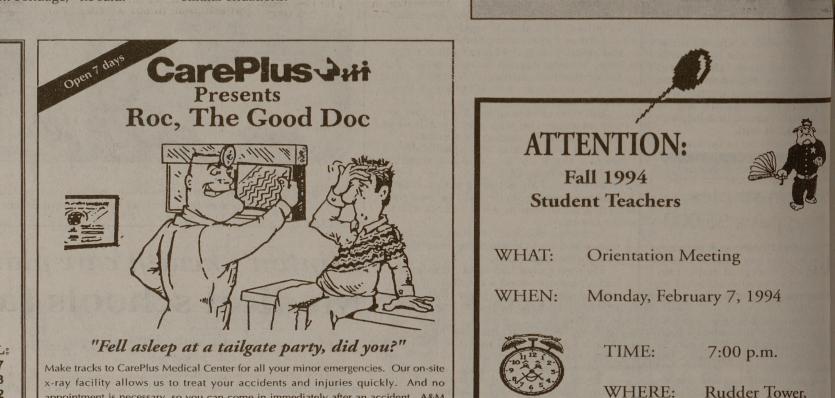
The intertribal pow-wow will be held Saturday in G. Rd White Coliseum.

Hardman said the pow-wow serves as a form of socializ with others and will include drums, native songs, and dance from Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana in native dress.

The Native American Student Association is directed by an the 1 tertribal council that consists of students with equal author cis. who work together to lead the Native American Student Asso at 69 tion.

Because the intertribal council is modeled after a typical trit structure, it gives people from reservations a familiar envi ment.

Japa "We serve as a support network for American Indian st dents," Torgerson said. "The main goal of the association is to in th American Indian students into higher education at A&M."



Silverberg said he had begun taking pho-tos of what he called "fringe" people for an exhibit at Houston's Westmont Repertory similar situations.

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