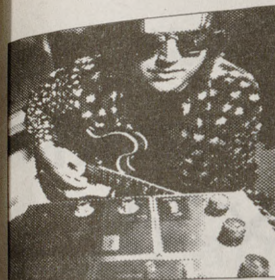


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## A&M approves addition to System

**The Board of Regents gives permission for ETSU to join the A&M System.**

By Lisa Messer  
THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M University System chancellor will ask the Texas Legislature for permission to merge the East Texas State University complex into the A&M System.

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Friday, the Board of Regents gave Chancellor Barry Thompson permission to file the legislation

needed to grant the merger. The Board said that if by March 8 the committee finds any reason that ETSU should not be merged, the Board would automatically revoke the request for the merger.

Regents T. Michael O'Connor and John Lindsey said their committee will present the final reports on ETSU to each regent by March 8.

The deadline to introduce new legislation into the Texas Legislature is March 10.

Regent Guadalupe Rangel said she would not grant Thompson permission to file the merger request before she reviewed the committee's report.

"I believe it's very inappropriate to get legislation going on a subject we know very little about," Rangel said. "We're proceeding with filing without ever seeing any documents from our employees, from our side."

Thompson said he thinks the merger would benefit A&M and ETSU.

**"By the year 2010, there are only going to be two systems in the state of Texas."**

— Billy Clayton,  
Board of Regents member

"Everything we've seen has been extremely positive," Thompson said. "I have no doubt that ETSU would be a strong asset to the A&M Sys-

tem and we are excited about the possibilities that exist."

ETSU University has a main campus in Commerce, an upper-level branch campus in Texarkana and a Metroplex Center, which offers graduate courses, in Mesquite.

With an enrollment of 9,200 students, ETSU would become the second largest university in the A&M System.

O'Connor said 90 percent of ETSU's alumni approve of the merger.

Lindsey said everyone in the university has been supportive. "They think A&M is the best thing in education," Lindsey said. "They like everything they know that's connected with A&M."

ETSU is the second institution this year to win the Board's

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## Regents approve step to resolve Tenneco dispute

**A&M agrees to non-binding arbitration with Tenneco over the scrapped cogeneration plant project.**

By Lisa Messer  
THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M Board of Regents gave the A&M System's chancellor permission Friday to pursue non-binding arbitration to resolve a dispute with the developer of A&M's scrapped cogeneration plant.

The Tenneco Power Generation Company claims the project cost the company \$59 million before A&M killed the project, prior to completion, in June 1994.

The University offered Tenneco \$16.2 million in January, but Tenneco did not accept.

On Feb. 28, the Texas Senate Administration Commission gave A&M's Board of Regents until 5 p.m. Friday, March 3, to agree to arbitration, settling out of court with a third party's help, in order to resolve its dispute with Tenneco.

The Board unanimously agreed to arbitration in an emergency meeting Friday morning and instructed Chancellor Barry Thompson to start the process.

Terri Parker, director of communications, said that if the Board had not agreed to arbitration, public hearings would have been held on the subject.

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## Spending an afternoon in the past

David Shipman, a B-CS resident is about to strike C.W. Karstens, a junior mechanical engineer major from Bryan, in a chivalry practice of the Society for Creative Anachronism on Sunday afternoon. The society's purpose is to study all aspects of the Middle Ages through recreation.

## Colin Powell gives insight into America's role in world affairs

**Gen. Colin Powell tells students how his life has changed since the end of the Cold War.**

By Gretchen Perrenot  
THE BATTALION

Gen. Colin Powell, former chairman for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that the American family has kept the United States a strong nation in the aftermath of the Cold War.

In a speech sponsored by the Wiley Lecture Series that received two standing ovations Saturday in Rudder Auditorium, Powell said the solution to both internal and external problems is for Americans to continue to come together as a family and take care of one another.

"We're looking inward to solve problems at home," he said. "We've got to start being outraged at the things that shame our family. That will take us through this difficult period of trying to find out what our new mission is."

"It's that concept of American family that allowed us as a nation to overcome the Cold War. The concept of family is why people look to us for leadership."

Although America has problems at home, he said, there is a need to help other countries.

"We cannot return to an isolationist view," Powell said. "We will always have a regional interest and a moral interest in other nations."

"It is much harder for leaders to deal with these issues that have little to do with College Station, Texas."

Other nations have a trust in the U.S. that cannot be ignored, Powell said.

"The people of Haiti trust us,"

he said, "the people of Eastern Europe trust us, just as the people of Kuwait trusted us a few years ago."

Powell said that the U.N. forces' defeat of Iraq was the first test of the new world order established after the Cold War.

"This time the U.S. and the Soviet Union were working together," he said.

The political objectives were achieved when the war ended, he said, despite complaints that the war was not over.

Powell said the war was both a victory for the military and a victory of the American spirit.

"There was an incredible outpouring of love," Powell said. "You fell in love with your

cussions about ending the Cold War with Mikhail Gorbachev, former president of the Soviet Union Gorbachev sensed Powell's skepticism.

"He could see the skeptical look on my face and he said 'General, I'm very sorry you have to find another enemy,'" Powell said. "And I thought to myself, 'I don't want to.' Everything I had studied for 28 years would be changed."

Powell said there were times he had trouble accepting the new world order. For instance, when Palestinian chairman, Yasser Arafat, tried to kiss his cheeks in a show of friendship, Powell had to pull away.

"I cannot take this much new world order at one time," he said.

Powell said he has enjoyed his retirement after 32 years in the military and has been working on his memoirs and spending time with his family.

"For the first time in 30-odd years there is time," he said. "There's no phone calls and no crisis."

Powell said he misses putting on the uniform of the U.S. Army and being around all the men and women of the military.

He said he enjoyed A&M's military atmosphere and rich history.

In a note of advice to the students, Powell said they will be remembered for their good works.

"Find out what you love in life and give it all your heart and soul," he said. "Make sure you hold something back so you can give something back to your community."

Powell said he found all this for himself in the Army.

**"Find out what you love in life and give it all your heart and soul."**

— Gen. Colin Powell,  
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Joint Chiefs of Staff



Armed Forces again."

Powell said he wanted the parades celebrating the return of Gulf War veterans to also include the Korean and Vietnam veterans so they could finally have the parade they deserve.

Powell said during the first 28 years of his military career there was a period of consistency with the U.S. mission of containment.

But since the end of the Cold War, he said, the U.S. has been in an era of uncertainty. Communism has gone, he said, and with it America's strategy of containment.

Powell said that during dis-

## Mexico requests return of suspect in cover-up

**Mario Ruiz Massieu is accused of altering depositions to protect former President Salinas' brother.**

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The political drama unfolding in Mexico is the story of two powerful families long connected by friendship, marriage and partisan interests.

Former President Carlos Salinas and his brother Raul, and former federal prosecutor Mario Ruiz Massieu — now being held in New Jersey by U.S. officials — play key roles in a murder mystery swirling around Ruiz Massieu's assassinated brother, allegedly killed on Raul Salinas' orders.

In the latest twist, Mexican news media reported Sunday that

the government on Monday will request Ruiz Massieu's extradition back to Mexico to be tried on charges of altering depositions to protect Raul Salinas.

"This is turning into a novel about power — full of suspense with improbable turns," said Homero Aridjis, a writer and political activist. "If this story was written by a novelist, some would doubt its believability."

Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, the No. 2 man in the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, was shot to death in September as he left a Mexico City restaurant.

That killing followed the March 1994 assassination of Luis Donaldo Colosio, the PRI's original candidate for last year's presidential election — another subplot in the drama that has more closely touched Carlos Salinas.

## Fields explains views in town meeting

**U.S. Rep. Jack Fields spoke about his support for the balanced budget amendment and PBS funding cuts.**

By Wes Swift  
THE BATTALION

U.S. Rep. Jack Fields discussed issues ranging from PBS funding to the proposed balanced budget amendment with about 50 people at a town meeting Saturday night in the Brazos Center.

Fields said that the Senate's not voting for the balanced budget amendment proposal last week will put pressure on senators who vowed to support the proposal during the elections.

"There are some senators who promised to support it during their campaigns and voted against the bill," Fields said. "Now there

is a record of their vote. The pressure is going to be very intense on those who voted against it."

The proposed amendment would force the government to balance the budget by the year 2002.

Fields compared the proposal to a brick wall that will make the federal government accountable for its finances.

"Until you put that brick wall up, you will never have real fiscal responsibility," Fields said.

Fields said the GOP wants to stop federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which controls the Public Broadcast System and National Public Radio, and encourage private funding.

"I think we should keep PBS," Fields said. "But it should not have one cent of federal funding."

Fields, the chairman of the

subcommittee for telecommunication and finance, said PBS stations should take advantage of digital technology and cooperate with major television corporations that would distribute their signal nationwide.

Royalties from the distributed signal would generate money for the station, he said.

**"I think we should keep PBS, but it should not have one cent of federal funding."**

— Rep. Jack Fields

"There needs to be creativity in finding alternatives to federal financing," Fields said.

Fields said the departments of Energy, Education and Housing and Urban Development may be eliminated. He said the duties of those departments

could be reassigned to other areas to improve efficiency.

"The good things the Department of Energy does can be put in other departments," Fields said. "The Department of Education should be eliminated. Education should be left to the states and municipalities. And HUD is a dinosaur."

Fields said the town meetings give him a chance to see his constituents and hear their concerns.

"I've been doing this for 15 years," Fields said. "It's an opportunity for the people to come out and let me hear their concerns, maybe to criticize me."

Fields said he uses the forum to get away from the government attitude in Washington.

"This is a chance for people to listen to what's going on, to hear the proposals and hear the reasons why," Fields said. "This is a good way to tell people because it's far from the political air."