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Mike Kristynik, executive

Mike Kristynik, executive director of planning and opera-tions for BISD, said the task force should have a proposal to present to the schools district's Board of Trustees by June 19.

Becky Nugent, director of communications for BISD, said

it is necessary to set the objec-

"Prioritizing is like sending a list to Santa Claus," Nugent

said. "You put what you really want at the top of the list. We've gone back to the draw-

ing board and are asking the

community what to do." Dr. Arnold Oates, a senior

lecturer in A&M's Department

of Educational Administra-

tion, stood in as chairman of

Oates said the task force gives citizens the ability to

"The purpose of the Facili-ties Task Force is to deter-mine the needs of Bryan ISD

by the citizens, and then come up with the best ways to handle those needs and determine what will have to be paid for them," he said. "I just want what is best for

tives in order of importance.

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Florida's earliest hurricane passes without causing major damage

Allison tapered down to a tropical storm as it moved inland.

SHELL POINT, Fla. (AP) - Allison, the earliest hurricane on record to hit Florida, buffeted the Gulf Coast with 75 mph winds Monday, swamping streets and spinning off tornadoes but causing no major damage.

The forecast was for a lot more than we got," said Kenny Thompson, who rode the storm out aboard his shrimp boat in Ochlockonee Bay. "We were real, real lucky.

More than 65 coastal homes, three hotels and at least one restaurant were flooded as the morning storm caused the ocean to surge eight feet along a 150-mile stretch of Florida's Big Bend, where the Panhandle meets the Peninsula.

The weak storm – it just barely reached the hurricane threshold of 74 mph winds – downed power lines, leaving 14,000 residents without electricity. No immediate injuries were reported.

Allison weakened into a tropical storm by late morning as it moved ashore in sparsely populated Taylor County, about 45 miles southeast of Tallahassee

The hurricane's outer bands spawned tornadoes that touched down in St. Marys, Ga., damaging a McDonald's and the Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base, and in Jacksonville Beach, flipping several cars and damaging a water slide.

Paula Bellin, manager of the flooded Steinhatchee Landing fishing resort in Taylor County, worried that the scattered, relatively light damage might embolden coastal residents to ride out future storms.

I'm afraid that people are just going to get to the point where they're going to say, 'Forget about it,'" Bellin said. "And then we're going to get hit with a big one.'

Allison was expected to move into Georgia, possibly brush South Carolina and then head out into the Atlantic on Tuesday. By midafternoon, Allison was well inland, between Tallahassee and Valdosta, Ga., with winds of 63 mph.

It was the earliest hurricane to hit Florida during the June-to-November hurricane season since reliable record-keeping began in 1886.



Allison developed into a hurricane on Sunday. Hents the storm rolled north in the Gulf of Mexico, abuilte no 5,000 people were evacuated from coastal communes ties, and more than 3,000 spent the night in at lessor 30 shelters.

By the standards of many coastal residents, wou lison was too weak to be daunting.

Dottie Ebright opened the doors in her twadde story house to let the rising tide flow through exist

Shell Point, about 25 miles south of Tallahass pays Her roommate, Jerry Alexander, said her Er rattled, however. "I think I'd rather be on still he said as waves smacked against a seawall hind the house

A block from Shell Point Marina, Jo Ann Vese was grateful afterward that her cleanup job was larger. She only had to pick seaweed out of herg

The last hurricane to hit the Big Bend count was Hurricane Kate, which killed three people Nov. 21, 1985.

IBM launches hostile bid for software make □ The \$3.3 billion bid for Lotus twice its current market value.

should not promote any antitrust concerns from the government.

NEW YORK (AP) — IBM made a record \$3.3 billion hostile takeover bid for software maker otus Development Corp. on Monday in a move that could put it in a position to challenge software leader Microsoft Inc.

The unsolicited bid was the biggest takeover attempt in the history of personal computer software.

Lotus, a software pioneer that has lost much ground to Microsoft throughout the years, rejected IBM's repeated overtures in five months of private talks. But Lotus said Monday it would consider the \$60 per share cash offer,

Although the merger would be huge, IBM said it should not pose any antitrust concerns from the government because the companies' opertions generally do not overlap. The deal marks the first time Internation

Business Machines Corp., the world's larges computer company and paragon of blue-ch/p firms, has attempted a hostile takeover.

Together, our skills match in a way that breathtaking," said Louis V. Gerstner Jr., E chairman and chief executive officer.

Lotus' strength in desktop computing programs complements IBM's forte with programs for large computers. Lotus also has a strong presence with retailers and consumers whil IBM's marketing power is tied more directly business and government.

New Dallas mayor calls for civic pride

 Ron Kirk seeks to cre the divisiveness is over," said the dream of the future. first black mayor of a major Texas city. "Today we stand a little taller. We have a little more swagger in our stride."

"We have to have a vision

their input and output will always be different," Brown said. unique to their business. So instead of getting 25 bankers, now you're diversified in all different aspects of the community

Brown said he hopes members leave the program with a better understanding of the A&M System.

"There are a lot of people in the area who only see Texas A&M as a body that supports the community in various

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the kids in Bryan."

the meeting.

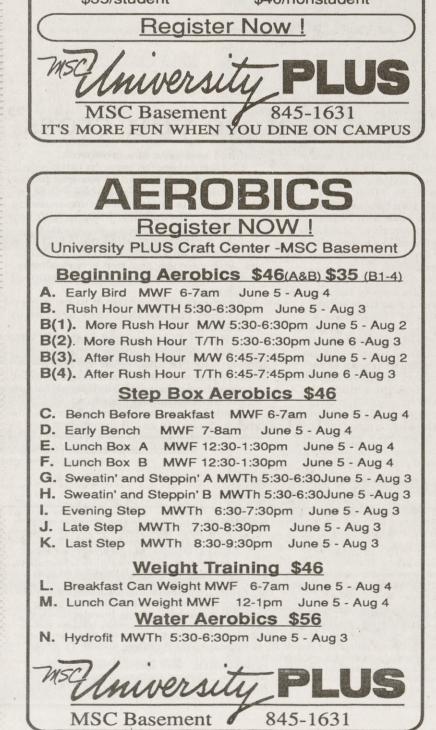
voice their opinions.

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Fred Brown, president of the Texas A&M/Bryan-College Station Council, said that the members' variety is essential to the program's success.

Because of that diversity, you have so many different opinions and so many walks of life that "Each of these members has a sphere of influence that is

Corps members will learn about Texas A&M through six seminars concerning different aspects of the Texas A&M System, including student life, academic affairs and the role of state agencies and research. Members will also take part in a two-day retreat to Austin to examine legislative affairs and their effects on the System.



ways," Brown said. "This program gives them a chance to learn all the integral aspects of the University and feel like a part of the System, even though they're not Aggies. The members have the opportunity to understand the complexities of a world-class university.

Brown said he sees advantages for A&M as well.

"These members can come and support Texas A&M - not just in local issues, but in any issue that A&M needs support for," Brown said. "All of these people are in leadership positions, and their support can be very important.

Dr. Barry B. Thompson, Texas A&M chancellor, said he anticipates working well with the Corps.

"It's very important that the community and Texas A&M have an outstanding relationship," Thompson said. "I know that you have made a pledge to give a lot of time to this effort. We hope that you will surely not be disappointed

Thompson said the Corps will help the community gain an understanding of the complicated A&M System. He said the System will expand with three new campuses and nearly 10,000 more students before the next Legislative session in 1997.

"I think there's a definite trend in Texas higher education with more institutions un-der one umbrella," Thompson said. "We're very optimistic about the future of both Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M System.

Dr. Ray Bowen, Texas A&M president, thanked all the honorees and said that the vast spectrum of schools and agencies in the System will surprise and inform them.

"There are so many interesting things happening throughout the System, that we'll be able to occupy a lot of your time," Bowen said. "The System is a fantastic array of institutions.

ate jobs and foster economic growth.

DALLAS (AP) — Newly in-augurated Mayor Ron Kirk pledged Monday that the days of civic pride and unified confidence will return to a Dallas that had become increasingly mired in civic squabbling in recent years.

Kirk took his oath of office and promised a new era of civic pride, confidence and unified purpose after several years of civic bickering.

Sketch

"The people of Dallas have said

Amid song and ceremony, Kirk and the newly elected members of the 14-member Dallas City Council were sworn in by House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center. Joining them on the dais were departing Mayor Steve Bartlett and departing City Council members.

In his first official words to the city, Kirk promised to seek ways to find and retain jobs for Dallas, foster economic growth, unite the city's various communities, and instill a vision and and we have to have a drea of how great the city of Dals can be," Kirk told about 2.00 people at the Dallas Conver tion Center.

Among his audience wer members of the civic elites well as its grassroots constituencies. Left unmentione were such recent civic squat bles as a proposed new sport arena and a new auto raceway.

But Kirk, 40, said the city no problem that a growing at vibrant economy won't cure.

"There is nothing we can accomplish if we work toget er," he said.

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