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Koronka said O'Neal is good at making himself available to those who need his help.

"He really has an open door policy," Koronka said. "He treats everyone equally and he concerns himself with everyone else's problems. I don't see drastic change coming, but I think things will go on as they have, even a little bit better."

O'Neal wasn't sure where to rank this appointment among the honors and accolades earned over a career spanning three decades.

"Being appointed head of one of the biggest top-20 engineering programs is, in my mind, a very high achievement," O'Neal said. "On a scale of one to 10, it's probably a 10."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Author, historian to speak at Bush Museum Issues Forum

Harold I. Gullan will be speaking at the Bush Museum Issues Forum his latest book, "First Fathers: Men Who Inspired Our Presidents." Dr. Gullan is a noted author, historian, and Museum public specialist.

The Bush Issue Forum will begin today at 7 p.m. at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum Orientation Theater.

Gullan is a presidential scholar who received his Ph.D. in history from Temple University and has other books about presidents.

"First Fathers: The Men Who Inspired Our Presidents" is about men who influenced the lives of children who became future presidents, Blake said.

Gullan has written other books on the same theme, including "Faith of Our Mothers," which is about the mothers of American presidents, and "The Upset That Wasn't," an account of the Harry Truman victory in 1948.

Gullan has appeared on CBS "Book T.V." to promote his book, Blake said.

Admission to the event is free, but reservations are preferred. Reservations can be made by calling Amanda Urrutia at 979-691-4069.

After Gullan's speech, he will be available for a book signing in the rotunda of the George Bush Museum.

Governor heading to Mexico to promote job creation

AUSTIN (AP) — As he prepares for travel to Mexico to talk about trade and job creation, Gov. Rick Perry predicted Monday that his trade mission will send positive messages to the business world.

Perry was heading to Mexico Tuesday. He'll be meeting with President Vicente Fox, as well as Mexican state governors and high-ranking officials. It's his first trade trip to the country since becoming governor in 2000. He previously traveled to Mexico for other events.

Last fall, Perry met with Fox and the Mexican president visited Texas.

Those types of meetings show companies that the governments of Texas and Mexico trust each other and want to work together, Perry said.

"That is a message that can send good vibrations, if you will, through the economic sectors," he said.

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dance as well as games and a moon-jump, Blake said. Fireworks are scheduled to start just before 10 p.m.

Mike Hayden, event chairman for the Lion's Club, said this is the largest event of its kind in the area, with around 12 to 15 thousand people attending each year.

"It is the best family-oriented event in the Brazos Valley," Hayden said. "Everyone should take advantage of it."

Hayden said that there will be free watermelon and sodas, and sausages will cost only \$1.

"The grand finale is the longest it has ever been," Hayden said. "It is getting bigger and better every year."

Blake said the Bush Museum will be open free of admission from noon to 8 p.m.

Concession stands will open at 5 p.m. and a presentation of colors and a flyover will begin around 6 p.m.

For more information on the schedule of events, contact Brian Blake at (979) 691-4069.

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a \$10 million award for the first privately financed three-seat spacecraft to reach an altitude of 62 miles and repeat the feat within two weeks.

Promoters hope that Monday's milestone and others will lead to a future where tourists will pay perhaps \$20,000 to \$100,000 for the opportunity to soar above the Earth's atmosphere, float in zero gravity and take in the sights.

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Access program.

"I can go to her with questions and I know she'll always try to help me. It just makes life a little easier," Georg said.

Some students serve as mentors themselves. Elaine Lanningham, a senior education major, mentored a student through the Help One Student to Succeed (HOSTS) program.

"It's a wonderful program," Lanningham said. "I just wish I could have spent more time with the student I was matched with."

Lanningham used the program to gain valuable experience interacting with students.

"I formed a real relationship with my student," Lanningham said. "It felt good to give her the kind of one-on-one attention that she wasn't getting at home."

Students seeking mentors can contact the Student Counseling Service or visit <http://mentors.tamu.edu>.

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