

## Hale Denies A&I Threatened

"I have nothing but kindness for the people of Kleberg County," Hale said. "I know their intentions are the best in offering this amendment. I would be disappointed if the ex-students didn't rise to meet what they could consider a threat to their school."

But, Hale contended, the proposed Corpus Christi university is not a threat and it has the full endorsement of the Coordinating Board, College and University System.

"A&I for all of its outstanding efforts is still not in a position to meet all of the needs," Hale said.

Under needling by Republican Rep. Bill Archer of Houston, Hale said he is for a system of higher education that would be able to take care of every student who has the potential for college work.

"As long as there is a single child with an ambition to get an education and can't get it, then

we have work to do here," Hale said.

"Every Texan should be afforded the opportunity to attend college and succeed or fail on his own efforts," the Corpus Christi lawmaker added.

The coordinating board's recommendation of the establishment of the upper-level school this year was part of a master plan for expanding higher education in Texas, Hale reminded the House.

"The master plan would put a college education geographically in the reach of every student in the state," Hale said.

Pointing out that the House has already voted to create new schools in Dallas, Odessa-Midland, and San Antonio this session, Hale said, "Don't deny the children of South Texas what has been given to the children in other parts of this state."

Atwood contended that Corpus Christi is only "30 to 35 miles away from Kingsville," and that

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