

Lawyer gives talk on leases, tenants

Student lawyer Robert Rutledge answered complaints from student apartment dwellers in an informal talk on lease contracts and tenant rights Tuesday night.

Addressing an audience of about 25, Rutledge outlined the present Texas laws concerning lease contracts and tenant rights. Additionally, he outlined the procedures for settling lease problems.

"You've got to throw your weight around," said Rutledge. He added that students aren't being forceful enough when they have complaints about their apartments.

Most of the students attending the meeting had complaints about present conditions in area apartment complexes. These ranged from lease wordings to roommate disagreements.

Rutledge, in response to a question about a roommate moving out, said that he is presently drafting a form that roommates could sign to protect each other's rights.

The newly hired legal adviser said, "It usually isn't economically feasible to take a complaint to court, it's really just a matter of economics."

Many of the students present asked about the advisability of bringing court action against the apartment complexes because of tenant problems.

Rutledge said that a lease need not be in writing if it covers a period of less than 12 months, contrary to popular belief. He also warned of the problems of oral contracts.

This was the first of several talks Rutledge has planned to inform students of the laws.

Beaumont awaiting Bell suit decision

BEAUMONT, Tex. (AP) — The city council deferred action Tuesday on a Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. rate increase because of allegations made in a sensational civil suit filed in San Antonio.

The civil suit alleged that Southwestern Bell keeps two sets of books — one for its own information and another to present when asking city councils for rate increases.

The \$26 million suit was brought by the family of T. O. Gravitt, former top Bell official in Texas, and James H. Ashley, a former high executive in the San Antonio Bell office.

The Beaumont City Council stressed that its action Tuesday was no reflection on the company locally.

Mayor pro tem Calvin Williams said the postponement mainly was for clarification in view of the attention centered on the San Antonio case.

Williams said the city attorney will be asked to report to the council on legal aspects of the San Antonio court allegations in relation to the Beaumont rate increase application.

The company is seeking an 8.5 per cent increase in revenue in the Beaumont metropolitan area. A consultant employed by the city has recommended that the increase be granted.

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Robots aid industry

Robots and computers are food for discussion this week at TAMU.

In an effort to aid industry to make the conversion TAMU is presenting the "Numerical Control Machine and Computer Aided Manufacturing Conference" Thursday and Friday.

Essentially, this is for the industrial manager or executive who is not an expert in this field but is responsible for planning the new exotic manufacturing systems and buying the equipment to improve productivity and profits.

This is also an effort to help Texas and U.S. products compete economically in the world market by cutting manufacturing costs, said the conference director, Dr. Richard Thomas.

The conference will kick-off with registration at 10 a.m. Thursday in room 501 of the Rudder Tower.

This is an interlocking conference with others on plant layout and design in January, robotics in February and management information systems in March.

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Dec. 1 is the deadline for submitting entries to the contest for slogans and symbols to be considered for TAMU centennial observance.

The Association of Former Students will award a \$250 cash prize for the entry judged best in each of the two categories.

Competition is open to all TAMU students, former students and members of the faculty and staff.

Entry forms explaining procedures are attached to posters displayed throughout the campus. Forms may also be obtained from the Association of Former Students in the Memorial Student Center or the Centennial Office in the System Building.

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Food conference

Two world conferences on food and population, in Bucharest and Rome have failed to come up with any positive solutions to these problems.

TAMU is now going to take a whack at it Monday when the "Population Growth and World Food Supply Conference" opens on the TAMU campus.

The conference under the auspices of the Tropical Studies Program was initiated by faculty and students aware of TAMU's contribution to world food production.

A guest speaker will keynote the conference. Milo Cox, recent senior official for the Agency for International Development, will speak on "Approaches to the Solution" at 3 p.m. Monday on the third floor of the Rudder Tower.

The conference begins at 1 p.m. Monday with registration on the third floor of the Rudder Center. There is no registration fee.

Professor to discuss Indians

The TAMU Geographical Society inaugurates a series of public lectures on Thursday evening, November 21, at 7:30 p.m., Geosciences 105, with a talk by Professor Campbell W. Pennington of the Department of Geography.

Professor Pennington will comment on the way in which the Tarahumar, the most important surviving remnant of aboriginal northwestern Mexican Indians, utilize what they value as a resource.

The Tarahumar number about 50,000, and more or less permanent contacts between Spaniard, mestizo and Indian for more than 300 years have failed to alter many aspects of Tarahumar life. To a great degree these Indians have remained geographically and culturally isolated from the mainstream of Mexican cultural life.

The landscape, agriculture, house types and manufactures will be discussed via slides taken during the past twenty years by Professor Pennington.

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