

Ag coed up for festival queen in Washington, D. C. contest



Lynn Thompson

Drill Team to visit Mardi Gras

Texas A&M's Fish Drill Team heads out of town for some "pressure" experience this week at Mardi Gras.

At New Orleans, the fish will march in exhibition at a Tulane drill meet in the Sugar Bowl, and in an evening parade that forms part of the Mardi Gras celebration.

Commanded by Ken Donnelly the 38-cadet unit will start third in a 400-unit parade on Saturday evening. Last year's Fish Drill Team was escort unit for Doc Severson, entertainer and NBC orchestra director.

"The main thing the fish will get is the experience of moving around among 200,000 people," said Maj. James McElroy, sponsor. "It will put some pressure on the team."

The Friday appearance at the Sugar Bowl will not be in competition.

Bad judgment charged in PB expenditures

AUSTIN (AP) — The much-discussed three-hole golf course and duck pond at University of Texas-Permian Basin may not have been illegal but it was bad judgment, investigators said Tuesday.

UT Chancellor Charles LeMaistre released a summary of the investigation report but said he would have no comment "and I have suggested that other system administration officials adopt a similar position."

Former UT-PB President B.H. Amstead resigned after being cleared by LeMaistre of charges that he deliberately misled the House Appropriations Committee in 1973 when he testified that he thought no state funds were used to build the golf course and pond on the Odessa campus. Later he said state funds were used.

The Tuesday report said the total cost of the golf course, directly and indirectly, was \$57,494.

"Even though there were no expenditures that would appear to be illegal, the administrative and fiscal judgment in handling this entire project is poor at the best," said the report.

UT administrators and auditors also looked into reports that Amstead set up a private corporation to purchase recreational facilities for faculty and staff members. The investigation report said 33 persons were questioned and six said they did not join Faculty and Staff Enterprise Inc. FASE voluntarily.

Two of those interviewed said they were told by Amstead their salaries would be raised to cover the \$12 monthly dues to FASE. The report said records do not show any increases.

All information gathered by UT investigators has been turned over to the Ector County district attorney.

Another report released Tuesday covered the "excellence fund" maintained by a group of Odessa citizens to solicit funds to be used to benefit UT-PB.

"Even though these funds were expended at the discretion of the UT-PB administration in a manner they considered consistent with the best interests of an merging institution, the accounting for and utilization of certain of these funds does not bear the stamp of good administrative judgment or fiscal management," the report said.

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Lynn Thompson has been selected to represent Texas in the Washington D.C. Cherry Blossom Festival in March, but she doesn't know why.

The Texas Society of Washington, D.C. is sponsoring the sophomore education major. "I don't know who put up my name," she said. "I think it was just a selection by the Texas Society."

The festival is March 31 through April 5, while the cherry blossoms are blooming.

Each state is represented by a princess in the festival. The queen is chosen by random through spinning a wheel.

The itinerary for the women includes a congressional reception, a tour of Washington and tea at the Japanese embassy. The week ends with a grand ball at which the queen is selected.

Thompson is a transfer student from Mount Vernon in Washington D.C. She is the daughter of Mayo Thompson '41, president-elect of the Former Student Association.

No quorum

J-Board reworks rules, by-laws

An ad-hoc sub-committee of the Student Government Judicial Board met Tuesday night to draft amendments to the constitution.

The meeting, originally scheduled to be a general meeting, was revised to be termed a sub-committee meeting because a quorum was not present.

In the by-laws the committee changed the writ of injunction. Formerly the writ of injunction was valid until a hearing was requested. Under the proposed amendment a

hearing may be requested but the status of the injunction would depend on the decision of the hearing.

In the standing rules of order the committee outlined step-by-step procedure for hearings.

Another amendment outlined grounds for which the chairman of the J-Board could be removed. At present the chairman can be removed and replaced by the Senate at will. Under the amendment the Chairman would have to resign, graduate or be removed on certain

grounds which are yet to be determined.

They also proposed that the writ of injunction and the writ of mandamus be placed in the A&M student constitution.

The committee further recommended to get rid of Section 8 of the constitution which says that the J-Board should ratify any election referendum within two days.

The proposed amendments will go up for ratification by the J-Board at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

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