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CS board reassigns head coach

By JOHN WEAVER
Battalion Reporter

The College Station school board, after an executive session that ended at midnight Monday, reappointed the school's athletic director and head football coach.

"We accepted the superintendent's recommendation to reassign the athletic director," board President John Reagor said following the session.

Reagor did not say where Bob Caskey, the athletic director and head football coach, would be reassigned.

Caskey's reassignment happened during the three-hour closed door session that Reagor called a "performance review" of Superintendent Bruce Anderson.

The board also voted to hold the district trustee election on April 4. The school balloting will be held in conjunction with College Station's municipal elections. Absentee balloting for the school election will be held in City Hall, not the school administration building as in past years, the board announced.

"By holding the election with the city, we can cut a lot of the expenses we might normally have," Reagor said.

The board approved a \$3,192 contract with Texas Voting Systems to provide ballots and other supplies for the April 4 school trustee election. Most of the manpower needed for the election will be provided by the city.

What's Up

TUESDAY

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Inquiry Class will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Mary's Student Center. Night Prayer will be held at 10 p.m. in the church.

CATHOLIC FACULTY: Father Andrew Williamsen, C. M., will speak on "Moral Dilemmas Facing Educators" at noon in the St. Mary's Student Center.

PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: Meets at 7 p.m. in 104B Zachry.

WEDNESDAY

TAMU JUGGLERS ASSOCIATION: Meets at 8 p.m. in 228 MSC.

HILLEL CLUB: Dr. Yechiel Weitsman will speak on "The Historical Background To The Holy Scriptures" at 7:30 p.m. in the Jewish Student Center.

STUDENT AGGIE CLUB: Meets at 7 p.m. in the Lettermen's Lounge.

TAMU ROLLER SKATING CLUB ("WHEELS"): Will discuss spring events at 7 p.m. in 110 Military Science.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Newman Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Mary's Student Center.

AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: Square dance lessons begin at 7 p.m. in 263 G. Rollie White Coliseum.

AGGIE SCOUTS: Meet at 9 p.m. in 139 MSC.

TAMU SURF CLUB: Presents the Beatles concert film festival at 8 p.m. in 321 Physics.

THURSDAY

TAMSCAMS: Meet at 7 p.m. in the O&M Observatory.

EMERGENCY CARE TEAM: John Locke, student legal advisor, will speak about voting on constitutional amendments at 7:30 p.m. in 140A&B MSC.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: Conducts a leadership training class at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Night Prayer will be held at 10 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Bible Study begins at 9 p.m. in the corps area. Out Of State Students meet for an ice cream social at 7:30 p.m.

Colleges combine co-op studies

By RUTH M. DALY
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Four undergraduate colleges at Texas A&M University have recently combined operations of their cooperative education programs.

The major advantage of the newly centralized office is that there is now a "full-time staff to devote full-time work to the co-op program," Steve Yates, director of Texas A&M's co-op program, said.

Co-oping is a specialized work/study program in which participating students usually alternate semesters between attending school full time and working full-time in his major field of study.

Prior to the change, the Colleges of Architecture, Business Administration, Engineering and Science each had separate co-op programs with part-time coordinators to recruit and evaluate employers and students and place students on co-op work assignments.

All nine undergraduate colleges in the University have a co-op program; however, five of them chose not to participate in the centralization — Architecture and Environmental Design, Education, Geosciences, Liberal Arts and Veterinary Medicine.

Those colleges continued independent programs because they have "unique arrangements with personal contacts with employers," Yates said.

The non-participating colleges also have a small number of co-op students, so they don't require a full-time co-op staff, he said.

keep academic programs under the control of each college.

Also new to the co-op program this year is a student organization which provides input to the administration regarding co-op policy. The Co-op Association specifically helps students with housing problems that may arise because of co-oping and provides social interactions among co-op students, Yates said.

The centralized office, now located in the Old Creamery Building on the west side of campus, is planning to move to Harrington Tower in July.

Regardless of some centralization of administrative functions of the co-op program, however, each college has still retained independent policies for its co-op students.

For example, the College of Liberal Arts does not give credit for co-oping, but the Department of Communications in the College of Liberal Arts gives up to four hours credit for a student interning, working in his major field of study.

Yet, in other colleges co-op students can earn from one to two credit hours, depending on the college.

Co-oping is distinguished from interning because a co-op student must work at least two terms (unless he quits the program), and at least one of the work terms must be during a regular fall

or spring semester.

Typically, co-op students work three or four terms, 16 weeks or a semester, each.

In most cases it doesn't take co-op students any longer to graduate than persons who do not co-op, Yates said, referring to a survey he conducted. Students in general take 4.55 years to graduate, while co-op students usually graduate within 4.5 years.

Like students who intern, co-op students must also pay tuition to receive course credits. Cost of the tuition is at least \$50, and an additional \$6 for building-use fee must also be paid.

Another stipulation to receive credit for co-oping is a written technical report submitted at the end of each work term.

To participate in the co-op program at the University, a student must have a 2.5 overall grade point ratio and have finished at least two semesters of school.

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Co-op programs at universities which sponsor a large number of co-op students, like Georgia Tech, Mississippi State and Auburn, were studied prior to the reorganization at Texas A&M, Yates said. And each of the colleges studied had fully-centralized co-op offices.

Deans of the four colleges participating in the reorganization named a representative to an advisory council in the centralized office to ensure that students fulfill their college's academic requirements.

The members of the council will also help establish policy and

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Drinking bill passes Senate

United Press International
AUSTIN — The Senate approved legislation 26-2 Monday requiring Texans to be 19 years old to buy or consume alcoholic beverages, and in the process triggered allegations the sponsor of the bill had "stolen" it from another senator.

The measure by Sen. Bill Sarpalus, D-Hereford, passed with little debate, but Sen. Walter Mengden, R-Houston, made it clear he did not approve of Sarpalus, a freshman senator, taking over authorship of the bill on which Mengden had worked for more than two years.

Mengden sponsored a similar bill this session, and the two flipped a coin in Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby's office to determine which bill would be considered by the Senate.

Mengden yielded graciously but grudgingly during the debate, saying he would support Sarpalus' bill. "I would like all my fellow senators to know my efforts are not to horn in on the legislation other senators have worked on," Mengden said.

"I would hope in the future other senators would show respect for members of this body who have legislative experience on an issue and have worked on it over the years."

While Mengden only hinted at his unhappiness that Sarpalus' bill was passed rather than his, aide Art Kelly was openly angry about it.

"I think this is an atrocious action on the part of Senator Sarpalus," Kelly said. "I think it is a breach of ethics and I hope it will not be repeated. We are the ones that created that bill out of nothing, and spent thousands of

hours developing it. We would never do anything like this with other people's bills."

Sarpalus, who defeated Republican Sen. Bob Price in the November election, said he made it a major issue in his campaign to raise the minimum legal drinking age from 18 to 19.

Mengden said Hobby invited both men into his office to try to resolve which of their bills would be considered, and suggested a coin toss as the solution.

"We went in the lieutenant governor's office and flipped a coin, and he won and I lost," Mengden said.

The bill raising the minimum drinking age was declared an emergency by Gov. Bill Clements, who said school districts throughout Texas have had problems with 18-year-olds consuming beer on campus and coming to class drunk.

Sarpalus' bill, which now goes to the House, would allow 18-year-olds to work in stores and bars selling alcoholic beverages, but would not allow them to own the business or to buy or consume alcoholic beverages.

Sens. Oscar Mauzy, D-Dallas, and Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, voted against the bill.


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