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Skills to be nurtured by Fellows program

by Jaime Bramer
Battalion Reporter

The College of Business Administration has developed the Fellows Program to develop the managerial skills of a select group of business students.

"We're looking to challenge students who have exhibited above-average management skills," said Lyle F. Schoenfeldt, Fellows coordinator and head of the Department of Management.

The selection process will be based on an interview and a questionnaire to assess the students' management abilities. Grades are not a major factor in selection, but students are chosen for managerial potential demonstrated in the interview and questionnaire. The selection process will begin in early October and be completed in late January when 40 to 50 students will be chosen to participate.

The Fellows program will begin the second semester of the junior year and continue into the summer and through the senior year. Schoenfeldt said the program is better than an advanced degree.

"We're going to try to teach what isn't offered in the classroom," he said.

After selection in their junior year, students will attend monthly meetings for orientation to the program and to make preliminary arrangements for the summer internships. A two-day retreat has been scheduled in May for summer job orientation and for participating students to get acquainted.

Their senior year will be aimed at achieving four major objectives.

These include weekly sessions further to develop managerial and leadership skills, with the second part of the sessions to be devoted to presentations by University faculty members and business professionals.

City has plans for Northgate

by Lynn Falco
Battalion Reporter

College Station city officials plan to meet with Northgate property owners within the next month to take another look at a proposal to turn Patricia Street, which runs behind the Northgate businesses, into a plaza.

The proposal, which first was made several years ago, would move the emphasis of the Northgate area from University Drive to Patricia Street. Bardell said most of the people leasing businesses there have said they could operate that way.

City ownership of the property is the only chance the city has of cleaning up the area and doing something with it, Bardell said.

J.B. Fletcher, manager of the Dixie Chicken, and Don Ganter, its owner, already have taken steps to improve the back entrance to the bar. But Fletcher said the city keeps putting off the project.

Bardell said the delay is because the proposal involves a complicated process with many property owners trying to settle on a price. The owners of the land on the north side of Patricia Street might be willing to trade their tracts for the old city hall site on the corner of Wellborn Road and Church Street, he said.

The property owners have asked the city to make a series of appraisals on the two land areas. The values of both sections, which were assessed recently, must now be agreed upon by all parties concerned, Bardell said.

Even if the city is able to acquire the property, it still will have to come up with the money for construction. A bond issue proposal to finance the project was submitted to the Capital Improvement Committee earlier, but it was rejected as a low-priority item, Bardell said.

The plaza plan also was criticized earlier by some residents who maintained tax money shouldn't be spent to help businesses that sell alcoholic beverages to students. City officials will have to convince taxpayers the proposal is in the public's best interest, Bardell said.

The city has a public safety interest in the project, he said, because crowds of students spill out of the bars into University Drive, especially on Thursday and Saturday nights. They block traffic and put themselves in danger, he said, as well as breaking the law by obstructing traffic on a state highway.

"If the Northgate property owners would come forward and put necessary dollars into improving the situation, improving the lease-ability of the property, improving the parking and the access on the back side, then I think it would be a great benefit to the public, to the students and to the lessees, as well as the property owners," Bardell said.

Authorities watch dangerous gas well

United Press International

LIVINGSTON — Authorities are keeping a watchful eye on a gas well that blew out and threw huge amounts of toxic and explosive gas into the air, forcing the evacuation of about 1,000 residents.

About 1,000 south Polk County residents living within a square mile of the well were evacuated from their homes shortly after the blowout, Sheriff Ted Everitt said.

There were no reports of injuries from the blowout.

Authorities remained at the scene Tuesday night, guarding the area northwest of Lake Livingston State Park, about 70 miles north of Houston.

The well, owned by Reading and Bates Drilling Co. of Houston, blew out as crews were drilling the well Tuesday, Everitt said. The owners of the well could not be reached for comment.

Authorities, however, said there was a great potential danger because of the flammability of the gas spewing from the blown out well.

"We've got a machine that tests the air for explosive and toxic gases and we're getting readings within a mile of the well," Everitt said. "If something were to ignite it, it would start the woods or houses on fire."

A sheriff's dispatcher late Tuesday said roads leading to the well site were blocked and deputies would tightly patrol the area to prevent any activity that might spark a fire throughout the area.

About 50 evacuees spent the night at an emergency shelter opened at Camp Cho-Yeh in Livingston.

Groups hit change in disabled policy

United Press International

PORTLAND, Maine — A federal official says it came as no surprise that people from across New England overwhelmingly condemned the Reagan administration's plan to weaken government regulations for the handicapped.

"I'm not surprised. We expected people to come and express themselves," said Wayne Roberts, regional representative for the U.S. Education Department.

Witnesses from all six New England states harshly criticized the proposed changes during two days of hearings in Portland. The opposition culminated in a demonstration Tuesday during which protesters burned copies of the revised statutes.

"The Reagan administration had better back off and recognize that there's feeling building up that you can't dump on handicapped kids just for the convenience of a few bureaucrats," said Tom Andrews, executive director of the Maine Association of Handicapped Persons.

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