

Job competition at A&M tighter

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More layoffs in Bryan-College Station, tighter department budgets, and increased migration from northern states may mean the competition for full-time jobs at Texas A&M University is getting tougher. More applicants for fewer vacancies seems to be the general trend in full-time campus employment, University employment manager Wayne McGuire said.

The tighter job situation is illustrated by the low number of job vacancies. On Oct. 28, 1981, there were 42 clerical and 102 non-clerical positions open, compared to the eight clerical and 34 non-clerical positions open at the same time this year.

McGuire said one reason for fewer vacancies is the rising number of job layoffs in the community, specifically the shutdown of the NL Atlas Bradford Co.

"As companies layoff workers," he said, "more people are coming to look for jobs on campus and more people are holding on to their campus jobs."

One example of the increased competition occurred recently when a vacant secretarial position attracted four times the usual number of applicants. Twenty people applied for the job, in contrast to the five applications that are usually filed.

H. Ray Smith, personnel director for the University, said Texas A&M is the largest employer in the community with 18,800 employees.

He said the low vacancy level and low turnover rate is unusual.

"It's the lowest I can recall within the last 10 years," he said. The current low level is probably

ably due, in part, to departments watching their funds more closely and not creating many new jobs."

However, he said the employment business on campus is very seasonal. In April and May, there are a lot of clerical vacancies as students' wives resign. In the summer, clerical positions open and the University sometimes hires high school students to fill the positions until fall.

Walt Baker, local manager for the Texas Employment Commission, said the unemployment rate for Bryan-College Station is 5.8 percent.

He said the number of initial claims filed for unemployment benefits have jumped 400 percent over the same time in 1981.

Local companies, such as NL Atlas Bradford Co., have laid off workers, but Baker refused to comment on possible connections.

Student employment, however, seems to be more positive.

Clair Fink, student employment supervisor, said the number of students working part-time on campus has increased 10 percent. "In the period from September 1981 to Aug. 31, 1982, there were approximately 7,200 students working on campus — up 1,000 students from the year before."

A possible reason for the increase was the hiring freeze put into effect in January by University President Frank E. Vandiver, Fink said. The action restricted hiring full-time employees until August.

To meet their workloads, departments hired student workers if possible.

While job opportunities are good, there has been no change in the number of students applying for jobs, she said.

Reagan protest held in Austin

United Press International
AUSTIN — About 65 people, ranging from toddlers to the elderly, marched Saturday from the state Capitol to their "Reagan Ranch" to protest President Reagan's economic policies.

"Reagan, Reagan, he's a traitor, only to big industry will he cater," the protestors chanted. A two-mile walk to their encampment at a baseball field near the Colorado River in downtown Austin.

The protestors also criticized Republican Gov. Bill Clements for supporting the Reagan administration.

"Clements, Clements, he's no good, get him out of the neighborhood," they yelled.

The march was part of a nationwide protest of "Reaganomics" that began last weekend and has spread to more than 30 impromptu rallies.

One marcher, Onnie Byrd, 65, said, "I think it's great."

"They couldn't have named it any better," she said. "Rich people don't care anything about us poor people."

The Austin demonstration is sponsored by the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now and is supported by 25 other civic, church, environmental and political groups.

More than 30 bright green tents were set up Friday at the start of the four-day protest. It is aimed at reminding people of "Hoovervilles" in the 1930s, organizer Holly Blake said.

The protestors, she said, hope to mobilize voters against candidates who support Reagan's programs in Tuesday's general election.

"This is just to try to get people aware of what we're facing," said Ruby Melrose, 62, of Austin, a member of ACORN.

"Reaganomics has cut social programs to the bare bones," she said. "It has caused too much unemployment and too many business failures. It's a cruel joke to the American people."

The protest will also include a soup line, workshops, a candidates' forum and a protest at the governor's mansion Monday.

Collision cause still unknown

United Press International
CARROLLTON — Determining the cause of a two-plane collision that killed four people will take several weeks, said federal investigators, who believe faulty radio transmissions may have contributed to the crash.

The crash occurred Wednesday when a Piper Navajo en route from Opelousas, La., was approaching Dallas Love Field and a Cessna 337 Skymaster was taking off from nearby Addison Airport.

"The (Cessna) pilot didn't correct the mistake when he called back. Maybe both just misunderstood each other," Johnson said.

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turned when the crash occurred," he said. "Shortly afterward, the Cessna pilot came on and said he was north of Addison Airport."

Johnson said controllers may have misunderstood what the pilot said and reported it back as Arlington Airport.

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Entertains matters relating to detention hearings, adjudication hearings, disposition hearings, motions to revoke probation, certification hearings while always trying to balance the question of what is in the best interest of the child and of society through programs designed for treatment, training and rehabilitation of the child. All proceedings require an in depth knowledge of the Texas Family Code.

- Juvenile prosecutor in County Court at Law
- In over 300 cases filed, represented interests of the people of Brazos County in adjudication hearings to determine whether a child had broken the law in all types of offenses ranging from truancies to aggravated robberies
- In disposition hearings, to determine what should be done with a child who had been found to have engaged in delinquent conduct or was in need of supervision
- In certification hearings, to determine if case should be transferred to district court
- In detention hearings, to determine where a child should temporarily stay
- In motions to revoke or modify conditions of prior probation
- Has thorough working knowledge and application of juvenile law
- Approximately 300 court appearances in County Court at Law

CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR

Entertains hearings and trials for violations relating to assaults, DWIs, theft under \$200.00, unlawfully carrying a weapon, possession of marijuana under 2 oz., reckless conduct, criminal trespassing, criminal mischief under \$200.00, sale of alcohol to minors, illegal sale of beer, public loudness, harassment, burglary of coin-operated machines, and traffic appeals. All proceedings require an in depth knowledge of the Texas Penal Code and the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

- Assistant District Attorney for 2½ years
- In over 500 cases, represented interests of the people of Brazos County relating to offenses ranging from criminal mischief over \$200 to murder
- Appeared in court almost daily for 2½ years for hearings ranging from docket calls, pretrial hearings, trials, motions to revoke probation, bond hearings and grand jury hearings
- Has a thorough working knowledge of and applicability of criminal laws and Texas code of criminal procedure
- As chief prosecutor responsible for all cases filed in 272nd District Court, made court appearances daily

PROBATE MATTERS

Entertains all applications, petitions, and motions regarding probate of wills, administration of estates for those descendants without a will, hearings for the declaration of heirship and hearings regarding guardianships. All proceedings require an in depth knowledge of Texas Probate Code and Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

- As Assistant Trust Officer in the Trust Department of one of the areas leading banks, helped to manage and oversee the probating of wills, assets of estates and guardianships
- Gained a good working knowledge of investment and financial markets
- Advised relatives or representatives of a decedent's estate regarding the application of probate laws
- While in private practice of law, represented estates of decedents in approximately 15 cases in probating the will, collecting the assets, paying off debts and closing out the estates and in helping to appraise value of assets
- Worked closely with real estate appraisers for estate planning and for preparation of tax returns
- Has an in depth working knowledge of Texas Probate Laws and rules of civil procedure

MENTAL ILLNESS

Entertains all applications, petitions and motions regarding mental illness and incompetency hearings. All proceedings require an in depth knowledge of Texas Probate Code, Mental Health Code and Texas Code of Civil Procedure.

- Has represented interests of many clients with mental illness problems due to alcoholism, temporary insanity and insanity
- Worked with many mental health experts in Brazos County, Rusk State Hospital and Austin State Hospital regarding sanity or insanity in both civil and criminal cases
- Has an in depth working knowledge and application of mental health code and of probate code

CONDEMNATION MATTERS

Hears all condemnation suits and allows for the compensation for property taken as well as for all loss and damage resulting from the taking of any property in Brazos County. These proceedings require an in depth knowledge of real estate law and civil laws.

- Instructor for American College of Real Estate for 3 years and taught courses regarding real estate law as it relates to the buying and selling of real estate
- In private practice, represented many clients in helping them to plan the development of their estates and appraise the values of assets
- Worked closely with many real estate appraisers
- During past five years, has developed an in depth working knowledge of real estate law as it relates to ownership of land and to appraisals of real estate property

CIVIL MATTERS

Hears all controversies between individuals from \$500.00 and up to \$10,000.00 in value. These proceedings require an in depth knowledge of civil law and the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

- While in private practice of law, has handled over 300 cases involving matters between individuals ranging from the drafting of contracts, rental agreements, collection of rental fees, garnishments, wage disputes and destruction of property
- Has represented several clients in contested matters for the enforcement of terms of contracts
- Has an in depth working knowledge of civil law and Texas Rules of Civil Procedure



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