



High kicker!

photo by John Makely

Anna DeFelice, a freshman accounting major from Austin, and Matthew Walters, a sophomore

petroleum engineering major from Corpus Christi, brushed up on their soccer technique Friday.

Special election lawsuit dismissed

United Press International
BEAUMONT — A panel of three federal judges Saturday dismissed a lawsuit seeking to delay the Feb. 12 special election to fill the congressional seat vacated by former U.S. Rep. Phil Gramm of College Station.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice of Tyler and U.S. District Judge Robert Parker of Beaumont heard nearly an hour of arguments and conferred with 5th U.S. Circuit Judge Sam Johnson of Austin by telephone before dismissing the lawsuit for lack of venue.

The panel felt it was not the proper court to hear the case.

The judges said although they technically had power to rule in the lawsuit, the matter would be more appropriately addressed by a federal court in the U.S. Western District of Texas, which covers a portion of the 6th Congressional District.

Their district, the federal court system's Eastern District of Texas, does not cover any of the counties in the 6th District, the district in which Gramm is run-

ning for re-election. Plaintiffs' lawyer George Korbel did not immediately indicate if the suit would be refiled.

The lawsuit, filed by the Texas Rural Legal Aid Inc. of Austin, claimed the special congressional election scheduled for Feb. 12 violated provisions of the federal Voting Rights Act.

Korbel said the U.S. Justice Department did not approve the election date as required by the Voting Rights Act.

He asked the court to reschedule the special election for the first Saturday in April, one of the four "uniform" dates in the Texas Election Code.

Korbel claimed the statute governing the calling of such special elections is unconstitutional because it allows the filing deadline to be five days after the election is announced. He said that is insufficient time for those unable to afford the filing fee to circulate petitions to obtain a ballot position.

Assistant Texas Attorney General Rick Gray, who defended the state's action, said he

wants the issue disposed of as soon as possible so the state can carry out the process.

Gray said the state is to return to court if the suit is filed.

The controversy was called shortly after Gray resigned his congressional seat on Jan. 5 because he had stripped him of his seat on the House Committee. Gramm was a Democrat, switched and announced his candidacy as a Republican.

Then Texas Gov. William Clements Jr., also a Republican, called a special election.

Democratic leaders Clements of aiding Gray giving the Democratic time to organize a tentative opposition campaign therefore giving the cans an edge in the race.

Attorneys for the Democratic Party, the Republican Gramm and several other dates were represented at the Beaumont hearing.

Surgeon's record defended

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — A woman whose mentally retarded son died while being operated on defended the much criticized surgeon by saying the doctor's success rate is so low because he took on cases other surgeons would not touch.

A Defense Department report this week said 45 percent of Dr. William Stanford's patients died while he was chief of cardiac thoracic surgery at Wilford Hall hospital in San Antonio from 1975 to 1977. No other doctor had a patient mortality rate higher than 9 percent, it said.

The San Antonio woman said her son, 5½, had Down's syndrome and a heart problem that Stanford tried to correct. The child died on Stanford's operating table.

"Stanford walked a fine line because he was willing to perform brave, innovative and sometimes experimental surgery," she said. "If a physician wanted to save his reputation, he wouldn't bother with a Down's syndrome baby."

Stanford, a retired Air Force surgeon, told the San Antonio Light that the Pentagon report was not fair.

"It's irresponsible. You have to look at the cases," Stanford said.

He said many of his patients were high risk and had little hope of surviving with or without surgery.

The same conclusion was reached in an Air Force report released last summer. It said Stanford's 22 percent mortality rate was not out of line with national standards for the type of cases operated upon.

Stanford is now studying at university hospitals in Iowa City to become a radiologist instead of a heart specialist, he said.

"Life's too short to go through that stuff and worry every time you try to help a patient if you'll end up in a lawsuit," he said.

Stanford lost a \$2.1 million medical malpractice suit in Milwaukee after assisting in an operation that left a woman brain-damaged because a heart-lung machine was hooked up backwards. The case is being appealed.

After CBS's "60 Minutes" reported on the Milwaukee case and Stanford's mortality record, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger ordered an investigation by the Defense Department. The Air Force had already spent \$1 million for four investigations at Wilford Hall — three involving Stanford.

The Pentagon report presented to Weinberger Dec. 30 said one Wilford Hall anesthesiologist had refused to work when Stanford was scheduled to operate on children. Air Force doctors at other military hospitals purposely steered patients away from Wilford Hall, it said.

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Twenty Years of Growth for CBA

It is a fact that Texas A&M has contributed much to the economic, cultural, and educational enrichment of Texas. In this tradition, A&M's College of Business Administration has shown phenomenal growth and continuing excellence in its programs in the past twenty years. The College has enjoyed a growing national prominence among both academic and business institutions.

Texas A&M has entered its 107th year as a center of higher education, and the program in Business Administration is celebrating its twentieth. In its 107 years, Texas A&M has become one of the leading universities of the South. The School of Business, organized in June 1963, has acquired that same distinction in only twenty years.

The College of Business Administration has made important strides in a number of areas. There

is an increase in the accessibility to computers, leadership skills and their development are stressed, and in the future plans are being made to increase communication skills.

Although a leading business school, the College of Business Administration is not without problems. Dean William V. Muse noted two shortfalls at the CBA. "We don't have enough full-time faculty. Because of the faculty shortage, there is another problem: class sizes have to be larger," stated the dean.

When the Agricultural & Mechanical College of Texas began operation in 1876, the student body numbered only 48 and class size was no problem. Now, any student can tell about the crowded situation in the classroom and in the community.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas offered busi-

ness courses in its Commercial Department from the very beginning of the institution. At that time, "Double entry bookkeeping, the laws governing commercial transactions, and the philosophy and morals of business" were the subjects taught.

In 1915 the Department of Economics took over the business courses and taught them until 1921. The only business degree offered was a bachelor's in Agricultural Administration.

In October 1926, the Department of Agricultural Economics was divided into four new departments, the Department of Agriculture and Land Economics, the Department of Accounting and Statistics, the Department of Farm and Ranch Management, and the Department of Marketing and Finance. Now a student could receive a B.S. in Ag Administration with a business option.

The business curriculum was transferred to the School of Arts and Sciences in 1946, as the Business and Accounting Department. From 1946 to 1950 this arrangement offered Bachelor of Science degrees with majors in business and in accounting.

In 1950 the name was changed to the Department of Business Administration, still under the School of Arts and Sciences. Now Texas A&M offered an M.B.A. and the Bachelor of Business Administration degrees. Degree programs were in accounting, building products marketing, finance, general business, insurance marketing, personnel administration, and statistics.

1956 saw another name change, from the Department of Business Administration to the Division of Business Administration within the School of Arts and Sciences.

Texas A&M University became the official name, by legislative action, for the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas in 1963. At that time the Division of Business Administration became the School of Business Administration, but remained a part of the school which now became the College of Arts and Sciences. The degree programs offered by the newly formed School of Business Administration were in four major areas: Accounting, Finance, Management, and Marketing.

The School of Business Administration was authorized in 1966 to form departments within itself. The results were the five present departments: Accounting, Finance, Management, Marketing, and the Department of Business

Analysis and Research.

The School of Business Administration was separated from the College of Liberal Arts in 1968. This brought the establishment of the College of Business Administration on Sept. 1, 1968, with authorization to supplement its undergraduate and master's programs with work leading to the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration. The Ph.D. program began with the fall term of 1969.

On May 4, 1972, the College of Business Administration was officially recognized by its peer institutions as being a leading school of business by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business's accreditation of the undergraduate and master's degree programs. Only 79 other institutions in the United States had that distinction at that time.

At present, A&M and the Business Administration school are recognized and well respected nationwide. A survey of some fourteen-hundred Texas executives indicated that, in their opinions, it is one of the top schools anywhere. The Gourman Report in 1980 ranked Texas A&M's business school among the twenty best business schools. The total undergraduate enrollment in the College of Business Administration ranks fifth largest in the nation.

With a past steeped in tradition, a present day situation of innovativeness and change, and an exciting future, the Texas A&M College of Business Administration will continue to advance as one of the premier educational institutions of the U.S.

Students Selected for Fellows Program

Fast-Track to Decision Responsibility

by Carole Craft

A unique new program has been created to help Texas A&M graduates excel in the fields they enter after graduation. The CBA Fellows Program in Business Administration concentrates on developing and building the managerial skills of selected undergraduates.

"This program is unique in the intensive use of student-business interaction," said Dr. Lyle Schoenfeldt, Director of the program and Head of the Management Department. "We have big expectations for the idea, and with the support of the business community, we are hoping for a huge success."

Twenty-eight students have been chosen for the Fellows Program, which will encompass the second half of the student's junior year, the senior year and a summer internship between the years. Students applied for admission to the program by filling out a questionnaire which asked them to describe their own management capabilities. They then experienced a 25-minute interview in which they were asked about college life, employment and future plans.

The students are chosen by late January (of their junior year) and attend meetings in February, March and April. The meetings will involve orientation to the program, making arrangements for internships, and getting ac-

quainted with one another. There will be a two-day retreat following the programs in May which will orient the students to their internships.

The summer work experience is perhaps the single most important aspect of the CBA Fellows Program, according to Dr. Schoenfeldt. In the summer internship program, students gain experience with a business organization that is chosen according to the student's technical expertise (accounting, finance, marketing, management, information systems).

"This program is going to be an excellent opportunity for both the students and businesses," said Dr. Schoenfeldt. "The student will be able to work with professionals, and the businesses will be getting a student who has proven his or her ability."

Students will be challenged by assignments that may include some supervisory responsibility and the necessity to coordinate efforts across different departments.

The senior year seminar is aimed at the further development of the individual's managerial and leadership skills. During this year, there will be weekly sessions devoted to guest speakers as well as presentations by faculty and company specialists on such matters as

marketing and finance. Two integrative elements, a business game and short practicum experience, will allow students to gain experience in working cooperatively together and with specialists at other companies.

Principal support for the CBA Fellows Program will come from the faculty and administration at Texas A&M University as well as dedicated executives and managers who contribute time and energy by advising and teaching in the classroom. It is planned that all funds for the Program will be derived from individual, foundation, and corporate contributions. Critical charter support was provided by the Diamond Shamrock Corporation, Tenneco, Inc., and Mr. H. G. Schiff of Dallas.

Prior to the CBA Fellows Program, the College of Business Administration had no special academic programs for students with demonstrated leadership capabilities. The Fellows Program is seen as a unique and innovative effort to identify and develop the management potential of selected CBA undergraduate students. The program is designed to take advantage of the special leadership opportunities provided by the Texas A&M environment to meet the current and growing needs for competent and effective managerial personnel.

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