

Executive development seminars to be hosted at A&M Monday

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Battalion Reporter
The Center for Executive Development will hold the seventh nine week-long management seminars Monday at 8 a.m. According to a brochure distributed by the center, each seminar is an "integrated training experience of small group discussions, case studies, participation in a business simulation

exercise and lecture discussions." John Paul Abbott, professor emeritus at Texas A&M, will be the opening speaker. Abbott's speech topics are "Group Dynamics," "Human Behavior," "Styles of Managerial Leadership" and "Stimulating Creativity and Initiative." He will also conduct a simulation exercise Monday at 3 p.m.

Tuesday's schedule begins with Thomas S. Bateman, assistant professor of management, speaking on "Self-Perception and Interpersonal Relations." Management Professor Robert Albans will speak on "Motivating The Workforce" at 1 p.m. Richard W. Woodman, associate professor of management, will speak Wednesday at 8 a.m. Woodman's speeches include

"Introducing and Implementing Change." "Developing Subordinates" is the topic of discussion for Michael A. Abelson, assistant professor of management, who will speak Wednesday at 1 p.m. Donald L. Wass, president of William Oncken Company of the Southwest, will speak Thursday on "What it means to be a manager."

Friday opens with Abbott again speaking on "Effective Communications." The day will close with finance Professor Gene C. Ueselon's critique of the computerized business simulation exercise. The eighth seminar will be Oct. 30 through Nov. 4. Anyone interested in attending should contact program manager Peggy Brown in 449 Blocker (A&A).

Proposed rates were mathematical mistake

United Press International
AUSTIN — The state Insurance Board staff Thursday revised downward to 3.9 percent its recommendation for an average statewide increase in automobile insurance rates for Texas motorists in 1984. Board spokesman Jon Ford said the staff made a mathematical error on its initial proposal last Friday, which recommended an overall 4.3 percent increase.

The insurance industry earlier filed a request for an 11.4 percent hike in rates, effective Jan. 1. The board will open hearings in Austin today on new rates for 1984. The staff's revised recommendation would give insurance companies an annual increase in revenues of \$88 million, compared to the original estimate of \$97.5 million.

Tech profs travel globe to teach

United Press International
LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University business professors traveling to Malaysia to teach a short course on oil and gas accounting, officials said Thursday.

Esso Production Malaysia Inc., a subsidiary of Exxon Corp., has a contract with Texas Tech business specialists to teach these accounting short courses. Texas Tech Professor Robert

Koester directs the overseas workshops, which he trades off teaching with professors Lane Anderson and John Malloy. Koester said he spent months preparing the four-week course for Malaysian accountants after

traveling to their country. "A lack of specialized training is not unique to Malaysia," Koester said. "There is a need for such training worldwide." The program has prompted inquiries to his office from

Zaire, Nigeria, Indonesia, Thailand, Peru, India, Australia and the People's Republic of China, he said. "We like this innovative approach to training," he added.

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Prison brutality inquiry ordered

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AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White Thursday would order an inquiry into reports that widespread brutality by prison guards at the Texas Department of Corrections continues despite court-ordered reforms. White also said he was unaware of a court-appointed monitor's report on the situation, even though it was distributed to members of the corrections board more than two weeks ago. "I have a call in at this time for the chairman of the Texas Department of Corrections," White said. "If there is any truth to those allegations that there has been illegal conduct on the part of any of our officials over here, I want it straightened out and I want it straightened out now."

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