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### TDC needs major additions in staff

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — The Texas Department of Corrections needs an "astronomical number" of staff additions in order to shape up the nation's second-largest prison system, director Raymond Procnier said Thursday.

Ray Keller of Duncanville, chairman of the state House Committee on Law Enforcement, meanwhile, estimated it could cost up to a half billion dollars before the prison system is put in order.

"I'm pleased with the improvements," Keller said after he and about a dozen other lawmakers inspected several prison facilities in the Huntsville area.

Keller's Law Enforcement Committee and members of the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence were briefed by Procnier and other top department officials, then visited the Ellis, Ferguson and Eastham prison units.

"It's a miracle we have had as few problems as we have," Procnier said. "And I know that sounds strange," he added, referring to prison disturbances and hundreds of inmate stabbings over the past year.

Procnier, who has been on the job for about nine months, explained for legislators how he reorganized the administration of each prison unit, how he is reclassifying inmates so similar prisoners are housed together, and what challenges faced him when he arrived.

"There was not one department procedure in a procedure manual,"

he said. Now, he said, 25 training captains are on the job to make sure people know procedures.

"We are hopeless optimists," he said. "I have never seen a better attitude."

Procnier said the major problem, and the reason he needs more staff, was the elimination of the system of building tenders — inmates who guarded inmates.

"All I know is the old system is illegal," he said. "The 'con boss' system is not bad. It's just illegal."

The building tenders were replaced by guards, he said, but administrators failed to take into consideration that the inmate building tenders were on the scene 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and each guard was not.

"Everyone in Texas felt every prison was maximum security. But they are really lightweight to medium security," he said. "With the building tenders, they were maximum security."

It takes five guards to replace each building tender, he said.

The staff shortage was so acute inmates were enroute to the new Beto I Unit when he discovered not enough staff was available at the new prison. Procnier ordered the bus turned around.

"It's so frustrating," he said. "We were adding facilities to prisons but no staff. We've got gymnasiums in fallow because there's not enough staff."

Slouch

By Jim Earle



"I'm sorry I missed your last class, but I was visiting with my academic adviser to see how I could improve my grades."

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## Annual Business Week set for February

By VIVIAN SMITH  
Reporter

The sixth annual "Business Week" in the College of Business Administration will "showcase" Texas A&M business students to 70-80 companies from across Texas, said Dr. Samuel Gillespie, Assistant Dean of the College of Business Administration.

"Business Week heightens campus and community awareness of the College of Business Administration, and company recruiters' awareness, by getting student-sand faculty interacting with the representatives," Gillespie said.

Sponsored by the Business Student Council (BSC), the Week is a student-managed event, Assistant to the Dean Lynn Zimmermann said.

BSC is comprised of representatives from all of the business oriented student organizations on campus. These members form committees which organize and conduct the week's activities.

"This gives students the opportunity to plan, manage and carry out major projects using skills they have learned in the classroom," Zimmermann said.

The council began its planning in August. The week's activities are fairly consistent from year to year, Zimmermann said.

It opens February 4th with the Retailing Career Symposium and representatives of all other industries and business professions join the fair for the second day, February 5th. The representatives of the companies will be at booths in the Blocker lobby to talk with several thousand students about their respective company.

The representatives also provide faculty with valuable input about classes needed to properly prepare students for specific business careers, Zimmermann said.

A reception is held on the first evening and a career banquet on the second to allow many students the opportunity to visit personally with company recruiters. On the final evening company representatives take outstanding students to dinner at a local restaurant.

Zimmermann said he is very pleased with company response to the Career Fair. In 1980, the first year of the fair, 27 companies participated. Each year that number has grown and for the 1985 Fair 75-80 companies are expected.

Companies are paying a higher fee to participate this year, yet the number of businesses attending increased. Gillespie uses economics to explain the increase. "In economics if you raise the price and the demand still increases you have a superior good."

"Business Student Council runs a first class event," Gillespie said. From comments he has received no other program at any major southern university measures up to the quality and scope of Texas A&M's, Gillespie said.

Other activities planned for the week include: seminars in accounting, marketing, finance, management, business analysis and retailing. Professors invite various corporate executives to speak to their classes.

A Women's Business Symposium will be held on Thursday, February 7th.

The week concludes with the Masters of Business Administration case competition. All Southwest Conference schools send teams to compete in a 100-page case study of a complex business problem and offer solutions, Zimmermann said.

## Career Fair Committees 1985

One of the features that makes A&M's Business Career Fair unique is the fact that it is entirely student managed.

All events held during the week are planned and run entirely by students. This is where every student, no matter what major or classification, fits in. Any business major can serve on one or more of the Career Fair committees. Serving on a committee gives students a better opportunity to meet and talk with the representatives of the various companies. It also gives valuable experience in the areas of management, public relations, and people skills. Many students that have participated in the past have received job offers from the companies that they hosted.

If you are interested in serving on a committee for this year's fair, there is still time to get involved. Sign up sheets are located in Room 101 of the Blocker Building or the chairman of

the committee you wish to serve on may be contacted.

It's not too late to still become involved in one of the biggest events of the College of Business. The Fair is only two weeks away, so come on out and GET INVOLVED!

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## Companies planning for Career Fair 1985 booths

By LINDA SCARMARDO  
Reporter

The 1985 Business Career Fair offers mutual benefits to companies, students and the University.

Seventy-five companies plan to reap the benefits offered by the 1985 Business Career Fair, which is sponsored by the Business Student Council on February 4th-6th.

The Fair, an annual event, is a major part of the College of Business Administration's observance of "Business Week" on campus.

Participating companies have the option of attending the Fair for one or two days, and have a limited space for booths in the lobby and hallways of the Blocker Building.

Booths are not only to display com-

pany information, but also to give students a casual location to talk with representatives. While companies have different ways of presenting information, their reasons for attending are basically the same.

"We're there to meet the students and to plant seeds of interest in our programs in the future," George C. Berger, of Tandy Corporation/Radio Shack, said. "At the minimum we will have a very colorful display booth which shows employment opportunities at Radio Shack. The booth will be staffed by representatives from our personnel division, who will participate in all other functions," he said.

Texas A&M Alumnus Rick Philpott, said Luby's Cafeteria representatives will not only attend the Fair but will also interview students February 6th and 7th.

"We get good results and quality students from A&M," he said.

Pennzoil will keep it fairly simple, representative Jackie Birkel said. "Basically, we will have literature in our booth and answer questions. We want to try to inform students early about opportunities at Pennzoil and about what college courses they need to be taking," she said. Birkel said that their recruiting efforts are aimed primarily at those in Business Analysis (BANA).

Pam Estes, from First City Bank in Houston, said, "We're conservative. We don't really go into all the whoop-la. We just plan on handing out brochures and answering questions."

Whatever companies plan on doing, Business Career Fair should be an excellent opportunity to interact with prospective employees.

## Ticket Sales

Tickets for the 1985 Career Fair Banquet will go on sale Monday, January 28th at 8 a.m. in the lobby of Blocker. Tickets will be \$6.50 each. The banquet will be at 7 p.m. at the Brazos Center with a Cash Bar at 5:30 p.m. Seats will each company will be on a first come—first serve basis. If you wish to sit with a specific company, buy your ticket early. Sales will close on Friday, February 1st at 5 p.m.



Frank Cinatl and Amy Wolan, graduates of A&M, return to Career Fair 1984 as company reps.

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