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Cal-Berkeley alumni worried

**Associated Press** 

DALLAS - "If we're not careful, nany of our top scholars may soon wearing cowboy hats," warns a ull-page ad in the University of Calornia at Berkeley alumni mag-

And while that school laments at the University of Texas "reently got some impressive new fur-iture, 32 'chairs' worth a million ollars apiece," other officials said ey're also fretting that Texas' eforts to lure top professors and stu-lents may be becoming too success-

Karl Pister, engineering college can at the University of California t Berkeley, said he has a friendly ri-alry with Earnest Gloyna, who

lolds the same post at UT.

"I call him 'the pu ate'." Pister told
The Dallas Morning News. "He
comes to California flying the skull
and crossbones. I have to batten

down my hatches."
"They have not yet been successful—and I cross my fingers—in attacting any of our faculty." Pister and I view UT-Ansian as a chabit

enge for Berkeley. We see their rate of ascension as being very rapid. We berceive them as having limitless re-

Five professors at the University of Texas and Texas A&M get six-figure salaries. And to attract Marshall Rosenbluth, a world leader in nuclear fusion research, from Prince-ton University, UT matched a \$5 million federal grant with \$5 million

Texas A&M lured Herbert Richordson from his post as associate dean of engineering at the Massa-chusetts Institute of Technology by pledging \$8 million to upgrade the

chool's faculty and facilities.

The efforts hit a new high last April when UT officials announced he 32 endowed faculty chairs that were cited in the University of California ad and then began looking or professors to fill them.

We consider the efforts of the Texas schools (to be) exactly what good schools should do to build qual-"said Raymond E. Miles, dean of he University of California's school

Texas schools, Miles said, have ome a long way since the 1950s, when he received his undergraduate and master's degrees from North



Wanna Dance?

Photo by ANTHONY'S. CASPER

Reveille V gives an Aggie welcome to the Houston Ballet Company. The troupe performed Swan Lake in Rudder Auditorium Thursday night. Related story page 7.

## A&M officials: no objections to study panel

By TRENT LEOPOLD Staff Writer

Texas A&M officials said Thursday they have no objections to a pro-posal to create a blue-ribbon com-mission that would conduct an indepth study of higher education.

We are always ready to undergo scrutiny," said Dr. Gordon P. Eaton, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "We do a pretty good job here. I think our graduates can testify to that.'

The resolution for the commission calls for a higher education study similar to SCOPE, the Special Committee on Public Education headed by Dallas billionaire H. Ross

SCOPE led to various education reforms during the special summer session including \$2.8 billion in new taxes for primary and secondary

The resolution is sponsored by Latry Don Shaw, D-Big Springs, and was called for by Gov. Mark White, Speaker of the House Gib Lewis, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and other legislators last Wednesday.

Although Eaton doesn't object to the committee studying Texas dinating board. The committ ders how valuable it would be.

Tam aware there were problems at the secondary level of education," he said, "But I have to wonder how valuable it (the study) might be to

higher education." 'Most states have gone through something like this and have tried to develop a strategic plan," he said.

that (researching goals) within the Texas A&M system."

The blue-ribbon panel is a wise

way to allocate resources, he said. Clifton Lancaster, vice chancellor for budgets and human resources, agreed with Hansen.

"Just the fact that we are looking at a group of people who are going to be intensively studying higher education will help colleges and universities," he said. "Frankly, some of the functions of the (Texas College and University System) Coordinate ing Board have become a little bu-reaucratic. We need a fresh out-

The blue-ribbon commission would be scrutinizing the Texas College and University System Coordinating Board.

Gov. Mark White said the blueribbon commission "might be more of a confirmation of what we're

or a confirmation of what we're doing rather than a restructuring."

The proposed 19-member Select Committee on Higher Education would be composed of White, Hobby, Lewis, the heads of the House Higher Education Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Finance Committee. and the chairman of the Texas coor-

The committee would study college funding, enrollment and appro-priations projections, technology, facilities, curriculum requirements and the distribution and excellence of academic programs.

Lewis said the study may raise is-

sues such as the possible elimination of Texas A&M University at Galves ton and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin at Odessa. Now having said that, we're doing

## Sandinistan: Reagan hinderir

**By SARAH OATES** 

Staff Writer

President Reagan's call for \$14 million in aid to rebels fighting Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government is part of the Reagan administration's "closing off all avenues to a peaceful solution," a Sandinistan government official said Thursday

"If we talked, we could reach a solution," said Ramon Meneses, North American desk officer for the Department of International Relations for the Sandinista party, "but we're

being blocked by the counterrevolu-

tion."
Meneses answered questions from an audience of about 30 in a presentation at the College Station Community Center sponsored by Brazos Peace Action, an organization involved in Central American issues.

He said the rebels don't have strength to win the covert war against the Sandinistan government without U.S. military aid, but that an American invasion of Nicaragua is "a very small step" away if the Reagan administration continues to sup-

port the rebels. "Reagan's commitment is seriously leading to an involvement that could be disastrous for Nicaragua, Latin America and the people of the United States," Meneses said.

You're going to have another Vietnam war, probably with more serious consequences because it's not halfway across the world.

Meneses also said the Reagan administration does not respect the sovereignty of Latin American countries and is using Soviet and Cuban support of the Sandinista government as justification for attacking Nicaragua.

He said Nicaragua is too small and too poor to pose a threat to the United States, and that the Reagan administration has seized the country's links to the Soviet Union and Cuba as a way of prejudicing Americans against the ruling leftist govern-

This is not the real reason why the U.S. government is attacking Nicaragua," Meneses said. "It would be hypocritical if it was because it (the

U.S.) has commercial and diplomatic relations with communist govern-

He did not elaborate on what he thinks the real reasons are for U.S.

intervention in Nicaragua.
"Somehow, the U.S. has to learn to respect the sovereignty of Latin American countries," Meneses said. 'Why try to deny Nicaragua's sovereign right to relationships with any country? The Soviets and Cuba have said they won't aid Nicaragua if it's invaded by the U.S. We are not allied through any defense pact.

1985-86 student service fees

## Budget decreases proposed

By JERRY OSLIN Staff Writer

The Student Government's fiance committee has budgeted \$3.84 million in student service fees or the 1986 fiscal year, a decrease of 1.3 percent from the 1985 budget, according to the fiscal 1986 budget

"The budgeting of student service fees is probably the most important vear," said Mike Kelley, former vice president of finance.

Kelley was vice president of the finance committee when it drew up

Kelley said the \$50,000 drop in the student service fee fund was because of the decrease in enrollment

ver the past year. The student service fee budget helps to fund 14 University departments and organizations, Kelley

According to the budget statement, the A.P. Beutel Health Center will receive \$800,000 for fiscal 1986, a decrease of about \$50,000 from last year. To offset the shortfall, the health center will start

harging for x-rays and lab tests. In its fiscal 1986 budget request,

"The budgeting of student service fees is probably the most important thing Student Government does all vear," — Mike Kelley, former vice president of finance.

the health center listed x-ray and lab test user fees as projected revenue sources for the upcoming year.

The finance committee also rec ommended that the vice president thing Student Government does all for student services ask the Texas A&M Board of Regents to raise the health center fee from \$15 to \$22.50 per student.

Kelley said the increase is needed to maintain the quality of services the health center offers.

The raised fee will enable the center to maintain and improve its facilities and equipment," Kelley

The Memorial Student Center is budgeted for \$1.04 million in 1986, a decrease of about \$17,000 from

While the MSC's overall student fee funding will decrease, the money for administrative salaries will increase by 10 percent. MSC administrators' salaries are too low and must be raised to retain experienced administrators, Kelley said. The money

for salary raises will come from MSC programs, he said. Other University departments re-

ceiving student service fee funding during fiscal 1986 are: • Student Counseling Service -

\$553,595, an increase of 7 percent from 1985. • Intramurals - \$532,590, a derease of 5.7 percent.

• Student Activities Office \$276,573, an increase of 3.4 percent. • Shuttlebus — \$170,000, no change in funding.

Student Legal Advisor \$104,000, a decrease of one-tenth of l percent. • International Student Activities

- \$57,235, a decrease of 1.3 per-• Extramurals — \$50,000, no

change in funding.
• Student Publications \$35,000, no change in funding.

Student Government \$33,453, a decrease of 12.3 percent. University Art Exhibits

• Student Handbook — \$10,450, no change in funding.

• Study Abroad Office — \$8,200, an increase of 17:1 percent. The committee also set aside \$139,986 for reserves.

Kelley said \$45,709 will be divided among 12 of the 14 department heads to help retain staff workers.

Kelley said the committee provided for merit increases in the MSC and the Student Legal Advisor's committee also set aside

\$57,235 in reserves, anticipating that the state will require the University to fund 100 percent of the International Student Activities office bud-

Currently, the state funds 50 percent of the International Student Activities Office budget. The committee set aside \$37,042

for unencumbered reserves. The committee recommended that the student service fee remain at

\$54.50 per student per semester. The budget has been approved by the Student Senate. Kelley said the budget still must be approved by the Texas A&M Board of Regents. But the board rarely changes the budget,

#### Schedule of events for Parents' Weekend

Friday, April 12

a.m.: Federation of Texas A&M University Mother's Clubs boutique opens, Rudder Exhibit

Hall 1:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m.: Mothers' Clubs Spring Executive Board Meeting, Rud-der Theater (this and other Mothers' Clubs events are open to all Aggie Moms)

Men's tennis vs. Arkansas, Smith Fennis Center p.m.: Who's Who Reception,

301 Rudder Tower

4:30 p.m.: Texas A&M Badminton Tournament, G. Rollie White p.m.: Black Awareness Comittee Awards Banquet

7:30 p.m.: Mothers' Clubs Open House and Reception, 145 MSC MSC Variety Show, Rudder Au-

A&M Men's Baseball vs. Baylor, 8 p.m.-midnight: RHA Casino

9:45: Aggie Cinema presents "Never Cry Wolf"

Midnight: Aggie Cinema presents "Get Crazy"

Saturday, April 13

8:30 a.m.: Mothers' Clubs Bou tique opens. Rudder Exhibit Hall

Mothers' Clubs Coffee, Rudder-

9 a.m.: RHA Parents' Day Coffee, Blocker Building Texas A&M Badminton tourna-

ment begins, 351 G. Rollie White 9:30 a.m.: Mothers' Club Annual Spring Meeting, Rudder Theater 10 a.m.-noon: MSC Hospitality

10 a.m.: Class of '85 Gift Presenation, 205-206 MSC

10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Alpha Zeta, Brand Bevo, the Grove II a.m.: Ross Volunteers' Awards

Noon: Clements Hall Parents' Weekend Bar-B-Q, grass area by Clements 12:30 p.m.: Mothers' Clubs Lun-

cheon (reservations required), 212-214 MSC

1:30 p.m.: Pregame Activity, Parents of the Year 2 p.m.: Texas A&M Varsity Footoall Intersquad Game, Kyle Field

3:30 p.m.: Off-Campus Aggies Mid-Day Break, picnic area near Mt. Aggie 5 p.m.: MSC Travel presents "We've Never Been Licked," 601

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