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Regents OK pay scale

Budget outline passed

By JERRY OSLIN
Staff Writer

The Texas A&M Board of Regents Tuesday gave final approval to the guidelines that will be used for developing the system's 1985-86 budgets.

According to the guidelines, all system employees, except for faculty and professional staff, will receive a legislatively mandated salary increase of 3 percent over their previous year's salary. Non-faculty and non-professional staff also are eligible to receive merit raises, but the raises together should not exceed an average of 4 percent.

The guidelines also allow merit raises for the system's faculty and professional staff.

Any recommendations for salary increases above 6 percent must be accompanied by a written justification at each level of administrative review.

In other business, the board heard a report from A&M vice president for development Robert Walker. The Texas A&M Development Foundation will receive an endowment of more than \$9 million from the L.C. McFadden Trust.

The board also approved the sale of \$35 million in Permanent University Fund Constitutional Amendment Bonds.

William Wasson, vice chancellor and system comptroller, told the board that the sale was awarded to Solomon Brothers at an interest rate

of 8.18 percent. Wasson also said that MBank of Austin was designated as the pay agent.

The board passed a resolution honoring Lt. Gen. Ormond R. Simpson for his service and contributions to A&M. The board presented Simpson with a plaque and officially named the University's parade grounds as the Ormond R. Simpson Drill Field.

The board also approved the appropriation of \$3.1 million from the 1984-85 Available University Fund to be used for enhancing the system's engineering program.

The board's newly appointed regent, Mayor Henry Cisneros of San Antonio, was not at the meeting.

Slouch

By Jim Earle



"It's cheap, effective and simple! I don't know why it hasn't been thought of before!"

Public seminar focusing on B-CS future

By BRIAN PEARSON
Staff Writer

Anyone with \$10 and an interest in the community spend part of today learning about the future economic development of the Bryan - College Station area.

The Public Relations Divisions of the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an all-day workshop to inform the public of growth possibilities for the two cities.

Rosemary Alyea, Chamber of Commerce secretary, said the workshop is "designed to get as many members of the community involved in all aspects of the total economic development program.

"We'll really be taking a look at what Bryan - College Station has to offer and what directions we want our growth to go toward," she said.

The workshop is from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and includes a variety of programs and speakers.

Some of the morning programs, activities and speakers in the workshop include:

Jerry Heare, of Commercial Industrial Properties, will discuss the "realities of economic development."

Bill Sensibaugh, manager of the Human Resources Department of Westinghouse, will discuss the Westinghouse decision to locate in Bryan - College Station.

In the afternoon, concurrent workshop discussion groups will discuss:

Government interests for economic development.

The quality of life in the area.

Community marketing.

Recruiting strategies of industries in the area.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and coffee will be served. The registration fee includes all activities, two refreshment breaks and lunch.

U.S. appeals court overturns woman's conviction

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A federal appeals court Tuesday overturned the convictions of a worker at a shelter for illegal aliens who had been found guilty of immigration law violations for transporting undocumented aliens.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals found errors in the jury instruction at the May 1984 trial of Stacey Lynn Merkt and sent her case back to a Brownsville federal court for retrial.

Merkt, 30, was arrested in February 1984 with two Salvadoran refugees in her car. A jury convicted her of two counts of transporting illegal aliens and one count of conspiracy and sentenced her to probation.

Her probation was revoked, and she was sentenced to six months in prison after her arrest last fall on charges of conspiring to transport illegal aliens in another case. Merkt was convicted in Houston in February and has appealed that verdict

to the 5th Circuit Court.

In the case overturned Tuesday, Merkt had argued that she was taking the Salvadorans to an immigration office to apply for political asylum. But prosecutors challenged her motives, saying she skirted a nearby office and headed toward one in San Antonio, where officials are thought to be more sympathetic.

The 5th Circuit said U.S. District Judge Silimon Vela's reversible error occurred when Vela told the jury it was indefensible for Merkt to have

taken the aliens to somewhere other than the nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service office.

The appeals court did not address potential conflicts between church and state. Six church organizations submitted briefs saying Merkt considered it her religious obligation to aid illegal aliens.

The appeals court said Vela's charge "amounts to an instruction that, if Merkt intended to take the aliens to any INS office other than the nearest one, they were to find

that she had acted with the requisite intent to support a conviction."

Because the statute condemns such conduct only when it is willful, Merkt is entitled to have the jury consider her intentions in moving the aliens to San Antonio. If the jury should find as a fact that Merkt intended to present the aliens to the proper officials so that they could seek legal status in this country, it should find that she did not have the requisite criminal intent necessary for a conviction.

N.O.W. discusses women's ability to gain power

By PATRICIA CAMPBELL
Reporter

Three speakers discussed women's ability to obtain and hold power at a meeting of the National Organization of Women in Bryan-College Station Tuesday.

Dr. Ruth Schaffer, a professor of sociology at Texas A&M; Dr. Yasin Ishaq, Texas A&M staff associate executive vice chancellor for administration; and Dr. Wendy Stock, the secretary of N.O.W., spoke on different aspects of power.

Schaffer said, "The way to obtain this power is through organizations and special groups so that your feelings can be injected into government and society. Join organizations that have a record of holding power."

Schaffer said people desire power for three reasons. First, people want access to decision-making. Second, they want to assume a guise of importance. Finally, people like the risks involved in holding positions of power.

"Power is a high risk game and people who

play the game risk a lot," Schaffer said.

Stock said the reason women do not hold positions of power is because of the conflicting roles of wife and worker and because women do not learn to use power to their advantage.

Stock defined three types of power. The first was concrete power, which is access to resources such as wealth, education and physical power. The second type was defined as interactional, which deals with the methods and styles of communication. And the last type she

defined as the intrapersonal power, which is a person's self-concept.

"A woman must be able to use these types of power effectively or she will be undermined by those who do," Stock said.

Ishaq, who is doing a study for A&M President Dr. Frank Vandiver, spoke about the problems black women have in obtaining power in society and government. He urged black women to learn how to assert power and become an influence upon the public.

What's up

Wednesday

MSC AMATEUR RADIO COMMITTEE: is meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder to discuss field day.
CO-OP ASSOCIATION: is going to see "Stripes" as a group. Meet at Albritton Bell Tower at 8:30 p.m.
MSC GROVE 85: presents "Stripes" at 8:45 p.m. Tickets are \$1 with a student ID and \$1.50 for non-students.

Thursday

HORTICULTURE CLUB: is having a peach sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Adriance Lab on West Campus.
Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three days prior to desired publication date.

Cases of food poisoning found in Fort Worth

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Bacteria found in contaminated cheese and linked to at least 30 deaths in California has been blamed for the illnesses of six people in the Fort Worth area, including three infants, officials said.

At least two of the victims contracted the bacterial infection from the cheese, said Dr. Nancy Bowen, assistant director of Fort Worth-Tarrant County Public Health Departments.

The six people have fallen ill within the last three months, she said.

The mother of a newborn who fell

ill with the disease reportedly ate some Jimenez Queso Fresco cheese eight days before she gave birth June 11, Bowen said. The baby has recovered.

An elderly woman who fell ill three days after eating some Jimenez cheese remained in the hospital, Bowen said. Samples of the cheese she ate will be tested by Federal Drug Administration in Dallas.

In San Antonio, cheese taken off market shelves has been sent to a Dallas laboratory to be tested. Results from those tests are not expected for at least two weeks, said Raul Jimenez Jr., vice president for Jimenez Food Products Inc.

Bowen said stores in the Dallas-Fort Worth area also have removed the affected cheese from their shelves.

The organism blamed for the deaths and illnesses is listeria monocytogenes, a bacterium found in samples of Cotija and Queso Fresco cheese manufactured by Jalisco Mexican Products Inc. The bacteria causes flu-like symptoms.

"There are a lot of different ways you can get this germ," Bowen said.

The contaminated cheese has been linked to 30 deaths and stillbirths and 80 illnesses in California since April.

Jalisco Mexican Products Inc.,

shut down after California health officials reported that the deaths and illnesses were linked to the contaminated cheese produced by the company.

Jimenez said his company has begun destroying the 25,000 packages of cheese confiscated in the recall. He did not know what the recall had cost his company, which now is not offering any cheeses to consumers.

He said his company is looking for another manufacturer.

"You can't put a figure on what people think out there," he said. "I think the people realize we went beyond the call of duty. Jimenez cheese was not in question. It was Jalisco."

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