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Education leaders deliver pep talks to school officials

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Two state education leaders gave school administrators pep talks Tuesday, with State Education Commissioner W.N. Kirby saying there is enough money to pay for a good educational system in Texas if the people want it.

Kirby said computer estimates indicate that public education will cost an additional \$430 million in 1988-89, even without increases in teacher pay.

He said at a Texas Education Agency conference that much money would be needed "just to move the current formulas forward without doing anything about 22 to 1 (student-teacher ratios), without doing anything about career ladder increases or all of the other kinds of things we're talking about — not any kind of salary increases. Just to move current law forward will take \$430 million."

"And every politician I hear talking about running for election is talking about no taxes," he said. "I've not heard anyone so far — have you? — talking about a tax bill."

Kirby said although it would be easy to get pessimistic, the money needed to get the job done is there.

"This state taxes itself less than most of the states in the country," he said, "and there's enough money to do what needs to be done if we put our priorities in the right place."

"The people of Texas have within themselves the abilities to have a good educational system if they want a good educational system. At least in terms of the money."

"The money will be there if the people want it to be there and if the people really believe in education."

"And I believe that the key to whether or not people believe in education during the next legislative session is right here in this audience today."

Jon Brumley of Fort Worth, chairman of the State Board of Education, assured the administrators that in implementing public school reforms enacted by the Legislature, the board had "set the course. Let's stay with the course."

"I know some of you from time to time are tired," Brumley said. "I see it when I talk to you. There's been a tremendous change."

"But I want you to know that we're not going back. . . . We're going to succeed, and we're going to give children options."

He added that "if you're thinking about retiring early, if you're thinking about stopping, rethink it."

"I know you're tired," Brumley said. "I can understand why you're tired. But we've got to get the job done, be a part of that change, because it's going to happen."

In Advance Student Senate to receive update on curriculum bill

Members of the Faculty Senate core curriculum subcommittee will be at tonight's Student Senate meeting to update the Senate on the subcommittee's progress.

"They're (the subcommittee members) real concerned about what the average student thinks about the core curriculum," said Jim Cleary, Student Government's vice president of academic affairs.

The Senate also will hear a student presentation recommending that an "honor court" be established to enforce the Aggie code of honor, which says "Aggies do not lie, cheat or steal, nor tolerate those who do."

It will include the presentation **McCaw asking for rate hike**

The College Station City Council will hold a special session tonight at 5 p.m. to consider McCaw Cablevision's requested rate hike.

McCaw has requested the rate increase due to increased expenditures in operations and increased programming and copy-right costs. Currently, the cost of receiving the 30-channel family pack is \$13.14 per month. If the proposed rate hike is accepted, the cost of cable will increase to \$15.77 per month.

In December the College Sta-

tion and Bryan city council proposes Student Government help form the court.

The proposal will mark the first time a student has taken advantage of addressing the Senate since the Senate's Nov. 6 approval of a bill providing for the rescheduling of an open forum session prior to legislative debate.

Students wishing to speaking open forum must sign with the presiding officer of the Senate before the meeting called to order.

No legislation is on the agenda.

The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. in 204 Harrington room Building.

McCaw's request was warranted, Halter said the council will report the results of the consultation and vote to decide if the request will be granted.

"Right now our information is too insufficient to determine they need the increase," he said.

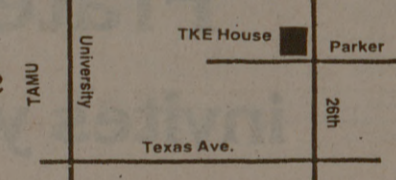
Since McCaw began operating the cable television system in 1984, they have invested \$1 million to make improvements to the system.

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Retarded couple doing well together

Associated Press

MIDLAND — Jerry and Bonita Lakey aren't much different from any other newly married couple.

Since they began their life together last September, the Midland newlyweds have shared many of the same experiences and anxieties — tangible or intangible — that most couples encounter during the first few months of marriage.

Yet, the Lakeys are somewhat different — both suffer from varying degrees of mental retardation.

Jerry, a native of Port Smith, Ark., and Bonita, born and reared in Mid-

land, met 12 summers ago at a local swimming pool.

Lakey, 35, says he was quite smitten with Bonita from the very beginning. But, because he was bashful, he didn't know exactly how to act or what to say.

Mrs. Lakey, 27, echoed the same sentiments toward her husband.

Nevertheless, Lakey finally proposed to Bonita on her 26th birthday. The couple was married less than a year later by the bride's brother-in-law in Burlison.

"Jerry and Bonita are really very responsible people," said Ray Unterbrink, executive director of the Mid-

land Association for Retarded Citizens and a close friend of the couple. "Retardation has never been a significant problem in their lives."

Still, Unterbrink says the Lakeys were strongly encouraged to attend counseling sessions to better prepare themselves for their life together.

The Lakeys' parents, who originally feared that the couple was rushing into marriage, also were involved in the topics of discussion that ranged from finances to sex, he says.

The result, according to Unterbrink, is that "the two are probably

better prepared for marriage than other people."

Lakey says married life is "more than I thought."

Both are totally self-sufficient. Lakey is an employee of the Lanes bowling alley. Mrs. Lakey works for Permian Basin Health-Mental Retardation.

They also attend Adult Basic Education classes at Midland and are active members and teachers at MARC.

Neither of the Lakeys knows the future holds. They say they want to adopt children one day but right away."




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The 4th Bryan-College Station Straight Shot 10K Road Race

Sunday, Feb. 9, 1986 2p.m.

Event: This 10,000 meter (6.21 miles) course is well marked, traffic-free and ideal in attempting a 'personal record' or 'just finishing'. Cool temperatures, prevailing northerly breezes, and a 70-foot descent from start to finish greatly assists participants.

Entry Fee: \$7 per runner (nonrefundable and nontransferable) with registration postmark deadline Monday, Feb. 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Late Fee: \$10 per runner will be assessed all applications received Tuesday, Feb. 4 thru Feb. 8 mail or at pre-race packet pick-up. There will be NO DAY-OF-RACE registration; packet pickup only.

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