

# Faculty, staff to contend in College Bowl contest

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Reporter

Most students, at least once in college career, wish they could be one of their professors with a question which, it seems, no one can answer. Maybe it's the student's way of showing his professor's knowledge, or just revenge. Now Texas A&M students have a chance, said B.J. O'Rourke, executive vice chairman of the MSC College Bowl Tournament. The first Faculty and Staff College Bowl Tournament will be held 7 p.m. Saturday in 302 and 308 Center.

The Student Programs Office organized a tournament, which for the time limits its membership to faculty and staff. There were no qualifications for membership on a team, except to be on the A&M faculty and staff, O'Rourke said. Whoever signed up first, gets to name a team, O'Rourke said. The tournament, which O'Rourke said is similar to the game Trivial Pursuit but much harder, consists of teams, four persons per team. The questions and answers used in the tournament are sent to A&M

from Time magazine. A company associated with the magazine originates and authenticates all questions. O'Rourke said some of the categories include ancient history, religion, entertainment, mythology and drama. To be good in a tournament like

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this one, professors have to be more than just knowledgeable, they must have a love for trivia, O'Rourke said. O'Rourke said two types of questions will be asked: toss-up questions worth 10 points each and bonus questions worth 20 to 30 points each. O'Rourke said while the answers to toss-up questions couldn't be discussed among team members, the

answers to bonus questions could. "They can't even turn their heads (during a toss-up question)," O'Rourke said.

He said the monitor will ask one question to both teams. Any member from either team may press a buzzer signaling to the monitor he wants to answer that question, O'Rourke said.

"Points aren't deducted from the team's score for a wrong answer unless he buzzes in early before the monitor has finished asking the question," O'Rourke said. If that happens and the answer given is wrong, he said five points are deducted.

"When the toss-up is correctly answered, the team gets the chance to answer a bonus question," O'Rourke said.

After a bonus question is answered, the monitor asks a toss-up question again to both teams.

He said the judges will have the final word on questionable answers.

All students are invited to help in the tournament and accept one of the 35 positions available or just come and watch.

"We need scorekeepers, judges, monitors (persons asking the questions) and someone to keep the time," O'Rourke said.

# Tearful defendant denies charges in Autumn Hills trial

Associated Press

ANTONIO — A tearful defendant in a nursing home murder trial Wednesday said he could not remember he was charged with murder or denied any responsibility for the death of an elderly patient.

Ron Pohlmeier, 43, vice president of Autumn Hills Convalescent Center Inc., also blamed critical state inspection reports on a personality conflict between an inspector and company employees.

Pohlmeier and three other current and former Autumn Hills employees, as well as the corporation, were charged with murder in the slaying of Elnora Breed.

The 87-year-old woman died 47 days after entering an Autumn Hills facility in Texas City in 1978.

The state claims Breed was a victim of starvation and infection, both caused by serious neglect.

The defense says Breed died of a recurring cancer.

Defense lawyer Charles Burton said, "You are charged with having knowingly killed Mrs. Breed by denying her medicines and supplies."

"Did you knowingly kill or cause the death of Mrs. Breed?" Burton asked.

"Mr. Burton, I've been in — I'm sorry," he said, wiping tears from his eyes, "the nursing home business 20 years as an inspector. I've been an administrator."

"I've been a general manager. I've always been very close to old people, and I cannot believe that I'm sitting here, indicted for murder. I in no way caused the death of Mrs. Breed."

Pohlmeier said state health department inspector Betty Korndorffer, who earlier testified the Texas City home was "a mess," had a per-

sonality conflict with two of his company's key employees.

Korndorffer, he said, had worked at an Autumn Hills nursing home in Friendswood.

Pohlmeier testified he asked Korndorffer's supervisor to remove her from inspection teams visiting the Texas City facility, but he refused.

If the supervisor had listened to Pohlmeier, he said, "we would not have had those kind of stinging, detailed evaluations because it was obvious Mrs. Korndorffer could not be objective."

Korndorffer testified the nursing home was failing to give proper care and was killing its patients.

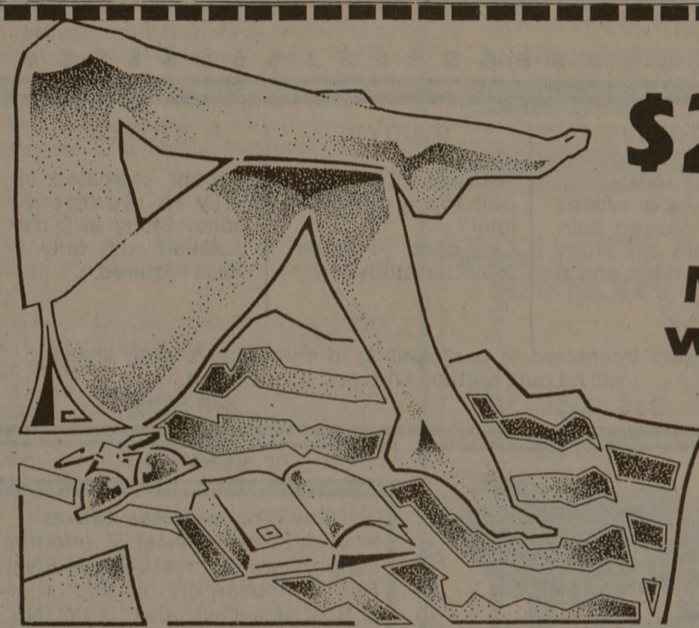
As a result of her inspections, the nursing home's Medicaid funding was cut off twice in 1978.

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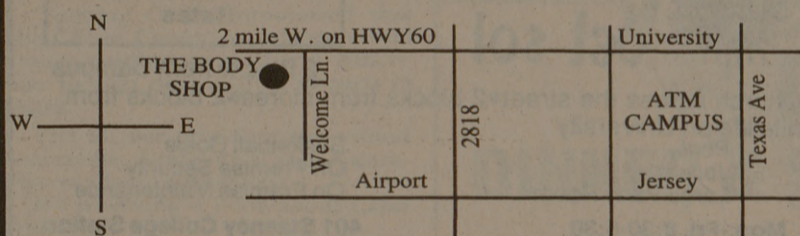


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