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Sex bias in business 'regional'

A&M study says women face more discrimination in South

University News Service

Women executives face less discrimination in the Northeast and West than in the South and Midwest, according to a recent study coauthored by a doctoral student in Texas A&M's College of Business Administration.

"Studies reveal that men's and women's attitudes about executive women differ significantly and that biases have a very real effect on women's performance appraisals, job assignments and promotions," said Charlotte D. Sutton, who is completing a Ph.D. in management. She co-authored a study with Dr. Kris K. Moore, professor of information systems in Baylor University's business school.

"Our study indicates that attitudes, in general, tend to be more conservative in the southern and midwestern ported.

Protection sought for Texas dunes

AUSTIN (AP) — A special study committee on coastline erosion agreed Monday that statewide beach dune protection is needed, along with a provision that would allow property owners to reconstruct dunes wiped out by storms. Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur,

said, "The Legislature needs to pass some guidelines so property owners will know whether they can reconstruct their beach homes and property after a hurricane.

After considerable discussion the Special Committee on Texas Coastline Rehabilitation voted to ask the General Land Office and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to prepare guidelines that would be presented to the committee at its next meeing

The special panel, which has held public hearings at several Gulf Coast cities, met Monday for a work session to consider what it might recommend to the 1987 Legislature.

A suggestion by Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, that dune protection regulations be made state-wide was quickly approved. Current-ly, rules against sand dunes being bulldozed by developers or otherwise changed are enforced only by certain coastal counties coastal counties.

Committee member Sharron Stewart of Brazoria County said, "Dune protection should be extended for all the coast. A lot of people can't understand you can't just haul in sand and make sand dunes. It must be a slow buildup with the proper vegetation." Parker said, "It seems to me re-

TORONTO (AP) — Canadian

establishment of dunes by the property owners would be a benefit to everyone. I don't see anything wrong with that

regions," they write in the report published in "Personnel Adminis-

Sutton and Moore surveyed 782

executives, 44.5 percent of whom were men and 55.5 percent were

women. The executives were selected randomly from Standard & Poor's

and Dun & Bradstreet references.

Almost 24 percent of the respon-

The researchers found a definite

pattern in attitudes among regions.

positions. Executives in the Midwest,

while expressing positive attitudes

were the least positive, the study re-

trator.

Several Galveston Island property owners have been prosecuted by Attorney General Jim Mattox for trying to rebuild hurricane-damaged homes

Mattox claimed the boundaries of the public beach have been changed by a hurricane and the damaged homes are now on the public beach.

The suits are on appeal. Stewart said, "I think we should make it like a building permit. The property owner must get a permit to rebuild the dunes just like building a beach house

Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, chairman of the committee, suggested the permits could be issued by county governments according to guidelines laid down by the General Land Office and the Parks and Wildlife Department, with approval of the attorney general's office

The committee also:

· Instructed the staff to propose legislation that would create a state agency similar to the Coastal and Marine Council that was dissolved by the 1985 Legislature. Truan said a statewide agency was needed to coordinate coastal resources along the Texas coast.

• Instructed the staff to look into possible changes in the law that would require dredgers in the Intercoastal Canal and along the coast to save and store beach-quality sand instead of dumping it at sea.

month. All but one of 318 delegates

One of the biggest differences fell in the area of personal attitudes. While the majority of the executives

from each region expressed generally favorable attitudes toward women in management, differences were reported in expressing "strongly favor-able" attitudes about corporate women.

Almost 24 percent of the respec-dents came from the South; 33 per-cent from the East; 23 percent from able" attitudes; 57 percent of the east-ern executives; 48 percent of the Almost 65 percent of the western executives indicated "strongly favorcent of the midwestern executives.

The executives surveyed also said The study found that executives in they felt women can and do make the western region were the most valuable contributions to manageaccepting of women in management ment, but the strength of the opinions again differed. Although 52 percent of the respondents in the West about women executives, generally strongly agreed with the statement, only 31 percent of them in the Mid-west strongly agreed; 40 percent in

the East and 43 percent in the South strongly agreed.

The executives were also asked to respond to the statement, "Women rarely want positions of authority." More than 8 out of 10 executives disagreed, but executives from the West and East rejected the statement strongly.

Management researchers write, "It may be that executives in the Midwest and South are less supportive of women in business because more of those executives believe women are not serious about moving up the corporate ladder.

"They may view female employees as women simply trying to make ends meet or working for 'pin money' rather than as women desiring positions of responsibility.

Dallas crime victims begin to fight back

DALLAS (AP) - Jim Beam says he isn't sorry he shot and killeman who was trying to rob his liquor store.

"It made me mad," he said, recalling the Feb. 1 shooting. "If I get a chance, I'll fight back."

Police say he is one of a growing number of local crime victims who are fighting back, partly because criminals themselves have become more violent.

Dallas police Sgt. Mia Sullivan said, "There is more violence even in purse snatching. It is uncalled for, unincited violence, when the victim complies and it seems to not matter

Sullivan said police still discourage crime victims from fighting back, which has little impact on crime overall.

"The best thing for a victim is to be highly observant and remem-ber as much of the description as possible," she said.

Employees of 7-Eleven convenience stores, for example, say they are taught not to resist. Beth Pineda, assistant manager of a 7-Eleven, said she has been robbed several times, although not by anyone armed.

"I give them what they want," she said. "Whatever they want to take is fine with me; I just put it

down and notify security. "It's no fun being robbed. You have to fill out more forms than if you had a baby

Beam, 51, who shot and killed Johnny Earl Harrison during the February robbery, said he has had a long policy of fighting back. He said he has been robbed by armed men three times in nine years. Fifteen years ago he shot another robber.

"You've got to fight back when you've got the chance," he said. Others who fought back,

according to the Dallas Times Herald, include:

• Tim Adrian, 21, manager of a food store, who on Jan. 8 ran after a man who robbed his store of \$42. Adrian shot the man, and the suspect was arrested later at a hospital where he was being treated for a chest wound. Adrian's store had been robbed six times and burglarized four times in the six months Adrian was manager.

•On Jan. 14, Frank Estrada, 36, shot one of two men allegedly breaking into his car. Police said Estrada fired two warning shots then shot at the two suspects. One man was later arrested at the hospital.

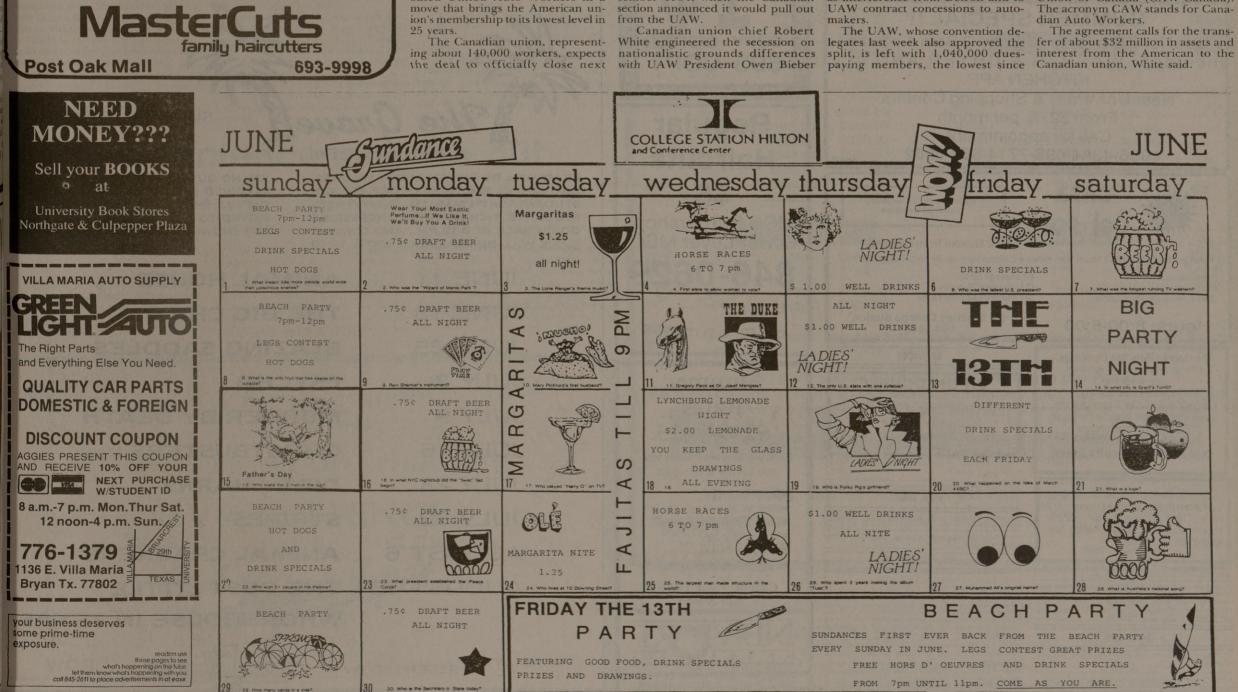
• On March 6, a rape victim, 26, fired three shots at her assailant as he left her house. Police later found the wounded man they believe was the suspect, and he died of a bullet wound in the lower back

• On June 4, Jim Rush, 66, owner of a discount sporting goods store, shot and killed a 26-year-old Dallas man who Rush said was buying a gun when he grabbed the weapon, egan loading it and hit Rush over the head

U.S., Canadian UAW workers separate

over the direction of the UAW. The 1961, according to UAW statistics. Canadians have been tailoring their own labor contracts for several years and had objected to what they viewed as interference from Detroit and to UAW contract concessions to auto-

The new body will be called the National Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers



autoworkers, concluding their bid from 108 locals voted for the split.

for greater autonomy, on Monday approved their split with the U.S.-based United Auto Workers in a