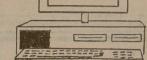
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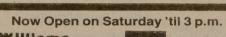
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Student fees may be on the rise Board of Regents to meet, choose chairman Monday

By Frank Smith Senior Staff Writer

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents convenes in a series of meetings Sunday and Monday, and by the time it adjourns students may find their fees on the way

The Board also will deal with many other agenda items and un-dergo its biennial reorganization.

Sunday's Board committee meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. and last the rest of the afternoon. Committee meetings continue on Monday from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., when the full board will convene.

Regents on Monday will address four proposals to hike students' living costs. Recommendations submitted by A&M President Frank Vandiver call for:

• A 5-percent increase in the semester rental rate for all dormitory rooms. In justifying the proposal, Vandiver cites the debt incurred by a May 1986 bond issue to be used to partially fund renovations for the Corps-style dormitories, as well as the loss of revenue that will be coming into the housing system since 448 Corps-style rooms must remain unoccupied during the renovations.

3-percent hike in monthly rental rates for all A&M student family apartments. The increase is said to be needed because of increased debt obligations.

• An increase in the campus' five-day meal plan from \$613 per semester to \$644 per semester; an increase in the seven-day plan from \$658 to \$691; and a hike in the "any-12" meals plan from \$595 to \$625. Vandiver's proposal cites the need for such increases in the wake of rising food and supply costs.

• Concurrence with Student

Government's recommendation to per semester to \$65 per semester to be used to expand A.P. Beutel Health Center services. The increases, if

would take effect in the fall.

The Board's reorganization will be the first item addressed at Monday afternoon's full Board meeting. At that time, the regents will choose who among them will serve as chair-

Entrepreneurship and New Venture Management would focus on the development of knowledge of entrepreneurship and manage-ment, "as well as the transmission of this knowledge to students and practicing entrepreneurs," Van-

If created, the center would be funded primarily through private endowments, research grants and

President Frank Vandiver's recommendations call for:

• A 5-percent increase in dorm rental rates

- A 3-percent increase in student apartment rental
- An increase in meal plan prices
- An increase in student service fees from \$61 to \$65 per semester

man and vice chairman. Businessman David G. Eller is the current Board chairman, and Joe Reynolds, an attorney, serves as vice chairman. Both are from Houston.

On Sunday, following a full afternoon of committee meetings, new regents Douglas DeCluitt Waco and Wayne Showers of McAllen, along with returning Board ap-pointee William McKenzie of Dallas, will be sworn into office. DeCluitt is stepping into the position formerly occupied by Amarillo oilman Joe C. Richardson Jr., while Showers is replacing San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros. Richardson's and Cisneros' terms expired Feb. 1.

In addition, the regents will consider establishing three new research centers on campus.

The proposed Center for

private support. The Office of University Research already has committed limited start-up funding for the center of \$20,000 a year for each of the next two fiscal years.

The proposed Geochemical and Environmental Research Center would focus on petroleum-related geochemistry, environmental chemistry and marine organic geochemis-

Vandiver's proposal for the cen-ter states that its establishment would be a formal acknowledgement that the oceanography depart-ment's Geochemical and Environmental Research Group has grown into a self-supporting research cen-Support for the center would

come from the more than \$3 million in annual funding for ongoing

GERG research and support grams. Within five years, Vand said, the center is expected achieve annual funding of m than \$10 million.

The Board also will consider tablishing the Schubot Center Avian Health by the College of erinary Medicine. The center first focus on researching new diseases of birds and later study jects such as avian reprodum captive breeding and endange

The avian health center would supported by the proceeds of a downent established by a \$1 m gift from Richard M. Sch which subsequently was match funds from the Available Unive

In other business, the reger consider allocating \$3 million right-of-way costs in exchan construction by the State ment of Highways and Transportation of a four-lane way for 7.2 miles from Teas near the A&M Research Anna FM 60 near its intersection with

The Board also will:

• Award contracts on

construction projects, including expansion of the west campus plant, construction of the a parking garage and renovation the Corps-style dormitories.

Consider appropriate \$80,000 for a preliminary defor the north terminal area at

Consider adopting a resolution memory of former Boards

man Clyde H. Wells, who died

Woman, 36, dies following surgery Barton to discuss drug testing Monday to remove fat cells

HOUSTON (AP) — State and at her family's request, the hospital county officials are investigating the death of a woman who underwent fat-removal surgery at a Pasadena doctor's clinic a few days before she

Patricia Howell, a 39-year-old florist living in Baytown, became ill a day after she had a suction-assisted lipectomy Friday at Dr. Hugo Ramirez's clinic near Houston, officials

Howell died Monday night at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Hous-ton where she had been transferred earlier in the day, officials said. Autopsy results on the woman were not yet available Thursday. Meanwhile, Patricia Rogers, 31, of

Pasadena, remained in critical condition Thursday at St. Luke's, hospital spokeswoman Patti Jamison said. Rogers also underwent the procedure, commonly called liposuction, Friday at Ramirez's office. Rogers was brought to the hospi-

tal Monday, suffering from extensive infection, and underwent emerency surgery Monday and Wednesday to remove infected tissue, the hospital said in a prepared statement Thursday.

Both operations were conducted by Dr. William Redwine, the hospital said. No other information was being released about Rogers' condition

In liposuction, a small tube is attached to a vacuum pump and inserted into the skin so fat cells can be sucked out of the body.

Ramirez has been under investigation by state officials since March 5 when a complaint was filed against him and investigators also are looking into Howell's death, said Dr. G. V. Brindley Jr., executive director of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners in Austin.

"We are actively investigating it in a very careful and expeditious manner," Brindley said Thursday.

Brindley said investigators have subpoenaed Ramirez's records, but he did not know when the investigation would be completed.

Harris County Health Department spokeswoman Linda Froys said specimens have been taken from Ramirez's clinic and employees have been interviewed, but reports won't be available until Friday.

Mark Howell, the victim's husband, said his wife spent most of the day Saturday lying down. But early Sunday, the pain got so bad "she got frantic, she knew she was real sick then," he said.

Patricia was 5-foot-1 and weighed 120 pounds. Relatives said she wanted to lose a few pounds before a summer vacation in Hawaii.

In Advance

By Curtis L. Culberson

Staff Writer

When should drug testing be used, who should be tested, and how accurate are drug tests? A four-part program to be held Monday in Rudder Tower on these issues will feature U.S. Rep. Joe Barton (R.-Ennis) and Chairman of the NCAA Special Committee on Drugs, John L. Toner. The program, "Drug Testing: What are the Limits?" sponsored

by the MSC Great Issues Committée, will consider various aspects of drug testing in three symposi-ums and a panel discussion. Emundo Zarela, member of

the Great Issues Committee, said, 'There seems to be a lot of controversy surrounding drug testing, and we felt it would be good for students to know more about it and how it's being used.

Monday's events are as follows:

Barton will start the program at 9 a.m. in 301 Rudder with an address titled, "The Role of Government." Barton gradlated from Texas A&M with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering and received a master's degreee in industrial administration from Purdue University.

• Dr. Ray Adams, chief of general chemistry and toxicology at Scott & White Clinic in Temple, will discuss the accuracy and scientific aspects of drug test-ing at noon in 301 Rudder.

• "Testing in Business: What Limits Will the Courts Impose?"

is the title of a presentation to given by Dawn Finlayson at \$\mu\$ in 301 Rudder. Finlayson, and sociate with the law firm of \mathbb{M} thews & Branscomb in San A nio, is certified in labor lawby State Bar of Texas, and spearegularly on labor-related issue Finlayson, a former assistants attorney general, graduated for St. Mary's School of Law.

• Culminating Monday events, Toner will head a part discussion on drug testing in the letics at 8 p.m in Rudder Thesit American Civil Liberties Unit Attorney Edward Chen and I John Laseter of Environme Health Systems Inc. of Dallas will participate in the pand will be moderated by Dr. Ster Picou, an A&M professor of ciology who has conducted search in the areas of sportset and drug testing.

Chen, a law graduate of the University of California at Bell ley, specializes in cases invo drug testing for the ACLU Northern California. Las serves on the U.S. Environme Protection Agency's science a sory board and is a consultar more than 20 American and eign companies.

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An open reception will held in 145 MSC following panel discussion. There will be a \$1 admis

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