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## A&M living expenses to increase this fall

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The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents on Monday approved measures that will increase campus living costs for students. The hikes go into effect this fall.

Convening on campus for its bi-monthly meeting, the Board took action on a number of other items, including the establishment of three new research centers and the awarding of several construction contracts.

The regents voted to increase student service fees, meal plan rates and rent rates for dormitories and student family apartments.

Student service fees will increase from \$61 to \$65, as was requested by Student Government. University officials said the extra fees will be used to expand services of the A.P. Beutler Health Center.

Meal plans will increase 5 percent. Rising food and supply costs triggered the request, officials said. The increase will be the first for meal plans since Fall 1984.

Dormitory rates will rise 5 percent and student family apartment rent will increase by 3 percent. In a writ-

## Eller re-elected Board of Regents chairman

By Frank Smith  
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In a vote lacking the controversy surrounding his 1985 election, Houston businessman David G. Eller on Monday unanimously was re-elected chairman of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

The Board also unanimously re-elected Houston attorney Joe H. Reynolds as its vice chairman. No other regents were nominated for either post.

Monday's election differed

sharply from the Board's 1985 vote.

In that election, when Eller was chosen by a 7-0 vote to replace H.R. "Bum" Bright as head of the nine-member Board, Bright abruptly resigned and walked out of the meeting. Eller and Bright abstained from voting in that election.

No such conflicts arose at Monday's meeting.

In accepting a second two-year term as chairman, Eller told regents that both the Board and the state must face the challenge presented by the state's fiscal crisis.

"I certainly am a firm believer in removing the fat where the fat needs to be removed — from our government and from our universities," he said. "(But) while I profess and support sound fiscal management, I certainly don't feel like we need to be in the business of turning off the funds that provide the quality products that we need at Texas A&M."

He said much thought must precede and accompany the budget process.

"To keep the talent cycle of the

state fueled so that the state can expand its opportunities and attract viable businesses with a strong economy, we must make sure the budgeting that we do is not cutting off our nose in spite of our face," he said.

"The true challenge . . . is to see to it that we don't diminish our productivity and the quality of our product in the process."

Eller's term as chairman, as well as his term on the Board, expires in 1989.

ten proposal submitted to the Board, A&M President Frank Vandiver said the dorm rent hike is needed to offset revenue losses that will result as some Corps-style dorms undergo renovations. The increase also will help finance debt incurred by the May 1986 sale of housing system bonds.

The increase in apartment rent

also is needed to cover debt obligations, Vandiver said.

In addition, the Board approved the creation of three research centers on campus. The Center for Entrepreneurship and New Venture Management will be funded mainly through private endowment and private support, but has been granted limited start-up funding of

\$20,000 for each of the next two fiscal years by the Office of University Research.

The Schubot Center for Avian Health will draw from the proceeds of an endowment made possible by a \$1 million gift from Richard M. Schubot. Schubot's gift was matched by Available University Fund money. The center will be a unit of

the College of Veterinary Medicine, and is "to provide teaching, research and diagnostic services in the area of avian health," Vandiver said.

The Geochemical and Environmental Research Center will derive support from the more than \$3 million used to fund ongoing research and support programs of the Department of Oceanography's Geo-

chemical and Environmental Research Group.

In other business, the regents awarded contracts for several building jobs, including the construction of the campus parking garage.

Fulshear Corp. of Houston won the parking garage construction project with an \$8.1 million bid. Ed Peel, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, said Fulshear's bid was more than \$3 million below what had been set aside to finance the project.

The Board also awarded a \$4.75 million contract to Hill Constructors Inc. of Houston for renovations of Corps dorms 6, 8, 10 and 12.

In addition, the regents established an endowed \$200,000 graduate student fellowship in honor of Dr. Fred J. Benson, former engineering dean, vice president and deputy vice chancellor.

The fellowship was established with money from Benson's former student, Regent Royce E. Wisenbaker, and matching funds from A&M's Endowed Faculty Scholars Program.

## Panel discusses effects of testing athletes for drugs

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A gray-haired couple sat among the crowd of about 50 or 60 people attending a panel discussion on the use of drug testing in athletics Monday night in Rudder Theater.

Their brows expressed a heightened seriousness and they seemed to listen more attentively than the rest of the audience.

The Norwoods are the parents of a world-ranked women's pentathlete who they say was the victim of an inaccurate drug test and was unfairly disqualified from a competition held overseas.

Panelist Edward Chen, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, said the possibility of an inaccurate test is one of the many serious problems associated with drug testing.

Dr. John L. Laseter of Environmental Health Systems, Inc. said, "Accuracy of drug tests is paramount — it is absolutely essential." A urine test that reads positive has serious social, financial and career implications, he said.

If the sample is secured properly, proper screening is conducted on the sample and all correct procedures and safeguards are followed,

he said, "there will be 100 percent accuracy" for the individual being tested.

But Chen said that all the tests were performed by humans, and because humans make mistakes there always will be cases in which mistakes will be made.

John L. Toner, chairman of the National Collegiate Athletic Association,

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tion's special committee on drug testing, said drug testing is the best deterrent the NCAA has against the use of drugs.

In January of 1986 the NCAA approved a resolution for the protocol and implementation of drug testing for its members' athletes.

Since then the NCAA has conducted over 3,400 tests and has subjected over 15,000 athletes to urine tests, Toner said.

Chen said there were two major problems with the NCAA drug-testing policy.

"It involves an invasion of privacy," he said, "and it doesn't measure

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Photo by Dean Saito

Dr. John L. Laseter, center, answers a question from the audience as Edward Chen, left, and John L. Toner listen during a panel dis-

ussion on drug testing. The discussion, held Monday night in Rudder Theater, was sponsored by MSC Great Issues.

## A&M plans to disclose probe results

By Frank Smith  
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Portions of Texas A&M's in-house investigation of its football program will be released Thursday afternoon, a University official announced Monday.

Lane Stephenson, director of A&M's Office of Public Information, said part of the 1,000-page report will be made public and copies can be obtained by news organizations for 5 cents per page.

He said the school had been waiting for a clarification of an opinion from the attorney general's office as to what parts of the report needed to be released in accordance with the Texas Open Records Law. That clarification has now been made, Stephenson said.

The release of the report comes in the wake of several open records law requests and lawsuits by news organizations seeking the information.

A&M President Frank Vandiver, a defendant in lawsuits filed by the *Dallas Times Herald* and *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, was quoted in November as saying the investigation was complete and the school's only copy of the report had been delivered to the NCAA.

The internal probe was handled by Arno W. Krebs Jr. and Otway B. Denny Jr., both Texas A&M graduates and members of the Houston law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski.

## Aftereffects of rape can make life unbearable

# Rape victims suffer harmful emotional stress

By Carolyn Garcia  
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For women who have been sexually assaulted, life can become almost unbearable. They are prisoners of their own battered emotions, and often remain so for the rest of their lives.

These women often suffer from a wide spectrum of destructive emotions — the primary one being fear.

They are afraid of just about everything for quite a while — fear of men, of being alone, of being in

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crowds, fear of people finding out and especially fear of the attacker returning.

Linda Castoria, director of the Brazos Valley Rape Crisis Center, says all rapists threaten to come back because it is an effective tool to frighten their already terrified victims into protecting them.

There are three phases of recovery for an assault victim, Castoria says. Each of these phases is necessary for the emotional healing of the victim.

The first is the immediate trauma stage. At this time, Castoria says, the victim is confused, afraid, and in shock. The victim's family often tries to convince her that as soon as she gets back to school or work she'll be fine.

But rather than rushing to be "normal" again, the victim needs time to adjust and accept her fears, she says. Besides, she says, the victim no longer knows what "normal" is.

During the second phase, the vic-

## Program works to assist victims of crime

By Jenny Weinacht  
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Victims of crime are often ignored and left alone, with no one to talk to and no compensation, but the Brazos County Victim Assistance Program is working for a change.

Queen Walker, victim assistance coordinator, says the program is designed to inform felony crime victims about the progress of a defendant's case and to assist the victim with economic losses which may have been caused by the crime.

Walker says volunteers are being sought to work for the program, which has recently been expanded to include victims of crimes committed by juveniles.

To apply for benefits under the Crime Victims Compensation

Act, victims must report the crime to police within 72 hours unless an acceptable excuse is given. They also must file a claim within one year of the crime and be willing to cooperate with officials during investigation and prosecution of the case.

The program began in September 1985 and is funded through a state grant.

Before 1984, Walker says, most of the crimes committed were theft, burglary and forgery, with a few murder and aggravated assault cases.

But there has been a great increase in the number of felony crimes committed, Walker says. She says she is not sure if people are just more open and not ashamed of committing a crime, or if people were just keeping the crimes hidden before.

tim buries her emotions completely out of sight from family and friends. She is determined that everyone believe she has recovered and is back to her "old self" again.

However, even though the victim may keep those emotions stashed away, she eventually must deal with the anger that has been building.

Castoria says some women wait years before they reach the third stage — that of dealing with their suppressed anger and the need to lash out at the world and their attackers for the trauma they've experienced.

But the survivor, which is what therapists call victims who live through a sexual assault, never is completely healed from the trauma.

"Never again will a survivor who had been happy-go-lucky be that way again," Castoria says. "She will be reminded of the assault every time she sees anyone who even slightly resembles her attacker. Basically, she will be a victim for the rest of her life."

For males who have been raped, the trauma may be even worse.

"The shame and guilt are compounded when a man is raped," she

Walker says this increase in violent crimes makes this program even more worthwhile.

Various social services in the Bryan-College Station area provide the victims with necessities such as clothing and money.

Besides helping victims of violent crimes, Walker and her associates also help those looking for a job, a place to live, or even those trying to obtain a birth certificate.

Duties of the volunteer staff include being a court aide, a researcher, a hot-line respondent and a victim assistant monitor.

Walker would like to have two volunteer staff members on duty during the day, either full- or part-time. Those interested can contact Walker at the district attorney's office in the Brazos County Courthouse.

says. "Society doesn't want to talk about it. It is still a taboo subject. Society thinks men are always supposed to be able to defend themselves. And they live in constant fear that someone will find out — a fear that is almost unbearable for men to handle."

Castoria says victims who call her office are given all the options.

Among those options are filing charges against the attacker, and filing a "Jane Doe" report. The "Jane Doe" report notifies the police that an assault has occurred and gives them the details — but no name.