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◆ MSC Fall Leadership Chairman

**Orientation on Wednesday, November 11
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Defense firm, union agree on contracts

FORT WORTH (AP) — General Dynamics Corp. and its machinists union reached a new contract agreement late Saturday that would give union members lump-sum bonuses in lieu of general-wage increases.

The contract Sunday went before members of International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

The company also offered a cost-of-living adjustment of 12 cents per hour for each employee as part of its concessions.

"We feel real pleased, although we're not pleased the company was not generous enough," said Pat Lane, president of the union lodge, which represents more than 10,000 workers at General Dynamics.

Burt Lambert, director of employee relations and the company's chief negotiator, said, "It was a long, tough struggle. We're looking forward to ratification."

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District Lodge 776's contract was to expire at midnight Sunday.

Negotiators met until late Saturday in subcommittees before reaching an agreement.

Since talks began in September, the two sides have disagreed on the issue of lump-sum bonuses. The company wanted them to contain labor costs and remain competitive while the union wanted general-wage increases, which raised the base-pay rate from which future contracts will be negotiated.

The final contract offer was made early Saturday. The proposal included lump-sum bonuses of 12 percent of an employee's annual earnings for the first year of the contract and 5 percent for each of the following two years.

That was more than twice the original offer of 5 percent for the first year and 3 percent for the two years after that.

Under the new proposal, a worker making between \$11,500 and \$12,500 an hour would draw a \$3,058 bonus the first year, \$1,311 the second year and \$1,368 the third year.

What's up

Monday

PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 26 MSC.

COLLEGIATE 4-H CLUB: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 123 Kleberg. New members are welcome.

PI SIGMA EPSILON: will have an executive board meeting at 6 p.m. on the second floor of the Pavilion and Team B, the "Beeper," will play volleyball at 9 p.m. in the Reed Building.

TEXAS A&M MICROBIOLOGY SOCIETY: will have a bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of Room 100 in the old Chemistry Building.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE — STUDENT GOVERNMENT: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS: Entries open for archery singles and sports trivia bowl in 159 Read.

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN: will have an opening reception for Italy-Art, which will show works by students who studied abroad in Italy, at 7 p.m. at the College of Architecture gallery.

SIGMA IOTA EPSILON: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 123 Blocker.

T-CAMP: Co-chair applications are available until Nov. 16 in the second floor of the Pavilion.

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT: Peer advising will be available for all psychology majors until Friday on the third floor of the Academic Building.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: The deadline to sign up for Student Career Day in Houston is Tuesday.

MSC LITERARY ARTS COMMITTEE: is accepting graphics submissions for the fourth edition of Litmus.

MSC COUNCIL: will meet at 7 p.m. in 216T MSC.

AGGIES FOR DUKAKIS: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 407AB Rudder.

RHA FRESHMAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 203 Harrington.

CLASS OF '89: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 202 Harrington.

TAMU HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.

WRITING OUTREACH: Chris Ellery will discuss "Visual Aids in Business Writing" at 6:30 p.m. in 110 Blocker.

EL PASO HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 7:15 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

SOCIOLOGY CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 125 Academic.

CLASS OF '90: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 209 Harrington.

MSC ALL NIGHT FAIR: will meet at 7 p.m. in 407 Rudder.

STUDENT Y ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 102 Blocker.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days before desired publication date.

Student sells pills designed to help people stay awake

By Doug Driskell
Staff Writer

If you are tired, sleepy and having trouble staying awake, but want to stay within the law, a Texas A&M student claims she is selling what you need.

Laura Nelson, a freshman from Dimmitt, is selling pills made from guarana root, which is found in South America, she said. The pills are 4 percent caffeine, which is the active ingredient that keeps the user awake.

"They are not like caffeine pills, because they don't make you nervous or anything like that," Nelson said.

Dr. Claude Goswick Jr., director of the A&M Beutler Health Center, said although the drug has been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration, it should be taken with caution.

"Any drug can be abused," Goswick said. "And there is no reason this one couldn't, too. There is a big danger when people are told that something is completely safe. Caffeine can be harmful to anyone with heart problems, and one should take caution when taking caffeine."

Sharon Oates, an art teacher at A&M Consolidated High School, said extracts from the guarana root have been used for centuries by the Amazon Indians.

Oates is distributing the pills called N.R.G., or Nature's Raw Guarana, to Nelson to sell on campus, she said. Oates gets the pills from Herbal Life International in Los Angeles.

When it first was introduced, the drug's purpose was to help people lose weight, she said. N.R.G. keeps the overweight person active, which results in more calories being burned.

"I got on it for weight reduction," Oates said. "I discovered that not only did I feel better, but I was doing more when I was on it. I also found out that I could handle stress at the high school much better."

N.R.G. has less caffeine than other cups of coffee, she said.

Texas officials expect increase in federal food-stamp applicants

DALLAS (AP) — State officials say they are bracing for a flood of food-stamp applicants as new federal guidelines expand the pool of those eligible for one-day service next month.

"We don't know exactly what the impact will be... except staff are planning right now how to handle the problem," said Gary Garner, a Department of Human Services income-assistance administrator in Austin.

The state administers the federally funded food-stamp program that provides grocery script to qualified low-income families.

About 47 percent of the qualified food-stamp applicants statewide now are eligible for emergency assistance because they earn no more than \$150 a month and have no more than \$100 in resources, Garner said.

Under new rules effective Dec. 1 — which expand the service to the homeless and low-income families whose resources and monthly income will not cover rent or mortgage and utility expenses — about 65 percent of the qualified applicants will be eligible, he said.

In some parts of the 19-county region surrounding Dallas and Fort Worth, as many as 90 percent of qualified applicants may be eligible for emergency assistance, said Martha Carroll, assistant to the DHS regional director for income assistance.

"Most of these people are going to get immediate attention, but that means many of the regular applicants may have to wait longer," Carroll said.

Processing paperwork for food-stamp recipients requiring recertification or changes in benefits also could be delayed, she said.

U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines require that the state either provide or deny food stamps within 30 days of application, except in the case of families that qualify for emergency relief.

Under federal rules, emergency cases are to be handled within five days, but Texas has a state law requiring 24-hour service.

Because of steadily rising numbers of food-stamp applicants earlier this year, income-assistance caseworkers fell behind in processing applications and were forced to put a priority on handling emergency cases, officials said.

As a result, some applicants had to wait more than 30 days to learn whether they would qualify for food stamps.

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