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# Senates propose standard form for evaluation of faculty, courses

#### **By Deborah L. West** Staff Writer

For the past three years, the Stunt and Faculty senates have been orking on developing standard fac-ty evaluation forms. Their efforts nally have borne some fruit in the orm of a questionnaire that has een proposed by a joint Student and Faculty Senate committee.

Student Senate Speaker Jay Hays aid the 17-question faculty evaluan would help students better oose professors.

Five general questions written by udents would be on the Universiwide survey

The course-instructor evaluation mmittee, chaired by Dr. Manuel Davenport, a professor of philoso-by and humanities, and Tom lack, a student senator and an inustrial-engineering major, is cre-ting a standardized form that would allow various groups to select estions from a catalog.

faculty members and students to pick from several hundred ques-

tions," Davenport said. Black said the Student Senate wants the results published. Standardized results available in the reserve room at the Sterling C. Evans Library would take some of the risk out of registering for classes, he said.

"We hope the five questions will be broad enough to help students compare and choose professors," he said. "We have tried to ask questions students can evaluate — 'Are tests graded fairly?' 'Is information clearly presented?' Would you take

the professor again?' " But he said fears among some of the professors that the evaluations will bring about a faculty popularity contest have no basis in fact.

'We have quality faculty members who won't change their style of teaching to get good student reviews," he said. "These fears are ground-

"The menu approach would allow Black said the biggest problem llege deans, department heads, facing the Student Senate is getting

the money to pay for publishing the results. The Academic Program Committee (APC), the council of Business Student Council Adviser

deans, will pay for part of the statisti-cal analysis, but it won't pay to publish the results.

"The Student Senate is responsible for publishing costs because the dissemination of this information is a student service," he said. "There are a lot of hidden costs in publishing the results. New computers and employees are expensive.

Davenport said each department is standardizing faculty evaluations, but they all are using different forms.

"Our goal is to create a uniform but flexible evaluation form," he said

In April or May, a proposal will be presented to the faculty and student senate. If approved, a report with recommendations will go to the APC, he said.

"If evaluations are in the library by May 1989, I will be happy," Da-venport said. "We have been work-

R. Lynn Zimmermann said the council was one group that pushed for the dissemination of student assessments of the business faculty.

"Our efforts were successful and now a book of last semester's evaluations is in the library for student review," he said.

Dr. Samuel Gillespie, assistant dean of the college of business ad-ministration, said the business school is the first to have its evaluations in the library.

Gillespie said most of the faculty do not mind having the results made public

"Out of about 150 faculty members, only eight or nine asked us to not make their evaluations public, he said. "We did not put their evaluations in the library.

Personal comments are not published in the evaluations, he said, although written comments are evaluated by department heads and faculty.

## **'Black' budget** brings billions to **D-FW** area

DALLAS (AP) — Projects in the Pentagon's so-called "black' budget, which includes billions of dollars worth of defense contracts in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, have disappeared from public view, officials said.

Area projects veiled from pub-lic scrutiny include a bomber that will use radar-evading "stealth" technology, new military attack planes with advanced electronics and an array of electronic devices

used in spying. Some of the area contractors' projects are so sensitive that they are above even "top secret" classi-fication, the *Dallas Morning News* reported Sunday.

The Pentagon restricts the number of people with access to such projects and blacks out their costs in the defense budget, earning them designation as "black" or "special access."

Such programs remain mostly hidden from the scrutiny of tax-payers and members of Congress, officials said.

The Defense Department cites national security reasons in de-clining to reveal the exact number and dollar value of black programs

Military analysts and budget watchers estimate, however, that between \$24 billion and \$35 billion of the \$299.5 billion requested by the Defense Department for fiscal 1989 are for

hidden projects. The Pentagon doesn't confirm the existence of the blackest pro-grams, which never make it into the budget.

Defense Department officials say they don't know exactly how much black work is performed in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Michael D. Davis, a defense analyst at Lovett, Mitchell, Webb

& Garrison Inc. in Houston, says that "every defense contractor has at least some classified work. The question is how much,' he said

Texas took in \$8.65 billion in total defense contracts in fiscal 1987, fourth in the Defense Department's contract rankings by state — behind New York, California and Massachusetts.

Most analysts agreed that the state's ranking in black programs probably would correspond to its standing in total defense contracts

Defense contractors refuse to talk about black programs, saying they must keep a low profile.

The programs are so secret that people who work on them can't talk about their jobs at all outside their offices.

"We don't discuss that we have special access programs," said Paul E. Hyatt, group security manager for Texas Instruments Inc.'s Defense Systems and Electronics Group.

General Dynamics' Fort Worth Division and McDonnell Douglas Corp. are developing prototypes of the U.S. Navy's top-secret advanced tactical aircraft, or ATA.

The combat fighter reportedly will use "stealth" technology that makes it difficult to spot on radar screens.

The General Dynamics division, Lockheed Corp. and Boeing Military Airplane Co. have joined to compete for the Air Force's ad-vanced tactical fighter, or ATF, an unclassified program that is partially black.

The companies and the competing team of Northrop Corp. and McDonnell Douglas have won \$691 million in contracts for the early phases of the project.

### Companies dump toxic compounds into Dallas sewers

DALLAS (AP) -Dangerous ounts of toxic metals, solvents nd other compounds were dumped to the city sewer system last year by 8 companies identified as major lluters, utility records show.

Dallas Water Utilities identified e companies as polluters and said ne businesses include book printers, aste haulers and shampoo makers. They range from small companies to

arge, high-tech industries. Metals, suspected carcinogens, acis and organic compounds that onsume free-floating oxygen in war were discharged into sanitary vers that flow to the city's two aste water treatment plants along e Trinity river, the records indi-

'All of these things pose a human Dallas Morning News.

health danger, as well as a hazard to the fish and wildlife that inhabit the river or depend on it," said Ken Kramer of the Sierra Club's Lone Star Chapter.

The club has lobbied for more aggressive regulation of toxins in pubwater.

There is no way to determine exact health risks, Kramer said. Effects of most of the chemicals might not be evident for several years.

Dumping of excessive industrial pollutants into the sewers thwarts the city's efforts to improve sewage treatment, Randy Goss, deputy director of Dallas Water Utilities, said.

"If there's an excess, the plant can't treat it and it goes right on out into the environment," Goss told the

Authorities require companies producing waste matter that includes toxic chemicals to treat and dilute those chemicals before sending them to municipal sewage treatment plants.

Any violations are punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 a day.

The city collected nearly \$95,000 in fines last year from among the 252 industries regulated under the program.

Identified as significant polluters were companies where violations of treatment standards were found in more than 20 percent of the city's inspections.

Officials of all 18 companies in-volved told the Morning News they were cleaning up their operations. "I want my kids and grandkids to be able to fish in the Trinity," said Richard D. "Doug" Crownover, president of Identification Plates Inc. of the Oak Cliff neighborhood. "I have an interest in following the regulations.

Utility records show the company had excessive discharges of metals on nine of 34 days when inspectors checked.

An environmental consultant has been hired and production procedures tightened, he said.

With 63 days of violations, National Waste Disposal Inc., a greasetrap cleaning and waste-hauling company, topped the city's list of major polluters. Chemicals found included arsenic, barium, copper, cyanide, zinc, ethyl benzene and various solvents, records said.

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