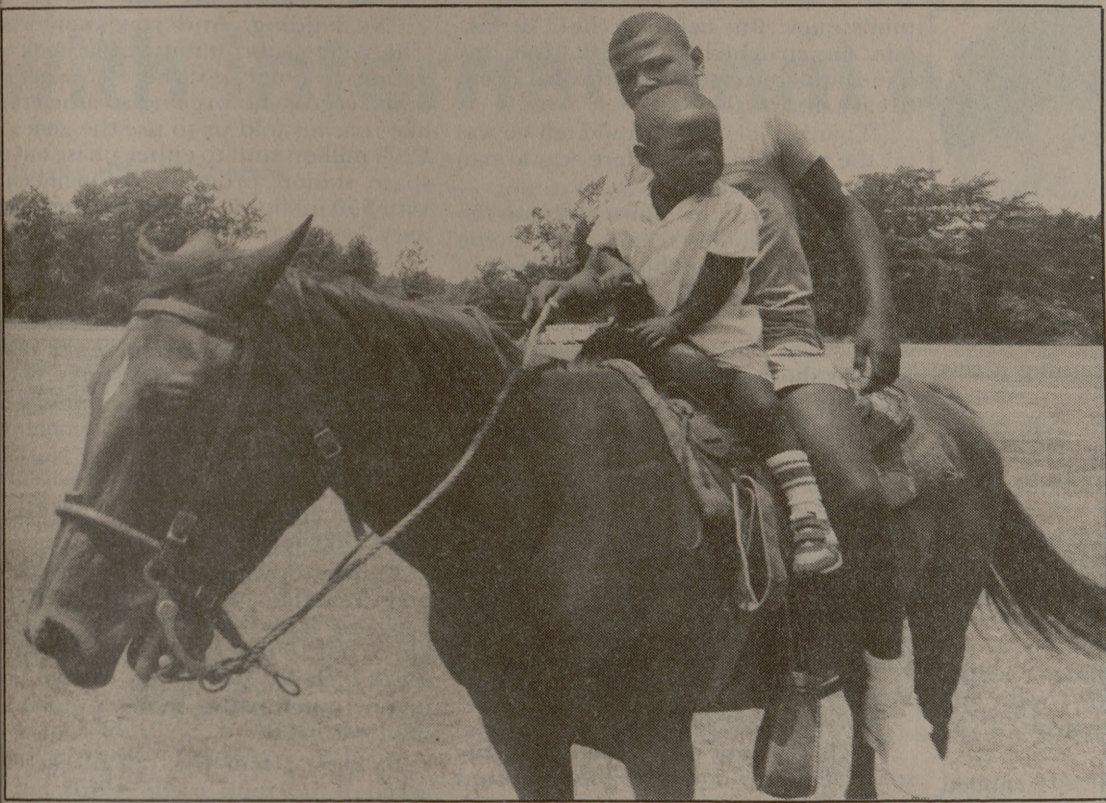


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Photos by Jay Janner

(Top) Craig Tate, 14, and his brother Colby Walker, 2, from Bryan ride their horse at the Juneteenth Celebration at Sadie Thomas Park in Bryan. The celebration, sponsored by the Brazos Valley Juneteenth Celebration Committee included a parade down Martin Luther King Boulevard, a softball tournament and a picnic. (Bottom) Joe Walker and Mike Eshenbaugh share a laugh at the Juneteenth Bluesfest at Lincoln Recreation Center in College Station on Friday.

Residents celebrate Juneteenth in B-CS

Texas remembers emancipation

By Alan Sembera
Staff Writer

This weekend's Juneteenth festivities were capped by a call from Texas A&M administrator Robert Goodwin for the black community to take more responsibility in solving its problems.

The celebrations began in Bryan Saturday morning with a parade of floats and horseback riders down Martin Luther King Jr. Street.

The parade ended at Sadie Thomas Park, where the people from all parts of the Brazos Valley commemorated the late freeing of slaves in Texas on June 19, 1863.

Although the Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln freed all slaves Jan. 1 of that year, it took six and a half months for the news to reach Texas.

It was not until this time that the slaves in Texas were released to freedom.

Black Texans have commemorated this event every year, and Bryanites celebrated this year with a picnic, a softball tournament and a blues festival.

Otis Carter, a member of the Brazos Valley Juneteenth Celebration Committee, said this year's turnout was the largest in the 11 years the committee has been organized.

There were about 200-250 participants in the nine-float parade, he said, and about 1,000 people came to watch the parade.

The crowds grew larger later that evening, he said. "That night — I haven't the slightest idea (of the number of people there)," Carter said. "It was so busy there. I'm afraid to make an estimate because it was crowded there."

The celebration also featured guest speakers, including local church leaders and Carey Cauley, president of the Brazos Valley chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

College Station's Sunday celebration at the Lincoln Recreation center took on a more formal, thoughtful atmosphere.

College Station Mayor Larry Ringer welcomed the crowd of about 90 people.

Kevin Carreathers, ethnic minority services coordinator of student activities, explained the meaning of Juneteenth.

Carreathers told the multi-racial crowd that Juneteenth is a time to celebrate freedom and to commit to serving the needs of black Americans.

"Not only is it a time to celebrate as we all do with the barbecue, the red soda, et cetera," he said, "but it is also a time to be committed to undoing the injustices we still face."

Robert Goodwin, assistant deputy chancellor for external affairs for the Texas A&M University System talked about the importance of Juneteenth to the black community and emphasized the importance of self-help in the black community.

"While the causes of social disparity lie outside the black community, much of the cure must come from within," he said. "... (there is a) need for us as a people to shoulder increased responsibility for improving our own circumstances."

Goodwin told the spirited crowd that it is important for the black community to have an awareness of its history.

"Our state and our community are becoming increasingly more multicultural," he said, "and this event is one of the stabilizing commemorations when black people have an opportunity to reflect on not only where we are going but where we have been."

"The fact that we are only a little more than a hundred years from slavery cannot be lightly dismissed."

"We have made great progress as a people in spite of the destruction of family values resulting in part because of forces beyond our own control."

"Yes, we need to know we are special. We need to know there is in fact a great heritage from which we come."

After the speakers finished, the celebration took on a more informal atmosphere with a barbecue and live music provided by the Blueshounds.

Funds for trip for woman exceed goal

By Marcena Fadal
Staff Writer

A 7.5 percent increase in salary for returning faculty is expected to bring faculty salaries at Texas A&M more in line with other Texas public universities as salaries across the state become more competitive with public universities in the most-populated states.

"Beginning Sept. 1, an increase in pay based on merit will begin for the fiscal year," Dan Parker, assistant provost, said. "Some professors will get a 20 percent increase and some will get as low as zero or one percent. The 7.5 percent increase is not across the board for faculty."

Tom Taylor, controller of Texas A&M, agrees with this type of merit system.

"I think the merit system works quite well personally," Taylor said. "It is utilized pretty well in awarding those who are above average who you want to keep."

The budget set for educational and general expense for the fiscal year of 1989 is \$233 million with 68 percent coming from state appropriated funds, Parker said. The rest comes from the Permanent University Fund, and other various savings and fees.

Faculty salaries make up 36.6 percent or \$85.3 million of the total educational and general expense budget.

"It would shock most students if they knew how little the cost of running this campus they actually pay," Parker said. "The estimated income is a tad over \$22 million, less than 10 percent. Students scream and yell about how much they pay their professors and in reality they only assist their pay."

The faculty salary average for all state-supported schools in the state is

\$36,991, Taylor said. The average faculty pay for the first four ranks — professor, associate professor, assistant professor and instructor — at A&M is \$41,584.

At the University of Texas, the average faculty pay for all ranks including salary supplements is \$45,987, Marsha Moss, director of the Office of Institutional Studies, said.

"The University of Texas is the only Southwest Conference school listed higher than Texas A&M," Taylor said.

With few supplements in pay at Texas Tech University, the average salary is \$36,700, John Taylor, manager of the Office of Statistics and Reports, said.

Walter Guttman, senior director of financial planning at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, said faculty salaries in Texas will increase again.

"We are recommending an increase by 1990-91 that should put us at the average of the 10 states," Guttman said.

Commissioner of Higher Education Kenneth H. Ashworth agreed, saying, "The 70th Legislature appropriated money for faculty salaries as part of a long-range strategy to bring our salaries in line with faculty salaries in the other key states that are our competitors economically and educationally."

"The funding formulas recommended to the governor and Legislature by the Coordinating Board at their January meeting would accomplish this goal by 1991. If we can continue to move forward, Texas will be able to maintain the educational system needed to support our economy."

Search panel interviews A&M president hopefuls

By Stephen Masters
Staff Writer

The Texas A&M University Board of Regents Presidential Selection Committee will begin interviewing candidates for the office Wednesday in New York City.

New York was selected because it is "one convenient and easily accessible point" for the candidates who will be interviewed, said Bill Presnal, executive secretary of the Board and secretary of the Search Advisory Committee.

Meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and reconvene Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m.

at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York. The agenda states only that the meeting is "to consider any and all things leading to the selection of the president of Texas A&M University."

Presnal said he did not know the names of candidates to be interviewed. A recent list contained the names of 54 applicants and nominees, with 16 in the New York area. However, a disclaimer on the list says not all individuals listed are actively seeking the position.

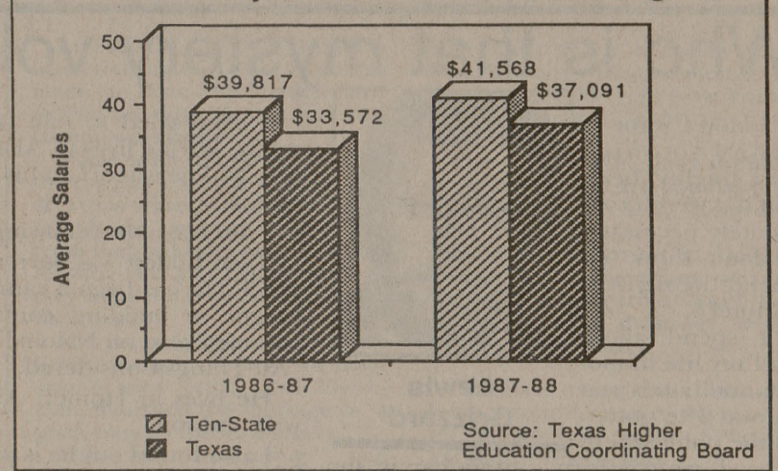
The seven-member committee is made up of David Eller, chairman of the Board and the search committee;

Joe Reynolds, vice chairman of the Board and the committee; regents Dr. John Coleman, Douglas DeCluit, William McKenzie, John Mobley and Chancellor Perry Adkisson.

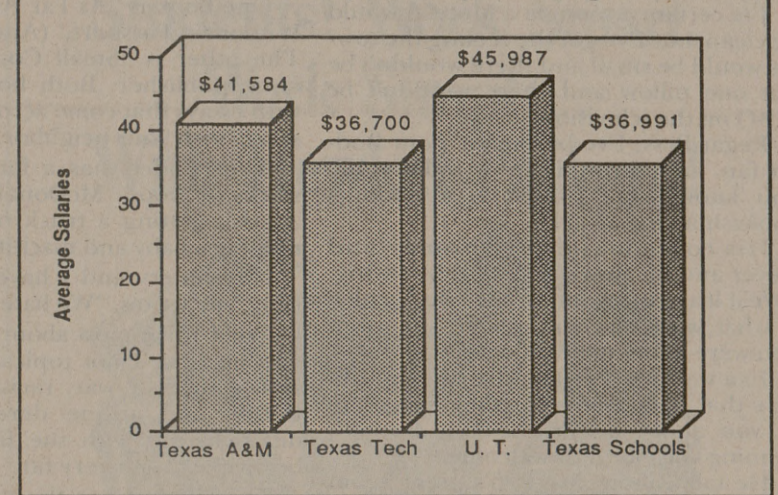
Presnal said the meetings will be in executive session because it is a personnel matter, and no decisions will be made during the two-day period.

He said although there is no timetable for the completion of the search, University President Frank Vandiver will step down on Sept. 1 to become director of the Mosher Institute of Defense Studies.

Texas Faculty Salaries vs. Ten-State Average



Texas Faculty Salary Averages



High Court OKs law to ban private clubs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court gave cities and states a major victory Monday in their escalating legal assault on exclusive membership policies in private clubs, unanimously upholding a New York City law that bans such discrimination.

The court said the city's law, aimed at large clubs that exclude women and minorities as members, is constitutional.

"The law merely prevents an association from using race, sex or other specified characteristics as short-hand measures in place of what the city considers to be more legitimate criteria for determining membership," Justice Byron R. White wrote for the court.

At least six other major cities — Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington — have enacted similar ordinances recently.

In the private club case, the court ruled on a New York City law that bans discrimination by public accommodation but exempts "distinctly private organizations."

If a group is not classified as a religious corporation or as a benevolent order, it generally is deprived of the "distinctly private" exemption if it has more than 400 members, provides regular meal service and regularly gets members' dues paid by non-members such as members' employers.