

Conference examines facets of manufacturing in Mexico

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Students, faculty and businessmen from around the United States and Mexico will examine the social, cultural and economic aspects of Mexico's Maquiladora program Thursday through Saturday at Texas A&M.

Maquiladoras are assembly plants in Mexico that offer foreign manufacturers the opportunity to take advantage of Mexico's low-paid workforce. The parts assembled in the Mexican plants are manufactured in other countries and are exempted from tariffs on their way in and out of Mexico.

The conference, sponsored by the Mexican Student Association and the College of Business Administration, is expected to draw faculty and students from 54 universities throughout the United States and Mexico.

Carlos Perez, one of the conference's organizers, said the Maquiladora program is credited with employing 300,000 workers in Mexico and indirectly creating 750,000 jobs in the United States.

Although critics say the program is taking jobs away from the United States these jobs would be lost to the Far East anyway, he said.

By having the jobs go to Mexico, he said, job loss is reduced. U.S. companies still can supply the raw materials to the plants because of Mexico's proximity to the United States.

Another advantage of the Maquiladora program is that it boosts Mexico's ailing economy, he said. Jobs are created in Mexico, and since the assembly plants can be 100 percent foreign-owned, necessary foreign capital is brought into the country.

In addition to strengthening a neighboring country, he said, the Maquiladora program will slow the influx of immigrants to the United States.

Texas also will benefit from the program, he said, because most of the assembly plants are located near the U.S.-Mexican border.

Texas suppliers will be able to take advantage of the program, and because many of the parts to be assembled in Mexico will be transported through Texas, adding money to the Texas economy.

But Perez said there are also cultural drawbacks to the program, including the "Americanization" of northern Mexico. That issue also will be discussed at the conference, he said.

The A&M conference is the first con-

ference of its kind on the maquiladora industry, Perez said.

Registration for the conference begins Thursday at 4 p.m. in Rudder Forum. The rest of the day will be spent mostly on workshops and discussions.

Friday's program will consist mostly of speakers in Rudder Auditorium.

• A&M President William H. Mobley will open the conference Friday at 9 a.m.

• U.S. Congressman Joe Barton will speak at 9:25 a.m. on U.S.-Mexican relations.

• Joseph Grunwald, former president of the Institute of the Americas, will compare manufacturing in Mexico with other options at 9:45 a.m. Grunwald is an expert on global trade and economics, and has served on advisory boards in Chile, Puerto Rico and other countries.

• Alejandro Gonzalez Bernal, an attorney at international law, will explain how maquiladoras are formed at 11:10 a.m.

• Bill Wolfe, president of LINK Industrial Management Group, will outline the benefits and drawbacks of the Maquiladora program in the United States at 2 p.m.

• Lucinda Vargas, a marketing research manager and former U.S. Treas-

ury researcher, will talk about the industry's benefits and drawbacks in Mexico at 2:55 p.m.

• Frederick H. Mitchell, vice president of "Maquila Communications," the sales and marketing arm of a company that has 11 plants in Mexico, will discuss technology in the industry at an 8 p.m. banquet at the Hilton.

• Arturo (Tito) Torres, president of Maquilamex, Inc., also will speak about the present and future role of maquiladoras in the Texas economy at the banquet.

On Saturday, speeches will be in 201 MSC.

• Lee Crawford, general director of Packard Electric-Mexico, will speak about his experience as a manager in a maquila plant at 10 a.m.

• Richard H. Michel, national executive of General Electric Company, will give a case study of GE's experience in the industry at 10:55 a.m.

• Blas Martinez, executive vice president of the Union National Bank of Texas, will talk about the financial aspects of the program at a 12:30 p.m. luncheon at the Hilton.

Most of the lectures are free and open to the public, but a \$30 registration fee must be paid to attend the banquet, luncheon and Thursday's discussions.

Results of Brazos County voting

The following is the final results of voting in Brazos County. This list only contains final results from Brazos County.

STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING		
Party	Votes	%
Republican	7,343	16%
Democrat	6,744	14.8%
Libertarian	122	0%
New Alliance	32	0%

PRESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT		
Candidate	Votes	%
Bush/Quayle (R)	29,369	65%
Dukakis/Bentsen (D)	14,885	33%
Paul/Marrou (L)	348	0%
Fulani/Mendez (NA)	68	0%

UNITED STATES SENATOR		
Candidate	Votes	%
Beau Boulter (R)	17,774	40%
Lloyd Bentsen (D)	25,490	58%
Jeff Daeill (L)	383	0%

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE		
Candidate	Votes	%
Joe Barton (R)	31,272	72%
N.P. Kendrick (D)	12,074	27%

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER		
Candidate	Votes	%
Ed Emmett (R)	17,341	43%
Jim Nugent (D)	21,577	53%
Richard Draheim	511	1%
R. Lozano Jr.	670	1%

Unexpired term		
Candidate	Votes	%
Kent R. Hance (R)	27,828	67%
Clint Hackney (D)	13,230	32%

CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT		
Candidate	Votes	%
Tom Phillips (R)	27,144	66%
Ted Robertson (D)	13,806	33%

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE			
Place 1	Candidate	Votes	%
Candidate	Paul Murphy (R)	21,983	53%
	Lloyd Doggett (D)	19,249	46%
Place 2	Nathan Hecht (R)	24,258	60%
	Bill Kilgarlin (D)	15,758	39%
Place 3	Charles Howell (R)	17,669	44%
	Raul Gonzalez (D)	20,890	52%
Place 4	Calvin Scholz (L)	93%	2%
	M.B. "Murry" Cohen (D)	24,855	100%

PRESIDING JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS		
Candidate	Votes	%
D. Berchermann (R)	19,690	52%
M. McCormick (D)	17,662	47%

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS			
Place 1	Candidate	Votes	%
Candidate	C. Campbell (D)	27,264	91%
	Egon Tausch (L)	2,502	8%
Place 2	Tom Rickhoff (R)	20,684	49%
	Chuck Miller (D)	14,596	39%
Place 3	Carol Caul (L)	1,803	4%

MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION			
District 10	Candidate	Votes	%
Candidate	D. Chandler (R)	22,713	59%
	Will Davis (D)	14,422	37%
District 14	Richard A. Smith	30,672	100%
	Smith ran unopposed.		

CHIEF JUSTICE, 10TH COURT OF APPEALS		
Candidate	Votes	%
Wesley Payton (R)	20,448	53%
Bob L. Thomas (D)	15,10%	39%

STATE REPRESENTATIVE			
District 14	Candidate	Votes	%
Candidate	Richard A. Smith	30,672	100%
	Smith ran unopposed.		

DISTRICT JUDGE			
272nd Judicial District	Candidate	Votes	%
Candidate	John Delaney (D)	26,720	100%
	Delaney ran unopposed.		

DISTRICT ATTORNEY			
85th judicial district	Candidate	Votes	%
Candidate	Bill Turner	27,518	100%
	Turner ran unopposed.		

COUNTY ATTORNEY		
Candidate	Votes	%
Hub Kennedy	3,194	22%
Jim Kuboviak	11,313	78%
Both were write-in candidates.		

SHERIFF		
Candidate	Votes	%
Ronnie Miller	27,849	100%
Miller ran unopposed.		

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR		
Candidate	Votes	%
Gerald Winn (D)	27,140	100%
Winn ran unopposed.		

COUNTY COMMISSIONER			
Precinct 1	Candidate	Votes	%
Candidate	Gary Norton (R)	7,81%	64%

JUSTICE, 14TH COURT OF APPEALS			
Place 1	Candidate	Votes	%
Candidate	Sam Robertson (D)	24,940	100%
	Robertson ran unopposed.		
Place 2	Terry Proctor (R)	21,458	59%
	Ross Sears (D)	14,491	40%
Place 3	Bill Cannon (D)	24,456	100%
	Cannon ran unopposed.		
Place 4	Joe L. Draughn (D)	24,004	100%
	Draughn ran unopposed.		
Place 5	Jon Hughes (R)	21,215	59%
	George Ellis (D)	14,513	40%

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE			
Precinct 4, place 1	Candidate	Votes	%
Candidate	David Home (R)	8,111	44%
	B.H. Dewey	9,947	55%
Precinct 7, place 1	George Boyett (R)	10,557	64%
	Jim Locke (D)	5,863	35%

CONSTABLE			
Precinct 1	Candidate	Votes	%
Candidate	Raymond Day (D)	248	100%
	Day ran unopposed.		
Precinct 2	J.R. Burkhalter (D)	952	100%
	Burkhalter ran unopposed.		
Precinct 3	Derik Matejka (D)	443	100%
	Matejka ran unopposed.		
Precinct 4	Louis Garcia Jr. (D)	12,445	92%
	Bill Thornall	927	8%
Precinct 5	Thornall was a write-in candidate.		
	Frankie Nemece (D)	831	100%
Precinct 7	W. Pittman (R)	12,423	100%
	All candidates except Garcia ran unopposed.		

CONSTITUTIONAL ADMENDMENT #1		
Good Roads Admendment	Votes	%
For	33,222	89%
	11,070	29%

CONSTITUTIONAL ADMENDMENT #2		
Revenue Fund	Votes	%
For	24,906	67%
	11,412	32%

CONSTITUTIONAL ADMENDMENT #3		
Texas Growth Fund	Votes	%
For	26,321	70%
	11,070	29%

COUNTY PROPOSITION #1		
Pari-mutual wagering	Votes	%
For	24,906	67%
	11,412	32%

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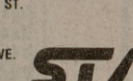
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