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All seminars will be held Wednesday, April 12 in Rudder Tower
Applications are available in room 216 MSC.
Applications are due March 30,
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Each seminar will be limited to 50 students.

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Incoming Texas freshmen must take entrance exam

Test indicates students in need of remediation

By Melissa Naumann
REPORTER

The first move a prospective college freshman can make toward a successful start at higher education may be as easy as dialing a toll-free number.

All students entering college must take a new test, the Texas Academic Skills Program, and a toll-free hotline has been established to answer questions about the test.

The TASP was created by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to identify a student's weaknesses early enough to prevent him from dropping out of school, Frank Gonzalez, an administrative supporter in the TASP office, said.

"You hear statistics about freshmen who come in and can't handle the work," Gonzalez said. "This will identify weaknesses that people have as freshmen so they can be remediated."

The TASP was created as a result of recent educational reform legislation, Gonzalez said.

"The intent of the program is to upgrade education," he said. "This is all part of the reform package."

Ron Swanson, of the THECB, said the Texas Education Agency also played a role in developing the TASP. "They decided they wanted a more current test as well as a test common to all students," Swanson said.

Gonzalez said the TASP will eventually replace other tests such as the Pre-professional Skills Test (PPST) that is taken by education majors.

"We're phasing out other tests and phasing in the TASP," he said.

A student must take the test before completing his ninth credit hour in college, but students who are enrolled in college by September will not be affected, Gonzalez said.

The TASP, which was first administered this month, is diagnostic in nature to emphasize where remediation should begin. The three sections of the test are reading, writing and math.

The TASP will not affect admission to college, but education majors who have not passed all sections of the test will not be admitted to upper level courses.

Gonzalez said an education major does not have to pass all three sections of the test at the same time.

"They only need to retake sections not previously passed," he said.

The hotline was set up because the THECB anticipates questions from a variety of people including students, educators and parents, Gonzalez said.

"We expect calls from students and educators for the obvious reasons," he said. "But we expect parents to call because they'll be concerned about if their children will need remediation."

Since the hotline has not been widely publicized, few people have called, Gonzalez said.

The hotline number is 1-800-962-TASP and is available from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Convicted murderer given lethal injection for Houston slaying

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer Leon King was put to death early Wednesday for the 1978 abduction-slaying of a Houston-area man whose head was bashed in repeatedly with the butt of a shotgun.

King, 44, showed little reaction as he received lethal injection for the April 10, 1978, slaying of Michael Clayton Underwood, 26, of Baytown.

"I would like to tell Mr. Richard I appreciate all he has done for me," he said to Richard Wall, one of five friends he was allowed to invite to witness his execution. "I love you all. God bless."

He closed his eyes, heaved a sigh as the drugs began to take hold and then stopped breathing.

He was declared dead at 12:27 a.m., 10 minutes after the lethal injection was given.

"It's about time," Doug Shaver, an

assistant district attorney who handled King's case, said.

Shaver, now a Houston judge, said King never expressed remorse for Underwood's slaying.

"If anyone deserves the death penalty, it's him," Shaver said.

Underwood's family declined to talk about the execution.

"We are apprised always of what is going on," his mother, C.J. Underwood, of Houston, said. "But we really do not have any desire to make any comment. I don't think it would serve any purpose."

King on Tuesday lost last-minute appeals before a federal district judge in Houston, a federal appeals court in New Orleans and the U.S. Supreme Court. His attorneys contended King, who had prior convictions for burglary, forgery and drug possession, suffered from organic brain damage.

Clements appoints two to state insurance board

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements on Wednesday filled two of the three vacancies on the State Board of Insurance and said a new era of reform is coming to the beleaguered state agency.

"They will share my commitment for a reform of agency practices and restore consumer and industry confidence," Clements said.

Expiration of terms and resignations have emptied all three board seats as legislators charged the agency with mismanagement.

Clements said he hopes soon to announce a third nominee. After that final appointment, the governor said he will select one of the three as chairman for the new board.

Named Wednesday were:
• Thomas B. McDade, 65, Houston, a retired vice chairman of Texas Commerce Bancshares of Houston. Prior to joining that bank holding

company, McDade was the assistant manager of the bond department for the Kentucky-based Commonwealth Life Insurance Co.

• Richard Reynolds, 61, Flower Mound, president and owner of Ben Griffin Tractor Co. Reynolds is a former two-term member of the Texas House of Representatives and a former president of Macatee Capital Corp., a real estate development and capital management firm.

McDade's appointment is for six years; Reynolds' will expire in 1993. Both appointments require Senate confirmation.

"A new era of regulatory reform has dawned in our state's insurance industry," Clements said. "Their leadership and management skills are vital as we work to rekindle consumer and industry confidence in the State Board of Insurance."

Police arrest armed man after shooting

BALCONES HEIGHTS (AP) — An armed man who allegedly taunted neighbors in an apartment complex was behind bars Wednesday after shooting a police officer and holding others at bay before surrendering following a hour-long standoff, authorities said.

The suspect was expected to be charged with attempted capital murder, said Balcones Heights Police Chief Kenneth Menn.

A woman inside the man's apartment also was being questioned, Menn said.

The wounded officer, Sgt. Stephen Fuchs, 30, a three-year veteran, was in fair but guarded condition at Medical Center Hospital after being shot once in the left side of his neck, said hospital spokesman Inez Eisazadeh.

San Antonio police spokesman Sgt. Paul Buske, one of a dozen San Antonio officers assisting the 18-member Balcones Heights police force, said the shooting incident was the third time officers had been called to the area in the past 24 hours.

"He has problems," said Buske. "They have had problems with him in the past."

Residents at El Marco Apartments reported shots being fired at 5:38 a.m. While two Balcones Heights police officers met with residents, a man emerged from his apartment and began firing the pistol.

"He fired two shots," Buske said. "The officers got down between the cars. One of the officers was hit once below the jaw. The suspect went inside and that's when police converged on the area."

While officers in the northwest San Antonio suburb asked the city for assistance, police tried to contact the suspect with a bullhorn but he did not respond, Buske said.

The suspect surrendered shortly after 7 a.m., minutes before the San Antonio SWAT team was to take over, Buske said.

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