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B-CS hits bottom 10 in income

Five Texas areas rank low in '87 per capita earnings

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Bryan-College Station has been listed in the bottom 10 regions nationwide for 1987 per capita income, the government reported Thursday. The community, at an average per capita income of \$10,688, joins four other Texas regions at the lower end of the income scale. In a report on 1987 personal income in the nation's 318 metropolitan regions, first place belonged to the Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk-Danbury area of Connecticut, with per capita income of \$26,316, the Commerce Department said. Bring-

ing up the rear was the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area, with per capita income of \$7,001. In addition to the McAllen and Bryan-College Station regions, the other metropolitan areas in the bottom 10 for 1987 per capita personal income: Laredo, \$7,035; Brownsville-Harlingen, \$7,409; Provo-Orem, Utah, \$8,870; El Paso, \$9,484; Las Cruces, N.M., \$9,578; Pascagoula, Miss., \$10,231; Houma-Thibodaux, La., \$10,582; and Jacksonville, N.C., \$10,668. The first and last areas were the same as in 1986 but the gap between them grew, as the 9.1 percent rate of

per capita income growth in the Bridgeport area more than doubled the 4.2 percent pace in the McAllen region. The per capita income gap between the two regions was \$19,315 in 1987, up from \$17,412 a year earlier. For the nation as a whole, per capita income rose 6 percent in 1987 to \$15,484, according to the report by the department's Bureau of Economic Analysis. The study showed income in America's cities advancing at an uneven pace, growing fastest in communities along the East Coast with

slow-growth areas concentrated in the oil-producing states. Twenty-three metropolitan areas registered per capita income growth at least 2 percentage points above the national average of 6 percent. Seven of those cities were in New England; six were in the Middle Atlantic region; five were in the Southeast. Income in 60 metropolitan areas, meanwhile, grew at a rate that was at least 2 percentage points below the national average. The fastest growth rate was recorded in the Visalia-Tulare-Porterville region of California, where per capita income rose 9.7 percent to \$12,968, a level still well below the national average. At the other end of the scale, two regions registered declines in 1987: per capita income fell 1.4 percent in Flint, Mich., to \$14,723, and dropped 0.6 percent in Lafayette, La., to \$12,363.

University mergers receive House OK in 'great beginning'

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The House gave quick, preliminary approval Thursday to merging several South Texas universities with the Texas A&M University System and others with the University of Texas System in a move lawmakers called "a great new beginning." "It means that we're now able to compete," Rep. Eddie Cavazos, D-Corpus Christi, said. "We're going to be able to compete, not only for business, but in the war against crime and drugs and so forth," he said. "The more educated your masses are, the less problems you have."

One bill would merge the A&M system with Texas A&I University at Kingsville, Corpus Christi State University and Laredo State University. The measure will go to the governor after a final House vote.

Another bill would combine Pan American University at Edinburg, and its campus at Brownsville, with the University of Texas System. Before this bill goes to Gov. Bill Clements, it requires final House passage

and Senate approval of House changes. "Bringing UT to the (Rio Grande) Valley has been a dream of community leaders for decades," said Sen. Hector Uribe, D-Brownsville. He predicted quick Senate concurrence. Rep. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen, said the UT-Pan American bill "means an acceleration of the continuing improvements of higher education." A measure to establish a graduate school of international trade at Laredo State University will go to the governor after another House vote, while a bill authorizing freshman- and sophomore-level studies at Corpus Christi State University needs Senate concurrence before passing to the governor.

Corpus Christi State University, now an upper-level institution, could not offer the lower-division classes until the Fall 1994 semester under the bill. It only would take effect if the merger becomes law.

The only bill that spurred debate was one to establish a law school at Texas A&I University. The measure was tentatively passed with an 88-42 vote and will go to the Senate for consideration if it receives final House passage.

"So many people said, well, South Texas is getting too much, too soon," said Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, of opposition to the measure. "But many others have indicated here that South Texas has gotten too little for too long."

Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, said the House vote "ought to give me in the Senate the momentum that I've needed in order to overcome the opposition of the lieutenant governor."

But after Truan showed Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby a copy of the House vote, Hobby maintained, "I think there are more important things to spend money on than a new law school."

Greenleaf, A&M join forces to counsel disturbed students

By Sherri Roberts

STAFF WRITER

Texas A&M's Student Counseling Service and HCA Greenleaf Hospital are combining their efforts to help A&M students in need of intensive psychological treatment.

Under the terms of a one-year renewable contract between Greenleaf and SCS signed April 17, Greenleaf will accept A&M students referred by SCS who are in danger of harming themselves or others. The contract, reviewed by A&M President William Mobley and approved by Vice President of Administration and Finance Robert Smith, is the result of a five-year effort by Wade Birch, SCS director of counseling and testing, to secure such a plan.

Greenleaf, which has an exclusive contract with SCS, will treat the students regardless of whether or not they have insurance to pay the cost of their stay, Birch said. Student service fees will not increase, and A&M will not be required to reimburse the hospital for students who have no insurance.

Although the Sandstone Center psychiatric hospital proposed a contract similar to Greenleaf's, administrators chose Greenleaf because it has worked with SCS in the past and because it was operating out of its new hospital, Birch said. Sandstone was in a dispute with a builder at the time of the contract's recommendation, he said.

SCS refers some students needing psychological

treatment to the A.P. Beutel Health Center, where they are counseled for an average of two days, Birch said. And although that arrangement is sufficient for the majority of patients SCS treats at the center, the center is not a substitute for a psychiatric hospital, he said.

"Pulling a student off the lines for a day or two can recharge their batteries and give them a better perspective, but a stay at the center works only if the student is cooperative," Birch said.

SCS is not in the business of doing long-term treatment of patients because of the number of A&M students it counsels, he said. SCS treated 2,368 students and had a total of 8,886 counseling sessions in 1987-1988.

During the spring 1989 semester, an average of one patient treated every three weeks probably would have been referred to Greenleaf if the contract had been in operation, he said.

Staff members try to determine how likely a patient is to carry out a suicide threat in deciding the course of action taken to treat the patient, he said. Usually patients who have planned how, when and where they will commit suicide are more likely to follow through.

SCS staff members must notify an SCS administrator to begin the referral process of a patient to Greenleaf, Birch said.

SCS is permitted to break confidentiality with a patient and notify family members and/or authorities if patients are in danger of harming themselves or others, he said.

Highway Department will extend Villa Maria

Villa Maria Road will be extended southwest to Jones Road in a construction project to begin around June 1 and be completed in approximately one year, said State Department of Highways and Public Transportation officials.

The \$1.3 million project will extend Villa Maria by 1.8 miles and will consist of a .3 mile four-lane section and a 1.5 mile two-lane section.

When State Highway 47 is completed, it will intersect the

Villa Maria extension and provide an additional entrance to Bryan from the west, said Kathryn Hejl, engineering assistant for the Highway Department.

The road is being built, Hejl said, both for the convenience of Bryan residents and to provide access to a school being built in the area.

The Highway Department is funding the project and has awarded the contract to Glen Fuqua Inc., of Navasota.

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