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Regents approve tuition increase

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Graduate students in the College of Business will pay more for tuition starting next fall, and other Texas A&M graduate programs are expected to follow with their own increases.

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents approved a tuition increase Friday to the state maximum of \$40 per credit hour for resident students. Students now pay \$18 per credit hour.

Non-resident tuition levels will jump from \$122 to \$152 per credit hour next fall.

A&M President William Mobley estimated the tuition increase will generate \$320,000, all of which will be returned to the business college.

Mobley said he does not expect the increase to discourage people from considering A&M's graduate College of Business.

"We're still a bargain in any national comparison," he said. "If anything, this will help us overall because all the dollars generated will go back into the business school."

The strength and reputation of A&M's business programs will keep the college full even after tuition levels increase, Mobley said.

"We believe our graduate school of business has matured greatly over the past years, and we

believe we can still be very competitive if we raise the tuition," he said.

In 1987's House Bill 1147, the 70th Texas Legislature authorized state universities to set graduate tuition up to a limit of twice the state minimum.

The minimum level, set by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, presently is \$18 per credit hour and will go up to \$20 next year for resident students.

The University of Texas business school already has increased tuition to \$36 per credit hour — twice the current \$18 minimum.

Chairman of the Board William McKenzie suggested looking into tuition increases in other A&M graduate programs.

Mobley said an ongoing study is under way and a status report will be presented at the Board's December meeting.

"We're studying other areas right now, and we'll probably recommend increases in some of those areas at a later time," Mobley said.

In other Board action, the regents gave Mobley authorization to start a capital campaign aimed at increasing endowment level and private funding for University programs.

John Lindsey, Class of '46 and past president of the Association of Former Students, will serve as national chairman of the campaign.

The regents also gave their official support to

the LoTrak project and urged College Station voters to approve the project on Dec. 8.

The LoTrak proposal calls for lowering Wellborn Road and the railroad tracks running parallel to the road.

The project cost is expected to exceed \$40 million. It is being funded by A&M, College Station, Bryan and the Texas highway department.

The Board also chose a new president of Corpus Christi State University. Robert Furgason, vice chancellor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will fill the position.

In another move, the regents voted to merge the administrations of A&M University at Galveston and A&M at College Station. The two will merge on Sept. 1, 1991, and the Galveston campus officially will become part of the A&M College of Geosciences and Maritime Studies.

Finally, the Board requested that the former students' association poll former students to get an idea of how many would be interested in an A&M cemetery.

The proposed 100-acre cemetery would "serve as a final resting place for students, former students and other people connected with the University."

The cemetery would be located west of the railroad tracks at the intersection of Marion Pugh Drive and Luther Street.

Pro-life supporters form protest chain

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A chain of protesters armed with posters lined up along George Bush Drive and Texas Avenue early Saturday afternoon as part of a statewide effort to increase pro-life awareness.

The protest line stretched from Holleman Drive down Texas Avenue, turning down George Bush Drive and ending near Dexter Drive.

Most protesters were women and children who wielded red, white and blue signs that said "Abortion Kills Children" and "Jesus Heals and Forgives."

Members from more than 10 local churches as well as several out-of-town church members turned out for the silent protest which lasted a little longer than an hour.

Russell T. Hall, board member of the Brazos Valley Pregnancy

Center, helped coordinate the event.

Hall counted 400 protesters who formed the "Life Chain."

The chain was enhanced by fans headed for the Texas A&M and Texas Tech football game.

"Initially, we weren't targeting any particular weekend in October," he said. "But we're happy it turned out to be a game weekend which only increased our visibility."

"We want to let people know that there's a large number of us who don't believe abortion is a good thing and that it does kill people. More specifically, we believe the unborn child is a human being who has constitutional rights like anyone else."

Some passers-by offered honks and waves of support while others shouted "Freedom-of-Choice," and "Right to Choose."

The protest ended peacefully.

Other demonstrations were in Houston, Waco and Austin.

Fishburn: Unity of Europe not threat to U.S.

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The United States will have both enormous opportunities and threats when 12 western European countries unite and form an economic union in 1992, a member of Britain's Parliament said Friday at Texas A&M.

The Right Honorable Dudley Fishburn, a member of the British House of Commons and private secretary to the Minister of Trade, told a crowd that Europe's economic union, scheduled to go into effect Dec. 31, 1992, will be the largest and most free trade market in the world.

The economic union of the 12 Common Market countries — Britain, France, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Spain and six other western European countries — means there will be a completely open trade market, one central bank, one single currency and one tax rate for all 12 nations.

All Common Market decisions will be made in Brussels, Belgium, which means the 12 nations have given some of their national power away for the good of the entire Common Market, Fishburn said.

"We have voluntarily said that we in Westminster are willing to cede sovereignty to Brussels," he said.

The threat to the United States comes from that never-before united Europe, which will be the largest trading bloc in the world with 290 million people.

Fishburn said one potential threat is that nations in the Common Market will give the United States "the cold shoulder" in the trading market, which would be disastrous for the United States since Europe is its largest trading partner.

The second major potential threat is that a united political Europe will follow a united economic Europe and leave the United States with less influence on the nations.

"With this unity, there may come a united political leadership that will make it difficult for the U.S. to deal with," Fishburn said. "It is not unthinkable that the single European entity will be independent."

He said threats to the U.S.' economic power will loom even larger if the recently freed eastern European countries join the Common Market, making it even larger and possibly more independent.

Hungary and Poland, two of the more stable former Warsaw Pact nations, are expected to apply to join the Common Market before any of the others, he said.

But Fishburn, who studied at Harvard University and has spent considerable time in the United States, said he thinks both threats are improbable.

"Those two potential threats are far, far outweighed by the opportunities for the United States," he said.

The greatest opportunity for the United States is in trading freely with the Common Market, which likely will drop many of its tariffs and subsidies and operate more competitively, Fishburn said.

"The opportunities for wealth creation for the U.S. are enormous," he added.

He also said the United States will save money by reducing its military presence in Europe and will have greater investment opportunities in European businesses.

Fishburn's speech was sponsored by MSC Great Issues and the MSC Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA).



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Alvin Larke, Mary Elizabeth Herring and Bill Kibler, answer questions during 'Campus Responses to Racial Harrassment and Intimidation,' a panel discussion held Friday in Rudder.

Political candidates speak at Grove rally

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"Six Ags Over Texas" minus three absent Ags equals the three candidates and Texas A&M alumni who were at Saturday morning's rally at the Grove.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams, Class of '54; candidate for state senator Richard Smith, Class of '59; and Steve Ogden, candidate for District 14 state representative and MBA Class of '87, braved the heat to address about 200 supporters and 15 hecklers who called themselves "Queens for Claytie."

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, a former A&M economics professor; U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, Class of '72; and agriculture commissioner candidate Rick Perry, Class of '72, were not able to attend the rally.

Williams opened the rally saying it was his "first speech four weeks out from being elected the first Aggie governor of Texas."

"The 1990 Republican ticket is unified, ready to lead and looking for a landslide," Williams said. "The Democratic ticket, Aggies, on the other hand, is in disarray and unable to understand the needs of the working men and women of Texas. They are on the way out."

The rally gave Williams another opportunity to attack opponent Ann Richards for refusing to sign a public pledge to run a positive, issue-oriented campaign.

"Instead, she has engaged in one of the most negative campaigns in Texas history," Williams said.

Monte Williams, a spokesman for the Ann Richards campaign in Austin, said there is no reason for Richards to sign a pledge because Clayton Williams cannot be trusted. Clayton Williams ran the

first negative advertisement, he said.

Monte Williams is not related to Clayton Williams.

"He's afraid to debate, and he's using the positive issue campaign pledge as a decoy to get out of it (debate)," Monte Williams said. "Given his macho image, I find it hard to believe he's running scared to debate Ann, but I guess he is."

Clayton Williams said he will not agree to a debate unless Richards signs the pledge.

Williams told the cheering crowd that Richards is a Hollywood liberal running in Texas. He said she is on the wrong side of the issues.

Williams, who proposes the death penalty for convicted child murderers, said Richards took months to speak on the issue, but said she still is studying the definition of a child.

Monte Williams said Richards supports the death penalty for child killers, but wants to know when childhood ends.

"Claytie took her out of context when he said that Ann was studying the issue," Monte Williams said.

Richards was studying whether a 16 year old or a 10 year old is a child, he added.

Clayton Williams also said Richards thinks 1,800 new prison beds will be enough to keep criminals behind bars. He said 60,000 new beds are needed.

Monte Williams said Ann Richards has not determined the exact number of prison beds needed so he did not know how Clayton Williams came up with 1,800 beds.

"His figures are fraudulent, and he knows it," Monte Williams said.

Clayton Williams also said Richards claims Texas will need an income tax. He said he will

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By **SEAN FRERKING**
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Failures by educational institutions and the crumbling of the national ideal of "community" have led to a rebirth of racism on university campuses, four educators said Friday during a live teleconference.

"Campus Responses to Racial Harassment and Intimidation," sponsored by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) and Oklahoma State University, was telecast to more than 100 U.S. universities.

At Texas A&M, more than 200 faculty members, administrators and students, filled a room in Rudder Tower to watch the panelists discuss ways to cope with and stop the re-emergence of racism in the university environment.

Ernest Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, said at the beginning of the presentation in a recorded speech that he had talked with many college presidents and

found that racial tensions may be worse now than in the 1960s.

"We lack the community goals now to handle this problem," Boyer said. "The ground rules of civil social behavior have not been passed on by today's parents."

"We have no dream to unite us," he said. "We need a new dream."

After Boyer's speech, the panelists discussed concerns of campus racism.

Beverly Ledbetter, vice president and general counsel for Brown University, said racial problems often are magnified when students begin college.

"When many of these students arrive at college, they have many expectations to be included in a larger group," Ledbetter said. "When they are ostracized by these racial attacks, they often feel helpless and isolated."

Ledbetter said minority students often try to handle these problems by themselves, but they cannot. She said added pressure of that failure further confuses the victims and worsens the situation.

Blandia Cardenas Ramirez, director of the Office of Minority Concerns and a presidential appointee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, also said the impact of racial attacks upon individuals is very traumatic.

"These attacks have a big impact on a person's self-confidence," Ramirez said. "First, there is a reaction of anger and then there is an immense need for support."

Both said universities should have places for ethnic minorities to go to when they need support after a racial confrontation.

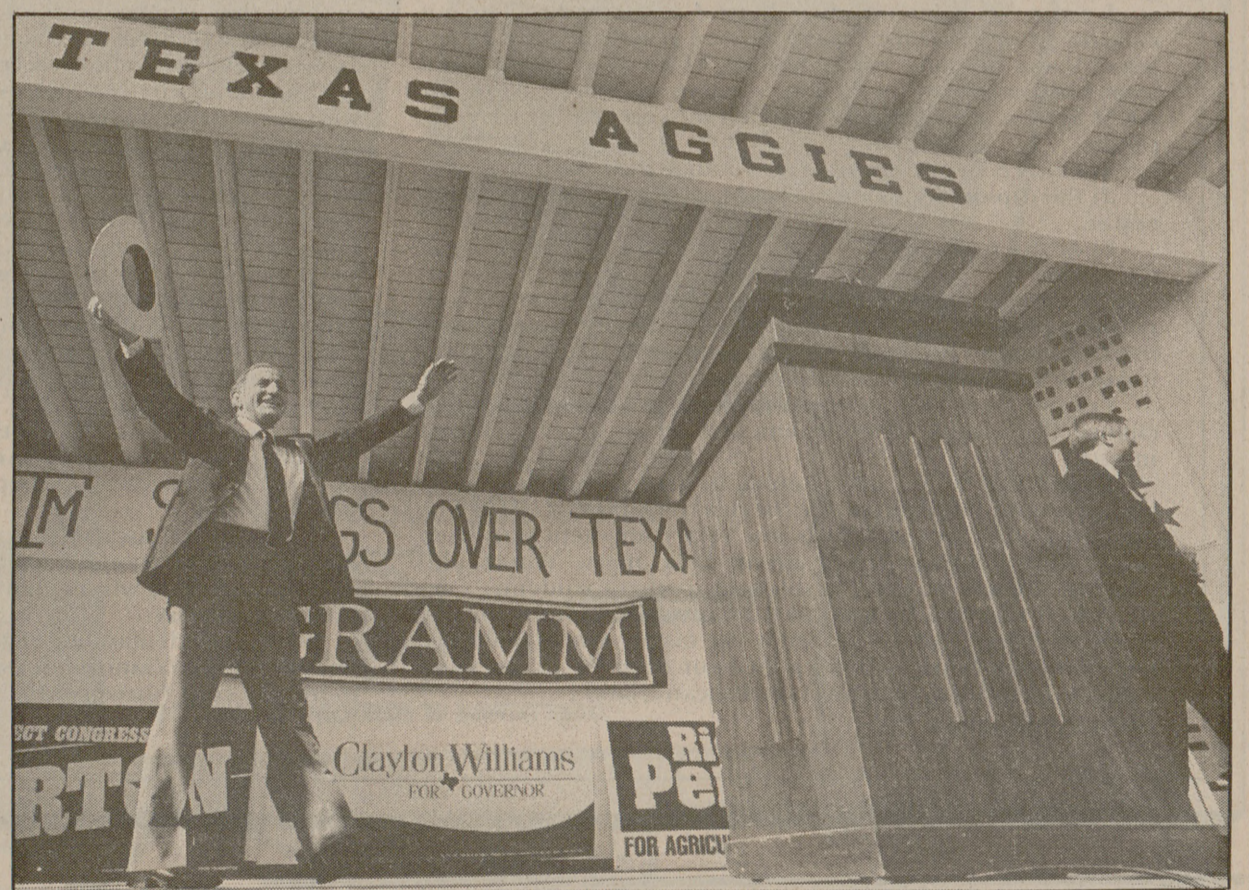
"We all know these attacks occur," Ramirez said. "Many universities need to start providing counseling groups for these hurt people."

Ramirez said many universities also need to teach students that words they use can be weapons.

She said people often do not understand the full impact of their statements.

"When you use insulting language, you are not only offending,

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Above: Clayton Williams, Jr. acknowledges the crowd at the Six Ags Over Texas rally held at the Grove Saturday morning.



Right: Peter Wuensch, member of Six Ags Over Texas, keeps the protesters, 'Queens for Claytie,' out of the view of the Republican candidates.

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