

A&M students publish journal

Economics publication generates interest

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Two Texas A&M economics majors prove publishing at the University is not limited to journalism students. Emmanuel Schweikert and Andrew Matthews established the economics journal, titled *Ceteris Paribus*, in April, and it already has generated local and national interest.

Schweikert, journal editor and a senior from Bryan, began working on the idea more than a year ago, and credits hard work and determination for the journal's success.

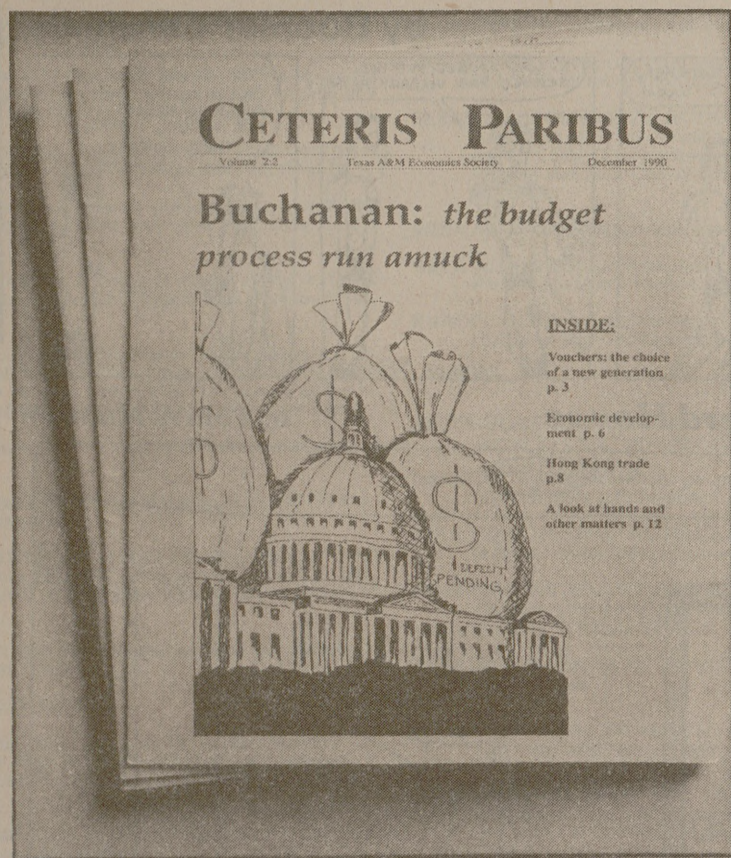
"Had I known about just half of the problems we've had, I never would have tried," Schweikert says. "It was a nightmare because we were turned down for funding, couldn't get articles. Nothing was working."

Once the journal received funding, everything fell into place, he says.

"People were shocked with our first issue," Schweikert says. "People were expecting maybe five or six articles stapled together like you'd turn into your professor."

"The design, layout and graphics were surprising," he says. "They took us much more seriously after that."

Matthews, managing editor and a senior from Klein, says the quality of the journal's articles has earned respect.



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Two A&M senior economics majors have received national recognition for their publication of

the economics journal *Ceteris Paribus*. It struggled at first because of lack of funding.

"We had a Nobel (winning) economist, James Buchanan, come in last semester, and we did an interview with him," Matthews says. "We had a senior economics major from Harvard who wrote for us, and coming up we have a plan for two majors from UT-Austin writing

as well." Continued development of sources from other universities is essential to maintain the journal's quality level, Matthews says. Schweikert says despite the difficulty in getting high quality contributions, they only print

articles with well founded arguments. "As long as it pertains in some way to economics or a related field, we will publish it," he says. "We are not affiliated with the right-wing or left-wing perspectives. "We like controversy," Schweikert says. "That's not to say it's editorial policy, but we won't shy away."

A strong economics department at A&M has helped greatly in getting the journal accepted, Schweikert says.

"It was easier getting started at A&M because of the strength of the department than it would have been almost anywhere else in the state," he says. "The journal might have gotten started quicker at a smaller East Coast school, but the resources wouldn't be there to encourage development."

Matthews says A&M's resources have enabled *Ceteris Paribus* to become a recognized student organization, translating into more impressive achievements.

"Our first run was about 500 issues, distributed mostly to the economics department," he says. "With this issue, we're printing 1,000 copies for the first time. In the future, we're going to target the business college and liberal arts."

"We really want to become interdisciplinary, like a corporate newsletter," he says.

Schweikert says they were not limiting their target groups to the college level either.

"We're trying to use *Ceteris Paribus* as a tool for economic education at the high school level," he says.

Contact with area and statewide high schools, both public and private, has been encouraging, Schweikert says.

"In Texas, almost everyone has to take some kind of econ. class," he says. "We'd like to show students economics is a lot more than just GNP and interest rates."

Texas court official says judicial system needs major reform

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas judicial system needs "fundamental reforms" that only lawmakers can initiate, including an overhaul of the way judges are chosen, state Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Phillips said Tuesday.

"Only you can initiate the procedure to replace an electoral system that is too partisan, too expensive, and possibly unlawful with a modern system of judicial selection that enhances accountability, independence and competence," Phillips told the Legislature in his State of the Judiciary address.

That echoed Phillips' first such speech to the Legislature in 1989, when he advocated a system of appointing judges who would then periodically stand unopposed for election. The plan would require a constitutional amendment to be approved by voters.

Phillips, the first Republican elected chief justice, also said that ethics legislation should apply to the

judiciary, calling that branch of government "most dependent on public confidence."

Some current proposals to limit campaign contributions do not include the judicial branch, Phillips said.

The chief justice also said the state should provide full funding for its courts, rather than requiring reliance on local government money.

In this legislative session, Phillips urged lawmakers to increase funding over the next two years for such priority items as:

— Adding professional staff, or increasing staff compensation, to keep pace with growing caseloads in appellate courts.

For example, Phillips said, the Court of Criminal Appeals has 199 pending death penalty cases, and the average time from filing to disposition of the cases is more than 30 months.

Governor demotes head of state insurance board

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards turned up the heat Tuesday on the State Board of Insurance, demoting the current chairman and continuing her push to place the agency under the control of a special panel.

Richards named her lone appointee to the Insurance Board, Austin lawyer Claire Koriath, as chair to replace James Saxton.

In her State of the State address to the Legislature last week, Richards called on Saxton and the third board member, Richard Reynolds, to resign by Friday.

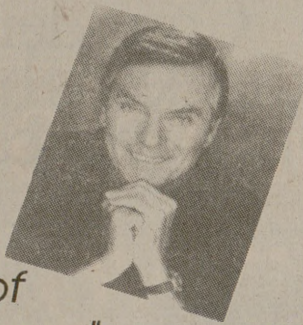
Gov. Bill Clements, have defended their performance and refuse to step down. Although no longer chairman, Saxton said he will continue to serve on the board.

"Two of the members of the board have been there for a while and we have not seen the kind of progress that we need to see," Richards said in designating Koriath the new board chair.

Richards says the board has failed to warn consumers about financially ailing or fraudulent insurance companies, and has sided with the insurance industry in adopting rate increases.

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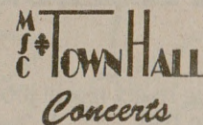
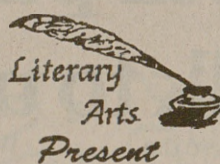
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