

Baylor regents consider presidential candidate

Naming of university official suffers delay, professors not supportive of leading contender

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor University faculty members have asked the board of regents to delay naming a new president until they can review the credentials of the leading candidate.

The board was expected to accept the nomination of Thomas E. Corts Thursday with a final vote scheduled Friday, according to several published reports citing unnamed sources.

Corts, president of Samford University, a Baptist college in Birmingham, Ala., would replace Herbert Reynolds, who will become chancellor of

the university next summer.

However, some Baylor faculty members oppose Corts, and the Faculty Senate voted Tuesday to request it be given more of a say in the selection.

Corts, 53, came under fire in 1979 for dismissing six professors, including three with tenure, when he was president of Wingate College, a Baptist school near Charlotte, N.C.

The American Association of University Professors investigated the firings and published an article criticizing Corts' actions and the college's

academic freedom and tenure policies.

The Baylor Faculty Senate has endorsed a letter written by 15 former presidents of the Baylor chapter of the American Association of University Professors asking the regents to "thoroughly check out the Wingate story should Corts be the nominee."

Faculty Senate President Raymond Cannon said he did not want to comment about the specific actions taken in the meeting.

"It is fair to say that the faculty is concerned about issues of academic freedom, but that is all I'd like to say at this time," Cannon was quoted as saying in Thursday's editions of the Waco Tribune-Herald.

A message left at Corts' Samford University office Thursday was not immediately returned.

The selection has been overseen by a 14-member search committee, which recommends a candidate to the board of regents.

The board could either concur with the recommendation or reject it and delay the appointment.

Corts, a native of Terre Haute, Ind., has been president of Samford University since 1980. In September, he led the 3,200-student school to distance itself from the Alabama Baptist Convention by removing the state convention's name from the election of university trustees.

Baylor, which has 12,000 students, took similar action in removing itself from control of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in 1990. Both schools said they loosened ties with the state Baptist bodies because they feared fundamentalists might gain control of their boards of regents.

'Abortion pill' clinical trials draw great response

Women from across the nation volunteer for study

HOUSTON (AP) — Women from across Texas, as well as other states, have volunteered for the first widespread U.S. clinical trials of the so-called abortion pill.

Since Planned Parenthood of Houston announced Oct. 27 that it would participate in the nationwide study, about 100 women have called for information, said Kitty Kahn, the clinic's surgical services director.

The Houston clinic is one of more than a dozen in the United States that will administer the drug, known as RU-486, to about 2,100 women.

"Calls have come from as far away as Iowa, and we've had a lot from Louisiana, a lot from the Dallas, San Antonio, New Orleans areas, besides the Houston area," Kahn said.

The trials will be conducted in collaboration with Baylor College of Medicine.

The trials will likely begin in a few weeks to a month.

Information from the trials will be used in applying for the registration of a new drug with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The FDA must then confirm the medicine's safety, as well as its effectiveness, before it can be distributed.

Women who participate will take three RU-486 tablets the first day.

Thirty-six to 46 hours later, women will take

a second medicine called a prostaglandin, which helps induce contractions.

The RU-486 regimen has been under development since 1980 and studied in clinical trials since 1982.

In Europe, more than 150,000 women have successfully used RU-486, and more than 52,000 women have used the same combination of pills that is being tested in the U.S.

RU-486, also called mifepristone, has been approved for use in the United Kingdom, Sweden, France and China, although it has not been distributed in China.

The New York-based Population Council obtained approval to test it in this country more than a decade ago, but efforts to bring it to the U.S. have languished because of regulatory difficulties and other problems.

Last May, the drug's French manufacturer, Roussel Uclaf, said it would donate U.S. rights to the drug to the Population Council, which selected the sites for the trials.

Anti-abortion protesters are a fixture outside the doors of the fortress-like clinic, and protests are expected during the trials.

However, Susan Nenne, the clinic's spokeswoman, said the number of protesters has diminished since the clinic obtained a court order requiring protesters to remain a certain distance from the property.

Jury orders vacuum cleaner company to pay \$1.7 million in Seguin rape lawsuit

Case sparks concern over sales representatives' background checks

AUSTIN (AP) — A jury awarded \$1.7 million to a woman who said she was raped by a Kirby vacuum cleaner salesman who had a criminal record. The in-home rape case proves the need for thorough background checks of door-to-door salespeople, the woman's lawyer says.

"Our position was that Kirby should have required some kind of background check," said attorney Larry Wright.

"In this case, the company did not call prior employers or anybody."

"Kirby requires the only way its vacuum cleaners can be sold is through personal home demonstration," Wright said.

"That is the company's choice, but it must have an obligation to make sure its (sales representatives) are not rapists."

Clark Aspy, a lawyer for Kirby, said that the company should not be responsible, under any terms, for paying the damages. Aspy remonstrated that the people who sell Kirby vacuum cleaners are independent contractors.

The company offers very extensive training for its various distributors, and Kirby officials tell its distributors to do background checks, he said.

"They have a three-volume set of manuals that contain at least 18 separate warnings about doing

background checks," Aspy said.

Len Sena, owner of the Kirby sales firm in Antonio that contracted with Carter, has boilerplate requirements for background checks of salespeople. Aspy said that Sena has employees who ensure the background checks are done.

The verdict, returned Tuesday, will most likely be appealed, Aspy said.

A jury determined that Kirby and the company's area distributors should pay \$1.7 million in damages to a Seguin woman who claimed that she was raped in her home on March 26, 1993. The fender was positively identified as 43-year-old Mickey Lea Carter.

Carter, who lived in Seguin at the time, was on probation after being convicted of indecency with a child, Wright said.

Carter has been indicted, but he hasn't been tried in the sexual assault case, Wright said.

Carter's probation was revoked, and he is serving out a prison term, Wright said.

Wright said the alleged assault occurred while the woman's 4-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter were asleep in other rooms.

The woman, who was 28 at the time of the alleged attack, and her family have moved out of state, Wright said.

The suit named the Scott & Fetzer Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, as the defendant. The Kirby vacuum cleaner company is a division of Scott & Fetzer.

The lawsuit also named Kirby distributors in New Braunfels and San Antonio who recruited and contracted with Carter.

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