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Former worker faces charges

Mizer accused of records tampering

By BRANDON HAUSENFLUCK
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A second former Texas A&M employee at the Center for Construction Education in the Department of Civil Engineering has surrendered to university police for alleged illegal actions.

Kaye Weatherly Mizer turned herself in to the University Police Department Friday after an audit revealed she had submitted falsified vouchers for time sheets.

The audit, performed by TAMU System Auditor Sondra Greer, revealed a false voucher had been submitted in October for \$639 worth of services that were not rendered.

The fictitious voucher was allegedly created to cover the cost of a missing airline ticket as reimbursement for a canceled course offered by the center.

The audit also revealed that Mizer had allegedly falsified two time sheets, for 36 hours of work, which resulted in the payment of more than \$400 to former center employee Cynthia McNeill. McNeill was arrested Thursday for allegedly embezzling more than \$30,000 from the center.

If convicted of the fourth-degree felony, Mizer could face six months to two years in state jail and a fine of up to \$10,000.

UPD Detective/Sgt. James Lindholm II said the two crimes are unrelated.

"Mizer didn't get any money out of the deal," Lindholm said. "The money (for the reimbursement) went to the student ... it was a coincidence all the way around."

Lindholm said this kind of "white collar" crime is not rare. "There's always a scam going on sometime, somewhere," he said. "Travel fraud occurs when people say they're flying to meet with people about University-related issues and then spend most of their time consulting outside firms. This is just one example of it."

Lindholm said Mizer was not trying to benefit from the alleged falsifications but that she was trying to cover up her mistakes.

Bob Wiatt, director of UPD, said there has been no indication of a scam at the center.

"McNeill took \$30,000 for personal gain," Wiatt said. "Mizer did it against University regulations, and they were not working together."

Stop, Drop and Roll



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A&M free safety **Toya Jones** (#5) forces a Colorado fumble in the fourth quarter of the football game Saturday. See Page 7 for related stories.

Faculty fights policy at forum

By LAURA OLIVEIRA
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Texas A&M's post-tenure review policy was attacked by faculty members at an open forum Friday as a way for the University to abolish tenure.

Dr. Dan Wood, an associate professor of political science, opposed the policy and said the review process is a smoke screen for doing away with tenure.

"This thing is mislabeled," Wood said. "This is actually a post-tenure removal."

Dr. Larry Crumbley, an accounting professor, said the University wants to do away with tenure.

"We are basically doing away with tenure," he said. "They are doing it in a very sly way, but they are doing it."

The Board of Regents passed the post-tenure review policy in Fall 1995, but the Faculty Senate will modify the policy Oct. 14. Forums are being held to discuss changes.

Individual colleges will implement the proposal differently, depending on research, teaching and development within their departments.

However, one thing will remain constant throughout the colleges, the three bad evaluations and your "out" policy.

Tenured professors who receive

three consecutive negative evaluations from students and faculty and then fail to meet the approval of the department head and dean will be terminated.

Crumbley said the policy will encourage professors to concentrate only on receiving good evaluations

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and they will neglect their teaching.

"The professors who are giving the better grades (to students) and covering the least material (in class) will be getting the better [student] evaluations," Crumbley said. "So there will be a massive grade inflation, destroying higher education."

The legality of the post-tenure review was a source of concern at the forum. The faculty members proposed seeking legal advice to determine the constitutionality of the review before further decisions are made.

A&M Regents design new award for System faculty

By MELISSA NUNNERY
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The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents established a Regents Professor Service Award when it reconvened Friday morning to vote on all agenda items referred to committees Thursday.

Mary Nan West, chairman of the Board of Regents, said in a press release the award is to recognize professors at all of the A&M System schools.

"The Board of Regents wanted to design an award system in which we could recognize outstanding faculty members at all of our universities and agencies for their distinguished service," West said in a press release.

A&M System Chancellor Barry B. Thompson said he supports the award as a way for A&M to recognize its outstanding professors.

"There is a clear need in the A&M System for an award of this type," Thompson said in a press release. "I am highly supportive of this process."

Thompson said recipients of the award will be some of the most outstanding educators in the System.

Recipients will be awarded

\$9,000 over three years, the title of Regents Professor, an A&M System medallion to wear with academic regalia and a plaque. The first Regents Professors will be named in the Spring.

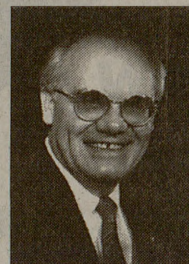
Candidates for the award must be full-time professors who have been employed by an A&M

together to investigate the feasibility of having a statewide health science center," Parker said.

The Board also approved \$2 million from the Permanent University Fund for classroom renovations, set a Nov. 30 deadline for settlement with Tenneco Power Generation Co., and approved

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System school or agency for at least five years.

The Board also heard a report on the organization of an A&M System statewide health science center.

Terri Parker, director of communications for the A&M System, said the proposal is under consideration.

"A task force has been put to

the establishment of an ergonomics center for Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

The Board named A&M's business school the L. Lowry Mays College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Business. Mays, Class of '57, donated \$15 million to the college. The donation is one of the largest single gifts in the University's history.

Students design health center

By BRANDON HAUSENFLUCK
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The models and drawings of Texas A&M architecture students are being considered in the building of a nutrition and health care facility in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Nineteen students in the Department of Architecture have each designed prototype models of a nutrition and health community center to help alleviate malnutrition and hygiene problems in children and mothers.

George Mann, the Ronald L. Skaggs endowed professor of health facilities design, said the project gives students real-life experience.

"In essence, it (the project) was a form of education where the students listened to Dr. Bates, and turned it into a building," Mann said. "One of my former students lives in Guatemala City and he

gave us a dose of reality on how to build the clinic. The project gave the students a chance to make a statement on a much broader spectrum ... addressing worldwide problems."

Each of Mann's students had three weeks to design their projects. They were required to submit a model they thought would be the most efficient.

Radhika Nair, a senior environmental design major, created the model chosen as the best design.

Nair said there were several factors to consider while designing the clinic.

"We had a concept of what we were building," Nair said. "I designed it to have a community-type feeling because that's what they're used to in Guatemala. People need to feel comfortable visiting this place."

The center will be built on a three-acre plot and will

include a playground area and classrooms. The buildings will be spread out in an open-air setting.

The Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP), a branch of the World Health Organization, helps develop nutrition and health programs in seven Central American nations.

The institute will raise about \$100,000 to fund the project once a design has been chosen.

Dr. George Bates, a professor of biochemistry and biophysics, has spent several years developing nutrition programs and has worked with INCAP in the past. He said the facility is one of many that INCAP plans to build throughout Latin America.

"INCAP is the premier health institution in all of Latin America," Bates said. "We hope to have these clinics in several Latin American locations."

Bates said the centers will be used to educate people who suffer from malnutrition and to assess other health problems.

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Radhika Nair holds her model for a nutrition health community center.

Former regent to stand trial in Giddings

(AP) — Did former Texas A&M Board of Regents Chairman Ross Margraves use a state airplane for a personal trip to Louisiana?

That question will be the focus of Margraves' felony trial, which begins jury selection Monday in Giddings. The case was moved to the Lee County town 47 miles southwest of Bryan because of pre-trial publicity.

If convicted, Margraves would face a maximum penalty of up to 10 years in prison and a fine of \$5,000.

Margraves was indicted last April on one count of official misconduct. He is charged with using a Texas A&M System plane to fly from Houston to Baton Rouge and back on Aug. 4, 1993, to attend his son's graduation from Louisiana State University.

Margraves, through his attorney David Berg, claims he was a speaker at the ceremony and that he met with LSU Chancellor William Davis during the trip. The flight cost taxpayers \$1,435.

Berg told The Dallas Morning News in Sunday editions that the presence of Mrs. Margraves on the flight was legitimate because, by accompanying her husband as a guest of LSU, she "furthered the University's (A&M's) interests in many ways."

Margraves resigned in April 1994 amid a Texas Rangers investigation into business dealings at Texas A&M.

The case is to be heard by state District Judge J.D. Langley from Bryan.

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