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By **JED CHILDERS**

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He said the College of Agriculture has been influential, because of the concern the administrators and students show for each other.

The Student Senate also influenced Childers during his time at A&M.

He said last year was a controversial year for the Senate, but many of the same senators returned to try to make a difference at A&M.

As a member of the Admissions Advisory Council, he learned the way the administration functions.

"We really have sound administrators," he said.

As he starts his term as student body president, Childers said he wants to see the Student Government Association concentrate on serving the students.

"I want Student Government to have an attitude change," he said, "and focus on service above self."

He said when he chooses his executive council, he will look for a positive attitude and a hard worker rather than experience.

"I think attitude will be the key to success," he said.

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Jury says Taco Bell violated wage-hour laws

SEATTLE (AP) — Taco Bell violated state wage laws by pressuring workers to pick up trash and do other tasks without pay before or after their regular shifts, a jury ruled yesterday.

The 12-member King County Superior Court jury was unanimous on the two most critical questions, finding that the violations showed a pattern of failing to pay overtime and were committed willfully with an intent to deprive employees of pay. The ruling could affect 12,000 to 13,000 workers in Washington state.

The seven-man, five-woman jury had deliberated for 7 1/2 days over a two-week period since receiving the case March 26.

The amount of back pay and damages to be awarded will be set in a separate hearing, the format of which has yet to be determined.

Taco Bell, a Mexican fast-food chain based in Irvine, Calif., said it would appeal.

Company vice president Jonathan Blum said that company officials believe any violations were isolated, not a systemwide problem, and that they would appeal the jury's finding that the problems were systemic.

Because of that finding, everybody who worked at 62 company-owned restaurants in the past five years becomes eligible for damages, not just the seven who brought the original lawsuit.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs said they would probably seek a court order to bring Taco Bell into compliance.

Among other things, one witness testified she had to make up worker schedules at home, without compensation. She also had to participate in "cleaning parties" before corporate inspections were scheduled, and the only pay was some pizza, she said. The company said there were a few "unfortunate incidents" but no pattern of abuse.

The plaintiffs had argued that the company violated labor laws at 62 corporate-owned restaurants in Washington over the past five years.

The violations involved employees waiting until after they started

their shifts to clock in, working during clocking out, working during rest breaks, and failing to record work on company records.

They contended that the regional managers in charge of Taco Bells in the state was tied holding down labor costs among minimum-wage employees, many of them minors, people with little job skills and little education or as immigrants who spoke English as a second language.

Eager for even low-paying jobs they were required to pick up trash, prepare food and do other work before and after the time they were supposed to begin work, the lawsuit contended.

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