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A&M not affected by GPA measure

AUSTIN (AP) — Officials at Texas A&M and Texas Tech say they will not be affected by a bill requiring universities that use grade-point averages in admissions to set the same standard for athletes and non-athletes.

"Our admissions policy is based on class rank and test scores," Gene Medley, the director of admissions and records at Texas Tech, said Wednesday. "Unless there is something about the bill I don't know about, I don't think it would have a great impact on what we're doing."

Gov. George W. Bush said this week he would sign the legislation sponsored by Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston. Bush's policy director called the bill "largely symbolic."

Wilson, a black lawmaker, said the bill was born out of fear that a federal court ruling would cause minority enrollment at schools to decline overall while recruitment of minority athletes remained strong.

The court ruling, known as *Hopwood*, came after four white applicants successfully argued that the University of Texas law school admissions policy unfairly favored minorities.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales interpreted the ruling to mean that race could no longer be used in the consideration of admissions, scholarships and financial aid.

"The bill was a very sincere effort to keep the public mindful of the effects of the *Hopwood* ruling, and it reminds us at Texas A&M that we must do everything we can to ensure a diverse student body," said Jim Ashlock, A&M's executive director of university relations.

Wilson had argued that the bill would apply to schools such as Texas A&M and Tech because they consider class rankings and such rankings are based on GPAs. He said it might take a court challenge to clarify the law.

But Ray Farabee, general counsel for the University of Texas System, said, "The bill is very specific. It refers to schools that require a minimum high school grade point average as an admissions criterion. It

doesn't say anything about class rankings."

Wilson and other minority lawmakers had expressed outrage at university officials who worked to weaken an earlier version of the bill that would have required schools to set their admissions standards based on the lowest grades and test scores of scholarship athletes.

Wilson said if schools worked as hard recruiting minority students as they did to

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there are some legal limitations now that we did not have, and there is some tendency to blame UT for what *Hopwood* said. But we fought that case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. I don't want to be in an argument with the legislators, but I just disagree," Farabee said.

Ashlock said, "We are not the cause of the *Hopwood* decision. We are the victims of the *Hopwood* decision."

Lawmakers blamed the *Hopwood* ruling for a recent decline in minority enrollment at UT and A&M.

Ashlock said the ruling has hurt most by affecting schools' ability to give financial aid and scholarships.

"We have to tell students that we could have helped them with a minority scholarship that was in place two years ago," Ashlock said. "And they'll say, 'Well, the University of Oklahoma has a scholarship like that waiting for me right now.' And they leave the state. It hurts us."

UT officials had said if the earlier version of Wilson's bill became law that Texas schools would be forced out of the Big 12 and millions of dollars in athletic revenue would be lost.

In the end, it appears the bill will serve more as a message to schools than anything else.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Del Angel honored by golf association

Texas A&M junior golfer Miguel del Angel was named honorable mention All-America by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

Del Angel posted a 74.08 stroke average this season and has five straight top 10 finishes this spring.

"I'm really proud for Miguel," A&M Head Coach Bob Ellis said. "He had a tremendous spring and we're looking for great things from him next season. His best finishes were in tournament that had some of the strongest fields. He's worked extremely hard since he came to A&M and deserves to be rewarded for his success."



del Angel

Two Aggies report to USA Baseball

Texas A&M baseball players Casey Fossum and Jason Tyner reported to the USA Baseball training site at Space Coast Stadium,

the spring training home of the Florida Marlins, in Viera, Florida, Wednesday.

Fossum, a freshman left-handed pitcher, completed his first season at A&M with 133 strikeouts in 87 innings.

He ended the year '95 with a 5.28 ERA and five saves.

Tyner, a sophomore centerfielder for the Aggies, led the team with a .370 batting average and also led the team with 38 stolen bases.

He has 79 career stolen bases, second on the Aggie all-time list behind Chuck Knoblauch's record of 83.

Fossum and Tyner are part of a 40-man roster which will be pared down to 30 June 11 to begin international competition. The team will then be trimmed to 24

Hunter named to All-America team

Texas A&M senior outfielder Johnny Hunter was named to the GTE Academic All-America team Tuesday. The team was selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Hunter, who has a cumulative grade point average of 3.775 in political science, hit .347 for the Aggies and led the team with 15

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