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Ogden's bill awaits House's approval

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Penalties for individuals charged with causing injury to a pregnant woman could become tougher if the Texas House of Representatives passes a bill already approved by the Senate (SB-188).

The Criminal Jurisprudence Committee in the House is considering passing the bill that would make causing bodily injury to a pregnant woman a third-degree felony offense and would increase the penalty to a second-degree felony if the injury results in miscarriage or stillbirth.

Sen. Steve Ogden, who authored the bill, said the reform is needed to target the large number of women who are battered in Texas.

"The percentage of women who while they are pregnant is alarming," Ogden said in a press release. "Still Texas is among the states, which has no civil or criminal law, which would protect women who have their babies and would penalize those who prevent their ability to deliver a child."

The bill would allow for a civil case based on a miscarriage or stillbirth resulting from a wrongful or negligent act or omission.

A third-degree felony is punishable by two years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

A second-degree felony is punishable by two years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

Simel & Lewis



By Mel

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BY BOOMER



Spade Phillips, PI

By Matt Kowalski



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The Program Advisory Committee is responsible for choosing performances and is a mixture of students, faculty, staff and members of the community.

"The Program Advisory Committee takes people from all aspects of the community and is about 20 individuals total," Orabure said.

"Students from the OPAS student committee, student executives, faculty and various members of the community work together and manage to come up with what the Brazos Valley would like and what would not only entertain, but what would educate about cultures and events from around the world."

Each spring, OPAS will sponsor Duck Race, an annual fund-raiser to raise money for the upcoming season. This year's race will be April 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rudder Fountain. According to information provided by OPAS, the race is the organization's largest fund-raiser and accumulated \$3,000 last year.

Tickets are available at the MSC Box Office before the performance nights. Students may also purchase six vouchers for any of the 27 performances for \$150 when registering for classes by telephone.

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school, so it is complicated to compare the faculties' salaries," he said.

Krumm attributes A&M faculty members' lower salaries to a combination of factors including a low level of state funding and the fact that tuition and fees are lower than most other public universities' rates.

In a press release, a representative from the Texas Faculty Association said public universities in Texas are experiencing difficulty recruiting their top candidates for faculty positions because the salaries they offer are often not competitive, especially in high-demand areas such as engineering and science.

Joe Newton, executive dean of the College of Engineering, said A&M is one of the schools that experience the lowest salaries.

"It is documented in the 2000 plan that the salaries of faculty at A&M are currently at 92 percent of other schools," Newton said. "Only have problems with the best faculty, but problems retaining our top faculty who are sent because they are better than other universities, offering more salaries."

If the rider is approved, the 76th Texas Legislature will increase salaries in the state's universities will increase the national average by the 2000-2001 academic year.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TUESDAY

Texas A&M Mens Rugby: There will be practice from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Rugby Field by the Polo Fields behind the Zachry parking lot. All male students welcome. No experience necessary. Call Lucas at 696-0789 for more information.

Future Aggie Physician Assistants: There will be a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder. Contact Lori at 696-8593 for more information.

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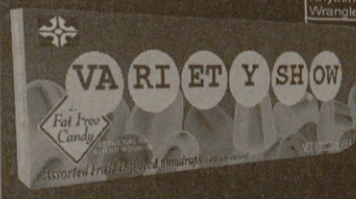
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