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News in Brief

Board of Regents to discuss funding

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents will meet Thursday and Friday in Temple. The board will vote on funding proposals from the University System's schools, including an increase in professional services, consultant contracts needed by the Special Commission on the 1999 Aggie Bonfire and student fee increases.

While in Temple, the board will dedicate the A&M College of Medicine's Medical Research Building located in Temple.

Congress could embrace much of e-commerce plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress and the Clinton administration could embrace many suggestions made by a federal e-commerce tax commission, but some business-backed recommendations are sure to encounter resistance.

The Federation of Tax Administrators, an organization of state tax officials, estimated that the tax breaks approved by the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce meeting in Dallas this week would cost states at least \$25 billion annually if enacted.

"The changes would be extremely significant to current law," Deputy Treasury Secretary Stuart Eizenstat said.

The 19 commissioners failed to gain the two-thirds majority vote necessary to formally send a full set of recommendations to Congress. But 11 members did vote to send Capitol Hill the business members' proposal that would extend a moratorium on new Internet taxes until October 2006, eliminate telephone excise taxes and permanently ban taxes on Internet access.

It also would respond to a 1993 Supreme Court ruling that said a business must have a physical presence in a state before that state's sales taxes could be applied. The proposal would

Correction

Heather Bowen's name was misspelled in Tuesday's "Awards to be presented to outstanding A&M women" and Wednesday's "Women's achievements recognized at luncheon"

FORUM

Jeff Schiefelbein, a senior management major, described his vision for A&M and his plan to strive for the Vision 2020 goal.

"I have found that I have a voice that not only the students listen to, but so do the administration and the community," Schiefelbein said. "When you get those three behind you, you can solve a lot of problems and get a lot of things done here in Bryan-College Station."

"What I would like to see is student leaders — starting with the student body president — take a step down and say 'Don't worry about my title,'" Schiefelbein said. "If we do that, Student Government is going to become the service organization it was intended to be," Forrest Lane, senior political science major, said he does not regret the challenge of leadership.

"If I walked away from here and I could say I am the best, then I have failed. If you can say when I walk away from here in a year that I was the best student body president, then I'm wrong because I haven't laid the groundwork for someone to be better than me."

"I like what I do. I love it," Lane said. "I wake up every morning and look in the mirror and say 'I like the person I am and I love the people I work with.'"

When asked what could be done to improve communication between students and the student body president, Schiefelbein proposed that the student body president be enabled to make a weekly broadcast using the campus television cable network.

"He is going to tell you the issues he has dealt with the last week, the issues he has coming up and at the end of it he is going to give you his email address, his telephone number and tell you that his door is wide open," Schiefelbein said.

Schiefelbein said he wanted his campaign to be personal,

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and they see that family atmosphere and that Aggie Spirit, that's going to say a lot for us as a school," Schiefelbein said.

Senior international studies major Brandon Garrett said he would serve as an advocate for students' views on the issue, even if they ran counter to the administration's decision.

"As student body president, you've got to get the students on this and make sure you're representing their ideas. If the University decided not to have bonfire, but the overwhelming majority of students want it, then you have to be willing to push and to start that fight for the students," Garrett said.

As a last resort, Garrett said he would even endorse efforts to continue the tradition without University sanction using private donors and resources.

"If the students want it to continue, we will have a bonfire, and I would support the student body completely, no question about it," Garrett said.

Garrett added that he was confident

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and gave his phone number to people at each of the meetings he spoke at this week.

Rosenbusch was asked for a plan to improve communication between the A&M Student Senate and the student body president.

"Communication works two ways," Rosenbusch said. "It's not just about scheduling things where we can stand and tell but where we also can listen."

Rosenbusch said he feels expanding the College of Liberal Arts and adding students to the graduate programs would create the value of degrees by A&M.

Garrett was asked about improving communication between students and faculty.

"I believe the best way to improve the communication between the students and the faculty is our student body to become proactive as possible," Garrett said. "If we have a concern our faculty or administration has not begun to address, we need to start knocking on doors. They're working for us — we are not working for them."

Lane was asked to address the issue of equality among students with different instructors within the same course.

"We need to work with departments side by side in making sure we are explaining the problems that we as students are having with particular teachers," Lane said.

"I think all of those running [for student body president] are really doing a good job addressing the important issues," Lane said. "I'm glad we are focusing on the stuff that's relevant to everyone — diversity and student-to-staff communications."

Following the student body president forum, yell leader candidates were each given the opportunity to speak.

Incumbent yell leader Bubba Moser, a junior agriculture development major, reflected on his experience in the past year.

"I hope I was able to give back this year to Texas A&M — this great school — just a little bit of what it has given me, which is so much," Moser said.

Campus Calendar

Thursday

Graduate Christian Fellowship of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (Grad IVCF): Grad students meet at 7:30 for Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and snacks. Please see our web site at <http://stat.tamu.edu/~inlow/ivcf.html> for locations and more information, or call Jen or Mark at 764-1552.

MSC Cepheid Variable: We will be holding an Aggie Con 31, Sci-fi, Fantasy, and Horror Convention from March 23-26 in the Memorial Student Center. For more information call 845-1515.

TAMU Navigators: Everyone is eagerly invited to participate in Navigators at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder 302. Contact John Scholl at 847-5884 for details.

Friday

Aggies Up All Night: There will be a 24 hour philanthropy benefit for the Children's Miracle Network in the Archery Room of the Rec Center. Contact Chelette Austin at 695-0820 for details.

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2000 AggieLand Straight Shot: There will be races to benefit Breast Cancer Awareness at Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater at 8:30 a.m.

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Monday

Alpha Zeta: There will be a general meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Kleberg 113.

Women's Week 2000 Committee: We will be having a presentation about The Women's Museum in Dallas at 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in MSC 206.

Call for Nominations

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