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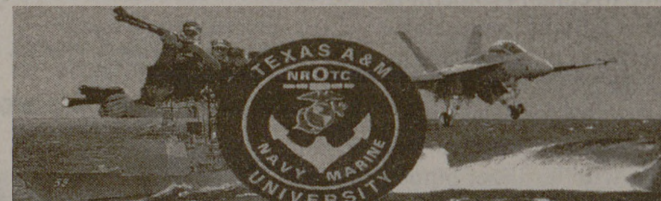


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 7:00 pm

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What: 5 K Run (Cash prize of \$75.00 for top male and top female)
 1 Mile Run/Walk
 Awards for: Gen. Registration top male and top female
 Family Caterpillar Race
 Senior's Category
 Baby Stroller Obstacle Course prize- \$50 gift cert. to Toys R Us
 Pool Party/Awards Ceremony to follow at Adamson Lagoon

When: Friday night September 28th 7:00 pm
Where: Bee Creek Park/Adamson Lagoon
Why: For a great evening of family fun and to raise funds for Aggieland Pregnancy Outreach, Inc.
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For further information please contact the Department of Student Activities (845-1133)

Politics

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Senate approves free trade with Jordan

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a timely gesture to a key Middle East friend, the Senate on Monday approved an agreement that effectively removes all trade barriers with Jordan.

The U.S.-Jordan free trade agreement, passed by a voice vote, also commits both countries to upholding worker rights and environmental standards.

The measure, already passed by the House, implements an agreement reached between the Clinton administration and Jordan last fall. The Bush administration strongly supports it.

Jordan's King Abdullah II, who is visiting the United States this week, has backed the U.S. anti-terrorist fight and "accordingly we should do whatever we can to reinforce Jordan's support," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Montana.

The first-ever trade agreement with an Arab nation "serves as a statement that our enemy is terrorism, not the Muslim world," said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-South Dakota.

U.S.-Jordan trade is small in scale, amounting to only about \$400 million last year, but the agreement has significance beyond the need to reward a valuable U.S. ally.

Jordan would become only the fourth nation, after Canada, Mexico and Israel, to enjoy a virtually tariff-free relationship with the United States.

Labor department hires A&M prof

Fills Labor position as chief economist

By COURTNEY STELZEL
 THE BATTALION

Texas A&M economics professor Dr. Morgan O. Reynolds recently was appointed chief economist in the U.S. Department of Labor, a position that makes him third in command of the department.

Reynolds currently is on unpaid leave from the University, which allows him return to his position after one year if he chooses.

Reynolds said he did not expect the appointment but seized the opportunity when it was presented.

"People behind the scenes recommended me, and the Bush administration gave me a call and offered me the position," Reynolds said.

Although this position is a political assignment by the Bush administration, Reynolds said he did not angle for the position.

"They haven't had a chief economist for a while," he said. "So I am basically shaping this new role. I am just doing various things on demand right now."

Reynolds said he did not plan for this appointment to expand him into new areas.

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 chief economist for the
 Department of Labor

can." Reynolds tried to explain what working at the Department had been like so far.

"My first Friday here [Sept.

7], we had 'numbers day'. This is when the Bureau of Labor releases numbers, such as the unemployment rate and employment numbers," Reynolds said.

The bureau announced the rate at 4.9 percent, which is up 0.4 percent from July. African-Americans had an individual unemployment rate increase of 1.2 percent in August, the largest increase on the racial profile index.

Reynolds expects the next set of numbers not to improve in the near future.

"The forthcoming numbers are likely to be bad news, but we are just responding to the current economic downturn right now," Reynolds said.

Prior to his appointment in Washington, D.C., Reynolds was a professor of economics for 27 years at A&M.

"I do plan to return to Texas A&M University," Reynolds said.

He said that extending his unpaid leave of one year, in two, is an option that he may consider in the future.

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