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be the most expensive on campus.

"We anticipate that it will be more than the modular-style," Rydl said. "But there will be many more amenities as well."

Three other corridor dorms will stay available to women.

Future feedback from students will help determine whether more residence halls should be converted into apartment style, she said.

Senior economics major, Amanda Smith, lived in Davis-Gary her freshman year and says the renovations will be a great change.

"I absolutely hated the corridor style dorms," Smith said. "I didn't like having to walk down the hall to go to the bathroom or sharing it with

a bunch of other people. I'm sure once Davis-Gary is renovated the other corridor dorms will follow."

In other business, The Board of Regents will also be deciding on changes to the system's academic freedom policy.

Some changes would shorten time limits on the processes of denying and stripping tenure, according to documents issued by the Board of Regents.

If approved, the changes would take effect at each of the A&M System's nine universities, eight state agencies and its health science center.

Other changes to the policy would give a dean the ability to place a tenured faculty member on administrative leave with pay during an investigation into misconduct.

That change would have to be approved by A&M's dean of faculties.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Confessed murderer executed for killing wife, brother

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A South Texas man who confessed to killing his common-law wife and brother, whom he suspected of having an affair, was executed Wednesday.

Leonard Rojas, 52, was asked by the warden if he had a final statement.

Rojas, wearing a white collared shirt that partially exposed his chest, responded "No."

As the lethal drugs began flowing, Rojas' eyes blinked and he pursed his lips. He took two deep breaths, then his mouth fell open and his eyes shut tightly.

He was pronounced dead at 6:17 p.m. CST, eight minutes after receiving the lethal injection.

Three of Rojas' seven surviving brothers watched the execution. Rojas' cousin, Maria Rojas, stood with her left hand pressed against the window that looks into the death chamber. Soon after Rojas took his final gasp, she whispered "He's gone."

Leonard Rojas said from death row last month that he had no regrets about shooting Jo Ann

Reed between the eyes after having one last sexual encounter with her and then turning the gun on his younger brother David Rojas.

Fire in Amish home kills 5 children

PULASKI, Pa. (AP) — A wood- and coal-burning furnace started a fire that destroyed an Amish family's wood-frame home and killed five children sleeping inside, authorities said Wednesday.

Rudy and Lizzie Wengerd escaped into the bitter cold with their four other children Tuesday night. A family friend said one of the boys leaped from the second floor and then caught his younger brother; the two other children climbed down a ladder put up by their father before the fire became too intense for a rescue.

The home was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived and a second-story room filled with children crashed into the basement, authorities said.

Killed were Katie, 14; Levi, 12; Neil, 11; John, 4; and Jonathon, 2, police said. The coroner said all died of smoke inhalation.

Authorities ruled the fire an accident involving the furnace. Of the home, only a wall and a brick chimney remained standing.

"These people lost everything they had," said Dave Ryder, 59, owner of a diner and motel who knows the family.

Companies ordered to pay for secretly videotaping athletes

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal judge has ordered eight companies and three people to pay more than \$506 million to 46 college athletes secretly videotaped in the buff, with the images sold over the Internet.

The athletes had sued over the footage. After the defendants failed to show up in court since at least 2000, a federal judge granted the students a default judgment.

The videotapes were made in locker rooms, rest rooms and showers during athletic competitions on several campuses and sold through Internet sites advertising "hot younger dudes."

"We look at this judgment as the court system sending a signal to the sexual predators that they're not going to get away with this," said attorney Cindy Fluxgold, who represents several of the athletes.

told me he had a lung infection for two to three weeks and increases the clot originating in the lung, but the fact that he complained about (pain in his leg after the operation —) about a Catch-22," Meece said.

How the clot formed would be important for Falls' family, Texas A&M sports information director Alan Cannon said Wednesday that the school has "practice and play death boxes" available for families of students who die as a result of sanctioned athletic activity.

A clot resulting from surgery stemming from a football injury likely would qualify for such benefit, while a clot resulting from a lung infection would not. Cannon said the benefit is determined by the university's insurance and risk management department.

Meece said he plans to talk with knee surgeons other than those who performed surgery on Falls on Oct. 22 and those in charge of the player's rehabilitation at A&M before signing a death certificate.

Regardless of where the injury began, though, Meece said it would not warrant a finding of accidental death.

The autopsy also showed Falls had no drugs in his system.

Falls was voted Class 5A Defensive Player of the Year by Associated Press Sports Editors

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