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Full Moon

by R.DeLuna



Candidate

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on the topic of diversity. Aside from being the vice provost for undergraduate affairs, Anderson is a professor of counselor education at North Carolina State University.

The other two candidates coming to A&M this week are Dr. Sylvia Hurtado from the University of Michigan and Dr. Ronald Rochon from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Rodney McClendon, co-chair of the vice president of diversity and associate provost for institutional diversity search committee, said that these three are not the only possible contenders for the job.

"We have three scheduled candidates," he said. "But the search will continue until we fill the position," he said.

Poland

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Slovenia, Malta and Lithuania have already approved EU membership with referendums. The Czech Republic votes next week, followed by Latvia and Estonia in September. Cyprus is leaving the decision to parliament.

Polish leaders campaigned heavily for membership, saying it would accelerate modernization in Poland, still recovering from 40 years of communist rule that ended in 1989, and end historic division in Europe.

Outside the EU, Poland, with a GDP of just 42 percent of the EU average, would never bridge the gap with the West, leaders argued.

They were opposed by a loose alliance between ultraconservative Catholics worried about an erosion of traditional values and radical farmers who warned that Poland's 2 million sustenance farms would disappear under western competition.

Dismay at poor first-day turnout of just 18 percent mobilized a grass-roots call to vote on Sunday, with EU supporters counting on the Polish habit of voting after Mass.

From their pulpits, priests in this devoutly Roman Catholic country reminded people of the importance of voting.

In Warsaw, where turnout Saturday was the highest nationally at 34 percent, people returned early from weekend homes to vote, creating a traffic jam hours earlier than the usual pattern.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Moneypox confirmed in prairie dog owners

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - Tests have confirmed that four people in Wisconsin contracted the monkeypox virus after coming into close contact with pet prairie dogs, marking the first time the disease has been discovered in the Western Hemisphere.

The findings at least partially confirm that monkeypox has caused an outbreak of rashes, fevers and chills in people across the upper Midwest since May.

Fourteen more people in Wisconsin are suspected of suffering from the virus. At least three more cases are suspected in Illinois and Indiana.

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Regents

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The building, which will be located next to Haas Hall, will be two stories and 58,000 square feet, according to Board documents, a change from the original plan of three stories and 55,000 square feet.

"If this is the first effort of the master plan, it's a good one," said Regent Lionel Sosa.

The Board also heard an update on the 78th Session of the Texas Legislature from Stanton Calvert, vice chancellor for governmental relations.

Calvert said that while a state budget is not certified yet, System

universities and agencies will see funding cuts, but the cuts will not be as large as projections originally showed.

Calvert said Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, State Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, and Rep. Fred Brown, R-College Station, made sure that the A&M University System received equitable funding treatment from the Legislature.

The Board of Regents tabled tuition increases until deregulation implications are studied further.

Gates said it is too early to tell what impact the Texas Legislature's recent actions will have on A&M due to the incomplete state budget.

Gates said he plans on draft-

ing a letter to faculty members as soon as next week regarding what programs may see funding cuts.

In Thursday's meeting, Vice Chancellor of research and federal relations Ken Peddicord updated the Board on the status of the bovine genome project.

Peddicord said the genome may be mapped in 20 to 30 months.

He said that researchers at A&M and the Baylor College of Medicine are working to complete the bovine genome because of human health and beef production implications it may have.

Once the bovine genome is complete, scientists can focus on improving milk and meat and curing human diseases, Peddicord said.

Tuition

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usual \$4 in the fall to a combined \$96 per semester credit hour, which is far less than deregulation critics and A&M officials expected.

Gates said that deregulation is necessary in part because state support has declined during the past decade.

In 1992, revenue accounted for 45 percent of A&M's expenditures. A decade later that number dropped to 32 percent.

"That is a 13 percent decline in state support," Gates said.

During the next two years A&M will lose \$3 million to state budgets, which is better than what was predicted earlier this year.

As the state Legislature pounded out budget issues the past few months, Gates had said that some A&M departments could face possible cuts or elimination.

Gates said the University plans to scrub low-

priority programs, despite the cuts. However, he said last week that the University will move \$20 million from weaker programs to stronger ones.

Gates said his goal to hire 100 more faculty members during the next year as part of Vision 2020 is a major part of why the University is going through with budget reallocations.

"You certainly can't pay a professor in 2001 what you paid them in 1992," he said.

Gates said the \$20 million that will fund the new faculty is not enough.

A&M also faces a \$3 million deficit from the current fiscal year and the allocated funds will be used to pay unpaid expenses, such as utility bills and faculty costs, Gates said.

"People know we take seriously the burden we are working with to reallocate resources internally," he said. "We want to keep the burden as light as we can by hiring new faculty."

Gates said it will take two or three weeks to figure out how much A&M will spend during the next two years.

Leases

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University Commons offers a specific semester lease only on its two bedroom, one and a half bath apartments for \$55 extra per month per person, said leasing agent Elizabeth Neiford.

Renting out apartments for only six months leaves a lot of empty apartments for the spring semester, which has a negative impact on the businesses themselves.

Although special arrangements have been made, those graduating in December are con-

sidered on a case-by-case basis.

"We've made exceptions, and we're trying to stop," said Jamie Woodall of Scandia apartments. "We're trying to close openings in December, so we've allowed renewals on a month-to-month basis for a fee."

Pishner suggested one way to solve the problem would be to set up a university service that matches fall interns with December graduates and allow one to sublease for the other.

But a database like this would be difficult for the off-campus housing office to set up with such slim access to the information, Bierman said.

Off-campus housing currently provides a service called Aggie Search, which allows students to advertise a roommate or sublease search. This site can be found under the Off-Campus Students section of the Student Life page on Texas A&M's Web site.

"I'd heard before that it's a real hassle trying to find a place because there are only a few that do six-month leases," Fowler said. "It's just very difficult because it's common to graduate at an off time, and it seems that they could be more accommodating to students in a college town."

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