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Full Moon

by R. DeLuna



Performance

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new revenues from the \$4 increase in tuition approved this spring and the enhancement fee approved last year, the University still has more than \$20 million in fiscal requirements above and beyond the revenue provided by the state," Gates said in the memo.

Salary increases, higher utility costs and fire safety upgrades, along with debt from previous years, contribute to the University's \$20 million deficit, Gates said.

Johnson said all colleges and offices across the University experienced budget cuts to compensate for these increases in expenses and the reduction in state funding.

"Decisions about the budget cuts were based on the quality of the department and its centrality in terms of the role the department played in delivering core curriculum instruction and other contributions to the college and University," he said.

Gates said efforts will be made to minimize layoffs and cuts that are related to financial assistance to students, such as student worker positions.

"We will do our best to avoid cuts that affect the quality of student life," he said.

Performance studies offers Bachelor of Arts degrees in music and theater arts, along with minors in both fields.

Correction

In Monday's front page story "A&M summer enrollment drops," this year's summer session two enrollment figures fell by more than 700 students.

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"Why Are You Naked?"

By I. FLORES



Liberia

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with automatic rifle in hand.

At the airport, excited crowds waited at the edges of the airstrip clutching hand-lettered signs proclaiming "Peace at last." When the Nigerians arrived, about 300 people evaded security and ran onto the tarmac, lifted a smiling Nigerian Col. Onwuama Egbu Emeka onto their shoulders and carried him around.

Civilians in Monrovia milled about on the road to the airport during lulls in the fighting, watching for the peacekeepers.

"I want to see them with my own eyes," said Bangalu Wonwondor, a former farmer who has been a refugee since 1999. "And when I do, even though I have no food, my belly will be big and I will be happy."

That is likely to take a while.

The first peacekeepers concentrated on setting up defenses at the airport. And troops won't move into Monrovia until sufficient numbers arrive, the

force's Nigerian commander, Brig. Gen. Festus Okonkwo, told reporters.

In New York, U.N. peacekeeping official Hedi Annabi said just deploying the first 850-soldier Nigerian battalion and its equipment would take until Aug. 17. The United States is to begin flying in the second Nigerian battalion around Aug. 15, Annabi said.

West African peacekeeping troops deployed repeatedly in Liberia in the 1990s, at times coming under attack from forces led by Taylor, then a rebel leader.

Nigerian officers at the airport said they will operate under rules of engagement, authorizing them to shoot to protect civilians or themselves.

"If we want to keep peace and we cannot keep peace, it will amount to enforcing peace," Okonkwo said. "Then we'll get back to the people that sent us. They will give us the mandate."

The West African deployment was authorized last week by the U.N. Security Council, which also approved a U.S.-proposed resolution to speed a broader U.N. peacekeeping force within months.

Energy

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with a far better system than if we try to do it ourselves. We want to find useful ways to conserve energy that people will respond to."

Suggestions for involving students in the program were submitted through the Eisenhower Program, a group of multidisciplinary students who are given special projects, and a public relations media course through Journalism 357.

The report suggests providing budgetary benefits and recognition to employees who participate in the effort. It also recommends educating the campus community on heating, ventilation and air conditioning costs, and familiarizing them with behaviors that conserve energy.

Examples of suggestions made in the report are putting computers and copiers in sleep mode over the weekend and turning off lights in

unused areas.

The recommended budget for the first year of operations is \$5,000, Weese said. It will pay for advertising and a slogan contest that will kick off the program.

The report also suggests widely broadcasted testimonials about the importance of energy conservation. A hotline for reporting energy waste and a Web site where feedback can be entered were also mentioned as possible ideas.

The Web site could include a chat room, and Neo e-mail updates in the form of a newsletter, Weese said.

"People will be more responsive if they are well-informed about progress that is being made," he said.

The report stated that definite steps must be taken to dispel an erroneous, but apparently pervasive, belief that A&M is not following good energy practices and has done little to update its systems. Weese said the Energy Systems Lab and

the people who work at the physical plant have done a good job conserving energy.

He said retrofits for more efficient lighting have made a big impact on energy savings. "Unoma Ndili," a graduate student in electrical engineering, said raising awareness of the need to conserve energy is a good idea.

She said helpful information and ideas on how to save energy should be communicated to students.

Ndili said she saw a broken water pipe on her way home one day, but did not know who to talk to or what number to call to get it fixed. If she had known the number, she said, the University could have saved some money.

Heidi Threadgill, a senior wildlife and fisheries major, said she likes the idea of getting students involved.

"Students are more likely to get involved if they are encouraged by other students to take action," she said.

Church

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Lewis said he had met Robinson at a church event "a couple of years ago" and "he put his hands on me inappropriately every time I engaged him in conversation," Lewis wrote.

In addition, current New Hampshire Bishop Douglas Theuner said in a statement that the investigation would look at "concerns raised about Canon Robinson" involving "his relationship to a Web site of outright.org," a secular outreach program for gay and bisexual youth.

Solheim said he did not know how long the investigation would take or if the vote would take place before the church's national meeting ends on Friday.

Robyn Cotton, an Episcopalian in Concord, N.H., and a supporter of Robinson, called the allegations "preposterous."

"This is horrible. It's character assassination," Cotton said. "It's just horrible. It is so unnecessary."

Robinson needs approval from delegates to the church's General Convention to become bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire. His candidacy drew intense opposition from conservatives, who said they would consider breaking away from the church if he was confirmed.

Robinson, a 56-year-old divorced father of two, has been attending the convention with his daughter and partner of 13 years, Mark Andrew.

On Sunday, the House of Deputies, a legislative body comprised of clergy and lay people from dioceses nationwide, approved Robinson by a 2-to-1 margin; a committee endorsed him by secret ballot Friday.

The House of Bishops, comprised of bishops from around the country, had been scheduled to vote on whether to ratify the election on Monday. It is not known when the vote would now be held.

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