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MAYBE IF YOU WEREN'T USING THE REFLECTION IN MY EYES TO PLAY VIDEO GAMES... IT'S HARDER TO SEE THE SCREEN WHEN YOU SCOWL LIKE THAT...

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YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING DISNEY MOVIES AGAIN, HAVEN'T YOU?
YEAH.

DUNNBOYZ

by Will Lloyd

TODAY'S DUNN BOYZ IS DEFERRED IN THE MEMORY OF CHRIS LAWLER...

Regents

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KPRC Investigative Producer Brian Sasser, Wynn said the aircraft was necessary for her to conduct her duties as a regent.

"My obligations as a mother, a physician and a regent require the efficient use of my time and more scheduling flexibility than provided by the limited airline service to College Station," Wynn said.

Wynn said she is confident that her travel arrangements meet state and University regulations.

"It is impossible to have a fair comparison of the regents' travel arrangements without factoring in their occupations, the availability of private means of transportation and the amount and type of airline service available in each community," Wynn said.

David Margulies, public relations representative for Wynn, said that KPRC's report is inaccurate and not a thorough analysis of how system aircraft is used or budgeted.

Corps

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Huffman and Tobin will focus on recruiting and retaining cadets. The recruitment process starts with inviting high school students to spend the night with the Corps on a given weekend.

Huffman said the Corps wants to recruit quality cadets, which Tobin said means cadets who have a desire to be at A&M.

"We want to get guys and girls who will come in here and make a difference, make an impact on the Corps, make an impact on the University," Huffman said. "The freshmen are the life-blood, so we'd like to keep them around."

Tobin said being the future deputy Corps commander reminded him of a quote from the book of Proverbs in the Bible.

"Humility before honor," Tobin said. "We're servants of the Corps now."

Huffman said he wants to get commissioned in the U.S. Army or attend law school after graduation.

Tobin said he is still trying to decide whether to take a contract after graduation or enter the workforce.

Justin Woods, public relations officer for the Corps of Cadets, said he is looking forward to the Huffman-Tobin administration.

"They're both outstanding characters and humble leaders," he said.

"KPRC's analysis is so fatally flawed that if they put that in front of a business they would be fired," Margulies said. "(Wynn) is a physician, she's highly qualified and she's not wealthy, and so if you want people to be on your board from a wide variety of the community, this is one of the issues you have to face."

According to the KPRC report, University of Texas regents spent \$25,000 on air travel and University of Houston regents spent \$13,000 during the same time period.

Fred Brown, District 14 Texas state representative, said the money does come from state taxpayers, but that A&M regents need the plane to get to rural A&M campuses that are difficult to reach with a commercial carrier.

"UT and UH are in huge metroplex areas, and all of A&M campuses are in rural areas," Brown said.

Brown said he did not find the amount spent on regent travel to be surprising or unusual.

"As a legislator I would like to know the details, and I'm sure there's an explanation for it," Brown said.

Audit

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L. Murphy Smith, professor of accounting and director of A&M's internal auditing program, said internal auditing of other companies requires external oversight.

"Large publicly traded companies have internal auditing departments," he said. "In addition, publicly traded companies must still have an external audit by an independent CPA firm."

Internal auditing, Smith said, assists management of an organization in promoting operational efficiency, adherence to organizational policies and government regulations, safeguarding assets and ensuring the accuracy and reliability of accounting records.

Tom Taylor, assistant vice president for finance at A&M, said the state wants to ensure that the institution is operating efficiently.

"The state wants to make sure the students are getting the value for their educational dollar," he said. "As far as we're concerned, we are operating as we should."

Taylor said the University is not making any special preparations for the audit.

"You can do a lot of unnecessary work leading up to such a thing," he said.

Taylor said that the University is not worried about the audit.

"We will wait and see what it is they want to review," Taylor said. "We look forward to cooperating with the state."

Clarification

In a Feb. 17 page 1 article, ConocoPhillips cited an interest in enhancing its relationship with Texas A&M and supporting students by assisting them with educational costs and providing internship opportunities. The initial award is \$2,500 per semester or \$5,000 per year. The scholarship is available to geoscience, business and engineering majors.

Design

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and exploratory research and design project toward developing a safer, sustainable and user-friendly school bus for the nation's children.

"It is estimated that in 1996, 23.6 million children were transported to and from school each day," Mann said. "In 2001, there were almost 608,000 school-related (church, industrial and other) buses in service in the U.S.A."

Mann said he had never been on a school bus until recently.

"When I saw a bus accident in the fall, children were flying all over the place," he said. "I decided to put a project together to build a safer, sustainable, user-friendly school bus."

He also said that if seat belts are built in, people might say that children may use them as weapons.

Junior environmental design major Heidi Sanders designed a bus called The sCHOOL Bus. It took her two weeks to design it and one week to build a model.

"My bus includes seat belts, exterior cameras, a centralized driver, recycled rubber tires, a natural lighting system, armrest power outlets, fold-down lap desks and a monitor beside the driver," she said.

Her bus is divided into study and social areas. The study area is for students to finish as much homework as possible before they get home. The driver is centered in the front of the bus and the exit door is at the back of the bus so students will not walk in front of the bus.

Vanessa Ortega, a junior environmental design major, designed a bus called the B.F.R.E.E. bus, which stands for "fun, reliable energy efficient," she said.

"Each student has their own seat, and there is a monitor besides the driver on the bus to make sure the students behave," she said.

Spectators who looked at the models said they were impressed with what they saw.

"These students are very creative and very inventive. They design the projects, and our engineering students handle the numbers and math such as the safety per unit dollar," said mechanical engineering professor Bill Schneider.

Mann said he hopes these designs will be used in the future.

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