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Tuition rates to increase

Bad news for college students, good news for colleges

It was bad news for college students but good news for state colleges and universities when the Texas House passed legislation that would more than quadruple tuition rates by the end of this decade.

If the bill clears the Senate and is signed into law by Gov. Mark White, students at all public colleges and universities, including medical and dental schools, will be shocked with tuition rates this fall that are at least double the current rates.

New revenue generated by the proposed tuition increase would go to offset proposed cuts in college funding now being considered by legislative budget writers. Those cuts probably will range from 4 percent to 6 percent.

Under the bill passed by the House, which was sponsored by the chairman of the House Committee on Higher Education, Wilhelmina Delco, Texas residents enrolled in undergraduate and most graduate programs at state universities would see a tuition increase from $4 to $8 per semester hour beginning this fall, with an additional increase to $12 per semester hour for the 1986-87 school year.

Tuition would then increase $2 per year until it reaches $20 per semester hour.

Non-resident and foreign students would get even a bigger hike, from $40 to $120 per semester hour, for 1985-86 and to $180 per hour for 1986-87. Their rates would then go to 100 percent of cost.

The bill also calls for law students and graduate students in architecture and engineering to pay twice the undergraduate rate.

Medical and dental students also would see the cost of their education increase, with resident students eventually paying $6,400 per semester, compared to the current rate of $400. Non-residents would pay roughly twice that rate.

Some 25 percent of all new tuition revenue would be set aside for need-based scholarships and emergency loans so the increased fees would not price low-income students out of a college education.

Open containers

While the House was socking it to the pocketbooks of college students, the Senate was striking a blow against Texans who enjoy sipping a cold brew while driving down the highway.

The Senate gave quick approval to legislation that would outlaw drinking while driving.

In 1983, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and other supporters of the driving while intoxicated crackdown had pushed for a ban on drinking while driving when the Legislature adopted tough new laws on DWI.

However, the Senate did not give those groups the strict open containers ban they wanted. The bill approved by the Senate applies only to the driver of an automobile. Passengers still can "pop a top" in the car, and drivers caught with an open container would be subject only to a Class C misdemeanor.

Critics of the new language say it will do little to prevent a driver from simply passing his drink to a passenger if stopped by a police officer.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Mattox acquittal

Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox was reveling in his acquittal on charges of commercial bribery, and putting forth a very diplomatic front for a man who has rarely spared harsh words on his enemies.

Being very conciliatory, Mattox sent a letter to the Fulbright & Jaworski law firm assuring their attorneys that they will get fair treatment from the Attorney General's Office despite the charges leveled against Mattox.

It was the Houston law firm that claimed Mattox threatened to destroy their bond business if they did not stop attempts to question his sister in connection with the state's lawsuit against Mobil Oil Corp.

Fulbright & Jaworski was representing Mobil in that case.

Austin politicos said Mattox's conciliatory attitude was as astute political move on the part of the attorney general. Vindictiveness might have been perceived poorly by the voters, compounding the damage already done by the trial and publicity that surrounded the case, those politicos said.

Blue law repeal

Lawmakers may finally lay the perennial debate over the so-called Texas "blue law" to rest this session.

The House Committee of Business and Commerce has given its approval to legislation repealing the 1961 law that prohibits the sale of some 42 different items on consecutive Saturdays and Sundays.

The repeal bill still would require car dealers to close on Sundays, a provision put in the bill at the car dealers' request.

Other provisions of the bill include protections to ensure that employees cannot be forced to work on Sundays if they do not want to and to guarantee each worker one day off each week.

Small retailers located in shopping malls also would be protected from being forced to open Sundays if major department stores in those malls opt to do so. Many mall leases require all stores in the mall to maintain the same hours as the so-called "anchor stores."

Corpus Christi Rep. Hugo Berlanga, sponsor of the bill, said his polling of House members is running about two to one in favor of the repeal.

Water recycling–the future is here

ON THE HORIZON
Looking to the future in Business

We rarely think about the water we drink every day — an average of two gallons per person. Vast oceans and other waterways appear to offer far more water than we will ever need.

Unfortunately, fresh water actually makes up less than three percent of the world's water supply, and over 60 percent of that lies frozen. As a result, less than one percent of all the world's water goes for use in homes, industry and agriculture. To complicate the situation, unpredictable or harsh weather conditions affect how the water supply is distributed throughout the world.

Although most Americans have long been aware of serious water shortages in the Middle East and African desert areas, we have always taken our own water supply for granted. As a result of increased public awareness about pollution, however, we now realize that water is not in endless supply in the United States.

In fact, we are rapidly using up this resource. According to the Department of the Interior, surface and ground water resources are seriously diminished in at least one-third of the country. Although logic might tell us that the Southwestern states suffer the most serious water shortages, reality proves that the shortage threatens the entire Midwestern breadbasket, as well as other parts of the nation.

Statistics show the depletion of our country's water supply proceedings at an astronomical rate. The Department of the Interior predicts by the year 2000 — just 15 years from now — more than 70 percent of the gross national water supply must come from re-use of renovated wastewaters.

Apart from agriculture, industry uses the largest amount of water in the United States. Today, industrial wastewater can be cleaned and clarified so a high percentage can be re-used again and again in an industrial environment. Currently, industry recycles as much as 75 percent to 90 percent of wastewater that would other wise be thrown away — and water recycling is still considered to be in its infancy!

The water recycling industry saves significant amounts of energy by sending the water back for re-use while still hot. New technology also allows us to assist with pollution control by removing contaminants before they are discharged into lakes and rivers. Of course, the water recycling industry takes a great deal of pride in helping to successfully conserve the world's dwindling water supply.

Water recycling units are spread across the entire nation, from northern Alaska all the way down to Antarica. Expressions of interest in U.S. water recycling systems come from as far away as Japan and the Persian Gulf, emphasizing the growing concert throughout the world for better water recycling equipment. Units vary in size from only one gallon per minute up to 700 gallons per minute, and constantly improving technology will help increase the capacity even more in the near future. Water recycling already serves heavy industry, hotels, hospitals, community housing and governmental installations.

The future for water recycling looks very strong. The industry concentrates much effort on testing newly developed applications for consumer and industrial use. One of the newest applications for water renovation is in the agricultural field, specifically raw wool processing.

Textiles, oil and chemicals, metal working and food processing all offer opportunities for water recycling. Each of these industries produces a waste stream similar to larger heavy industries, and all use enormous amounts of water. In a short time, smaller industries will re-use renovated wastewaters as often as heavy industry.

Future developments in water recycling include small skid mounted, source-specific, in-plant treatment modules. These new systems will remove contaminants from particular process streams within a facility before the become blended with other types of pollutants generated elsewhere in the plant.

All in all, the water recycling industry looks forward to making a significant contribution to conserving the world's precious water supply. By effectively recycling vast quantities of industrial and other wastewaters, the water recycling industry aims to protect the drinking water supply for this and future generations.

Museum Notes

One of my greatest joys is talking with people in Eagle Lake. I continue to be surprised and yes - disappointed upon discovering that so few of our citizens have visited our Prairie Edge Museum. Just give it a try, and I beleive you will be glad that you did. We are so eager for teachers and other community leaders to make arrangements with us for guided tours. On April 1 the Colorado County Association of Retired Teachers is scheduled to meet at the museum. Members of this organization include retired teachers from Garwood, Ellinger, Weimar, Columbus, and Eagle Lake.

Have any of you ever played an old pump organ? I have and I can verify that the sounds produced are very much appreciated because of the energy necessary to produce them. Gerald Clipson has given us such an organ which he bought several years ago at an antique auction in Wallis. He does not know the estate from which it came. The organ was made by the A.B. Chase Co. of New York. It is in need of repairs if it is to become playable, however, it is an interesting object for display, especially the notations on the organ stops such as, "Echo Horn," "Vox Celesta," and "Viol Etherea."

Beverly Taylor has donated a beautiful wood and glass display case from the estate of the late Addie Taylor.

One of our display cases entitled Rural Life has six large photographs of scenes from the J.W. & Earl Carter Farm and Ranch near Bonus. These interesting pictures are in our museum through the courtesy of Leonard Walker.

Another case contains the history of the "Incorporation of Eagle Lake in 1888." This history was photocopied from the minutes of the Commissioner's Court of Colorado County. In this same case is a list of all of our mayoral terms with the following serving more than once: Captain J.W. McCarty, Walter S. Strickland, E.L. Mooney, Harold W. Thomas, and Elmer Struss. Those serving for one term were J.J. Mansfield, A.M. Waugh, J.C. Register, P.P. Putney, Henry C. Thomas, R.T. Westmoreland, W.E. Welford, H.W. Graves, Emmanuel Roos, E.H. Shirley, and Allen D. Cassady.

—Elizabeth Boothe, reporter

1986 quilt contest rules for Houston livestock show

Because 1986 is the year of the Texas Sesquicentennial, the Area Go-Texan quilt contest will be very special. The hope for this contest is not only to create a beautiful quilt for competition, but more importantly, to create a piece of history which will forever be a reminder for your county of this important year in Texas history.

The rules and regulations will be somewhat different that the rules for 1985. Please make careful note of these changes:

1. There will be no sizes specified for 1986.
2. There must be a written dialogue of the history of each county to accompany the quilt.
3. The dialogue must be no more than three (3) double-spaced typewritten pages.
4. There will be four categories of quilts: people, places, events, complete portrayal of county history.
5. The quilts may be appliqued, pieced, or any combination of quilty techniques.
6. The quilts must be quilted by hand and no kits may be used.
7. The quilts may have been done by a group or by an individual.
8. The quilts will be judged on the following criteria: workmanship, overall appearance, and creativity in portraying the history of the county.
9. Quilt entries will be due in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo offices no later than December 1, 1985 and the quilt must be delivered to the offices no later than February 1, 1986.

The Best of Show quilt will be displayed at the State Fair of Texas in October 1986.

If you plan to enter, please call Randa Simmons 732-6848.

Ellinger School to hold reunion on April 14

The Ellinger School Reunion will be held April 14 in Ellinger. The Shaws Bend school is invited to attend and reminisce with friends.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and old pictures or books for the special event.

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The County of Colorado, Texas shall conduct a Public Hearing to advise the public about the Texas Community Development Program as administered by the Texas Department of Community Affairs, and to obtain citizen views and comments for a proposed application for Community Development Project Funds.

The Public Hearing shall be held as follows:

DATE: April 1, 1985

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Community Center
Sheridan, Texas

AGENDA: 1. Presentation on funding available and eligible activities
2. Community Needs Assessment Discussion
3. Citizen comments

If unable to attend, send comments by mail to Colorado County, County Courthouse, Columbus, Texas, 78934.

County Courthouse Report

DISTRICT COURT
SUITS FILED

Patti Wolf-Tijerina vs. Ray C. Tijerina; divorce; 3-11-85.

Leo Vestin Ryza vs. Edwinne Pauline Ryza; divorce; 3-12-85.

Linda Ebarra Sosa vs. David Michael Sosa; divorce; 3-14-85.

Annie Marie Porter vs. Charles Lester Porter; divorce; 3-15-85.

Sierra Production Co. vs. C. Michael McGlothin and Michele McGlothlin; suit concerns surface use agreement; 3-15-85.

Emil Magjarevich; dba Emil's Wedding Service, vs. Jesse Byrd Crushers, Inc.; suit on account; 3-18-85.

Troy and Aline McQueen, as next friends of Rick Anthony Restivo and Alan Wayne Restivo, vs. M-G, Inc.; suit concerns personal injury; 3-22-85.

Denise Alane Kusey vs. Ray Kusey; divorce; 3-22-85.

Sheryl Kay Denley vs. Floyd Roosevelt Denley Sr., divorce; 3-22-85.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Clarence E. Davidson III, 21, Calumet City, Ill. (an Eagle Lake native), and Caroline Morgan, 19, Eagle Lake; 3-13-85.

Frankie John Sembera, 60, Houston, and Bernice Walker Freytag, 55, Flatonia; 3-15-85.

Keith Allan Matura, 19, and Diana Lynne Vesely, 23, both of Sealy; 3 -18-85.

Clarence Williams Jr., 33, Columbus, and Gloria Renay Caldwell, 26, Alleyton; 3-19-85.

Jeffrey Anthony Maertz, 26, Alleyton, and Celeta Joy Konescheck, 21, Sealy; 3-22-85.

REAL ESTATE
DEED TRANSFERS

Deed, Lissie Housemoving to Eagle Lake House Moving; land in blk. 47, Eagle Lake; 2-25-85.

Deed, Gloria Kautz to W. Doug Koneshock et ux; 39.07 acres, B.F. McMillian Survey; 2-27-85.

Deed, David Kautz to W. Doug Koneshock et ux; 39.07 acres, B. F. McMillian Survey; 2-27-85.

Quit claim deed, Mortgage Funding Corporation to G. E. Shoemake et al; 10.4 acres, Sandy Creek Development; 8-1-84.

Gift deed, Elwertha Chollett to Elizabeth Lorene Badgerow; 0.369 acres, E. Tumlinson Survey; 3-4-85.

Deed, Willie Moore et al to Myrtle Moore; land in Colorado County; 3-4-85.

Partition deed, Otto E. Kahlden Jr., trustee et al to Allen A. Hill et ux; 465.21750 acres, S.M. Williams Survey; 2-25-85.

Partition deed, Otto E. Kahlden Jr., trustee et al to Allen A. Hill et ux et al undivided interest to; 212.926 acres, S.M. Williams Survey; 2-25-85.

Partition deed, Allen A. Hill et al to Otto E. Kahlden Jr. trustee et al; 562.4365 acres, S.M. Williams Survey; 2-25-85.

Deed, Allen A. Hill et al to Otto E. Kahlden Jr. trustee et al; 2.809 acres, S.M. Williams Survey; 2-25-85.

Deed, Allen A. Hill et al to Otto E. Kahlden Jr. trustee et al; 4.006 acres, Robert Cunningham Survey; 2-25-85.

Deed, Otto E. Kahlden Jr., trustee to Veterans Land Board; 10 acres, I&GNRR Co. Survey; 2-28-85.

Deed, Veterans Land Board to William F. Grissom; 10 acres, I&GNRR Co. Survey; 4-1-85.

Deed, O.K. Enterprises Inc. to James Edward Caraway et ux; part of lot 8 blk. 42, Weimar; 3-1-85.

Gift deed, Ellie Kveton to Marcia Lee Thompson; NE one-third lot 1, 2 & 3 blk. 2, Highland Park Addition; 3-4-85.

Gift deed, Gordon Richter Sr et ux to Gordon L. Richter Jr. et al undivided interest to-wit; 103.35 acres, Daniel Gilleland League; 2-12-85.

Deed, Mary Elizabeth Pitonyak et al to Edward E. Nay; 8 acres, Colorado County; 11-29-84.

Deed, Emma Lee Walton et al to Edward E. Nay; 8 acres, Colorado County; 11-29-84.

Deed, Thomas Charles Pettus et al to Robert Smith; land in blk. 25, Westmoreland Addition; 1-11-85.

Deed, Robert Smith to Domingo H. Castillo et ux; land in blk 25, Westmoreland Addition; 2-8-85.

Deed, Al G. Reading et al to Daphene M. Reading undivided interest; land in Eagle Lake; 2-21-85.

Deed, Daphene M. Reading to Al G. Reading et al undivided interest; land in Colorado County; 2-20-85.

OIL, GAS LEASES

Edna May Rankin to The Louisiana Land & Exploration Co.; 5 acres, HE&WTRR Co. Survey; 11-16-84.

Harry C. Engstrom et al to Everest Minerals Corporation; 123.60 acres, I&GNRR Co. Survey; 10-15-84.

Howard W. Engstrom to Everest Minerals Corporation; 123.60 acres, I&GNRR co. Survey; 10-15-84.

L.J. Schilling to Everest Minerals Corporation; 16.91 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey; 1-29-85.

Alvin Gerbermann et ux to Everest Minerals Corporation; 41.95 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey; 1-29-85.

Catherine Folse LeDuff to Alamo Exploration Co.; 10 acres, A.W. McClain & James McNair Survey; 8-9-84.

Nathan O. Folse to Chapman Oil Co.; 10 acres, A.W. McClain & James McNair Survey; 2-4-85.

Charles W. DeShazo to Roy R. Gardner; 10 acres, John Moyer Survey; 10-31-84.

Ernest Ivan Barta to Roy R. Gardner; lots 1, 2, 3, 5, & 6 blk. 10; Sheridan; 1-4-85.

Ralph D. Looney to Roy R. Gardner; 20 acres, Amos R. Alexander Survey; 2-11-85.

Billy B. Mayes et ux to Auburn Enterprises Inc.; 64.9928 acres, I&GNRR Co. Survey; 12-23-84.

Leah Head to Cenergy Exploration Co.; 104.695 acres, L. Macherly Survey; 2-6-85.

Vertis M. Meseche to Cenergy Exploration Co.; 21.096 acres, Ludwig Mackerly Survey; 1-11-85.

Lucille King to Cenergy Exploration Co.; 83.6 acres, Ludwick Mackerly Survey; 1-11-85.

Karen O'Brien Pfluger, trustee for Reic Pfluger & Michael Pfluger, 160 acres, I&GNRR Co. Survey; 9-7-84.

James Sanford Spates to TXO Production Corp.; 50.53 acres, Joseph Grant Survey; 5-25-84.

Jack Pendleton Hopkins to The Louisiana Land & Exploration; 155 acres, C.P. Hopkins Survey; 12-18-84.

George W. Young et ux to Lincoln Oil & Gas Inc.; 151 acres, James G. O'Farrell League; 2-15-85.

S.G. Pence et ux to Shanley Oil Co.; 10 acres, C. Hutchins Survey; 1-11-85.

William Edwin Petty to Shanley Oil Co.; 10 acres, Waco Manufacturing Co. Survey; 1-16-85.

Roy M. Heffley et ux et al to Shanley Oil Co.; 252.89 acres, Waco Manufacturing Co. Survey; 1-29-85.

Jerry Coble et ux to Shanley Oil Co.; 2.066 acres, C. Hutchins Survey; 1-21-85.

Ray J. Bridges et ux to Shanley Oil Co.; 13.3 acres, C. Hutchins Survey; 1-21-85.

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