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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD: MASSIVE BUDGET CUTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

The legislative budget board has proposed to the Texas legislature that it cut massively the budgets of UH/CL and other universities. If the legislature adopts the recommendations, UH/CL's budget would be 28.5% smaller next year than this. In a response to this possibility printed in local newspapers and the UHCLidian, Chancellor Stauffer said, in part, that "we would have to close our doors on at least 2,000 students who want to attend the university, and close entire academic and research programs. We would probably mothball buildings and in the process, erase years of steady institutional progress." Stauffer added, however, that "I simply do not believe that the Legislature will sustain the LBB recommendations."

And therein lies the problem. Stauffer and others have failed to take the situation seriously enough. The fact is that the State faces a one billion dollar budget shortfall, caused in part by the continued recession in the oil and gas business. In addition, the LBB proposed an increase of \$697 million to the Texas Department of Corrections because the State is under a U.S. District Court order to enact much needed reforms. Even if the eventual cut in UH/CL's budget is 10%, or even 5%, the situation will be serious. To sustain our efforts to bring quality education to the people of this area we need a large increase, not a decrease.

We will almost certainly be facing a tuition increase, which will be no help to our enrollment problem.

Why is the LBB proposing to cut higher education rather than lower levels? The answer is simple: they are organized and we are not. We need a union so large as to be the formidable political force that the Texas Federation of Teachers is for k-12 teachers. Take the first step and join our Guild today; fill out and return the membership application below.

UH/CL ADMINISTRATIVE COST INCREASES.

You will note that in his statement to the press about the LBB recommendations, Chancellor Stauffer made no mention of any need to cut administrative costs should the legislature follow the LBB's suggestions. Instead:

1.) UH/CL Administration Cost Increases.

Total Administration Costs (General Administration, General Institutional, and those portions of Student Services fees devoted to institutional administration):

FY 1982-3	\$1,686,648			
FY 1983-4	2,139,238	percent in-	26.8%	} (2 years) 33.4%
FY 1984-5	2,250,461	crease per year	5.2%	

2.) UH/CL Administrative Costs versus Administrative Costs at Comparable Institutions:

	<u>UH/CL</u>	<u>Angelo St.</u>	<u>E. Texas St.</u>	<u>W. Texas St.</u>
1984-5 total admin. costs	\$2,250,461	\$1,439,720	\$2,385,287	\$1,740,038
Enrollment (1983 prelim'ry)	6,498	6,345	7,578	6,823
Cost per headcount	\$346.33	\$226.91	\$314.76	\$255.03

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YES, I wish to join the UH/CL Guild, Texas United Faculty, Local 4033, AFT, on the under that in special circumstances my membership can be anonymous.

signed: _____ (printed name, if signature illegible)

Send to Curt Smith, 309, or Bruce Palmer, 281. We will call you to explain membership and the dues procedures.

WELCOME.