

Upcoming Texas Legislature Bill Crucial To Grad Students

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The Texas Legislature plans to introduce a bill this week which is very crucial to A&M's Graduate Student Council.

The bill would permit graduate students to choose their own retirement plan rather than having to mandatorily join the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS).

"If a student works for the university as lab technician or teaching or research assistant, he must join the TRS," said Dick Zepeda, president of the Graduate Student Council.

"The TRS takes out six percent of his salary and when the student graduates or quits his job he gets his money back but with only two and one half per cent interest."

Unlike the students, the faculty has an option to join either the TRS or a private retirement plan. The bill, if passed, would give students the same option.

Under a private plan the state matches the student's six per cent with an equal amount which can, in some cases, be withdrawn when the student leaves. In addition, the student can collect five or six per cent interest on his money.

The main opposition to the bill will probably come from the TRS which stands to lose members if the bill is passed.

"Only 15 per cent of those who join the TRS ever retire on it," said Zepeda. "A retirement plan where only 15 per cent retire and the rest collect only two and one half per cent interest doesn't seem very fair to me."

The bill is going to be intro-

duced in the House by Representative Larry Bales of Travis County and by Senator Charles Herring, also of Travis County, in the Senate.

To support the bill, the GSC is planning to circulate a petition asking support.

"We're going to send a copy of the petition to all our department representatives," said Zepeda, "and the GSC has a representative

in every department.

"There are over 3,000 graduate students at A&M so we should get over 3,000 signatures."

Paul Turner, a member of the student senate, has put the topic on the agenda for the next senate meeting, asking endorsement and then plans to ask endorsement from the GSC.

For those wishing to see a copy of the draft before signing the

petition, a copy is in the Reserve Room of the Library under EE 331.

Zepeda urged anybody in favor of the bill to write his representative and senator urging support.

"I personally see a lot of support," said Zepeda. "This is one law out of so many that directly affects us; we should feel obligated to make a stand."

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Resolution Awaits Approval

Women's Housing Issue Faces Senate

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Additional women's housing will be one of the main issues for debate in Thursday's Senate meeting.

The topic, a popular one to many students, will be presented to the Senate in the form of a resolution asking A&M President Jack K. Williams to do all he can to open up lower-cost housing for women on the civilian side of the campus.

The resolution asking for expanded housing reads:

Whereas, in 1972 Texas A&M

University housed female students on campus for a regular semester, and

Whereas, in 1973 requests for on-campus female housing will far outnumber available allotted spaces, and

Whereas, such an inadequacy will prevent the admission of significant numbers of highly-qualified students of both sexes, and

Whereas, female students desire and of right ought to have access to more economical housing in other areas of the campus, and

Whereas, the further integration of female students into the campus will effect a more normal and healthier social atmosphere, therefore

Be it resolved, That the Student Senate of Texas A&M urges adoption of the proposed allotment of lower-cost residence hall space for women for the fall semester, 1973.

Fred Campbell, chairman of the Student Government Rules and Regulations Committee, will present the resolution to senators.

Campbell said Tuesday he thinks most people want lower-cost housing to be available for men and women and residents of Krueger-Dunn want to keep the complex coeducational.

Campbell said the current proposal before A&M administrators is to change Dunn Hall into a completely male facility while leaving Krueger to the women. In addition, three of the balcony-type dorms in the civilian area would be turned over to women.

Student Government President Layne Kruse said the Senate will be asking administrators to al-

leviate the problem of not enough women's housing in hopes of solving several problems.

"Since housing in Krueger-Dunn is priced along the most expensive in Texas, we want women to have a choice," said Kruse. "In addition, men should have equal opportunity to live in the top-quality facility."

Kruse said that with an expected increase in enrollment for next year, A&M should be offering more housing to women and a positive decision would take pressure off the Housing Office by allowing more students to live off-campus.

The Senate took similar action two years ago under Kent Caperton, now an assistant to President Williams.

The Senate of 1970-71 sent a resolution to the Board of Directors, which also contained in it the spirit of better integrating coeds into all aspects of student life and programs.

The request, obviously, was turned down as housing was going to be available in fall of 1972 with the opening of Krueger-Dunn. The board's feelings then were along the lines that it wanted women housed only in the "finest possible facilities."

Campbell said that all major student groups at A&M, including dorm councils, will be contacted within the next two weeks for their approval of the resolution.

SCONA Names Law Professor, FCC Commissioner As Speakers

The outspoken commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission, Nicholas Johnson, and Harvard law professor Dr. Arthur R. Miller have accepted speaker roles for the 18th Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA) at A&M.

They join FBI acting director L. Patrick Gray on the agenda for the Feb. 14-17 conference designed to examine the nature and extent of "The Controlled Society."

Miller, author of "The Assault on Privacy: Computers, Data Banks and Dossiers," will

discuss the implications of government data banks and dossiers at SCONA XVIII's opening plenary session Feb. 14.

A look at "Federal Control and the Mass Media" will be provided by Johnson, the FCC official John Kenneth Galbraith called "the citizens' least frightened friend in Washington."

Gray will discuss control of crime in a free society in a presentation scheduled Thursday noon (Feb. 15).

Both Miller and Johnson are comparatively young men in their professions. Miller, 38, has been

a member of the New York bar 13 years. The Harvard professor serves in the President's Office of Science and Technology, in an advisory group to the National Academic Science Project on Computer Data Banks and is a member of the Secretary's Advisory Commission on Automated Personal Data Systems for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Miller received his doctor of law at Harvard in 1958, his B. A. at the University of Rochester in 1955.

Proponent of free public link to government through an "800" number and vocal opponent of an FCC-approved (5-2) long distance phone rate increase to AT&T last November, Johnson is a frequent dissenter with majority opinion of the FCC.

The 37-year-old UT Law School graduate wrote a 72-page dissent to the proposed ITT-ABC merger that resulted in withdrawal of the proposal by ITT. Johnson has many critics.

"(Johnson) espouse(s) the kind of radical-liberal philosophy of permissiveness and self-flagellation that has encouraged so many of our younger people to turn to pot," Agnew claimed.

"Nicholas the Terrible!" exclaimed William F. Buckley Jr., recent TAMU speaker. "Young, bright and charming."

After law school, Johnson served as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black and taught three years at the University of California Law School at Berkeley. President Johnson named him to the Maritime Commission in 1964, and in 1966 he was appointed to the FCC.

He insists on defending the

guiding principle of the FCC: the air waves belong to the public and any private party can obtain only a temporary license to broadcast material in the "public interest," subject to the discretion of the FCC.

Johnson was the lone dissenter to the unprecedented FCC threat to radio stations which broadcast drug-oriented rock lyrics.

"Free individuals are frightening to occupants of an institutional world," claims the author of "How to Talk Back to Your Television Set," "but freedom is what it's all about."

Stennis Critically Wounded In Holdup

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John C. Stennis was shot during a holdup in front of his northwest Washington home Tuesday night and underwent a lengthy operation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for removal of two bullets.

The hospital would say only that Stennis' condition was stable. Stennis, 71, chairman of the U. S. policy in Vietnam, was shot as he alighted from his car, police reported.

"It was just an ordinary street robbery, it appears to me," said Inspector T. J. Wolfrey.

He said the assailants got Stennis' gold watch, wallet and 25 cents in change.

Wolfrey said police had descriptions of the assailants and were searching for two black men. They said the shooting occurred at 7:40 p.m.

Edward Jussely, Stennis' press secretary, said one bullet hit the Mississippi Democrat in the left side of the chest just below the nipple. He said it traveled across

the chest, piercing the stomach, the pancreas and the colon, and lodged in the right side. Another bullet struck the senator in the left leg.

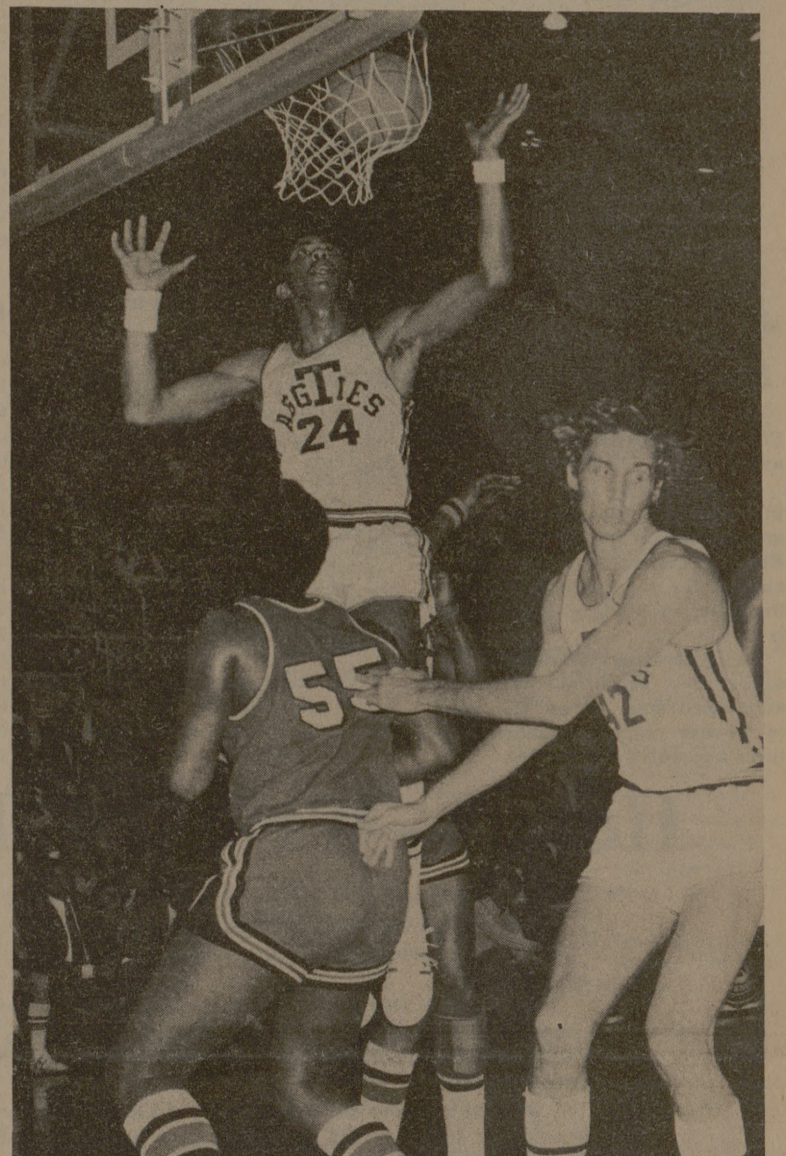
Jussely said Stennis did not go into shock. Wolfrey said Stennis was conscious and talking when the first officers arrived.

White House Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said President Nixon was informed of the shooting and was receiving reports on the senator's condition.

"He talked by phone with Mrs. Stennis at Walter Reed tonight and expressed his deep concern," Ziegler said. The President has instructed the FBI to assist in every way possible in the case.

A 1971 law makes it a federal crime to assault, kidnap or kill a member of Congress. That law allowed the FBI to enter the Stennis case immediately. FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III talked with Mrs. Stennis for 15 minutes at the hospital.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., after talking with Mrs.



LET THERE BE TWO . . . and it was as Cedric Joseph (24) looks to the heavens after tipping in an errant shot during first half action last night. However, it was not enough as the Aggies dropped a heartbreaking, one point loss to Texas Tech 68-67. See story page 7. (Photo by Steve Krause)

A&M Golf Course To Close For Renovation In February

The A&M golf course will be closed for renovation from Feb. 15 to about June 1, Wes Donaldson, chairman of the TAMU Golf Course Advisory Committee, announced Monday.

Donaldson explained the original plan called for keeping nine holes open throughout the renovation project. Adverse weather conditions, however, caused delays and necessitated closing the entire 18-hole course, he added.

Under the revised plan, the entirely renovated course should be playable by early June.

Some special provisions were adopted by the committee due to the spring closing. Green fees for single play will be reduced by 50 per cent until the course is closed. Persons who have paid locker rental and club storage fees for the past semester will be permitted to retain those privileges for the spring semester without charge.

Although no university course memberships will be sold for the spring semester, Howard Vestal, director of management services, announced students, faculty and staff could participate in the quarterly membership at the Bryan Municipal Course.

Vestal noted that this arrangement would allow university personnel to continue to play on a membership basis until the campus golf course renovation is completed.

Eirich Named To Give Welch Lecture

The annual Robert A. Welch Lecture at A&M will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday in Room 231 of the Chemistry Building.

Guest lecturer will be Dr. Frederick R. Eirich, distinguished professor of chemistry at Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. He will discuss "Chemistry and Mechanics of Elastomers."

The lecture is open to the public, noted Gen. A. R. Lueddecke, TAMU executive vice president, who serves as the university's liaison officer for the Robert A. Welch Foundation.

Dr. Eirich, who has published more than 135 scientific papers and articles, joined the faculty of the New York school in 1947. He previously taught and conducted research at the Universities of Melbourne, Cambridge and Vienna. He earned his Ph.D. in 1929 from the latter institution.

His major fields of interest are polymers, colloids, physical chemistry, biomaterials and rheology, pointed out Dr. W. O. Milligan. Dr. Eirich has served as editor of "Rheology" and as co-editor of "Colloid and Surface Science" and "High Speed Testing."

University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M." —Adv.

Ghana Power Industry Attracts Aggie

Larry Brown has his electrical degree from A&M, but he plans to plug in a few more credits this spring in Ghana.

The recent TAMU graduate will visit the West African country three months through the Independent Study Program of the Experiment in International Living.

While gaining firsthand cultural knowledge, Brown will study and report on the electrical power industry in Ghana, a project approved by the Electrical Engineering Department head, Dr. W. B. Jones. Dr. Robert D. Chenoweth will supervise.

Ghana recently became a power-consuming nation, with the 1965 completion of the huge Akosombo hydroelectric project on

the Volta River.

"The project won't be for degree credit," explained the TAMU graduate. "But it will go on my record and be of interest to a potential employer."

A Brenham High School graduate who grew up at Washington where Texas' Declaration of Independence was signed, Brown approached the project independently.

He was suggested as a summer EIL participant last year, but the son of Mrs. Alice Hutchinson, RFD 1, Washington, declined.

"Larry said he had a good summer job and might consider going during the semester," explained Wayne Stark, MSC director.

Brown worked for the Southwestern Publishing Co. of Nashville, traveling in Missouri, Washington, Wisconsin and Mississippi selling Bibles. He will cover most of the \$3,000 expenses to be incurred.

Besides mastering the tough EE curriculum, Brown was active at A&M in the Black Awareness Committee, Community Development Program, chaired the Aggie Cinema a year, played intramural sports and participated in the student chapter of the Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineering.

He expects more than an academic report from his three months in the West African country that sits astride the Greenwich meridian.

"I plan to get a realistic view of how things really are in Ghana, compared to what I have read," he explained. "Africa has gained awareness, and is suddenly trying to develop its own sense of direction. I'd like to see if it is what the people want, and help them make it go their chosen way."

A Ghanaian friend of Brown who attends A&M for environmental design studies, Najib Brimah of Accra, made some suggestions.

"Najib suggested I get involved with lower class people," Brown related. "H says change will have more of an effect on their lives than anyone else."

The study program will involve

Briscoe Slated To Address County Officials Confab

Newly inaugurated Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe will address the 15th Annual Conference of the Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association Feb. 7 at A&M.

The conference is slated for Feb. 7-8 with headquarters at the Ramada Inn, according to Charles E. Lawrence, conference chairman.

More than 600 county judges and commissioners are expected to be on hand for Briscoe's first address to a group of county officials since assuming office.

The conference will address itself to the theme: "County Government — Dollars, Decisions and Directions."

Briscoe will talk on a "Roadmap for the Future."

Conference speakers will give special emphasis to the economic problems confronting government today. County officials will give extensive consideration to the ad valorem tax crisis that has resulted from recent federal court decisions.

An authority on the ad valorem tax situation in Texas, Jack McCreary, an Austin attorney, will be a keynote speaker at the conference.

Another keynote speaker will be Texas Asst. Atty. General J. C. Davis, whose remarks will highlight several important laws affecting the operation of county government.

Dr. A. B. Wooten, director of the Texas Real Estate Research Center at A&M, will discuss the role of land use in the future and its use as a foundation in the local tax situation.

The Extension Service is jointly sponsoring the conference along with the state's county judges and commissioners association.