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## Concerns Levying Of Hospital Fees

# Student Senate Supports State Bill

Student Senators endorsed the basic theme of the Texas Bill concerning the separate levying of hospital fees in a roll call vote of 39 to 15 Thursday night.

The bill, presently before the State Legislature, would authorize the A&M Board of Directors to levy a hospital fee separate from the Student Services fees if it is passed.

"The original purpose of the separation of the fees was to allow more flexibility with the Student Services fees," said Ross. "A&M has always charged the \$30 maximum Student Service Fee allowed by the state, yet this separation of fees would decrease the Student Service in proportion to the hospital fee."

"The bill needs to be amended," said Virginia Ehrlich, treasurer.

"The present hospital bill is one-half million dollars and going up all the time. There is nothing in the bill to stop them from dipping back into student services fees when they need the extra money.

"An amendment should be made to stop them under any condition from using the Student Services fees."

The resolution, in amended form, reads as follows: "Be it resolved that the Student Senate hereby supports the separate levying of hospital fees as proposed by the legislative bill, if and only if the state legislature amends the bill to preclude the use of any Student Services fees for the new health center.

"And, that the Student Senate requests that it be consulted prior to any efforts to increase the Student Services fee above the amount of reduction due to this separation of fees.

"Be it further resolved that the Student Senate requests that it be consulted prior to any efforts to increase the compulsory hospital fee beyond the limits set in the bill."

In other action, senators accepted portions of part IV of the Student Life section of the University Rules and Regulations handbook.

Proposed changes in the blue-book section include the deletion of the current policies concerning dress and grooming of students and faculty, cleanliness of a student's room, and allowing refrigerators and cooking appliances in designated rooms with approval.

Debi Blackmon (off-campus-undergrad) presented a resolution for the establishment of an in-depth publication to inform the general campus of current student affairs. The publication would have a magazine format and would be published five times yearly with approximately 25 pages.

The proposal also asks for the allocation of \$7,205 from the Student Services reserve fund for the 1972-73 year.

The magazine would be divided into literary, student affairs and student advising sections. Under the last department would be such items as an economic column, letters, syndicated essayists and a legal adviser column.

The Crisis And Referral Center Committee brought a resolution before the Senate asking the Senate to recommend that at least one full-time qualified psychologist be added to the staff of the University Counseling and Testing Center beginning the fall semester of 1973.

The Senate accepted the resolution based on the following: The present half-time psychologist employed by the university had 828 students referred to her last year and that the money for the cost of this psychologist would come from the General Operating fund controlled by Vice President Tom Cherry.

Senators endorsed the proposal

presented by Darrell Baker (arch-at-large) to encourage the participation of students during the week of March 19-24, which has been proclaimed as "Black Experience 3" by the Black Awareness Committee, the Memorial

Student Center and Texas A&M. The constitutional revisions presented to the senate last week were tabled 32 to 24 with two abstentions. The changes include wording and clarification problems.

## May Liberal Arts Grads Can Register Activities

Liberal Arts Majors graduating this spring may now file a record of their activities in the Dean's office of the College of Liberal Arts.

The program, initiated by the Liberal Arts Student Council, will enable the Dean's office to compile a summary of every student's life as an undergraduate, according to William Wade, council president.

These lists will be used to better facilitate the task of responding to inquiries from graduate schools, professional schools, fel-

lowship boards and employers concerning the background of particular A&M graduates in whom they have an interest.

Participation in the program is strictly voluntary but is in the student's self-interest, said Wade.

Forms asking information about extracurricular activities, academic scholarships, employment experience, community activities, career intentions and other information are available from department heads.

Completed forms should be turned into the Dean's Office in the College of Liberal Arts.

## Filing For Student Posts Ends Monday

Filing for student positions closes Monday at 5 p. m. persons interested in runnings for the Student Government, Residence Hall Association, class officer or yell leader positions should file in the Student Government office in the Memorial Student Center.



CALIGULA DECLARES A FAMINE in Rome in this scene from the Aggie Players presentation of "Caligula." The play is being presented at A&M Consolidated auditorium and will conclude its run Saturday night at 8 p. m. Admission is \$1. (Photo by Steve Krauss)

## RVs Going To Mardi Gras

The A&M Ross Volunteer Company leaves this weekend for New Orleans to provide the honor guard for Rex, King of Mardi Gras, in his Tuesday parade during the festive annual celebration.

The RVs will form 120 strong behind Commander William D. Walker of Dallas as the first unit in the parade. They will be preceded only by King Rex.

Thirty seniors and 90 juniors will make the four-day trip, according to Col. Thomas R. Parsons, commandant. The company will billet aboard the U.S.S. Nashville, a Navy ship docked just off Canal Street in New Orleans.

A Monday reception and buffet sponsored by the New Orleans A&M Club for Ross Volunteers and their dates will be among parade activities. The Tuesday parade will start at 9 a.m. and end at 1 p.m.

The RV Company's participation in the Mardi Gras parade is a longstanding custom. An elite honor military unit composed of seniors and juniors in the Corps of Cadets, the Ross Volunteers also form the traditional honor guard for the inauguration of the Texas governor. The unit is the oldest student organization in Texas.

Sponsors of the company this year and accompanying the RVs are Air Force Lt. Col. Roscoe P.

Thorpe and Army Capt. Mario Macaluso.

The colorful Louisiana carnival, called "the greatest free show on earth," consists of expensive, glamorous private balls and a variety of street parades. The city dating back to the early 1700s decorates with traditional colors of green, yellow and purple during the Mardi Gras season, which coincides with the European custom. Mardi Gras literally means "Fat Tuesday," the day before Ash Wednesday when the Lenten fasting season begins.

The term is usually applied to the two weeks before Shrove Tuesday.

## Abortion Is Now A Moral Issue, Claims Rep. Weddington Thursday

Women no longer have to question the legality of abortion but must make an individual moral choice, Texas Rep. Sarah Weddington said Thursday.

She does not believe the Jan. 22, 1973, U. S. Supreme Court ruling that Texas anti-abortion law was unconstitutional will "turn the state into an abortion mill, such as New York.

"Procedures of abortion are becoming available," Rep. Weddington informed a Political Forum audience at A&M, "and the matter now rests where it should, with the individual."

She said recently submitted bills to allow 16-year-old girls to get medical treatment for prevention of pregnancy is "in great

trouble. I doubt if it will go through this legislature."

"It does appear 18-year-olds will get full legal rights formerly accorded 21-year-olds, including the right without parent consent to have an abortion," she said. "The basic principle of the Supreme Court ruling is simply that whether or not a woman continues a pregnancy is up to the woman."

The Austin representative, first woman elected to the Texas Legislature from Travis County, argued the case before the court.

Texas and Georgia statutes were ruled unconstitutional, she indicated, "because they consisted of deprivation of privacy. The finding did not deal with the question of human life before

birth, because medical leaders cannot agree on it."

The state may, during the first three months of pregnancy, regulate who performs an abortion. Regulations during the second and third trimesters can be placed by the state only on facilities and reasons for the life and health of the individual, respectively, according to the Supreme Court ruling.

Ms. Weddington pointed out that several indictments against doctors in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma have been thrown out.

Immediate use of abortion may be another matter, she stipulated, even though a doctor cannot now be prosecuted, as before, for performing an abortion.

"A doctor will be cautious," she believes, "because he doesn't know how; he may not feel technically competent. There is also a limited supply of proper equipment."

The lawmaker said there is no law nor current case concerning a married woman having an abortion — or sterilization — without the husband's consent. Hospitals usually seek the husband's consent, even in a case in which a woman was divorced and had not seen her husband for six years.

"Only the girl herself decides if she will engage in a sexual act," Ms. Weddington said. "It seems to me she should have the right to protect herself."

## Aggies Lobby On Capitol Hill

By MIKE RICE  
Editor

WASHINGTON D. C. — Texas A&M students attending the National Student Lobby's Second Annual Conference had the opportunity to lobby among Congressmen from across the nation while visiting Capitol Hill Thursday.

Delegates Layne Kruse, Mike Rice, Barb Sears and Rochelle Lindsey highlighted lobbying efforts with a one and one-half hour talk with Cong. Olin E. "Tiger" Teague (D-College Station).

The delegates expressed their surprise afterwards that Teague wouldn't comment on issues being lobbied for by the NSL such as economic conversion, air fare discounts and higher education legislation.

Teague said he didn't want to comment too much because these issues can still be changed tremendously by the committees which they are in. The four said they were somewhat taken aback when Teague started the conversation saying that students never think about where money comes from and the priorities on which it must be spent.

"He seemed to fit the pattern of many politicians today," commented one delegate. "Most don't seem to care any more about anything and don't seem to care whether they show this lack of concern to their constituents or not."

Teague said the money issue can't be ignored. "People are wanting so much that we may have to initiate higher tax legislation, although I'm not for higher taxes," he said.

Teague, chairman of the House Science and Astronautics Committee, added that he felt the nation's space technology is accountable for a large part of the U.S.'s economic growth. He said that reshuffling of funds and priorities alone would not solve the problem of the 34-billion dollar deficit expected this year. He also projected that 20-million new jobs will be needed for Americans in the next 10 years.

Kruse told Teague that Sen. Ted Kennedy's bill for economic conversion would have a tremendous impact on research programs because more research dol-

lars are necessary to solve urban and mass transit problems, for example.

The four also talked to Teague's staff workers and aides before listening to one of Teague's subcommittee hearings on jet aircraft noise reduction proposals. Three NASA astronauts, John Schweigert, Ron Evans and Gene Cernan, bumped into the four students in Teague's office to add an interesting departure note to the lobby venture.

An early afternoon reception followed the activities with Teague, allowing the Aggies to discuss current issues and lobby with different congressmen from across the nation.

Among comments from Congressmen were included the thought that Congress has acted in an irresponsible manner with dollar allocations in the past and is now being forced to raise taxes to off-set its past over-spending.

Cong. James Mann (D-S.C.) said current Nixon impoundments of funds are the fault of Congress, but that Nixon's actions were forcing the economy into

a false recession, only delaying inflation.

Mann was generally critical of the current priorities program, but noted that one-third of the gross national product from consumers goes into governmental spending, "which is below many other countries' tax percentage levels."

The four chatted briefly at mid-afternoon with Cong. W. R. Doage (D-Waco) who was pressed with a committee meeting.

A full day of lobbying activities was scheduled again for today with the delegates slated to meet with Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (D-Texas), Cong. Bill Archer (R-Houston) and an aide to the hospitalized Texas Cong. Wright Patman.

Buffet dinner in the Senate Caucus Room and a talk by Cong. Don Fraser (D-Monn) of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs will wrap up the three-day conference tonight. Regional caucuses will meet prior to the foreign affairs dinner to elect regional representatives to the NSL Board of Directors for the coming year.



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