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Your Man at Batt

by Greg Moses

Harold Pettit paid \$11.50 for running a stop sign in College Station and found the penalty for the same offense in Bryan was \$7.50. "I realize that the city officials set the rates between some minimum and maximum issued by the state. Why is College Station so much higher?" asked Pettit.

There are limits set by the legislature. The fines for running a stop sign may legally range from \$1 to \$200. The reviewing judge is at liberty to set the fine within these limits at his discretion.

The judge one sees depends on who the arresting officer is. A citation from the Department of Public Safety, a Justice of the Peace Constable or sometimes a University Police officer will usually be referred to the Justice of the Peace Mike Callaham, says his clerk Glenda Chaney.

Citations from College Station Police will come before Judge Phillip Goode (a management professor). Bryan tickets are reviewed by Judge Bill Langford.

Each has a printed list of the fines he will assess for moving violations. (Moving violations on campus are a flat \$5. Repeaters are charged \$10, then \$15 and \$20. After \$20 other measures, such as license revocation are taken.)

As it turns out, Pettit's question has good timing. The difference in fines will soon be rectified. "We are in the process of updating our fines to conform better with those assessed in this area," said Judge Langford. Sometime this month, the cost of running a stop sign in Bryan will be changed from \$7.50 to \$12.50.

Lab fees

A student taking Psychology 624 questioned the validity of the \$5 lab fee charged for that course. "They say we have to pay the fee because of the tests we use in the course," he said. "There are 19 people but only eight tests. Why should the other 11 have to pay for someone else's test?'

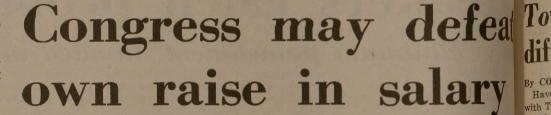
Psyc. 624 is a course in individual testing, designed to teach testing techniques. The testing kits referred to are out with repeated usage, said Dr. Clessen J. Martin, head of the Psychology Department. An example is the Stanford-Binet Intelligence Test which a student would take and administer to 15 or 20 others (usually children).

Dr. Martin estimates that this test costs \$300, paid for from the departmental operating expenses. "I would like to offer a larger range and number of tests," he said. "But the budget makes this unfeasible."

The student also said, "I have heard that sometimes the department does not receive money from the lab fees, but that it goes into the general university fund." He is almost right. Departments never directly receive the lab fees assessed the student. Departmental operating budgets are fed by the Texas Legislature which takes into account the cost of labs. This year the legislature appropriated to TAMU \$5.605 million to cover departmental operating expenses. The university then supplemented that budget with \$138,000.

Lab fees are paid to the Fiscal Department and go into the university operating budget. "Lab fees between \$2 and \$5 are authorized by law," said Controller of Accounts Clark Diebel. Every June the lab fees are rechecked by department heads to reconsider old fees and perhaps suggest new ones. The fees are finally approved by the president.

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By WALTER R. MEARS **Associated Press Writer**

News analysis

WASHINGTON (P)-On paper it looked fine: a system of regular congressional pay raises, with no need for politically troublesome Senate and House votes to boost the salaries of members.

But that plan has come apart. As a result, congressional pay may stay at \$42,500 a year, even though most members would like more. While the outcome is not yet clear, a similar raise for judges and top administration officials may be blocked, too.

If there is one thing a politician can do without, it is an election-year vote to increase his own salary. It can be a made-to-order issue for a November election rival, particularly with the economy troubled and with signs that this may be a difficult year for incumbents.

PRESIDENT NIXON proposed the pay raise, 7.5 per cent a year, to boost congressional pay to \$52,800 in 1976. The package includes similar 22.5 per cent, threeyear raises for the judiciary and for executive branch appointees, some 10,000 people in all.

It is all part of a system created in 1967. Under that law, a nine-member advisory commission examines the congressional, executive and judicial pay structure every four years, and recommends

any changes it deems warranted.

In turn, the President makes his recommendation, effective in 30 days unless either branch of Congress votes to reject it. In this case, the deadline is March 6 of a congressional election year, and a rejection vote appears likely.

When the commission plan was enacted, everybody seemed insulated, Congress by the presidential judgment as to what its salary level should be, and the President by the guidance of the salary commission recommendations.

ACTUALLY, THE CURRENT commission voted 7 to 2 for an immediate 25 per cent pay raise, emphasizing the need for higher pay to attract and keep federal judges and top civil servants. Nixon recommended somewhat less and spread it over three years, noting that the government has been asking private industry employees to forego big

All Congress had to do was nothing, and the raise would have taken effect. But there was pressure for a vote, particularly among senators who are going to be candidates in November. The result could be rejection of the whole package, although a formula awaiting Senate motion would drop only the congressional raise.

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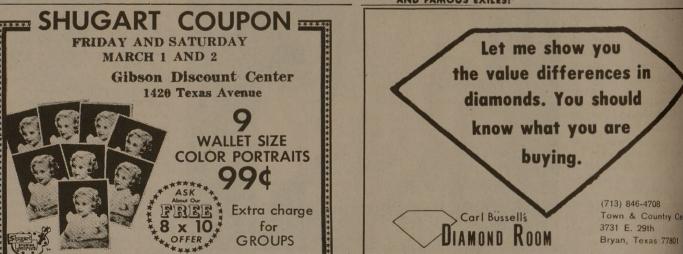
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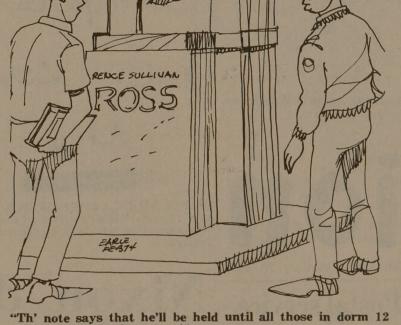
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NSL delegates disappointed

after talk with number two

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Thicket bill) is against taking,

and I understand the House Inter-

ior Committee is also against it,"

HE SAID HE HAD been told

the Senate committee decided to take one last trip down to the

Thicket before making any de-

minimum wage, particularly for

those under 22 years of age who

"I think there is a tremendous

support within the Senate," said

Lieber. "Unfortunately the AFL-

CIO doesn't support it (the sub-

minimum wage), and right now

they control the Senate."

are out of school," said Lieber.

"We do support the youth sub-

Lieber said.

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are given A's in all courses!"

By VICKIE ASHWILL

WASHINGTON, D C — Nine

National Student Lobby delegates

left Senator John Tower's office

here Wednesday expressing dis-

appointment after meeting with

Lieber when Tower was retained

on the floor of the Senate after

they spent two days getting an ap-

Lieber said he suspected the

senator could support some in-

crease in educational funding. Lieber also said Tower generally

supported stand-by discount fares

on air, bus and train transporta-

TEXAS DELEGATES brought

up the Big Thicket issue. The Leg-

islative aide noted that the House

had already passed a bill concerning the Thicket and the Senate

"Although I don't like the term

'legislative taking,' the senator

(Tower) is in favor of it," said

Legislative taking refers to the

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expected a bill in March.

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