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Correction

The Battalion erroneously reported in its March 8 edition in the "Lease Line" column that Southwest Village Apartments have a security problem with comparatively poor locks on its sliding doors. The article also

mentioned a theft there that is being investigated by College Station police.

The apartment dwelling referred to was Southgate Village, not Southwest Village.



A SMALL INTENSE audience listens to poet Laurence Lieberman (below) read from his new book, "The Osprey Scauders" in the Rudder Center Forum last night. Poems about squatty frogs, dancing flamingos and puffy porcupine fish had a humorous impact upon the gathering. (Photos by Kathy Young)

Estimated board fee increase of \$46 asked for fall semester

By CLIFF LEWIS

In the midst of an inflationary tornado, Food Services is losing its desperate grip on food prices. In the settling dust of time Sbis Dining Hall has lost its 1912 luster.

In the wake of all that, students will probably be staring at almost a \$50 increase on the "board" portion of their fee slips. That portion of the student fee, however, will possibly be optional next semester.

No room rent increase is expected, however.

Howard Vestal, assistant vice president for business affairs, spoke Monday before the Student Menu Board about changes being looked at for next year.

"We will start the renovation of Sbis by asking the Board of Directors for \$900,000 and the students, through student fees, for \$100,000. The entire project, which will also include more efficient serving methods, will cost about \$2 million.

"It would cost \$10-\$15 million to replace the building, so we scrapped that idea." He said that Sbis needs improvement because it is not as comfortable or good as either the Krueger-Dunn or

Duncan dining facilities.

Vestal said that the renovation would add about \$7 a semester per student to the board fee. Colonel Fred Dollar said that the price of food will add 15 per cent or about \$39 to the seven-day board plan.

"We in the food management business are getting scared," said Dollar, stating that inflation's end is not in sight.

It is because of this increase that it is being proposed to the board of directors to make the food fee an option.

In years past, on-campus students have been required to buy either the five- or seven-day board plan.

Included in the proposed optional fee, Vestal explained, will be both the five- and seven-day meal plans.

"We will also try to keep the option of paying by installments," he said, "but once a student makes the first installment he must continue them for the entire semester to provide for consistent meal planning. One may, however, choose to begin on the board plan at any time during the semester."

The only option not provided for is one allowing students to cook in the dorms.

All the proposed changes will have to be approved by the board at its meeting April 30 here.

Day permits taken

Student applications for off-campus residence permits are now being taken at the Housing Office.

Housing Manager Allen Madeley said applications will be accepted through April 24.

Forms may be obtained at the Housing office or a residence hall counselor's office. They must be turned in for processing at the Housing Office, 102 YMCA.

Madeley said after April 24, applications from undergraduates will not be taken until pre-registration ends.

"Students who have not received day student permits by the time fall room sign-up begins should reserve rooms to avoid loss of priority," the housing manager said.

Students not qualified for a day student permit by April 24 will be required to pre-register as residence hall students. Those seeking day student permits should complete the process before July 31 to avoid loss of room deposit.

Indian students lead riot over food

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Student-led riots over food scarcities and high prices spread across Bihar State on Tuesday despite army and police reinforcements rushed in to control the mobs.

Policemen and soldiers opened fire on the unruly street crowds, killing eight persons and injuring several others, United News of India reported.

Authorities in the state capital of Patna, 500 miles southeast of New Delhi, lifted their curfew from 5 to 6 p.m. to allow residents to buy food.

The state radio claimed calm had been restored in Patna but acknowledged that new violence was erupting in several other towns in the state, one of the poorest in India.

A British relief organization, the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, predicted in New Delhi that the Bihar grain crop probably

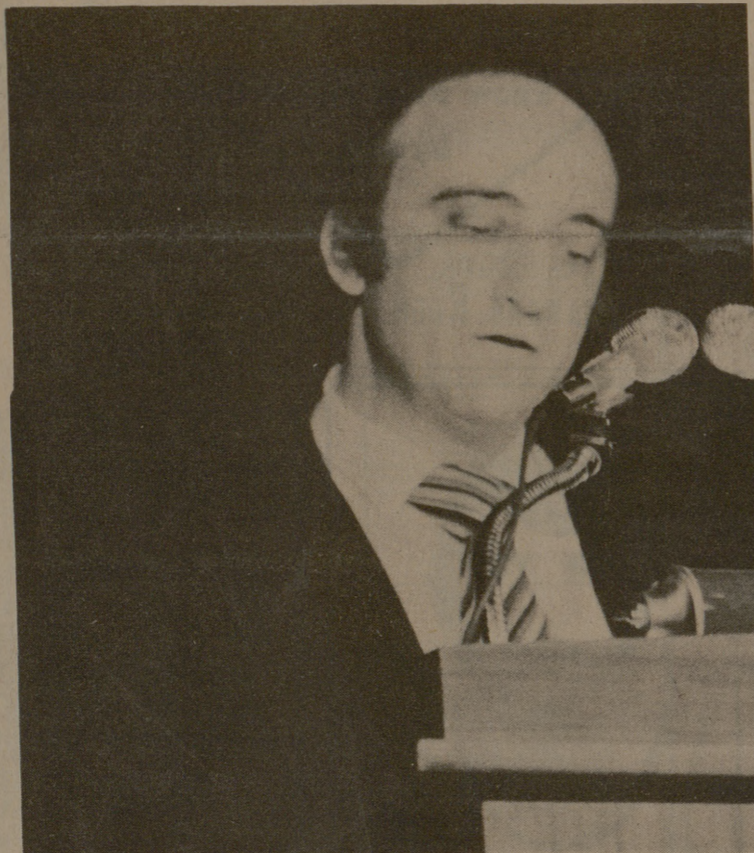
would fail to meet even half the state's requirements.

The violence erupted Monday as student-led crowds tried to block the state legislature's opening session in a demonstration of dissatisfaction over shortages of essential food grains, high food prices, corruption and unemployment.

Similar student agitation over economic hardships brought down the Gujarat State government and forced Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to disband the legislature in that state, on the other side of India about 450 miles southwest of New Delhi.

Several members of Parliament urged the Gandhi government to respond to the complaints of the Bihar poor to prevent street violence from fomenting a repetition of the Gujarat debacle.

Bihar is ruled by Mrs. Gandhi's Congress party. Gujarat also was Congress-ruled.



Asphyxiation ruled cause of saloon death

The Feb. 8 death of a Silver Dollar Saloon patron has been reported by Conroe pathologist Dr. Donald R. Shepherd as death by asphyxiation.

Larry Dow Sanders, 19, choked from vomit particles entering his lungs, Dr. Shepherd said. Sanders was dead on arrival at St. Joseph Hospital following a scuffle at the Silver Dollar in College Station, Feb. 8.

Statements from 13 witnesses to College Station Detective John Miller alleged Sanders scuffled with Jerry Lynn Derryberry, 19, of Bryan.

Brad Smith, assistant district attorney, said the case would be presented to the grand jury in its March session. No charges have been filed.

Hush money questions unanswered

HOUSTON (AP)—President Nixon corrected an earlier statement Tuesday night but otherwise did not deal with different views of a meeting a year ago when John W. Dean III told him of hush money payments to the original Watergate defendants.

At a broadcast question-and-answer sessions, Nixon said he

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was incorrect earlier this month in stating that he learned on March 21, 1973, that payments had been made prior to a reported demand for blackmail by convicted conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

"I should have said 'there were

University National Bank
"On the side of Texas A&M."
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alleged to have been made," the President said, noting that the defendants in the cover-up indictment have denied the charge.

His answer, however, did not go to the heart of the confusion of what was said at that March 21 meeting. Not only the President's statement but the versions offered by the other participants, Dean and H. R. Haldeman remain in conflict.

It boils down to this: Was the President told that money being paid to the seven original Watergate defendants was for legal costs?

Or was he told the money was to buy silence?

Did he understand what he was told was a fact, or did he take it as an allegation?

Legal defense funds are a common practice; there is nothing unlawful about them. But paying

hush money is obstruction of justice, a serious crime.

In one of his first major Watergate statements, the President said he learned March 21 about the possible involvement of top aides in the Watergate cover-up. He said he began "intensive new inquiries into this whole matter."

He reported "major developments," but said he couldn't be specific.

Then came the Senate Watergate hearings. Dean said he told Nixon about money demands being made by the defendants and that about that time Haldeman joined the conversation.

Apparently Dean got his dates wrong. He said he recalled it as a meeting March 13. Nixon and Haldeman said the conversation was March 21—and Haldeman said he had listened to a tape recording and confirmed that.

Whatever the date, Dean claimed he told Nixon it might cost as much as \$1 million eventually to meet the demands.

"He told me that was no problem and he also looked over at Haldeman and repeated the same statement," Dean testified.

Haldeman, in his Senate testimony, recalled that "the President said 'there is no problem in raising a million dollars, we can do that, but it would be wrong.'"

The President addressed the point for the first time on Aug. 15 in a statement. He said he was told only "that funds had been raised for payments to the defendants, with the knowledge and approval of persons both on the White House staff and the re-election committee."

And he added the point that became the focus of the dispute: "I was only told that the money had

been used for attorney's fees and family support, not that it had been paid to produce silence from the recipients."

At a news conference at San Clemente a week later, Nixon supported the Haldeman version as accurate and said that on March 21 Dean was concerned about "not so much the raising of money for the defendants, but the raising of money for the defendants for the purpose of keeping them still—in other words, so-called hush-money."

The matter remained fairly dormant until March 1, when Haldeman and six others were indicted in the cover-up.

The grand jury had listened to a tape recording of that March 21 meeting—one of the nine that had been fought for through the courts—and charged Haldeman

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'Financial relief' ends guaranteed fundings at UT

AUSTIN—In protest of the University of Texas Board of Regents cutting off its sources of guaranteed funding, The Daily Texan, student newspaper, ran page one of Monday's edition almost totally blank.

Centered on the page is a quote by University System Regent Frank C. Erwin in a 1972 board meeting, "We do not fund anything that we don't control."

The Texan and UT Student Government will not receive guaranteed funding but will be placed on preregistration forms as optional check-off items due to the board's action.

According to The Texan, "The student services fee reorganization was a result

of a University System law office interpretation of a Texas Education Act amendment which gives financial relief to part-time and graduate students."

The fee services reorganization will lower the fees from \$3.50 to \$2.50 per semester hour per student in order to give financial relief to students taking less than 12 hours.

Student Government President Sandy Kress claims the law only requires relief through proportionality in the fee structure and that the current system is proportional.

The bill is presently being reviewed by Atty. Gen. John Hill's office and UT is waiting for a ruling.

The Texan depended on \$136,650 from mandatory student services fees, about 20 per cent of its operating budget. Student Government received \$20,000 out of its approximate \$27,000 budget.

Texan Editor Michael Eakin noted in an editorial that the Regents made their decision on the same day The Texan received the Southwest Journalism Congress' sweepstakes trophy as the top college newspaper from the Southwest.

Eakin also said the events seem to have been in the plans all along.

Kress said in another Texan editorial, "Whether this was done by the full board simply to gut student agencies that have

lately become vibrant and challenging or whether this was accomplished at the whim of one board member with the sham legal advice of his 'boys in the law office' is a matter still unresolved."

Kress asked for Erwin's retirement from the board, a remedy from the Texas legislature and a favorable opinion from the attorney general.

Michael Moore, president of the Texas Student Publications (TSP), said Friday that the board will have to come up with some new plans for Texan funding but that he is definitely in favor of continuing mass circulation, rather than limiting copy distribution to subscribers.

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Weather

Mostly cloudy to partly cloudy and warm Wednesday afternoon. Winds from the south-southeast 10-18 m.p.h. High today 79°. Low tonight 43°. Cool front from the northwest due late this afternoon turning temperatures cooler tonight and Thursday. High Thursday 60°.

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Filing deadline set back one day

Filing for spring elections has been extended to Thursday at 5 p.m.

"Since turnout has been limited, we decided to extend the deadline to allow people as much opportunity as possible to file," said Barry Bowden, chairman of the election board.

One position on the Student Government executive branch is still an unopposed race. Only John Nash has filed for vice president of external affairs.

A second person has filed for president of Student Government. Wally Reinke filed Tuesday for the slot.

Other unopposed positions include president, vice president and secretary of the RHA, secretary-treasurer of the senior class, secretary-treasurer and social secretary of the junior class and social secretary of the sophomore class.

There are no candidates in 16 senatorial races; 14 seats are unopposed. One person has signed for the race for the off-campus graduate positions. Five are available. Four people have signed for the 10 undergraduate off-campus positions. The senior senator from engineering has only one person signed to run for the two positions available.