

Local testimony due in work law hearings

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Staff Writer

Representatives of the Bryan-College Station Apartment Owner Association will testify in favor of the right-to-work law before a state legislative committee in Austin next week.

The law, say its advocates, gives a man the right to work without joining a union. Opponents say the law gives a man the right to work for standard wages.

"The main reason we are opposed to a closed-shop is that we feel that bonded personnel working on a project will raise our costs and therefore raise rents across the board," said

Jim Jett, association president.

"I recognize the arguments on both sides and can see their validity, but I don't think it's a big enough problem to deny someone freedom of choice," said Richard Smith, association member and former owner of the Briar Oaks Apartments.

"My personal philosophy is that I'm in favor of the right-to-work law," Smith said. "I think a union membership should be voluntary."

In the past, the apartment owners in the area could expect to lose up to \$3,000 during the summer months, but because of the tax structure and utility rates some have begun to lose money during the school year, Jett

said.

"Students complain if the rents go up — I complain if the rents go up, too," Jett said, "and a closed shop would just continue the escalation of the rents."

"If I have to hire a bonded pool cleaning service out of Houston as opposed to a student who is qualified but doesn't have a document, the additional costs will have to be passed in the rent," Jett said.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe reaffirmed Thursday his support of the right-to-work law. He said he would veto any repeal of the law or passage of an agency shop bill.

Briscoe said that as a practical matter, he doubts the legislature would pass a bill on either issue.

The association has been studying the Bryan-College Station utility structure. "We're trying to get an equitable deal for ourselves and our residents," Jett said. "We feel that in some areas we have been discriminated against."

The association is currently studying utility rates to see if apartment owners are being assessed fairly. Presently, owners must pay a per apartment garbage pick-up fee although, Jett said, one large garbage can services many apartments and the fee is inappropriate. If the rates could be assessed more fairly the residents, he said.

The administration of the fuel adjustment fee involving area apartments is also being questioned by the association, Jett said. "We're not trying to get them (city utilities) — we just want to reach a fair situation."

Hues Corporation, Trapeze to appear

Town Hall presents The Hues Corporation and Trapeze in the year's first Special Attraction, tonight at 8:00 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Hues Corporation recently hit the top of the charts with "Rock the Boat."

Trapeze, a British import, concentrates on playing rock. They just finished a tour in the British Isles. The four member band has recently released a new album, "Hot Wire."

"Hues" has cut other hits in recent years, besides "Rock the Boat". These are "Freedom for the Stallion" and "Miracle Worker". In addition, they have put together a live act for nightclubs and concerts.

Trapeze will include in their performance such hit tunes as "Back Street Love", "Take It On Down the

Road" and "Midnight Flyer".

Admission will be \$2 with Activity Card, \$3 for reserved seats and \$2.50 for date and general admission ticket.

The next Town Hall presentation will be a special Ray Stevens concert, Nov. 1.

Elite RV's admits junior volunteers

The Ross Volunteers inducted 76 juniors Thursday night in a banquet at the Aggicland Inn.

State Rep. Bill Presnal was guest speaker.

The RV's, an elite organization of the Corps of Cadets, act as escort for the governor at his inauguration and for King Rex of the New Orleans Mardi Gras.

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT
TOWN HALL will present Trapeze and the Hues Corporation for a special presentation at 8 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Everyone must buy a ticket.

BASEMENT COMMITTEE will continue its "free times" program from noon to 4 p.m. at the MSC fountain.

CHESS CLUB will meet 7 to 11 p.m. in room 401 of the MSC Tower. India Association will observe Eid Celebrations at 8 p.m. at 702B Cross Street.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION will hold an informal coffee hour 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the old Exchange Store.

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SATURDAY
MIDLAND HOMETOWN CLUB will have a hamburger party after the game at 6 p.m. in Williamson Park. There will be a charge of \$1.50 per person.

MONDAY
FORTAN SHORT COURSE will begin at 4 p.m. in room 104C at the Zachry Engineering Center. This is a twice weekly course. Contact Chuck Adams 846-4211 for further information.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION WIVES CLUB will hold an 8 p.m. meeting at 1712 A Trinity Place.

TUESDAY
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