

# Students in double jeopardy?

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In case you haven't made a hard study of the 1974-1975 Texas A&M University Rules and Regulations handbook and noted its differences over the '73-'74 edition, it should be pointed out that there are some significant ones.

One of the major changes in the current handbook is the addition of the Student Rights section of the opening page. Of particular interest is Article IV. It states: "Each student shall be free from disciplinary

action by university officials for violations of civil and criminal law off campus, except for the infraction of University regulations."

Further reference is made to off campus violations in Section II, No. 48. It states that disciplinary action will not be taken in off campus criminal cases unless the offense relates directly to the university.

So what do these additions to the regulations handbook mean and how do they benefit the student?

Prior to these additions, it was up to the discretion of university officials to decide which off campus offenses constituted a detriment to the university. If they ruled that a detriment did exist through the violation of a state or federal law off campus, it was then up to their discretion to issue punishment in accordance with the offense. Punishment ranging from reprimand to dismissal from the university.

The university was not however, completely given a free hand in its dealings with off campus lawbreakers. The courts have stated that it is not double jeopardy to subject a student to university action in addition to legal action for off campus violations. But during the late 1960's the courts also recognized that students had constitutional rights applicable in light of the special characteristics of the school environment.

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## Airlift

# Evacuees crowded

CLARK AIR BASE, The Philippines (AP) — About 4,000 Americans and Vietnamese landed here Tuesday in the round-the-clock airlift out of Saigon. They found a snarl of red tape and long lines blocking their trip on to the United States.

About 1,200 new arrivals were squeezed 20 to a tent in a hastily erected tent city and had to walk long distances to water and toilets. Other evacuees slept on cots in barracks and on mattresses on gymnasium floors.

Tuesday's passenger total was larger than for the entire month of April to date, during which 3,500 people arrived from Saigon. Most have come since April 16 when President Ford ordered nonessential U.S. citizens to leave Vietnam.

Authorities said they expected at least 1,000 more people to arrive during the night and said the tent area could be expanded to house about 5,000 people. Many of the arrivals were American men with Vietnamese wives and children.

Evacuees wanted to continue to the United States as soon as possible but faced a long processing period. Many had no travel documents, having left them behind in the frenzy to leave South Vietnam.

Official U. S. spokesmen said five military chartered aircraft with a total of 1,600 seats, including three Boeing 747 jumbo jets, were scheduled to leave Clark on Wednesday morning to carry evacuees to Travis Air Base, Calif. But other sources doubted that there would be enough people finished with red tape to fill the planes.

Some evacuees said Red Cross authorities informed them that they would have to stay two to five weeks to process their papers.

"This is no way to treat people," said Col. Paul Wragg of Tampa, Fla., the chief chaplain at Clark and a coordinator of the program to care for evacuees. "We are overwhelmed by the sheer mass of humanity."

"The U. S. Embassy needs to face what is actual fact," said the chaplain. "When they arrive at Clark these people for all intent and purposes are in the United States."

"Unless something happens to break the log jam we will really be in trouble."

About 165 Americans and Vietnamese arrived at Travis AFB Tuesday aboard a charter flight.

A military spokesman said there were no orphans aboard the Northwest Airlines plane and all the Vietnamese were dependents of the Americans.

Nearly 300 Vietnamese refugees, some of them disabled orphans, arrived at Travis Monday night aboard a World Airways DC8.

World Airways spokesmen said the 294 passengers included Vietnamese employees of American companies, their families, a number of crippled and other orphans and Vietnamese nuns.

## Church schools may get help with textbooks

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The state could slow the trend toward closing parochial schools by furnishing them textbooks, Rep. Tom Uher, D-Bay City, said Tuesday.

Uher's bill providing parochial schools \$3.5 million worth of textbooks over the next five years was sent to an apparently unfavorable subcommittee after hearing. He appeared before the House Public Education Committee and had backing from both Catholic and Lutheran witnesses.

"If all the children in private schools went into public schools tomorrow, the state would have to spend \$400 million to build the necessary classrooms," Uher said.

Since only books of a non-religious nature would be furnished, there would be no church-state entanglement, he said.

## Sustek takes regional honors for soy paper

Edna Marie Sustek of Bryan, junior food technology major at A&M, has won regional competition with her research paper on food proteins.

Her paper is titled "Functional Properties of Two Soy Isolates and Their Maillard Complexes with Glucose."

Sustek will receive an expense-paid trip June 10-14 to Chicago to present the paper in national competition in the Student Forum during the annual meeting of the Institute of Food Technologists.

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