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Students to choose times, profs

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"Students will be allowed to choose their professors and times beginning next semester," said Raj Kent, student government vice-president for Academic Affairs at the Student Academic Council meeting held Thursday night.

Details of the system are still

being worked out in the registrar's office.

Other issues that the council is planning to bring before the senate for consideration were outlined by Kent.

The council hopes to begin campus-wide professor evaluations next semester. Last year, only junior, senior, and graduates were given professor

evaluation forms. The council will supervise the mechanics of the survey.

The professor-evaluations will help students choose their teachers in the spring, Kent said.

Most colleges at A&M offer pass-fail courses. The council plans to make the classes more challenging.

The present purpose of the pass-fail courses is to "allow students to expand their horizons and education by taking courses outside their major without suffering the penalty of grades," Kent said.

Many of the professors feel

pass-fail courses are "easy credit" since students work only to pass - the equivalent of a "D."

"If the pass grade were raised, professors might offer more courses," said Kent.

An academic grievance council to take the gripes of students and solve the problem is being organized, said Kent.

A need for a better honors program was also discussed. The honor program applies to freshmen and sophomores presently, but the council would like to see one set up for juniors and seniors also.

Academic Appeals Panel changed three out of four grades

last semester, said Kent. "But many students are unaware of the appeal process."

Another project under recommendation is undergraduate book requests. Presently, only graduate students are able to request a book not in the Texas A&M library. The council would like to see this privilege extended to undergraduates as well.

The next regular meeting will be held the third Thursday of October. Suggestions and complaints are welcome, Kent said, and may be given to him at the Student Affairs Office.



The sidewalk in front of the Aggies' thus far successful season. Wofford-Cain Hall appears to be a testimonial to

Testimonial

HEW cites UT for alleged discrimination

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Department of Health, Education and Welfare said Thursday that it has cited the University of Texas at Austin for a civil rights hearing on alleged discrimination against a female instructor.

An HEW spokesman said it was the first time a college or university had been cited for violating 1965 and 1967 presidential orders prohibiting discrimination.

The university was given 14 days to answer the notice of proposed ineligibility and to request a hearing. If HEW's allegations are upheld by a hearing examiner and an appeals board, the university could be barred from the award of new federal contracts.

In the notice, published in the Federal Register, HEW alleged that the university has refused to cooperate with the U. S. Office for Civil Rights in the case of Janet Rollins Berry, and that it has steadfastly refused to promote her or increase her salary.

The case dates to Aug. 2, 1971, when Mrs. Berry first filed a complaint charging sex discrimination. The Office for Civil Rights notified the university on Oct. 26, 1971, that it was in violation of the presidential order.

HEW said that Mrs. Berry, an assistant professor in the university's art history department, was in 1964 paid about 36 per cent less than male faculty members who were hired at about the same time and who had approximately the same qualifications.

According to the HEW notice, the art history department in 1968 paid a male faculty member without a doctoral degree about \$1,000 more per year than it paid Mrs. Berry and in 1970 hired a male who had no doctoral degree nor prior teaching experience and paid him approximately the same salary as Mrs. Berry, who had six years of teaching experience.

After Mrs. Berry filed the discrimination complaint, HEW alleged, the university "directed numerous retaliatory actions" against Mrs. Berry and her husband, who also had been employed at the Austin university.

Both their salaries were frozen by the university with the exception of mandatory across-the-board raises, HEW said, although other faculty members continued to receive salary increments.

"Mrs. Berry was the only assistant professor within the respondent's art history department who had not been granted a salary increment for three consecutive years. No assistant professor was paid a lower salary and, of all those receiving an equivalent salary, none had as much teaching experience as Mrs. Berry," HEW said.

On the basis of the university's alleged refusal to "cooperate or negotiate" to settle the Berry complaint, the HEW general counsel recommended that a federal hearing examiner find the university in violation of the presidential order; cancel any existing federal contracts and bar the university from any new federal contracts until the the Berry case is resolved.



Zippy trip

Defying skinned knees and toe burns, skateboarder Gregg Russell makes a run down the pedestrian walkway over Well-

born Road. The fast trip down attracts a group of skateboard enthusiasts several afternoons a week. Staff photo by Steve Goble

People's Festival

The Brazos County People's Festival will be held this weekend at the Manor East Mall. The Festival was conceived four years ago by Mr. Claude Davis and supported by local citizens. It is a non-profit organization and participants are urged to donate the proceeds from their respective booths to charitable causes.

The purpose of the Festival is to make us aware of the population composition and the cultural backgrounds offered by ethnic groups in Brazos County.

Friday	2:00 p.m. Texas Star Rhythm Cloggers
6:00 p.m. Bluegrass Music	3:30 p.m. Paula Boatright Bellydancer
6:30 p.m. Music of Mexico	3:00 p.m. Kitchen Klatter Kombo
7:00 p.m. Circle/Square Dancers	3:30 p.m. Polish Dancers
7:30 p.m. Maria Coleman/Singer	4:00 p.m. Texas Star Rhythm Cloggers
8:00 p.m. Arab World Dancers	4:30 p.m. Lebanese Folk Dancers
8:30 p.m. Paula Boatright-bellydancer	4:00 p.m. Italian Folk Dancers
9:00 p.m. Bluegrass Music	6:00 p.m. Costume Parade International
9:30 p.m. Music of Mexico	7:00 p.m. Dancers from India
Saturday	Saturday Evening
9:00 a.m. Bryan High Stage Band	October 4th
10:30 a.m. Flute Music of India	8:00 p.m. Sheri Lampo
11:00 a.m. Polish Entertainers	Italian Songs
11:30 a.m. Modern Dancer from Black Awareness Comm.	9:00 p.m. Modern Dancers from Black Awareness Comm.
12:00 a.m. Mexican Folk Dancers	
1:00 p.m. Kitchen Klatter Kombo	

Women's political activity rising

By JERRY GEARY
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Women's participation in politics is resulting in a greater interest in women's issues, said State Rep. Sarah Weddington Thursday.

Politics is changing because women are taking a more active part as evidenced by the 2000 women who ran for various offices in the last general election she said.

The change in the face of politics is important not only in numbers

but in what is being done to change the situation. She said, "Women are being accepted into a broader role in life, in professions as well as politics."

Women deal with more human issues and tend to work harder than average because they are in the limelight, said Weddington.

Since women represent 52 per cent of the voters in Texas, Weddington said their involvement and minority participation is important

because "the more government represents the population it serves, the more accurately it can serve the people."

Speaking on women's rights, Weddington observed that while the nation is celebrating its bicentennial, women can only celebrate 54 years of suffrage.

"Only in the past ten years have women been able to serve on juries," she said, because the man said "women should not be exposed

to trial proceedings."

Humorously, Weddington recalled her first campaign saying her main opponent called her "that sweet little girl" and accused her of attempting to confuse the voters by wearing different types of skirts and hair styles.

Weddington also admitted to some bizarre campaign tactics as evidenced by the "Vote for Sarah Weddington" cards posted by the toilets in ladies' restrooms.



Campus

"THE TAMING OF THE SHREW" and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" will be shown at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday in the Rudder Theater.

WORLD PEACE DAY is today. A panel discussion entitled "Progress in a World of Peace" will be held tonight at 8 in room 601 of the Rudder Tower. It is sponsored by the Baha'i Club of Texas A&M University. There will also be films and slides with a musical background.

THE ALL-AGGIE INTRAMURAL RODEO will be held tonight and Saturday beginning at 8. Tickets are on sale at the MSC box office for \$1.50. They will be \$2.00 at the gate.

THE CAPTAIN AND TENNILLE will perform Saturday in the Rudder Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets and information are available in the Rudder Tower box office.

THE BASEMENT COMMITTEE will have a special show tonight in their stage setting just south of the post office in the MSC. The popular group "Morning" from San Antonio will alternate with Steve Summers, a Dallas performer who earned his start in the Coffeehouse. The show starts at 8 p.m. and admission will be \$1.00. Concessions are available.

THE POLO CLUB will meet UT-Austin at 2 p.m. Saturday at the field across from the golf course.

THE CLASS OF '77 will sponsor a 1950's style dance Friday, Oct. 3, at DeWare Fieldhouse from 8 p.m. until midnight. Dress is '50's style. Cost is 75 cents per person, \$1 per couple, and CTs do not have to wear uniforms. Everyone is invited.

GREAT ISSUES will present Richard Levinson, the international affairs specialist, at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the MSC ballroom. Levinson will speak on "Terrorism . . . the Inside Story." Admission is free for students, \$1 for others.

AYELL - PRACTICE WILL BE HELD at Kyle Field at 7:15 p.m. Monday in preparation for whipping up on the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

AUDITIONS FOR THE AGGIE PLAYERS' production of Robert E. Sherwood's comedy - drama, "The Petrified Forest," will be held Sunday and Monday. Director Robert Wenck announced auditions in Room 304 of Bizzell Hall. Tryouts are by appointment and sign-up is required. Information is available at 845-2621.

THE SECOND INSTALLMENT for board plan students is due on Monday. It can be paid in the Fiscal Office in the Coke Building. There is a \$1 a day penalty for late payments, up to a maximum of \$10.

Texas

ATTY. GEN. JOHN HILL overruled Thursday the decades-old practice of charging public school pupils for such things as workbooks, driver education, band uniforms, laboratory supplies and club memberships.

BLUE CROSS, accused by one researcher of using tax funds in the form of Medicaid reserves to help friendly corporations, has consistently refused to disclose its administrative costs, Welfare Commissioner Raymond Vowell said Thursday in testimony before the House Health and Welfare Committee.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE O. P. Carrillo, already suspended from office, and his brother, Duval County Commissioner Ramiro Carrillo, were found guilty Thursday of federal income tax charges.

National

SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Thursday he has not withheld any documents about the Israeli-Egyptian Sinai agreement.

DOCUMENTS WRITTEN BY Symbionese Liberation Army soldier William Harris described the abduction of Patricia Hearst as a "combat operation" and indicate he took part, it was reported Thursday.

World

ANGRY POLICEMEN at the Madrid funeral of three colleagues slain by terrorists booed Spanish Premier Arias and called for his resignation Thursday.