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Senate votes on NSL slate

A&M's Student Senate is to vote on a referendum of issues submitted by the National Student Lobby. The Lobby represents students in the Congress through member schools at A&M. The referendum is sent out each January to determine the interests of the students the lobby plans for the year. The issues on the referendum involve most of education. Six, including campus rights and voter registration, interest most students while the remaining go to smaller segments of students. Included in that are airfare discounts, food prices, minority rights, and child day-care centers.

The lobby, which normally runs with a full-time staff, is currently down to a handful of unpaid volunteers because of financial problems. The lobby's activities have also become more compact. The referendum will help them direct their efforts according to the requests of students.

The focus of the lobby is on funding the lobbying process," said Mark Paul, currently on its board of directors. In 1972, the lobby was instrumental in the passage of the Basic Educational Opportunity Grants (BEOG) bill, which provides up to \$1,400 to over 1 million students nationally. Nearly 1,100 Aggies are

expected to receive grants from the BEOG program this year.

"I would like to thank the National Student Lobby for getting through the Basic Grant concept," said Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I.

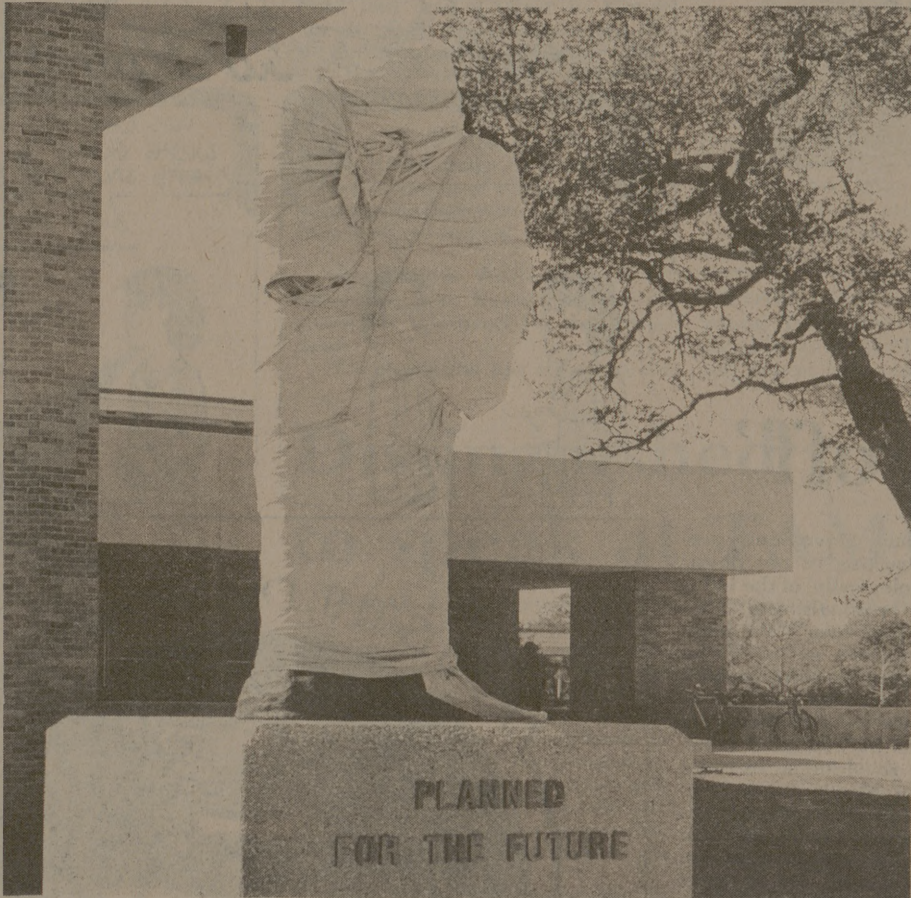
Pell is chairman of the Senate Committee on Education.

Other funding bills that the lobby has worked for include bills providing funds and guidelines for the College Work Study Program, Guaranteed Student Loans, and Veterans Educational Benefits.

The lobby also claims success in the area of student rights. They have successfully lobbied in favor of bills giving students the right to inspect their own records, and bills supporting students on university boards of trustees.

The lobby is run entirely by students. The 18-member Board of Directors must be full-time students at the time of their election. The directors are elected at the working conference of the lobby each Spring. Two from each of the six regions of the United States and an additional six chosen at large.

These directors are responsible for acting on the lobby's issues and making field connections with member schools. The directors serve one-year terms.



What is it?

This shrouded object, a recent addition to the University Center landscape, is a sculpture by Pat Foley of Houston. The gift will be unveiled Feb. 2 as part of A&M's centennial celebration. Guess what the figure looks like and check your answer on page 2.

Jim Hendrickson

Students' rights — What are they?

By KATHY YOUNG
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With more than a week of the semester gone, many students may still not be aware of their rights in the classroom.

You may know you can't smoke, eat or drink in University classrooms. However, did you know that your professor is required to announce what the final grade will be based on? This announcement must come in the first week of classes as stated in University Regulations.

In addition to telling students the number of tests and their percentage of the final grade, your instructor is required to give adequate notice for major tests.

An instructor may structure the course and grade any way he chooses as long as he notifies the class.

The University Regulations state the student's semester grade in a course should be based upon performance in class, written exercises and tests, laboratory work and final examinations, as applicable to the course. If you have any question about a final grade, first check with the instructor and then with the head of the department.

If it's too early to think about grades, but you've started cutting classes, or are thinking about it, con-

sider the rules first. Attendance is not required, but it is viewed as the responsibility of the individual student in the regulations.

The student is also responsible for being present to complete assignments and requesting make-ups of missed assignments. If a student knows he's going to be absent, he should inform the instructor in advance according to the regulations.

Before you miss class, consider that the instructor is responsible for deciding whether an absence is authorized. Authorized absences include confinement because of illness, death in a student's immediate family, participation in an authorized University activity or participation in legal proceedings.

An authorized absence entitles the student to make up missed work. Again, the instructor decides the manner in which make-up work is administered.

Finally, the instructor may consider an absence unauthorized and refuse to let a student make-up an assignment. A student may appeal such a decision. First, contact the head of the academic department of the instructor. Second, visit the dean of the instructor's college and failing all else, appear before the Academic Appeals Panel.

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THE FORECAST for Wednesday and Thursday is fair and mild. Southwesterly winds will be at 7 to 10 mph. The expected high for Wednesday is 64, tonight's low 36. Thursday's high will be 68.

Final fee requests to be presented

Final budget proposals by student service organizations will be presented to the Student Fee Allocation Committee Thursday evening.

Over \$1 million will be budgeted among 13 organizations.

Tomorrow night organizations will make their final pleas to the committee before it submits recommendations to the Student Senate for first readings on Feb. 4. Final readings will be held on Feb. 11.

"After Senate approval, the recommendations will be handed to the executive

vice-president of administration or vice-president of student services, then on to President Williams for final endorsement. In case of disagreement, the proposals will be sent to the Board of Regents for consent, but this rarely occurs," said Flores.

Flores said final approval is left up to the

Student Senate, since all requisitions have gone unchanged after Senate approval in recent years.

"Student service fees are calculated in the Fiscal office. Each year, students are charged \$1.65 per semester hour up to a

total of \$19.80 for this allocation," Flores said.

"This year's projected \$1.078 million budget shows a 14.8 per cent increase over last year's funds. This is because of higher publication costs, hiring of new personnel and expanding programs," said Flores.

Council advised to reject Bryan's utility rate proposal

The College Station Utility Rate Advisory Committee recommended last night the City Council reject a utility contract proposed by the City of Bryan.

City Councilman Lorence Braveneed the contract an "unconditional surfer" to Bryan. He was referring to a projected 30 per cent, \$582,000 increase in utility rates over the present interim rates adopted last August.

The proposed contract would also raise electric costs from 38.5 cents to 47 cents per 100 gallons, an increase of 22 per cent.

The committee unanimously recommended that the council request a new utility contract from Bryan within 30 days. If it is received by then, the committee suggested that the council should begin negotiating contracts with alternative suppliers.

College Station has been offered a contract by another supplier whose proposed rates are slightly lower than those presently being by Bryan. If contracted, City Manager North Bardell said, the supplier could supply the city with power in about three months.

Under the proposed contract, College Station would be required to purchase at a 80 per cent of its water from Bryan. However, Bryan would not be obligated to supply more than that amount.

A new well in College Station will be able to supply up to 35 per cent of the city's needs, in addition to water supplied by Texas A&M.

Sewer rates to commercial customers

Parking scarce

200 tickets issued daily

With the fifth class day enrollment at 23,440 and some 200 traffic violations being issued daily, University officials think something should be done about the parking situation.

"There's 19,000 registered vehicles and another 2000 illegally operating cars on campus," said John Koldus, vice-president of student services, Tuesday.

He added that there aren't nearly that many parking spaces and the 8,000 bicycles, increasing numbers of motorcycles, increasing landscaping-project encroachment enrollment on parking causes the problem to appear even worse.

"Obviously, present control procedures are ineffective," Koldus said. "They will either be strengthened and driving privileges restricted or reinstatement fees

would be increased 11 per cent, but all other sewage rates would remain the same under the proposed contract.

The City Council will meet Feb. 5.

increased." He said that the University Police collected about \$60,000 in traffic violation fines during fall semester '75.

In an unexpected discovery, the University became aware that the parking on the south side of University Drive is campus property.

The parking extends along Northgate from the east side of the Post Office to Spence street.

"Anyone with a University permit can park there except for night permit and special option permit holders," said Robert Melcher, administrative office of student services.

Enforcement of parking regulations for this additional area will go into effect Monday.



Practice makes . . .

Robert Kenefick and Beverly Knight rehearse with the Bryan-College Station Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Charles Johnson. The orchestra will perform

at the reception for Marcel Marceau Friday night in the Rudder Exhibition Center. Attendance is by invitation.

Inquiring Battman . . . What does the future hold for A&M?



Debbie Brogdon,
Horticulture, Madisonville
The traditions will change or they'll stop being them at all. It will just be too big. A&M will be just like any other college; it won't be unique anymore."



Blake Nutter,
Industrial Distribution, Conroe
"The number of girls will catch up with the number of guys. It will be better than other schools but not as good as it is now."



Ruth Ann Schumacher,
Economics, Gettysburg
"W-I is really going to grow; we'll increase every year. I don't think there will be Waggies in the band or the drill team. Why should we? We have our own drill team."



Bruce Basden,
Civil Engineering, Burleson
"It will be a good change—a nice-looking place instead of a bunch of buildings on a pasture. The Corps will have to change . . . stimulate more interest for the fish and not just harass them all the time."



Doug Wright,
Recreation and Parks, Jal, New Mexico
"They'd better limit the growth—it's hard to say howdy to 30,000 people. The traditions will remain unchanged. Seventy per cent of the people come here for the traditions and the spirit anyway."



Brent Futrell,
Agricultural Banking, Dumas
"If the other classes are motivated to preserve it, the Corps will be all right. I hate to think of Waggies in the band, but I'd be a fool to say they won't be. A&M is growing too fast and that's a shame but we've gained academically."