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Senate discusses funding, dorm rules

Student Senate requests open weekend visitation

By RAY DANIELS

Twenty-four hour dormitory visitation on weekends was recommended by the Texas A&M University Student Senate last night. Introduced by Joe Beall (Soph.-Eng.), the bill originally asked Friday hours be changed from noon to 10 a.m. It was amended to open visitation from 10 a.m. Friday to 10 p.m. Sunday as the maximum hours that could be adopted by dormitories. The bill comes part of changes to be considered by the University Rules Committee and the administration. If passed, the changes take effect next fall.

Extension of public liquor service to 2 a.m. on weekends was endorsed and recommended to College Station City Council.

Phil Sutton (Sr.-Bus.) sponsored the bill. Last year a similar bill prompted extension from midnight to 1 a.m.

Sutton said no increase in accidents or arrests had been associated with the extension. He cited a survey made last spring where 85 per cent of the students wanted the extension to 2 a.m. on weekends. There was little opposition to the bill.

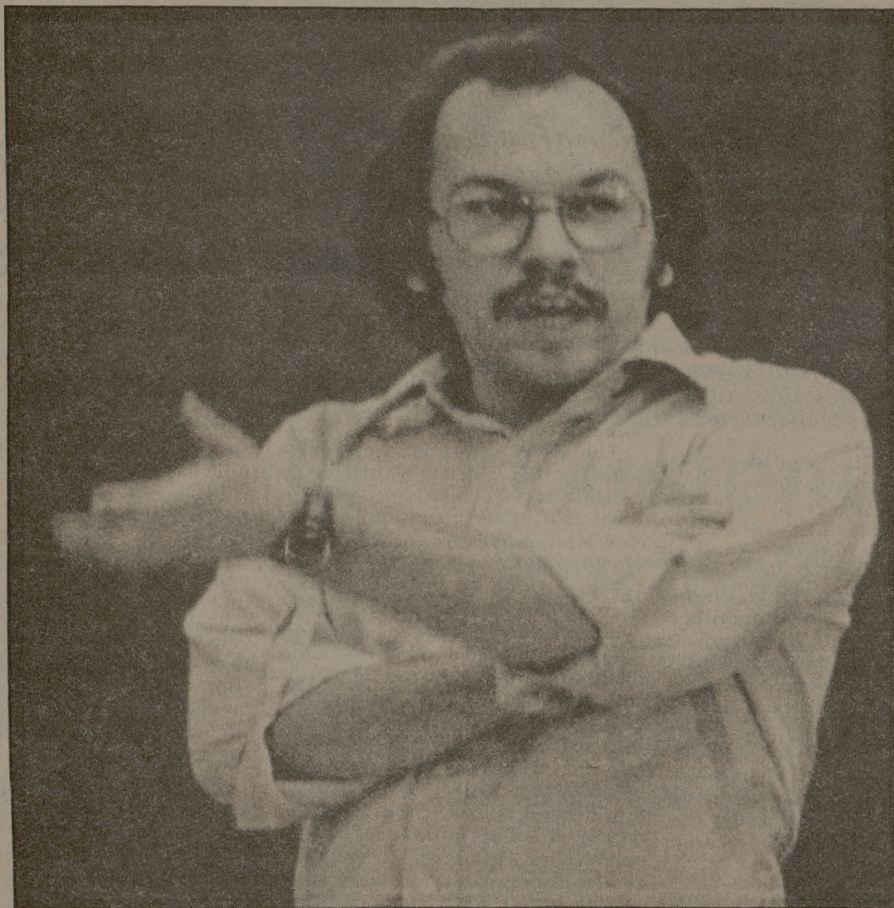
Reconsideration of a February decision by the Student Publications Board to use structures of non-recognized student organizations in the Aggieland was brought up again last night. The Student Publications Board decided to allow non-recognized organizations to buy space in the Aggieland at the same rates charged recognized groups. Groups to be included would be decided by the editor.

There are a number of ways to include the organizations without putting them with recognized organizations," said Robert Harvey (Sr.- Eng.). Harvey mentioned inclusion of the student life section and re-establishment of advertising. Harvey said putting unrecognized groups with those that are recognized implies recognition, and such powers being elsewhere.

"Censorship," said Joe Marcello. "This bill is the most dangerous piece of legislation we acted on. We're trying to make ourselves editor."

The Senate's not overstepping its bounds because it is recommending on things students put money into, said Mary Ellen Martin (Sr.- Lib.Arts.).

A roll call vote passed the issue and a copy of the Senate's request will go to the Student Publications Board for its consideration.



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Senator Joe Marcello discussed the merits of allowing all student organizations to buy space in the Aggieland at last night's senate meeting.

Senate allocates \$41,000 for university day care

By RAY DANIELS

Day care for 32 children of Texas A&M University students may be provided next year because of a \$41,000 allocation by the A&M Student Senate last night. The day-care center allocation was among more than \$1 million in allocation recommendations made by the Senate last night.

An allocation from Student Services Fee reserves was recommended to provide the equipment and costs for the Texas A&M University Educational Development Center. If the Board of Regents approves the allocation, the center will be located in the Unitarian Fellowship on Old College Road.

Approval was given for yearly allocation of Student Service fees during a six-and-one-half hour meeting.

Sensors who spoke for the proposal said it would have educational and possible financial advantages over services now in existence.

The plan combines College of Education students and paid personnel under guidance of a three-student, two-faculty board to provide an educationally oriented day-care program. Initially, it would be available to 32 children at a cost of \$12 per week. Plans include financial self-sufficiency by the end of the second year.

External Affairs Vice President Jerri Ward questioned this use of Student Service Fees, saying that all students don't have children and wouldn't use the service.

Providing the education of students' children and the curriculum of education majors was not the purpose of student service fees, she said. Robert Harvey, engineering senator and Corps Commander, supported Ward's views.

Academic Vice President Stan Stanfield stressed the center's availability to students needing it, within enrollment constraints.

Sens. Joe Marcello and Jeb Hensarling supported the bill for its potential in educational growth of the children. They pointed out the total cost of \$60,000 over two years comes from the reserve without affecting money allocated for standard services.

Senate Speaker Lynn Gibson surrendered his position to address the issue. He emotionally pleaded for parents unable to attend school without day-care facilities. He criticized making large subsidies to "bureaucratic garbage while by-passing this needed and worth-while project financed by reserves, which basically go to waste.

The center budget included \$30,000 employee's pay and \$9,000 food preparation expense, plus rent, utilities and equipment.

Equipment included toys and art materials, a tape recorder, record player, filmstrips and projector, cable television, and also a washer, dryer, refrigerator and dishwasher. Renovation of the building would cost \$6,000.

Women work outside at A&M

By LINDA NORMAN

Women who don't mind a little dirt under their fingernails are working where they are most likely to find it—outside.

There are seven women working in outside jobs for the Texas A&M University Grounds Department, said Eugene Ray, director of the department. They can be found doing anything from digging ditches to driving tractors.

"Flowers are easier to herd around than cattle," said Kathy Kraatz, a graduate of A&M with a degree in animal science.

She has worked for the department part-time for one year and full time for six months. She is the youngest of four women who are members of the flower crew.

"We have a large tiller we run on the beds, and I just love running it," Kraatz said.

Her least favorite job is cleaning plants in the Memorial Student Center, she said.

"I wish I was out there now digging in

the mud," said Pauline Jenkins, veteran member of the flower crew.

A rainy day required her to work in the greenhouse. She has worked for the department eight years.

"I don't like inside work. I used to work in a cafe and didn't like it," Jenkins said.

Her favorite task is planting, she said.

Dorothy Duarte, mother of five girls, said the men co-workers treat them very well. "They consider us women as well as workers," she said she enjoys trimming the most, after working on the flower crew about eight months.

Alta Blocker said her husband objected to her work at first because he thought it was not ladylike. The mother of four boys has worked for the flower crew one and a half years. She says setting out plants is her favorite job.

"I think I'm just a damned ditchdigger," Blanche Prescott said when asked what type of jobs she does.

She said she likes the work because it is outside, but doesn't recommend this type

of work for other women. The only woman member of the landscape crew said her husband doesn't mind her working. She is the mother of three children, two girls who are agriculture education majors at A&M, and one son.

The crew gets many inquiries from passersby, and they try to answer them as well as they can, said Joe Prieve, foreman of the seven-member flower crew. The questions range from amounts of fertilizer to how to plan their own flower beds. Many ask the women how they can get started working, said Duarte.

Prieve said it does not matter to him whether he has men or women in his crew. The main thing he wants is a cooperative group, he said. He added that the crew he has is very cooperative. He has been crew foreman five and a half years, and said he inherited women on the crew.

"We have a lot of fun, but when it comes down to getting work done, we know how to do it," Blocker said.



Blanche Prescott

Muslims seize Washington buildings; hold more than 100 persons hostage

WASHINGTON — Hanafi Muslims told police today that any attempt to free hostages captured when they seized three Washington buildings would put more than 100 lives in danger.

At the direction of the religious cultists, Alan Grip, press secretary to a city councilman and one of the hostages in Washington's city hall, sent out their message in a telephone conversation.

Grip, a former radio announcer, said the terrorists were holding more than 100 hostages at national headquarters of B'nai B'rith.

After taking over three buildings yesterday, the terrorists killed a young black reporter, shot and wounded three persons, beat or stabbed five others and seized as many as 100 hostages in the national headquarters of B'nai B'rith, a Jewish organization; the national Islamic Center, a mosque; and Washington's city hall, a few blocks from the White House.

Seven hostages were believed held in city hall, and about 15 at the National Islamic Center.

The raiders at B'nai O'rith released a woman hostage who was suffering chest pains. She was rushed away in an ambulance. Police first said she was a relative of a hostage, then corrected themselves and said she was a hostage. They did not identify her.

Authorities, acting gingerly out of fear of a bloodbath, tried to open negotiations with the raiders. Officer Joseph Gentile, a police spokesman, said there had been "sporadic, on and off" contact with the gunmen through the night.

The terrorist band of six to eight persons was led by Hanafi leader Hamaas Abdul Khaalis. He demanded that five of the Hanafi's religious enemies be brought before the terrorists to receive retribution for the 1973 executions of two women and

five children. Khaalis was the father of four of the children.

In his broadcast message from the Hanafis, press secretary Grip repeated words told to him by the gunmen:

"We are Hanafi Muslims to the death. And if the police have any ideas about storming this room, it will put all of our lives in immediate danger as well as the over 100 hostages at B'nai B'rith because that's his father and he will fight and die with his father. And they are prepared to die because they killed our family.

"This is for all Islam. It is not a personal grudge. It's just that justice should be done."

Asked about the situation in city hall, Grip said the hostages were being treated well, and were given cigarettes, breakfast and newspapers. Grip said the terrorists "allowed us to have our hands tied in front. We're being treated very well."

Then he hung up abruptly.

Rape attitudes on campus cause problems, says counselor

By DEBBIE PARSONS

The attitude on the Texas A&M University campus toward rape, as toward many other social problems, seems to be that it is not a problem, Susan Smith said last night in a talk sponsored by Women's Forum.

Smith was co-director for a rape crisis center in California before becoming a

rape counselor seven months ago at the Rape Crisis Center at the Central Brazos Valley Mental Health Center.

"The general community attitude towards rape is that of general unawareness of the problem," Smith said. "The best way to let people know more about the problem is to do what I'm doing tonight, talking to people."

A rape victim usually goes through three stages, Smith said.

The first stage is that of shock, anger and confusion. There are decisions to be made, such as whether to prosecute or whether to get counseling.

During the second stage, the woman tries to lead a normal life, usually denying that anything is wrong by saying, "I don't need counseling."

Smith called the third stage a resolution stage, triggered by dreams that bring back memories of the rape, or court hearings where the woman has to relate everything that happened.

In all three stages, the woman has many angry feelings that she has to own up to and deal with, Smith said.

"If they come to us for help, we give them anticipatory guidance, where we tell the woman that these stages will probably occur, and she should not think anything is wrong with her personally. It is normal," Smith said.

One of the major issues that women have to deal with in a rape case is how guilty they were in the act of rape, she said.

"A lot of women wonder what they did to cause themselves to be assaulted," Smith said. "Personal characteristics have nothing to do with who is assaulted, it only concerns the rapist."

Smith feels that a counseling service for persons who are close to the rape victim would be beneficial. This includes husbands, boyfriends, fathers and brothers.

"It's understandable that the male feels as if something has been taken away from him when an important person in his life has been aggressed. Therefore, he needs counseling also," Smith said.

The number of legislative bodies who now believe that rape is worthy of study has greatly helped public awareness of rape, Smith said.

"The Rape Crisis Center in California has been pushing to reduce the number of years of conviction for rapists, so that hopefully more rapists will be convicted," Smith said.

"Right now, with the penalty so high, 20 years to life, most juries are reluctant to convict a person unless there is overwhelming evidence that he is guilty."

Smith said that instead of punishment, convicted rapists should be given therapy, because the repeated offense record for rapists is high.

A major breakthrough in the way that rapes are handled occurred when a member of one of the crisis centers

checked the laws and found that police officers don't have to attend the medical examination of a rape victim, as previously thought.

"This greatly improved the doctor-patient relationship," Smith said.

The Rape Crisis Center was started last spring. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare requires that one out of the 12 services in any community mental health service must be rape counseling.

There are four people working at the Rape Center now, and they are hoping to set up a counselor training program for people who are interested in serving as rape crisis volunteers, Smith said.

Most of the people now working at the Rape Crisis Center are working at the professional level and do not have as much time to spend working on the rape cases.

Smith said the centers need counselors from all ages and ethnic backgrounds.

The Rape Crisis Center is located at 405 West 25th Street in Bryan and the telephone number is 822-7326.



Susan Smith

Weather

Partly cloudy and mild today with winds gusting from the south at 12 to 22 m.p.h. High today in the low 70s. Low tonight in the upper 50s. Cloudiness continued through tomorrow with mild temperatures. Precipitation probability 30 per cent tonight increasing to 50 per cent tomorrow.