Anti-abortion opinion right supported by Texas S.B.416

By BO GRIFFIN

Discrimination against hospital employes who are opposed to abortion will be illegal if Senate Bill 416 becomes law.

The bill, introduced to the Texas Senate by Sen. Walter H. Mengden Jr., R-Houston, prohibits the discrimination against employes who refuse participation in abortions at hospitals or clinics that permit abortions.

The bill was recently passed by a Senate committee, where Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, attempted to amend the bill to prohibit discrimination against Catholic hospital or clinic employes unopposed to abortion.

"It was not Sen. Doggett's intention to make it a pro-abortion bill if it concerned a private Catholic hospital," said a spokesman for Doggett.

Father John McCarthy, executive director of the Texas Catholic Conference, said yesterday the attempt by Sen. Doggett to amend the bill was really unnecessary.

"I don't see how hospital or clinic employes not opposing abortion could be discriminated against," he said, without the employer violating the Fair Labor Standards Act and the Civil Right Act."

"They certainly cannot be denied their own personal opinion," said McCarthy.

"I think the bill is basically good legislation and has a good chance of passing," he said.

McCarthy said the only problem would be Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

"He (Hobby) does not seem to be particularly interested in this type of legislation, so it will probably have a hard time coming up on the Senate agenda," he said.

"I think it will move easier on the House floor," he said.

Copyright law affects faculty

Users of printed materials, records, films and photographs have cause for concern over the new copyright law said Waldo H. Moore of the Library of Congress Copyright Office.

Moore, speaking to Texas A&M University faculty at a University Lecture, said authors have a better outlook under the law that becomes effective Jan. 1, 1978.

"When you read the new law, the first part puts you to sleep," Moore said. "Then comes Section 106, and it makes your hair stand on end."

He quickly pointed out that the user is the one to react. "The author," Moore said, "begins clapping."

The section grants exclusive rights in copyrighted works to the owner. It covers reproduction, preparation of derivative works, distribution by sale, transfer, rental, lease or lending and public performance or display of copyrighted work.

Still in limbo are photocopy and use of copyrighted materials in computer data retrieval systems, Moore said.

The Copyright Office reference division chief said a Congressional-Presidential committee is at work on recommendations with regards to photocopy and computer use.

Top of the News

Campus

TOP DESIGN AWARDS have been won by the Texas A&M University Press for two books designed by Raymond M. Grimaila, who joined the Texas A&M publishing house in 1975 as designer and production manager. "Fort Davis and the Texas Frontier" and "Junks of Central China" earned certificates of excellence and each was designated an "Oustanding Southern Book of 1976" by The Southeastern Library Association.

A HISTORY MAJOR at Texas A&M University is among 220 recipients selected to receive a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends award for 1977. Lawrence D. Cress of College Station will receive $2,500 for two months of full-time scholarly study and research. Stipends are awarded to college and university teachers and others working in humanities who have proposed projects of high quality and value to the humanities.

ABSENTEE BALLOTING for the April 2 College Station municipal and school board elections ends at 5 p.m. today.

Balloting for city council districts 1, 3 and 5 will be conducted in the city secretary's office at College Station City Hall on Texas Ave. across from Texas A&M University. School board absentee voting will be held at the A&M Consolidated School District office at 100 Anderson St.

DR. JACOB MOSIER, head of the department of Surgery and Medicine in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University, will be among the featured speakers at the Texas Animal Agriculture Conference at Texas A&M University Monday, April 4.

Texas

A FEDERAL JUDGE has blocked for at least 10 days a hearing by the Texas Education Agency that could have determined the fate of the Westheimer Independent School District attempted breakaway in Houston. The judge will use the time to decide whether to grant WISD an injunction against the hearing. The TEA hearing, required under the statewide desegregation order in a pending federal case was to determine whether the secession of the WISD from the Houston Independent School District would impede desegregation in the Houston area.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL Calvert Springtime Pilgramage will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 2-3. Included in the tour this year will be seven homes in all stages of restoration, four historic churches and two rooms of a historical museum. Tickets are $3 and may be purchased at the theater on Main Street. For more information, call Sarah Prince at 713-297-3687.

National

DESPITE PROTESTS the Food and Drug Administration is going ahead with its controversial ban on saccharin. Almost 800 letters a day pour in on HEW Secretary Joseph A. Califano Jr., who told a Cabinet meeting yesterday the FDA will propose a ban within the next two weeks on the last remaining artificial sweetener.

ABOUT 70,000 TEACHERS are assaulted by students each year and school vandalism is costing taxpayers $500 million annually, according to a report compiled by the National School Boards Association. Teacher assaults have risen 73 per cent, while those on students have gone up 85 per cent. The amount of vandalism is equal to the amount spent on textbooks.

AUTHOR ALEX HALEY paid a brief visit to some distant relatives of Kunta Kinte Monday night in Kansas City at the home where he came for help in his 12-year search for the story of "Roots." Floyd Anderson, a retired city employee, and his sister Bea Neely, a retired school teacher, are sixth generation descendents of the African Kinte and third cousins to Haley.

World

NEGOTIATORS for the Soviet Union and the U.S. have put their differences over human rights issues aside today and tackled other bilateral and international matters. Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko opened the second day of U.S.-Soviet talks with a discussion of issues believed to have included restraint of international arms sales, and military reductions in Central Europe, the Middle East and the Indian Ocean.

'Easy listening' radio KAMU-FM begins broadcasting tomorrow

KAMU-FM, Texas A&M's new radio station, begins operations at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Sign-on ceremonies are set for 2:50 p.m. with University President Jack K. Williams and other A&M officials joining in inaugural activities for the noncommercial FM outlet featuring classical, semi-classical, jazz and "easy listening" music.

Station Manager Don Simons said KAMU-FM, assigned a frequency of 90.3 megahertz, will operate 18 hours daily, from 6 a.m. until midnight.

The station is located in the building that houses A&M's educational television station, KAMU-TV.

Simons said that KAMU-TV will televise sign-on activities.

Ceremonies will include a tour of broadcast facilities at the Educational Television Building south of Kyle Field.

Simon's said the station's musical format will be complemented by news and other informative programs. The FM station will be affiliated with National Public Radio, the equivalent of educational television's Public Broadcasting Service.

From April 1 through June 14, you can fly roundtrip from New York to Luxembourg for only $410.
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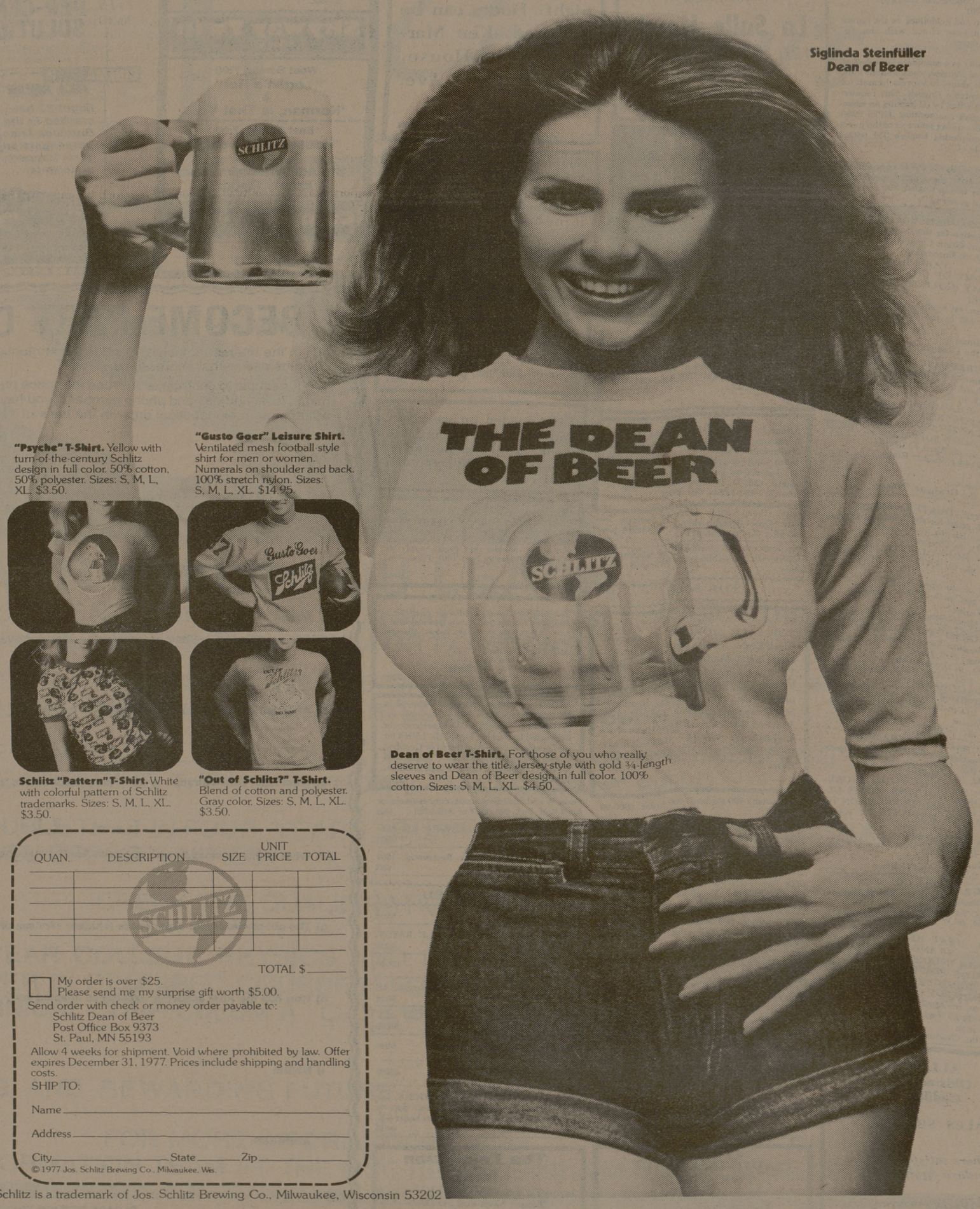

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