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A&M pension hike proposed

By DIANE BLAKE
Battalion Staff

Employees and retirees of Texas A&M University could receive higher retirement benefits if the legislation which Sen. William T. "Bill" Moore, D-Bryan, and Rep. Bill Pressnal, D-Bryan, have introduced is passed.
The proposed legislation would remove the \$25,000 ceiling on which teacher retirement deposits are made. No deposits, and subsequently no retirement benefits, are allowed for wages above that amount.
Henry D. Eckert, Texas A&M employee benefits manager, said the ceiling has been raised twice since 1937, but each time it created

a liability to the Teacher Retirement System.
Retirees received higher benefits without having made contributions at the higher rate, causing the liability, he said.
The legislation would eliminate the liability and "keep retirement benefits more in pace with actual earnings."
Employees pay 6.65 percent of their salaries to the fund and the state pays 7.5 percent. The proposal also would raise the state's contribution to 8.5 percent of the employee's salaries.
The bill would also change survivor benefits from a \$500 lump sum and \$75 per month to a \$1,500 lump sum and \$100 per month. Beneficiaries with children under age

18 would receive \$200 a month, up from \$150 a month.
If the legislation were passed, those who started receiving benefits before March 31, 1969, would get a 20 percent increase. Those whose benefits have started since then but

before Sept. 1, 1973, would get a 10 percent increase. A 5 percent increase would go to those who began receiving benefits after Sept. 1, 1973, before May 31, 1977.

Voyager 1 sees 'pizza pie' moon

United Press International
PASADENA, Calif.—Voyager 1 survived intense radiation as it raced past Jupiter Monday, turning its electronic eyes from the surrealistic clouds of the giant planet to

a variety of yellow, orange and brown moon worlds.
The robot explorer, perfectly flawless 422 million miles from Earth, swept within 173,000 miles of the planet colossus of the system at 6:05 a.m. It took 47 minutes for confirmation of the operation to reach Earth.
"Everything's normal," project manager Robert Paro said as it passed over the Jupiter's atmosphere, showing a tail as small as three miles. Voyager 1 rotated its main camera platform to scrutinize the Io, a bizarre moon that resembles a pizza pie in more distant photos.
Closer shots showed a variety of strange features including what appeared to be depressions, and fractures in the crust covered by beds of salts and sulfur.
Jupiter's tremendous gravity whipped the 1,800-pound probe like a slingshot around the planet and hurled it on a course to past Io and three other large satellites later Monday and en route to a rendezvous next year in Saturn.
Jupiter's gravity is so strong the slingshot effect had to be planned. The probe's speed in relation to the planet is more than 80,000 miles per hour in 24 hours.

Although it was not yet clear, the spacecraft's electronic systems withstood the initial onslaught of radiation without apparent harm. The radiation absorbed so far was more than 10 times the dose that would be lethal to human beings.
"Jupiter will remain the of robots," said Dr. Bruce A. Conner, director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory from which the mission is controlled.
With its mottled surface of oranges and yellows, Io is the most spectacular of the satellites served by the spacecraft's telescopic television cameras.

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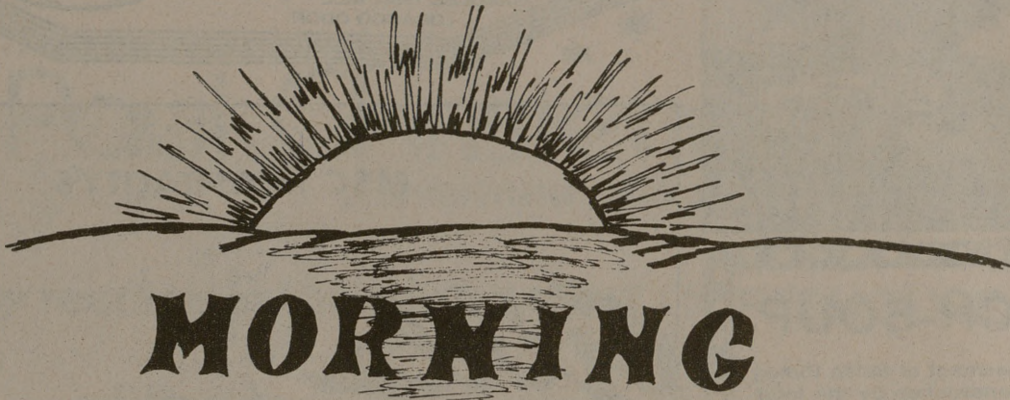
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