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## Committee urges passing Taps bill

Texas A&M University's student senate committee will recommend tonight that the student senate pass a bill which would change the frequency of Silver Taps.

After 55 minutes of discussion and consideration of the results of a survey taken last week in the Memorial Student Center, the committee voted Tuesday night in favor of the bill which would provide for Silver Taps to be held if necessary on the Tuesday of every month from September to April after a student dies.

The senate will hear the committee's recommendations tonight at the same time it has the final reading of the bill and votes on the question.

Silver Taps is currently held on a Tuesday as soon as possible after a student's death, with no ceremony being held between Aggie Muster on April 21 and the beginning of classes in the fall.

The survey taken last Tuesday and Wednesday showed the 1,163 students responding opposed the change by a margin

of 52-48 percent. The poll was taken by Student Government members who set up a table in the MSC and took opinions from students who volunteered them.

During Tuesday's discussion, Paul Bettencourt, vice president of rules and regulations, pointed out that the results could be inconclusive depending on the way the questions on the survey were worded and on how well the lists of pros and cons provided for the students were drawn up.

Other bills the senate will consider in its final meeting of the semester include ones which would:

- recommend the installation of lights for safety and security reasons around the aerobics track;
- recommend the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Joe Routh Boulevard and Wellborn Highway;
- request the installation of Nautilus weight training facilities in the G. Rollie White Coliseum expansion. The facilities would cost an estimated \$40,000.



'Gig' em, Aggies!

Football season's last yell practice was held on the steps of the YMCA Building after Saturday's 13-7 victory over the University of Texas. After being dumped ceremoniously into the Fish Pond, yell

leaders Mark Outlaw, Brian Hill, Pete Greaves, Jeff Smiley and Ed Franza begin the post-game celebration with Aggie Band seniors in the background.

Battalion photo by Jeff R. Sanders

## County to start class for handlers of food

By SYLVIA FELLOWS

All people who handle food for public consumption will soon be required to attend an educational class by the Brazos County Health Department.

Beginning Jan. 1, a new food handler's education course will replace the county's old tuberculosis and syphilis detection program for food handlers. Completion of the new educational course is the new method of issuing health cards for personnel of food related businesses.

All food handlers within Brazos County will be required to attend the course before new or revalidated health certificates are issued.

The certificate — which will be valid for four years — is especially convenient for Texas A&M University students, said Andi Wilson, food handler's program assistant.

"They can get one (health certificate) as a freshman and then they won't have to worry about it anymore," Wilson said.

The course will be offered three times a month at the Brazos Community Center and will cost \$5 per person for the three-hour course. The first class will begin Jan. 8 from 2-5 p.m.

Those persons now holding valid health cards will not be required to take the course until their current health cards expire.

The new educational course will teach methods of food-handling techniques, preventing food-borne disease and poisoning, proper sanitation methods, personal hygiene and insect

and rodent control.

This type of educational course has been used by many other Texas counties for several years, Wilson said. Brazos County switched to this new method of issuing health certificates because of the incidence of tuberculosis and syphilis cases in the county through the old program has been so insignificant in the past few years. Consequently, the state has refused further funding of the testing system.

"This educational course is a much better way of certification, anyway. We hope that after taking the course, the people will understand the importance of health inspections and proper food handling," said Wilson. "It's something that everybody can benefit from and use in their personal homes also."

After the first year, when commercial food handlers will be given top priority, we encourage private homemakers to take the course," Wilson said.

Presently, health inspectors check health certificates and inspect operations of commercial food businesses twice a year. Bakeries and bars with food are inspected as well as restaurants.

People can register one month in advance for the course at the Health Department. The \$5 registration fee will be required at that time.

The Health Department encourages people to register now if their health card expires during the month of December so they will be assured a spot in the January classes.

## Title IX Government rules confuse women's athletics

By ANGELIQUE COPELAND

Before the Justice Department intervened in the sex discrimination suit on behalf of Melanie Zentgraf, most of the controversy surrounding Title IX dealt with its application in regulation of intercollegiate athletics.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 bars all forms of discrimination on sexual grounds in schools and universities.

Implementing the regulation in athletics has been the subject of debate since it became effective July 21, 1975.

Tuesday, the government confounded the issue more when it ordered all colleges and universities receiving federal aid to immediately make athletic scholarship funds available to women and men in proportion to their participation in sports programs.

But aside from scholarships, the new policy says schools will not have to spend proportional amounts of money on women athletes as on men.

The rules pertain to both public and private institutions and those which do not

comply with the scholarship rule could lose federal financial assistance. Policing could be delayed for several months because the new U.S. Education Department is just getting organized.

In spelling out the long awaited policy regarding Title IX, HEW Secretary Patricia Harris announced the government will conduct a nationwide evaluation of programs at schools receiving federal assistance to determine compliance with the law.

She said the guidelines mean, for example, that if 70 percent of a school's athletes are male, they are entitled to 70 percent of the scholarship dollars their school makes available. But 30 percent would go to females.

Before the regulation was released, the government required recipients of federal funds who operate or sponsor intercollegiate, club or intramural athletics to provide equal athletic opportunities for members of both sexes.

Factors determining whether an institution had been providing equal opportunity included selection of sports, accommodation of interests, number and compensation of coaches and publicity. A three-year transition period that expired July 21, 1978, was granted to universities by which to comply. By November 1978, HEW had received 93 complaints alleging more than 62 institutions of higher education were not

providing equal opportunities for women.

In response, a proposed policy interpretation setting specific guidelines was developed by HEW. The purpose was to clarify what universities must do with their programs to be within the law.

The interpretation then proposed by HEW established a two-part approach to compliance and enforcement. Failure to comply resulted in a threat to withhold federal funds to the university.

The first part was aimed at immediately eliminating discrimination in existing athletic programs with two standards of compliance.

The program was to have equal per capita expenditures in what HEW termed "readily measurable benefits" and comparability in those areas HEW said were "not easily financially measurable."

Measurable benefits included scholarships, recruitment and supplies. Examples of nonmeasurable benefits were opportunity to compete and practice, receive coaching and facilities.

The ruling Tuesday kept the measurable benefit ruling the same, but changed the government's position on the second group. Comparability of the unmeasurable benefits is no longer required, according to HEW's announcement.

The second part encouraged continued growth of women's athletics and overcom-

ing what HEW terms the "discriminatory effects of the historic emphasis on men's sports" within a reasonable length of time.

HEW requires universities to take specific steps to provide more athletic opportunities for women to "fully accommodate their rising interest in athletic competition."

Tuesday's new policy added to this by stating items such as equipment and supplies, games, travel expenses, locker rooms and medical training need not be identical, but must be "equal or equal in effect."

"HEW does not require identical benefits, opportunities, or treatment," the policy statement said, "but the effect of any differences must be negligible."

Before the announcement, equal per capita spending was to be met by an institution unless it could demonstrate the differences in expenditures were based on non-discriminatory factors.

Under the new decision, exact equality will not be required, but HEW is expected to allow only small differences unless these non-discriminatory factors are present.

These factors include cost of a sport or the scope of competition; for example, national rather than regional or local competition. However, these factors do not exempt revenue producing sports from the per capita calculation.

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## Captors contradict minister

## Militants reject U.N. resolution

United Press International  
TEHRAN, Iran — Militant students today flatly rejected the U.N. Security Council's call for the immediate release of the 50 Americans and warned revolutionary courts would try the hostages as spies if the proposed shah left the United States for any country but Iran.

A student spokesman appeared to contradict a statement by Foreign Minister Sadegh Qotbzadeh that the students themselves would judge the hostages, now in their 32nd day of captivity.

"The U.N. Security Council is under the orders of the American government and the CIA and therefore, this decision is not important for us," a militant spokesman said of the 15-0 vote at the council meeting Tuesday, which Iran boycotted.

"All the world has seen that the U.N. is owned by the U.S.A. and we reject this decision."

The spokesman added, "Our demands to the U.N. that the shah be returned have been ignored. If and when the shah is returned, the hostages will be freed."

"But if the shah is not returned and goes to any other country from the United States, the hostages will immediately be put on trial and face Islamic revolutionary justice," he added. The charge of spying carries a maximum penalty of death.

In Washington, a top White House aide disputed claims the hostages were well treated, saying, "The American hostages have

been threatened with execution if they fail to cooperate," and added, "They have been threatened at gunpoint and told they would be shot."

Diplomatic sources said the militants' continued intransigent stand would greatly complicate any fresh attempts from moderate Iranians and the United Nations to secure freedom for the hostages.

Finance Minister Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr, who was acting foreign minister for 19 days, visited the students at the embassy earlier this week and lectured them, saying they had "no legal right to put the hostages on trial."

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini this week received an overwhelming mandate to become Iran's absolute ruler for life, and diplomatic sources said this development offered the best prospect for the eventual safe release of the Americans.

Qotbzadeh insisted Iran had done all it could to defuse the crisis and the next move was up to President Carter. The foreign minister also said Iran had urged the Soviet Union not to interfere in the confrontation even if the United States launched military strikes against Iran.

Reacting to such a possibility, the government announced the formation of a "combat cadre" of former soldiers to protect the country from "American aggression."

In Moscow, in its first high-level commentary on the crisis in Iran, the Commun-

ist Party newspaper Pravda said today the United States was headed down a "very alarming and dangerous" path, adding the seizure of American hostages in Iran was no justification for military action.

Diplomatic sources said there was still optimism, despite the latest apparent setback, that Khomeini could launch a fresh initiative to help secure the hostages' release.

They said such a move would come only after results are officially announced at the end of the week on the two-day referendum to turn Iran into an Islamic state with the Moslem elder himself as absolute ruler.

In a move escalating its economic warfare with the United States, Iran officially forbade foreign companies from paying for oil with dollars and announced Tuesday it will raise oil prices in 10 days.

In other developments, British Airways has suspended its flights to Tehran and rerouted flights over Iranian airspace because of the hostage situation at the embassy in Iran, an airline spokesman said.

The spokesman said the airline suspended flights to the Iranian capital Tuesday because of pilots' concern about their safety.

The airline also rerouted its eight daily flights that normally travel through Iranian airspace en route to Australia and the Far East, he said.

## Protestors denied permits for shah demonstration

Huebner said city officials were concerned about the possibility of violence should the Iranians be allowed to protest, and said they consulted with a number of agencies, including the National Security Council and the Texas Department of Public Safety before denying the permits.

But he said, "At no time did any person or agency tell us what to do. We view this as a local issue."

The Iranian Muslim Association, described by its lawyer Louis Linden as a loosely organized group with about 200 members, had requested one permit to demonstrate Friday at Lackland's north entrance and another for a 400-person march from Travis Park to city hall and the Alamo an hour later.

Although Linden indicated he would appeal the city's action, which he called a "judgment call," he said he would advise his clients not to demonstrate in the meantime.

The Socialist Workers Party, meanwhile, announced it would set up a peaceful picket line in front of city hall Thursday. Anthony Gonzalez, a SWP congressional candidate, said the organization had been

assured by the city the demonstration would be legal because it would be held on a public sidewalk.

"The majority of the people in San Antonio do not want the shah here," Gonzalez said. "We would not have protected Adolf Hitler had he lived through World War II."

San Antonio has been the site of numerous anti-shah demonstrations since 1978, but many Iranian students, fearing deportation, have expressed reluctance to demonstrate.

The Texas leader of the Ku Klux Klan, Gene West, had said his organization also would request a permit if the city gave the Iranian association authority to conduct the demonstration and the parade.

"I think for these people to demonstrate at this time is a slap in the face of the American people," West said. "After all, this is our country. I don't see how they can refuse an American organization's right to march, while giving a bunch of foreigners a permit."

"If you can't protect unpopular speech, then we really don't have free speech," Goldstein said such an advance decision by the city "smacks of prior restraint."