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House NTSU finance hearings begin

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AUSTIN — Legislators investigating financial improprieties at North Texas State University devoted the first round of public hearings Monday to questions about cut rates given to the John Hill campaign for a rally on the Denton campus last year.

The House General Investigating Committee called Fred McCain, the NTSU coliseum director, as the first witness in what is expected to be several days of public questioning.

McCain and his former secretary, Sherry Thomas of Corpus Christi, said they felt pressure from the office of former NTSU President C. C. "Jetter" Nolen to reduce the amount charged to Hill's campaign for use of the campus facility.

Thomas said some records were missing from school files on the Aug. 5 rally — including one which would have included her preliminary calculations of the rally costs at close to \$2,000.

McCain said he was told the Young Democrats would officially sponsor the rally. Campus groups

get a reduced rate and the group only had \$250 to spend.

Hill's campaign was charged \$383 — which Thomas testified did not include normal clean-up costs.

Nolen, who resigned April 12 shortly after legislators began investigating NTSU finances, was among 20 witnesses the committee plans to question.

Rep. Richard Slack, D-Pecos, said there was nothing political about the selection of the Hill incident as the first item on the hearing agenda.

"We're building toward a climax rather than starting with a climax,"

Slack said. "It gets progressively more serious."

Slack said the committee will hold night meetings if necessary to complete the hearings this week.

The widow of former music professor Floyd Graham told reporters she wants legislators to find out what happened to money contributed to a memorial fund placed under Nolen's authority.

Pat Graham said she has been unable to obtain a list of contributions to the Floyd Graham Society Fund and can get no satisfactory explanation for how donations of more than

\$12,000 were spent.

"When the president was asked where the rest of the money went, he said it went into a fund for excellence," Graham said. "Whose excellence I don't know."

Slack indicated the committee will save for its final hearings questions about allegations that \$400,000 in state appropriations were funneled illegally into a private foundation set up by Nolen.

Winfree Brown of Midland, NTSU regents chairman, was at the meeting, but said he had been invited to sit in on the hearings, not to testify.

Brown said he does not expect any new revelations in the legislative hearings, but believes lawmakers want to get some points clarified in the controversy.

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Out-of-state cars need test

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AUSTIN — Car owners must present inspection certificates to register their vehicle in Texas after moving from another state, the State Attorney General Mark White said Monday.

White said the 1979 Legislature changed law prohibiting authorities from demanding an inspection certificate before issuing a license plate.

The change, White said, mandates that an out-of-state car be inspected before it may be registered and titled in Texas.

"An inspection certificate from another state may be recognized for this purpose," White said.