

# Article angers local Taiwanese students

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Staff Writer

Battalion article published Feb. 1 has caused the anger of several Texas A&M University Taiwanese students.

The article concerns a crackdown by the Taiwanese government on several opposition factions in Taiwan.

William H. Joe, president of the Chinese Students Association at Texas A&M, expressed anger over the use of a false name of a Taiwanese student contributing to the article. Joe said the use of the name was dishonest and it should have been identified as a fake.

The student, identified as Hung Sin Ping in the story, was the only one of four

Taiwanese students interviewed to comment on the problems in Taiwan. He declined to be identified because he said he feared reprisals against his family and friends in Taiwan.

In the article, the student was quoted as saying the people of Taiwan are dissatisfied with the martial rule of the government, and said the political crackdowns have "spread fear throughout the country."

The article also quoted the student as saying the government of Taiwan has intervened in the affairs of the Taiwanese people, and everything is controlled.

David Chu, a graduate student in meteorology, said he thinks the martial rule is effective in Taiwan because it keeps

the peace. He said the Taiwanese people are free to express their opinions.

"Everything is not controlled," Chu said. "You can do anything you like, ... but you cannot allow violence. You can have a different opinion, but you cannot destroy the peace."

The article also reviewed the story of Shih Ming-teh, a Taiwanese radical who was arrested on Jan. 8 and charged with sedition. Shih was the manager of Formosa Magazine, an opposition publication that had demands which included the right to form a new political party, an end to martial law and freedom of expression and assembly.

The trouble between the Taiwanese gov-

ernment and the opposition factions began in December, when an anti-government riot in Kaohsiung resulted in nearly 200 policemen being injured.

Wei-ping Mao, who said he was an eyewitness to the riot, said the government had granted the opposition forces a permit to lecture on the day of the riot, but had refused a request for a march permit.

The factions marched anyway, said Mao, and attacked unarmed police who were there primarily to direct traffic.

Chu pointed out only policemen were injured in the fight. He said some people were trying to protect policemen from the protesters.

The Taiwanese people, Joe said, are

satisfied with their government. In addition, the article has subjected the Taiwanese students to scorn and ridicule in the eyes of Texas A&M students and faculty.

The Chinese Students Association submitted a letter to the Battalion, protesting the article as "entirely untrue." The letter was accompanied by 91 signatures. There are approximately 140 Taiwanese students at Texas A&M.

On Jan. 28, the Battalion received a letter from several Texas A&M Taiwanese students concerning the arrest of Shih Ming-teh, and sympathizing with his cause. The letter was accompanied by 14 signatures. Following that letter, the story

was written.

Taiwan is currently a satellite of mainland China, Chu said. The opposition factions, he added, would like to see Taiwan become a separate country.

"Our forefathers came from China," he said, "and Taiwan is a province of China. We recognize that we are Chinese. You cannot distinguish between the two."

Ben-Zu Wan, a graduate student in chemistry, agreed.

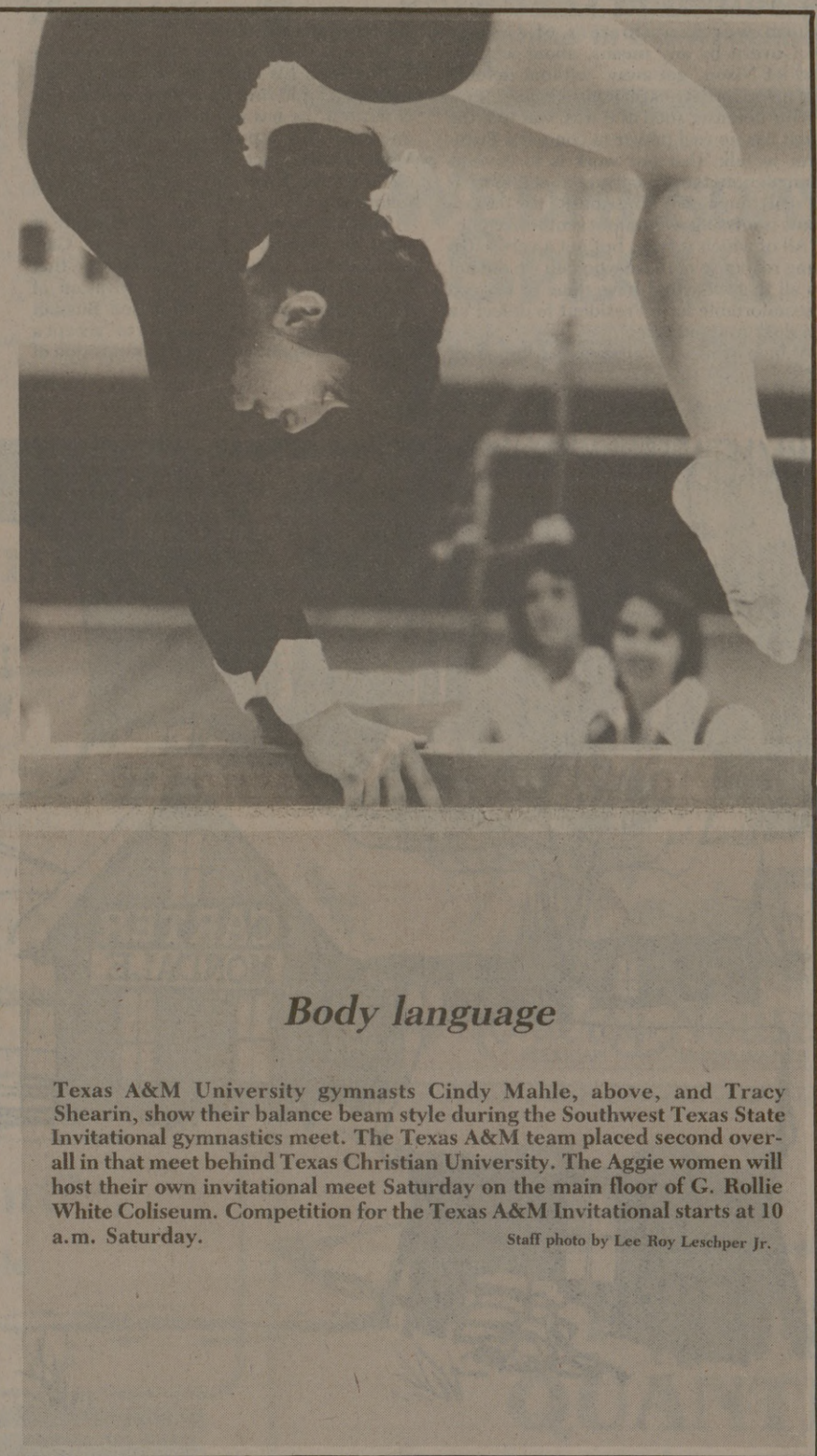
"We have confidence in our country," he said. "The United States is a developed country. Taiwan, however, is underdeveloped. They (the Taiwanese government) are trying to incorporate a Western view ... and an Oriental view."

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### Body language

Texas A&M University gymnasts Cindy Mahle, above, and Tracy Shearin, show their balance beam style during the Southwest Texas State Invitational gymnastics meet. The Texas A&M team placed second overall in that meet behind Texas Christian University. The Aggie women will host their own invitational meet Saturday on the main floor of G. Rollie White Coliseum. Competition for the Texas A&M Invitational starts at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Staff photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

## Advisers warn law may not affect some renters

By LAURA RUTHERFORD  
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The recently passed Warranty of Habitability does not change the rights of many student tenants, Texas A&M University's student legal advisers warn.

The warranty guarantees an apartment renter that the apartment must be repaired if a problem exists that can potentially affect the health or safety of an ordinary tenant.

The legal advisers said some leases already contain such a provision. Tenants with these leases are already protected, so the state statute does not enhance their rights.

Lowell Denton, assistant adviser, said the renter most affected by the warranty will be the "subsistence housing" renter, because the living conditions must not endanger the health or safety of the tenant. He said this may raise the rent if the landlord has been able to keep the rent low by not making repairs.

Denton said renters don't have the right to force the landlord to provide a pleasant place to live.

"They just have the right to have a habitable place," he said.

While the law makes it plain that the landlord must pay for repairs, some leases still don't require landlords to make the repair themselves. In this case, he said, the tenant will probably be expected to hire someone for the landlord or to make the repair himself.

If a tenant feels the problem is covered by the warranty he should follow the steps required by the statute. The law is not specific about what is covered or how severe the problem should be before it threatens the health or safety of the tenant. Student legal adviser Jim Locke said this is something that will have to be determined in court on an individual case basis.

The warranty requires the tenant to send a letter to the landlord requesting a repair. If the repair is not made in what the tenant thinks is a reasonable amount of time, he must send another letter demanding either the repair, or a letter from the landlord explaining the delay. If the tenant does not receive a written explanation for the delay or the repair is not made within five days, the only recourse is for the tenant to prosecute.

Locke said if these steps are taken and

the landlord gives written notice within five days, the tenant must prove the repairs should have been made.

If the landlord does not give written notice for the delay within five days, the burden of proof is changed. The landlord must prove why he could not make the repair.

Locke said the tenant should not expect the landlord to repair something broken by himself or his guests. He said in most cases the tenant pays for the damage, then the landlord repairs it. Locke said a landlord may not even want a tenant involved in the repair.

Denton said this is something the tenant could use to his advantage. He said, if the tenant has a repair he has asked the landlord to fix and it has not been fixed, he should write the landlord a letter saying someone else has been hired to repair it. He said this sometimes gets the job done.

The advisers stressed that the tenant should write a letter requesting repairs if that is what the lease requires. Denton said calling or just telling someone in the office leaves the tenant without any legal recourse.

"If the lease requires a written notice then that is what is legally required," Denton said.

The adviser said there are things the tenant should do if he needs to approach the apartment management about repairs. "Be reasonable, at least business-like, and be nice, if you can, with the local manager," Locke suggested.

He said the problem is not usually with the manager but with managerial supervisors. He said the manager may think the tenant is right but may not be able to override the authority of the supervisor. If the tenant has the manager mad at him personally, Locke said, he may not have anyone on his side if a problem arises.

Denton said renters should remember to get the full name of the management people they deal with. If a person leaves town, which is not uncommon in this area, this is the only way to get in touch with him, he said.

Locke and Denton are conducting a seminar on the Warranty of Habitability Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder. It is the first in a series of seminars to be conducted by the advisers throughout the semester.

## Veterinarian school works on new building

By GAIL WEATHERLY  
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Behind the receiving desk at the Texas A&M University School of Veterinary Medicine's small animal clinic, one enters a world of narrow, crowded hallways, hurried students dressed in green jumpsuits or white jackets and jeans, and dogs, dogs, dogs.

To give the animal- and student-packed hospital more room, an \$11.5 million clinic-sciences building is being built next to the veterinary hospital. With three floors and 65,000 usable square feet, the building will give the veterinarians room to operate.

Besides being a new, 300-cage small animal hospital, the clinic will house research labs, a storage area for both small and large animal units, classrooms, and the administrative offices for the two hospitals.

The present small animal clinic has 15,000 usable square feet and was designed for 64 students in a class. In 1968 enrollment expanded to 138 per class.

Dr. E. W. Ellett, project coordinator and professor of small animal medicine and surgery, said the old clinic was designed for about 5,000 cases per year, and now 16,000

assorted animals are treated each year.

Hospital supervisor Roberto Espitia said 65 percent to 75 percent of the 235 cages in the present hospital are occupied a majority of the time.

And, when the rush is on, portable cages are brought in after the regular cages are filled. Espitia said there was a time this year when "we had animals coming out our ears for about a week."

More people are having to re-schedule treatment for their animals, but Espitia emphasized that no animal needing hospitalization is turned away.

Dr. George C. Shelton, dean of the college of veterinary medicine, said the building project is a "catch-up program," and student enrollment will not be increased.

Although student tuition and the cost of medical services for animals may be increased, Shelton said it would be due to inflation, not the new building.

"Costs would have to increase whether we had the new building or not," he said.

Because the veterinary school is a teaching hospital, it provides services to the public that aren't available in private clinics. There are specialists in most areas of veterinary medicine, and unique equip-

ment aids in the diagnosis and treatment of animals.

An operating microscope will be one new piece of equipment in the new clinic. Ellett said it will allow for microsurgery on the eyes, blood vessels and middle ear.

Also, research with laboratory animals and small animals such as dogs and cats will be expanded.

"We are trying to bring the total function of teaching and research into balance," Shelton said.

And, for those people who want to unload a lion, tiger or gorilla at the school, there will be a room on the first floor with special caging designed for exotic animals.

Students have come in contact with exotic animals in the past mainly at zoos, Shelton said, because the present school had "no facilities whatsoever designed for their care and treatment."

Although Zapata Warrior Constructors of Houston has a 76-day working extension due to rain and delays, Ellett said "they plan to finish on time — in the summer of 1981."

A committee will decide what department or departments will use the old "barking" area when it is vacated.

## Ticket, not car, illegally parked

By KATHLEEN McELROY  
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Most Texas A&M University students who park illegally usually get upset when they get parking tickets.

But when Bruce Bristow found a ticket on his car, he was downright mad — he knew he was parked legally.

Bristow, a sophomore in general studies, has a green sticker on his car which means he has to park in lots designated for male dormitory students with less than 60 credit hours.

However on weekends — according to the University police from 5:30 p.m. Friday to 6:30 a.m. Monday — he can park his car in any lot normally reserved for the Texas A&M faculty, staff, employees or day students. So last weekend Bristow, who lives in Dunn Hall, parked his car in a lot behind his dorm in an area reserved for day students and female dorm students, and he had planned to move it before 6:30 Monday morning.

The only problem was some campus policeman put a ticket on his car at 3:50 in the morning.

Bristow took his story to Morris Maddox, the assistant University police chief, who agreed with him and stopped the ticket.

"He (the officer) should have known it wasn't a violation," Maddox said Monday.

Even though any student with a sticker can park in the blue or yellow sticker lots on weekends, Maddox said only those with red stickers — all female dorm students or upperclass male dorm students — can park in lots designated for red.

Anyone else, he said, will get a real ticket — no matter what time of day, night, or week.

## The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 1980 with 330 to follow.

The moon is moving toward its last quarter.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Mercury and Venus.

Those born on this date are under the sign on Aquarius.

American evangelist Dwight Moody was born Feb. 5, 1838.

On this date in history:

In 1631, British clergyman Roger Williams arrived in Salem, Mass., seeking religious freedom. He

founded the colony of Rhode Island.

In 1904, Russia and Japan broke off diplomatic relations in dispute over Korea and Manchuria.

In 1937, a bitter controversy began when President Franklin D. Roosevelt sent proposals to Congress to reorganize the federal judiciary, particularly the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1971, American astronauts Alan Shepard and Edward Mitchell of Apollo 14 walked on the moon for four hours.

A thought for the day: German author Thomas Mann said, "A man's dying is more the survivors' affair than his own."

## Susan B. Anthony dollar gets the Bonehead Award

United Press International

DALLAS — It was worth a dollar but the U.S. government could barely give it away. No one, it seemed, wanted the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin.

For the lack of foresight shown by the U.S. Mint, the Treasury Department, Congress and feminist groups that designed, commissioned, distributed and promoted the coin, the Dallas Bonehead Club has an honor: Bonehead of the Year.

"Our newest coin, the Susan B. Anthony dollar, is a textbook example of the government's ability to do the wrong thing in the wrong way," the Bonehead Club said.

The coin, similar in size to a quarter,

never caught on with the public and few remain in circulation.

Economist Howard Ruff, author of "How to Prosper During the Coming Bad Years," will accept the award on behalf of the federal government and feminist groups.

The Bonehead Club, with the motto of "to learn more and more about less and less until eventually we know everything about nothing," annually honors the unusual and hapless.

Previous Bonehead winners include Andrea Weitman, the first female Boy Scout, President Richard Nixon and Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder.