

Group splits

Political conservatives given new alternative

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The Young Americans for Freedom — the most visible and conservative political organization at Texas A&M University — has split from its national organization and is now the Young Conservatives of Texas.

Texas A&M and the rest of the state chapters split because they claim the national YAF wasn't productive. University chapter president Dan Simpson said the change will help the new organization.

"They (the national group) just were basically annoying us," Simpson said. "We weren't getting any money from them."

"They solicit telling contributors they'll use the money to develop chapters," Simpson continued, "but in Texas we didn't see any. A flyer

distributed by the University chapter says the national YAF grosses \$1,000,000 a year from contributions.

Separation came March 2 when the state Board of Directors of the Texas YAF met in Austin and voted unanimously to dissolve all ties with the national organization. University chapter member Gary Nelson, vice-chairman of the state organization, said even though all members didn't vote, he said all supported the change.

"Judging at our last convention in Austin two weeks ago," Nelson said,

"We expect most our members to go along."

Both Simpson and Nelson said the change won't hurt the state organization which has 40 chapters, mostly at colleges and high schools.

The officials of the national YAF say they plan to sue the splinter group for the \$4,000 it has raised so far, membership lists and, most importantly, contribution lists.

The membership figure for the national YAF is disputed by the Young Conservatives.

"They say it's around 60,000, but it's more along the lines of 4,500,"

said Simpson. Until the split, Texas was second only to New York in members.

The lack of national recruiting was another move for the separation, said state chairman Steven Munisteri, a law student at University of Texas. A flyer distributed by the University chapter says the old name not only sounded radical, but also left some people thinking it was a liberal organization.

"People will understand what we are," said Nelson, a junior political science major from Pasadena. "It should improve our ability to market ourselves on campus." The Un-

iversity chapter members out of the state.

The national organization was founded in 1960, the chapter was organized in 1965. "Membership is open to anyone 18 years of age or older," Simpson said. "I find voting interesting but I don't like the way you can earn more money than you can spend."

Simpson said both Americans for Freedom and Young Conservatives have the same candidates in mind, but Nelson said he will not campaign for

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Storage, study space OK'd for seniors using library

By JERRY MAZE
Campus Reporter

Seniors at Texas A&M University now have access to study carrels and lockers in the Sterling C. Evans Library because of a policy change approved at the March Library Council meeting.

"Because of a shortage of carrels and lockers, the old policy allowed only faculty and graduate students to use the facilities," Dr. Evelyn King said. King is associate director for collection interpretation.

Effective immediately, King said,

seniors who can present Texas A&M identification may use the short term carrels on a first come, first served basis.

King said there are 100 spaces available in the carrels. There are eight spaces per carrel.

King added that graduate students and faculty members still have first priority. If they are working on approved books, theses, papers and research projects may be assigned a carrel space for an entire semester.

After the third week of the semester, seniors may use the remaining short-term carrel spaces for two months or less while they are working on a research or other approved project.

The policy now allows seniors who cannot get a carrel to try for a locker. In the past, lockers were reserved for faculty and graduate student use also.

King said approximately 300 lockers are available.

The policy requires articles kept in

lockers and carrels be checked out. Lockers are subject to frequent inspections by personnel.

Any personal items moved from the carrel week after the semester articles left will be returned to the library so the carrel may be signed.

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United Press International
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"I don't think we can excuse people from the results of what we would otherwise call criminal activities just because the stars were in the wrong place," Broward Circuit Judge Joseph Price told veteran Miami Beach defense attorney Jack Nageley at a pre-trial hearing.

Price, though, refused to grant a prosecution motion to reject Nageley's planned defense that Mark Quinn, 23, is innocent of rape and robbery charges because he is insane by reason of astrological influence.

Rejecting the defense before the trial started would be premature, Price said.

Denton and others like him are "forced by planetary obedience" to "lead violent and troubled lives," Nageley said at the hearing Mon-

day. "I want the verdict that an individual has over his behavior."

Denton is charged with the town house owned by Abbado, 46, who was arrested last week for robbing the couple, slitting the woman's wrist with a knife and woman.

Prosecutor Marshall successfully the state have to pay the \$7,000 Nageley said he would pay for the hearing.

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