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## Price of board plan will rise 8 percent

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Due to an 18 percent increase this year in the number of students eating at the north area Sbsia Dining Hall, the Joint Menu Board and the Department of Food Services have raised board prices 8 percent.

There are 3,744 students eating at Sbsia this semester and a significant increase in this number is expected for the 1980 fall semester because of the construction of two new dorms. Sbsia officials said they must compensate for their losses at the expense of the students.

Currently, the 5-day board plan costs \$448.35 per semester according to the Texas A&M 1979-80 undergraduate catalog. The 8 percent increase — \$35.87 — would make the cost for the 5 day-board plan \$484.22.

According to the Joint Menu Board, this increase is far below the percentage increases announced by most of the other universities in the Southwest.

Assistant Director of the Department of Food Services Lloyd H. Smith said that a 13 percent board rate increase in two years is "pretty good" compared to a national inflation rate almost double that in the same amount of time.

The Texas A&M University student senate has suggested a two-meal-a-day plan in order to reduce cost to students and to aid those who do not take full advantage of

dining three times a day.

Smith said this plan is not feasible because "every time you add another meal plan, you're going to increase the cost of all the other meal plans because it takes more administration and more hassle to try and guess how many students are coming."

The two-meal-a-day plan would be the same price within a dollar or two of the five-day plan, which would probably be increased about \$4 in order to compensate, Smith said.

The Department of Food Services has placed an initial limit on off-campus student contracts to 300 in Sbsia. When the Sbsia quota is filled, the off-campus students may elect to drop board plan or dine at the Commons Dining Hall or Duncan Dining Hall with the provision that if openings occur at Sbsia, reassignment is to be made on a priority basis. Smith said Sbsia has the capacity to handle all of the on-campus students.

When asked if they felt there was an overcrowding problem in Sbsia, 100 percent of the students informally surveyed agreed there was a problem. Smith said the overcrowding is due to the fact there are certain peak periods when most of the students dine.

"Between 88 and 90 percent of all the students are in the door (for dinner) by 6 p.m. and by 6:15, it reaches almost 98 percent," he said. However, "I've never seen a

day when there weren't seats available," he said.

The possibility of another dining hall has been suggested as part of a Commons-type complex to be built west of the railroad tracks which run parallel to Wellborn Road. Smith said that the whole idea has been rejected, however, because the inclusion of a dining facility would make the entire project too expensive.

The students are evidently finding solutions to these problems on their own. The Souper Salad, located under Sbsia, feeds about 350 people a day during its lunchtime rush. Students can limit their spending by the ounce or inch, with salad selling for 12 cents an ounce and sandwiches at 35 cents an inch.

The Memorial Student Center cafeteria offers everything from five cents for crackers to \$2.55 for top butt steak. Employee Marion Williams said, the cafeteria serves mostly conference people, but Manager Odessa Goode said about 4,000 students a day frequent the cafeteria. The restaurant in Rudder Tower caters to about 100 students a day.

The dining hall dilemma affects vast majority of Texas A&M students. Dining hall officials say they feel they are in the process of solving these problems. Just in case, though, on-campus students better get their dinner reservations in early next fall and off-campus students better get out their checkbooks.

## Bush believes he can take nomination from Reagan

United Press International  
HOUSTON — George Bush's startling and perhaps campaign-saving win over Ronald Reagan in Pennsylvania has the candidate and his aides convinced the Republican presidential nomination will remain an open race until this summer's convention.

"We're very, very pleased with the results in Pennsylvania," Bush said Tuesday at his campaign headquarters in Houston. "Every time we win we move that much closer to being able to do something about inflation, the Carter administration's foreign policy and energy."

Sen. Edward Kennedy also got a campaign boost in the state's primary, as he defeated President Carter by a yet undetermined amount. Kennedy needed the victory as badly as Bush needed his. Political observers saw the contest as crucial to the lives of both campaigns.

Bush campaign chairman Jim Baker emphasized it was not too late for Bush to win the nomination, saying the campaign still was well under federal limits for campaign spending while the Reagan forces were pushing the maximum.

"We're in good shape," he said. "We have \$3.8 million with money already set aside for the convention and (Reagan) is down to \$1.5 million with no funds set aside. That should give us a significant advantage in the coming primaries and caucuses."

"It's not too late at all. Between 48 and 49 percent of the delegates (to the national convention) are unbound. They're free to vote their conscience and they don't have to decide until the minute of the balloting. There is no way anyone could get a lock on the nomination before the convention."

Baker said the next big GOP shootout was next week in Texas, Bush's home state,

but conceded he did not expect his candidate to win.

"Four years ago Reagan won the Texas primary 2-1 over President Ford," Baker said. "I think we'll do better than Ford did and we'll win some delegates."

He said he hoped Bush would win between a quarter and a third of the Texas delegation.

"We feel the next good test will be in Maryland," Baker said. "We expect to do well in Maryland and we'll run well in Washington, Oregon and Hawaii. There also are big blocks of delegates still out in Michigan, Ohio and New Jersey and we think we'll do well in those states."

## Moore wants second PUF started

By NANCY ANDERSEN  
City Staff

Sen. William T. "Bill" Moore met and spoke with student supporters during an informal meeting Tuesday at a local apartment complex.

About 40 students attended the event which featured a short talk, followed by a question and answer session by Moore and several students' endorsements. The Aggies for Moore Committee sponsored the event.

Moore said he did not want to make the Permanent University Fund an issue in this campaign, but he said his opponent (former municipal judge Kent Caperton) has three different views on the fund depending on who he is talking to.

The fund has been under attack since the 1930s, Moore said, but the abolishment of the state ad valorem tax, which supported the other state schools not included in the fund, has rekindled the issue. Texas A&M University and the University of Texas are the only schools that receive money from the fund.

Moore said the solution to the problem is to establish another fund for the other schools, which include the University of Houston, Southwest Texas State University and Texas Tech University. He added that he has been working on such a plan since last year.

Moore said about the PUF, "I have the seniority to best protect it and to establish another fund for other schools. Frankly,

I'm ready to step aside if we get this done."

Moore labeled comments about ducking the press or his opponent as "untruths."

"I've been busy in this campaign," he said. "I'll meet with the press when I can, but I've never courted the press. I could never do the job if I did."

Moore stressed Caperton's connection with organized labor, calling it a threat to Texas' right-to-work law.

He said the lack of such a law and a state income tax is drawing industry into the state.

"We need to keep government favorable and we'll all be employed," he said. "I'm surprised by how many (industries) have come to the fifth district. We're living in the golden triangle."

Redistricting was also mentioned. Student supporter Frank Mann said Moore has been asked to head up this program following completion of the 1980 census.

On his way out, Moore invited all the students to a victory party at the Ramada Inn after the May 3 primary.

## Hunts ordered to testify on silver market collapse

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — The billionaire Hunt brothers of Dallas — for all their money and power — can't escape the call of Congress to explain their involvement in the collapse of the silver market last month.

The House Government Operations Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer and Monetary Affairs voted 6-0 Tuesday to compel Nelson Bunker and W. Herbert Hunt to testify April 29.

The brothers were to be served with separate subpoenas in Dallas today by a U.S. marshal.

The panel agreed to the subpoena after the Hunts failed to respond to an April 7 telegram inviting them to appear before the panel. An attorney for the brothers claimed they were not given sufficient notice to prepare adequate testimony.

The Hunts did agree to testify voluntarily before another group, the Senate Agriculture subcommittee, on May 2 on the same subject. Some congressional sources

believe the Hunts expect an easier round of questioning from the Senate panel.

The House and Senate Agriculture committees have jurisdiction over the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, which regulates the commodity futures markets.

The government operation subcommittee, which oversees agencies that regulate various segments of the economy, has held a number of hearings to investigate why silver futures prices shot up from \$6 an ounce in early 1979 to \$50 an ounce in January 1980.

Subsequently, prices plunged to \$10 an ounce in late March, threatening the stability of the silver market, stock market, and some banks and brokerage firms.

The Hunts have been blamed in some quarters for forcing up silver prices through huge purchases and for the subsequent collapse of the market when they decided the daily contract payments they had to make were too high to meet.

Chairman Benjamin Rosenthal, D-N.Y., said, "We know from documents and other information made available to the subcommittee that the Hunts may have attempted to corner the silver markets and actively intervened in the federal regulatory process and in the self-regulating activity of the commodity exchanges."

In a related matter, the panel voted 6-1 Tuesday to subpoena records of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission of meetings between August 1, 1979, and April 22, 1980, concerning silver trading.

"The subcommittee's hearings have already demonstrated that there is great concern over the ability of the federal regulatory apparatus to properly deal with the domino effect of the collapse of one market or another," Rosenthal said.

The subcommittee agreed to suggest to the House Appropriations Committee that any funds for the commission operations be withheld until questions about the silver problems are answered.



Photo by D. D. Underwood

So where's the sheepskin?

Monica Domas, a graduating senior majoring in marketing, tries on the cap she will wear during her

commencement May 2. Another graduation program is scheduled for the morning of May 3.

## GOP candidates ready for Texas

United Press International  
Ronald Reagan and George Bush, the two men who long for Texas '80 delegates to the Republican national convention, have made their plans for a full-scale assault on Texas voters prior to the May 3 primary.

On the Democratic side, where the primary vote will have no effect on delegate selection, President Carter's wife, Rosalynn, has nonetheless scheduled two days of campaigning this week, while spokesmen for Edward Kennedy say the Massachusetts senator has made no definite plans for a trip to Texas.

Reagan, who swept the state in its first presidential primary in 1976, will tour the Capitol in Austin and meet privately with Gov. Bill Clements Thursday, then have a campaign rally at the Lyndon B. Johnson Auditorium on the University of Texas campus.

Clements, who has vowed to remain neutral in the GOP primary even though he spoke glowingly earlier in the year of Texas' two candidates in the race, has been mentioned as a possible vice presidential nominee on a Reagan ticket. But he is covering all bases with the remaining Republican candidates, planning a similar meeting and joint news conference next week with the only Texas still in the race, George Bush of Houston.

The allocation of the 80 GOP delegates to the national convention will be determined by the outcome of the May 3 primary, but the Democratic primary is a beauty contest between Carter and

Kennedy. Democrats will determine the allocation of their 152 delegates through the convention process, and the final outcome of that may not be known until the state convention June 21.

Mrs. Carter is tentatively scheduled to spend Friday morning campaigning in Austin, then travel to Corpus Christi for more speeches on behalf of the president in the afternoon.

A spokesman for Kennedy's state campaign headquarters said no plans were definite yet for a Kennedy campaign tour of Texas, but an advance team is in the state checking out potential campaign stops.

"There is a very good probability he'll be in Texas for two days the week of April 28th," the campaign spokesman said. "We're trying to get something set up."

Bush has announced the most ambitious schedule of the candidates competing in Texas, beginning next week with campaigning Monday in his hometown of Houston. He will concentrate Tuesday and Wednesday of next week in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, then make stops in College Station and Corpus Christi before travelling to Austin for his joint appearance with Clements at the Capitol.

Bush's schedule includes a morning of campaigning in San Antonio on the eve of the May 3 primary, then a final swing through Houston that afternoon before departing for Minnesota.

## Holocaust scheduled for Tuesday

United Press International  
HELENA, Mont. — A thermonuclear war will devastate the United States next Tuesday, a small religious group predicts. And just in case they've gotten the date wrong, at least their fallout shelters are stocked and ready.

The group's leader, Leland "Doc" Jensen, a former Missoula, Mont., chiropractor, said he made the prediction based on biblical passages, features of the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt and current events.

"If there's no holocaust on the 29th, we've got the shelters up for when it does happen," Jensen said. "There's going to be a holocaust. And by having a date established, we've accomplished tremendous things. If we didn't have a date established, we'd never get the darn things up."

Jensen and his followers are members of a splinter group of the Baha'i Under the Provisions of the Covenant faith, which he said split off from the Baha'i International in a leadership dispute.

Jensen's forecast is controversial even among his group, but none of his followers said their faith would be shaken by lack of a nuclear war next week.

Did Jensen pay his income taxes this year?

"No," he laughed. "I'm going to pay them May 1. I got them postponed. I'm using the money to get the shelters up. I mean, the money isn't going to be any good after May 1 anyhow."