

# Patient overload a problem for center

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The Texas A&M University Health Center must raise more beds or reduce student use if the center is to keep up with increasing enrollment, student legislators say.

Dr. Claude Goswick, director of the A. P. Beutel Health Center, said the center has not been able to keep up with increased student use and University growth so there are two solutions to the problem:

- Increase funding through student use fees, student services or increased University support.
- Reduce student use.

Brad Smith, student body president, said the student senate plan to study the center last year after students complained about the long waiting lines.

This complaint resulted in the formation of the Health Advisory Committee, he said.

Janet Golub, graduate student senate member, said the committee studied Texas A&M University's health center for: facilities, services offered, price to students and number of students served.

A study and report done by the State University System of Texas, which Golub said the committee reviewed, showed that A&M's center near the top for number of students served, near the bottom for services offered and number of doctors and nurses employed.

The University facility has beds for 44 in-patients, which was the second largest number of beds for universities with over 20,000 students, the Florida report said. The University of California at Berkeley ranked first with an in-patient capacity of 100 beds.

Of the nine universities with over 20,000 students, Texas A&M

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Staff photo by Jeff Kerber

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University is the only one with its own ambulance service, the report said.

Goswick said the center employs seven full-time doctors and 18 nurses. He said the center sees an average of 350 students a day, and a shortage of physicians causes waiting lines that are often over two hours.

The University of Texas at Austin employs 22 physicians and

a day. A shortage of physicians sometimes causes the waiting period for treatment to be more than two hours.

only Texas Tech University employs less full time physicians than Texas A&M University, the report said.

Dr. Reagan Gibbs, director of student health at Texas Tech University, said a well balanced physician-student ratio, computerized records and medical files enable a student to see a doctor in fifteen minutes.

"We have less physicians than A&M, but we have fewer stu-

dents so ours only have to see 30 to 35 students a day," Gibbs said.

"I understand the physicians at A&M see over 50 students a day." "A physician shouldn't have to see over 35 patients a day," Gibbs said. "I don't care how competent a doctor you are, you are going to miss something with a load like that."

Texas A&M University's health center had a patient count of more than 84,000 last year, Texas Tech University had 30,000 and the University of Texas had more than 154,000, the report said.

Dr. Jack Crosby, director of University of Texas Health Center, said the average waiting time at the walk-in clinic is "usually no more than 30 minutes."

"Our doctors work two five-hour shifts and this helps their concentration," Crosby said. "They see about 35 patients a day and that keeps them very busy."

Hiring more doctors is no guarantee of shorter waits for students, but "certainly helps physicians give more time to the patients they see," Crosby said.

Goswick said the Texas A&M University health center contracts a urologist, orthopedic specialist and surgeon who are on campus one day a week. A gynecologist is also contracted to handle health center cases but does not come to the center, Goswick said.

"It's obvious that we need more physicians," Goswick said. "We moved into this building in 1973, a building that was designed for six physicians and a student body of 20,000."

"Today we have 32,000 students, seven physicians and we are growing every year," Goswick said. "Our job is to provide quality medical care for this University, and I question how well we're doing that."

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## Location of hostages still mystery

ALGIERS, Algeria — A high Iranian official says the American hostages are split up and are being held "in different places," deepening the mystery of their whereabouts.

In the diplomatic go-between aimed at freeing the hostages, Algeria delivered another U.S. letter to Iran, a diplomatic source said the intense negotiations were narrowing the differences.

As for the hostages themselves, Swedish Radio, in a report from Tehran, quoted official Iranian sources as saying the Americans, who have been held 398 days, finally have been turned over to the government.

The Swedish report appeared to back up a similar statement by an unidentified Iranian government official before the Thanksgiving holiday that the hostages are in government hands.

But Behzad Nabavi, head of the Iranian commission evaluating the U.S. response to Iranian demands for the captives' release, indicated otherwise in a cryptic statement.

"When the government receives the hostages, it accepts the responsibility of safeguarding them, too," he was quoted as saying by Pars news agency. "So, they are being kept in safe places and treated well."

He said said the hostages were being held "in different places for safeguard."

The hostages, who were seized at the U.S. Embassy Nov. 4, 1979, had been kept in the embassy until the abortive U.S. rescue mission in April, when the militants said they had dispersed them to 13 different cities to prevent another raid.

Later reports have said they were returned to Tehran. In another remark that puzzled observers, Nabavi said

the hostages would be turned over to "judicial authorities" unless the United States replied "on time" to Iran's four demands for freeing them. The United States has warned Iran of "grave" consequences if any of the captives are tried as spies.

Shortly after Nabavi addressed a news conference, the Algerian delegation arrived in Tehran with a U.S. letter clarifying the original American response to Tehran's four hostage demands.

It was delivered to Nabavi's commission less than 24 hours after a U.S. delegation led by Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher finished discussing its contents with the Algerians.

The latest U.S. message proposed the two sides submit the legal and financial complexities posed by three of the Iranian conditions to international arbitration after the hostages have been released, diplomatic sources said.

## Arrowsmith to speak at conference

Dr. William Arrowsmith of Johns Hopkins University will be the keynote speaker at the Texas A&M University System's conference on Quality in Teaching, scheduled for Jan. 8-9.

About 300 faculty and staff members from all four System campuses are expected to participate in the conference, which Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert bills as a first-of-its-kind effort to "spotlight the importance of teaching."

Arrowsmith is professor of classics at Johns Hopkins. He has also taught at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Yale and the University of Texas at Austin. While at UT, Arrowsmith received four awards for teaching.

"Professor Arrowsmith is the ideal person to set the tone for a conference such as this," Hubert said. "He is a dynamic person with stimulating ideas — ideas that he has put into practice — so that other people can readily relate."

Hubert said objectives for the conference include: 1) increasing the level of knowledge of effective teacher evaluation procedures; 2) encouraging more and better support services for teachers; 3) developing mechanisms for the continuing improvement of teaching, and 4) addressing the question of student expectations for quality teaching.

"We simply cannot overemphasize the importance of the teaching function to the students of the four academic institutions," Hubert said.

Those four institutions — Texas A&M, Prairie View A&M, Tarleton State and Texas A&M-Galveston — have more than 43,000 students and about 2,500 faculty engaged in 1.2 million semester hours now.

Participants will include 150 faculty members from all four System campuses; each will be chosen from within respective academic departments. An equal number of administrators — deans and academic

affairs personnel — will comprise the other 150 participants.

Arrowsmith will present his address at 10 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 8, after Hubert opens the conference at 9:45 a.m.

The keynote speech will be followed by a four-member panel discussion on "What I Would Like to Say to the Faculty and the Administration about Quality Teaching." Dr. Rod O'Connor, Texas A&M chemistry professor, will moderate the panel, the other members of which will be named later.

Thursday afternoon and Friday morning activities will be devoted to small work group sessions. Each group will discuss the areas set out in the conference objectives. Hubert said 20 groups of 15 members each are planned.

The small groups will each include a mix of administrators and professors from various disciplines.

"We think people in engineering should

have dialogue with people in liberal arts," Hubert said.

Four randomly selected groups will present their evaluations and recommendations to the conference in a final session on Friday. Hubert said time limitations would prevent the presentation of all groups' recommendations. Hubert will close the conference with a summary and projections for the future.

"We will be formulating ideas here that participants can take back to their respective campuses and use to revise policies and procedures, if need be, to enhance the teaching process," Hubert said. "There should be some exceptionally good ideas advanced because the best minds we have in the Texas A&M University System will be assembled here."

The general sessions, including the keynote speech, will be open to the public, Hubert said. Individuals may also audit the small group sessions, but may take no active part in the group discussions.

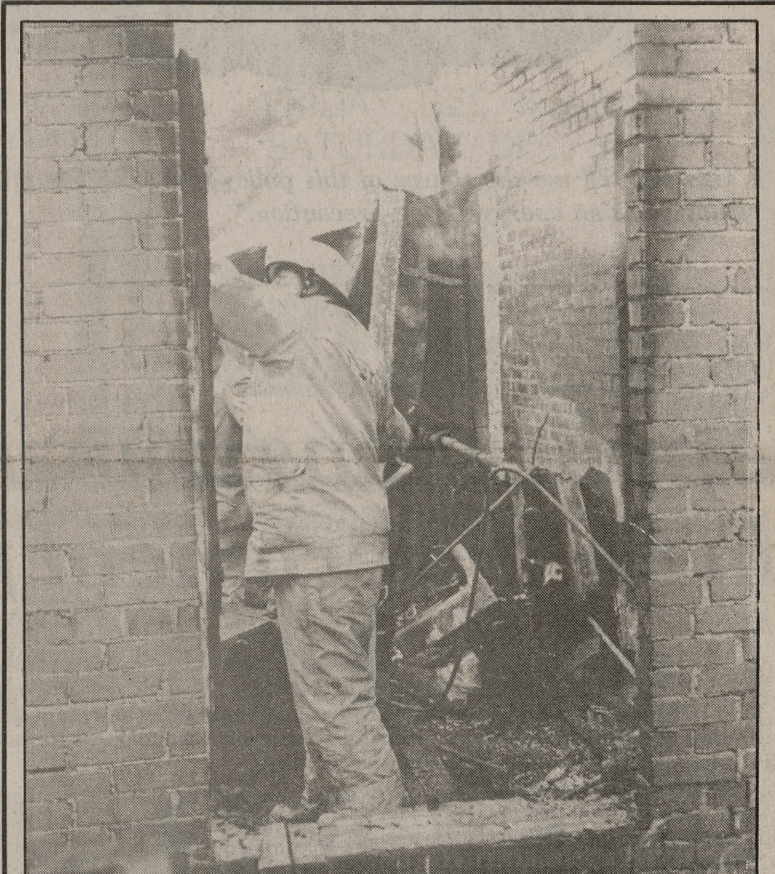


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Lieutenant Jim Bland of the Bryan City Fire Department inspects the damage from the fire that started at the Twin City Mission Thursday.

## Fire causes damage at Twin City Mission

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A fire at the newly-remodeled Twin City Mission in Bryan Thursday morning gutted the upstairs men's dormitory and caused smoke, heat and water damage to two other upstairs rooms and portions of the lower levels.

Deputy Fire Chief Robert Blinka said the mission caught fire shortly after 10:30 a.m., and fire crews arrived at 10:40 a.m.

"One-fourth of the upstairs received heavy damage and there was smoke and heat damage throughout," Blinka said. "We had six units there and had the fire under control at 11:15."

"There wasn't anybody in the room where the fire started, and so far we haven't had any men report a scratch or anything," Blinka said. "We were very fortunate."

Shortly before noon, Bryan fire investigators and a gas company official began to check for gas leaks and try to determine the cause of the fire, which sent

smoke several blocks into downtown Bryan.

Weldon Watkins said the investigation would not be complete until today and would not speculate as to the cause of the fire.

Lloyd Sanderson, acting director of the mission, said the damage will take "several weeks" to repair, but "it could have been a lot worse."

"Since we have two men's dormitories, we can continue without too much difficulty," Sanderson said. "The part where the fire started is the transit dormitory, for over-nighters, and there is usually 20 men or so in there during the night."

"If this would have happened at night ... well, it just would have been much worse," Sanderson said.

A man staying at the mission said, "I left here for work about eight or so and when I came back I saw all this smoke."

"There wasn't that much flaming, but I never saw that much smoke before," he said.

## Today's college student Libes, munchies and punk all part of campus life

College students have a jargon all their own. But the terms change with the times. Here is a glossary of campus terms (compiled from Thursday's Battalion) which may help parents understand their offspring and students at one campus understand those at another:

- Get Off My Case — Leave me alone.
- Get Nailed — Get caught.
- Great — Useless.
- Cuts — Easy courses.
- Heavy — Dramatic and having great resonance.
- High Wire Act — Staying awake on amphetamines for more than ten consecutive days.
- History — Dead, ended and over with.
- Hockey Pucks — Cafeteria steak patties.
- Hose — Getting shortchanged, ripped-off.
- Occurs in degrees; mega-hose and total hose are the two higher states.

I Hear Ya — Used to express an understanding of what someone says.

Information bank — A filing cabinet.

It's Been A Slice — Short for "It's Been A Slice Of Life."

Jazzed — See Stoked.

Knocking (Sacrificing) To The Porcelain God — Throwing up.

Later — 1. See you later. 2. Used derisively to suggest something is best forgotten.

Left Yet? — Rhetorical question shortened for "Have we left yet?" (Can be used as an insult).

Libes — Library.

Lightweight — 1. A light drinker. 2. Anything that doesn't require a great deal of effort.

Lizards — Very studious students.

Lost — A person who is out of it.

Max — Maximum. The most. The best.

Mega — Prefix used to enhance the size or impact of something, such as "mega-baked."

Motor — Same as "Book."

Munchies — Hunger; used especially for the hunger experienced after smoking marijuana.

Munch Out — Stuff yourself with food rapidly.

Played — Over with, ended. Same as History and Spent.

Power Booting — Throwing up.

Power Tooling — Driving around.

Psyched — Pepped up or emotionally ready for something.

Pumped — Greatly excited over something or someone.

Punk — 1. New type of music; part of the New Wave rock'n roll. 2. Strange mode of dress. 3. Type of person adheres to the Punk culture; an elitist group.

Pup Squeeze — A one-night stand.

Rack or Rack Out — Go to sleep.

Rank — To verbally abuse someone.

One "Ranks out" another person.

Relate — Used to express a mutual understanding.

Rents — Short for parents.

Scoping — Check out good looking girls.

Shine It On — Ignore something that could cause duress or discomfort.

Shrooms — Mushrooms.

Slimy — A clever political opponent.

Tunes — Music.

Turkey — A Ted.

Ultimate — A game of disk. (see Disk)

V-Ball — Volleyball.

Vegged Out or Veg Out — Hang around and do nothing.

Wail — To verbally or physically abuse someone or something.

Wedgie — Process of pulling up underwear being worn by another person, usually attempted from the rear.

The Week in Review — Sunday night leftovers.

Wench — An ugly woman.

Wenching — Looking for girls with the guys.

What's Happenin? — What's new with you?

Wimps — Persons who are extremely studious.

Wired — 1. To have something mastered. 2. To be overly tired and keyed up.

Za — Pizza.



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