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Work brings satisfaction to her

## RHA president leads a hectic life

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As a freshman from a small town, Sherrie Balcar thought the way to meet people was to get involved in campus activities.

And she did get involved. Starting as a wing representative in Mosher Hall during her freshman year, Balcar has since served as Residence Hall Association delegate, Mosher president, and now, as a senior, is the RHA president for 1980-81.

During her four years at Texas A&M University, Balcar has been active in class council, Omega Phi Alpha, Town Hall, the Hospitality Committee and various advisory boards as well as acting as Fish Camp counselor and peer advisor for freshmen.

"You get back 100-fold what you put in," Balcar said of working in organizations.

She describes RHA as "a buffer between students and the administration" whose objectives are to hear complaints and review policies. Recently, RHA has heard a proposal to restrict fifth year seniors from living on campus and a presentation by GTE on the new dorm phone policy to be effective on campus this spring.

Balcar said RHA does programming for the dorms in an advisory capacity, with its main objective being to unify the 25 civilian halls.

"If you live in the dorm, you're a part of RHA," she said.

RHA is made up of a general assembly, which includes a presi-

dent and delegate from each hall, general members and the executive committee.

Balcar said RHA at Texas A&M is strong compared to that organization at other universities — so strong that Texas A&M has been chosen as the site for the 1981 National Association

of College-University Residence Halls convention May 21-24. The strength of the individual halls on campus is what makes RHA strong, she said.

How to deal with different types of people on different levels is one of the main things Balcar has learned through her work on committees and RHA, she said.

Another benefit has been the contact with other student leaders and the administrators. Balcar often has lunch with the Texas A&M Board of Regents and with Dr. Charles Sampson, University president.

In order to squeeze her many activities into often too-short days, Balcar charts her time on photocopied sheets in hour blocks. She makes sure to schedule one hour a day for her boyfriend, enough study time, and some free time "to just sit and do nothing."

The president of RHA is required to maintain a 2.5 GPA, which has been no problem for Balcar, an accounting major. Despite her activities, she has taken about 15 hours each semester and has a 2.9 GPA. After graduating in December of 1981, she hopes to become a certified public accountant.



Sherrie Balcar

## Haig's role:

Nixon's ex-aide said 'ok' for Reagan team

HOUSTON — Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski said Monday that he knew of no wrongdoing by Alexander Haig as chief of staff in the final days of the Richard Nixon administration and said he had a "very wholesome respect" for the man rumored to be President-elect Ronald Reagan's first choice for secretary of state.

Jaworski said that if Reagan nominates Haig, he would expect him to be confirmed "unless there are reasons that I'm not aware of."

"I mean, as far as the implications of Watergate are concerned, I'm confident that it's going to show that they were nil and that the man serving as chief of staff (Haig) did no more than any of us would have done if we had been serving Nixon."

"I left Haig with a very wholesome respect. I found his character to be wanting in any respect. He definitely has the qualities of a diplomat. He's a very bright individual. I found nothing wrong."

Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., has said if Reagan nominates Haig, Democrats will demand a close look at Haig's role in Nixon's final days including the wiretaps, Nixon's pardon and the crucial 18½-minute gap in secretly-made White House tape recordings.

Jaworski said he talked with Haig "sometimes two or three times a day" during the height of the

Watergate investigation and that he considered Haig merely a "messenger boy" with no real influence on Nixon's course of action.

"If Alexander Haig had done anything that we had considered wrong during the Watergate proceedings, we would have taken action against him," Jaworski said. "There just wasn't anything that he did that I considered to be out of line or that I considered to be an impropriety."

"I think that people probably forget that Haig was serving Nixon as chief of staff, and I think they overlook that Nixon was really running the show on his own and all Haig could do was to say to me what Nixon wanted him to say to me. He was, more or less, a messenger boy."

As for any possible Haig role in any wiretaps, Jaworski said, "I found nothing along that line in our own investigation of Haig in the wiretaps."

As to the Nixon pardon, Jaworski said, "If they're talking about some pre-arrangement prior to the time Nixon resigned, I know nothing about that. Haig and I had no discussions about the pardon. He never talked with me about it."

As to the 18½-minute tape gap, Jaworski said, "Personally, I was convinced Haig had nothing to do with that. My own conviction was that Nixon handled that matter himself."

Jaworski added that he believed no one, includ-

ing Haig, could have convinced Nixon to act more in the nation's interests.

"There was no way anybody could have done that," Jaworski said. "I listened to enough of Nixon's comments, his ideas, his thoughts, his determinations, his convictions on tape recordings to know that there was no one who could have done anything with Mr. Nixon, especially from the time that Haig came."

"You must remember he (Haig) came after Haldeman and Ehrlichman were dismissed. Haig comes in and this matter is already one that is weighing heavily on Mr. Nixon and the nation. And Mr. Nixon had decided that he was really going to stonewall it. From there on, all Haig could do was be Nixon's man serving as chief of staff because, of course, he had to be loyal to Nixon."

Still Jaworski, recalling that it was Haig who first asked him to serve as Watergate prosecutor, said he would not consider a full review of Haig's Watergate role inappropriate or unfair.

"The only thing I would say is that perhaps it's better for the matter to be aired than for people to have misgivings about it," Jaworski said. "There has been enough written and said, questioning his motives and conduct that it's probably a good idea to have the thing aired and let the linen be washed and get it over with."

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A committee consisting of council officers and faculty members will finalize a proposal which would create two new vice president positions, President Ernen Haby said at the MSC Council meeting Monday night.

Haby said the new structure would include vice presidents for

student/leader development and financial development in addition to those for operations, programs and finance. The proposal would also change the position of public relations director to a vice president's position.

Keith Shurtleff, vice president for finance, said the council's budget review committee will examine budget proposals for the 19 Directorate committees before they come up for council approval during the spring semester.

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