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## Senate bill could exempt religious school licensing

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AUSTIN — The Senate passed a bill Thursday that would exempt religious schools from state licensing.

The bill does not exempt day care centers or institutions that offer overnight care, such as Lester Roloff's homes for wayward children.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Walter Mengden, R-Houston, requires that exempt schools be a part of a sponsoring religious organization and offer at least kindergarten through third grade.

The schools would continue to be subject to inspection by health departments and fire prevention offices.

"In my area I have many dissatisfied parents who find public school education really not to their liking," said Sen. Betty Andujar, R-Fort Worth.

Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, made a long speech on the Senate floor about the dangers of the bill.

"It opens up the door for those that might overnight pretend to be religious groups only so they will not have to respond to any type of regulation," he said. "We ought not to pass a law that will give anybody a blank check to do what they please. I think the children are going to be the losers."

Truan said the major religious denominations do not object to

licensing and many Christian schools and churches supported the bill that established licensing.

The Senate also passed a bill that would require suspected child abuse be reported to the police as well as to the Department of Human Resources. Present law requires reporting only to the department, which works with abused children and may initiate changes in custody.

Police from several cities, notably San Antonio, have asked for the change.

Another bill passed and sent to the House would increase the amount of money available for compensation to victims of crime and would increase the number of persons eligible to collect the benefits.

The compensation is now financed by court costs paid by persons convicted of crimes. The bill, by Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, would require that the costs be collected from persons sentenced to probation as well as from those sentenced to serve time in prison.

Doggett's bill would also extend the compensation to Texans damaged by crimes committed outside the state, to children damaged by persons within their households and to peace and fire officers.



Rifles, anyone?

Members of the Women's Drill Team, directed by junior adviser Cathy Warfield, practice their underhand throw. The

team will be in the March for America parade Saturday at 7 p.m. It begins at Texas and University avenues.

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## Business major delay proposed

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The Texas A&M University

Academic Council will discuss a proposal concerning undergraduates enrolling in the College of Business Administration at its meeting this afternoon.

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The proposal would designate all undergraduates entering that college as business administration majors. After a specified period of time, students would then declare a major in one of the specialized business areas.

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## Patriotism to show in B-CS drill parade

Bryan-College Station will be treated to a show of patriotism Saturday as five Texas A&M University drill units march down Texas Avenue in honor of National Patriotism Week.

The Fish Drill Team, Women's Drill Team, Rudder's Rangers, Parsons' Mounted Cavalry and Recon Company will be in the March for America parade, along with about 60 other units.

The purpose of the parade is to give the community a chance to display their pride in the United States, Maj. Abe F. Cyrus said.

"I really think we need an open display of patriotism and nationalism," he said. "Plus, it will be a nice break in the winter."

Cyrus is a member of the Committee for Support of National Patriotism Week, a group of civilian and military persons sponsoring the event.

This is the first year National Patriotism Week has existed. In March 1980, Congress passed a joint resolution declaring the week following the third Monday in February 1981 as National Patriotism Week.

The parade will start at 2 p.m. at University and Texas avenues and continue down Texas to Villa Maria Road.

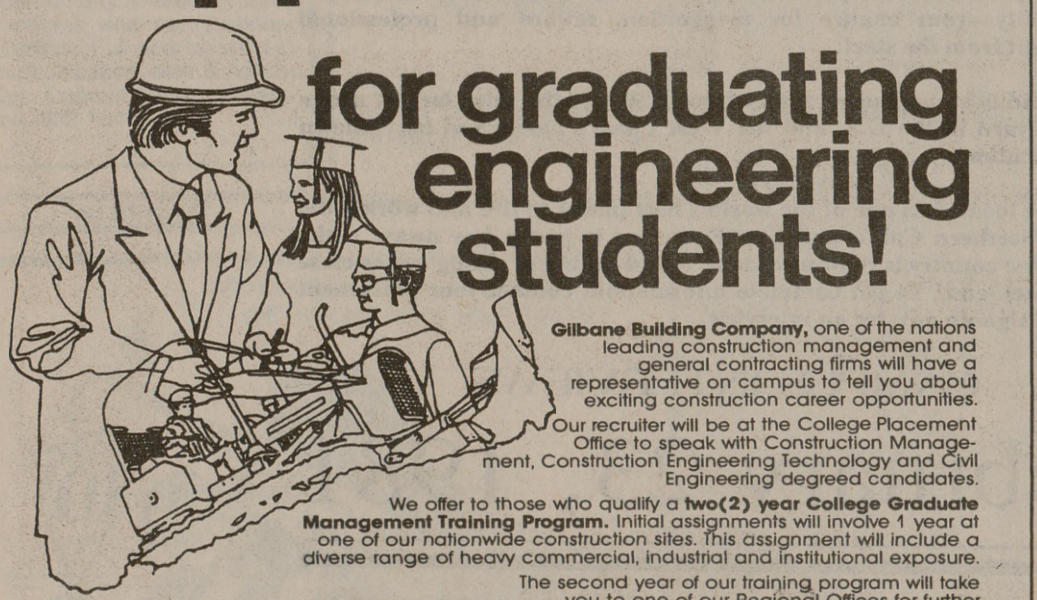
## Evans Library holds census conference

The Documents Division of Texas A&M University's Sterling C. Evans Library, in conjunction with the Dallas Regional Office, Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, is sponsoring the 1980 Census User Conference on Feb. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in room 204C of the Evans Library.

The meeting is to familiarize the public with the content and status of the 1980 census. It will focus on the 1980 population and housing census data and will provide information on census data products and services. Principle speakers are Paula Wright, Dallas regional office, and Gary Halter, mayor of College Station, who will discuss "Local Use of Census Materials."

Persons affiliated with the Texas A&M University System may attend free of charge. Others will be charged a registration fee of \$5. Registration is limited to the first 100 persons and the last day to register is Feb. 18. To register for the conference, contact Robert Palen or Debbie Hopper at the library by calling 845-2551.

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