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High	85	High	86
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Bill would put student on UT regents' board

By DENISE RICHTER

Student representation on the University of Texas Board of Regents may be as close as House Bill 459, a bill currently up before the Texas Legislature that would establish a student position on the board.

But, student representation on the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents is still only a topic of debate. The Texas A&M Student Government brings up the issue each year but, in spite of its bills and resolutions, seems to make no progress.

Part of this stalemate is a result of the legislative process that would have to occur. Before a student could become a voting member of the board, he or she would have to be appointed by the governor and have this appointment approved by the state Legislature.

Currently, no students serve as voting members on the board of regents of any public institution in Texas.

It is possible for a student to become a regent but, it appears, not very likely. The main obstacle to having a student on the board seems to be the way the current regents feel about the issue.

"I don't think it would be wise," Chairman H.R. "Bum" Bright of Dallas said in a telephone interview. "A student would not have enough experience or judgment to make a contribution to the business of running the University."

Other regents agree. "I don't think it would serve a real purpose," Vice Chairman John R. Blocker Sr. of Houston said. "I don't believe they (students) have a place there (on the board)."

Regent Joe Richardson of Amarillo said: "Regents have to be appointed by the governor and ... most who have been appointed have been over 50 years old. They don't have to be this old but most have been. Of course, we do have the student body president sit in on all meetings but I feel it is doubtful that a student will ever serve on the board."

The student body president — and any other student who wants to — may observe any public sessions of the regents. Students who attend Board meetings may not speak unless recognized by the chairman, they have no vote and they cannot sit in on closed sessions.

Regents H.C. Bell Jr. of Austin and Royce E. Wisenbaker of Tyler declined to comment on the issue.

Regents Clyde Wells of Granbury, William McKenzie of Dallas, Norman N. Moser of DeKalb and Dr. John B. Coleman of Houston were unavailable for comment.

Although most regents feel that a student has no place on the board, 1980-81 Student Body President Brad Smith disagrees.

"There is a lack of communication at all levels," Smith said. "They (the regents) don't spend enough time here to see everything they need to see in order to make the best decision. All communication from students has to be channeled up to them. Doing away with these channels could only be helpful."

"As students, we're at the bottom of the ladder. To approach the board, you have to go through the faculty, the vice presidents, the president and the chancellor. As consumers of University services, students should have a direct voice."

"Any decision made (by the board) could be made better if all views were included in the decision. That includes the student viewpoint. It shouldn't take precedence over all others but it should be heard."

Whether a student representative to the Board would be a voting or non-voting member is not important, Smith said. "We're only looking for a way to improve communication," he said.

"The regents don't have a totally accurate view of what students are like," Smith said. "They have been influenced by actions in the past, the way students approached them through irrational means. But, students' dealings with the administration on all levels is different than what it used to be. We're not pushing for something irrational but for compromise. Much research goes into our approach — we listen as well as talk."

The current Board has continued a trend that emphasizes services and extension at the expense of academics, Smith said.

"The Board can see more readily the benefits that would come from services or extension," he said. "This is inherent in the make-up of any board. But, in three meetings that I attended, the word student was never mentioned. Every new program was justified as to how it would affect taxpayers. A student on the Board would at least be able to counteract that."



Hang ten!

Staff photo by Chuck Chapman

Progressive body tanning is the "in" thing at Texas A&M this spring, as people strive for the ultimate tan. This pair of feet were spotted hang-

ing out of Dorm 10 Sunday afternoon catching some rays; the rest of his (or her?) body was excluded from the welcome afternoon sunshine.

Names being accepted for new campus buildings

By DENISE RICHTER

Nominations for names for Texas A&M's four newest buildings are being accepted by Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services.

Koldus is accepting nominations for the two modular dormitories, the clinical science building for the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Academic and Agency Building through Wednesday. His office is in the YMCA Building.

Department vice presidents have been asked for recommendations for names for the new buildings. Their choices will then be forwarded to Dr. Charles Samson, acting president of Texas A&M.

The names are then given to the chancellor and to a subcommittee of the Board of Regents.

This subcommittee is responsible for choosing the names that are submitted to the entire Board for approval. Mem-

bers are Chairman William McKenzie, Dr. John Coleman and Joe Richardson.

Buildings are named for people who have made significant contributions in some form or other to Texas A&M, Koldus said.

"Significance can be defined in a number of different ways," he said. "It's not necessarily a financial contribution, a building could be named for a department head or an administrator who has done a great deal for a particular program."

However, most of the people who have had buildings named after them had made a "tremendous contribution" to the University, Koldus said.

"Most were Aggies who made a tremendous amount of money after they got out of college, then gave to the University through scholarships and other financial contributions," he said. "A lot of these people majored in energy-related fields and made their money from oil and natural gas. They've repaid

many times over the education that the University provided them with."

For example, Dunn Hall was named for J. Harold Dunn, an Amarillo businessman who made significant financial contributions to the University, Koldus said.

Zachry Engineering Center was named for H.B. Zachry. His construction firm has done much for Texas A&M, both financially and otherwise, he said.

The A.P. Beutel Health Center was named for Dr. A.P. Beutel who served on the Texas A&M System Board of Regents. Because of a position he held with a chemical company, the University still receives \$5,000 worth of medicinal drugs a year, Koldus said.

"A building is not named for someone as a way of getting something from that person," Koldus said. "They've already given a tremendous amount to the University. A building is named for them as a way of honoring them."

New Yorkers go on annual Fifth Avenue Easter stroll

United Press International Easter festivities brought out traditional worshippers and those marching to a different drummer as New Yorkers gathered for their annual stroll down Fifth Avenue.

In Washington, officials made preparations for the century-old annual Easter Egg Roll today on the South Lawn of the White House.

A spokesman said "there's a chance" that President Reagan, still recuperating from a bullet wound, will make his first public appearance at a function since the March 30 assassination attempt, joining Big Bird, Bugs Bunny and other superstars in delighting future voters.

At an outdoor service Sunday in Illinois, church-goers welcomed rain, and

the hardy faithful toiled skis to a sunrise service on a Colorado mountain.

The holiday that usually sparks the true onset of springtime brought New Yorkers out for the annual Easter Parade down Manhattan's Fifth Avenue.

Children along the street nibbled at their chocolate bunnies and watched paraders clad in outfits ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous strut down the wide boulevard.

A police officer, who declined to reveal his name, said he was a veteran of many parades and added it was just another chance "for all the screwballs to come out."

American Athiest leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair, in Salt Lake City to preside over the 11th annual convention of the national American Athiests

organization, presented a counterpoint to Easter festivities.

She described Jesus Christ as a "superfraud" and scomed the famed Shroud of Turin, which many believe was Christ's burial wrapping.

In Chicago, about 1,000 elderly people enjoyed their Easter Day menu of ham, sweet potatoes, vegetables and champagne as guests of the Little Brothers of the Poor, a charity organization. Meals were also delivered to about 150 elderly shut-ins.

In Southern Illinois, about 3,500 faithful weathered steady rain to attend the 45th annual Easter sunrise service atop Bald Knob Mountain beneath the 111-foot "Cross of Peace."

Muster ceremony 'symbol of Aggie loyalty and spirit'

By SHARON D. RENFROW

Aggies old and new will gather Tuesday night to pay their respect to students and former students who have passed away.

The gathering will take place in G. Rollie White Coliseum at 6:30 p.m. and marks the 78th annual Texas A&M University Muster. Besides the traditional roll call, the ceremony will include a speaker to present the history of Texas A&M and Muster, a special candlelight service for the deceased and the Ross Volunteers' 21-gun salute.

"The Muster is a ceremony held on April 21 to commemorate fellow Aggies who have died during the year," Tad Jarrett, chairman of Muster, said. "It has come to be a symbol of the Aggies' loyalty and spirit."

The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with a fellowship barbeque at the park adjacent to the coliseum. This is the first time we have planned a barbeque before Muster, Jarrett said.

During the ceremony, Frederick McClure will give a speech on the history and significance of Muster. McClure, Class of '76, is now a senior at Baylor University School of Law and the president of the Baylor Student Bar Association. While at Texas A&M, McClure was the student body president.

The roll call will be accompanied by a candlelight service. As the names of the deceased are called out one-by-one and are accounted for by a "Here" from a fellow Aggie, a candle will be lit. A total of 50 candles will be lit representing 27

students and 23 former students from Brazos County. This is only the second year candles have been added to the service.

A 21-gun salute by the Ross Volunteers and the playing of the Silver Taps will end the evening.

Muster is a tradition held by Aggies all over the world for over 78 years.

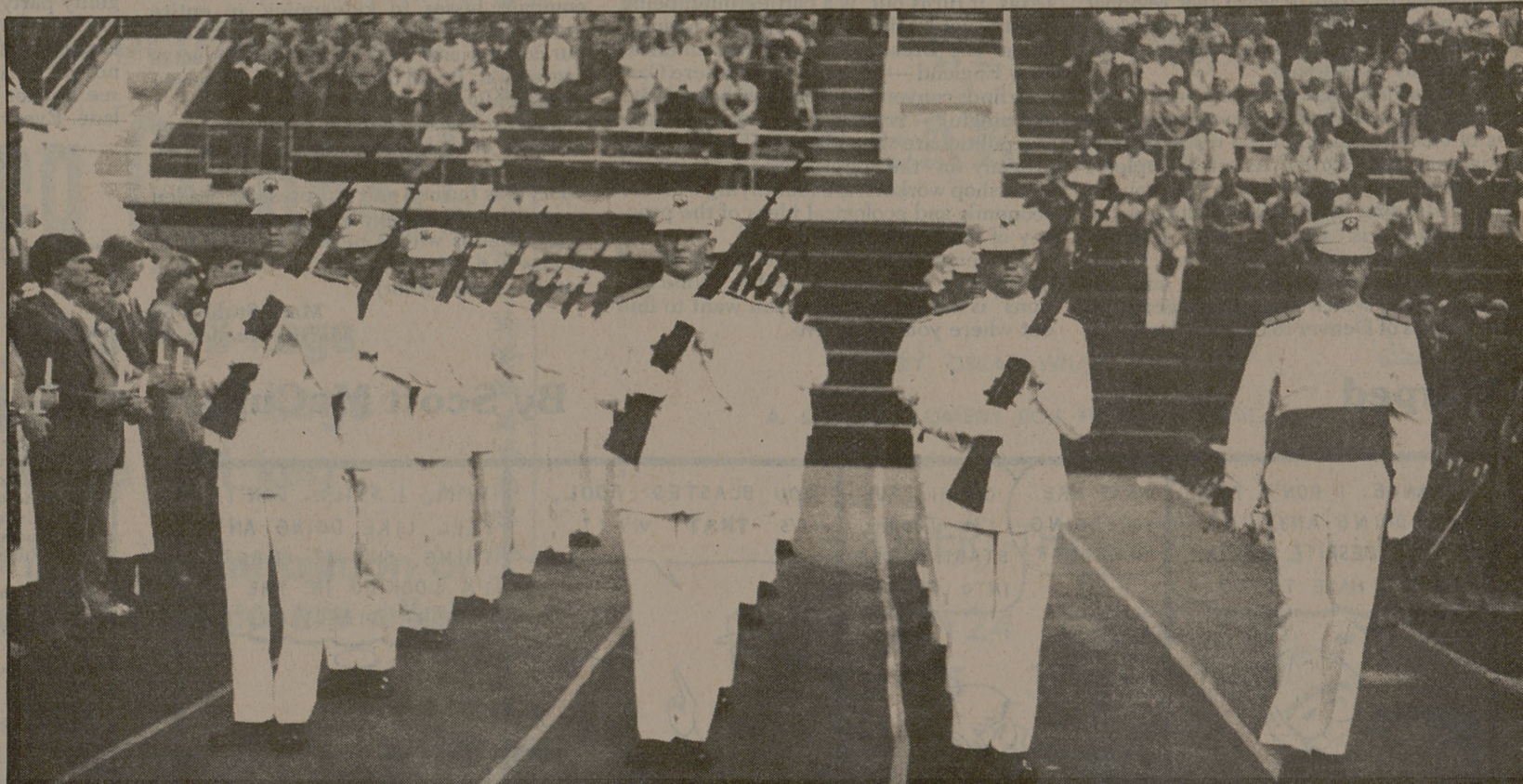
Author John Adams, Class of '73, found that Muster was first held in 1883, not the recognized 1903, while researching for his book "Centennial History of The Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University."

Aggies met on June 26, 1883 to live over again their college days, the victories and defeats won and lost upon drill grounds and classroom, Adams said in his book. "These early meetings were usually parties and banquets held during the annual commencement activities," he wrote.

In the early 1900s, a Track and Field Day, similar to intramurals, was held every April 21 on the campus, Adams said in his book. When the events were called off in 1903, a determined student body of 300 marched to the home of President David F. Houston to insist upon some observance of the anniversary of the battle that won Texas' independence, he wrote.

April 21 is the day Sam Houston and his small army of volunteers defeated Santa Ana's troop at San Jacinto giving Texas its independence in 1836.

Since then, Muster has been held faithfully wherever Aggies gather. During World War I, Aggies met in foxholes all over Europe and at army posts in the United States.



Robert Ingram, now a graduate business student, prepares to lead the 21-man Ross Volunteer firing squad out of the 1980 Muster ceremony in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The firing squad fires a three-volley salute to

Aggies who have died the preceding year, then stands at attention as Aggie Band buglers play Silver Taps. This year's ceremony will start at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Coliseum.