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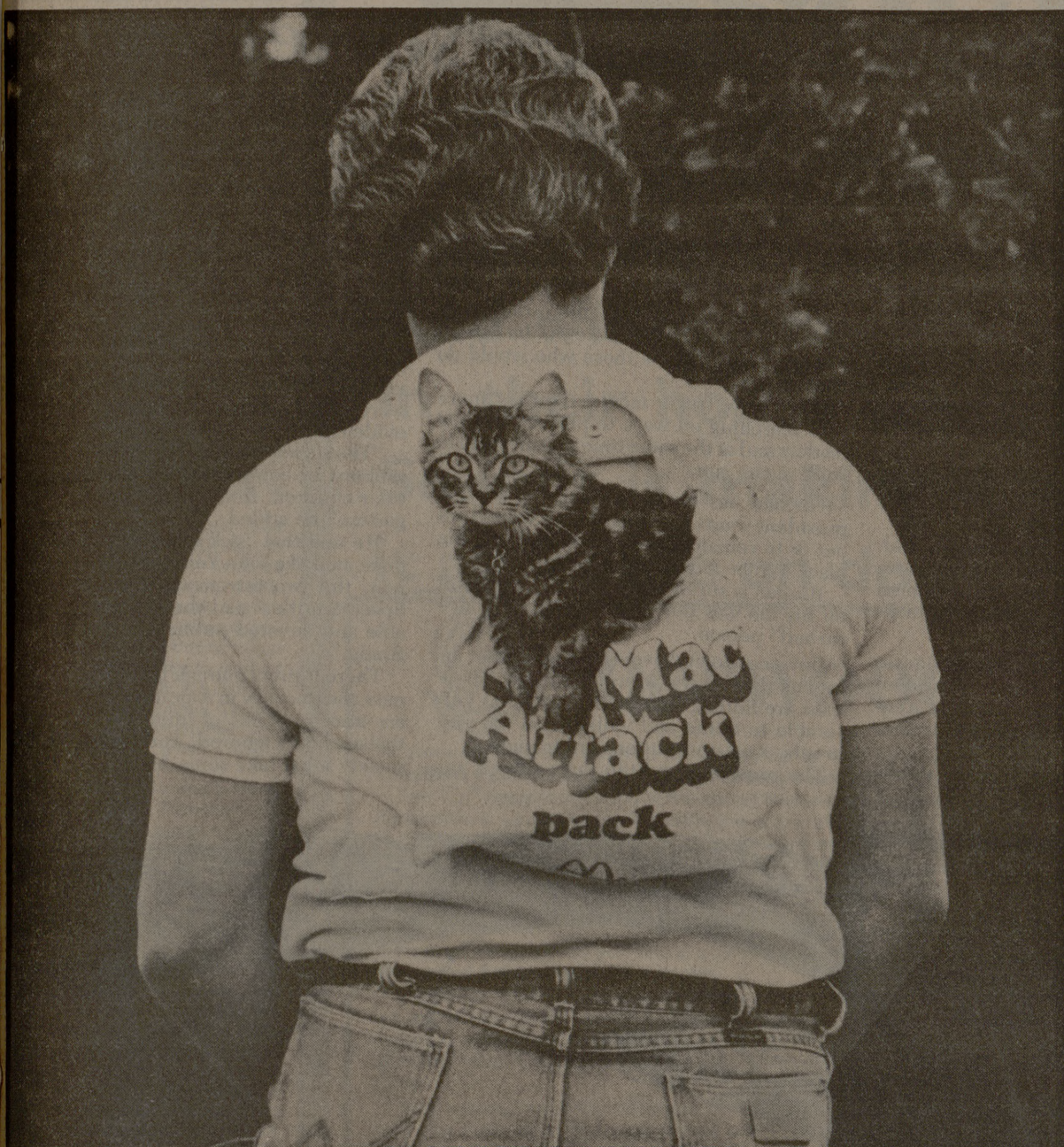
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High 88 High 89
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Cat in the sack

Staff photo by Brian Tate

Maggie, an appropriately named cat for an A&M student to have, travels with senior biomedical sciences major Clyde Hughes. Hughes said that

Maggie does not usually go to classes with him, but does enjoy the riding his bike with him. Maggie is a 10-month-old tabby.

Tuition bill may slow minority recruitment

United Press International
AUSTIN — Former Attorney General John Hill told a Senate committee Wednesday that a bill doubling tuition at state-supported colleges and universities would hamper the efforts to attract minority students.

Hill said that during his tenure as attorney general he had difficulty recruiting minority attorneys because so few studied at Texas institutions.

"We do have a problem in our institutions with discrimination of minority students," Hill said, "and this would only serve to worsen the problem."

The bill, sponsored by Sen. W.E. Snelson, D-Midland, would raise tuition for resident students from \$4 per semester hour to \$8 per semester hour.

Tuition would increase 600 percent for dental students and 900 percent for medical students. The extra revenue is earmarked for building construction and increased teacher's salaries.

Hill said the tuition increase would cause a greater demand for financial aid at the same time President Ronald Reagan proposes drastically cutting fed-

eral assistance to students.

Speaking in favor of increased tuition was Jack Strong, a member of the interim committee that proposed the increases.

Strong said that with the increased tuition and existing fees students would be paying approximately 10 percent of the cost of their education, adding that tuition at Texas colleges is 46th among 48 states.

Strong also repudiated statements that the tuition increase would cause the most harm to minority students, saying that the increase would free up millions of dollars for grants.

Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong said the increasing revenues from oil and natural gas could be used as an alternative to tuition hikes.

"We have lots of alternatives," Armstrong said. "Raising tuition really ought to be the last thing we consider."

As in past hearings on the measure, the Senate chambers were jammed with hundreds of students, many wearing red cards saying "Stop tuition increases."

Nathaniel Adams, president of the Texas Student Association, presented the committee with 13,000 signatures from University of Houston students who oppose the bill.

Adams said his group estimated that the increase would cause 17 percent of the students in state supported schools to drop out and cause 26 percent to take fewer hours.

However, Strong said the interim study committee estimated that only 5 percent or fewer students would be forced out because of the higher costs.

Also appearing before the committee were three University of Texas business students who said they supported the bill.

Patrick Hamner, a business student who said he worked in the oil fields to finance his education, said he felt students were being hypocritical in their opposition to the bill.

"I wouldn't doubt that some of the student here today in a couple years will be here lobbying to decrease the taxes that fund schools," Hamner said.

Brady's brain has air leak

United Press International
WASHINGTON — White House press secretary James Brady has been confined to his hospital bed in hopes a newly discovered air leak in his bullet-damaged brain will heal without need for a third operation.

"We're in the position of watchful waiting," said Dr. Dennis O'Leary, a spokesman at George Washington University Hospital. He noted such problems mend naturally in a "vast number" of patients.

If Brady's problem persists, however, "and if there is evidence of additional leakage further diagnostic studies will (assess) the potential need for further surgery," the White House said in a statement Wednesday.

Brady underwent surgery for removal of a portion of his brain on March 30, after being shot in the head during the attempted assassination of President Reagan.

He underwent a second operation last week to relieve potentially damaging pressure from air seeping into the brain

through passages surgeons had hoped they had closed.

O'Leary said the latest leak was discovered Monday, and added, Brady will be confined to bed for 10 to 14 days, with his head elevated at 20 degrees.

Brady was sitting up and sipping iced tea when he "leaked" approximately four drops of fluid from his nose," O'Leary said in describing how the new problem was detected.

Skull X-rays showed a slight increase in air in the brain and "absorption of most of the intracranial air," O'Leary said. "There has been no further indication of a spinal fluid leak."

During last week's operation, Dr. Arthur Koberne, Brady's surgeon, felt there might be a small leak at the brain's base, but was afraid if he entered the area the healing process would be damaged, O'Leary said.

Brady is alert, eating well and talking, and continues to watch television, read newspapers and have telephone conversations, O'Leary said.

Task force studies security controls in residence halls

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part Battalion series on the report of the residence hall security task force to the Texas A&M University director of student affairs.

By JANE C. BRUST

Battalion Staff

Master key control and security awareness are two areas of concern for residence hall security, says the report completed by a task force of Texas A&M University's department of student affairs.

The task force report has been passed on to Ron Blatchley, director of student affairs. Ron Sasse, associate director of student affairs, said he and Blatchley will review the committee's recommendations over the summer to decide which, if any, new policies or programs will be implemented for the fall.

Problems with lost keys are not uncommon. During the 1979-80 academic year there were 729 lost room keys and 602 keys have been lost during the current academic year.

Earlier this year, a resident adviser in Neeley

Hall lost a pass key, a grand master to doors in Neeley and Hobby halls. A subsequent theft of \$1,500 in jewelry and cash in Neeley led to the replacement of locks in the two halls. This process cost the University \$3,500.

Two pass keys were lost during the 1979-80 academic year, three have been lost this year.

Glenn Ferris, supervisor of housing operations, chaired the committee that studied residence hall security. The committee was comprised of five student affairs professionals, three head residents and one student representative of the Residence Hall Association.

Included in the committee's report are survey results from Texas A&M students and personnel from other universities, as well as a summary of residence hall security problems from the viewpoint of the University Police Department.

"We do not have a good system of key control for our residence halls," the summary says. "A new system needs to be developed so that a minimum number of keys are distributed; and

that those keys only fit one or two halls."

The task force report said, "It is significant to note that 90 percent of the institutions we surveyed changed locks each time a key was lost." At present locks in Texas A&M residence halls are not changed when keys are lost.

Task force recommendations include the following items:

- lock changes when room keys are lost if keys are not found in 30 days
- increased charge from \$5 to \$25 to any student who loses a room key
- tighter control of pass keys among staff members
- increased charge from \$25 to \$35 to any staff member who loses a pass key
- continued change by individual halls to the Falcon lock system within five years
- on-duty staff in residence halls during spring break. (At present, residence halls are left open during spring break for students who remain on campus for that vacation period, but

residence hall staff members are not required to stay on duty.)

The report's cover letter, written by Ferris, says that although master key control is poor and there are too many lost keys to dormitory rooms, the Falcon lock system found in several residence halls, including the Corps-style dorms, is adequate.

Falcon locks will be installed this summer in new modular dorms A and B as well as in Hart and Walton halls. The report says advantages of the Falcon lock system are the facts that keys are more difficult to duplicate, lock cores are removable and can be changed easily and keys are coded so that lost keys can't be associated with a particular dorm room. Cost would be between \$18 and \$26 to change a lock each time a key is lost.

"It would be most expensive and time-consuming for locksmiths to accomplish this work, but if we are to have good security in our halls it is most necessary for this to be done," the

report says.

University Police Chief Russ McDonald said one problem with security of possessions in residence halls is the fact that students don't report missing items soon enough to do any good. He said jewelry is often stolen and sold before the owner files a report with the police.

Between September 1980 and March 1981, 63 burglaries of dorms and buildings were reported to the University police. Gold jewelry totaling \$2,500 was reported missing from Krueger Hall this semester.

Security surveys were given to 500 men and 500 women who live on campus, Ferris said. The committee tabulated the responses from 78 women and 270 men, a small sample of the 10,000 students who live on campus.

Of those responses, a large majority of women and a larger majority of men feel their possessions are safe in their rooms. Three-fourths of both the men and women responding lock their doors when they leave their rooms.

Budget hearings called 'pleasing'

System proposal tops \$40 million

By LIZ NEWLIN

Battalion Staff

"Pleasing" was how agency officials described budget hearings earlier this year. They should have called them profitable.

State agencies in the Texas A&M System will receive \$40.8 million more in funding during the next two years — more than a third of the current level — if proposals by the House Appropriations Committee are signed

See page 12 for the House Appropriations Committee recommendations for some of the state agencies in the Texas A&M System.

\$1.6 million from the Available University Fund. System officials say the Board of Regents must decide whether the 1982 and 1983 budgets will be supplemented again.

Committee recommendations for the agencies are 34.5 percent above the current budget for the first year and 42.9 percent higher than current for the second year. The agency budgets for 1981 total \$52.7 million.

The agencies are the Agricultural Experiment Station, Agricultural Extension Service, Engineering Experiment Station, Engineering Extension Service, Texas Forest Service, Rodent and Predatory Animal Control Service and Texas Veterinary Medical Diag-

nostic Laboratory.

Rep. Bill Presnal, D-Bryan and chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, was happy to point out that his committee granted the full requests from the experiment stations for both agriculture and engineering.

Under the proposal, the agriculture experiment budget will increase 36 and 42 percent over its current \$19.3 million budget. The engineering experiment budget will increase 44 and 57 percent over its current \$3.5 million budget.

The increases are planned to fund more research. The engineering experiment station, for instance, would fund research not included in the cur-

rent budget at Prairie View A&M University (\$415,638) and in engineering design graphics (\$135,690). More money for the agencies, including some matching funds, will come from federal and private sources.

The specific money amounts from the state, however, must still be debated on the House floor, then in a conference committee to smooth out differences with the Senate appropriations bill. The governor has the last chance to change the budget — by veto of individual items.

The Senate Finance Committee has still not released its proposals, with just five weeks left in the session, but they are expected to soon.

Texas A&M System

Category	Current	Proposed	
	1981	Aug. 31, 1982	Aug. 31, 1983
Chancellor (plus housing allowance and supplement)	46,800	51,600	54,200
All other general administration	1,085,625	1,278,607	1,384,728
Grand Total	1,132,425	1,330,207	1,438,928
Supplement from Permanent University Fund	1,600,000 (appx.)	Regents can supplement this budget again, but have not announced any decision.	

180 slots to be filled on A&M committees

By TERRY DURAN

Battalion Staff

Pick a committee — any committee. Application deadline for 180 student slots on University committees is 5 p.m. Friday. The positions are open to any student with a 2.25 overall grade point ratio or above.

"The important thing," says Student Body President Ken Johnson, "is to have student representation. We're fortunate to have what we have, but we have to take advantage of the opportunity to have our say."

Of 69 University committees dealing with various facets of academics, student services or business affairs, 37 have one or more student members. Johnson said Tuesday that applications will be reviewed by himself, 1980-81 Student Body President Brad Smith, University committees coordinator nominee Julie Walshak and executive vice president nominee Jeff Bissey.

Johnson said he also hopes to have help from representatives of student organizations in sorting through applications. Those selected will be presented to the full senate for confirmation at its last meeting of the semester May 6.

Walshak and Bissey's positions, along with other executive branch appointments, still must be confirmed by the student senate. However, Johnson said he anticipates "no great controversy" over the appointments.

Other executive branch appointments pending senate approval include:

- Judicial Board chairman: Greg Hood
- Communications director: Lilly Dollinger
- Comptroller of accounts: Dina Villareal
- Assistant comptroller: Mark Hackfield
- Director of freshman programs: Vicki Younger
- Election commissioner: George Crowson
- Continuing programs coordinator: Sue Vito

John Hawrylak has been nominated for Traditions Council president through an interview process.

Johnson targeted several university committees — including the Memorial Student Center Council, the shuttlebus operations committee, health center advisory committee and the traffic appeals panel — as probably being pivotal in the coming year.

Johnson urged all students "willing to make a commitment of time and energy" to stop by the Special Programs Office on the second floor of the MSC and fill out an application for a committee.

"We need representation from all walks of student life," he said. "The more people that apply, the better chance we have of getting all the vacancies filled with the best people and of making sure our voices are heard."