Sick students wanted as test guinea pigs

Health Center studying new flu drug

by Cyndy Davis

Battalion Staff
If you have the flu, the A.P. utel Health Center wants you.

being paid to participate in a study involving ribavirin, a drug hat doctors hope will be effective against all strains of influenavirus.

The Texas A&M study.

each type, numerous new ains are discovered each year. hen two different strains of w strains.

at ribavirin was effective in ar are Type B, the study is cusing on that type, said Dr. ohn M. Quarles, professor of icrobiology and immunology the Texas A&M College of

Drug Administration.
"We are looking for something in a drug that works over a broad spectrum of influenza viruses," Quarles said.

Influenza viruses are found on influenza in the past six two types, "A" and "B." With-Baylor College of Medicine.

Last year's flu study indicated the health center with a cold, he is referred to the Cold Clinic, ring and helping patients with ost Type A flu viruses. Beuse most cases coming in this where a nurse examines him for flu-like symptoms. If symptoms the study are paid \$72 for three days in the hospital and \$20 for tor, who explains the study to

Ribavirin is inhaled by a pa-Ribavirin is in its last stages of equired human testing before eing licensed by the Food and Ribavirin is inhaled by a patient at two-to-four hour intervals for 12 hours a day. Inhaled

drugs reach the respiratory system quicker than drugs taken by mouth, Dr. Roberts Atmar, a research fellow in the program,

Inhaled drugs also are more effective because the liver absorbs 90 percent of medica-tion taken by mouth.

The Texas A&M study, part Some students in the study of a series of studies conducted are given ribavarin, and others Some students in the study are treated with the traditional years, is headed by Dr. Wayne flu care methods of fluids and Knight, chairman of the micro-rest. Subjects of the study are biology department at the not told whether or not they are being given ribavirin.

wirus are found in an organ.

The only requirements for hospital, students return to the When a student comes into health center for a check-up, and again in three weeks after the test.

each follow-up visit.

him and asks if he would like to participate. The student then signs a consent form and checks into the health center for at least until spring break, Quaries said. Wednesday, 12 students had taken part in the study, he

The study is funded by

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by Jean Kiser

\$2,000 to help pay the \$15,692 needed to bring the document

Committee Chairman Wayne tark said he was pleased with ng? Cou the council's decision, although cher-to-only \$2,000 of the \$4,000 relested was approved.

The council's contribution came from the Hotel-Motel fund, which is derived from axes on hotel and motel rooms Il manar in the city. The revenue is dided between the city and the at of the state and is used by both entities nd to fin to promote tourism and artistic hen rela and cultural activities at the state and local levels

oteers hit "I didn't feel that it was a worthwhile project for the fund," said Councilman Tony ones, the only member voting against funding. A lot of people and contacted him before the can be council not approve funding, he vent the said.

The council unanimously decided to set up a nine-person committee to revise the Capital Improvement Program Budget

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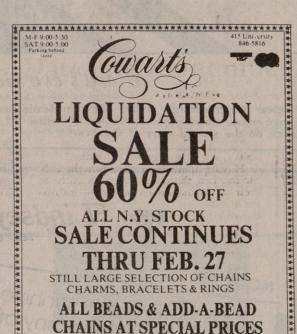
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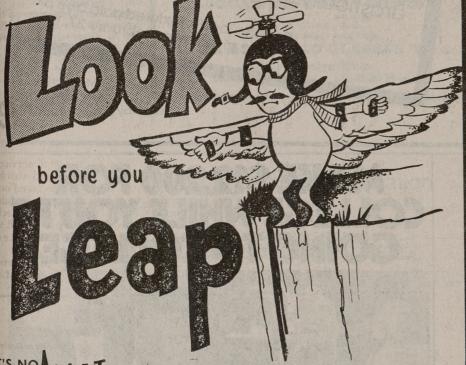
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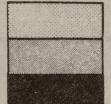
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