

# Legislature debates DWI, PUF, salaries for teachers

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AUSTIN — Legislative activity during the past week centered on two issues expected to generate some of the most intense debate this session — education spending and drunken driving legislation.

A scaled-down version of a proposal to dedicate millions annually to 25 state colleges outside Permanent University Fund coverage drew overwhelming approval in the House.

The proposed constitutional amendment voted out by the House would guarantee \$75 million yearly to the colleges.

The amendment also would open the PUF, now the exclusive domain of the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M, to all UT and Texas A&M branches. The House amend-

ment calls for an April 30 submission to voters and conflicts with a similar proposal now in a Senate committee which specifies a November 1984 referendum date.

Other legislative business during the week included:

- A joint hearing by the Senate Finance and Education Committees on public education spending needs generated testimony about shortages of teachers and state revenues and increases of students and funding needs.

A proposal by the Texas School Administrators Council for a \$2.3 billion increase in education spending during the next biennium dominated the hearings. The administrators' proposal calls for a 28 percent increase in spending for teacher salaries.

Witnesses told senators public school enrollment will increase by 500,000 in the next 10 years while teachers will be harder to find. The state is expected to experience a shortage of 4,000 teachers per year during the next biennium.

- The Senate State Affairs Committee sent four bills to toughen state drunk driving laws following a lengthy public hearing which highlighted divisions over the scope of the proposed laws.

A bill sponsored by Sen. Bill Sarpalus, D-Amarillo, would prohibit deferred adjudication for DWI offenders.

Responding to claims he is pro-liquor, House Speaker Gib Lewis voiced his support for stiffening penalties against DWI offenders but said other drunk-driving proposals are less important.

Lewis described bills to prohibit open alcoholic beverage containers in vehicles and to raise the legal drinking age from 19 to 21 as "frills." He said support of the bills came only from

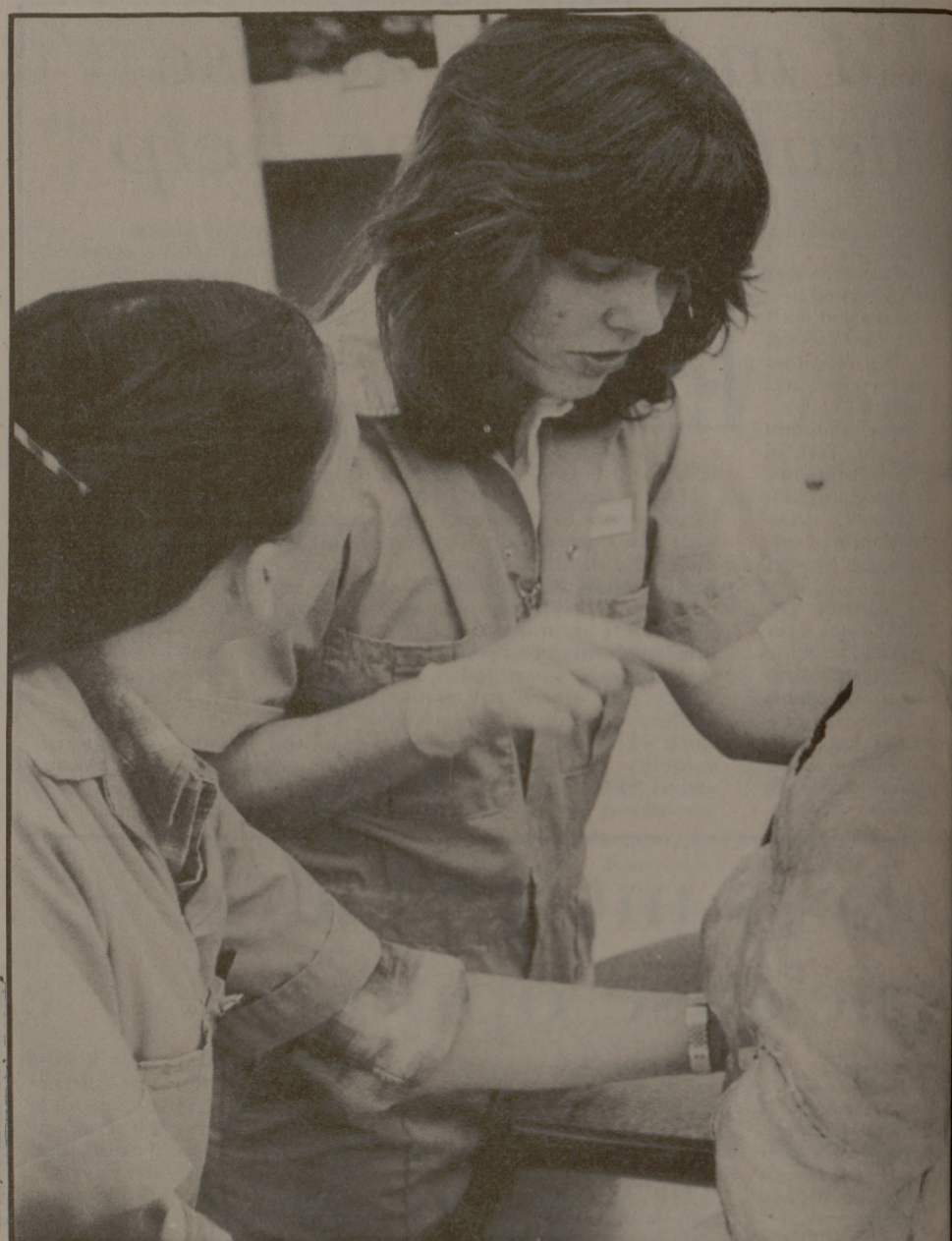
Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

Lewis, D-Fort Worth, also denied he had stacked the House Liquor Regulation Committee with pro-liquor members. Lewis, criticized for accepting \$5,500 in contributions from the liquor industry, said nearly every member of the House received such contributions.

- A \$7 million appropriations bill to repair fire damage at the State Capitol attracted criticism from some lawmakers as a "blank check" measure, but still received legislative approval.

The bill sent to Gov. Mark White sets aside \$1 million for pre-construction clean-up of the Senate wing of the 95-year-old pink granite Capitol damaged by a Feb. 6 fire that killed a guest in Gov. Bill Hobby's private apartment.

- Also, El Paso housewife Peggy Rosson and former Austin Mayor Carole McClellan were confirmed without debate by the Senate for appointments by Gov. Mark White to two state agencies.



staff photo by Frank O...

## Hard to stomach

Third-year veterinary medicine students Laura Garms, right, and Peggy Huckabee investigate the parts of a cow's stomach in their anatomy class. Garms, from [unclear] and Huckabee, from [unclear], learning to apply surgical techniques to anatomy.

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Laurel and Hardy, Laverne and Shirley, Cheech and Chong — combinations like these are hard to find. Selecting a compatible roommate is also a difficult task. Although roommates don't need to be best friends or share every aspect of college living, they do need to learn how to tolerate one another's differences without infringing on individual freedoms. Mastering this task can prevent unnecessary conflicts and lead to productive relationships.

In choosing a roommate, explore several areas prior to making a final commitment. First, each prospective roommate should get acquainted by discussing such information as hometown, family, age, major, and reason for coming to A&M. A second area which should be discussed concerns the individual's preferences and habits. This includes such things as how much sleep you need, what your study habits are, and how you feel about your possessions. A third area relates to the roommates' emotional styles. Annoyances, things which get you down, and times you'd prefer to be alone are important factors which contribute to your individuality. A fourth area which should be discussed by potential roommates concerns personal values. Being open and honest is the key to success. For example, look at Laverne and Shirley. Everyone knows their values are as different as night and day, but their relationship as roommates is great. By communicating about differences, roommates can become more aware of potential problem areas.

Once potential roommates have discussed personal characteristics and preferences, it is always a good idea to establish "house rules." By discussing such issues as cleaning duties and study times in the beginning, problems may be alleviated later. Follow these steps in selecting a compatible roommate — learn to be part of a winning combination.

**WHAT'S UP DOC?**

As midterm rolls around most students are finally adjusted to the changes associated with a new semester — new classes, new instructors, and of course, fees. In addition to such fees as shuttle bus pass, lab use, building use, and parking permits is the Student Health Center fee. Although often overlooked, the Health Center is probably one of the most valuable services as it entitles students to a full range of confidential and free health care. Beutel Health Center provides students with a variety of facilities including a modern laboratory and X-ray, physical therapy, and diagnostic departments. Services such as clinic visits, diagnostic examinations, care of illness or accidents and laboratory tests are offered to all students on a first-come, first-served basis. A student is also provided 10 days of treatment per semester for cases requiring hospitalization.

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**DID YOU KNOW THAT...**

... the Off Campus Center (OCC) provides counseling services for students with roommate conflicts and tenant/landlord concerns. For more information call 845-1741, or come by the OCC located in Puryear Hall directly across from the YMCA Building.

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**OFF CAMPUS CALENDAR**

OFF CAMPUS AGGIES: General meetings will be held:

Wednesday	March 2	701 Rudder	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	March 23	410 Rudder	6:30 p.m.

Officers/apartment council presidents meeting:

Wednesday	March 9	410 Rudder	6:30 p.m.
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"MOVING OFF CAMPUS": Sessions will be held during March for residence hall students planning to move off campus next fall.

Tuesday	March 8	A-1 Lounge	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 22	A-1 Lounge	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 30	Commons	7:00 p.m.

OCC SATELLITES: Resource tables at these locations will provide students with information about off campus living.

Tuesday	March 8	A&A Bldg.	1:00-3:30 p.m.
Monday	March 21	Library	1:00-3:30 p.m.

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