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Sweet revenge

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When Bill Mulligan, executive officer of the First Regiment, went away for the weekend, regiment staff juniors, Craig Jakus, right, and Christopher Dowling

epoxied Mulligan's senior boots to his shelf. Jakus is an industrial technology major from Las Vegas, and Dowling is a marketing major from Houston.

A&M group to lobby on fees, drinking age

by Kelley Smith

Battalion Staff

The Student Government Legislative Study Group will lobby in Austin during spring break to represent Texas A&M students' views on higher education fees and the raising of the drinking age.

A bill has been proposed in the Texas Legislature that would include state fees, including higher education fees, in the state budget.

Currently the Legislature must approve increases for all state fees through individual bills.

If the bill is approved, proposals for state fee increases would sidestep hearing and testimony processes usually involved when debating a bill, said Madelon Yanta, the group's research coordinator for tuition.

When the Legislature proposes the budget, it usually is approved, Yanta said. Fee increases would have a greater chance of being approved if they were included in the budget, she said, and fees could be increased every time the Legislature was in session.

Fred Billings, administrative director of the group, said because education fees are included in the budget they would not have the protection of

the legislative process.

"There won't be any protection for the students," he said.

Yanta said tuition hasn't increased since 1957 because the issue has been so controversial. When an increase is proposed, the people who are not in favor of the increase can lobby against it at the state Legislature.

During the last legislative session, bills that proposed tuition increases as high as 100 percent for Texas and out-of-state residents and 300 to 400 percent for veterinary and medical school students were not approved.

Both Yanta and Billings agree that a tuition increase is inevitable.

"The question is not whether tuition will be increased but how and by what method," Yanta said.

At tonight's Student Senate meeting, the study group will recommend that the senate support a tuition increase but that the increase be adjusted to fit predefined costs. The group will propose that the fees cover a percentage of certain operating costs.

The group also will recommend working to exempt higher education fees from the proposed bill.

Student fees currently are 4 per-

cent of the University's cost per student.

The group also will recommend to the Senate that it oppose proposals to raise the legal drinking age from 19 to 21.

Nancy Mohlman, research coordinator for the legal drinking age, said: "We do realize there's a problem and something must be done, but raising the drinking age to 21 is not the solution."

The solution lies in stricter enforcement of existing laws and better and increased alcohol awareness education, Mohlman said.

The group also has proposed a mandatory course in alcohol awareness that must be passed in addition to the driver's test to receive a driver's license.

While the bill would make it harder for those under 21 to obtain alcohol, it would not be totally effective, Mohlman said. She called this the "forbidden fruit syndrome."

If minors want alcohol badly enough they will get it, she said.

Billings said students should contact their student senators before the meeting tonight to give their opinion on each of the issues.

Begin hopeful about troop withdrawals

United Press International
Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin told former President Carter a breakthrough could be expected soon in the U.S.-mediated talks on the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon, Begin aides said.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman said Tuesday, Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir will meet Secretary of State George Shultz Sunday to try to resolve differences in the troop withdrawal negotiations.

Philip C. Habib, President Reagan's special envoy for the Middle East, is in Washington for consultations and will participate in the talks with Shamir, spokesman John Hughes said Tuesday.

In Jerusalem, Israel Radio quoted

Shamir as saying Israel was prepared to compromise in the discussions by dropping demands to permanently station Israeli troops inside Lebanon.

In Khalde, Lebanon, the future of trade ties between Israel and Lebanon dominated the 21st session of the negotiations Tuesday. Israel warned the negotiations were pointless if Lebanon refused to have open borders.

Following the session in Khalde, 8 miles south of Beirut, a Lebanese spokesman said there had been "slight progress" in the talks aimed at the pullout of 30,000 Israeli, 40,000 Syrian and 10,000 Palestinians from Lebanon.

Begin informed Carter during a 30-minute meeting Tuesday in Jerusalem that Israel expected "positive

results" soon in the negotiations, an aide of the prime minister said.

Carter, on the second leg of his Middle East tour, was meeting today with Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens and moderate Palestinian leader Elias Freij, mayor of the occupied West Bank town of Bethlehem.

Carter flew in Tuesday from Egypt where he told reporters he had met with Palestine Liberation Organization officials as a "private citizen." The United States officially refuses to speak with the PLO until it recognizes Israel.

Israel's willingness to compromise on keeping its troops in southern Lebanon comes after its demands for five security monitoring stations in the border area were rejected by the Beirut government.

IU students to get shots

United Press International
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Students at Indiana University, caught in a measles epidemic, say they are getting immunization not to protect their health, but because they are worried about being barred from classes.

About 176 cases of measles have been reported at IU and state health officials are rushing to immunize students in an attempt to stop a nationwide spread of the disease when they return home for spring break later this week.

By late Tuesday about 17,300 of the campus' 32,000 students had received injections against the measles.

Indiana Health Commissioner Dr. Ronald G. Blankenbaker said he will require students to provide proof of their immunization when they return

to school March 21. Spring break begins Friday.

"Action against students who have not protected themselves against the disease may be as drastic as exclusion from class," Blankenbaker said.

"I didn't want to be hassled about it when I got back from spring break," said Tim Rodgers, 25, moments after receiving a measles shot at the Memorial Union.

"I've had them," said Rodgers, who planned to spend his vacation at his home in Brownsburg, Ind. "It would have been difficult to prove. So rather than get a doctor from out of state out of retirement, I got the shot."

Robb Booker, 19, said he also stood in line for a shot even though he is certain he either had measles or has been immunized against it.

"It was just something to do," Booker said.

Dr. Walter Orenstein of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta said people should be on the alert throughout the country because of the potential the measles outbreak could spread.

The board of health had considered keeping students in Bloomington during the vacation, Blankenbaker said, but decided "quarantine is too radical at this particular time."

Measles, which also has affected 23 Bloomington residents, is characterized by red skin spots and fever and can lead to pneumonia, encephalitis, middle ear infections and other complications, Blankenbaker said. One case in 1,000 is fatal, he said.

Closure bill 'advantage' for public institutions

by Patti Schwierzke

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State laws that order public disclosure of official papers is a disadvantage for public institutions trying to obtain personal manuscript collections and oral history interviews, a Texas A&M archivist says.

Archivist Charles Schultz is supporting a bill in the Texas Legislature that will allow partial closure of official papers.

The bill would exempt from the state's Open Records Law portions of documents that are given to public institutions. Rep. Bill Prenal, D-

Bryan, is sponsoring the bill.

Schultz said the purpose of the bill is to give public institutions the same rights as private institutions.

Under Prenal's proposal, public universities would be able to acquire papers of former officials and keep some parts of those documents secret for an indefinite period of time. Private universities are not required to follow the disclosure law.

"Theoretically, private institutions have an advantage over state institutions," Schultz said. "The practice in archives, manuscript collections and oral history collections is to close all or

a portion of the papers and interviews for a specific and limited period of time."

Documents sometimes are closed in archives to protect the privacy of people who are alive and are mentioned in the papers, Schultz said.

"Sometimes closing part of a document becomes a condition of the gift," he said. "It is not very often that the archives want to close it, but the person giving the gift wants parts of it closed."

"I hope the bill passes. It will help us to obtain records."

Filing deadline

Filing for positions with Student Government, Off-Campus Aggies, Residence Hall Association and for yell leaders opened Monday and will continue until Friday.

All candidates for student body president, yell leader, vice presidents, class presidents, RHA president and OCA president must have their pictures taken today for the Voters' Guide, a supplement to The Battalion. Pictures will be taken from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in 216 Reed McDonald.

No pictures will be taken after today and no other pictures will be accepted. Only candidates for the offices listed above need to have pictures made.

Bill will prohibit replacing candidates after primaries

United Press International
AUSTIN — Democratic legislators, hoping to end last-minute election ploys by political parties, urged a House committee to approve a bill that would prohibit parties from substituting a new candidate for one victorious in primary races.

The bill stemmed from the replacement of two Republican candidates for statewide office last year following the candidates' victories in the Republican primary.

Millard Neptune, a candidate for state treasurer, and Donald Hebert, a candidate for agriculture commissioner, were bumped from the GOP ticket following their May primary victories in favor of what the party called "more viable" candidates.

Rep. Joe Hernandez, D-San Antonio, one of the bill's sponsors, told members of the House Elections Committee the proposal would maintain a primary victor's name on the general election ballot unless the can-

didate died or was declared ineligible by the courts.

"Once you have been nominated, that's it," Hernandez said Tuesday.

The bill, identical to a measure already passed by the Senate, was sent to a subcommittee for further study along with a similar proposal by Rep. Lanny Hall, D-Fort Worth.

Hall's bill would allow a candidate to decline a nomination for reasons of death or disability because of illness.

Opponents say betting will lead to organized crime

United Press International
AUSTIN — Gambling opponents claimed the Texas Legislature would open the doors of the state to organized crime, state-sanctioned vice, exploitation of the poor and animal cruelty if lawmakers legalized parimutuel horserace betting.

Dozens of people crowded the House and Senate chambers Tuesday during hearings on almost identical wagering bills by Sen. Craig Washington, D-Houston, and Rep. Hugo Berglana, D-Corpus Christi.

The Senate Economic Affairs and House Urban Affairs committees sent the two bills to subcommittees for further study after hearing testimony from opponents who complained the

proposal would bring little revenue to the state while ushering in organized crime.

"You're talking about peanuts in terms of a revenue bill," said Allan Maley, executive director of Texans Against Gambling.

Gerard Fulcher, who said he was a former pathological gambler and New York City policeman who now counsels gamblers through the Delaware Council on Gambling Problems, said organized crime would prey on poor compulsive gamblers if racetrack betting were legalized.

"Regular gamblers at racetracks are going to be the poorest element in your community," Fulcher said. "It has been documented that revenues at racetracks increase the days welfare

checks arrive.

"Organized crime has never been kept out of legalized gambling. It will indeed cause more problems than it will erase."

Supporters, however, said legal horserace betting would eventually draw as much as \$126 million a year to the Texas treasury and would create thousands of jobs.

The bills would set aside 5 percent of bets for the state, which would use the money for child welfare, 5 percent for the tracks and 5 percent for racing purses. An eight-member commission would monitor tracks and local-option elections would be required in counties considering parimutuel wagering.



staff photo by David Fisher

Heavy load

Joseph Washington, a College Station resident, carries a crosstie to his truck on his shoulder. The railroad company has been replacing old crossties on the tracks, and Washington is one of many people hauling the old ties off.

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forecast

Partly cloudy skies today with a high near 69 and a 20 percent chance of showers. Winds from the north at 10 to 15 mph. Mostly clear and cooler tonight with the low near 38. Clear to partly cloudy Thursday with a high of around 70.