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education major from Égypt, performs a belly dances in the

Memorial Student Center during the International Students Association's

Mosher run planned, money to go to charity

by Kathy Wiesepape

Battalion Staff women, 24 hours and miles add up to plenty of ey for charity, say members e Mosher Hall Council.

he council has organized a nour relay to be run by a of five Texas A&M women ents. The relay will start at aerobics track Saturday rning at 10 and continue un-10 a.m. Sunday. At 1 p.m. aturday, the women will run to e track at Kyle Field and finish the bonfire fund.

Benham, a Mosher Hall wing representative and one of the members of the team, said they hope to run 175 miles within the

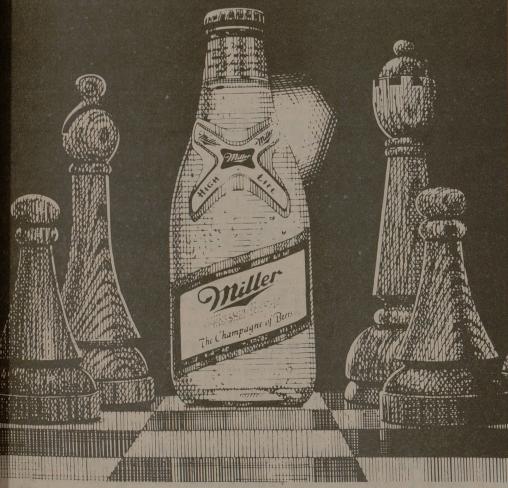
Benham said proceeds will fund a Senior Citizens' Day the hall council sponsors at the Crestview Retirement Home. Extra money will be donated to the Brazos Animal Clinic and

The five team members will Money has been pledged for each mile the team runs. Peggy which Benham estimates will take each member eight minutes

"We'll have about half an hour to rest in between times,"

five runners Benham, Tasha Garty, Jennifer Hartzell, Stacie Reich and Leslie Scandt. Selina Mendieta is an alternate. All of them have experience running track and were in advanced aerobic classes here, Benham said.

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A&M study group favors changing fee hike rules

by Kelley Smith

Battalion Staff
The Texas A&M Legislative Study Group was the only organization to testify in Austin last week in favor of a bill to change the procedure for setting higher

tuition fees. Seven Texas A&M students spent four days during spring break in the capitol lobbying on higher education fees, the raising of the drinking age from 19 to 21, minority recruitment funding and faculty salary in-

House bill 894 would require that all state fees, including tuition, be levied in the state budget, which is changed every two years. Currently, to change a state fee, the Legislature must

The Texas A&M group lobbied in favor of the bill, while students from the Texas Student Association, the University of Texas and the Texas Student Lobby lobbyed against the bill.

Fred Billings, administrative director of the group, said the other organizations were opposed to a tuition increase. They feared if the bill passed it would make it easier for tuition increases to pass.

However, by opposing the bill the other groups cut their own throats, Billings said. The Legislature would not listen to them because they already knew what they were going to say.

When we got the idea out that we weren't going to unequivocally oppose a tuition in-

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crease, our credibility shot way up," he said. "The legislators "Budget Board to go to the universities to work with them to bill might be blocked," Billings saw we were mature enough to deal with the whole problem but still represent and protect our constituency.

Because of this, he said, the legislative study group is in a better position than the other student groups to work with the

The group supported the bill so they could work to set up a framework by which tuition can be increased for the benefit of the students if the increase is inevitable, Billings said.

The group will work for an amendment to the bill to have tuition cover a set percentage of certain operating costs. There-fore, tuition could only increase at the same rate that those costs increase, protecting against any large jumps in tuition, Billings

The proposed bill also will allow for more channels of public testimony to justify any in-

Under the present system, increases are proposed in the House Higher Education Committee. The public only is allowed to testify in the committee hearings.

If the proposed bill is passed, the public would be able to testify in the appropriations com-mittee where the budget is drafted, in the House Higher Education Committee and then again in the appropriations committee.

It also calls for the Legislative

justify budget increases. This said allows the students to have a voice through their administration, Billings said.

The legislative study group also lobbied against raising the drinking age from 19 to 21.

The group also supports tougher DWI laws. It is trying to make mandatory an alcohol awareness test that must be passed at the time a person takes his driver's license test.







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