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Congratulations
Catcher Jerry Schniepp congratulates pitcher Kelly Keahey after he threw a one-hitter against North Texas State Wednesday. The Aggies won 4-1 in the first game of the double header. See story page 15.

Padre predicts 200,000

United Press International
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND — Tourism officials are predicting 200,000 sun-loving students will cram onto Padre Island for the annual Spring Break beach bash beginning this weekend.
The influx is expected to be evenly divided between each end of the barrier island which stretches 100 miles along the South Texas coast, with 100,000 lighting in the Port Isabel-South Padre Island area and another 100,000 cramming into the Port Aransas-Mustang Island area up the coast near Corpus Christi.
Joe "King" Carrasco opens the local activities with a concert on March 11 and the longtime favorite beach music group Jan and Dean will play on March 15, while old beach films such as "Ghost of the Invisible Bikini" and "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes" will be screened nightly. "We're talking classic films here," laughed Coleen Carnevale of the Port Isabel-South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce. "Frankie and Anette, forever."
Many of the students are financially well heeled and are predicted to spend about \$2 million in each of

the resort areas, shaking anxious merchants from the winter doldrums and opening a brisk tourist business that will continue through next Labor Day.
"The merchants down here live for Spring Break. By January, that's all you hear the talking about: It won't be long until Spring Break," said Carnevale.
A survey showed that 36 percent of the students bring \$300 to \$1,000 to spend during one week and that some report in a survey they bring over \$10,000 they get from "mommy and daddy," Carnevale said.
Students from Texas and Midwest colleges book every available room each spring vacation for a few days sunning, surfing, swigging beer or smoking marijuana, partying and attending several free events sponsored by beer and cigarette companies.
Perhaps surprisingly to some parents and teachers, officials say many of the students bring along their books, seek out isolation somewhere between the two bee-hives of activity, do some studying and attend church services on Sunday.
Law enforcement officers report

that, for the most part, the students are well behaved and simply want to cruise along the beaches looking for romance or fun.
"I enjoy these kids coming down. The 500 or so that come down here don't come to party. They come to relax and lie on the beach in the sun. Surprisingly, you see a lot of them cracking their school books. I've had them come and ask me where the nearest church is," said Park Ranger Charles Pearson at the isolated Padre Island National Seashore.
"Unfortunately, the whole is judged by the parts that do the partying. This is not the true picture."
South Padre Island Police Chief Art Garcia said his main problem is youngsters "getting boozed up too much. We don't have that much drugs. We're not running into as much marijuana."
Besides that, Justice of the Peace Bennie Ochoa's legal secretary, Aurora Moreau, said marijuana arrests have dwindled in recent years because Cameron County law enforcement is not as strict on small amounts as they used to be. Garcia said officers are reluctant to charge anyone with less than 4 ounces of marijuana

and "tarnish their lives forever."
"Ordinarily they do behave pretty well for such a crowd. Our Father at church always comments what a nice crowd of visitors we have. It isn't just a wild party," Moreau said. "The kids get tired of going to school. They want a change and want to be where the action is. The ones that misbehave are really in the minority."
"I would say there has been a general decline in marijuana. It doesn't seem to be as exciting to them any more," added court clerk Patsy Grimes in Port Aransas.
Law officers in both South Padre Island and Port Aransas say much of the trouble they have is with high school, rather than college, students because of the problems of under-aged drinking and driving over protected sand dunes.
Jack Hushong, director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau up the coast in Galveston, says its beach no longer attracts the Spring Break crowd since it was closed to vehicular traffic last decade.

Students to vote on proposed use fee hike

By LYNN RAE POVEC
Reporter

The University Center Fee Referendum to increase the current \$10 a semester use fee will be subject to student approval March 27-28 in the student elections.
The use fee, 35 percent of the center's income, is used to maintain, equip, and operate the center, which includes the Rudder Complex and the Memorial Student Center. To increase the fee, a majority of students would have to approve the referendum.
"The student fee has not been increased in over 10 years," University Center Manager Steve Hodge said, "and the students do not now pay their fair share of the cost of operating the University Center."
If the student fee had been increasing in proportion to inflation, students would now pay about \$23 a semester, said Eric Conner, executive vice president for administration and student coordinator of the referendum.
The fee increase is needed for the center to break even on operating costs, Conner said, adding that the center had a deficit of \$121,000 last year.

Some of the money used to operate the center comes from a reserve fund into which money was put in past years when the center operated at a profit, Hodge said.
"Come Sept. 1, the reserve fund will be at a level that will not permit us to continue offering all the services we offer at the rate we now charge for them," Hodge said.
Students and center directors discussed several options before agreeing on the referendum that will appear on the ballot in the upcoming student election.
"We chose the most feasible option that we thought would be the most marketable to the student and would still maintain the current level of services within the center," Conner said.
The referendum gives the voter three choices:
• Option A, which calls for a \$2 a year fee increase for each of the next three years, will provide the center with sufficient funds to continue providing its current level of services.
• Under Option B, the fee will increase \$4 a year in both 1985 and 1986, but will then increase \$2 in 1987. In 1985 and 1986, the additional \$2 above the \$2 required to operate

the center would go toward a new reserve fund.
• Option C provides a third choice for those voters who prefer no fee increase.
"Because increasing our fee beyond the current \$10 required an act of the Texas Legislature, we have therefore been working on (the referendum) for quite a long period of time," Hodge said.
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The Legislature approved the increase with the provision that the fee per semester not exceed \$20.
It is because of this provision that Option B provides for a fee increase of only \$2 in 1987, Conner said. Option B allows for a \$10 increase over the next three years, which would bring the use fee to the maximum \$20 a semester.
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"A \$20 fee still doesn't bring us up to what we said would be inflationary increases," Conner said.
"If a fee increase is not approved, we'll have to individually charge more for the services we offer," Don Powell, director for Business Services, said.
"Other areas that benefit from the

University Center, such as Town Hall, OPAS and Aggie Cinema, to a lesser or greater extent are supplemented by reduced rates for the facilities they use," Hodge said. "This reduced rate is possible because of the student fees. If we don't have the student fees, we're going to have to raise the rates for those groups, and I presume they'll have to raise the price of tickets."
The reserve fund is used for the "planning and construction of additions and expansions to the existing facilities," says Conner.
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Fee hike to be voted on in student election

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Reporter

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choice of two options for increasing the fees or a choice of no increase at all, says Eric Conner, MSC Council vice president for administration. Conner is also student coordinator of the referendum.
"The students are going to have to pay for it (the maintenance of the University center) one way or another," says Joe Jordan, student body president.
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tions for future fiscal years show that reserves will run out by Sept. 1. Without the increase, the charges to student users, such as the theater or meeting rooms, would increase, or there would be a decrease in student services.
The Senate did not take a stand on which of the three options they endorsed. Of the three, Conner leaned towards the option including the reserve fund. This way, he said, the students would benefit from the increase in that they would have a say in how the money was used.

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A&M recruiting female professors

By ROBIN BLACK
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series concerning women, both students and faculty, at Texas A&M University.
There's some awfully good talent out there, but Texas A&M just isn't getting it, Dean of Faculties Clinton Phillips says.
Talented women administrators, Phillips says.
System-wide, Texas A&M has an extreme shortage of women in high teaching and administrative positions — a situation Phillips said is slowly improving.
There are qualified women in the talent pool, he said, but up until now they have been overlooked for the most part when people are being looked at to fill positions at the University.
"I think there has been a real concentrated effort to hire more women at A&M," he said. "Especially since there are more female students here now."
Until the early 1970s, when the University started to see a real influx of women students, there was only a handful of women at the University, and most of those had jobs with the library department.

"Only in the last four or five years have women been hired outside the liberal arts college and the libraries," Phillips said. "Now we have women as professors in areas from engineering to business to oceanography and geosciences."
Phillips said one reason women have just recently been getting jobs in those areas is most women just don't get degrees in engineering and geosciences.
"Those are, for the most part, male-dominated fields," he said.
One way to get more eligible women in those fields, he said, is to encourage them to go on to get graduate degrees.
"And even doing this would require offering some handsome graduate fellowships for women and minorities as well," he said.
Even when qualified women administrators are available, Phillips said, he thinks some women don't seek out Texas A&M for employment because it has traditionally been so male-dominated.
"I would hope we would overcome that tradition," he said. "The situation hasn't changed as much as some of us would like to change, but I'm an optimist and I think the situation will continue to improve. We've got a

long way to go."
Phillips said that there really isn't any resistance from other faculty and administrators when it comes to hiring women.
"In fact, a number of administrators and professors — female and male — are frustrated that so few women are available for us to hire," he said.
Although the ratio of women professors and administrators to women students is way out of balance, he said, it really hasn't affected the student body or even the female students.
"We've still got more students than we know what to do with," he said, "and the number of women students at A&M increases every year. I do think it is important to have to have more women on the faculty, however, because the female students need a kind of role model in that area."
The Texas Plan requiring the University to hire a certain number of minorities in administrative positions by the 1987-88 school year does not include women as minorities.
This raised consciousness in hiring

minorities will ultimately effect the hiring of women in a very positive way, Phillips said.
The administrators are not alone in their concern on this issue. The Faculty Senate has set up a long-range committee to study women's issues at Texas A&M.
Ethel Tsutsui, chairman of the committee, said they are making their objectives broad enough so they are able to attack any issue, especially those concerning women on the University staff and faculty as well as women students.
The committee, made up of three men and 12 women, not all of whom are on the Faculty Senate, was set up last month following the establishment of a similar committee designed to study problems facing racial minorities at the University.
"There are many areas where the campus is behind the times where women are concerned," Tsutsui said, "and that's what we're going to be looking at."

In Today's Battalion

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- A new club has been formed on the A&M campus with a new twist — absolutely no alcohol will be served at any of their functions. See story page 4.
- A.A. Wilbanks has been cutting hair at the Northgate Barber Shop for as long as anyone can remember. See story page 9.

State

- An SMU Kappa Alpha fraternity pledge suffered alcohol poisoning at a fraternity party February 29. Nobody noticed until the next day. They have been suspended by the university from serving alcohol until further notice.

Nation

- Abortions actually save some lives, some doctors say. See story page 10.