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Senate votes for finals

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Students concerned that they will be part of a new regulation requiring graduating seniors to take final exams can breathe a little easier, at least for now.

The Faculty Senate decided Monday to recommend that the proposed policy change on final exam exemptions for graduating seniors not be implemented until the spring 1988 semester.

The Rules and Regulations committee, responsible for proposing a concrete recommendation to the senate, decided such a change would be best if made effective only in new degree plans and not those already in use at Texas A&M.

In a letter to John McDermott, speaker of the Faculty Senate, committee Chairman Garland Bayliss said the committee believed that in equity, presently enrolled students should be permitted to graduate under the current policy.

Sen. Jon Bond said he feels the decision to wait was made to show that the Faculty Senate does care about the students and considers their side of the issue.

Now that the Senate has approved a formal proposal for the new policy, the recommendation will be forwarded University President Frank Anderson and from there to the board of Regents for the final decision.

If this recommendation is approved by the Regents, students who entered the University up to the fall 1983 semester will be exempt from finals during the semester they are to graduate. Students enrolling at Texas A&M starting in the fall 1984 semester would be required to take final exams during their last semester.

In other business, the Senate approved a recommendation for a new graduate program in land management. The degree program would be for a master of science in land development and would be under the supervision of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

If approved by the state Coordinating Board, the non-thesis program will emphasize the business and finance aspects of land development with other emphasis on the physical aspects of land planning and project execution.

The concept of such a program is fairly new, and the only other existing graduate program was established at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1983.



Sample of unusual steak

Photo by JOHN RYAN

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block and his wife sample pieces of reformed steak as Dr. James Keeton explains the process of shredding and reforming cheaper grades of meat into perfectly uniform steaks. Block visited the Texas A&M

campus Sunday morning. He took tours of the Meat Technology Building, the Fire Ant Research program and the Brucellosis Research Labs in the School of Veterinary Medicine. text

Kidnapped Americans released

United Press International

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Tamil separatist guerrillas released an American couple unharmed Tuesday in the northern city of Jaffna after five days of captivity, the government announced.

National Security Minister Lalith Athalathmudali said Stanley B. Allen, 36, and his wife Mary Elizabeth, 30, of Columbus, Ohio, were turned over at the residence of the bishop of Jaffna.

"They were delivered to the bishop's house and just now they are in the custody of the national police," Athalathmudali said.

He said they would be flown to the capital of Colombo Wednesday and were expected to return soon to the United States.

The Allens were kidnapped last Thursday by Tamil rebels fighting for an independent state in northern Sri Lanka. It was not immediately known who turned the Allens over to the bishop. The rebels charged they were CIA spies.

Athalathmudali said the Allens, who were married in March, were "unharmed and were in good health."

House nixes access

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The House killed legislation Tuesday that would have given student religious groups the same right to meet in high schools as glee clubs or cheerleaders — a measure critics said was a backhanded way of reviving the school prayer issue.

The vote was 270-151 for the legislation, but that was 11 votes short of the two-thirds needed for passage.

"Don't burden our high schools with the disagreements — indeed the passions — of the hundreds of faiths that exist in this country, many of whom devoutly believe that their religion is the only true one," Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., pleaded before the vote.

Opponents raised questions about the bill, claiming it would discriminate against religious minorities, allow exploitation by cults and cost taxpayers money to pay for teacher supervision of Bible study and religious meetings.

"Disregard this propaganda you have heard," said Rep. Carl Perkins, D-Ky.

May win Oregon too

Hart sweeps Nebraskasa race

United Press International

Gary Hart, seeking a sweep of the final Democratic primaries to discredit rival Walter Mondale, scored an easy win in the Nebraska presidential primary Tuesday and appeared likely to add Oregon to his column as well.

Hart campaigned extensively in Nebraska and Oregon, while Mondale and Jesse Jackson virtually ignored both states.

The senator from Colorado, riding the crest of upset wins last week in Ohio and Indiana, scored a solid victory in Nebraska and appeared headed to a good showing in Oregon.

CBS said its exit polling in Oregon showed Hart doing "very well." A total

67 delegates were at stake in both primaries.

Far behind in the battle for the 1,967 delegates needed for the Democratic presidential nomination, Hart hoped to rattle the former vice president by sweeping the remaining presidential primaries.

Hart was hoping to parlay victories in Nebraska and Oregon into a psychological boost that would build momentum for the big California primary June 5 and the party's San Francisco convention that opens a month after that.

With 51 percent of the precincts reporting from Nebraska, Hart had 34,634 votes or 57 percent, while Mondale had 17,620 votes or 29 percent and Jackson had 5,515 votes or 9 percent.

The latest United Press International count, including some delegates from Nebraska, shows Mondale with 1,538 convention delegates, while Hart has 903 and Jesse Jackson 290. Another 361 are uncommitted.

Despite his latest wins, which gave Hart a measure of renewed hope, his chance of catching Mondale in the delegate battle is a long shot.

After Oregon and Nebraska, there will be 712 more delegates chosen, including 486 in five primaries June 5. About two dozen chosen in Texas and other earlier contests also remain to be counted. If Mondale falls short of the magic 1,967 number by the end of the primaries, the battle for the uncommitted will go all the way to the convention floor.

Although the favorite in Nebraska, Hart took nothing for granted and ended his campaign in the state by walking down Lincoln's Centennial Mall with Gov. Bob Kerrey, one of the few Democratic governors backing his candidacy.

He then returned home to Colorado to join his son on a horseback riding outing and await the primary returns. Arriving in Denver, he told reporters no matter how many delegates he has, Mondale cannot be a credible candidate if he is wiped out in the closing primaries.

In Oregon, Hart's campaign staff confidently predicted a victory and said it would send a message next door to California.

Students work to meet costs

By KARI FLUEGEL
Reporter

As college costs increase, more and more students are finding themselves in the position of working while balancing a full academic load.

It is a tough road to follow — college costs are now estimated at \$4,721 a year — but Linda Gilbert, an administrator in the student financial aid office, said about one third of Texas A&M students are traveling that route. She said about half of all college students work sometime during their college career.

According to the September 1981 Monthly Labor Review, 40.3 percent of the 1981 high school graduates, who were full time college students, were working at least part time.

Debbie Cade is one of those working students. Cade, a junior accounting and marketing major, works about eight hours a week in the Commons branch of the MSC Bookstore while taking 13 hours of classes.

"There's no conflict," Cade said. "I need to do is mention that I

need to study, and she'll let me off."

Joey Palieri, a senior accounting major who works at Bennigan's, has been working since the spring semester of his freshman year.

Since a hurricane ripped through his father's night club in Galveston last year, Palieri has been supporting himself. He works about 35 hours a week and carries a course load of 15 hours, but says it isn't difficult to manage his study and work loads.

"You've just got to allot your time," Palieri said. "It balances out."

Clerking, waiting tables, errand-running, delivering or retailing. The list of job opportunities in the local area is almost endless.

"If a student wants to work he can find a job," Gilbert said.

Student need and employer demand fluctuate throughout the year because of school schedules. Gilbert expects a few jobs to open up soon because of students graduating and going home for summer vacation.

The student job outlook is very optimistic at this time, Gilbert said. Currently, the financial aid office is getting 25 to 30 job openings a week, she said, and almost all positions fill

fast, with only the unattractive work staying open long.

A student is encouraged to have a 2.0 grade point average before he begins to work, Gilbert said.

The major problem in juggling a class load and a work load is the time crunch.

"Schedule out a work and study routine," Gilbert said. "You have to be mature and able to take the pressure."

Dr. Samuel M. Gillespie, assistant dean in the College of Business Administration, said he agrees that time allocation is the most important factor in being a successful student employee.

"The student usually begins with a good feel for the amount of time needed to be devoted to work and study," Gillespie said. "Then something happens, like someone quits, and the student is asked to put more time in. Soon the student begins to forget his priorities."

Those working students who are weak academically are at a greater disadvantage attending a school like Texas A&M where the faculty has

strong academic expectations, Gillespie said.

"We can sympathize, but we can't give them any slack," he said.

The difficulties increase when the student also wants to participate in campus activities and have an active social life.

"Most have got it in balance," Gillespie said.

Many students work for the experience and contacts that can be made on a job. Gilbert worked while in school. Her job as a part-time counselor in the financial aid office led to her position as an administrator.

"Any employment is helpful," she said.

Besides gaining experience, the reasons that students work are numerous. If a student from out-of-state works more than 20 hours a week in a field related to his field of study, his out-of-state tuition will be waived, but only for semesters which he works 20 hours.

Many students work because they feel they have a moral obligation to help with the financing of their education, Gillespie said.

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