

Faculty Senate to consider financial policy

The A&M Faculty Senate will meet today at 3:15 p.m. in 601 Rudder Tower.

The Senate will hear a special address from Vice President of Academic Affairs Gordon P. Eaton on the proposed change in the financial support policy of international students.

Eaton will explain a new University policy adopted in August by the Graduate Council. The council recommends that the Faculty Senate also adopt the policy.

The policy says: "The University will defer the awarding of assistantships (or like financial assistance) to an international graduate student until the student has demonstrated the appropriate English language skill levels needed to carry out the duties of the assistantship and is registered in TAMU for at least nine semester credit hours during the regular semester or four semester credit hours during a summer term."

The Senate will not vote on the item at this meeting.

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Debate

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Mondale said. "The president says if you want to know what his program is for the next four years, look what I proposed in the past — so you know what's going to happen."

Reagan responded that he only proposed reductions backed by Democrats in the House when the Social Security program was going broke.

"A president should never say never ... but I'm going to break that rule ... I will never stand for a reduction of Social Security benefits," Reagan said.

"That very commitment was made in 1980 and what was proposed was a reduction," Mondale fired back. "The people know what happened."

"The most outrageous thing of this campaign and the one in 1980 ... is that somehow I'm going to pull the Social Security plug out from under the elderly," Reagan said. "Let's lay it to rest once and for all. I told you never."

The two clashed on the deficit, Mondale saying Reagan had no plan and would be forced to raise taxes after the election while the president hit his challenger on his pledge to raise taxes.

It was the first of two debates between the candidates. The second confrontation, on foreign policy issues, is scheduled for Oct. 21 in Kansas City, Mo.

Ship

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voyages, and since 1982, Smith has spent his summers in Jamaica looking for the buried caravels.

Last summer, he and a crew of about 10 worked there for two months until they narrowed down their search and began digging for the remains.

"When we find the ships, they will be excavated, restored and put on display (in Jamaica's proposed museum)," Smith said. "We're focusing on one particular place where I feel sure the ships are."

To survey the waters around Jamaica's northern coast, archaeologists used a magnetometer, which measures subtle changes in the earth's magnetism caused by man-made features such as iron objects or buried stone foundations.

After the device detected magnetic signals, a sonar device that penetrates soft sea-bed sediments was attached to a boat, and the area was again searched.

The remains of the caravels are covered with sediment deposition from the sea and land. This soft deposition "covers the remains that are there so that oxygen doesn't get to them."

"Everything that we excavate has to be kept wet until it can be treated in the laboratory, because if it dries out, it's destroyed," Smith said.

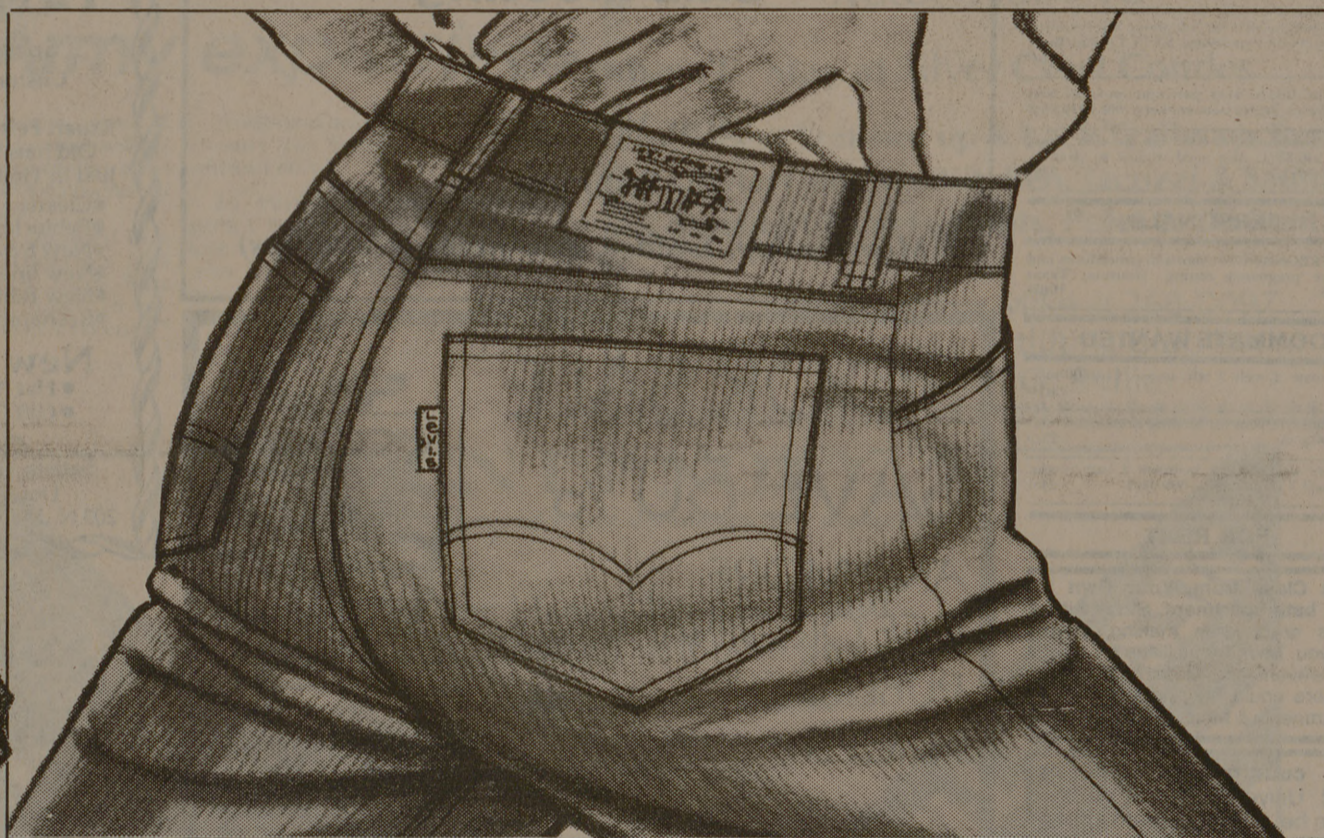
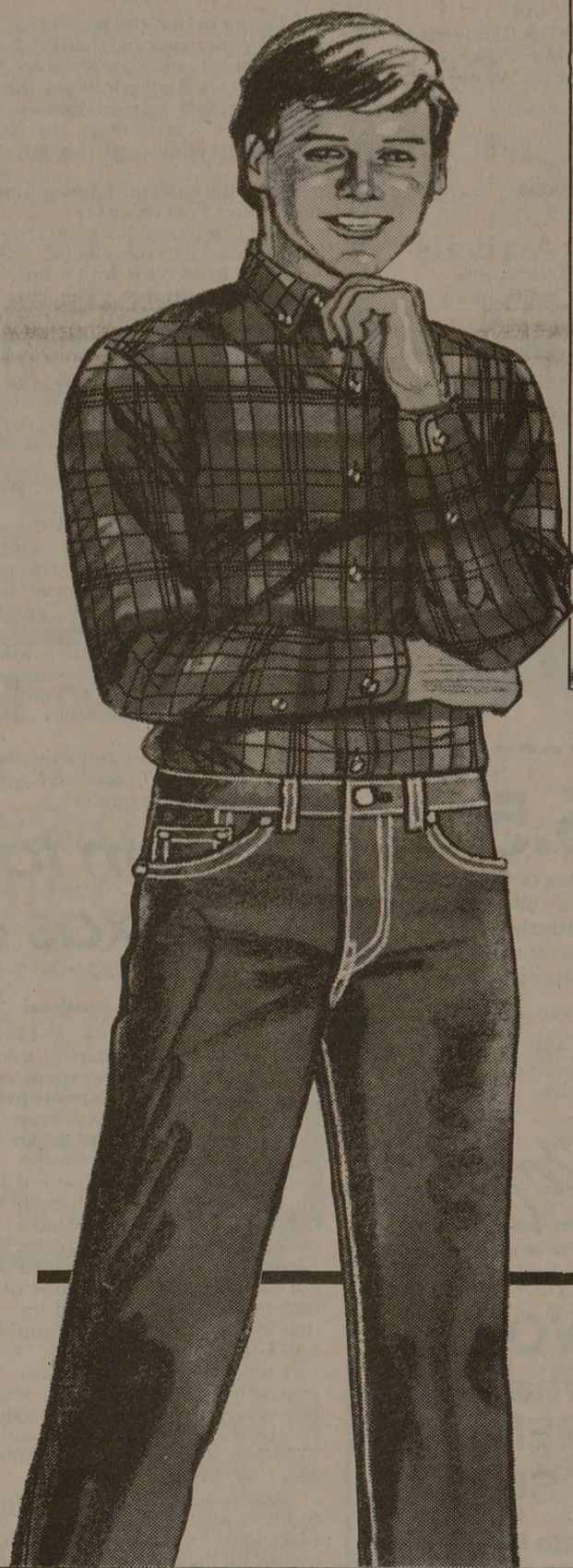
Allowing the remains to dry out could cause them to shrink or deteriorate, he said.

Smith said he and the rest of the crew have had to put their efforts on hold through next spring because of academic obligations, but they plan to resume their search next summer.

"If we don't find (the ships), we'll have done some very careful research, and we'll be able to tell the Jamaican government the history of the north coast of the island," Smith said. "But I think we'll find them, and it's only a matter of time."

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