

# Y leader heads next symposium

Phil Rosenfeld, director of the Student Y Association, will be the speaker at this week's Sully's Symposium at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday.

Sponsored by Lambda Sigma, the sophomore honors society, the symposium is held weekly by the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue in front of the Academic Building. The goal of the project is to improve communications between students and student leaders.

Rosenfeld, a former Fish Camp director, said his speech will center on the history of the

Student Y and the evolution of Fish Camp. The Student Y is Texas A&M's second oldest student service organization, preceded only by the Ross Volunteers.

"I want to give an overview of Fish Camp and how it's put together," Rosenfeld said. "I'll also give an overview of the Student Y."

Rosenfeld said he will explain how employees advance through the Student Y system. Following his speech he will answer questions from the audience.

# Cap and Gown holds seminars for seniors

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Reporter

Interviewing skills and graduate school were the first topics of a two-part seminar sponsored by Cap and Gown Monday night in Rudder Tower.

"We (Cap and Gown) are a service organization and these seminars are a good way to give service to the university," Melissa Romine, president of Cap and Gown said. "We get so tied up in school we don't think about what it will be like when we get out and often it's a shock."

Interviewing is one area students can prepare for after graduation.

"The interview determines whether or not you are the one who gets the job," Judith Vulliet, assistant director of the career planning and placement center said. "You compete with others who fit the qualifications on paper. Your job is to sell yourself, your skills and talents."

Vulliet said 95 percent of those who interview make a decision for or against an applicant in the first five minutes. "First impressions are very important," she said. "How you dress, the dryness and firmness of your handshake, the sweetness of your smile and the social poise you demonstrate can all make impressions."

"The interviewer looks for a well informed person, with a mature set of goals established for themselves and who act as if they want to go to work for him (the interviewer)," Vulliet said.

Many of the same skills used in interviewing for businesses are used in interviewing for graduate schools, Jack Ivins, assistant to the dean in the graduate school at A&M said.

"Keep the possibility of graduate school in the back of your mind. If you have any idea at all that you would like to go, you should find out who your graduate advisor is and ask him about the programs available," Ivins said.

Ivins said finances shouldn't be a deterrent for entrance into graduate school.

Ivins added that the minimum requirements for entrance into graduate school at this University are a GRE score of 800 and a GPR of 2.75 for the last 60 hours.

The seminar will continue tonight in room 701 of Rudder. The discussion will be on career and family and personal finances.

# Library

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two schools care a whit about the PUF or the AUF?

Well, for one thing, either university can help support its library through the AUF. Last year the University of Texas spent \$2.7 million from the AUF to support its libraries. Texas A&M spent \$800,000.

Dean of Faculties Clint Phillips says much of the AUF available to A&M is being spent on buildings to catch up with the University's growth during the past 25 years.

The Texas A&M library hasn't received any AUF funds yet this year. The library receives a spot allocation rather than an annual stipend.

Hoadley says the allocation of AUF funds this year have been put on hold waiting the outcome of the election. Proposition 2, an amendment to the Texas state constitution which makes changes in the way the PUF can be used, passed by more than a 3-to-2 margin.

First, the amendment extends the bonding rate — that's increasing the amount of the PUF that could be used as collateral to issue bonds. Second, and of more interest to the libraries, is that the bonds issued using the PUF as collateral may be used for more than just the construction it was limited to before. The bonds may be used for renovation

# Smoking

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ters can dial 900-210-KWIT to receive advice and encouragement from people with personal experience.

Cigarette smokers, who represent only one-third of the population, account for about 82 percent of all cases of lung cancer, according to a recent American Cancer Society press release.

Lung cancer is the number one cause of cancer death among men, according to the cancer so-

ciety. In several years, lung cancer is expected to surpass breast cancer as the number one cancer killer among women.

The money spent on health care combined with the cost of accidental fires and lost work days attributed to smoking costs Texans more than \$1 billion per year, according to an article in Texas Medicine magazine.

To people who want to quit smoking to avoid the risks and costs involved in the habit, the

American Cancer Society offers these suggestions:

- Throw out all cigarettes by either breaking them in half or putting them in water.
- If you get the urge to smoke, take a deep breath, hold it for ten seconds and release it slowly.
- If you are tempted to reach for a cigarette, think of your worst memory connected with smoking — maybe the time you burned a whole in your best suit.
- Reward yourself with oral

substitutes in the same way you may have used cigarettes. Sugarless gum, lemon drops, pumpkin or sunflower seeds, apple slices, carrot sticks and popcorn all make good substitutes.

• Eat three meals. This maintains constant blood sugar levels and prevents smoking urges.

• Change your daily routine. Don't do things you usually connect with smoking. For example, avoid sitting in your "smoking chair."

# Drinking

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behind stiffer DWI laws for the last two years.

"We're in full support of efforts other than raising the drinking age to fight DWI," he said. "We want to have positive DWI legislation ready to go in January so legislators won't just be voting against the 21-year-old law."

Sean Royall, Texas A&M faculty senate student representative, said student government is interested in looking into the issue, but hasn't taken a position on it.

Two Boston researchers have suggested raising the drinking age has no effect on decreasing traffic accidents or fatalities.

Ralph Hingson, of the Boston University school of behavioral sci-

ence, said in a phone interview Friday that although "teenagers are disproportionately involved in these accidents, so are 20 to 25-year-olds..."

"It's easy to point the finger at teenagers, but it's a society-wide problem."

With his partner, Robert Smith, Hingson compared the number of fatal crashes in the three-year period after Massachusetts raised its drinking age from 18 to 20 with fatal accidents in New York, which did not raise its legal drinking age.

They found there was no reduction in crashes involving 16 and 17-year-olds, the age group targeted by the new law. Hingson and Smith also found that New York fatalities declined almost as much as fatalities in Massachusetts.

Their research included an opinion survey. Based on the answers, they concluded that "punitive legislation" may only cause people to ignore the law.

"We may be creating a generation of lawbreakers," Hingson said. "This is not a black and white issue. The goal is to reduce all deaths, so you can't just target teenagers."

Hingson said raising the drinking age to 21 would reduce fatal traffic accidents by 2 percent or 1,000 lives a year.

Hingson said the researchers question the study used by Congress in drafting the law. That study used data from nine states that had raised the legal drinking age. It found a 28 percent reduction in nighttime, single-vehicle crashes, the

type most associated with drunk driving, but only an 11 percent reduction in overall crashes.

"That evidence is suggestive, but not conclusive," Hingson said.

He said legislatures should increase DWI penalties.

"In Massachusetts, only 25 percent of drunks arrested are convicted," he said. "Most just go through driver education programs and have their sentences dropped."

Hingson said legislatures should push for passive restraint laws. The mandatory seat-belt and airbag laws, which Congress has deferred until 1989, would reduce traffic fatalities by 15 to 30 percent, or about 15,000 to 20,000 lives a year, he said.

tion of buildings and of most interest to Hoadley — for library books.

Proposition 2 also sets up another fund for the benefit of other state-supported institutions of higher learning. The boards of regents of Texas and Texas A&M both favored this proposition. Both boards feared possible litigation — the same type of litigation that allowed Texas A&M a piece of the PUF pie in the 1930's — that could increase the number of schools that would benefit from the PUF, thus reducing each school's share of the kitty.

Though Proposition 2 passed, says Bill Presnal, executive secretary of the Board of Regents, the library still may not receive a larger share of the PUF.

"The library will continue to get formula funding from the state legislature," he says. "It depends on the situation. If the formula funding doesn't keep up, it (issuing bonds) will be possible supplemental funding."

If the library is forced to rely only on formula funding it will never be able to develop more than a minimal library program, says the Chapman-Cook internal self-study of the library.

Though \$5 million of the library's \$5.9 million of funding in 1982-83 came from formula funding, the in-

ternal self-study says it pays just for basic services.

"Generally speaking, the state library formula is a maintenance standard which allows no additional funding for catch-up from past negligences, nor additional class offerings," it says.

The library formula is based on the number of credit hours offered by the University broken down by undergraduate and graduate classes. So as the University's growth slows, most likely, so will the amount of formula funding.

"The library may not now be in a crisis situation," Hoadley says, "but if the level of funding stabilizes or decreases, we would have problems. And if we get less money, then we really have problems."

Phillips agrees that more than formula funding is needed.

"We have to keep chipping away at doing more than formula funding," Phillips says. "I hope the day will come when we can devote a lot more to the library."

"There's light at the end of the tunnel for the constant construction. But, the AUF is committed for many years — to pay off the bonds for buildings already built."

So with the AUF committed to other projects or possibly disrupted through court action, the library

must turn to other sources for funding.

"Innovative methods of securing funding will also be necessary, and efforts are already being made in this direction, the most promising of which is the foundation of a Library Development Council," says the self-study.

About \$200,000 has been obtained in gifts since the Library Development Council was formed less than two years ago.

Library Development and Promotion Coordinator Charlene Clark says all the activity of her office is coordinated through the Texas A&M Development Foundation, the primary University agency to solicit funding.

"A library — just like most everything else at a state university — seems to go on an idea of state funding," Clark says. "In order to achieve its goals of excellence, the library needs outside funding."

"That's not a unique situation here. A library is a very complex and costly operation."

In a presentation before the Board of Regents in the summer of 1984, Phillips said the University of Texas library received \$4.2 million from gifts and other sources, and Texas A&M needed to pursue the same types of funding.

And money is needed for both books and staff, Hoadley says.

Donald Dyal, in charge of special collections at the library, agrees.

"The library is not selling the use of books," he says. "It's selling information for term papers, for Nobel prizes. A library is in the service business."

It's kind of like a supermarket of information, he says.

"When you go to the grocery store and buy Del Monte peas, the 30 cents you pay is not just for peas, but actually for a whole lot of services — marketing, transportation, packaging," he says. "A library is just like that. The actual cost of a book is the smallest part of the cost of getting the book on a shelf..."

"Books don't magically show up cataloged and on the stacks. It's a business function. It requires staff time, staff expertise."

The costs of running a library, like that of keeping a car in running order, are both readily apparent and somewhat transparent. Sure a 71 Ford Pinto will get you where you need to go most of the time, but the University ever wishes to have a library that does more than get the job done, faculty and administration seem to agree, funding for the library must be increased.

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