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Caperton fighting cuts

'A&M needs full funding'

By JERRY OSLIN
Staff Writer

State Senator Kent Caperton, D-Bryan, said Friday a 5 percent cut in Texas A&M's budget is too much and that he will work to bring the University's budget up to full funding.

Speaking at a breakfast given by the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce, Caperton said he accepts a proposal by Lt. Governor Bill Hobby as an alternative to the "draconian" 25 percent cuts proposed by the Legislative Budget Board.

But Caperton said the Hobby proposal still needs improvement. This plan calls for a 5 percent cut in Texas A&M's budget.

"I think we have to work now to improve the Hobby proposal to get us back to full funding, he said."

Caperton said the state could keep higher education at full funding without raising taxes.

Texas needs to take \$36 million from the park fund and put it into higher education, he said.

"We found \$30 million in the general fund that was still going to highways and we are going to direct it to

higher education," he said. Caperton said he also supports raising tuition as long as state financial aid is increased.

"It is our responsibility that we couple any tuition increase with a promise to the young people of Texas that if you are in financial need you will have a fulcrum available to you to insure that an opportunity for higher education will not be denied because of a lack of financial opportunity," he said.

Caperton said he especially supports a tuition increase for non-resident students.

"Right now people can come in from out of state and go to school cheaper here than it would be in their own state and that's not fair to the taxpayers of Texas," he said.

Caperton also criticized Gov. Mark White for ignoring his advice on the appointment of new members to the Texas A&M Board of Regents.

"It's the governor's decision and

not the senator's decision," he said. "But I was appalled that the governor chose to ignore the advice and then make his decision without consultation with the senator who represents Texas A&M."

Caperton also said he was angry because White chose to ignore the appointment process outlined by the Texas State Constitution.

"The State Constitution says that the Senate shall be the subject of advice and consent and that doesn't mean being told as an afterthought," he said.

Caperton said he has tried to avoid "confrontational politics" but that he will not back down when Brazos County is involved.

"I will never be petty or overly personal about the way that I discharge my responsibilities," he said. "But I won't roll over and play dead for this governor or any other governor when I think that the issue of Brazos County and the 5th Senatorial District is at stake."

Leonard told the *Houston Post*.

It is not until the women reach Houston in search of the lucrative jobs they have been promised that they learn the jobs involve prostitution, Leonard said.

Some leave immediately, but oth-

Variety show accepting applications

By HOLLY A. HELT
Reporter

Put on those old vagabond shoes, don your top hat and tails and shine up your act for the MSC Variety Show.

Students interested in auditioning for the the annual show must sign-up for an audition time before Feb. 22. Auditions will be held Feb. 25-27, beginning at 6 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. Twelve acts will be selected for the show.

"It will be a good release for them (the show participants)," said Suzy Day, student chairman for the variety show. "We've put a lot of hard work into it and it will be really fun."

In previous shows, acts such as singers, dancers, twirlers and comedians have shown their stuff.

The committee doesn't know how many students will audition for the show, Day said, because most usually wait until the last minute to enter.

The master of ceremonies will be comedian Jim Buchholz. Buchholz, who won first place in the 1983 variety show, was chosen after he gave an encore performance at last year's program. Buchholz's partner, Dave Frame, will fly in from Indiana University for a special performance.

Kim Walters, the 1984 Miss Texas A&M, will perform the opening number.

Judges for the competition include Mel Chase, former head writer for the Steve Allen Show and a former writer for *The Tonight Show* and for Bob Hope.

First, second, and third place winners will be chosen. Trophies and cash prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$30 will be awarded, respectively.

The MSC Variety Show will be April 12 in Rudder Auditorium. Tickets will be available March 18 and will cost is \$3.50 for students and \$4 for adults.

ers such as those who speak little or no English and have no marketable skills, agree to work, he said.

Leonard said he knows of only one military husband who succeeded in extracting his Korean bride from a Houston prostitution house.

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Korean military wives lured into Houston prostitution ring

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Seasoned prostitutes regularly visit nightclubs and other businesses near Texas military bases to "brainwash" young Korean military wives into leaving their husbands for "well-paying jobs," said Detective Neal Leonard, a Houston

police vice officer.

The "recruiters," usually seasoned prostitutes, make trips to such military locations as Killeen, near Fort Hood, and look for young women who recently arrived from Korea with their U.S. military husbands,

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