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## Regents' nominations reviewed

**From staff and wire reports**

AUSTIN — The Senate Nominations Committee approved one new Texas A&M University regent Wednesday but postponed action on two more while Sen. Kent Caperton worked to give senators more say in gubernatorial appointments.

L. Lowry Mays, a San Antonio broadcast executive, got a 6-0 clearance but the hearing for appointee John Mobley of Austin was delayed until next Wednesday, at the College Station senator's request.

Caperton told reporters he hoped to either get a Senate resolution calling on the governor to consult with senators involved by the appointment or to get 11 votes that would block Mobley's final approval next Thursday before the full Senate.

Caperton said blocking Mobley's appointment would be the "least desirable" of his options.

"I think that's the principle now and that is that we've got to clearly

### Committee approves Mays, postpones other selections

establish that Gov. White will consult with the Senate," Caperton told reporters.

Action on Mobley's appointment to the A&M board was postponed for a week Wednesday because committee chairman Sen. Ed Howard, D-Texas, said Caperton "wanted additional time to study the nomination of Mobley."

Caperton complained previously that White did not ask his advice, as the senator of the A&M district, before making the A&M appointments. Caperton said he thought the name of Mobley should be returned to White.

Howard said White's reappointment of Royce E. Wisenbaker of Tyler to the A&M board also was postponed until next week because

Wisenbaker was unable to appear Wednesday because of bad weather.

The Senate committee recommended confirmation of Maj. Gen. James T. Dennis as State Adjutant General; Jack Martin, Austin, and Philip G. Warner, Houston, to the Texas State University System Board; and James P. Allison, Austin, and Dr. Elbert Whorton Jr., Galveston, to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority.

Howard said the nominations will go before the full Senate Thursday for consideration. A two-thirds vote is needed for final approval.

Mays, 49, president of Clear Channel Communications Inc., which is building a new TV station in College Station, said he favored a "significant" college tuition increase

such as the \$4 to \$8 per semester hour proposal made by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

"As long as I'm convinced there will be programs to benefit the financially disadvantaged, I'll support the increases," Mays said. "I don't want the momentum of universities to stop. Higher education needs the money."

Mays also said he hoped the Legislature would be very careful in making cutbacks in higher education funds.

"I think we should be concerned whether these cutbacks would be detrimental because both our major university systems, A&M and the University of Texas, have the greatest momentum they have ever had and to interrupt that momentum would be very dangerous, a very bad return on the investment of the people of Texas," Mays said.

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### Stay In The Lines

Texas A&M Physical Plant workers take advantage of Wednesday's warm weather and wash the windows on the north side of Sterling C. Evans Library.

### Thatcher warns U.S. to be wary of Soviet aims

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Amid extraordinary security precautions, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher cautioned Congress on Wednesday that the Soviet Union will attempt to divide the West during nuclear arms control talks and warned "we should not expect too much too soon" from the negotiations.

Echoing a theme sounded by President Reagan, Thatcher said, "Let us be under no illusions: It is our strength and not their goodwill that has brought the Soviet Union to the negotiating table in Geneva."

Thatcher was the first British prime minister to address a joint meeting of the House and Senate since Winston Churchill did so on Jan. 17, 1952. After her speech, which was interrupted 24 times by applause, she went to the White House to confer with Reagan on arms control, America's huge budget deficit and the soaring U.S. dollar.

A senior American official said Reagan and Thatcher agreed that in the three-part arms talks beginning next month, the Soviets would try "to hold progress on the intermediate-range and strategic arms negotiations hostage to concessions by the United States on the Strategic Defensive Initiative" — the so-called "Star Wars" defense system.

Referring to their discussions on arms control, Reagan said, "We fully agree that the unity, patience and determination of the North Atlantic Alliance are essential if arms control negotiations are to succeed."

On the deficit, Thatcher said they had reviewed the importance of cutting federal spending.

Escorting Thatcher to her limousine after lunch, Reagan called the prime minister "a dear friend and the respected leader of one of America's closest allies."

The ornate House chamber was packed by members of the Senate and House, assembled in a joint meeting, and members of the Cabinet and diplomatic corps.

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### Chem Busters

Michael Coad is interviewed on the steps of Heldenfels Hall by Channel 3, KBTX. Coad, with some of the more than 400 chemistry students he tutors, posed for pictures Wednesday afternoon. Coad is questioning

the Chemistry department's policy of assigning students to teaching assistants. The graduate student in education and about 100 of his students wear "Chem Buster" T-shirts.

## Bryan policeman busy on night shift

By TRENT LEOPOLD  
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The Bryan policeman stayed busy Tuesday night patrolling the town, picking up a safe, checking night clubs and arresting a man for public intoxication while most people relaxed from a long day.

After spending a few minutes getting acquainted with the basic patrol operations at the department, Sgt. Mark Ricketson invited me to go with him on his night patrol.

We started our journey by taking a ride through one of Bryan's high crime rate areas. As we drove by a small elementary school, Ricketson, a 12-year veteran of the Bryan police force, noticed a group of children in the front of the building. He turned the police Chevrolet Malibu around and flashed his spotlight on the children.

"Apparently they are just playing, but a good police officer has to keep his eyes open for things going on around him," Ricketson said. "There may have been a fight going on there, so it's a good idea to check and see what's happening."

Ricketson then noticed some men working on a truck parked on the side of the road.

"I would get out and help those guys," Ricketson said. "But it looks like they have the situation under control. I'm always wanting to promote a good relationship with the people in the city."

At about 8:30 p.m., Ricketson was instructed by police radio to go help two officers with a safe they had found lying on the side of the highway.

Ricketson said he couldn't think

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## Student Senate passes bill funding longer library hours

By JERRY OSLIN  
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The Student Senate passed a bill Wednesday night calling for \$1,700 to be taken from the Student Service Fee Reserve Account and given to the Sterling C. Evans library to fund the extension of library hours.

The new extended hours will begin Sunday, Feb. 25, said Tom Urban, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Urban said the library will now be open from 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. on Sunday, 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. Monday thru Thursday, 7 a.m. to midnight Friday and 9 a.m. to midnight Saturday.

The library was open during these hours at the beginning of the semester, but the hours were cut because

of proposed University budget cuts, said Mike Kelley, Vice President of Finance.

Urban said the extended hours were needed because students need a place to study late at night.

But Sen. Brian Hay said he opposed it because of philosophical reasons.

"It sets a dangerous precedent in that we are using student funds to subsidize a University service," he said.

In other business, the Senate passed a resolution opposing University plans to assign 2,500 square feet of the library's 6th floor to the Development Foundation.

The resolution says some student seating on the 6th floor would be

eliminated by the plan. It says the University already provides seating for less than 15 percent of the student body while national standards recommend seating for 30 percent of the student population.

The Senate also passed a bill calling for vice presidents in the Senate to be elected by the Senate.

Currently, the student body elects the vice presidents.

Because the bill would change the Student Government Constitution, it must be approved by the student body before it can go into effect.

The Senate also introduced a bill that would allow students to voice their views during Senate meetings.

## Sexual discrimination among faculty studied

Editor's Note: This is the second article in a two-part series on possible discrimination against women at Texas A&M.

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Whether female students are discriminated against at Texas A&M is uncertain, but at the faculty level this issue is being studied. Researchers say current studies point to the need for more in-depth investigations.

The Committee on the Status of Women, an A&M Faculty Senate subcommittee, is developing a ques-

tionnaire to "find out the different perceptions from the faculty about faculty women," said Dr. Ethel Tsutsui, committee chairman and an associate professor of biochemistry.

She said the questionnaire probably will be sent out in March.

The committee's primary concerns are salary, promotion, tenure and equitable treatment of women faculty, Tsutsui said. It also is working to eliminate sexist language in University publications.

"When the Faculty Senate started, various women came to it with prob-

lems, so that led to this committee," she said.

Tsutsui said she is concerned women faculty at A&M are victims of subtle discrimination. They tend to be overlooked for promotions and research grants, she said.

"Men get promoted in about five or six years," she said. "For most women, it doesn't happen that quickly. The excuse is that women are not turning out as many research papers, and promotions are based on research. Well, many women here can't do as much research be-

cause they're teaching such large numbers of undergrads.

"The issue largely is money. The attitude is that you don't want to pay a woman more because she either has a husband to take care of her or because she doesn't have to support a family."

Dr. Clinton Phillips, dean of faculties, said the University is committed to eliminating any sexual discrimination at the faculty level. Promotions are made on an individual basis, he said, and his department has investigated complaints of

women faculty about unfairly heavy teaching loads.

"The administration is very sensitive to this," he said. "They're sensitive to treating women fairly. I think there may be some latent male chauvinism in some departments, but we've made great strides in recent years."

Phillips said the University has reviewed a sexual discrimination case brought by a male faculty member. Virginia McDermott, an agricultural communications specialist and member of the Committee on the Status

of Women, has written a report on the situation of faculty women at A&M.

The purpose of the study was to see if a small sample of female faculty had experienced sexual discrimination.

Of the 12 women interviewed for the study, six said they had been subtly discriminated against, for example, through heavy teaching loads. These women, whose teaching experience at ranged from six to 24 years

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