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**Tuition hike  
is inevitable:  
LSG member**

Editor's note: This is the first article in a two part series on proposed increases in university tuition.

By **JERRY OSLIN**  
Staff Writer

The State Legislature is going to raise college tuition — the only question now is by how much, says Chris Gavras, tuition coordinator of the Student Government's Legislative Study Group.

Two tuition bills are now being considered by the House Higher Education Committee, Gavras said.

The Delco plan, sponsored by Rep. Wilhelmina Delco, D-Austin, calls for resident tuition to be increased to \$8 per semester hour for the 1985-86 school year and then to \$12 per semester hour for the 1986-87 school year. The per-hour cost would then be raised an additional \$2 every year until it reached \$20.

Currently, resident students pay \$6 per semester hour.

The Delco Plan also calls for non-

resident tuition to be increased to \$120 per hour for the 1985-86 school year and an increase to \$180 per hour for 1986-87. Non-resident tuition would remain at \$180 per hour until 1990 when the Legislature reviews college tuition.

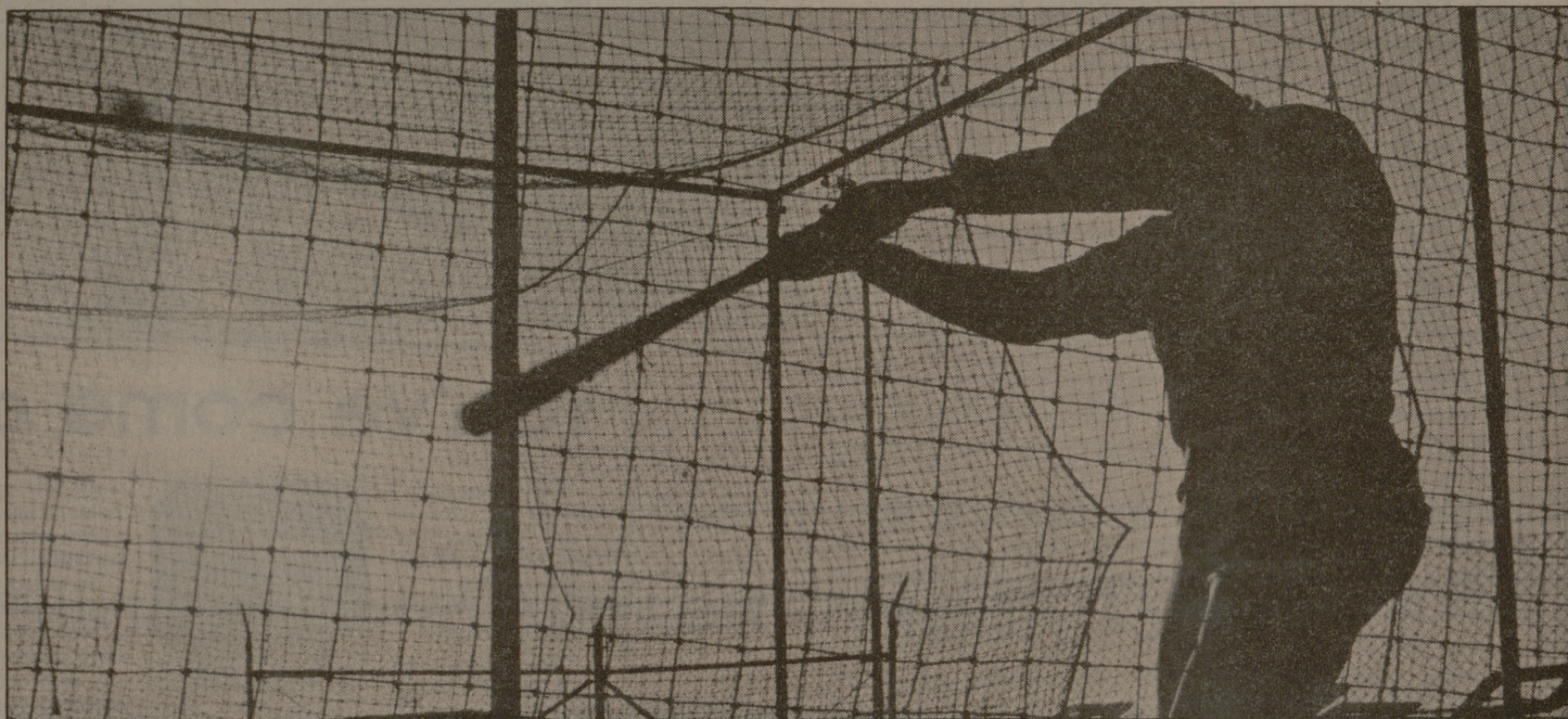
Non-resident students currently pay \$40 per semester hour.

A bill proposed by Rep. Gary Thompson calls for resident tuition to be raised to \$9 per hour for the 1985-86 school year and then to \$15 for 1986-87. The following year, resident students would pay 15 percent of the cost it takes for their education.

The state coordinating board for higher education would define the cost of educating students.

Under Thompson's plan, non-resident tuition would be raised to \$80 per hour for 1985-86 and then to \$92 per hour for 1986-87. After that, non-resident students would

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Sun Stroke

Texas A&M infielder Pat James (27) warms up, not only in the evening sun, but in the Aggie batting cage outside Olsen

Field. A&M defeated Oklahoma City Wednesday, 7-6, and will host Louisiana Tech this Saturday at noon.

Photo by JOHN MAKELY

**SG releases list detailing banks' services**

**Student Government study: 1984 bank comparisons**

| Institution                        | Minimum balance (free checking) | Maximum monthly service charge | Overdraft fee | Overdraft protection | ATM Onsite WD fee | ATM Offsite WD fee | Student loans | University check-cashing |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Brazos Bank                        | \$250                           | \$16                           | \$16          | yes                  | no fee            | .90                | no            | no                       |
| Citizens Bank                      | \$400                           | \$5                            | \$10          | no                   | \$1/month         | \$1/month          | no            | yes                      |
| Commerce National                  | \$500                           | \$6                            | \$15          | yes                  | .20               | .70                | yes           | no                       |
| Community Savings                  | \$200                           | \$5                            | \$12.50       | yes                  | N/A               | no fee             | no            | no                       |
| First Bank & Trust                 | \$750                           | \$15                           | \$15          | no                   | .25               | .60                | no            | no                       |
| First City                         | \$600                           | \$3                            | \$12.50       | no                   | no fee            | .75                | no            | yes                      |
| First Federal Savings              | \$250                           | \$10                           | \$10          | yes                  | N/A               | N/A                | no            | no                       |
| First National                     | \$500                           | \$10                           | \$15          | yes                  | no fee            | .50                | yes           | yes                      |
| Homestead Savings                  | \$0                             | none                           | \$12.50       | no                   | N/A               | .50                | yes           | no                       |
| Republic Bank A&M                  | \$300                           | \$6                            | \$17.50       | no                   | .25               | .75                | yes           | no                       |
| Texana National                    | \$600                           | \$6                            | \$15          | no                   | no fee            | .60                | yes           | yes                      |
| United Bank                        | \$500                           | \$6                            | \$15          | yes                  | no fee            | .60                | yes           | no                       |
| University National                | \$500                           | \$5                            | \$15          | yes                  | \$1.50/month      | \$1.50/month       | yes           | no                       |
| Western National                   | \$400                           | \$4                            | \$15          | yes                  | N/A               | .65                | no            | no                       |
| Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union | \$200                           | \$3                            | \$7.50        | yes                  | N/A               | N/A                | no            | no                       |

By **JERRY OSLIN**  
Staff Writer

Texas A&M's Student Government released a report Thursday that details the services offered by local banks; and the Student Government vice president for finance said he is disturbed by the results.

"Surprisingly, in a community where students and University people comprise half the economy and population, there are very few accounts that are tailored to students' needs," Mike Kelley said.

Kelley said the study is a result of three months of work by the Finance Committee, the Student Services Committee and the External Affairs Committee.

The information was put together as a service to students, he said.

"Most students don't have the time to find out which banks offer the best services," Kelley said. "We hope this information will enable students to choose a bank that suits their needs so that they will not have to pick the first one they see while driving through town."

Kelley said Student Government received information from 15 local financial institutions. He said other financial institutions were contacted, but they didn't provide any useful information.

The report said the minimum balance required for free checking ranged from \$0 to \$750.

"We were very surprised to find

that Homestead Savings offers absolutely free checking," Kelley said.

The report also said the charge for a bounced check ranged from \$7.50 to \$17.50, but that nine banks offer overdraft protection.

"If you have a savings account or some other account with them, some banks will transfer money from that account to your checking account so that you won't bounce a check," Kelley said. "Some will do it automatically but others will require you to sign something that allows them to do it."

The study said that all the banks except First Federal Savings and Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union offer automatic teller machines.

It also said the banks offer varying amounts for on-site and off-site withdrawal fees for use of the teller machines.

The report said First Bank & Trust, First City, Republic Bank A&M, United Bank and University National offer on-site automatic teller machines at the Memorial Student Center.

The report also said only seven of the 15 banks offered guaranteed student loans.

"The ones marked yes on student loans are the ones that offer student loans on a consistent basis," Kelley said. "First City offers student loans but not on a consistent basis. It has offered them in the past and may in

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Sun, sand, surf, music and more

**Beach trips anything but dull**

Editor's note: With spring break less than two weeks away, it's time to start planning for those out-of-town trips. This is the second article in a three-part series on places to go during spring break.

By **TRENT LEOPOLD**  
Staff Writer

Sitting in the sand, surfing in the sea and soaking in the sun is a sure way to spend spring break.

Students from across Texas will be going to Gulf Coast beaches to get away from books and professors and have a good time.

Padre Island, perhaps the most crowded Texas beach during spring break, spans about 115 miles of the Texas Gulf Coast from Corpus Christi to just north of Mexico. Various types of wildlife can be found living on and near the Padre



Island National Seashore in the center of the island.

This part of the island has not been developed with hotels, motels and condominiums. And driving on the sand dunes is not permitted.

Driving by car is possible from the

northern boundary of the National Seashore for about 15 miles south. Near the southern end of the National Seashore, another 4.5 miles of roadway can be found.

Otherwise, a four-wheel-drive vehicle or an airboat is needed to quickly move through the area.

Miller Brewing Co. will sponsor a free concert by Joe King Carrasco, the Crowns and Stevie Rae Vaughn on March 10 at 1 p.m. The concert will be at Jetties Park Beach on South Padre Island.

On March 15, Mollie Hatchet and Cheap Trick will play beginning at 1 p.m. at Jetties Park Beach.

Joe King Carrasco also will play two free concerts with the Crowns March 11 and 18 at the Port Aransas Civic Center. Beer will be sold at both concerts.

The Port Aransas Civic Center, just south of Padre Island and just

north of Brownsville, boasts a large stage and dance floor.

The concerts at Port Aransas are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. both nights and the civic center doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Anyone with valid identification showing they are 19 or older will be admitted free.

Galveston sports some excellent beach action, sights and some superb ocean fishing.

Party Boats Inc. offers fishing in Galveston Bay and the offshore Gulf waters. The bay trips last about four hours and the offshore trips last all day.

Food and beer is served on the boats and the fishing bait and tackle is provided. The prices for the trips vary and reservations should be made in advance, but they are not always necessary.

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**SG election policy raising questions**

By **REBECCA ADAIR**  
Reporter

When the Student Government Election Commission decided last year not to release the names of candidates who had filed until after the filing deadline, it didn't think the legality of the action would be an issue.

However, the decision not to release the names has been questioned.

"We had no idea there would be legal problems," election co-commissioner Laura Madla said.

Pat Wood, commissioner at the time the decision was made, said the names were withheld for convenience and psychological affect.

"The candidates were told not to ask who they were running against," Wood said. It became a

major inconvenience for those doing paperwork, he said.

Wood said that after much discussion, the commission also decided that releasing the names early could discourage those who would be running against candidates known to be front-runners, or could encourage those who aren't confident to run for positions unopposed.

"It's a double-edged sword," Wood said. "Not releasing the names could have the reverse effect, so the theory could cancel itself out," he added. Wood also said he had considered the possibility that the stronger, more confident candidates would not be deterred by a threatening list of names.

Madla's co-commissioner Jim

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