

Slouch

By Jim Earle



"I can identify with your frustration about wanting to be a jockey, because I've always wanted to be a high jumper."

Tuition

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pay 75 percent of their education costs.

Delco and Thompson previously had filed tuition-raising bills but abandoned them after Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said any tuition bill would have to raise at least \$120 million in tuition during the next two years for it to be acceptable.

Delco's new bill would raise \$148 million during the first two years and Thompson's bill would raise \$123 million.

"Our first bill didn't raise enough money during the first two years," said George Torres, an aide to Delco. "If we didn't change our bill, the House probably would have gone with Thompson's bill."

Torres said non-resident tuition was raised proportionally higher than resident tuition because extra money would be needed to help state universities reach full budget funding.

"The Subcommittee on Budget and Oversight said between \$140 and \$150 million in tuition is needed to keep the universities at full funding," he said. "We didn't have a lot of areas to play with. We didn't want to cut financial aid or raise resident tuition any more than we had to. Unfortunately, you have to hit some-

body harder than you hit somebody else."

Thompson said he changed his bill to raise more money.

"After Lieutenant Governor Hobby's statement, we knew that we had to raise more money so we changed it," he said.

Gavras said he does not like Thompson's bill because it indexes tuition to the cost of education.

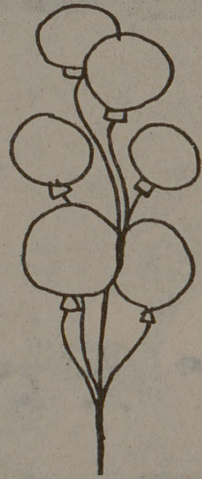
"The cost of educating a student has gone up every year since 1961 and chances are that it will keep going up," Gavras said. "The cost of tuition will be changing every year and this gives students no way of figuring out their budget."

Thompson's indexing bill would take the decision-making process out of the Legislature's hands because it automatically sets tuition increases and allows the coordinating board to determine the definition of education costs, Gavras said. He said students wouldn't have any input in the tuition raising-process anymore.

But Thompson said his bill would "depoliticize the issue."

"We have proven our incompetence in the Legislature in deciding this issue in the past," he said. "If we didn't do this, in a few years or so we would have students paying 3 percent of their total education costs again."

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Beach

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Action can be found on and around the Galveston Seawall and Seawall Boulevard during the day and night. Some people roller skate and bicycle while others simply cruise and check out the sights.

Attractions at Galveston Island include Sea-Arama Marineworld, Seawolf Park, attractive turn-of-the-century southern houses and a railroad museum full of old trains and cars.

A ferry floats from the island to nearby Bolivar Peninsula every 20 minutes daily from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. While it certainly isn't the Love Boat, the boat ride is free and it is fun to feed the seagulls.

If you're heading out of Texas, Florida's Ft. Walton Beach is one of the prettiest on the Gulf Coast. The sand is pure and the water is clear enough to see fish swimming several feet below the surface.

Between Ft. Walton Beach and Panama City near Choctawhatchee Bay is Destin, Fla.

Destin offers emerald clear waters that rate second only to the Carib-

bean. Assorted shells and sand dollars can be found on the beach while soft and hard coral, sponges, and shipwrecks lie offshore.

Boat trips and professional diving instruction are available at Destin from Wet Sports, Inc. Half-day, full-day and night dives are scheduled daily and diving equipment can be rented.

Farther east is Ft. Lauderdale and the famous Daytona Beach. Both beaches are known for their swimming, surfing, sailing, snorkeling and super tans.

The beaches provide free parking facilities, but no alcoholic beverages are allowed on Daytona Beach.

Miller Brewing Co. is sponsoring concerts March 12, 19 and 26 at Daytona Beach, however the bands that will be performing have not yet been announced. The concerts will be at the Plaza Hotel.

Three additional concerts are scheduled March 14, 21, and 28 at the Bandshell on the beach.

Within a two-hour drive of Daytona Beach are some of Florida's noted tourist attractions including Walt Disney World, Epcot Center, Kennedy Space Center, Marineland, Sea World and Cypress Gardens.

Tours of the Kennedy Space Center are scheduled daily and Mickey Mouse is giving a price-break to students at Walt Disney World.

Beginning March 1, college students can receive a \$3 discount to the Magic Kingdom and Epcot Center at Walt Disney World by presenting their student I.D. card, asking for the Disney Break '85 ticket and plunking down \$15. The regular price is \$18 and each ticket is good for admission to one of the parks but not both.

The ticket includes unlimited use of all the attractions in the park including thrills such as Space Mountain and Big Thunder Mountain in the Magic Kingdom, and the three-dimensional "Magic Journeys" film and American Adventure show in Epcot Center.

Cypress Gardens is open and water skiing shows are scheduled daily, but the foliage will not be in full flower until later this year.

Several bus lines are offering special rates to students this year during spring break and the major bus lines go to most of the popular beach areas.

Robert Buschner, vice president of marketing for Trailways, says no round-trip fares will exceed \$98 for college students who present a valid student I.D. card when they buy their ticket.

"We want to offer students a viable alternative to using their own cars for spring break trips and for travel to and from their homes," Buschner says.

Similarly, Greyhound Inc. is offering college students round-trip travel anywhere they go in the continental United States for \$99.

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