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## Senate confirms A&M regent appointment

**From staff and wire reports**  
AUSTIN — The Senate on Thursday confirmed without comment the appointment of Austin businessman John Mobley as a regent at Texas A&M University.

Mobley's appointment became controversial when Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan, complained in a Senate speech that he had not been consulted by Gov. Mark White before the appointment was made. Caperton represents the A&M

area, and he said he would have preferred that White name Caperton's former law partner, Don Mauro, as an A&M regent.

On Wednesday, however, Caperton said he had met with the governor, and added, "I think the point has been made. The governor has indicated that he's serious about improving relations with the Senate. I think from now on there will be consultations with senators involved." White recently hired Houston

lawyer John Odam, 41, as special counsel to the governor. Odam's main responsibility will be to act as a liaison between the governor's office and the Senate.

Royce Wisenbaker, Tyler, also was confirmed by the Senate for a second term as an A&M regent.

Mobley said Wednesday that he has "no special agenda," for his term as a regent.

"I want to be a good regent and help build A&M into an even better

University," he said. "I want to be a team player."

Mobley said he would support a tuition increase along the lines proposed by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who has recommended an increase from \$4 to \$8 per semester hour next year and an increase to \$12 the next year.

"State sources are limited," Mobley said. "But with a few exceptions, our out-of-state tuition is extremely low compared to other states. Right now, students can come here and get

an education for less than they could in their own states."

Other appointees confirmed on a 27-0 vote Thursday include: State Auditor — Lawrence Alwin, Harris County.

Texas Water Development Board — Stuart Coleman, Brown; Glen Roney, Hidalgo.

Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial Commission — Beverly Cummings, Harris.

Texas County and District Retirement

System Board of Trustees — John Gayle Jr., Brazoria; Jack Treadway, Harris.

Texas Public Building Authority — Gerald Goff, Travis; Glen Hefner, Harris; Marilyn Jones, Bexar.

Texas National Guard Armory Board — V.C. Eissler, Harris.

Texas Board of Licensure for Nursing Home Administrators — Jean Trebert, Dallas.

Polygraph Examiners Board — James Hood III, Dallas.



Bird Harvest

Photo by DEAN SAITO

The farmer who owns this field outside Pattison is going to have a hard time harvesting this crop. These migrating birds,

however, are only taking a rest stop. They are probably migrating north as the winter season ends.

## Proposed raises in tuition causing students to worry

This is the second article in a two-part series on proposed increases in college tuition.

By JERRY OSLIN  
Staff Writer

Tuition for Texas colleges and universities is expected to go up and this has some students at Texas A&M worried.

"If non-resident tuition were to double, then I would have to get a part-time job," said Tim Young, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Boise, Idaho. "If it were to triple, then I would have to work full time and go to school part time."

The House Higher Education Committee is currently considering two tuition-raising bills.

A bill sponsored by Rep. Gary Thompson, D-Abilene, would raise non-resident tuition from the current \$40 per semester hour to \$80 per hour for 1985-86 and to \$92 per hour for 1986-87. In the fall of 1987, non-resident students would start paying 75 percent of their education costs as tuition.

A bill sponsored by Rep. Wilhelmina Delco D-Austin would raise non-resident tuition to \$120 per hour for 1985-86 and to \$180 per hour for 1986-87.

Young said he also is being affected by the cutback in federal student aid.

"My parents make too much money for me to get federal aid," he said. "I don't think they should have to pay for my school."

Brian Hay, a graduate agriculture student from Scotland, said raising non-resident tuition would hurt the University's graduate programs.

"Low tuition helps to attract top-quality graduate students," Hay said. "If Texas raised its out-of-state tuition, graduate students would start thinking twice about going to school here."

Hay said raising tuition is especially unfair for international students.

"International students can't vote and they can't pressure the Legislature," he said. "It's easy for the Legislature to stack up legislation against them."

Hay also said the argument saying Texas taxpayers subsidize non-resident students is not entirely true. He said non-resident students pay sales taxes and other taxes here, as well.

"I've always believed in no taxation without representation," he said.

The two bills also call for raising resident tuition.

Delco's bill calls for raising resident tuition to \$8 per hour for 1985-86 and to \$12 per hour for 1986-87. After that, it will be raised \$2 per hour every year until 1990.

Thompson's bill calls for raising resident tuition to \$9 per hour for 1985-86 and to \$15 per hour for 1986-87. Resident students would pay 15 percent of their educational cost starting in fall of 1987.

Stephen Rohrbough, a freshman aerospace engineering major from San Antonio, said he would be hurt by an increase in resident tuition.

"I have two brothers in college right now and a tuition increase would make it much harder on my parents," he said. "If tuition were to be raised, I would definitely have to seek financial aid."

Charlotte Teddlie, a senior English major from Buffalo, said she could support a tuition increase if financial aid also would be increased.

"The Legislature would be justified in raising tuition if they raised financial aid also," she said. "If they don't raise financial aid, they are going to shut people out. I think that people should not be turned away from going to college just because they can't afford it."

## Software program copying

# Copyrights don't stop thefts

By KIRSTEN DIETZ  
Staff Writer

In his accounting business, George (not his real name) regularly uses seven computer software programs which retail from \$200 to \$500 each. But, he got them free.

John (not his real name), a freshman computer science major, keeps a computer in his dorm room. He has an extensive library of software with more than 25 computer programs averaging about \$150 each. All he paid was the price of the dis-

quettes the programs were copied onto.

George and John both violated the U.S. copyright law, which forbids the copying of a copyrighted software program. Because this is illegal, the names of those interviewed who have copied programs have been changed upon request.

Hal Hall, head of the special formats division in the Sterling C. Evans Library, says a simplified version of the copyright law is posted by every computer and copy machine in the library's Learning Resource

Department. He says the department is basically unsupervised and depends on the ethics and honesty of the people using the computers to obey the law.

"My job is not to go out there and say 'thou shalt not copy' and make them stop," he says.

Hall says if someone is caught copying, the person is informed he is breaking the law and asked to stop. He says most people don't realize they're doing anything illegal, despite the written warnings near the computers.

Larry Bowles, manager of the Academic Computing Center, says there are no signs posted in the ACC, but all copyrighted programs clearly state that it is illegal to copy them.

"A lot of those precautions are only going to keep honest people honest," Bowles says. "A sign or a warning is not going to prevent anyone from copying."

Bob Strader, manager of the Eagle Lab in Zachry Engineering Center

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## Today is last day for filing in student elections

By ROBIN ROBERTSON  
Reporter

Students wanting to file for positions in Student Government, the Residence Hall Association and Off-Campus Aggies as well as yell leaders can do so until 5 p.m. today.

To file for an office, a student must pick up a form in the Pavilion and return the form to the Student

Government office before the deadline.

Candidates for student body president and one of the five vice-presidential positions must also submit a petition signed by 100 Texas A&M students. Candidates for student senators must have a petition signed by 25 students.

The candidates for student body president are required to have a 2.5

grade-point ratio and have been enrolled at A&M for three consecutive semesters. Candidates for the legislative vice presidential positions as well as senators must have a 2.25 GPR.

RHA has four positions available: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Applicants running for treasurer and secretary must have a 2.25 GPR.

OCA also has four available positions.

Those interested in the two junior and three senior yell leader positions must have a 2.0 GPR and must maintain a 2.25 GPR while in office.

There are five class council positions for each class — president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and social secretary — with the exception of the Class of 1986. The Class of 1986 also will elect an historian.

The graduate student council also has openings.

Laura Madla, election co-commissioner, said that 180 application forms have been handed out, but only 50 forms have been returned.

A \$3 filing fee is required to offset copying and advertising expenses, Madla said. The elections will be March 27-28, and campaigning will begin March 17.

## Big Event is coming Saturday

By CATHY RIELY  
Reporter

Most people would be reluctant to spend a Saturday afternoon in a cemetery. But 500 Aggies have volunteered to do just that.

As part of this year's Big Event, student volunteers will record names from tombstones for the local genealogical society. The students will work at all 12 cemeteries in the Bryan-College Station area.

The Big Event is a community-wide service project sponsored by Student Government. This is the third and most successful year for the project, Maritza Pena, committee chairman, said. About 5,000 people from 130 organizations will provide the manpower for 76 jobs.

The Big Event is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pena said the name recording is the biggest project. Other jobs

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## Spring break can be more than surf, snow

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 third article in a three-part series on places to go during spring break.

By TRENT LEOPOLD  
Staff Writer

Although snow skiing and beach bumming seem to be the most popular spring break activities, other options do exist.

The Ozark Mountains in Missouri offer a peaceful setting in which to forget about lists and formulas that need to be learned before the next test, or the paper that is due the day after spring break.

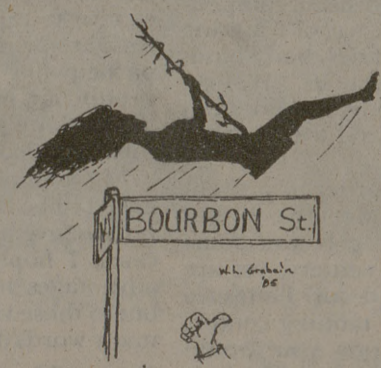
Spelunking, fishing, horseback

riding and relaxing all are offered near the small resort town of Branson, located in the Ozarks not far from Table Rock Lake and Lake Taneycomo, about 45 miles south of Springfield, Mo.

Lake Taneycomo is well known for its fishing. Hundreds of trout fill the cold waters in the main part of the lake, and the warm-water tributaries are home for bass, bluegill and other fish species.

Scenic boat rides on both lakes are scheduled daily for those who enjoy seeing some of Mother Nature's finest.

In Branson, many of the night-spots feature a hillbilly atmosphere and food such as french frankfurters, sauerkraut and corn bread. Hill-



billy dancing also is featured at many of the clubs and the basic steps aren't hard to learn.

Reservations can be made at hotels and motels in downtown Branson, however resorts on Lake Taneycomo have no vacancies available for at least one year.

Closer to home, Lake Travis in Austin offers a peaceful atmosphere. The 22-mile long lake begins with the cold waters from Mansfield Dam and meanders through tall hills on either side, past several large park lands and private housing developments in Austin and West Lake Hills.

If spring break instills visions of eating real Cajun cooking at a southern restaurant, the city of New Orleans is where the reality can be experienced.

Aim yourself straight to the the

French Quarter of New Orleans. Be prepared though, anything goes on Bourbon Street. Women have been known to swing out of barroom windows wearing nothing but their birthday suits.

Mexico and the Caribbean offer spring break sights outside the United States. Cancun, Mazatlan, Ensenada and Acapulco are some of the tourist-oriented cities in Mexico, while Jamaica, the Virgin Islands and the Bahamas are favorite tourist locations in the Caribbean.

But for those wanting to stay in the United States and still get away from locales in and near Texas —

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