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### Austin libraries are \$8 away

# Aggies get shuttle ride

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Reporter



For the students and faculty of Texas A&M, the Sterling C. Evans Library is a vast complex of material with a lot to offer its users, but not everyone is satisfied.

"When I first came to Texas A&M, there seemed to be more than enough information available for research projects and reports," graduate student Vivian Bishop said.

"But once I became a graduate student, I didn't have access to all the information I needed for research. I wanted more," Bishop said. The College of Liberal Arts is looking for a way to find more information and get it to the Texas A&M student, or get the student to it.

Beginning Thursday, any student, staff or faculty member can board a shuttle to Austin, where 17 area libraries will offer a variety of supplemental resources.

Sponsored by the library and the College of Liberal Arts, the shuttle will run every Thursday and cost \$8 for the round trip.

"It's a brand-new idea," said Mary Shook, the library's senior business administrator.

"I've had a lot of questions so far," Shook added.

The shuttle service will be very useful for graduate students, faculty or anyone involved in research, Shook said.

Bishop said, "Graduate students aren't always offered everything they need at one library."

"There may be journals, original documents or primary works in a library somewhere else that I can use," she said.

Faculty members also constantly need more material for research.

Sema Pulak, modern language researcher, said, "Sometimes it's hard

to find the articles I need."

In the past, Pulak said, she has used other libraries to find the information she hasn't found at Texas A&M.

"I've heard about the shuttle system, and I think it's a good idea," Pulak said.

A recent expansion in the Liberal Arts department and the inability of the library to keep up with this rapid expansion led to the idea of the shuttle service, Shook said.

"We had heavy requests from the College of Liberal Arts," Shook said. "Each of the drivers is a volunteer from the department."

The shuttle will leave each Thursday at 7 a.m. from Parking Annex 34. The shuttle will leave Austin at 5 p.m.

The \$8 fee must be paid in advance in cash or by an interdepartmental transfer.

Cash payments must be made in 208 Sterling C. Evans Library the day before the trip in order to insure a seat.

Interdepartmental billings can be arranged by phone.

## Group advocates tax reform bill

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Members of a coalition of local, state and national organizations said Thursday that corporations must pay more taxes so low- and middle-income people can pay less.

"There is enthusiasm for making the kind of changes that ought to be made in the tax code," said Fritz Wiecking, national organizing coordinator for Citizens for Tax Justice.

"We can get a good tax reform bill this year, and a tax reform bill — a good one — would be premised on closing the major corporate tax loopholes in this country and using the new revenue from that to reduce taxes on middle-and low-income people," Wiecking said.

"There's the money to do that. There, at least, is the political strategy that would make sense out of doing that, and all that's lacking is enough will and enough strength of the members of the House Ways and Means Committee to get that done," he said.

Wiecking and another Washington, D.C., resident, Carolyn Farrow-Garland of the Coalition on Block Grants and Human Needs, were joined at a Capitol news conference by Brad Weibel of the Texas Consumer Association, Eliseo Medina of the Texas State Employees Union and Charlotte Flynn of the Gray Panthers of Austin.

Statistics collected by Citizens for Tax Justice showed that for the first four years of the Reagan administration, 50 of 275 profit-making companies surveyed paid no federal income taxes.

Despite \$56.9 billion in pre-tax profits, the organization said, the 50 companies received net tax refunds from the federal government totaling \$2.4 billion.

Farrow-Garland said, "We have watched this tremendous drain on our resources as corporations have been allowed to take benefit of deductions, and these are the very deductions . . . that we as middle-and low-income individuals have to pay

for, so something needs to be done about that."

Medina said, "This gravy train is costing Texas millions in lost federal revenues at a time when we need them most, and corporations get a double break in Texas because we levy no state corporate profits or income tax."

Farrow-Garland said the new Reagan tax plan would exempt virtually all working in poverty from federal income taxes and would offset a portion of Social Security taxes as well but "does not go far enough." Wiecking said, "The president doesn't have a tax reform plan. The president has a tax regression plan that's a lot like the one he gave us in 1981 that will further reduce the taxes on American corporations by another 9 percent, that will make some modest but not enough change in the way low-income people are taxed, further raise taxes for many middle-income people and further lower taxes for the wealthy in this country."

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