

## State and Local

Bill introduced to replace lost ticket books

### Student Senate fills vacant seats

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A bill calling for the Athletic Department to provide free replacement of lost or stolen student sports ticket books was introduced in the Texas A&M Student Senate Wednesday night.

If passed, actual implementation of such a bill would be up to the Athletic Department, said sponsor Mark Browning.

Browning suggested the possibility of placing serial numbers of lost ticket books on a "hot list" to protect the department from abuse of the proposed policy. But he said he hasn't yet consulted with anyone in the Athletic Department concerning the bill.

The Senate also heard the introduction of a bill calling for measures intended to increase the security of

*Gainer Hall has about 120 residents lacking representation in the A&M Student Senate. The Senate is considering a bill that would include Gainer residents in the Krueger-Briggs-Spence constituency*

students' personal belongings while they eat at Sbsa Dining Hall.

Sponsor Greg Gorman said that the 90 lockers currently in Sbsa frequently are filled, especially during the high-traffic time between noon and 1:30 p.m. The bill calls for the addition of either more lockers or video monitors in Sbsa, if not both.

The Senate also heard the first reading of a bill designed to provide area representation in the Senate to a group currently living without it.

Beverly Roznovsky introduced the bill, which would temporarily add the non-cadet residents of Gainer Hall (Dorm 5) to her area constituency, which already includes Krueger, Briggs and Spence halls.

Roznovsky said that Gainer, which has been converted from a Corps dorm to one housing both cadets and non-cadets, has about 120 residents lacking area representation. The cadets are represented by Corps senators. The non-cadets in Gainer are not.

Johnson said Monday the bill would provide for the non-cadets of Gainer to be part of the Krueger-Briggs-Spence constituency until the Senate goes through its annual reapportionment in the spring.

In other business, the Senate filled six seats while announcing new vacancies in four others.

The new senators, approved by general consent, are: Richard Barger, geosciences at-large; Lisa Johnson, Mosher-Underwood; Jeff Baker, Off Campus Ward II; Brett Shine and Todd Latham, Ward III; and Steve Beck, Ward IV.

Applications for the four new vacancies will be taken through next Friday, Laurie Johnson said.

Johnson said one open seat is available in each of the following: education at-large, graduate-agriculture, Ward I and Ward IV.

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### Leary urges audience to 'think for yourselves'

By MEG CADIGAN  
Staff Writer

"Most of you have not been taught how to think," Dr. Timothy Leary said in a Wednesday lecture.

"Think for yourself and question authority was the message of the lecture by Leary, a former Harvard professor and psychedelic drug experimenter.

Wearing a conservative gray suit, bright red tie and tennis shoes, Leary told about 900 people in Rudder Theater not to protest authority, but to "sit at the feet of authority and say 'Hey, what's going on?'"

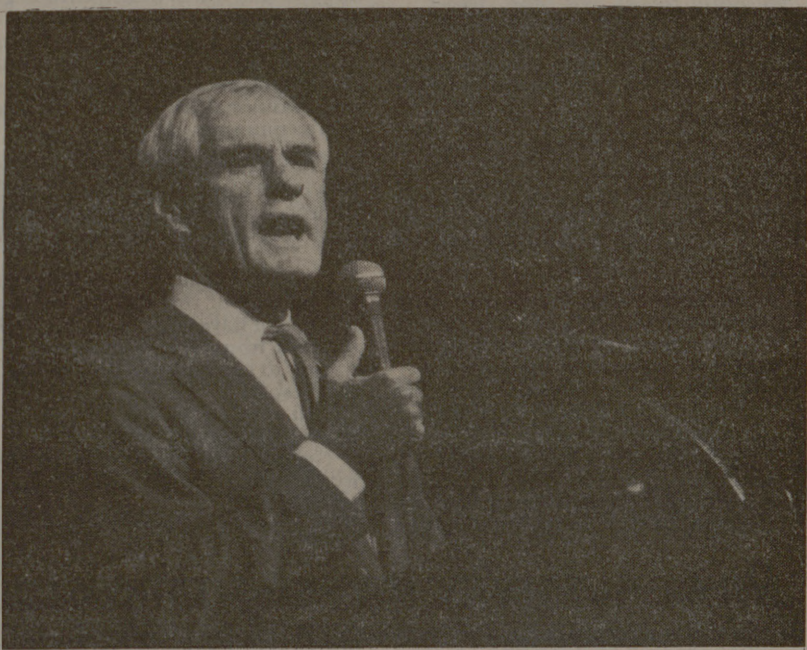
Americans have a duty to demand politely that authority explain itself, Leary said.

"I've traveled around the world," Leary said. "I've been busted in most countries for that matter."

But, he said, America is the place for dreams of individual growth to come true. He suggests people can use thinking for themselves as a method for making their dreams come true.

Leary said thinking is difficult. "It's hard to get up every morning and have to figure it out yourself," he said. "It's easy to say 'tell me what to do.'"

Leary outlined what he calls "the history of thought."



Dr. Timothy Leary

He divides thought history into four stages: oral tradition, handwritten tradition, printed books and electronic computers.

One's level of intelligence, Leary said, depends on what stage one has reached.

Regarding oral tradition, Leary

said knowledge is passed on by word-of-mouth.

"Therefore, the smartest person is the oldest person," Leary said.

He then spoke about handwritten tradition, which he said was controlled by the few who could write during the feudal period in European history.

"You were a heretic then if you thought for yourself," Leary said.

Leary compared books, the third stage of thought history, to hand-held computers.

He said that when Guttenberg invented the printing press 1456, no one thought books would be widely used because the majority of people couldn't read.

The success of the printing press can be attributed, Leary says, to the adaptation of people to new technology — reading.

"Books led to an incredible explosion of knowledge," Leary, author of 24 books said.

The next area of thought Leary addressed was computers.

"Computers are a technique for helping you think," Leary said.

Leary, who said he hated computers at first, said computers are a new technology that, given time, people will adapt to using just like books.

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