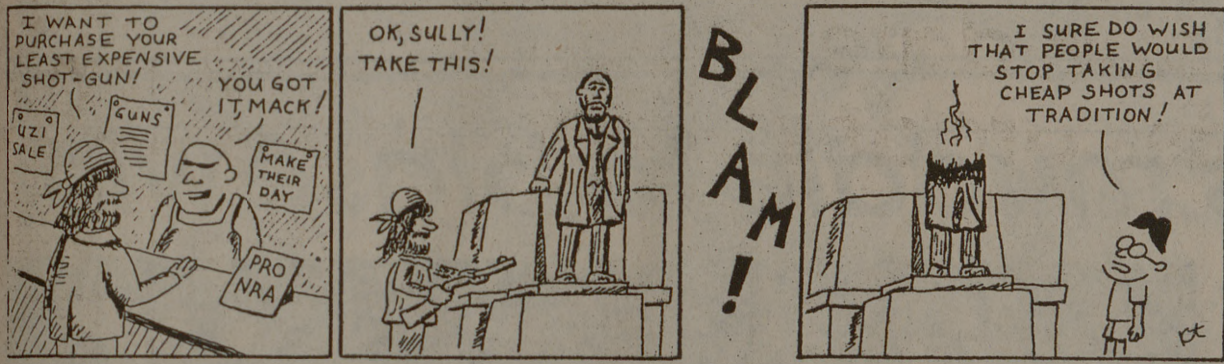


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## Former PLO ambassador to speak

By ED CASSAVOY  
Staff Writer

Dr. Hatem Hussaini, former Palestine Liberation Organization ambassador to the United Nations, will speak Tuesday on the role of Palestinians in a new Arab world.

The program, sponsored by Memorial Student Center Political Forum, will begin at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

John Dixon, program coordinator, said he decided on bringing Hussaini to A&M because "I thought the PLO has been eclipsed with the rise of the newer Shiite radicals."

"The question I wanted raised was what is going to happen to the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people?"

Hussaini was born in Jerusalem, Palestine, in 1941. He lived as a refugee in Lebanon and Egypt after his family was forced to leave Palestine in 1948.

Hussaini, who received his B.A.

from the American University in Cairo and his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Massachusetts, has taught at four American universities since 1969: Smith College, the University of Maryland, the University of Massachusetts, and presently at Shaw University.

Hussaini has been an active representative of the Palestinian people through such involvement as the League of Arab States Office in Washington, D.C. Hussaini served 10 years in the office, becoming the director in 1974.

He also served as the director of the Palestine Information Office from 1978-82 and he was the deputy observer of the PLO to the U.N. in 1981-82.

Hussaini is presently an associate professor of international studies at Shaw University.

Dixon said that Political Forum was worried that the topic of the PLO might be too sensitive to bring

on campus.

"I talked to Bob Wiatt (director of security and traffic at A&M) just to make sure," Dixon said. "Hussaini is a member of the moderate faction (of the PLO), but some Israeli students and the Jewish population might be really incensed."

"We don't know how sensitive a subject it will be until we have it." Wiatt said there will be uniformed University police present at Rudder Theater during the speech.

"I think it might be a sensitive subject, and I hope there are no problems," Wiatt said. "We just want to make sure to plan for every contingency."

Hussaini, a member of the Palestine National Council, the Palestine Parliament in exile, has written a number of articles and booklets on the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Middle East.

## Changes in Medicare policy are raising costs for elderly

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Changes in Medicare that were intended to control medical inflation — successfully, the Reagan administration says — are having the unintended effect of sharply boosting the amount old people will pay out of their pockets for hospital care next year.

The \$1.1 billion increase taking effect Jan. 1 will affect every Medicare recipient admitted to a hospital after that date. It will cost each of them an extra \$92 per hospital stay, on top of the \$400 they pay now.

The increase also covers higher fees for people hospitalized for more than 60 days and for people in skilled-nursing homes. All told, an estimated 8 million people will be hit with higher fees.

The change in the Medicare hospitalization deductible payment was ordered by the Department of Health and Human Services under a law intended to adjust the payment level to reflect rising hospital costs.

The administration says it had no choice under that law but to order the increase.

"The secretary has no discretion in computing the inpatient hospital deductible and co-insurance amounts," the administration said in its notice of the increase.

But it also concedes that more than half of the increase has nothing to do with rising hospital costs, but instead reflects shorter hospital stays fostered by government payment policies.

The shorter hospital stays have had the effect of boosting the average daily cost far beyond overall cost increases. And the formula the government is required to follow is based on average daily costs, not overall costs.

Jack Christy, a lobbyist for the American Association of Retired Persons, says the change is going to mean tighter budgets for elderly pensioners who can scrape together the extra money — and less medical care for those who can't.

"We're seeing, or we will see, tremendous access problems," Christy said. "Many people can barely afford \$400; it's going to be very difficult for them to afford \$492. Certainly it's time to re-evaluate the formula." Lawmakers involved in health care already are beginning to brace for protests.

The chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, Sen. John Heinz, R-Pa., has introduced legislation to change the formula. Heinz says his bill would limit the increase to \$4 or less.

## Research into body defect may aid heart disease fight

Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Nobel prize-winning research into a rare defect in the body's internal control of cholesterol is opening up new strategies for understanding and defeating heart disease, the nation's biggest killer.


Drs. Michael S. Brown and Joseph L. Goldstein of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, winners of the 1985 Nobel prize in medicine, unraveled a flaw in the bodies of people who are struck by heart attacks at unusually early ages.

One outgrowth of this research is attempts to rid the blood of dangerous amounts of chole-

sterol by tinkering with the built-in machinery that ordinarily scours it from the blood.

Cholesterol is a waxy alcohol that dissolves in fat but not water. To be carried in the blood, it must be attached to a water-soluble protein, known as low-density lipoprotein, or LDL, that is made in the liver.

The body's cells need cholesterol to make cell walls and produce hormones. But when excessive amounts circulate in the bloodstream, it clogs the arteries and causes atherosclerosis, the major underlying cause of heart disease.



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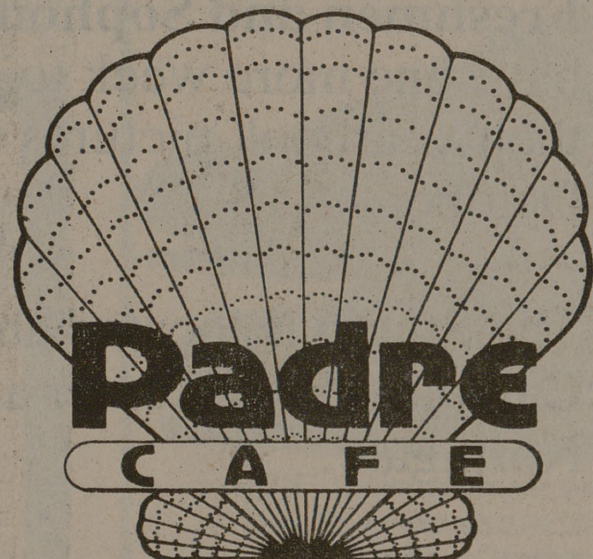
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