

# State and Local

RHA working out revision details

## Dorm visitation hours may change

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A special task force, chosen by the Residence Hall Association External Affairs Committee, has begun consideration of the extension of dormitory visitation hours. The committee was formed to discuss what changes should be made and problems that could arise from those changes.

An informal resolution passed Wednesday night by RHA set the new hours for 9 a.m. to midnight Sunday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday, says Carla Carey, co-director of the external affairs committee.

But, RHA President Michele Fisher says, so far the only definite answer about extending dorm visitation hours is that there is student in-

terest.

The visitation hours are currently 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

During the Spring 1985 semester a survey was given to 10 percent of dorm residents and all the head residents. The survey asked what the interest in extending the hours was and also what individual preferences for the time change were.

Marya Knoj, co-director of external affairs, says 12 people are on the task force and some oppose the change.

Cary says the committee's job will be to consider possible security problems, roommate conflicts and how

quiet hours will be affected as a result of any change.

Knoj says, "The two problems the R.A.s (resident advisers) are concerned with the most are what hours to lock the girls' dorms and the roommate conflicts."

Carey says one solution to a security problem would be to continue to lock the girls' dorms at 10 p.m. This would mean non-residents could not get in without an escort, she says. Also, those residents with guests would then be responsible for their guests' actions, Carey says.

After assessing the problems the task force, along with the directors of the external affairs committee, will write a handbook explaining the

visitation times, rules and regulations that will accompany the proposal, Carey says.

Fisher says the proposal will ultimately be revised by the student affairs department. She says if visitation hours are extended, the change probably won't be implemented until next fall.

Knoj says the process for changing the visitation hours is slow and the committee wants to avoid loopholes that may cause problems later on, so there's no rush job.

Carey says, "It's like writing an English paper for class and having your mom, your sister and your dad read it before the teacher does. It's the same principle with our proposal, several people have to read over it before anything can be decided."

## Funding for out-of-state students short

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Despite higher tuition costs and the resultant increase in needed student financial aid, Texas A&M has emergency money available for Texas students. But the University is short on these emergency funds for out-of-state and international students, says Taft Benson A&M financial aid director.

Benson says A&M ran out of these special funds for non-Texas residents a few weeks ago, but they can still receive money from state grants or short-term loans.

This is the first semester incoming students could apply for short term loans. In the past, students had to attend A&M for at least one semester and maintain a 2.0 grade-point ratio.

When the Texas Legislature decided to triple tuition at state universities for the fall semester, it simultaneously provided emergency tuition and fee loans to help students cope with education costs. But several universities are saying the state didn't provide enough funds and are now turning students away who apply for financial aid.

Officials at the University of

Texas, the University of Texas at El Paso, the University of Houston and Pan American University have reported a shortage in emergency financial aid.

An A&M official from financial aid who asked not to be identified says these universities — in contrast to A&M — are probably harder hit because they have more international and out-of-state students.

Fifteen percent of in-state tuition and 5 percent of out-of-state tuition was set aside, Benson says, adding that the funds from Texas residents are to be kept separate from non-resident funds. Of these amounts, no less than 20 percent goes toward emergency loans, while the remaining amount is used for the Texas Publication Grant program.

This grant program has been around for several years, but May's state legislation made it significantly larger to handle the higher tuition costs. Benson says the University gives out its grant money as it comes in, while money for emergency loans is distributed to students before A&M has this money in hand.

"We estimate how much tuition money we're going to collect," Benson says. "We loan up to what we expect to have."

A&M operates on a revolving loan fund, he adds, and students should pay back their loan money within 90

days. Benson says a shortage of loan money at this time of the year is not a major problem because most students have paid their tuition, and the fund will be replenished in time for the spring semester.

The state provided A&M with \$333,895 for Texas students, and \$76,063 for its international and out-of-state students. Also, Texans are paying an average of \$180 per semester for tuition, while non-residents are shelling out \$1,800. This caused a predictable shortage of non-resident loan funds, Benson says.

"The only area I'm a little concerned about is the international and non-resident (student area)," Benson says. He adds that he was more concerned with the international students because their costs for attending A&M in the '85 school year is estimated at \$9,060. "International students do not qualify for any other financial aids than the Texas Public Education Grant and regular campus jobs, (under the work study program)," Benson says.

Benson adds that these grants and emergency loans were made available to international students for the first time last week. He says the state has now found a way to determine the needs of these students in terms of differing international currencies and incomes.

## Van de Walle to discuss goals of Corps Wednesday

Corps Commander Curt Van de Walle will be this week's speaker at Sully's Symposium Wednesday. The program starts at 11:50 a.m. in front of the Lawrence Sullivan Ross Statue by the Academic Building.

Stacey Allen, Sully's Symposium chairman, says Van de Walle will discuss the goals he set last year for the Corps of Cadets and their progress.

"Van de Walle set a lot of goals

last year for the Corps when he was named Corps Commander," she says.

Allen said Van de Walle will speak for about five minutes and then will answer questions from the audience.

Lambda Sigma, a national honor and service society for sophomores, sponsors the symposium as a question-and-answer session on issues that concern students, she said.

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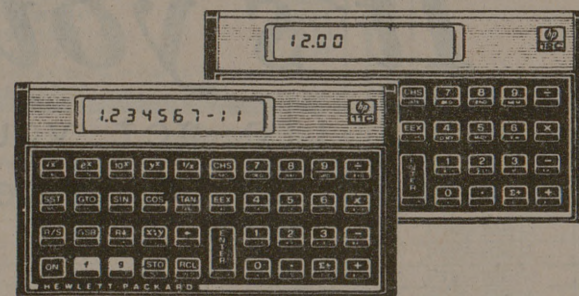


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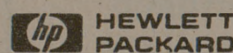
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