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### Water plant threatening Austin plant

AUSTIN (AP) — Comparing e situation to a monster movie, y officials say an exotic water ant called hydrilla is threateng one of Austin's electric-genering plant.

The hydrilla's tendrils are aching continuously toward the ater intake gates at the power ant in east Austin.

The hydrilla forms floating ats that blot out the sunlight nd bring death to other aquatic ants and some fish. It has coved up to 80 percent of the nore of Decker Lake, an artificial ke created to provide cooling ater to the electric plant. "We should call it 'hydrilla

eets Godzilla' and charge for ckets," quipped City Council Iember John Trevino. "We ould use the money.

The council approved a propo-al that a herbicide approved for e only last year be sprayed into e water to rid a 20-acre arm of ecker Lake of the hydrilla. The commendation also had been proved by the Parks Board and e Environmental Board.

In addition to the chemical arfare, which will be repeated nnually, the staff will continue to e a pontoon boat outfitted as a eed harvester to clear the plant om the lake.

The cutting operation actually mpounds the problem because he hydrilla plant, an import orig-nally thought to be from Central frica, has the nightmarish abilto reproduce itself from the nallest section cut loose from a nain tendril.

"Every time we cut it, we send undreds of little buds off to set a home further down the ke," Jordan said.

## **Official refuses to swear in VP** appointees for Senate

#### **By Christi Daugherty** Staff Writer

In an unexpected development at these capacities. the first spring Student Senate meetswear in the student body president's appointees to the vice presidential posts.

called a misinterpretation by President Mike Sims of the constitutional section dealing with presidential ap-pointments, Jennifer Huang said she would wait at least one to two weeks to allow those who would like to object but feel intimidated by the Senate to come to her with their objections.

The disputed section of the constitution is in Article II, Section 3, and reads, "All executive offices and committees shall be open to all members of the student body of Texas

A&M University, providing they meet qualifications for serving in

Huang said she felt proper notice ing Wednesday night, the chairman of the vacant positions was not made of the judicial committee refused to public, thus effectively eliminating the possibility of students applying for the positions. Sims had tentaential posts. Basing her decision on what she bers, Jay Hutchens and Brian Banner, to the two vice presidential

positions When Huang came forward with her objections, there was confusion and debate among the senators, and protestations by Sims.

"If there are those among you who feel I have acted inappropria-tely, I am willing to go — I am will-ing to face charges before the judi-cial board," Sims said. "The consideration that goes into appointing these positions is extensive. If I had conducted a widespread search,

I would still have made the same selection in the end.

In legislative action, the Senate unanimously approved a bill that changes the way senior football tickets are distributed beginning with the 1987 football season.

Instead of allocating second deck seats between the 20-yard lines on the first day, seats between the 35 yard lines will be distributed first, and only when that supply is de-pleted will the rest of the seats between the 20-yard lines be allocated. The Senate also approved a bill making a section of bike racks lo-

cated between the Library and the L.F. Peterson Building into a mopedrack, and a bill recommending that undergraduate teachers and courses be evaluated by their students at least once each academic year.

The bill stipulates that evaluation results be made public.

## U.S. citizenship may be available only for those who can afford it

AUSTIN (AP) - U.S. citizenship may be available only to illegal aliens with money because immigration officials failed to seek enough funds to cover the paperwork costs for all who are eligible, a state lawmaker said Wednesday.

Rep. Al Luna, D-Houston, said Congress authorized \$420 million a year for carrying out immigration reform legislation passed last year.

But the Immigration and Naturalization Service has requested only \$138 million for 1987 and \$194 million for 1988, he said.

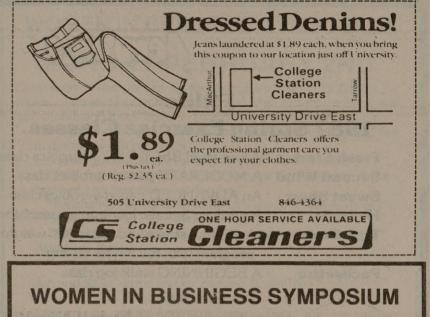
The budget requests may cover the costs of enforcing the new law, but won't be enough to pay for the administrative process of granting legal status to aliens, Luna said.

"The INS proposed instead to pass off the cost of legalization to the undocumented themselves" by charging them a citizen application fee of \$150 or \$200, Luna said.

'The high fee added to the other legal fees that are going to be in-volved will limit legalization to only those eligible who can afford to purchase legalization status," he said.

Under the immigration reform law passed by Congress, illegal aliens can gain legal status if they have been living in the United States continuously since 1982. The new law also imposes penalties on businesses, which knowingly hire illegal aliens.

Rick Swartz, president of the Na-tional Immigration Forum in Washington D.C., said, "There's quite a bit of concern expressed by some members of Congress already that the Reagan administration may be in the process of starving the bill to death" by failing to provide sufficient money to implement it, Swartz said.



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