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Anti-smoking bill Warped draws no action in Texas Senate LOT ...

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas senators shied away Tuesday from an anti-smoking bill that would allow a fa-ther to be fined if he gave his 17year-old son a cigarette

'That is my intent," said Sen. Cyndi Krier, R-San Antonio, who of-fered two measures she said were sparked by national and state efforts to curb smoking.

Krier's bill would raise the permissible age for sale or delivery of tobacco products to a minor from 16 to 18 years old. But the measure fell four votes shy of the 25 needed to bring it up for debate.

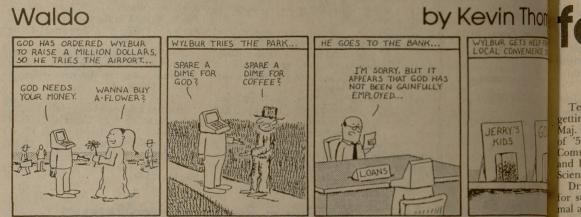
second bill by Krier to strengthen restrictions against smok-ing in elevators passed 29-1 and was sent to the House. If adopted, the measure would end requirements that elevators have "no smoking" signs and provide ash trays outside to snuff out tobacco products. She said both bills were approved

by the American Cancer Society. Krier said the main purpose of raising the legal age for possession of tobacco products was to stop cigarette companies from giving free cigarettes to youngsters.



by Scott Mca





4 people charged with laundering \$100,00

WASHINGTON (AP) - A former official of a Mexican bank and three Texans were indicted in Houston on Tuesday and charged with laundering \$100,000 in violation of federal currency laws, a Justice Department official said.

The grand jury indictment said the defendants "engaged in a scheme to provide money laun-dering services by concealing the true nature and ownership of currency used in bank transactions over

Attorney General Edwin Meese III said the indictment was returned under seal on Jan. 9 and was un-sealed Tuesday in federal court in

U.S. Attorney Henry K. Oncken said one of the defendants, Samuel Garcia, 48, was the branch manager of a Mexican bank in Matamoros at the time of the offense. The bank was not identified in the Justice De-

partment news release. The other defendants charged in the indictment are Guillermo Vega, 38, an attorney in Brownsville; Dennis Bara, 45, a Houston businessman; and Joe Garcia, 30, an accountant living in Houston.

The case was developed by the Organized Crime Drug Enforce-ment Task Force Program, which focuses federal resources against maor drug traffickers and money aunderers, and was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service with help from the Seabrook Police Department in Seabrook, Texas.

The scheme involved the cash purchase of a \$100,000 cashier's check from a bank in Brownsville by Samuel Garcia, who was to falsely represent that the transaction was on behalf of the bank he managed, according to the indictment.

"In this way, any currency trans-action report . . . filed by the Texas bank would not reflect the true owner of the currency," the indictment said. Currency reports are required by law for all cash trans-actions over \$10,000.

"Defendant Joe Garcia prepared a \$14,000, fee, which he divided false promissory note which pur-ported to show the \$100,000 cashier's check to be proceeds of a loan from a Mexican national and thus not income properly taxable by the United States government.'

Vega collected a 14 percent, or

Finals

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faculty members deeply distressed by the plan and others elated.

Dr. Robert Chenoweth, who chaired the Calendar Subcommittee, said the president's plan cannot be considered a failure as long as graduates continue to get signed diplomas at commencement

"We felt our report was a reasonable alternative to extreme positions," Chenoweth said. What the president chose was a different compromise.

Chenoweth admits he never spoke with the president about the work the subcommittee was doing and never heard from him after the report was released, but he doesn't consider that unusual.

"I'm so far removed from the president that I don't call him to ask questions," he said. "It's really not surprising that we didn't hear from him, though, because Calendar was a subcommittee, and it's not the job of a subcommittee to track a plan beyond a certain point. But a source within the sub-

committee said the president's plan inadequately handles certain

among the other defendants, the in-

Officials cracked the scheme

with Bara, Joe Garcia and Vega in transaction report statute Houston in 1985 and posed as per- count of conspiracy.

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mencement. The source also objects to the fact that a class day is lost under the president's plan, as well as a week of some labs, and claims the president has no plan at all to handle summer commencement. Repeated attempts to reach

Vandiver for comment were unsuccessful. Associate Provost Gaston is

currently working with the installment phase of the president's plan and said the president lis-tened to all sides of the issue and picked the one he agreed with

"The Student Senate was not ignored," Gaston said. "If he listened more to the Faculty Senate, it's because they're advisers to the president.

"But the Faculty Senate didn't get what it wanted. The Academic Operations Committee didn't get what it wanted. Nobody

really got their way on this one." Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, said the Student Senate and Faculty Senate are supposed to be on equal levels of advisory capacity to the president.

Dingmore agreed with Koldus

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But continues as Student Good thored ment members try to find the fac native avenues to repeal thep earlier ident's plan, and conta vociferous public oppositions "I feel Professor Bond and

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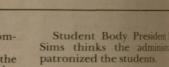
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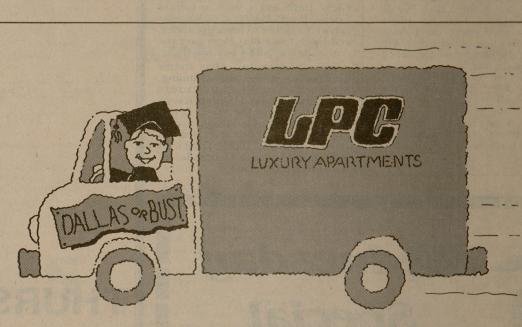
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problems, including the dormitory situation (keeping them open and having time to clean them between semesters), and the

on the intended role of the student and faculty senates, but said that's not the way things operate in practice

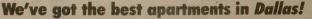


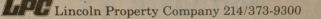
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