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y Health official says students may dismiss possible long-term results of sunbathing

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Despite the potential for harm the has on the skin, some students n't appear to be worried about de-

loping skin cancer. Kurt Hopfe, a 21-year-old finance or, says he sunbathes every day weather permits. And, although e is aware of the long term effects f the sun, he won't stop sunbathing cause of them.

"I like the social aspect of laying with friends, and I take my time a little bit each day — in order for skin to get accustomed to the n." Hopfe says.

erry Fontenot, a 21-year-old soogy major, says the only precauhe takes is to apply sunscreen to

But according to the Texas Medi-Association, long-term exposure the sun may result in skin cancer. Dr. Claudé Goswick, director of A.P. Beutel Health Center, says at there are three types of skin ncer: basal cell carcinoma, squaous cell carcinoma, and malignant elanoma. Malignant melanoma is most serious type, but it takes any years of exposure to the sun rany of the cancers to develop.

Since skin cancer isn't an over-ight disease, Goswick says collegee people haven't been exposed to e sun long enough to develop skin accer and he's never treated such a

se at A&M. Nevertheless, he has some tips for lose who wish to keep their goldenaked bodies from melting into car-

"For those who choose to sunthe, I would highly advise them to slow and not spend too much me in the sun at one time," he says. Sunbathers also should wear sunseen or sunblock, he says, and the exas Medical Association recomends use of a sun protection factor

But the sun isn't the only way to tain a tan. Tanning beds are an al-



Vicki Wade, a freshman business major from Richmond, enjoys the tanning bed at TAN U.

ternative for those who don't have time to sunbathe.

Although the result is the same, tanning beds have only two percent of the sun's harmful beta rays and 70 percent of the alpha rays, says James Barrett, owner of TAN U in College

Depending on skin type, Barrett says, customers initially spend 15-20 minutes in a tanning bed every other day until a good tanning base is established. Then, he says, they return once every seven to 10 days to mainPhoto by Sarah B. Cowan

But Barrett also says that since the beds have only been in existence for approximately 10 years, there have been no long term studies concerning the effects of the beds.

Lewis sees new budget in 3 weeks

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Gib Lewis said Tuesday that lawmakers should accomplish in three weeks of a special session what they failed to do in a 140-day regular session — write a balanced budget.

"I will be optimistic and predict three weeks," Lewis told news reporters as the House Appropriations Committee returned to work on a 1988-89 budget.

Gov. Bill Clements has said he will call a special session beginning Monday to enact a budget needed before the state's fiscal

year ends Aug. 31.
While Comptroller Bob Bullock has estimated that lawmakers face a \$6.5 billion deficit, Lewis said he expects the problems to be quickly remedied on this try.

Higher taxes are inevitable, he "We're going to have to have a tax bill," Lewis said. "Let's go ahead and be realistic about it.

We're going to have one. The exact amount hasn't yet been determined, but Lewis said it would take a tax hike of \$5 billion to \$6 billion to fund the

spending plans being discussed. He also predicted that Clements would be more flexible on tax questions than he was during the deadlocked regular session.

"Really, I think he's going to show more flexibility," Lewis said. "He's indicated to me that he's

Clements' vow to veto any tax increase greater than \$2.9 billion helped stall budget action during the session that ended June 1.

But on Tuesday, the governor refused to repeat that pledge.
Asked if he still would veto a

larger tax increase, Clements snapped: "We're not going to be getting into talking about vetoes or anything like that right now. It's premature.'

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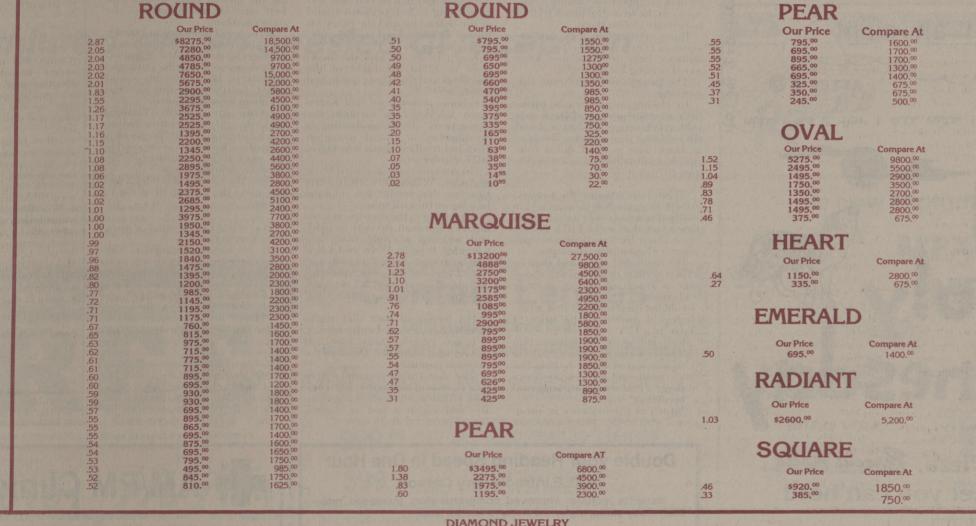
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