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

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Reporter

Despite the potential for harm the sun has on the skin, some students don't appear to be worried about developing skin cancer.

Kurt Hopfe, a 21-year-old finance major, says he sunbathes every day the weather permits. And, although he is aware of the long term effects of the sun, he won't stop sunbathing because of them.

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

Jerry Fontenot, a 21-year-old sociology major, says the only precaution he takes is to apply sunscreen to his face.

But according to the Texas Medical Association, long-term exposure to the sun may result in skin cancer.

Dr. Claude Goswick, director of the A.P. Beutel Health Center, says that there are three types of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and malignant melanoma. Malignant melanoma is the most serious type, but it takes many years of exposure to the sun for any of the cancers to develop.

Since skin cancer isn't an overnight disease, Goswick says college-age people haven't been exposed to the sun long enough to develop skin cancer and he's never treated such a case at A&M.

Nevertheless, he has some tips for those who wish to keep their golden-baked bodies from melting into carbon.

"For those who choose to sunbathe, I would highly advise them to go slow and not spend too much time in the sun at one time," he says.

Sunbathers also should wear sunscreen or sunblock, he says, and the Texas Medical Association recommends use of a sun protection factor of at least 10.

But the sun isn't the only way to attain a tan. Tanning beds are an alternative 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 Station.

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 maintain the tan.

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.



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

Photo by Sarah B. Cowan

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 said.

"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 flexible."

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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