

## In Advance

### Vandiver to speak to Faculty Senate

Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver will give his annual State of the University address at a Faculty Senate meeting at 3:15 p.m. Monday in Rudder Tower. The Senate also will hear proposals for the core curriculum, faculty tenure promotion and a new Q-drop policy for graduate students. An emergency resolution concerning student counseling services also is on the agenda.

The Academic Affairs Committee is requesting the adoption of a Q-drop policy for graduate students that will allow Q-drops through the first 10 weeks of the spring and fall semesters and

### MSC Council plans review meeting

The MSC Council will meet 7 p.m. Monday in MSC 216-T.

The Council is scheduled to review last semester's activities and discuss Madrigal Dinner, Aggie-Con nominations for chairman of the Pageant Committee also will be taken.

The evaluation of the Madrigal Dinner will include what direction it should take and if other campus organizations can be incorporated, said Linda Hartman, MSC Council president.

The Cepheid Variable Committee has proposed a Gene Rod-

denberry program, Hartman said. The MSC Council will review the proposed program and determine if it will be financially successful.

A discussion of AggieCon will take place at this time.

The Pageant Committee is responsible for the Miss Texas A&M Pageant, Hartman said. Anyone interested in becoming president of this committee should apply at the Student Programs Office in the MSC.

Applications should be in by 5 p.m. Monday.

## Educators may move convention

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas State Teachers Association is threatening to move its convention scheduled for Dallas next March, officials say.

The group wants Dallas school district officials to allow teachers to go to the meeting on school time.

Until last year, Dallas school officials allowed teachers to use professional development time, which allows them to draw salaries, to attend the TSTA convention. A school attorney last year found a 1979 state attorney general's opinion that he said makes it illegal for district officials to pay teachers while they attend the convention.

The association has a July 1 letter from Attorney General Jim Mattox that says "an entity and program that contributes to the purpose of education serves a public and governmental purpose. The value and the importance of the programs you refer to cannot be doubted."

The Dallas affiliate of the TSTA, the Classroom Teachers of Dallas, has requested that its national organization, the National Education Association, consider moving its 1990 convention from Dallas.

"We are trying to put some pressure on the school board to give the teachers some rights," said Gene Epperson, president of the Classroom Teachers of Dallas.

## Alphi Phi Omega fraternity raises \$10,000 to fight MDA

By Karen Lawson  
Reporter

Two Texas A&M students joined Jerry Lewis in San Diego, Calif. on Labor Day to present him with a \$10,000 check for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Barbara Urdiales and Ken Pecus, of A&M's chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, joined Lewis for the annual star-udded event, but the entire membership of the University service fraternity joined Lewis in his fight against MDA by raising the much-needed money.

The fraternity's members raised the money for the telethon last spring through a benefit concert given by the Singing Cadets, a dance-a-thon and solicitation of donations around campus.

The dance-a-thon, which is held every year, raised the most money, Urdiales said.

The fraternity's original goal of \$25,000 would have allowed them to appear on the telethon. But because A&M chapter's \$10,000 was the most money raised by any Alpha Phi

Omega chapter in the nation, the local chapter earned the TV spot.

Urdiales and Pecus, co-chairmen of the fundraising projects, were chosen to represent the chapter at the telethon. The telethon paid all expenses for Urdiales and accommodations for Pecus. A fundraiser was held the weekend before the telethon to raise money to pay for Pecus' accommodations.

Urdiales said it was scary being on stage with Jerry Lewis knowing that millions of people were watching her.

## ACLU joins with foreign students to battle Arlington public schools

ARLINGTON (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union has joined with parents of foreign students in a fight with the Arlington public schools.

School system officials say that parents attending the University of Texas at Arlington who are not permanent residents must pay tuition for their youngsters to attend public school.

The ACLU plans to file suit on behalf of the families.

"We believe the school district is acting in a disgraceful fashion, violating the U.S. Constitution and the tradition of American public education as well," said Jim Baerwaldt, an associate professor of psychology at

UTA and board member of the ACLU's Greater Fort Worth affiliate. "I'm mad as hell and getting madder every day."

The district plans to charge \$275 a month for elementary students and \$300 a month for secondary students.

School officials decided last fall to delay enforcement of the policy until U.S. District Judge David O. Belew made a decision on the matter. Baerwaldt said the ACLU suit will be filed in Belew's court.

Baerwaldt and the ACLU say the students should be considered residents because they live in Arlington and already pay school property taxes.

"You're paying taxes here and the amount of taxes you pay is irrelevant," he said at a meeting Wednesday with some of the parents.

He urged parents to decide soon whether to join the case.

"We have to work fast to get this together over the weekend," he said.

One of those attending the meeting said he was glad of the help.

"I think we are all grateful to have someone like the ACLU willing to work on this," Mohan Reddy told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "It is nice to have someone to help us in a foreign land," said Reddy, an electrical engineering graduate student from India who has a child in the second grade.

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