

In Advance

Committees to brief Student Senate

The Student Senate will meet today at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington. No bills are scheduled for a vote at the meeting.

The Senate will be briefed on the activities of the six Senate committees by the committee chairmen.

Following the meeting, Senate officers will hear appeals from

senators who were removed from the Senate earlier this week because of violations of the Senate's new absence policy. Seven senators were dismissed for missing two Senate meetings and three are expected to appeal their removal.

A two-thirds vote of the Senate officers is required for a senator to be reinstated.

Police Beat

The following were reported to the University Police Department from Sept. 14 through Monday:

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:
• Fifteen bicycles were reported stolen, including three from Hart Hall on Sept. 15.

• A student reported that someone removed a checkbook, purse and wallet from her backpack while she was asleep in the Commons lounge.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:
• A student told officers that someone threw furniture on his bicycle while it was parked in the Crocker Hall bicycle racks.

• Someone slashed the left front tire of a student's vehicle in the Southside Apartments' parking lot.

HARASSMENT:
• A female student reported that her ex-boyfriend was harassing her in the basement of the MSC. An officer contacted the boyfriend and advised him to stay away from her.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION:
• An officer checked the license of a student who appeared to be driving while intoxicated during the A&M game against the University of Washington and discovered the

student had outstanding warrants for his arrest in Bryan. The student was arrested.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE:

• An officer stopped a man for speeding after chasing his vehicle to Jersey Street. The man then tried to run away on foot, but was captured and arrested.

The officer then found a bag containing a green, leafy substance in the man's pocket.

ASSAULT:
• A man from the Ball Street Apartments reported that his son was assaulted while playing.

FELONY THEFT:
• A white male with blond hair was seen removing a pig from the swine center and putting it into a pickup truck.

Officers later found the truck and the vehicle's owner said he didn't know who had used his pickup to steal the pig.

• A black and silver Chevrolet Iroc Z28 was stolen from parking area 40.

PLACES WEAPONS PROHIBITED:

• While towing a student's vehicle, an officer found several weapons in it.

Major airline holds 'pep rally' to stifle negative publicity

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Air Corp. Chairman Frank Lorenzo, trying to stifle negative publicity Continental Airlines has received during its explosive growth, exhorted thousands of employees Tuesday to work at improving service.

Speaking to about 4,000 people at a downtown Houston convention center and thousands more by satellite, Lorenzo praised the airline but admitted mistakes have been made and customers have been lost.

"There was rapid growth and expansion," Lorenzo told the crowd. "But there were also plenty of growing pains. There were delays, cancellations, lost bags. But that's changing, and it's going to keep changing for the better."

Earlier this year, New York Air, Frontier Airlines and People Express merged operations into Continental, a subsidiary of Houston-based Texas Air.

The merger created the nation's largest domestic carrier and Continental became the most groused-about airline in America as the consolidation spawned a series of service problems and a flurry of customer complaints.

The Department of Transportation reported that the airline topped its passenger-complaint list for the first three months of this year, although it dropped to No. 2 in August with 1,343 complaints, behind Northwest Airlines' 1,585.

Lorenzo nevertheless praised his employees' efforts.

"I'm proud of all of you because you took the problems head-on under the toughest of circumstances and you came through flying," he said.

Lorenzo told employees that the airline now wants to rebuild its reputation as a quality service airline emphasizing consistency, saying its success depends on frequent business flyers who generate a lot of money.

"We're going to win them back," he said. "We'll meet and exceed business travelers' demands for consistent quality and service and we'll continue to lead the industry in offering value to the flying public."

The "pep rally" included a high-tech slide show, a performance by the singing group, "Gladys Knight and the Pips," and plenty of cheers from a special section of employees wearing hats and waving banners. The whole crowd cheered several times during the hour-long presentation by Lorenzo and other Continental executives and employees.

About 20,000 people saw the two presentations Tuesday morning and afternoon, either in person or by satellite in Boston, Chicago, Denver, Honolulu, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington D.C., officials said.

The airline also unveiled a new advertising campaign that begins today in which Continental admits it had problems with consolidating, but says it has improved and is committed to improving its service.

But Lorenzo said it is up to each employee to work at improving the airline's service and reputation. "We will be the 'proud bird' again," he said, referring to Continental's past slogan as the "proud bird with the golden tail."

The airline also has an ad saying, "We're not building a major airline for people to laugh at."

Lorenzo vowed to respond to the complaints of passengers and improve the company overall.

Official: Panel should study needs of mentally retarded

AUSTIN (AP) — The needs of mentally retarded Texans who are not in the state system should be examined by a new citizens' advisory panel, a Mental Health and Mental Retardation Department commissioner said Tuesday.

"The emphasis of the department over the last two to three years in the area of mental retardation is to improve services to people who we have identified already and who are in our service system," said Commissioner Gary Miller at a news conference before the first meeting of the Citizens Planning Advisory Committee, appointed

last month by the department's governing board.

"Because of litigation demands and other pressures on this agency, our dollars, resources and energies have been concentrated on that group," he said.

The department is under a federal court order to improve services.

The first panel was appointed in 1985 to help draft the original plan, which includes strategies to put more clients into community programs and to maintain quality services in state institutions for the mentally ill and mentally retarded.

Among other "areas of unmet need" identified by the department are services for children and teen-agers who are mentally ill and residential services, Miller said.

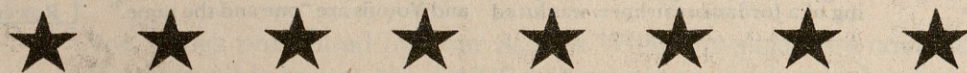
Mike Moncrief, chairman of the citizens' committee and former Tarrant County judge, said the panel takes its responsibility seriously.

"It is obvious that there is a tremendous amount of interest in and concern for the need for additional and improved MHMR services," he said.

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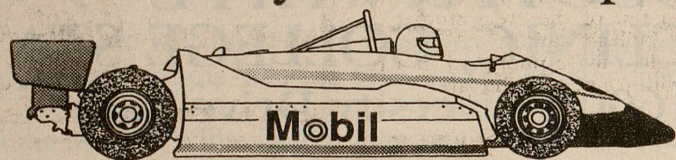
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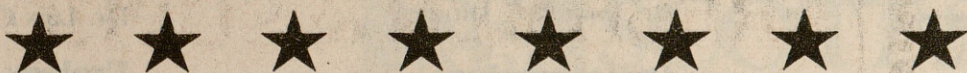
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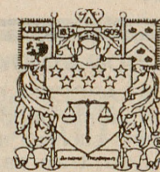
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