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In Advance

Senate meets to talk about elections

The Student Senate, meeting today at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Har-rington, will decide if the number of days between Student Government primary elections and run-

A bill, presented to the Senate two weeks ago, calling for a mini-mum of seven days between the election primaries and runoffs, will be up for a vote at Wednes-

day's meeting. There is no official regulation on how much time can elapse between the two elections, but Student Body President Mason Ho-gan said there is customarily seven days between spring prima-ries and runoffs. The bill's primary purpose is to extend the usual number of days between freshman elections in the fall. Hogan said there are usually three days between freshman elections.

Speaker of the Senate Jay Hays said the bill has limited support in

the Senate and probably will not pass.

The Senate also will consider the annual Senate reapportion-ment bill. The bill proposes add-ing two seats to the Senate. A freshman seat and a professional seat, for a student in the Texas A&M medical or veterinary school, will be added if the Senate approves the bill. It also calls for a reduction of graduate seats from eight to four and is scheduled for a vote Nov. 18.

In an attempt to bring the number of A&M students eligible to vote in Brazos County up to 20 percent, the Senate is registering voters at the MSC and the Commons from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to-day and Thursday. Ronnie Gip-son, chairman of the external affairs committee, said about 6 percent of A&M's students currently are registered to vote in this county.



Wednesday

AGGIE GOP: will meet at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder. CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL: will meet at 7 p.m. in 302

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 145 MSC.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will meet at noon. Call 845-5826 for the location of the meeting.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 145

MSC VARIETY SHOW: Audition applications are available through Nov. 30 in 216 MSC.

OUTDOOR RECREATION CLUB: will discuss the Lost Maples backpacking trip at 7 p.m. in 203 MSC.
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH: will present a reading by novelist Steve Heller at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Evans Library.
MSC POLITICAL FORUM: will present "Women in Politics: The Evolution of Their Clout" at 6 p.m. in 201 MSC.

AGGIE PARTNERS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS: will meet

at 7:30 p.m. in 209 Harrington. PI SIGMA EPSILON: will meet at 7:15 p.m. in 114 Blocker.

TAMU RACQUETBALL CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. by court seven in the Read Building. SPANISH CLUB: will meet at 9 p.m. at the Flying Tomato.

GREEN EARTH SOCIETY: Dr. Scott Thatcher will discuss the biology of nuclear war at 8:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

MSC PAGEANT COMMITTEE: Miss TAMU applicants will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 704A-B Rudder.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 201 MSC.

TAMU SURF CLUB: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder. COMMITTEE FOR THE AWARENESS OF MEXICAN-

AMERICAN CULTURE: will see "Hispanic Drop Out -America's Time Bomb" at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

MISSION STUDENTS: will present "Are We Having Fun Yet?" at 7:30 p.m. in 102 Zachry. PRE-MBA ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 120

Blocker.

MSC TRAVEL: will meet at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder. CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a midweek study break at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center, 103 Nagle St. and will have a discussion group at 9 p.m. in the Corps Quadrangle lounge B.

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BIOCHEMISTRY SOCIETY: will present A Symposium on AIDS: The Clinical and Ethical Issues" at 7 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days before desired publication date.

Immigration official says amnesty seekers should apply quickly

EL PASO (AP) - Not everyone who picks up an amnesty application is turning it in, which could mean trouble for procrastinators because of a deadline next May, an immigration official said.

Of the 21,995 applications handed out in the area since am-nesty was offered May 5, 16,991 ap-plicants have interviewed, said Pedro A. Reyes, deputy chief of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service Legalization Center in El Paso.

"Some people may be having problems getting the money or the documentation together," Reyes said Monday. "We still have quite a few people who have not approached our office and time is running out. We are fast approaching the halfway mark.

Reyes said an extension of the May 4, 1988, deadline isn't being discussed and does not appear to be a

feasible possibility at this time. "If there is an extension, it must come from Congress," Reyes said.

He said a total of 12,488 people have been granted amnesty; 2,281 applications have been denied and 2,222 are pending. Reyes said those figures are for Truth or Conse-quences, Roswell, Carlsbad, Ruidoso, Alamogordo, Las Cruces, Silver City and Deming in New Mexico; and El Paso, Alpine, Marfa, Midland, Odessa and Presidio in West Texas.

"I feel we are really doing something good and that is to help people get their status legalized," Reyes said. "It's surprising to hear the chil-dren of applicants already speaking English and being assimilated into our society.

The number of apprehensions of undocumented aliens has dropped since the new immigration law cluding employer sanctions — went into effect, said Doug Mosier, El Paso Border Patrol public affairs specialist.

During a five-month period in 1986 from May to September, Border Patrol agents arrested 144,102 undocumented aliens. That com-pares with 97,433 arrests for the same period this year. This obvious decrease in numbers is the very outcome that officials hoped to accomplish.

"This means the immigration bill is working," Mosier said. "But the number of persons apprehended may rise as soon as we start the ball rolling, and we start hitting more businesses.

Mosier said the Border Patrol is expecting an increase of up to 250 new agents within the next two years, to cover the 13 states of the Southern Region that include Texas and Southern New Mexico.

"We just don't have enough agents to cover such a wide area," Mosier said. "Some agents are hav-ing to do double and triple duty, but this should change once we get more agents. Then, we may see an increase in apprehensions.

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