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## Senate approves revised procedure for filling seats

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The Student Senate, in their last meeting of the year, approved a policy revision allowing the Internal Affairs Committee to fill Senate vacantage of students graduating and situations of this nature.

The absentee policy was sent to the Rules and Regulations Committee. es through interviews at their

Previously, the Senate absentee policy prevented the Internal Af-iairs Committee from interviewing potential candidates to fill Senate va-cancies. The revision stated that this policy led to seats remaining unfilled when they could have been filled by

itorial, but the qualified students.
eep the dirtoff Kevin Buchman, a senior speech ommunications major and Speaker of the Senate, said the bill will allow ne seats to be filled immediately in

the Rules and Regulations Commit-

tee for further discussion.

Also in Monday's meeting, it was resolved that the name of the Student on the Board of Regents Ad Hoc Committee be changed to the Ad Hoc Committee Researching a Student Liaison to the Board of Re-

'It sounds like such a technical detail, but by just saying — 'student on the board of regents' — caused problems," Ty Clevenger, a sophomore genetics major and senator,

## is not a good pres. Bulldozer rips pipe, explosion burns driver

FRIENDSWOOD (AP) — A bullzer driver was critically burned londay afternoon after a propane pipeline exploded when two bull-dozers pulling grass movers cut into the pipeline.

Bulldozer driver Eddie Martinez,

alified to make sur 5, of Alvin, was burned over 90 ercent of his body and listed in crital but stable condition at John The other bulldozer driver wasn't

About 47 homes within a one-mile dius of the area were evacuated as precautionary measure, selfout.

Friendswood Fire Chief Bill Wilcox

As many as 200 firefighters from five departments were called to bat-tle a series of pipeline explosions. Officials said the bulldozers cut into the eight-inch Phillips Petroleum propane pipeline about 2 p.m. The pipe began to leak and a spark triggered an explosion.

The pipeline was cut off seven miles down the flow on one end and three to four miles on the other end while firefighters let the fire burn it-



Junior Cathy Langford and freshmen Tiffany Uresti and Amy Andersen scoop up ashes from bonfire Monday afternoon for keepsakes.

## Mandatory reporting requirements aim to offset farm-worker shortage

By Melanie Heldt Reporter

Producers of perishable commodities now must report the hiring of people who gained United States

residency status through the Seasonal Agricultural Worker program.

The mandatory reporting is supposed to determine whether there will be a shortage of seasonal agricultural workers in the future, said Dr. Dick Edwards, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Serv-

Producers must file quarterly reports on Form ESA-92. The first report is due Jan. 16, 1989. Individuals who were hired during the last

quarter of this year also must be re-1

Edwards said if no reportable workers were hired, producers need not file the form. However, failure to file the proper report when such workers are hired could result in fines of up to \$1,000 per violation.

The immigration law allows work-

ers who became residents through the SAW program to be employed in non-agricultural jobs once they be-come legal American citizens.

The status report is necessary because of the possibility that a large number of SAW workers, once legalized, will no longer choose to be employed in agricultural jobs, Edwards

the new reports finds a shortage of SAW workers, a provision in the immigration law will allow additional workers into the country beginning in 1990.

Edwards said the naturalization process is much easier for aliens in

the SAW program.

To be eligible for citizenship, aliens who are not in the SAW program are required to have lived in the United States since Jan. 1, 1982.

Workers who were in the SAW program are required to have lived in the United States since Jan. 1, 1982. gram, however, only had to prove they worked for 90 days in the harvesting and producing of perishable crops from May 1, 1985 through May 1, 1986.

To become legal citizens through the SAW program, workers must document that they worked with perishable crops, which are defined as fruits, vegetables, wheat, corn, rye, cotton and soy beans, and the producer has to prove that the worker was hired for at least 90 days.

Because some of the seasonal agricultural workers are likely to seek new jobs once they become citizens, Edwards predicted that harvesting costs will increase.

'Prior to the law, there was a good labor pool that could be used at min-imum wage," Edwards said. "Now we'll see the cost of employing producers and harvesters go up.

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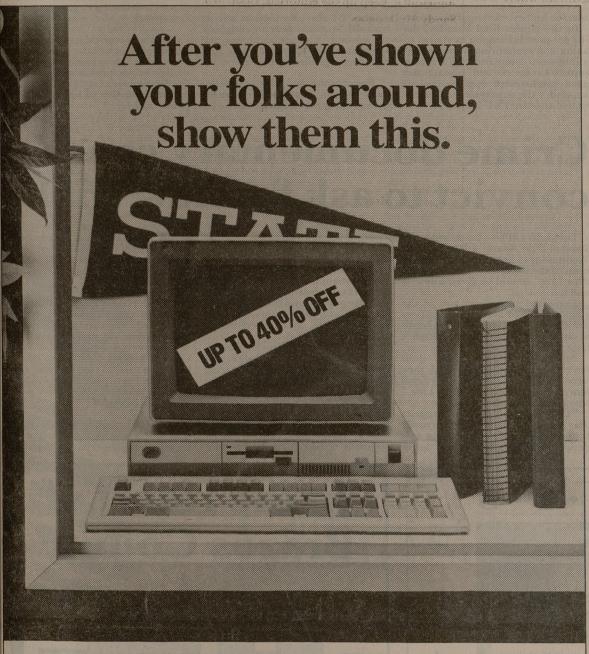
#### Indianapolis Ballet to put on 'Nutcracker'

The Indianapolis Ballet will perform "The Nutcracker" at 7 p.m. today in Rudder Auditorium.

The event, sponsored by MSC OPAS, also will be a canned food drive for the Brazos Valley Food

Bank. Audience members who

wish to donate canned goods can bring them to the performance. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults, \$10 for students and \$7.50 for children ages 3 to 12. They are available at the MSC Box Office.



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