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FORECAST for TUESDAY:
Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain.

HIGH:62 LOW:48

Student lobbyists pound pavement at Capitol

AUSTIN (AP) — They have little money or political clout, but student lobbyists from Texas universities are pounding the pavement at the state Capitol alongside their professional counterparts.

Representing 30 Texas public universities and colleges, the young lobbyists are hoping to make a footprint on the mountain of issues facing the state Legislature this session. Among the student group's issues are opposition to tuition increases, support of increased financial aid and a student on every university governing board.

"We're not going to take legislators to expensive dinners and send them cases of

scotch," said Jerry Haddican, co-director of the Texas Student Lobby, a lobbying organization at the University of Texas at Austin. "If our issues are important enough, they're going to get noticed, and not because of money or prestige, because they're important."

Haddican's group has joined with students from across the state to form the Texas Students Coalition.

Other student lobbying groups have surfaced in previous sessions. But Haddican said this session marks the first time students have mounted a statewide, unified effort.

"This has a lot more force than anything that has been done in the past," said Jay Ruuska, vice president of the student body at the University of North Texas.

The group held two organizational meetings during the summer to plan strategy, including meeting with legislators, mounting phone and letter-writing campaigns and organizing events promoting their views.

One rally planned for this spring is "Skip School to Stay in School," in which students will gather at the Capitol to publicize their cause.

The students' approach, Ruuska said, "is

not to be a bull in a china shop."

"We're not going to play hard ball," he said. "We just can't. If nothing else, we'll compile a long list of experiences to leave for the next legislative session."

Legislative aides from the education committees of both the House and Senate said they were impressed by the students' efforts.

"They have a good grasp of the issues," Bruce Hupp, administrative assistant to Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, said.

Jonathan Darnell, director of the Boston-based Student Empowerment Training

Project, a non-profit organization for student governments and student lobbying organizations, said although student lobbying groups lack the financial resources of professional lobbyists, they have achieved results in several states.

Arizona students successfully lobbied the state board of regents to trim a proposed tuition increase by almost half.

Student lobbyists in Colorado helped students at one campus gain access to student evaluations of professors' classroom performance. And in Kansas, students lobbied to establish financial aid grants to students involved in public service.

A&M honors regents who bid farewell

By Stephen Masters
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Texas A&M said goodbye to over 32 years of experience on its Board of Regents Sunday as it honored three members who will leave office after today's meeting.

Chairman David Eller, Vice Chairman Joe Reynolds and Dr. John Coleman will leave office before the March meeting of the Board. Reynolds resigned Dec. 12 and the six-year terms of Eller and Coleman will expire Feb. 1.

Texas House of Representatives Speaker William Clayton was chosen by Gov. Bill Clements to replace Reynolds. No replacements for Eller or Coleman have been selected.

Eller was appointed to the Board in 1983.

Under Eller, Regent William McKenzie said, the quality of all parts of the A&M System improved and research funding became a priority.

McKenzie told of how Eller brought action on the relocation of the railroad tracks along Wellborn Road which had been "cussed and discussed" without action for many years. Eller brought in the state highway department and other agencies, McKenzie said, to finally get the ball rolling.

The Board will hear an update today from two highway department officials on the status of the track relocation project.

Although obviously not happy to leave office, Eller remained proud



A 'capital' experience

Aggie Band members discuss their trip to Washington, D.C. after returning to Easterwood Airport Saturday. The band, along

with Parson's Mounted Cavalry and the Ross Volunteers, marched in Friday's inaugural parade.

Photo by Jay Janner

San Francisco wins Super Bowl on last-second TD

MIAMI (AP) — In a dramatic finish, the San Francisco 49ers football team won the Super Bowl on Sunday with a 20-16 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals.

Joe Montana's 10-yard touchdown pass to John Taylor with 34 seconds left provided the winning margin.

The victory was achieved through the brilliance of Montana and Jerry Rice, a wide receiver who caught 12 passes for 222 yards, both Super Bowl records. Rice was named the game's most valuable player.

The winning score came at the end of a 92-yard drive, engineered by Montana, whose touchdown pass gave him a Super Bowl record with 357 yards passing.

It was the fifth straight win for a National Football Conference team, but by far the most dramatic — the previous four had been by an average score of 41-14.

It also gave 49ers Coach Bill Walsh his third Super Bowl win.

The first touchdown didn't come until 44 minutes into the 60-minute game, when Cincinnati's Stanford Jennings took a kickoff 93 yards for a score.

The game, before a crowd of 75,179 at Joe Robbie Stadium, went undisrupted by racial tensions in Miami.

College Station police continue search for rapist

By Fiona Soltes
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College Station police are continuing their search for the man who kidnapped and sexually assaulted a woman Jan. 18.

The victim, who was abducted from the Post Oak Mall parking lot at 7:30 p.m., told College Station police she was physically forced to drive to a location within the Bryan city limits, where she was repeatedly sexually assaulted for three hours. The man escaped on foot and the woman drove herself home, police reports said.

With the victim's help, College Station police completed the composite sketch shown below. The victim described her assailant as a 6-foot black male, about 35 years old and 200 lbs. She said he had square facial features and was dark-complected with light spots on his face.

The man had a full moustache partly covering his upper lip, crooked teeth and large hands. At the time of the kidnapping and assault, he was wearing a shiny light-blue windbreaker, a dark button-up shirt and old dark-colored jeans.

If anyone matching the above description or composite is seen, the College Station Police Department should be contacted at 764-3600 or 764-3616.



Colleges learn to deal with AIDS problem

By Denise Thompson
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Although AIDS has not been a major concern on many college campuses, student and faculty organizations across the nation have started taking measures to minimize the spread of the deadly disease.

Most organizations are working in three ways to accomplish this goal: educating students through awareness programs, preventing discrimination against students with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and making condoms more readily available on campuses. Of these, AIDS education is the least controversial.

A common form of AIDS education is "AIDS Awareness Weeks" and "Safe-Sex Kits." The University of Texas provides both of these services to students, said Sherry Bell, manager of health education in UT's student health center.

"We hold several seminars sponsoring safe sex throughout each semester," Bell said. "Beginning this semester, every student who attends a seminar will receive a safe-sex kit afterward."

Presently, the only form of educational devices available to Texas A&M students is through video tapes shown on the television monitors at the A.P. Beutel Health Center, free informational brochures and CARE Week. Dr. John Moore,

acting director at the health center, said the center has not been aggressive toward AIDS-related problems because it is in a state of change.

"There is a state of flux because I am only an acting director," he said. "However, we do show video tapes and provide free brochures for students about not only AIDS, but other sexually transmitted diseases."

However, there is a group on the A&M campus that is being aggressive toward AIDS — the University AIDS Committee.

Formed in June 1988, the committee already has drafted a proposal for an AIDS education program that, if passed, would include consultation with AIDS experts, visitation to other campuses with successful programs, pamphlets, films for the resource library and provision of condoms and other birth control devices.

Also under consideration by the committee is a special topics course that could be added to the curriculum.

Among the most controversial moves made by campus organizations across the nation has been increasing the availability of condoms. Among the successful efforts are the University of Colorado, where 40 vending machines are now in place and sell a total of 800 to 1,000 condoms each month.

Although the A&M health center provides gynecological exams and birth control pills for women, con-

Health center shows AIDS information film

By Denise Thompson
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"I was going to live forever. Aren't you?"

Ending a film based on a true story about a college girl who contracts AIDS, these lines summarize the meaning behind the movie "AIDS: A Decision for Life," which is shown at the A.P. Beutel Health Center.

Used as a device to encourage safe sex or abstinence, the health center shows the film several times daily on the waiting room television monitors and at residence halls. All women who come into the center to obtain birth control pills also are required to watch the film.

The show is about a girl, "Sally,"

who meets "Peter" while working at a restaurant the summer before she begins college. Peter is giving mixed signals about whether he is interested in Sally or whether he is just being friendly, and Sally decides he must not be interested.

A few months later, Sally runs into Peter at a party near the college they both attend, and they begin seeing more of each other. After several months of "getting to know each other," Sally decides she wants to have sex with Peter.

Although Sally and Peter continue dating and having sex, the couple separates during Christmas break. Peter fails to call Sally until five days after Christmas, and then tells her they're through.

After returning to school, Sally's friends inform her they saw Peter with a man who appeared to be more than just a friend.

pharmacy, but the problem with that is it could overload the pharmacists."

However, at the University of Nebraska, officials solved this same problem by placing condoms in a large glass fish bowl in the health center and requesting payment from students through the honor system. Since beginning this program, condom sales have increased by 10 percent.

Sally's friends encourage her to get a test for AIDS, which she does. The result of the test is positive, and Sally begins to realize her life has been drastically changed by a decision she was making about someone she thought she knew.

The movie is far from dramatic. It is, in fact, so realistic it's frightening — and that's the message the entire movie broadcasts — that AIDS is frighteningly real.

The movie addresses all of the usual misconceptions about AIDS. Peter is in a fraternity, is good looking and has no feminine characteristics. The movie also proves that time is not always a true indication of how well we know someone.

Even if you can get through the movie still telling yourself that it's only fiction, that security is quickly erased when the movie concludes by confirming the truth of the story.

Although the A&M University AIDS Committee has not previously considered installing vending machines on campus, Dennis Reardon, program coordinator in student affairs, said it is now considering the issue.

"I don't think the issue of vending machines had been brought up until now," Reardon said.

Soviet army exits Afghanistan with sense of failure

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A Soviet military commander said Sunday the Red Army is leaving Afghanistan with a sense of failure. He also denied the Soviets have resumed their pullout but said they still plan to be out of the country by Feb. 15.

"We have not succeeded in every-

thing we planned to do here," Maj. Gen. Lev Serebrov, a political officer at the military high command in Kabul, told Western correspondents.

Serebrov, dressed in a camouflage uniform, chain-smoking and joking occasionally with reporters, said Soviet officers are communicating with guerrilla commanders on parts of the key Salang highway, the main

route to the Soviet border, to try to keep it open.

Serebrov's contention that the remaining 50,000 Soviet troops have not begun to leave contradicted estimates by Western diplomats in Kabul that the withdrawal began in earnest at the beginning of this month.

In addition, Afghan troops are manning former Soviet posts on the

perimeter of this beleaguered capital, not far from guerrilla positions.

"We are ready . . . to end the withdrawal by Feb. 15, but we have not yet received the order to start the final stage of withdrawal," Serebrov said.

He dodged questions about reports, including from one Soviet

source in Kabul, that the military high command will move from the Afghan capital to the town of Hairatan on the Soviet border between Jan. 31 and Feb. 2.

Asked how the commanders will go if they remain in Kabul until the deadline, Serebrov said, "We will find a way."