



## State burdened with enrollment

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Texas A&M has no intention of increasing its enrollment cap even though a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board report states Texas colleges are showing a massive influx of students while universities nationwide are lacking in enrollment.

Texas A&M University System Board of Regents implemented a management program in 1988 that caps enrollment at 41,000 students.

The higher education board's report states Texas colleges are showing an increase of more than 26,000 students since last year.

The board says the enrollment increase will require greater funding from the Texas Legislature and possibly the addition of colleges and universities.

Texas also might be forced to expand its existing campuses if the projected enrollment figures continue to increase during the next 10 to 15 years.

Dr. E. Dean Gage, A&M provost and vice president of academic affairs, says the University cannot accommodate more than 41,000 students.

"Currently, we don't have the square footage to accommodate our present enrollment," he says. "We

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have no plans to increase the number of students attending A&M." Gage says A&M is doing a good job of maintaining its goal of 41,000 students.

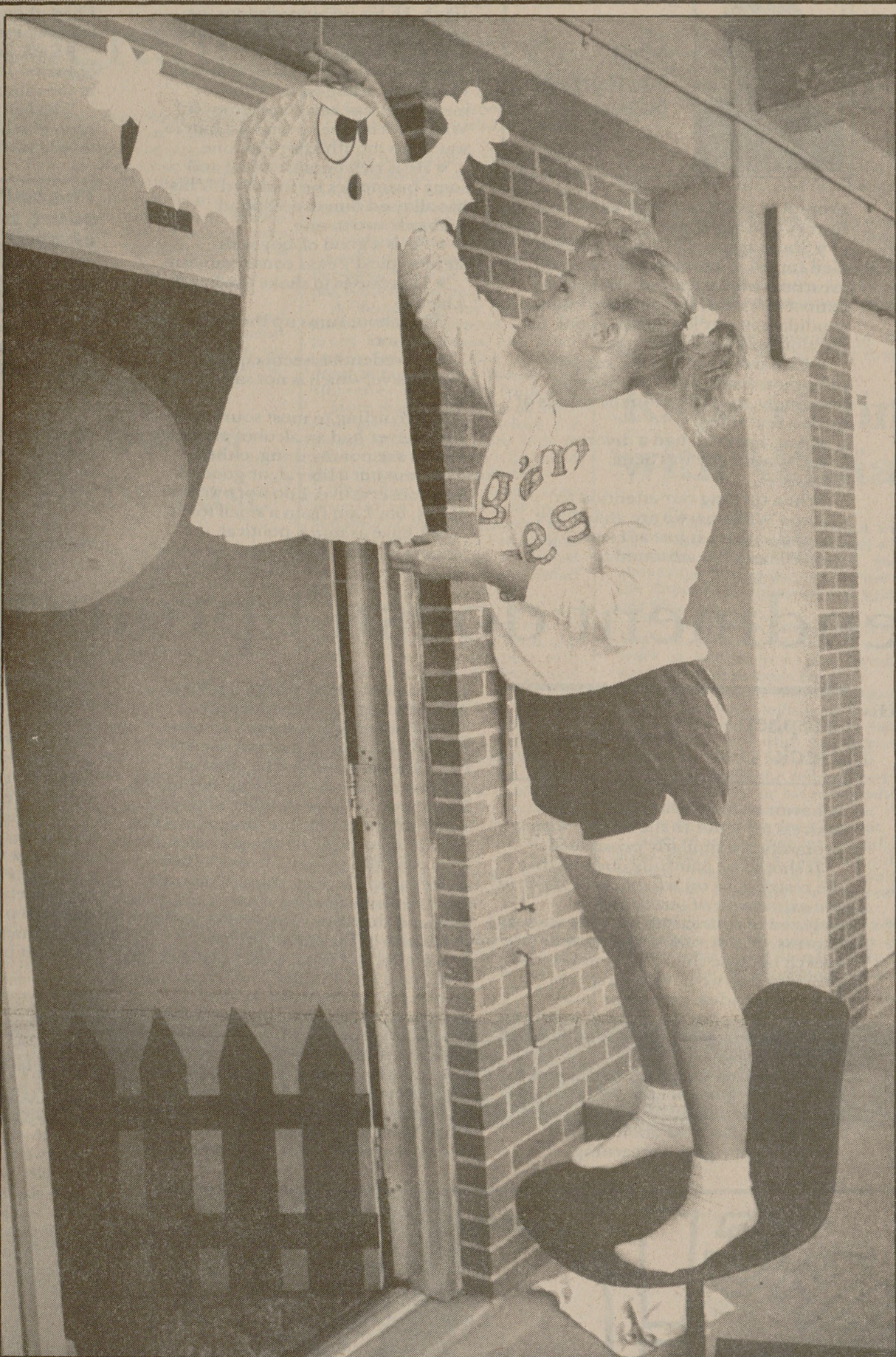
"We've been encouraged by the Legislature to hold at 41,000," he says. "Unless there are dramatic changes in the next few years, I don't see our enrollment figures changing."

He says the University would require more money from the Legislature if it allowed more students.

"We'd also have to build more facilities on campus," he says. The board says other universities nationwide are showing a decrease in enrollment levels.

Gage says he attributes the enrollment increase in Texas to the rising number of high school graduates in the state who are choosing to attend college instead of quitting after high school.

## Booooo!



Jennifer Kucera, a sophomore, hangs a ghost above her door on the third floor of Fowler Hall.

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## Horror flicks express anxieties

### Faculty member discusses effect of horror films

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Vampires and werewolves beware, many moviegoers don't always go to horror films to get frightened, a Texas A&M faculty member said during a presentation Monday.

Dr. Robert Newman, an associate professor of English, said during "Frankenstein to Frankenfurter: The Psychology of Horror Films," audiences also may use these films to express socially unacceptable desires and anxieties.

"Many times these horror films are used to transcend social norms which audiences usually have repressed," Newman said.

While dealing with subjects like sexuality and the effects of violence on women, he said horror films can be separated roughly into two different classifications.

"There is the classic horror picture whose nature is conservative," Newman said. "Then there is what I like to call the 'post-modern' horror film which deprives its viewers of the option to escape from the situation."

"Unlike the classic horror genre, 'post-modern' films offer no resolution to their audiences," he continued.

Classic horror movies allow their viewers to separate themselves from aspects of their own lives and to eliminate what they feel may be their own inner problems, he said.

"Classic horror films are a type of catharsis which allows the viewers to gigantically project aspects of themselves onto a screen," Newman said. "They permit the audience to put a distance between the acts in the movie and their own inner desires."

"Post-modern" horror films, however, often try to force audience members into the role of the "stalker" or antagonist, he said.

"These 'post-modern' works hold up a mirror to the viewers and make them reflect on their own feelings, many of which may be similar to those of the film's villain," Newman said.

Taboos may change with the times, he said but the appeal of the horror film will remain because the fear which draws the audience into the theater is the same.

"What one generation may have feared may be different from another generation," he said. "But essentially horror films express our need to satisfy many of our social taboos."

Newman's presentation was sponsored by the Department of Psychology and the Jungian Society of the Brazos County.

## Treasurer candidate: no state income tax

By LIBBY KURTZ  
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Texas does not need a state income tax, the Republican candidate for state treasurer said Monday.

Kay Bailey Hutchison, who spoke Monday at Easterwood Airport's McKenzie Terminal, said increased taxes included in the new budget agreement passed by Congress can't hurt her campaign.

Hutchison, a Dallas businesswoman and attorney, said later in a phone interview that if elected she'll fight to keep proposed state income taxes from being implemented.

Dr. Patricia Hurlley, a Texas A&M associate professor of political science, said whether Hutchison is for or against a state income tax is irrelevant. The power to decide if Texas has an income tax rests in the hands of the future governor and legislators.

"That's not relative to the powers of the office of state treasurer," Hurlley said.

Hutchison said Texas needs more

Republicans in office to fight taxes.

"We've got politicians in office who have been there so long they don't realize how increased taxes affect the working people," she said.

Hutchison said a state income tax will hurt economic development at a time when Texas needs it most.

She also said those on a fixed income would be hurt the most from the proposed tax.

"Everyone is concerned about income taxes," Hutchison said. "We need to concentrate on fighting state income taxes and creating new jobs in Texas."

Hutchison, said her campaign steadily has built strength because of her beliefs.

"With elections less than a week away, I've received strong support from Democrats and Independents about my platform," she said.

Hutchison's platform calls for increasing state revenues while decreasing government costs.

She said she'll work with the Legislature to monitor the amount of money Texas borrows to carry out some of its programs.

## Gubernatorial candidates will be interviewed

Gubernatorial candidates Jeff Daillel, Ann Richards and Clayton Williams will be interviewed at 9 p.m. tonight on KAMU-TV.

The interviews, produced by KERA-TV in Dallas, will be aired in three separate, half-hour segments and will be repeated Saturday at 4 p.m.

These are the only such interviews candidates have agreed to participate in.

Other election specials will be shown through Friday.

## Texas Legislature should meet annually, representative says

By CHRIS VAUGHN  
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The idea the Texas Legislature is supposed to keep the nation's third-largest state operating by meeting only five months every two years is "ridiculous," a state representative said Monday.

Robert Earley, D-Sinton, said during a speech Monday to about 50 people in Texas A&M's Richardson Engineering Building the Legislature poured over 4,000 pieces of legislation in last year's 140-day regular session.

"That's ridiculous," Earley said. "It's crazy. That is not the best way to write legislation."

Earley said the present way of meeting only once every two years to work on a \$48 billion budget is not working because legislators do not have time to read or prepare properly for resolutions introduced.

He said the answer is for the Legislature to begin meeting annually, so legislators instead of bureaucrats have more input in the government's operation.

Earley, 30, has been a representative of District 33 near Corpus Christi since 1984. He is vice chairman of the Local Committee and a member of the House Appropriations Committee and Texas Legislative Council.

Earley said the state faces two critical issues in the session beginning in January — public education and taxes.

He said more money is not the an-

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While never saying he supports or doesn't support new taxes, Earley said taxes are difficult for a legislator to deal with.

"Who wants a new tax bill?" he asked. "I've never had a constituent say, 'Hey, tax me more!' That

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doesn't happen. But when I start making cuts in programs, people get upset."

Earley also serves on the House Select Committee on Coastal Preservation and the joint committee on Oil Spills and Water Pollution Abatement, said Texas badly needs a disaster coordinator.

He said the Mega Borg oil spill and other natural disasters are not handled well because there is no one to coordinate the efforts of the Land Commissioner's Office, Texas Water Commission, Texas Forestry Service, Coast Guard and other governmental agencies.

Earley's speech was part of the College of Engineering Dean's Lectures. He will be on the A&M campus through Wednesday.

## Non-communists win Georgia elections on independence call

TBILISI, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Non-Communist parties won elections in Georgia on a platform calling for independence from the Soviet Union, private ownership of land and a capitalist economy, officials said Monday.

"We are certainly going to have a majority in parliament," said Zviad Gamsakhurdia, leader of the victorious Round Table-Free Georgia

bloc of political parties.

With about 90 percent of the regions reporting, Gamsakhurdia claimed victory in about 70 percent.

He protested what he called "gross violations" of the election law and said Communist authorities "terrorized the non-Georgian population" along the borders of the mountainous southern republic, which is dotted with pockets of Azerbaijani and other ethnic groups.

## AIDS Foundation to provide condoms

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Texas A&M student groups will distribute information for AIDS Awareness Day from tables in the MSC from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

Kate Taggard, a spokeswoman for the Brazos Valley AIDS Foundation, says groups will provide information about AIDS and distribute condoms with instructions about how to use them.

Representatives from the Interfraternity Council, Student Counseling Service, Residence Hall Association, Student Government and Gay and Lesbian Student Services will participate in the awareness day, sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega and A.P. Beutel Health Center.

Off-campus housing members will hand out brochures at bus stops and Corps of Cadets members will distribute information at the Quadrangle.

Taggard says one of the reasons for the awareness day is because 20-

to 25-year-old women are at highest risk to contract the HIV virus.

Because of widespread promiscuity, A&M students need to be informed about differences between the HIV virus and AIDS.

"AIDS is the end result of the HIV virus and since each person is affected differently by the virus, no two cases are the same," Taggard says.

While the percentage of homosexuals with AIDS is decreasing, the percentage of heterosexuals with the virus is increasing, Taggard says.

Male homosexual contacts accounted for 58 percent of all AIDS cases last year and 54 percent this year. She says this decline is because homosexuals are becoming more educated about AIDS and are practicing safe sex.

She says heterosexuals need to know AIDS is not only transmitted by sharing needles or sex.

For example, people can get AIDS from sharing toothbrushes.

"It is not the saliva, but the potential blood from bleeding gums," she

says.

She also says friends sometimes get drunk and pierce their ears with the same earring. This practice is dangerous because there is a transfer of blood, she says.

Going to tattoo shops also can be dangerous if needles aren't cleaned properly.

In Brazos County, there have been 30 AIDS-related deaths, four of which were children younger than 13.

By August of this year, the number of Texas AIDS cases was 3,168. Twenty-nine were children.

Taggard says the number of cases are higher than statistics indicate.

A person can be infected with the HIV virus without showing any symptoms. For this reason, it's important to be tested.

Planned Parenthood is the only local service that offers free, anonymous HIV testing, she says.

For more information about AIDS, call the AIDS Foundation at 690-AIDS.