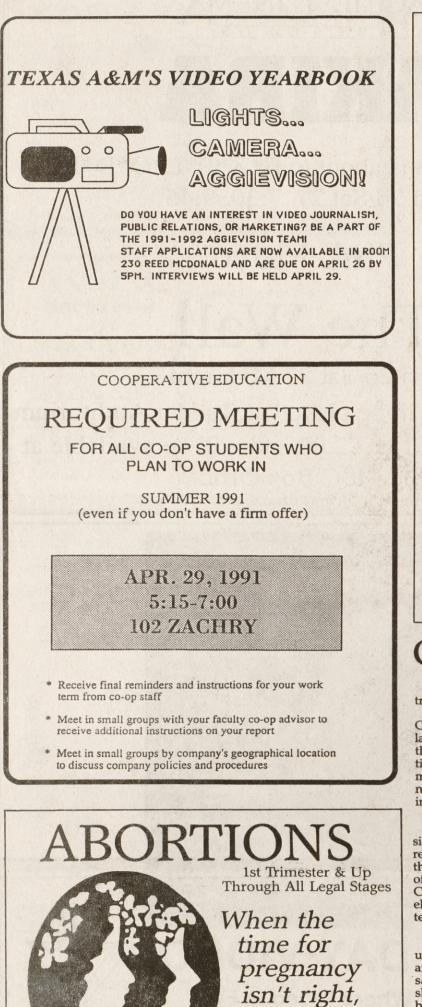
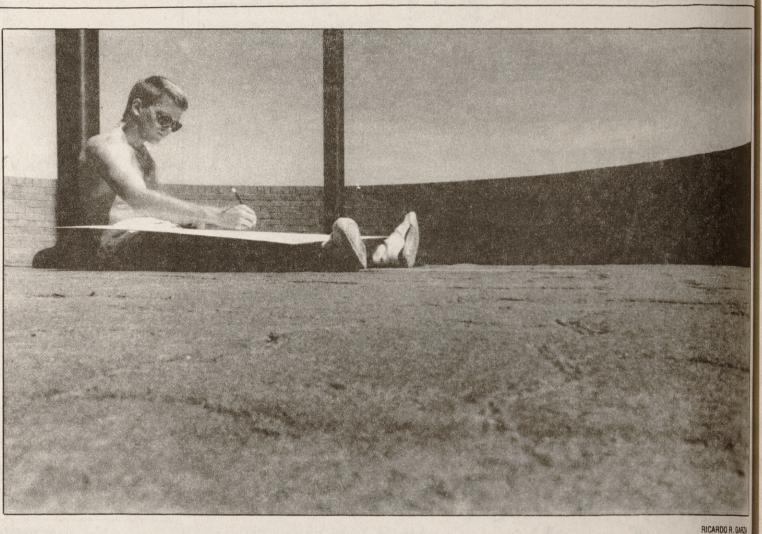
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## The Last Deadline

Chad Kinate, a junior building construction major from Kingwood, tries the afternoon sun. This weekend's weather is expected to be party cloudy, with a chance of rain on Saturday.

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# Gorbachev offers to resign as Soviet president

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tral Committee so voted. A letter signed by 72 Central Committee members was circulated during an ensuing break in the meeting, saying the resigna-tion of the party leader was a matter for the party's Congress, not a Central Committee meeting, Interfax said.

If the Central Committee insisted on pursuing Gorbachev's resignation, the 72 signers said, they would urge the convening of an extraordinary session of a Congress that would consider electing a new Central Committee, Interfax said.

When the break ended, deputy party chief Vladimir Ivashko announced that the Politburo said Gorbachev's resignation should not be considered at all because it would "go against the interests of the cause," Interfax

reported. The 410-member Central Committee then overwhelmingly voted against pursuing the idea, with only 13 still insisting on putting the no-confidence ques-tion on the agenda, said ob-server Andrei Chaikovsky of Kaliningrad and a member from Kiev who refused to give his name.

Thursday's criticism came the day after Gorbachev revealed a new agreement with nine republic chiefs, including his main reformist rival, Russian leader Boris Yeltsin.

Gorbachev promised new elections to both the parliament and presidency, and the republic leaders joined him in calling for an end to crippling strikes. About 15,000 striking workers

the Byelorussian city of Orsha on Thursday, halting train travel ster his defense against attacks along a main line from Moscow from the hard-liners.

ported. Workers in the republic have been on strike since Tuesday and want a special session of the Byelorussian legislature to address their political and economic demands.

In Leningrad, 10,000 construction workers began a strike demanding higher pay, Gorba-chev's resignation and dissolution of parliament, said strike committee leader Vladimir Ignatenko.

An estimated 300,000 coal miners are continuing a walkout that began March 1. Among their demands are Gorbachev's resignation, indexing wages to inflation, and more autonomy for the republics.

On Wednesday, Gorbachev paralyzed a railroad junction in used the agreement with Yeltsin and other republic leaders to bol-

The agreement urges the m signing of a Gorbachev-ad cated treaty on preserving union, a new constitution wi six months, then new election It was signed by the nine repu lics that want to remain in Soviet Union: the Russian feo ation, the Ukraine, Byelow Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, baijan, Tadzhikistan, Kr and Turkmenia.

The six separatist reput that did not sign were Estor Latvia, Lithuania, Georg Moldavia and Armenia.

The agreement did not s whether the presidency was be filled in a popular electric leaving that for the new consti-tion. But Kremlin spokes Karen Karagezian said Thursd the agreement definitely cluded elections for the predency.

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the Governor's office will act."

Clevenger said the Governor's office has not indicated what actions will be taken if the student regent bill does not come out of committee.

Clevenger's efforts to pass another bill in Austin came across similar obstacles Wednesday.

A bill granting student control over funds generated from computer access fees has been put on hold, Clevenger said

Clevenger said H.B. 2704 had not been introduced to the Texas House before the filing deadline last week

"The bill will probably be

worked into another bill, but in amended form," Clevenger said. "It will probably then be introduced as part of a comprehen-sive fee bill."

Clevenger said the bill would allow students to appropriate funds from computer access fees, following the same proce-dure as student services fees.

The fee still would be assessed in the same manner, but a student committee would be set up to recommend how it would be spent.

"As of last semester, the entire computer access fee for the last two years has been spent on the VAC system," he said. "That is a

mainframe system, used mostly he said. by engineers. The majority of A&M's students don't use the months ago, and when the

system." Clevenger said according to the bill, the funds could be spent where students believed it was most needed.

'As students deemed the PCs as the primary computer need, more money could be put into them," he said.

Clevenger said the delay in fil-ing the bill resulted from opposi-tion by university presidents of most Texas public universities.

"The presidents cidn't go into much detail, but they made it clear they didn't like the idea,"

position came up, I turned over to the Texas Student Lo in Austin," Clevenger said didn't want to just sell out abandon the bill, but I needed preserve the work relationship with the dents.

"I drafted the bill two or the

He said the student lobby able to find a sponsor for the but not in time to beat the de line

Rep. Glen Maxey, the sponsor, could not be reach for comment.

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