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Ogden says cuts to A&M unacceptable

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mostly from sales and gasoline taxes.

"If we raise that kind of money, I think we need to leave tuition alone," Ogden said. "We can't hit students three or four times. Once is enough for anyone."

Ogden's spokesperson, Rob Giesekie, said the tax bill the House passed around 3 a.m. Tuesday didn't include a tuition increase. He said the Senate would probably favor a slight tuition increase.

A proposed \$94 million budget cut for Texas A&M for the 1992-93 biennium will not stick, Ogden said.

"The Senate, and most of the House find the cuts unacceptable," he said. "That bill came out of the blue around midnight, and no one could really say how much the cuts were."

Ogden said the measure was passed by only six votes, and many representatives who voted for it did not realize the size of the cuts.

"House leadership has assured me A&M and UT will not bear the brunt of the cuts as the amendment implied," Ogden said.

Ogden said the amendment, which left A&M and UT shouldering 84 percent of the cuts, was ridiculous.

"There is no doubt we can change the three or four votes we will need to defeat the amendment if it is seriously considered in the future," he said.

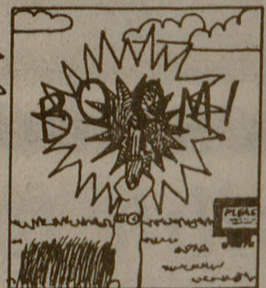
Dr. E. Dean Gage, A&M provost and vice-president for Academic Affairs, said the proposed \$94 million cut would be absolutely devastating.

"That kind of cut would result in major program and personnel cuts," Gage said. "We hope that cut doesn't transpire. I don't think when the action was taken there was a full knowledge of the figures and their impact on A&M."

Gage said A&M administrators were desperately working to gather support for another Senate bill that keeps funding close to the current service level.

"We are very anxious to see what happens," Gage said. "The legislative deadline is next Tuesday, so a lot has to happen by then. Our goal, and our best hope, is to sustain our current service level of funding. That is the message we are communicating to everyone."

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by Michael Mogen

Housing ideas help families

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income families.

For example, if houses in a certain neighborhood are in need of repair, the entire neighborhood income must have an income lower than 80 percent of the median income of the community. Carroll said a family of four's income would have to be less than \$26,100 to meet that criterion.

New housing strategies, however, will not just help the low income bracket, Macmillan said.

Home ownership is declining across the country, and owning a home is a big financial step for anyone, she said. Programs to minimize down payments and interest rates will be a great help to many families, she said.

Another meeting is scheduled for mid-September, when priorities of the plan will be discussed.

"The turnout may be bigger, and in the future, it may mean more funding," Carroll said.

Explosion harmless

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graduate student safety group, said the explosion was nothing major, and no one was at fault. He said the ether went up into a protective hood creating a vacuum which forced the stack to blow.

Students from other buildings thought the explosion might have been a sonic boom.

"We all looked up in class when we heard the boom," said Travis Max, a junior accounting major. "Then someone jokingly said the Chemistry Building probably blew up."

Gay-bashing sting Officers attacked during operation

HOUSTON (AP) — Three undercover police officers were attacked in the first five days of an operation designed to stop gay-bashing in a predominantly homosexual neighborhood, police said Wednesday.

Two adults and several juveniles have been arrested in the assaults. None of the police officers was seriously injured.

The sting, dubbed "Operation Vice Versa," began Friday in response to the July 4 beating death of banker Paul Broussard, 27, and attacks on his two companions. The three men had just left a gay bar when a gang of youths attacked them. Ten young men have been charged with murder in the attack.

The department has placed plainclothes police officers in the heavily gay Montrose area to combat criminal activity. Officers have said they travel in pairs and try to look like gay couples to attract those who have been involved in gay-bashing.

"The plainclothesmen look for people who are exhibiting aggressive, assaultive behavior against citizens in the neighborhood," Adamson said. "It's obvious that the targets are in the community."

On Friday, two men were Mace into the face of an undercover officer, Capt. John Mace, of the Central Patrol Division said. Charged in the case were Andrew Ipock, 27, Houston, and a juvenile, Adamson said.

On Monday, two men were pulled alongside a pair of undercover officers, shouted epithets and beat one of the arm with a baseball bat, son Hartman, 18, of Houston, and another juvenile charged in that attack following their arrest by backup officers. Hartman was charged with aggravated assault.

Later that night, a group of teens in a car threw beer at a third officer. They were arrested and charged with a variety of misdemeanors, said George Buenick.

Adamson declined to identify the officers because they were involved in the undercover operation.

All were treated for minor injuries and not hospitalized, he said.

WHAT'S UP

Friday

COMMUNITY OF SINGLE ADULTS: T.G.I.F. at Bombay Bicycle Club in College Station 8 p.m. All single adults welcome. For more information, contact Don Ball at 447-1370.

STAGECENTER COMMUNITY THEATER: Live theater production at 8 p.m. Location: E. 29th St., Town and Country Shopping Center. Call StageCenter at 846-0287.

NORTH SIDE RESIDENCE HALLS: Donations drive (belongings and food) benefiting national students at Brazos Food Bank. For more information, contact Cheryl Liu at 847-1083.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDrone later than three business days before the desired run date. We publish the date and phone number of the contact only if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a free service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3316.

Former hostage appeals for aid

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Freed British hostage John McCarthy said he was grateful for his release Thursday and appealed for continuing efforts "to end the ordeal of my fellow hostages."

McCarthy, a journalist, was freed after more than five years in captivity and handed over to British authorities at the Foreign Ministry in the Syrian capital.

"I would like to thank all those people who have done so much on our behalf in the last five years. ... My heart is very grateful for all those efforts," he told reporters.

"I appeal to all those kind people to keep up their efforts to end the ordeal of my fellow hostages," said McCarthy, with a slight stubble of beard and clad in a black T-shirt

with white sleeves.

He appeared at a crowded press conference at the Foreign Ministry.

McCarthy, who appeared to be overcome with emotion at several points, broke into a bright smile as he spoke.

McCarthy surfaced after a Shiite Moslem group holding Western hostages announced he had been freed in Lebanon.

The announcement from Islamic Jihad, a pro-Iranian group that holds at least two American hostages, came in a statement to a Western news agency.

Islamic Jihad is known to hold Terry Anderson, 43, chief Middle East correspondent of The Associated Press and American educator Thomas Sutherland, 60. Both were

kidnapped in 1985, and Anderson is longest-held hostage.

A spokeswoman at the British Embassy in Germany, speaking on condition of anonymity, said she had been told that McCarthy would fly directly from Cyprus Royal Air Force base in Great Britain.

Islamic Jihad had said in a statement released Tuesday afternoon that it would send a special envoy to U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar within 48 hours in a bid to end the hostage deadlock. A statement followed an Iranian newspaper report that two hostages — an American and a Briton — would be released by the end.

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