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—Lori Saddler, Columnist
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NEA chairman resigns amid controversy over art funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's role in funding the arts faces new scrutiny as John E. Frohnmayer steps down after three years as chairman of the politically buffeted National Endowment for the Arts.

Not all the attention comes from the conservative politicians and religious fundamentalists who have so noisily sought to restrict the endowment's grant-making power that finally forced Frohnmayer from office.

Patrick J. Buchanan made it an issue in his quest for the Republican presidential nomination, demanding that the agency be closed and fumigated for giving funds

to "filthy and blasphemous art," some of it explicitly homosexual.

"It's very tough to say what is art and what is not art and perhaps we ought to get out of that business," Rich Bond, chairman of the Republican Party, said in a recent television interview.

President Bush, accepting the resignation from Frohnmayer that the White House had demanded, said he was unhappy with some of the art the endowment had supported.

White House spokeswoman Judy Smith said no timetable had been set for nominating a successor. Frohnmayer, who leaves office May 1, said recently that

he does not expect a new chairman to be named until after the November presidential election.

Frohnmayer has declined requests for interviews since speaking to the National Press Club earlier this month.

Frohnmayer said in that speech that most congressional mail on the issue was generated by right-wing fundamentalist groups and that Buchanan's onslaught has been "the most shameless" of all attacks.

"To kill the endowment because of a few disturbing lines or images poses a far greater threat to this nation than anything that the endowment has ever funded,"

Frohnmayer said.

But not all questions about endowment policy have come from such sources.

Franklin D. Murphy, chairman of the National Gallery of Art, has said it was "unthinkable" to consider abolishing the endowment and that it should continue "not only to support traditional art forms but also to encourage experimentation at the cutting edge."

But Murphy also argued that the endowment should "reconsider the use of public funds to support art that is overwhelmingly offensive to the mores of a large majority of the citizenry, else such support bring the whole temple down."

Lynne Cheney, chairwoman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, said in September that she would support showing the bold photographs of gay men by grant recipient Robert Mapplethorpe that sparked much of the controversy.

But she, too, added a caveat: "The more interesting debate — and the one I'm less sure about — is whether the government should fund the showing of Mapplethorpe. That is a much more complex question. There is a difference between censorship . . . and sponsorship by institutions that are funded by the taxpayers' money."

Regents approve fee hike for A&M

By Karen Praslicka
The Battalion

A number of fee increases for all universities in the Texas A&M System were approved by the A&M Board of Regents Friday, the largest being a \$7,000 fee for some courses being taught in other countries.

The Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Architecture, Business Administration and the Graduate Schools of Business, Education and Liberal Arts have several courses taught in foreign countries.

The new fee will cover the cost of transportation, insurance, room and board, field trips and other expenses.

A higher student center complex fee, a \$4 increase to \$24, still is pending approval by A&M students. Students will vote on the fee change in April.

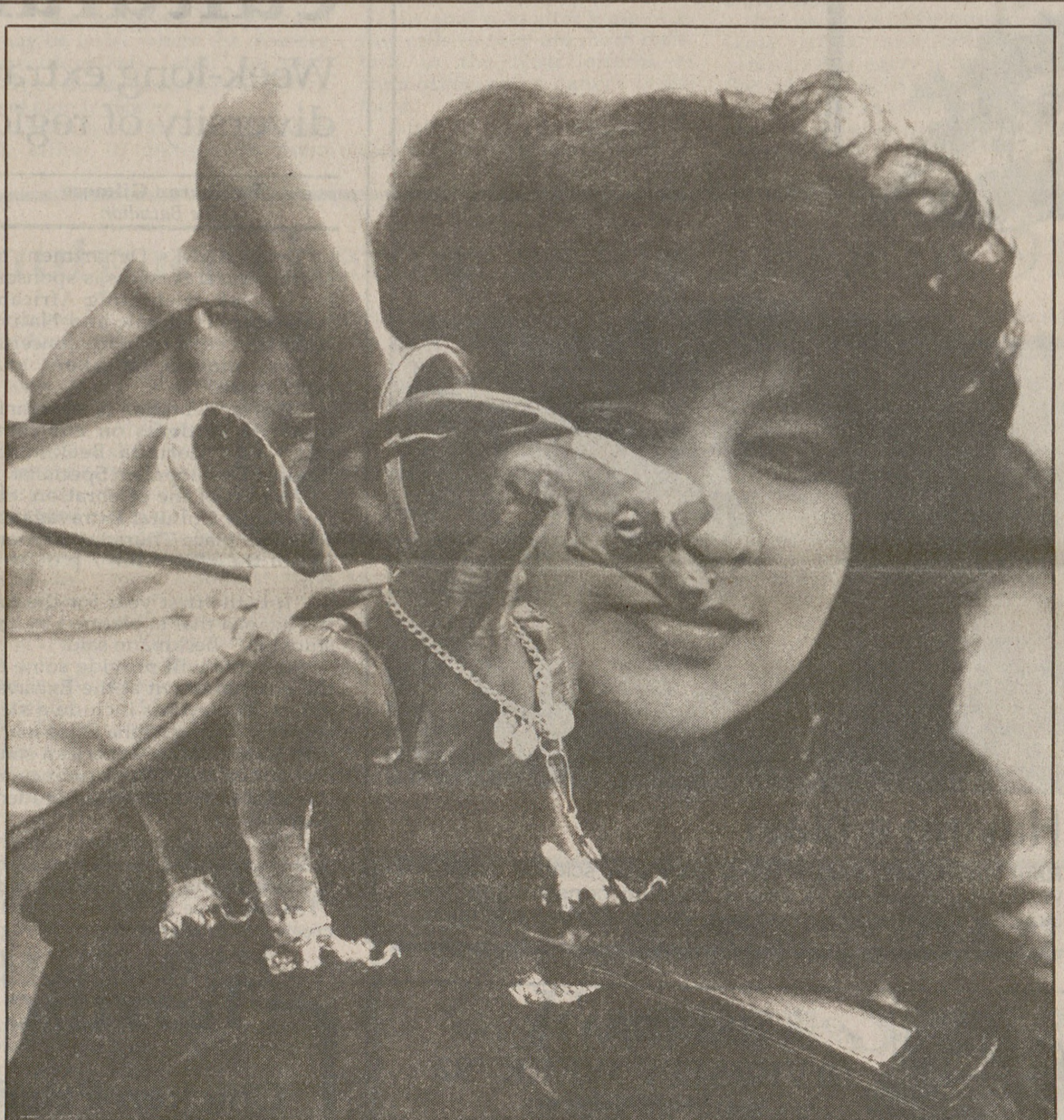
The higher fee is recommended because of the expansion of the Student Center. Additional funds are required for the upkeep and operations of the new space, University officials said.

The International Student Services Fee will increase from \$12 to \$16 for the 1992-93 academic year. The fee will increase to \$20 for the 1993-94 year, and to \$24 for the 1994-95 year.

This fee, assessed on international students only, is to meet costs of increased immigration and naturalization requirements.

Rates and board plans at the University will also increase because of higher operations costs.

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Dragon lady

Noemi Adams shows off her dragon 'Freye' at AggieCon 23 Saturday. Adams, who was selling the stuffed dragons, was one of about 70 dealers selling items to science fiction

enthusiasts. AggieCon is one of the largest science fiction/fantasy conventions in the southwest. The convention is sponsored by the MSC organization Cepheid Variable.

DARRIN HILL/The Battalion

Clinton's past faces scrutiny

Candidate admits smoking marijuana 'a time or two' while attending Oxford

NEW YORK (AP) — Democratic presidential front-runner Bill Clinton acknowledged for the first time Sunday he had experimented with marijuana "a time or two" while attending Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar more than 20 years ago.

Former California Gov. Jerry Brown, Clinton's lone challenger for the nomination, responded "No" when asked during a joint television appearance with Clinton whether he has ever

violated drug laws.

"Why don't you lay off this stuff," Brown added. "What you did 20 years ago is not relevant."

Over the last two years, Clinton has been asked numerous times whether he ever used drugs. He elaborately avoided a direct answer, saying he never violated state or federal laws.

On Sunday, a reporter noted how he told the New York Daily News he never violated "the laws of my country" and asked if he ever violated international drug laws.

"When I was in England I experimented with marijuana a time or two and didn't like it," the



Clinton

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Boston University president declines Perot's proposition

BOSTON (AP) — Boston University President John Silber turned down an offer to consider serving as independent presidential candidate H. Ross Perot's running mate, according to a published report.

The Boston Sunday Globe, quoting unnamed sources close to Silber, said an aide to the Texas billionaire

telephoned Silber at his office Wednesday to make the offer.

"There was some substance to it," one source told the newspaper, who did not identify the caller, but said it appeared to be someone close to Perot.

Silber, an unsuccessful Democratic gubernatorial nominee in Massachusetts in 1990, told the Perot representative he would not abandon his own party, the sources said.

One source described Silber as being flattered by the inquiry, but as expressing no interest in pursuing the offer.



Silber

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Hispanic novelist values self-translation of works

By Robin Roach
The Battalion

A Hispanic novelist Friday discussed the importance of translating novels into a different language at the lecture "Writing Novels in Two Languages."

Elena Castedo, who holds a masters degree from UCLA and a Ph.D. from Harvard University, spoke of the personal aspects of being from two different cultures and going from one language to another.

"I really came to understand language as self-identity," she said. Castedo, who learned English as an adult, views English and Spanish as two separate worlds. She emphasized the importance of translating one's own work because of the problems encountered by translators.

"Only a self-translator knows what emotions are trying to be expressed," Castedo said. "A translator has to guess what the author is trying to say."

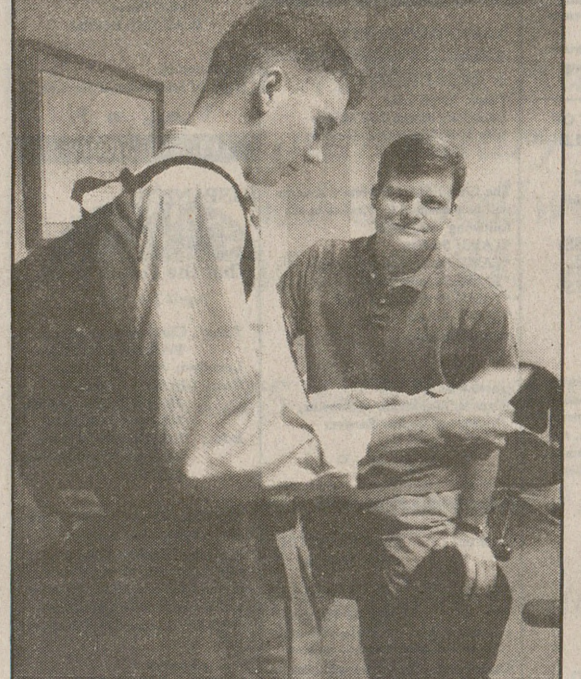
She also discussed what things should be considered when going from one language to another. When languages are translated directly, the meaning can be changed dramatically.

"Characters are saying different things that mean the same thing," Castedo said.

The problem with direct translation arises because a word in one language may not exist in another. Castedo offered numerous examples of the obstacles faced with direct translations.

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Board inquiry probes allegations



ROBERT REED/The Battalion
James Phipps, right, election commissioner, denies Michael Sullivan, Battalion reporter, entry into the Election Commission's Board of Inquiry.

Looks for evidence of mail tampering

By Michael Sullivan
The Battalion

In a closed meeting Sunday evening, the Texas A&M Student Government election commission investigated allegations by a student body presidential candidate that the speaker of the student senate had been tampering with his mail in the Student Government Office.

John Ansbach filed the complaint against fellow presidential candidate and Speaker of the Senate David Brooks before spring break.

"We filed a complaint the week before spring break against the speaker of the Senate for tampering with mail in my (Student Senate) box," John Ansbach said in an interview last Thursday.

Brooks declined to comment on Ansbach's accusation.

"I'd rather wait until they (the board) comes back with something," Brooks said.

Stephen Weber, executive vice president of administration, said he would announce the board's decision at 8:30 this morning. The announcement was made after The Battalion went to press today.

Election Commissioner James Phipps said he did not allow The Battalion or members of the public to sit in on the board of inquiry to avoid harming the reputation of any innocent parties.

"I don't want to let you in here because I don't want to damage anyone's credibility," Phipps said.

The Battalion has learned, however, that students at the meeting testified seeing Brooks take, read and return mail from Ansbach's box.

One source, who wishes to remain anonymous, decided to come forward because of concern about candidates' ethics.

"Student Government is pretty much in the crapper," the source said. "Everything going on is terrible."

The source said a person put confidential information in Ansbach's box, and Brooks was seen going through Ansbach's mail with the material in his hands, prompting Ansbach to file charges.

"Two or three people testified," the source said about the inquiry. "One was an eyewitness and caught him, the other was the one who wrote the letter. I'm not sure"

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