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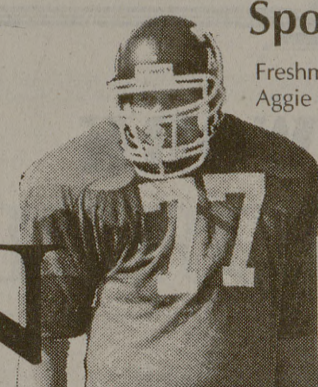
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Student Senate passes election regulations

Senators hope rules will make for fair freshman race

By Melissa Jacobs
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The Student Senate passed emergency student body election regulations Wednesday night citing a need to ensure fair freshman elections, which are Oct. 4. Student Government officials decided the rules and regulations needed to be revised after problems arose during last spring's elections in which some campaign policies were questioned. Because all of the revisions were

not going to be finished and passed by October, the senate passed a few emergency regulations.

Election Commissioner Chelsey Ferguson said these revisions are necessary for freshman elections to operate smoothly.

"For us to enforce the rules and do our job we need these," she said.

The revisions require an election commission official, or someone appointed by the commission, to be present at all polling places at all times. All persons manning a polling booth must go through a training session before elections.

A revision was also passed stating no phrases or slogans shall be attached to a candidate's name on the ballot.

In addition, the Senate passed a

regulation stating that materials may be placed on the resident hall doors with prior approval of the occupant was revised to include resident hall windows and the doors and windows of Corps dormitories.

Student Body President Brooke Leslie said she thinks any improvements will be helpful in running future elections.

"We haven't had any problems with freshman elections in the past," she

said. "This will give us a chance to try out these revisions so we will be more prepared for spring elections. The elec

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Student body president revives State of the University Address

By Melissa Jacobs
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Student Body President Brooke Leslie said her vision for Texas A&M is for it to be better than ever before, during the State of the University Address at a Student Senate meeting Wednesday night.

"My vision for myself is to serve you, the students of A&M, and be the best student body president AggieLand has ever had," she said.

The State of the University Address has not been given since the 1980s.

"Back then it was 30 minutes long and the student body president would outline what they wanted to do for the upcoming year," she said.

Leslie said she delivered the address to acknowledge is

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Fisher makes campaign stop at A&M, asks students to vote

By Amanda Fowle
THE BATTALION

Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Richard Fisher urged Texas A&M students Wednesday to become politically involved.

"You are shareholders in democracy," he told the crowd of about 100. "Your vote is important."

Texas A&M was the final stop on Fisher's "College Campaign." He spoke at Baylor University, the University of Texas and Rice University earlier during the day.

"I saved the best for last," he said.

Fisher said that he believes college students have become too cynical.

He said that college students should be idealistic, not cynical.

"My feeling is that this county is in trouble," he said. "It's in trouble because of the forces of cynicism that are invading democracy."

Fisher, a Dallas businessman, thinks that Washington needs a businessperson instead of a politician.

"We need to send people to Washington who have been on the receiving end of politics," he said. "I am proud not to be a professional politician."

He said he doesn't believe Texas currently has proper representation in the Senate.

"Texas needs a voice in Washington," he said. "Right now, we don't have a voice."

Fisher said he supports President Clinton on the crime bill and NAFTA, but disagrees with his health care plan.

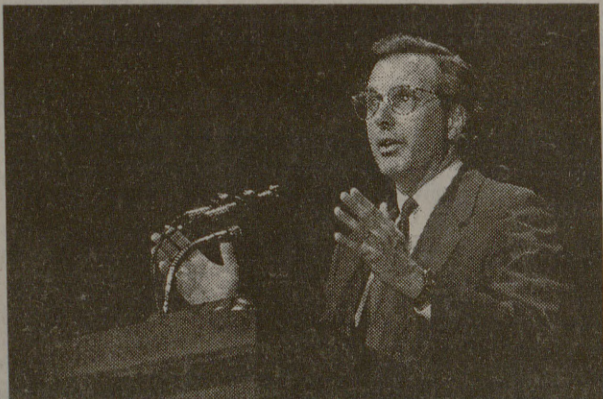
He said if Clinton does invade Haiti with the support of his joint chiefs of staff, he will support him.

"It should be done quickly and forcefully with muscle," he said. "We should not become an occupying force in Haiti."

He said that, if elected, he will voluntarily limit himself to 12 years in office.

Fisher said he has spent more than \$3 million of his own money for his campaign and refuses to accept money from political action committees.

He said that he thinks that senators should be paid less.



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Richard Fisher, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, spoke in Rudder Theater last night about his campaign for a Senate seat and his objectives if elected.

"I don't believe a senator should be paid more than a teacher," he said.

He also thinks that students should not be given so many privileges.

"No wonder it cost so much to run for office," he said. "If you're elected, you get so many privileges."

Fisher, a father of four, said he believes in family values.

"We have to get back to family values," he said.

"We can't legislate family values from Washington, but we can live by example."

Fisher said that his family epitomizes the American dream. His father had a fifth grade education and was a homeless immigrant. Fisher graduated from Harvard, Oxford, and Stanford.

Though he is trailing in the polls, Fisher is confident that he will win the election.

"My job as a United States Senator," he said, "is to do what is right for the people of Texas and the people of the United States."



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Don't mess with me!

Delilah, a lioness living at Texas A&M's Exotic Wildlife Center, lazily protects her bowling ball.

Investigation under way into housing surplus

By Amanda Fowle
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Officials from the Department of Student Affairs are investigating possible causes for the surplus of available on-campus housing this semester.

There are 459 vacancies in non-Corps of Cadets residence halls and 177 vacancies in cadet halls.

Chareny Putney, associate director of residence life, said the

department is analyzing its statistics to determine what happened to cause the surplus.

Ron Sasse, director of student affairs, said that more students this year canceled their housing contracts or did not show-up to move in than in the past.

"We know that cancellations were up and no-shows were up," he said.

"We know it happened, but we don't know why it happened.

That's why we are doing this investigation."

Putney said about 1,700 students who applied for housing were not given rooms.

She said that the Housing Office looks at trends from past years to determine the number of spaces available.

They determine the number of applications to accept from these numbers and turn the rest away.

"It's like admissions," she said.

"We look at past trends in cancellations and no-shows, and try to make a prediction of how many students we can accept."

Allison Smith, coordinator of off-campus student programs, said that the Office of Student Life Programs helped many of

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Baseball players, owners cancel remainder of season

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball, its history and lore so deeply woven into the fabric of America, is in shreds. The World Series, played without fail for 89 years and 524 games, is canceled.

A \$2 billion battle between owners and major leaguers proved to be the game's undoing Wednesday, the 34th day of the players' strike.

"There cannot be any joy on any side," acting commissioner Bud Selig said in Milwaukee.

The end via fax machine following a telephone conference among owners.

"This is a sad day," Selig's statement said. "Nobody wanted this to happen, but the continuing player strike leaves us no choice but to take this action."

"We have reached the point where it is no longer practical to complete the remainder of the season or to preserve the integrity of postseason play."

The game was halted with 18 days left in an extraordinary season. And along with it went the new, expanded playoffs and the Series.

Twenty-six of the 28 teams voted to cancel. The Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos agreed in principle, but didn't sign the resolution; Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott refused to go along, saying that perhaps minor leaguers should be used, according to Selig.

For the first time since professional baseball leagues began

in 1871, a major league season was played with no conclusion. And for the first time since 1904, there will be no World Series.

"This is a sad day, a disappointing day, and a terrible day," Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tom Lasorda said by telephone from his home in Fullerton, Calif.

"When you don't have the playoffs and World Series, this is unbelievable. Who would have ever thought it would come to this?"

Said former commissioner Peter Ueberroth, who negotiated an end to the 1985 strike after two days: "Baseball games are won and lost because of errors. The losers are the fans and there is no winner. 1994 — the season that struck itself out."

West Campus Library offers electronic information

By Lisa Messer
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The new West Campus Library will provide the College of Business Administration and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with state of the art electronic information in business and agriculture.

The library, which opened its doors on a limited basis Aug. 22, will be fully functional by the beginning of the spring semester, when the College of Business Administration relocates to the Wehner Building on West Campus.

Jane Dodd, head of the West Campus Library, said the new facility is primarily focused on providing electronic information.

"The focus of the library will be the R.C. Barclay Reference and Retailing Resources Center," Dodd said. "Through the Barclay Center, students and faculty can search CD-ROM data bases and other information resources via

computer."

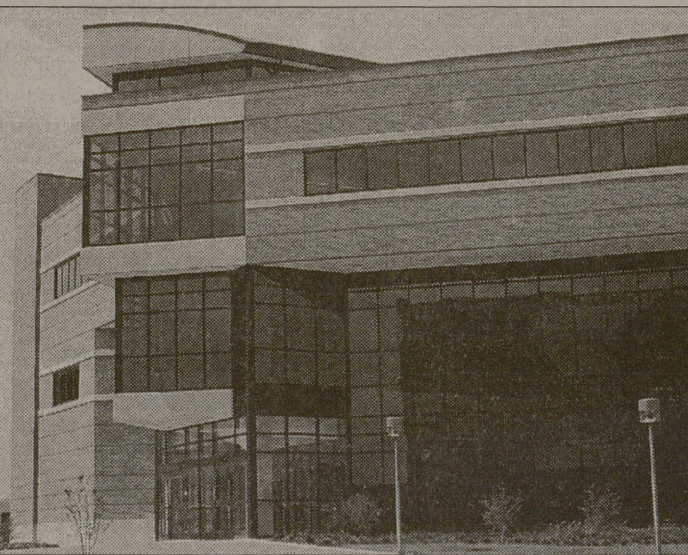
The Barclay Center will consist of 38 microcomputer stations. The library will also house a microcomputer center operated by Computing and Information Services, she said.

"The microcomputer center will function just like the Academic Computer Center in Blocker," Dodd said. "There will be 150 computers connected to the campus network."

Dodd said the library will also provide access to Internet.

She said primary materials will play a limited role at the West Campus Library.

"We'll have a core collection of journals and reference books in business and agriculture," Dodd said. "We want students to understand the tremendous amount of information available to them in a variety of forms."



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The West Campus Library opened its doors on Aug. 22 and focuses on providing electronic information.

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