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undergraduate and graduate students," Sawtelle said.

Graduate students and faculty, not undergraduates, can check out loose and bound periodicals for four hours so they can take them somewhere else to photocopy.

Therefore, undergraduates have no choice about where they copy something.

Sawtelle said most graduate students do not have enough time to go off campus to copy something in a four-hour period.

"Evans Library is an outstanding library and will continue to be if it meets the needs of its customers," Sawtelle said.

"The bottom line is students at Texas A&M are the customers, and as customers we should be treated in the same way as in corporate America and the private sector," Sawtelle said.

He contacted a faculty member on the library council asking him to bring up the issue in the council's next meeting, but

the issue was already brought up by another council member.

Dr. Jim Bradford, an associate professor of military history, is the College of Liberal Arts representative on the library council.

Bradford said students have complained to him because they did not receive refunds from debit cards they used in past semesters and because of the price increase.

Students have also complained because they can make cheaper copies off campus than on campus.

Bradford said the library should have made better arrangements to get money back to students with debit cards.

Smith said students who did not receive refunds from last semester's debit cards can go to Dittos Copies on Dominik Road to get their refunds.

Smith said all photocopy and microcopy machines in the library accept debit cards.

Bradford said he would like to see the profits from the copiers go into student services in the library.

Profits from the copying machines are divided between the

library, the copy center and Texas Copy, the company who had the best price and who previously had the library contract, Smith said.

He said A&M decided not to choose Texas Copy because in the past equipment was frequently out of order and the quality of copies was poor.

"I would visit the library and see the copies students would receive and I would get embarrassed," Smith said. "I ended up reimbursing students from my own pocket."

Colleen Cook, an associate professor in the library, said the new services have been successful.

"We are very much trying to increase the quality of services we provide," Cook said. "One basic service that is fundamental is having quality photocopiers and microcopiers. We wanted quality machines."

Cook said all copying in the library is a part of an overall system.

"People need to look at the overall system," she said. "The increase in price is a result of providing new microcopying machines that provide quality copies too."

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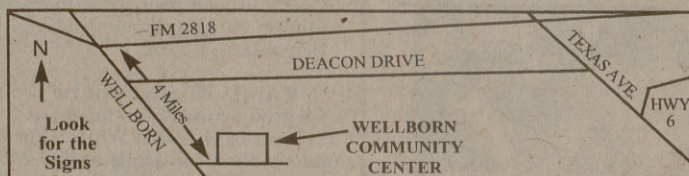
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tions, doing library research and contacting government agencies and legislators," she said.

"The research is general in the beginning, and then we begin to dig," Womack said.

Partain said LSG decides on the issues and then the committee members research them.

"LSG works all year," she said.

"In the fall we do research, and in the spring we go to Austin and we also continue research," Partain said.

Partain said the health center fee is another issue LSG is working on.

The Legislature is trying to increase the health center fee, but we want to put a cap on it," she said. "We're working on that and it will go through the Legislature."

She said LSG is working on the speaker's bureau, which was originally called the President's Speaking Bureau, and was organized by the University's public relations office.

"The bureau is a grass-roots effort where university administrators and students talk to hometown groups about higher education," she said. "We are working on sending more committee members out to do that."

Womack said several students have contacted her about certain issues and how they can voice their opinions.

"We are working on the Aggie Poll," she said.

"It's a questionnaire about things like tuition and financial aid that will allow us to get input from students," Womack said.

She said the poll is important because LSG is working for the students.

"They are our main concern," she said.

Womack said the group is well-respected in Austin.

"Over the years we've built up high standards and a reputation," she said.

"When we walk into a legislator's office, they often already know who we are," Womack said.

She said some legislative offices call LSG to get information.

Partain said LSG definitely has an effect on the Texas Legislature.

"Our information is always good and we're reliable," she said.

"We've worked to keep appropriations high and tuition low," Partain said.

She said LSG not only advises on the issues they research, but they also watch bills coming through the Legislature and make sure nothing will hurt Texas A&M.

Tobin Boenig, Student Senate speaker, said LSG does a good job.

"The information that they gather is high quality," he said.

Members of LSG spend a lot of time in Austin in the spring.

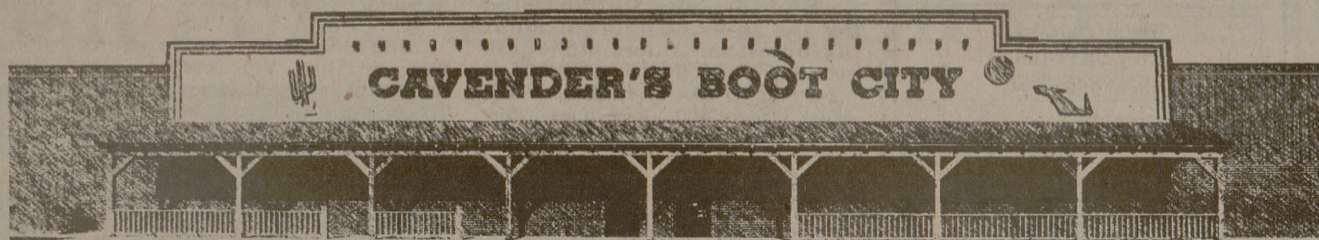
Partain said she will spend one or two days a week in Austin when the Legislature is in session.

"Each committee member will also spend time there and we try to have someone there at all times," she said.

Boenig said Partain will speak at the Senate meetings next semester to keep senators and the student body president informed of issues going through the Legislature.

"We want to send senators to Austin next semester, and Kathy will help organize and educate us," he said.

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