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## raduate Student Council pports bill to waive tuition

BY SAMEH FAHMY The Battalion

s A&M Graduate Student has given its support to a ouse of Representatives bill d to give graduate students sistantships tuition waivers ney have completed their

se Bill 315, authored by Rep. n Maxey, is being considered by House Committee on Higher

o qualify for an assistantship, which graduate students get r teaching or research, stuts must be enrolled in nine during fall and spring seand six hours in summer ers. After they complete r coursework, they typically on a thesis or dissertation, ch does not involve structured

Anneliese Reinemeyer, presi-

dent of Graduate Student Council, said the existing system places an unfair burden on students

'Once you get to the end of your coursework, you're paying for class-es you're not taking," she said. "We're paying tuition so that we can be employed by the University.

Reinemeyer said the waiver is essential if Texas universities plan to attract talented graduate students.

Reinemeyer said many universi-ties, including the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and the University of Wisconsin at Madison, waive tuition and are more attractive to prospective graduate students.

'Texas universities are just not competitive," she said. "They can-not get the best students to come." Opponents of the bill have argued that offering tuition waivers

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# **ISC hosts off campus Jousing Fair today**

**BY RACHEL HOLLAND** The Battalion

udents will be offered an opunity to get started on next 's off-campus housing search from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in ISC at the 15th Annual ng Fair.

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Off-Campus Student Services, partment of Student Life of the Housing Fair, will also e information tables acey Forman, assistant coorfor Adult, Graduate & mpus Student Services. e fair is a convenient way lar price, REE. <sub>Exp. 5/99</sub> students to obtain informaabout off-campus housing

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80 apartment complexes," she said. "They can show up to one place and compare and contrast the prices and amenities for all of the apartments.

The 1999 Texas A&M University Off Campus Living Survival Manual and information on roommate referral services will be available from Off-Campus Student Services.

The manual explains how to go through the housing search," Forman said. "It details amenities, like if an apartment is on the and pr



REACH sponsors awareness panel at MSC **BY PING-YA HSU** The Battalion

As part of National Eating Dis-orders Awareness Week, an information panel and video to inform students about prevention of eating disorders will be held tonight at 8:30 in MSC 206

The panel will include Dr. Mary Anne Moore, psychologist with the student counseling services, Dr. Ann Reed, associate director and head of clinical services at A.P. Beutel Health Center, Dr. Jane Cohen, health education coordinator and nutrition specialist at the Department of Student Health Services, and a student recovering from an eating disorder.

"Mirror, Mirror — The Truth Be-hind Eating Disorders" is sponsored by Student Health Services, Student Counseling Service, Aggie Representatives Educating About College Health (REACH) and Student Dietetic Association.

"There is a deeper underlying cause of the problem," Cohen said. "We want to outreach our students and educate them that there is a team approach to treatment. Any deviant way of using food to compensate for any psychological condition can be considered an eating disorder if it is harmful to the individual.'

Cohen said the two most common eating disorders are anorexia and bulimia, and 25 percent of college women are affected by bulimia. One to two of every 100 teenage girls is anorexic.

"An important first step in overcoming an eating disorder is to acknowledge to yourself that you

e thing that will really benidents is that in one stop can get information on over

Forman said the manuals will be available for the first time today, but students not attending the fair can still obtain them through the the Off Campus Student Services office.

Kelly Taylor-Cone, leasing consultant at College Park-The Enclave, said students should begin their housing search early.

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Di Fontenot, director of the A&M Childern's Center and Class of '88, worked in her office for several hours with a parakeet on her head. The parakeet was found when it landed on a child's head in the playground at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. Fontenot said the center will keep the bird as a pet if no one claims it.

have a problem and are in need of outside help," Cohen said.

A.P. Beutel Health Center has physicians who provide physical assessment of students suffering from eating disorders. Other organizations on campus who help students with eating disorders are the A&M Mentor Program and Aggie REACH.

Cohen said she hopes the panel will provide more information about eating disorders and increase student awareness.

### ymposium rovides iformation n medical chool options **BY LISA K. HILL** The Battalion

The ninth annual Health Profesmposium provided informamedical school acceptance nedical school options to 800 stu-Tuesday

ron Harrison, director of adns at Texas Tech University Science Center School of Pharsaid A&M students are at the of her list for recruiting.

We find that A&M students are Il prepared for health careers," she "Last year, among the 66 stu-) a.m.-2:30 p<sup>m</sup> its we accepted in our pharmacy ool, 10 were Aggies.

Harrison provided students with aw. \$25 Cash privided students with ints and various entry-level doctorograms

> Anne Blum, Executive Council alth Organizations (ECHO) advissaid she was pleased with student



Elizabeth Neugart, a Class of '97 medical student, talks to Lyndon Kurtz, the associate director of Biomedical Science, in the MSC Flagroom at the ECHO Health Symposuium yesterday.

turnout at the symposium. Sixty-five medical schools were represented this year

"We had a steady flow of students all day," she said. "Students were excited at the number of schools and the amount of information we made available to them.

Blum said among the participants, several former students attended to advise students. Fourteen former Texas A&M students represented the University of Texas at San Antonio-Medical School and answered ques-

Murali Mamidi, UT medical student and member of the Class of '97, tried to ease students' tension.

"I remember how intimidating it was to come and talk to the deans, he said. "It's a lot easier to talk to former students who have experience and have been in their position."

Mamidi said he and the other students from San Antonio aimed to make the symposium a comfortable atmosphere for the students.

Dentistry, pharmacy, pediatrics and other medical fields were represented at the fair.

Amy Todd, a sophomore biology major, attended the symposium pursuing advice on pediatric schools.

The fair was beneficial," she said. "There are options out there that I didn't know about and, as a sophomore,

## **Student Senate gathers opinions** concerning proposed legislation

#### **BY MEGAN E. WRIGHT** The Battalion

Students who wish to voice concerns about various issues on campus will have an opportunity throughout today

Student Senate is sponsoring Constituency Day today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with senators at six locations throughout campus

Amy Magee, Speaker of the Student Senate and a senior psychology major, said the main focus of today's effort will be gathering opinions concerning the proposed West Campus parking garage to assist the senators while they are deliberating a bill to voice the opinion of the campus.

'Because it is such a pressing issue, we want the students' opinions about this because the proposed bill is going for the final reading at the next Student Senate meeting," Magee said. "We will take all of the comments we gather into consideration, and when we finally present it to the administration, we'll give them the reactions as well.'

Magee said the event occurs twice a year and solicits student responses to issues affecting them.

'The purpose of Constituency Day is to reach out to the constituents and students at A&M," Magee said. "In a way it helps educate people, and we take their opinions down and relay them to the administration.

Magee said Constituency Day is typically held once per semester, but the Senate is trying to

schedule at least two for this semester.

Magee said the format for Constituency Day was changed last semester to include more locations for better access.

"I think these days are an excellent success," Magee said. "We recently moved the format from one location to six, and we have received a lot better feedback.

Senators will be available at:

• MSC

Richardson Petroleum Engineering

Zachry Building

Commons Lobby Area

Sbisa Dining Hall

Kleberg Animal & Food Sciences

Wehner Building