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Faculty Senate revises Student Rules book

BY MELISSA JORDAN
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Organizations, however, would not apply to graduate student organizations which presumably do not include students under the legal drinking age.

Dr. Diane Kaplan, speaker of the Faculty Senate, said the senate's revisions to the 1999-2000 Student Rules would decrease open, unregulated parties.

"The emphasis is on reducing the availability of alcohol to minors at University organization functions," Kaplan said.

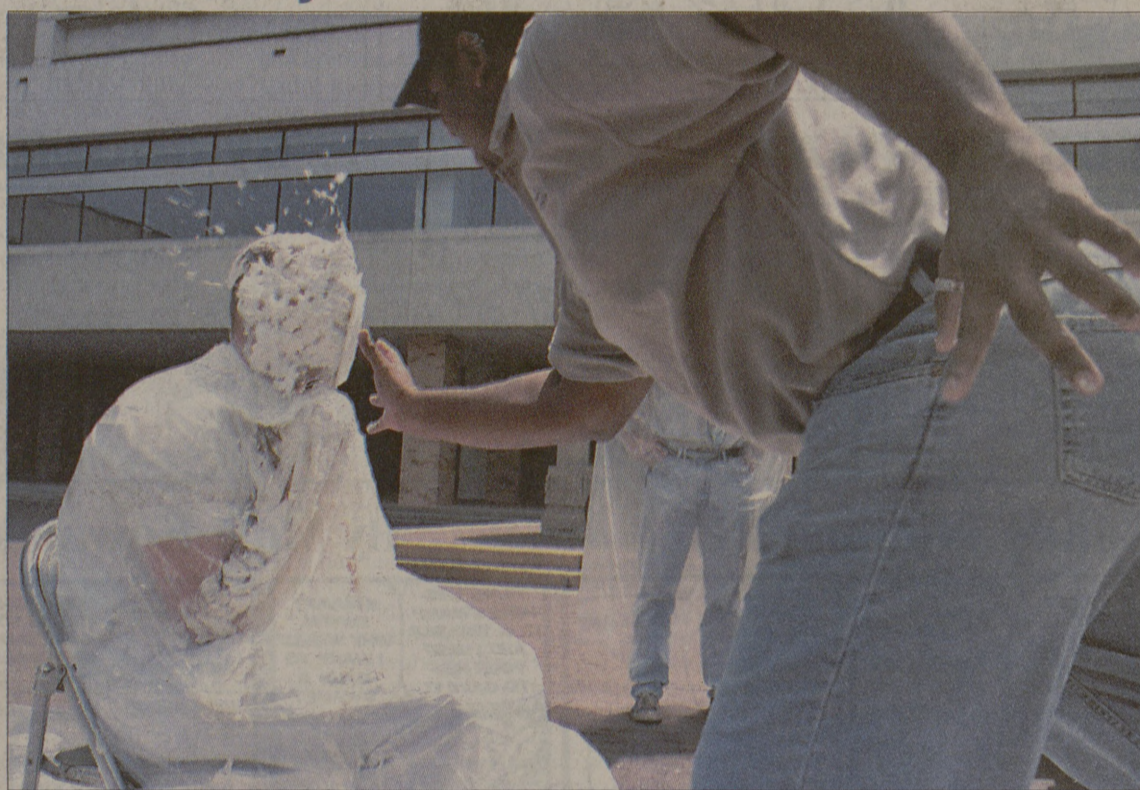
One senator said it is important for Texas A&M to promote awareness that alcohol is not an educational tool and is not beneficial to students' educations.

In other business, the senate approved a program yesterday to provide a framework for students who have finished three-quarters of their course work to obtain early admission to the South Texas College of Law.

A&M will be the only school to enter such an agreement with South Texas, providing students with a unique educational opportunity to complete their bachelor and law degrees in a reduced length of time.

The senate also discussed Texas House of Representatives Bill 315, a bill that would affect the tuition, fees, student loan and some other benefits for certain graduate students employed as teaching assistants, assistant instructors or research assistants at public institutions of higher education.

Pie in the eye



SALLIE TURNER/THE BATTALION

Ricky Wood, who was elected junior yell leader Thursday, gets a pie in the face Monday from Roscoe Mapps, a senior political science major, as part of Residence Hall Association Week.

Head yell leader named for '99-'00

BY NONI SRIDHARA
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Jeff Bailey, an agricultural systems management major, was chosen as Head Yell Leader yesterday for the 1999-2000 school year.

Bailey said his responsibilities will include speaking on behalf of the five yell leaders and making decisions in the absence of the other four. Bailey emphasized equality among the five yell leaders.

"Just because of the title of head yell leader, I am not higher than any of the other yell leaders, besides being a senior," he said. "Even though I might have to make individual decisions, they will be based around the team of five guys."

Bailey said their credibility will be the key factor in the

upcoming year.

"It is not an issue of Corps versus non-reg anymore," he said.

"It is an issue of five guys [who have been] elected by the student body and have one goal which is to work together to represent our school."

Rusty Thompson, assistant director of student programs and yell leader adviser, said eight students and eight staff members interviewed each of the three senior yell leaders into 30-minute sessions. One of the students on the advisory committee was Brandon Neff, current head yell leader.

Thompson said before making its recommendation, the panel discussed each candidate's strengths, weaknesses and skills. The panel made a recommendation to Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, to make the final decision.



MIKE FUENTES/THE BATTALION

The candidates for head yell leader (l to r) were Dusty Batsell, Jeff Bailey and John Bloss. Bailey, an agricultural systems management major was chosen for the position Monday.

Bailey and the yell leaders said their goal for the upcoming year is for people to see five yell leaders giving it everything they have got.

Neff said other responsibilities of the head yell leader include scheduling what meetings the yell leaders go.

"There might be three different places where yell leaders are needed as representatives, so the head yell leader decides who has to go where," he said.

Thompson said the first major event for the new yell leaders will be this weekend at the Parents' Weekend yell practice.

MSC OPAS unveils events for 27th season

BY MEGAN E. WRIGHT
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Broadway musicals, dance pieces and an opera are among the features unveiled to perform for Texas A&M's MSC Opera and Performing Arts Society (OPAS) during its 27th season for 1999-2000.

Stephannie Oriabure, director of student development for OPAS and a senior history major, said the process of planning an OPAS season begins nearly two years before the tentative performances.

"It takes a normal school year to get the final details, but the actual brainstorming can begin as early as the spring semester two years before the scheduled season," Oriabure said. "At the end of the spring semester two years in advance, everybody responsible for planning gets together and meets fairly regular after that. When they have an idea of what they want, they report that to the board of directors of OPAS for final approval."

Performances for the upcoming season include "The Nutcracker," featuring the Moscow City Ballet; "Spirit of the Dance," featuring Irish International Dance Company; "Romeo and Juliet," featuring Ballet Theatre de l'Opera de

Upcoming events for the 1999-2000 MSC OPAS season include:

- Don Cossacks of Rostav
- Preservation Hall Jazz Band
- The King and I
- The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber
- The Nutcracker
- Spirit of the Dance
- Romeo and Juliet
- The Barber of Seville
- Annie

Bordeaux; and "Barber of Seville," featuring NYC Opera National Company.

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Blood shortage, rivalry drive fraternities challenge

BY CARRIE BENNETT
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The Texas A&M and University of Texas chapters of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity, have challenged each other to a blood-drive competition to help alleviate U.S. blood shortages.

Every three seconds a patient in the United States needs blood due to car accidents, operations and organ transplants, and approximately 40,000 units (pints) of blood are used each day.

Blood centers constantly face shortages of types O and B blood, and shortages of all blood types are common during summer and winter holidays.

Alpha Phi Omega and Carter Blood Care of Dallas are sponsoring a blood drive on campus this week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Commons Lobby, Blocker Building, Rudder Tower and Sbis Dining Hall.

Paige Reynolds, one of the blood drive chairs and a junior poultry science major, said A&M and UT will calculate the total

amount of blood that is donated and determine who obtained more.

"If we collect more units of blood than they do, their chapter has to dress in maroon and take a picture and send it to us," Reynolds said.

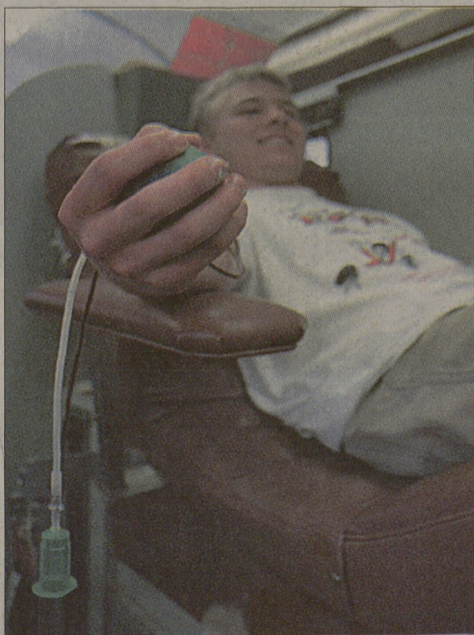
"And if they collect more units of blood than we do, our chapter has to dress in orange and take a picture to send to them."

To be eligible to donate blood, a person must be at least 17-years-old and weigh at least 110 pounds. According to the American Blood Centers, 60 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, but only 5 percent actually donate.

Reynolds said Alpha Phi Omega is expecting to collect 1,000 units this week.

"We will have to turn some people away because of low iron counts, so we will actually have more than 1,000 people attempt to donate, but we will end up with about 1,000 units total," Reynolds said.

The average blood donation process takes one hour from start to finish, and the actual donation takes about six to eight



GUY ROGERS/THE BATTALION

Aaron Cadle, a freshman computer science major, donates blood Thursday.

minutes. According to the American Blood Centers, after donating, a person should drink more liquids than usual, eat a hearty meal and refrain from smoking for at least a few minutes after donating.

Senator seeks higher salaries for faculties of universities

BY NONI SRIDHARA
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Senator Gonzalo Barrientos has filed a rider, an attachment to the General Appropriations Bill, calling for a 7 percent salary increase for all faculty in public universities throughout Texas.

Charles Zucker, executive director of the the Texas Faculty Association, said the purpose of the proposed rider is to provide faculty members with some degree of specificity with regard to the amount of salary increase they may receive.

According to data from the National Education Association 1999 Almanac of Higher Education, the average 1997-1998 faculty salary in Texas public uni-

versities was \$3,789 below the national average, and Texas ranked 29th in the United States in terms of the average faculty salary.

William Krumm, vice president for finance and controller at Texas A&M, said A&M lags behind the national average, but it is hard to compare the University with other schools.

"We compare ourselves with our peers on a program-by-program basis," he said. "It is very hard to find schools with our exact same mix of programs."

Krumm said an example is a comparison with the University of Texas.

"We have an agriculture school and veterinary school, but they have a law

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