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Student safety bills considered

BY JEANETTE SIMPSON
The Battalion

The 52nd session of the Student Senate's last meeting to consider new items of legislation will focus on three bills created to enhance student safety.

The first bill, if approved, will create a Lupe Medina Program committee within the Student Government Association (SGA). The Lupe Medina Program is a student managed program to prevent drowsy driving. Created at Texas A&M, it has grown to include more than 80 hotels in Texas and surrounding states which offer a discount to weary travelers.

"This program deserves the rights and privileges to be a full committee in the Student Government Association," said Robert Furgeson, student senator and a junior political science major.

In an effort to reduce congestion which will be faced by resident students during the construction of the West Campus Parking garage and on Wellbom Road, several senators have authored a bill which will temporarily move all resident parking spaces to main campus.

"This bill will propose that parking and transportation services change the parking areas adjacent to Kyle Field into resident parking only and move the commuter parking areas located in this area to West Campus," said Justin Strickland, chairperson of Student Services and a junior political science major.

If passed, the bill would suggest changing parking areas 48, 62, 69 and 91 to resident lots. Parking areas 61, 63 north and 63 south on West Campus will become commuter lots.

"This proposed change is only temporary and was designed to eliminate the hazard that resident students would face if forced to move around the construction and road work," Strickland said.

The final bill, created to make A&M a safer place, proposes that a formal crosswalk across Agronomy Road be considered under emergency consent. This means that a vote is not required for the bill to be accepted unless a senator disagrees with the bill.

Several other bills will be considered. A bill supporting the Resident Hall Association's decision to place bicycle racks outside the Northside parking garage will also be considered under emergency consent. Other bills to be voted on are those which clarify the Student Government constitution and create an International Student Leaders of the Americas conference.

Movin' on



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San Francisco jewelry maker and vendor **Poliane Paniago** packs up her work after being told to leave by University officials. Paniago, who travels all over the country selling jewelry, was selling her goods on campus outside the Memorial Student Center Tuesday without a permit. She says that she tried but failed to obtain one from the University. Mildred Wright, the University Manager of Scheduling and Services said that the University's permit policy is not intended to suppress the artists but to keep campus officials aware of who is selling what and where.

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Campus Calendar

Wednesday

Hispanic Graduate Students' Association: There will be a reception and book reading honoring Dr. Marco Portalis on his book "Crowding Out Latinos" at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble.

Catholic Student Association Student Women's Group meets every Wednesday 6-8p.m. at St. Mary's Activity Center room 204.

Catholic Student Association Graduate Student's Fellowship meets every Wednesday, 7:30p.m. in St. Mary's Activity Center room 207.

Catholic Students Association Aggie-on campus Bible Study every Wednesday 8:30-9:30p.m. in Rudder Tower.

TAMU Amateur Radio Club: There will be a general meeting followed by a tour of the station at 7:30p.m. in MSC 352. Contact Sampath Samaras at 268-8158

VASA: Elections in Rudder 704 at 8:30p.m. for more information contact Marie at 847-0000

Aggie Libertarians: There will be a general meeting with special guest speaker Gil Guillory, Libertarian candidate for US Rep. #8 in Rudder 501 at 8:30p.m.

Thursday

Graduate Christian Fellowship of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (Grad IVCF): Grad students at 7:30p.m. for Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and more. Please see our Website at <http://stat.tamu.edu/~ivcf/> for locations and more information. Contact Jen or Mark at 764-1552.

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