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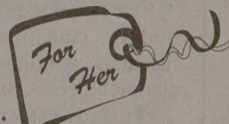
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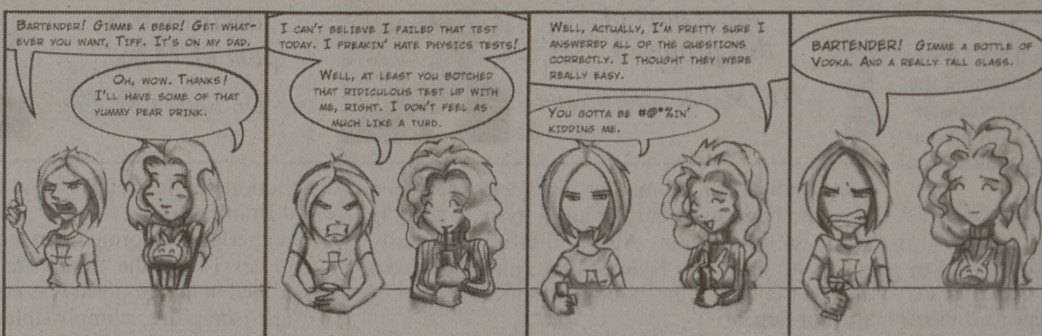
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Senate

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included adding RLEM 314, principles of rangeland management, to the core curriculum; deleting MUSC 102 and MUSC 202 from the core curriculum; and resolving issues regarding 489 courses. All proposals were approved.

A motion was also passed to add 11 new courses to the core curriculum for the B.S. degree in biomedical engineering.

The prefix SCOM will also be changed to COMM to accommodate both speech communication and telecommunication media studies.

Curriculum changes will take effect in the B.A. degree for

speech communication, as well as the B.A. and B.S. degree for telecommunication media studies.

The College of Liberal Arts will also create a minor in Africana Studies, which will include a minimum of 18 hours of specified courses. Courses are currently offered in English, history, speech communication, anthropology and sociology.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman sentenced for Anthrax hoax

SCRANTON, Pa. - A woman who participated in mailing 17 anthrax hoax letters - including two to President Bush - has been sentenced to 30 months in prison, officials said.

The letters containing a white, powdery substance were mailed to local, state and federal officials at the height of the anthrax scare in fall 2001, authorities said.

Rosemary Zavrel, 59, and Emily Forman, 27, mailed the letters and used two juveniles' names as the senders, seeking revenge for threats against Zavrel's son, U.S. Attorney Thomas A. Marino said.

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knowledgeable of the issues; we will prepare you with the issues and teach you how to communicate that message effectively to the legislator."

Gonzales said reactions about this statement were upsetting, and that it was intended to invite and ease the fears of alumni who may not have any experience talking with legislators. She said the Texas Exes have encouraged alumni to share their personal stories.

Tatge said the Association of Former Students has not attempted to instruct volunteers on what they should say in

Austin.

"We are all Aggies and we all know the value of our education and diplomas, and we want to share our stories with the legislators so they know the value of our education and diplomas," she said.

"We all value our degrees and we want to see that the institutions that provided that degree is as successful," Gonzales said.

Former and current students from A&M and UT will meet with staff members and legislators in their capitol offices as part of the Orange & Maroon Legislative Day.

More information about this initiative is available at www.orange-maroon.org.

Democrats

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released on bail, rather than have the prosecution prove why they should be held; and allow the deportation of U.S. citizens who become members of or help terrorist groups.

Ashcroft said no decisions have been made on a final proposal for an expansion of the USA Patriot Act. Officials were working with "a full range of ideas" while keeping one thing paramount: "The most important guideline is the Constitution of the United States," he said.

Several Democrats called on Ashcroft to come to the Capitol and explain the department's thinking.

"There have been no consultations with the committee on this bill," said Michigan Rep. John Conyers, senior Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, and Reps. Robert Scott, D-Va., and Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, in a letter to the Justice Department.

"The department's handling of this matter has only lent credence to suggestions that this administration is intent on using the war on terrorism as a partisan political tool and the Justice Department is waiting to spring this bill on the Congress when the nation once again has endured a terrorist attack or is in the midst of war," the three Democrats wrote.

They asked the Justice Department to respond to their letter by Saturday.

"We will review it as we do all congressional requests," said Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo.

The original law was passed by Congress after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. It gave the government broad new powers to use wiretaps, electronic and computer eavesdropping searches and a wide range of other information-gathering techniques. It also broke down the traditional wall between FBI investigators and intelligence agents.

Democrats say they have asked Justice officials for months about what they wanted for a new anti-terror law.

"If there is going to be a sequel to the USA Patriot Act, the process of writing it should be open and accountable," said Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee. "It should not be shrouded in secrecy, steeped in unilateralism or tinged with partisanship."

"The early signals from the administration about its intentions for this bill are ominous," Leahy said. "I hope Justice Department officials will change the way they are handling this."

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