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Friday, November 20, 1970

Windy, Saturday-Clear. Winds southeasterly 5-10 mph. Low 38°. High colder

Sunday - Clear to partly cloudy. Winds southerly 10-15 mph. Low 49°. High 77°.

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Vestal outlines proposed board increase to Senate

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE Battalion Editor

Student senators Thursday ight were given an explanation of reasons behind a proposed oom-board fee increase which will be presented to the Texas A&M Board of Directors when meets next week.

The increases, if approved by oard members, would become efective with the 1971 fall semeser. They would boost room rent by around eight per cent and board cost by about 12 per cent. Director of Management Serves Howard L. Vestal, who made the presentation, had explained the reasons behind the increase to the Senate's Executive Committee Tuesday. Members thought the issue sufficiently important warrant presentation to the

entire Senate.

Under the proposed increase, esidents of Mitchell, Milner, Legett and Hotard Halls would pay an additional \$5 each semester for room rent, an increase of bout 5 per cent over the \$105 arrently charged. Residents of law, Puryear, Hart and Walton Halls would pay \$10 more, an inease of around eight per cent over the current \$120.

Cadets living in dorms and cillians living in air-conditioned ncreased almost nine per cent, paying about \$190 instead of the at the meeting.

Vestal said the proposed in-

\$26 to \$250—a 12 per cent in- plained. crease. Seven-day plan fees also would be raised \$12 per cent to \$280, a \$29 increase.

The proposed increases would raise the fees of a student on the seven-day board plan living in a non-air-conditioned hall without a phone from \$380 to \$414, a \$34 boost. For a student on the fiveday plan in one of the halls the increase would be \$31 to \$386.

For a student on the seven-day plan in a non-air-conditioned hall with a phone, the increase would put his bill at \$433; for one on the five-day plan, \$405.

Fees for a student on the sevenday plan in an air-conditioned hall (all of which have phones), the increase would mean a \$492 bill; for the five-day plan student, a \$464 bill.

In introducing Vestal, Senate President Kent Caperton said Vestal had requested as little publicity as possible concerning what sider the increases. he had to say about the proposed

Vestal said Caperton had "understated" the request, because he really was requesting no publicity concerning his presentation. He said board members have requested that no publicity be givalls would have their room rent en prior to board meetings on matters to be considered by them

"They don't like to read in The Battalion or The Daily Eagle

crease in board, if passed, would what they are going to do when dry fee increase, he said, because distributed through corps chanboost five-day board plan fees they haven't met yet," Vestal ex-

Vestal noted that, contrary to popular belief, the Food Services Department is self-supporting and receives no tax money or other state-allocated funds.

This also is true of other "auxiliary services" such as Easterwood Airport, the university laundry, the golf course and dormitory services, he explained.

Inflation is part of the reason behind a fee increase request, Vestal said, adding that for the 24month period ending in May 1970 the cost-of-living index rose 11.88 per cent.

During that same 24-month time span, he added, Texas A&M's room and board rates have remained stable.

The last increases in room and board were proposed in November of 1968. They were presented to the Senate on Nov. 21, one week before the board met to con-

Vestal presented figures showing Texas A&M's room and board fees were at least \$30 and usually over \$100 less than other state schools and schools in surrounding states. He also showed that between the fall of 1969 and the 1970-71 school year, room and board fees for other land-grant schools had risen between 6-10 per cent, and overall fees for the schools had risen 30 per cent.

He is not asking for a laun-

the laundry has been able to in- nels and the civilian residence troduce labor-saving equipment into the process. This, he said, saves on labor costs, "which are killing us."

He said he hopes he can go two or three more years before having to ask for an increase in the laundry fee.

Vestal provided figures showing that, in the two-year period of being decided. since the last fee increases, costs both in the residence hall and board areas have risen over 20 per cent. Much of this, he said, is caused by the Fair Labor Standards Act, which requires A&M to pay minimum wages set by the federal government.

A&M is limited to a 40-hour work week (instead of the 6-day, 9hour week it had been using), and is required to pay time-anda-half for overtime. Also, he said, wages had had to be increased to avoid a severe loss in takehome pay to employes.

Public Relations Chairman James P. O'Jibway reported his committee plans to sample student opinion through an operation feedback similar to one con-

cyclone victims will be held at 7

p.m. tonight in A&M's All Faiths

ties with Pakistan through Inter-

national Program activities, joins

hands with the local chapter of

the Pakistani Students' Associa-

tion of America in the observ-

neering doctoral student of Dacca,

East Pakistan, is president of the

YMCA coordinator Col. Logan

Weston will present the obituary

and introduce speakers in the 30-

minute Friday program at the

Kamaluddin Hyder, Pakistan

graduate student, and prof. R. E.

Vrooman, College of Architecture

faculty member who worked in

An Islamic prayer, the "Fa-

Pakistan through A&M's Inter-

teha," will be led by Essam-Al-

Hussaini. A Christian prayer of-

fered by Colonel Weston will be

of meditation and individual

The Pakistani Students' Asso-

ciation chapter invites concerned

individuals to contribute to a

Pakistan Cyclone Victims Fund.

Presentations will be made by

A&M chapter.

national Program.

The university, which has close

Pakistani students, university

hold service for cyclone dead

Memorial services for Pakistan Student Center and YMCA Main

hall staffs as well as at the Housing Office for day students.

The committee, O'Jibway said, is trying for a response by the entire student body instead of the 20-30 per cent that responded during the last poll.

He said questions and their wording still are in the process

David Reynolds, chairman of the Legal Rights Commission, told the Senate articles recently have appeared in The Battalion concerning the activities and purposes of his group. He said that as a result of the articles he receives about three or four phone Under the act, he said, Texas calls per week from students needing advice.

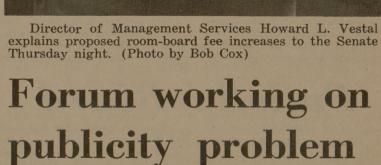
Caperton told senators a socalled Former Students Advisory Board will meet soon, possibly next month. He said the board will consist of former students and student leaders and provide an interchange of ideas between former and present students.

He emphasized the board is in no way a decision-making hody. It is, he stressed, an idea-exchange mechanism which will seek to promote understanding He said questionnaires will be between the two groups.

Lobby Saturday through Monday.

Cyclone Victims Fund may be

deposited in either box or sent



The soapbox forum will continue after Thanksgiving, Kent Caperton, student senate president, announced Thursday. The next one is scheduled for Dec. 3.

Sunday

"The program seems to be dying because of financial difficulties in publicizing the event," Caperton said. "Great Issues just hasn't had enough money to publicize it adequately, and the students didn't know about it taking Checks made to the Pakistan

> "I believe that student interest is there, we just have to let them know they have the opportunity to discuss the material.'

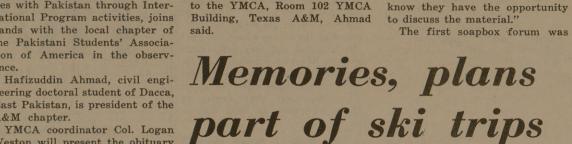
successful, but the second one scheduled had only mild student interest. Caperton said there is a possibility of having set topics to discuss much like the one held which dealt with the Vietnam

"What we will probably do is suggest a current topic in our publicity, but allow students to discuss any current affair he desires at the forum," Caperton

"The program needs money and we are thinking about going to Dean Hannigan to ask for a supplemental budget to help finance the program," he said. "It's too good to do nothing about, and I'm confident that Dean Hannigan sees as we do and will approve

He said some money is available now, and a campaign to publicize the program will begin as soon as possible.

He said that he doesn't know how much money the sponsors are going to ask Dean Hannigan for until a meeting is held with David Moore and Sam Drugan, forum moderators, and James (Rip) Russell, Great Issues chair-



It's worth snow down the col- base of the famous Grand Montets lar and cold feet, 1970 Ski the ski runs. Alps participants vow.

They are talking about 10 days at a French ski resort, tumbling in the white powdery stuff, modern resort apartments and sightseeing in the French Alps.

The less-athletically inclined refer to special rental car motoring trips through Europe.

"It's one of the most fun things I've ever done," said Dave)lmendorf, A&M football safety who went last January hopes to return to Europe with the university group again next January.

Ski the Alps '71 is part of the Memorial Student Center's Travel Committee, which has as its major tenet that every student should spend some time overdent should spend some time over-seas through one of the committee's programs.

Ski the Alps chairman Jim Summers admits his program has a different goal than the Experiment in International Living (EIL) and the International Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE).

The between-semesters jaunt is strictly for entertainment, Summers said. Students, former students and faculty-staff members who went last time bear him out.

"The trip was worth three times the money I paid," commented John Sharp, sophomore class president and student life chairman of the Student Senate. "I wouldn't trade the experience for anything."

From an educational standpoint, the 1971 jaunt Jan. 3-13 offers in some respect a mini-EIL or

"A friend and I spent five days in Paris seeing sights and soaking up culture and four days in Courchevel skiing and seeing those sights," Dave Mayfield, last year's Ski the Alps chairman who heads SCONA XVI said.

The upcoming trip will be to the Argentiere-Chamonix Valley in France Skiers will stay at the "Grand Roc" resort near Argentiere, an Alpine village at the

Included in the less than \$300 per person charge is ground transfers from the DC-8 landing in Geneva and back, nine nights lodging in hitel-convenience apartments of the self-contained resort. ski lessons, guides and a group slalom race.

"I bought a lot of extras and spent \$150," Elmendorf said. "It could have been done on less. The food was great too and very reasonable. Don't plan to sleep

GSC passes restriction

The Graduate Student Council adopted a reformed constitution yesterday that restricts membership on the council to graduate students with not greater than a 50 per cent faculty load, effective next fall.

The Graduate Student Council also observed a brief silence for the cyclone victims in East Pakistan. Kamalludin Hyder, Animal Science, called it perhaps the largest catastrophe of this cen-

"All we can do is express our sympathy," Hyder said, for the half million casualties.

The reformed constitution passed unanimously, except for the section defining eligibility for council membership. It was passed, after discussion and a legislative dead lock, on the second vote, nine to

Those members of the Graduate Student Council who have greater than a 50 per cent faculty load or more than 20 hours a week will (See GSC passes, page 3)

University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M."



MISS TEENAGE AMERI-CA, Debbie Susan Patton, participated in a service at All Faiths Chapel Thursday. (Photo by Patrick Fontana)

freshman president

Eight hundred fifty-nine freshmen made it to the polls for is class vice president. hursday's class runoff elections, and 591 of them combined to elect landy Maness their class presi-

Don A. Webb, with 616 votes,

The first-year students also elected John Rosenbaum secretary-treasurer and Richard Chapman social secretary.

Swimming facilities open free for Ags

nd Wofford Cain Pool is open cards. Faculty-staff and family or fitness and recreational swiming, Dr. Carl W. Landiss anounced this week.

The Health and Physical Eduation Department head said ersons eligible to use the pools clude A&M students, facultytaff members and their families.

Swimming facilities are operated by the department, with quatics director Dennis Fosdick

Downs Natatorium will be open r recreational swimming from 30 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Tueslays and Thursdays and Satur-

ded

P. L. Downs Jr. Natatorium will be admitted free on their ID

members must pay 25 cents each. Fosdick said that Downs pool 234 votes. users are required to wear caps.

He said Cain Pool will be open free of charge to students, faculty and staff in the noon fitness program from 12 noon to 1 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. He added that the period is for fitness swimming, not recreational

The department will have life guards on duty at both pools during the activity periods.

proper . In that race the five atlarge student senators for the Freshman Class were elected. They are Barbara Sears, L. R. (Buddy) King, Randy Ross, Rich-

cessing Center this morning, the

Thursday's runoff came one week after the class elections

ard C. Huddleston and Bill Clark. Balloting for the runoff was done via the IBM punch-card system first tried here last week. Locked boxes containing the ballots were taken to the Data Pro-

cards punched and counted. Maness was running against T. Mark Blakemore, who received 265 votes. Jimmy Laferney ran against Webb, but could pull only

Rosenbaum was seeking election over James K. Goode, who was able to tally a close 409 votes. Chapman was running against Chris St. John, who counted 359 votes to his name.

Election Commission members followed by a period of silence have said they are pleased with the success of the punch-card prayer. ballot system, and Commission President Mike Wiebe told the Student Senate Thursday night there is a good chance the meth-



George M!' company sings "Give My Regard to Boardway" ner, center in striped vest, starred as George M. Cohan.

Thursday night in the Bryan Civic Auditorium. Tony Tan- (Photo by Fran Hauge)