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SATURDAY — Clear to partly cloudy. Winds easterly 5 to 10 m.p.h. High 76, low 67.

SUNDAY — Partly cloudy. Winds southeasterly 15 to 20 m.p.h. High 81, low 62.

Fee increase handling annoys Student Senate

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE
Battalion Editor

Student senators Thursday night had a proposed increase in the building use fee sprung on them, and they reacted by passing a resolution expressing their "extreme displeasure" over the general handling of the matter, specifically the lack of student input.

Senators also passed resolutions concerning the Yell Leader Committee, pay for student body president and vice president and judicial reform, and voted to establish a student Better Business Bureau for next year.

Ed Cooper, assistant to the president for student affairs, began his explanation of the proposed fee increase by apologizing to the Senate for coming at such a late date.

A&M's board of directors is to act on the proposal when it meets here next Monday and Tuesday. Senators were particularly dis-

pleased because only a few weeks ago they had, at the request of Management Services Director Howard Vestal, approved a House bill giving the board authority to levy a \$5 student center complex fee beginning this fall. At the time, Vestal had assured senators there were no other new fees forthcoming.

Cooper explained that not even A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams had known about the building use fee increase until Tuesday, and that Vestal had told the Senate the truth as he knew it.

He attributed the problem to a lack of communications between administrators. The student center complex fee will pay for operation of the new complex, and the building use fee hike would be used to pay for construction bonds on the project. Cooper said the problem was those handling the bonds told no one of their plans.

"You've been told that when you buy a Cadillac you've got to pay for the gas," Cooper said. "Well, you've approved paying for the gas, now we need to pay for the Cadillac."

Allen Schlandt, director of audits and finance, was with Cooper and explained that the new MSC complex will involve \$19 million in bonds. Through university reserves and aid from the Association of Former Students, he said, the total left to be financed is \$6.5 million.

Cooper said the \$6.5 million comes down to \$22.50 per student. He explained \$5 will come from the fee increase, \$5 will come from tuition payments (Texas law allows this, but limits it to \$5), and \$12.50 will come from a redistribution of the existing building use fee.

Cooper said \$1.50 of the \$4 allotted to the library will go towards the MSC bonds; \$1.50 of the \$4 coliseum allotment; \$1.50 of the \$4 Kyle Field allotment; \$4 of the \$4 MSC allotment; and \$4 or the \$4 auditorium (Guion Hall) allotment.

In response to questioning, Cooper and Schlandt assured senators the redistribution will not hurt any of the facilities affected.

Schlandt explained that the building use fee money goes to retire bonds on the various buildings. The amounts devoted to the facilities were decided when bonds for them were sold, he said. Since then, more students paying the same fee has created a reserve.

He said the additional enrollment allows the bonds payments to be met at less cost per student. In some cases, he said, facilities

have been paid for and the money allotted to them allowed to build up a reserve.

He emphasized to senators that no operating funds were being affected.

Cooper assured senators the administration plans to seek much more student input in the future and termed the present situation "unfortunate."

Bill Brady (sr-Eng) said A&M has been free from major campus disturbances, and he thought perhaps the administration was acquiring the attitude of building things and letting the students pay for it. He said taking advantage of a cooperative student body could leave the field ripe for outside agitators.

Senate Vice President Roger Miller later introduced a resolution resolving that the Senate "express its extreme disapproval" of the way the fee increase was handled, and asking the administration to seek student input in matters affecting students.

The resolution further asks that student input be sought at a time when it can affect final decisions. The measure passed by voice vote.

Issues Chairman Kirby Brown told senators the Yell Leader Committee, just before the Easter break, had disqualified two candidates for senior yell leader, Brian Raines and Daryl Barrett. Both are civilian students and have long hair. Brown said the committee's action amounted to depriving the students of their right to choose whom they wanted.

He claimed it is absurd to decide in a five-minute interview a person does not have enthusiasm. Most senators agreed with Brown

that the committee should not have the power of screening yell leader candidates in advance, as it now does.

Chairman Malon Southerland, civilian corps advisor in the Mil-

itary Sciences Building, said his committee is composed of the deputy corps commander, a civilian Student Council vice president, Sanders Letbetter, assistant (See Senate, page 4)

Nation's top go-cart drivers here this weekend for races

Some of the nation's top ranked go-cart racers will visit the campus Saturday as part of the second annual Texas A&M Grand Prix go-cart races.

The civilian weekend attraction will begin at 9 a.m. in parking lot No. 50 across from the new Engineering Building with time trials being held for both single and double engine cars. The competitors will then be split into two classes based on the fastest times.

The first class will begin its finals at noon, followed by a special exhibition, featuring some of the top ranked go-carts and drivers in the nation.

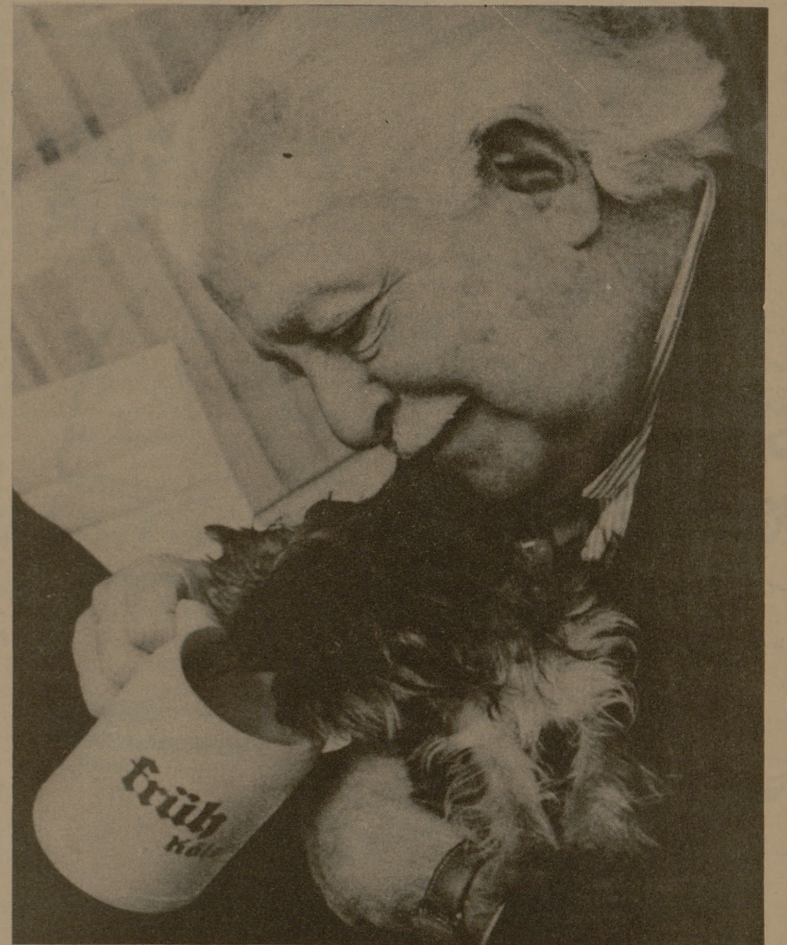
At 1:15 p.m., finals for the

second class carts will be held, and will be followed by the presentation of trophies to the first three places for each race.

"It should prove to be an exciting afternoon," Bill Shaw, chairman of the go-cart committee said. "All the drivers are very impressive. Some of the national champs are only kids, and can handle those cars better than most adults."

The race will be immediately followed by a powder-puff football game between Law Hall's Ramp Ten Girls and the Pur-year Playmates at 2:00 p.m.

Gasoline for the race will be donated by Rex McCall Enco at North Gate.



"HAVE SOME OF MINE," Arthur Fiedler, conductor of the Boston Symphony seems to be saying as he offers a sip of beer to a tiny dog, "Napoleon," at a party given for him by West German foreign minister Walter Scheel. The Boston Symphony is in Bonn on tour, performing "Peter and the Wolf," narrated by Mrs. Joan Kennedy, wife of Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. (AP Wirephoto)

5:30 Tuesday candidates talk on drill field

"Meet the Candidates," a chance for students to hear candidates running for executive offices on campus for the coming school year, will be held on the main drill field at 5:30 Tuesday.

Each candidate will give a five to 10 minute speech explaining his platform.

Candidates for Student Senate president are John Sharp, Roger Miller, and Bill Hamilton. Those running for vice president are Bill Hartsfield and Mike Essmyer. Dave Goodlin and Barb Sears are those running for recording secretary. Treasurer candidates are Spike Dayton and Sam Roosth. For parliamentarian, Tom Autrey and Lewis Zingery are candidates.

Chairman candidates include: Kirby Brown, Wayne Edwards and James C. McLeroy — Issues Chairman; Randy Ross and Dale Foster — Welfare Chairman; Bruce Clay and Wayne Horn — Public Relations Chairman; Mike Tiemann, Bill Darkoch and Layne Kruse — Student Life Chairman.

Candidates for senators will not be present to speak.

Questions will be allowed following the speeches as time permits.

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"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.

GSC to complain about added fees

By GARY AVEN
Battalion Staff Writer

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) voted unanimously Thursday to send a letter to A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams voicing their disapproval of the handling of House Bill 573.

The bill before the state legislature gives the A&M board of directors authority to help finance

the new Memorial Student Center (MSC) complex with a fee to exceed \$10.

The bill was voted on and endorsed in the Student Senate, explained GSC President-elect Ron Tomas (Bio.), but the student senators never had a chance to find out how their constituents felt.

"I feel the majority of the students would have been against it," Tomas said. "The majority of the council voted (for the fee increase) for the good of the university, even though they were personally against it. We'd like to see future proposals of this type in time to consult our constituents before we're asked to vote on them."

"I found out," said Vice President C. A. Bedinger (Bio.), "that had the Student Senate not approved it, the bill would not have passed. I also found that the university has reallocated the student services fees already appropriated." After the reallocation, he said, each student will be paying \$55 (not all in new fees) a year for the MSC, and that's not counting summer school.

But what really hurts is we didn't know about it until now, he said.

Champ model airplane fliers here for speed, stunt contests

The Texas A&M Model Airplane Club (TAMMAC) will host 200 contestants this weekend, including many national champion stunt and combat pilots, Chuck Adams, club president, said.

Competition will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, and will include races, stunt flying and aerial combat.

Many fliers will be seeking world championships in the speed competition, with expected speeds of better than 160 miles per hour.

Stunt flight will include spare and round loops, figure eights,

and inverted flight competition.

Combat competition includes two groups of competitors; a slow category, which will be flown at speeds of about 70 miles per hour, and a fast category, which will include planes flying in excess of 130 mph.

Pilots include Riley Wooten, the defending national combat champion from Lubbock, and George Aldrich from San Antonio, holder of the national championship for many years in the stunt category.

All competition will be held in parking lot No. 50, across from the new Engineering Building.

"What bothers me," Herb Gersbach (Mgmt.) said, "is the reallocation of funds from the library to the MSC."

"That's one thing I'd like to yell about at the Student Senate meeting tonight," President Larry McGill (Vet. Path.) said.

"I think President Williams will appreciate that we've handled the situation in a mature way," Ernie Davis (Ag. Eco.) said, "sending him a letter instead of demonstrating and letting our eye lashes grow long or whatever they do."

In other action, the GSC voted unanimously to readmit this Battalion reporter to their meetings.

The Battalion has been barred from the last couple of GSC meetings because, McGill said, "You quoted a couple of guys right, but what they said could have gotten us into real trouble. It took me a whole day just to keep one thing you wrote from going to print. And besides, (David) Middlebrooke (Battalion editor) flatly refused to let us review your articles."

Battalion: Why don't you just tell the GSC not to say anything they don't want printed.

McGill: That's easy on items that are on the agenda; we've thought that over pretty good. If you'll just stick to the agenda, we'll let you stay.

Battalion: I can't agree to that. If something is said and I'm here, and I think it should be reported, it will be.

McGill: If that's the way it's going to be, we may have to ask you to leave.

Nevertheless, the vote was unanimous to let this reporter stay.

Treasurer Kamaluddin Hyder (F. Tec.) reported that after balancing all accounts to date, about \$85 will remain in the GSC's treasury to finish out this semester.

Bedinger noted that ballots still have to be printed for the spring elections from this fund and, he said, this cost about \$55 last fall.

"We carried over about \$200 this year and didn't get our money until November," McGill said, "so what are we going to leave for the council next year? What it all comes down to is we don't have a penny for the Graduate College handbook."

Hyder suggested leaving the handbook for next year's Council to carry out, "since it's so near the end of our term."

One of 16 will be Civilian Sweetheart

The 1971 Civilian Student Sweetheart will be crowned Saturday night during the annual Sweetheart Dance to be held immediately after Three Dog Night.

The dance will be held in the Sbis Annex, and will feature the "Ghetto Sounds" from Houston. Sweetheart nominees will be introduced in G. Rollie White Coliseum during the Three Dog Night concert intermission.

Representing Walton Hall will be Terry Sue Wofford, a 19-year-old blue-eyed blonde senior from Oliver Wendell Holmes High School in San Antonio.

Nineteen-year-old Marsha Elli-

son will represent Hughes Hall. The brown-eyed brunette is a freshman at East Texas State University.

Leggett Hall boasts blue-eyed brown-haired Cindy Weisinger as its sweetheart representative. She

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is an 18-year-old A&M freshman. Green-eyed brown-haired Barbara Freudenberg is Utay Hall's choice. She is a 19-year-old sophomore at Texas Lutheran College.

Representing Keathley Hall will be 19-year-old Sharon Koch, a brown-eyed brunette from Texas Women's University.

Sut Ater is McInnis Hall's nomination. The blue-eyed brown-haired 17-year-old is a junior at Westchester High School in Houston.

Milner Hall will be represented by blue-eyed brown-haired Cathy Zachry, a second year student at the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston.

Sue Hague will represent Hart Hall. The 18-year-old Veteran's Administration employe has brown hair and brown eyes.

Puryear Hall's sweetheart is Ladonna Lewis. She is a 17-year-old blue-eyed brunette senior at

Odessa Senior High School.

Representing Mitchell Hall will be Peggy Dusek. The blue-eyed blonde is a 17-year-old junior at Bishop Forrest High School in Schulenburg.

Moore Hall brags of 17-year-old Addy England. The blue eyed blonde is a senior at Douglas MacArthur High School in San Antonio.

Schuhmacher Hall will be represented by blue-eyed blond-haired Claudia Jackson. She is a 20-year-old sophomore at Tarrant County Jr. College.

Eighteen-year-old Margaret Ann Price is Fowler Hall's selec-

tion. The hazel-eyed blond is a freshman at Texas Tech University.

Karen Jane Campport will represent Moses Hall. The 19-year-old green-eyed blonde is a freshman at Southwest Texas State University.

Law Hall's choice is 17-year-old Susan Rees. The brown-eyed blonde is a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio.

Janis Lidiak will be Crocker Hall's representative. She is a 19-year-old green-eyed blonde-haired freshman at Texas Women's University.



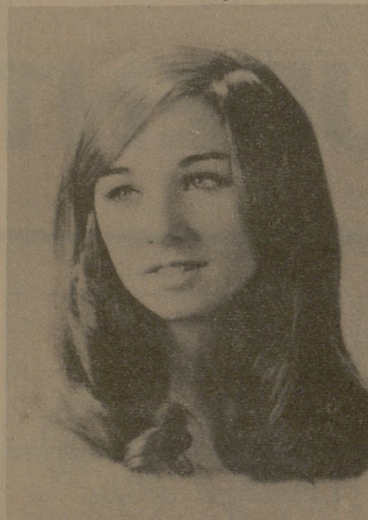
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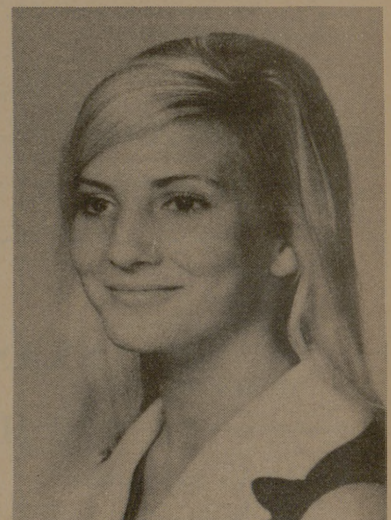
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