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Wind,
storms,
clouds

Thursday — Cloudy. Winds southerly 10-15 mph. High 88°, low 71°.

Friday — Cloudy to partly cloudy, afternoon rain showers. Winds southerly 10-20 mph. High 91°, low 69°.

Fee requests OKed; coed issue delayed

By DAVID S. MIDDLEBROOKE
Battalion Editor

The Texas A&M University System Board of Directors Tuesday morning gave its stamp of approval to proposals which rearrange fee distribution schedules, raise the building use fee and establish a new \$5-per-semester fee.

The board did not reconsider the women's on-campus housing issue, as had been expected. Board members may, however, take up the matter at their June meeting.

The building use fee increase will be \$5 per semester, as explained to the Student Senate Thursday by Ed Cooper, assistant to the president for student affairs. The fee increase will take place beginning with the fall semester.

The increase is needed to fi-

Board honors 3 professors

Three long-time A&M professors, Dr. John H. Milliff, Edward S. Packenham and Arthur D. Adamson, have received emeritus status from the institution's board of directors.

Milliff, who will enter full retirement Aug. 31 after 39 years of service, is professor of veterinary anatomy. He is a recipient of the Faculty Distinguished Teaching Award and the Texas Veterinary Medical Association Teaching Award.

Packenham retired from the Accounting Department last year after 23 years of service. During the latter part of his tenure, he was a member of the graduate faculty and took an active part in the executive development programs and financial management conferences.

Adamson served as professor of health and physical education and swimming coach for 32 years. His swimming teams were consistent winners and his water polo team was twice national champion. He was the first Southwest Conference coach elected president of the College of Swimming Coaches Association. He was elected to the Helms Hall of Fame in 1956, the Texas Pool of Fame in 1967 and received the 1964 Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Award.

All three appointments are effective Sept. 1.

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

nance a \$6.5 million bond sale the board authorized Tuesday. The bonds cover construction costs of the MSC expansion which are not being funded from other sources.

The increase itself, however, does not provide enough money to meet the bond payments—another \$17.50 is needed. Allen Schlandt, director of audits and finance, told the Senate Thursday. He said \$5 of the \$17.50 will come from student tuition payments. Schlandt explained Texas law allows a university or college to redistribute up to \$5 of a student's tuition fee in this manner.

He also explained the other \$12.50 needed will come from a reshuffling of the present building use fee distribution, a reshuffling approved by the board, Tuesday.

Under the plan, \$1.50 of the \$4 going towards the payment of library bonds; \$1.50 of the \$4 going to the coliseum bonds; \$1.50 of the \$4 going towards Kyle Field bonds; \$4 of the \$4 going towards auditorium (Guion Hall) bonds; and \$4 of the \$4 going towards MSC bonds will be re-allocated into a fund to pay off the \$6.5 million in bonds sold Tuesday.

Schlandt emphasized Thursday the funds taken from the other facilities are not operating funds, but funds being used to pay off bonds on the facilities. The cuts are possible, he said, because the fee rates were established when enrollment was smaller. Today's higher enrollment means less per student can pay the same bonds, he said.

He also explained all of the MSC and auditorium fees can be reallocated because the bonds on the structures have been paid off, and the money has been accumulating in a reserve fund.

Acting under power granted them by a recent act of the Texas legislature, board members approved the levying, beginning with the fall semester, of a \$5 student center complex fee.

The fee will be used, Management Services Director Howard Vestal told student senators last month, to pay for equipping, staffing and running the new MSC facilities once they are built. Student leaders had been of the opinion the board would reconsider its February decision to house women on campus beginning in the fall of 1972, and move the date up to this fall.

Student Body President Kent Caperton talked with board member William Lewie Jr. of Waco during a recess in proceedings. Caperton later told The Battalion he is of the impression the board

wishes to further consider the matter, and may act one way or another at its June meeting.

He said he understands board members want to further study the security possible in present residence halls, and the cost of converting one for coed occupancy.

"Frankly, I'm afraid the board is trying the old 'kill the matter by putting it off' trick," Caperton said. "I'm concerned by the reluctance of the board to assume its responsibility to house coeds."

In other business, the board: Awarded a \$278,119 contract to the Basin Construction Company of Odessa to construct the headquarters building for the A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo.

Awarded contracts totaling \$7.8

million for the additions to the MSC.

Appropriated \$67,000 for partial renovation of Texas A&M's Law and Puryear Residence Halls.

Confirmed a \$24,135 contract to Brazos Valley Nursery-Florist of Bryan for landscape planting at nine Texas A&M facilities and \$17,924 to R. B. Butler, Inc., also of Bryan, for construction of a new diving tower at Wofford Cain Pool.

Authorized Texas A&M University officials to again negotiate a contract with Texas Automotive Company for ROTC flight training.

Approved a Tarleton State proposal to offer a student health service and insurance plan identical to the one operated at Texas A&M.

Nixon broadcast live Thursday

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon will hold a White House news conference that will be open to live radio and television coverage Thursday at 9 p.m. EDT.

The session in the East Room, will precede a presidential departure about 12 hours later for an abbreviated trip to California and the Western White House. A prime purpose of the flight will be to welcome back the First Marine Division—the last to return from Vietnam.

Nixon originally had considered spending a week on the coast but now will be coming back to Washington next Monday and holding a meeting with Republican congressional leaders the following day.

Nixon's latest news conference at the White House was on March 4, but on April 16 he held a question-and-answer panel ses-

sion with representatives of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and White House correspondents of the Associated Press and United Press International.

Press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler gave no indication Tuesday that the President was prepared to produce any major announcements at the one coming up Thursday. Ziegler said Nixon would go directly to questions.

The press secretary told questioners that the shortening of the California trip did not actually mean a change in plans because there had been only talk that the President would spend five or six days at his home by the sea at San Clemente, Calif., and never any formal firm decision to remain on until May 6.

Nor would Ziegler say that the shortened trip was related to the protest demonstrations slated for the national capital.

'Y' discussion topic Thursday legal results of drug abuse

W. Dee Kutach, assistant director in charge of treatment for the Texas Department of Corrections, will give the third and final program in the Texas A&M Student Y Association "Drug Abuse" series Thursday.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. in Rooms 3A-C of the Me-

morial Student Center. Kutach, former A&M employee in the Basic Division, will explain the legal consequences of drug abuse.

Previous speakers included a psychiatrist and four young inmates from the corrections system.



STUDENT SENATE presidential candidate John Sharp speaks to a meager audience at the "Meet the Candidates Rally" Tuesday. Most of crowd left after the rock group Gypsy Moth, engaged to draw some listeners, stopped playing. (Photo by Randy Freeman)

Hometown vote OKed by House for under-21s

AUSTIN (AP) — Young people and women got their way in the Texas House Tuesday.

House members voted 99-40 to ratify the proposed U.S. constitutional amendment enabling 18-year-olds to vote in state and local elections. Senators approved the amendment 25-6 on March 24. Rep. Frank Calhoun of Abilene

said Texas was the 21st state to ratify the amendment.

Another 17 states must approve the amendment before it can become part of the constitution.

A federal law already gives 18-year-olds the vote in elections for national offices, such as president, U.S. senators and representatives.

Just in case the other states are slow in ratifying the amendment, the House also approved 138-9 a state constitutional change enfranchising 18-year-olds for state and local elections. The measure now goes to the Senate, which passed a similar measure several weeks ago.

Before approving the measure, however, the House added a provision that would require college students under 21 who are supported by their parents to vote in their hometowns.

The provision was offered by Rep. Harold Davis of Austin, a city where a get out the vote drive by University of Texas students earlier this month threw a scare into some conservatives.

"A lot of young people are suspicious of the establishment, and I suppose we are the establishment. It is not surprising, and their suspicions are well-founded," said Rep. Neil Caldwell of Angleton, an opponent of the Davis amendment.

The House voted 119-25 for a Senate-approved measure called the "women's right amendment". The action puts the state constitutional change on the November 1972 ballot for a final decision by the voters.

The amendment states, simply, that "equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex, race, color, creed or national origin."

Library open around clock during finals

The library will remain open around the clock May 10-12 for students' final exams study use. Spring semester finals begin Monday, May 10, and conclude Saturday, May 15.

The three-day 24-hour schedule will provide quiet study conditions after normal library hours, pointed out Richard L. Puckett, public services coordinator.

He said the checkout desk will close at 11:30 p.m. as usual. The reserve reading room will remain open until midnight, rather than 10:30 p.m. May 10-12.

Puckett added that the library's open shelf materials can be used in the building during the after regular hours period.

The special schedule was set up on a trial basis last spring. Response and care observed by users led to the 24-hour schedule being repeated this year, Library Director John B. Smith said.

Entertainment show to feature local spiritual singing group

A local group, Zion Jubilee, will take "Entertainment Now" into the world of the Negro spiritual at 8:30 p.m. Thursday on KAMU-TV.

Zion Jubilee has recorded on Jewel Records and been featured throughout Texas. The group marks its 12th anniversary in June.

More recent performances by the group have included Dallas, Lubbock, the Music Hall in Hous-

ton and Bryan Civic Auditorium. Zion Jubilee also has a regular monthly program on KORA radio of Bryan.

Channel 15's "Entertainment Now" showcases talented performers in almost any phase of entertainment. Bob Robinson and Dave Williams of the A&M educational TV staff are constantly looking for new talent. Anyone interested in auditioning should call one of them at 846-1526 for an appointment.

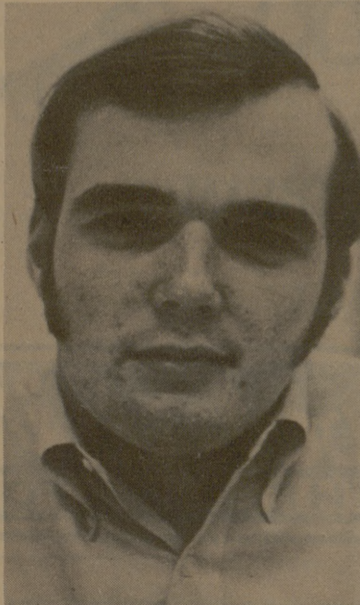
The inquiring Battman

What do you think of the weekly 'inquiring Battman'?



Clifford Broyles senior

"The inquiring Battman is well worth the space it takes up. It gives people a chance to express their views on things they normally wouldn't get a chance to."



Hayden Whitsett sophomore

"As little as possible."



Sue Davis sophomore

"It's funny."



Alan-Jon Zupan graduate

"The weekly student opinion poll is definitely worth the effort, especially if pertinent and timely questions are asked concerning events at Texas A&M. At least now questions are asked."



Fran Zupan senior

"I like it because it brings out what some students think on important issues. It gives the person who isn't an editor or student leader a chance to voice his opinion. The Battman makes interesting reading, but can provoke thought and discussions which will effect decisions made on campus."



Patrick Fontana senior

"It has the potential of representing a true cross section of student opinion. However, because of fear of pre-publication censorship, some of the stronger opinions—whether they be valid or invalid logically—were not permitted to be published."



David Middlebrooke senior

"I think it has been a fine feature, and the staff of The Battalion should be commended for the thought, time and energy it has put into making the feature as interesting and relevant as it has been." (Photos by Alan-Jon Zupan)