

Room, Board Increases Proposed

By MIKE RICE

If all goes according to schedule, students living on campus at Texas A&M next semester will be paying more for housing and board services, whether they are enjoying them more or not. Increases being proposed for room and board to the TAMU System Board of Directors range up to \$91 per semester and as minimal as \$43, depending on the form of housing.

The proposed increases were drawn up by Tom Cherry, A&M vice president for business affairs, and are slated to be voted

on in the Board's May 1 meeting in College Station.

Cherry said that in an analysis of the situation last fall it was concluded that there would be no increase for next fall, but since October, 1972, inflationary factors accelerated too greatly for the University to control.

The two major elements of cost that necessitate the increases are utilities and food, said Cherry. Increased utility costs, due to the use of fuel oil in place of natural gas, have added 25 per cent to the current year's utility bills. An increase of 40

per cent is anticipated during the next year.

Wholesale food costs for February increased at an annualized rate of 38 per cent. According to a Labor Department report, wholesale prices exploded in March when prices of farm products and processed foods jumped at an annual rate of 56.4 per cent. For raw farm products, the March spurt was at an annual rate of 72.2 per cent, the largest monthly rise since 1947.

These increases supplemented by cost of living increases for personnel and increased prices of

equipment, materials and products used in operation leaves A&M with "no alternative but to request an increase in our room and board fees," said Cherry. Neither the laundry fee nor student apartment rents will have to be increased.

The proposed dormitory rental increases average about 17 per cent and board increase is being held to 15 per cent in anticipation that food prices will level off next year, Cherry noted.

A&M has been able to withstand making increases for the past three years, but the picture

hasn't remained the same at other state universities.

At the University of Texas at Austin, there was a five per cent increase in room and board costs for all of its housing and increases are proposed for next September. Students living in Jester Center will pay \$49 more, while those in other air conditioned units will see an increase of \$55.

Texas Tech increased its costs by \$20 last fall for all housing and is planning a five to 10 per cent increase for September due to small utility rate increases

and abnormal food cost increases.

The University of Houston boosted its air-conditioned housing and board costs by \$45 last fall but has not established any increases since concern exists for housing applicants, who have fallen off 20 per cent from last year.

TAMU students living in dorms without phones and air conditioning (A/C) can expect to pay \$43 more for 5-day plans and \$48 more for 7-day plans.

Students living in dorms with phones but no A/C will face increases of \$44 and \$49 for the

five- and seven-day plans, respectively.

Those living in the A/C "Corps Type" will pay \$68 more for five-day plans and \$73 more for seven-day plans. Students living in the A/C "Balcony Type" dorms will pay \$83 and \$88 for the five- and seven-day plans, respectively.

Students living in Krueger-Dunn will pay \$86 for the five-day plan and \$91 for the seven-day plan.

Women residents on campus will pay \$10 less for laundry fees.

| Dorm Rent/Sem. | Board Fee** | | | | Total Fee | | | | | |
|---|-------------|----------|---------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| | Present | Proposed | Present | | Proposed | | Present | Proposed | | |
| | | | 5-day | 7-day | 5-day | 7-day | | | | |
| Group I Dorms Non-Air No Phones | \$110 | \$117 | \$242 | \$270 | \$278 | \$311 | \$377 | \$405 | \$420 | \$453 |
| Group II Dorms Non-Air With Phones | \$129 | \$137 | \$242 | \$270 | \$278 | \$311 | \$396 | \$424 | \$440 | \$473 |
| Group III Dorms Air-Conditioned "Corps Type" | \$188 | \$220 | \$242 | \$270 | \$278 | \$311 | \$455 | \$483 | \$523 | \$556 |
| Group IV Dorms Air-Conditioned "Suite-Type" North | \$188 | \$235 | \$242 | \$270 | \$278 | \$311 | \$455 | \$483 | \$538 | \$571 |
| Group V Dorms*** Air-Conditioned Krueger-Dunn | \$300 | \$350 | \$242 | \$270 | \$278 | \$311 | \$567 | \$595 | \$653 | \$686 |

*Vet student trimester rate will be prorated based upon regular semester rates.

**Plus applicable taxes

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Enrollment Estimate: 17,500

The projected fall enrollment at A&M has been set at 17,500.

Dean Edwin H. Cooper of admissions and records at A&M, said the projection is based on increases in freshman and transfer student acceptances, which are up nearly 700 over the same period last year.

As of April 2, Admissions and Records Office figures revealed 2,091 acceptances of freshmen compared to 1,440 last year. 661 transfer students were accepted as of the same date, compared to 614 last year.

Women accepted total 957—almost double last year's 476 acceptances at this time. There are also more graduate applications than last year.

Dean Cooper pointed out that the projection takes into account that historically some 20 per cent of students accepted do not enroll. He also said there is an apparent trend toward earlier applications, but the figures still indicate a significant increase.

As of April 2, freshman and transfer acceptances in each college were (1972 figures in parentheses): Agriculture, 292 (210); Architecture, 116 (123); Business Administration, 197 (111); Education, 180 (87); Engineering, 535 (414); Geosciences, 74 (62); Liberal Arts, 419 (298); Science, 687 (541); Veterinary Medicine, 231 (194); and Marine Sciences, 21 (14).

Ray Addresses Muster Crowd, Tells Of War Torture Incidents

Capt. James Edwin Ray, 1963 graduate of Texas A&M and former prisoner-of-war in North Vietnam, told an Aggie Muster audience Saturday of an event heretofore unmentioned in the press concerning prisoner treatment by the Communists.

Ray said that on August 7, 1967, he and other prisoners were moved to the Hanoi Power Plant by his Communist captors in an effort to blackmail the United States to halt the bombing of known military targets in the Hanoi area.

"We suffered almost unbearable duress while at the power plant," Ray said. "When we heard the air raid alarms and the bombs falling, we naturally feared for our lives. We could feel the convulsions of the exploding bombs. We could see the doors and windows of our building disintegrate."

"But we also felt our spirits soar," he continued, "when the bombs came, because we knew

our government was not backing down to this blackmail. We knew our blood would not be on the hands of American pilots, but on the hands of this Communist government that was so unscrupulous and defiant of international conventions and human decency as to stake prisoners at known strategic points."

Ray noted he and other former POW's discovered, on their return, that ultra-liberals and radical factions in America had been given more-than-proper proportion of news coverage.

"This hurt us a lot," he continued, "because our captors felt the radicals were spokesmen for the population. They saw that our treatment was being condoned, and they intensified it."

"We developed contempt for some of the 'peace' representatives that visited us in Hanoi," the Air Force captain from Conroe continued. "Most of them were just naive in not recognizing

that what they were being shown was a show-case of special prisoners."

New York Times reporter Harrison Salisbury should have known better, Ray said, but he didn't do his job and search out facts, he just accepted what he was shown by the Communists.

"Ramsey Clark was also a little naive but I cannot be as kind and generous with Jane Fonda.

"A person with her degree of talent and knowledge of theatrics cannot possibly have been misled or naive. Her husband's writings were given to us completely uncensored, her actions were praised by the Communists, and we all feel her activities were a willful, deliberate participation in the

Communist cause."

In reference to torture of the prisoners, Ray said that he was able to endure the hardships by recalling Scriptures, poems, and memory work he was required to learn while a freshman at Texas A&M.

"Training I received at home, at church, and at Texas A&M helped me endure the hardships of captivity," he emphasized. "When forced to reveal information or sign documents after unbearable torture, I felt I had betrayed my country. But I suddenly felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and I knew I was not alone."

Ray said that below the superficial changes he found upon his return, he saw the same basic ideals that had made America great.

"We must not let these ideals die," he challenged. "We must continue to instill in our young people the discipline that made our country strong."

The 70th observance of the unique Aggie Muster was honored in 50 free-world countries by thousands of former TAMU students. The Muster traditionally includes a Roll Call for the Absent, in which Aggies answer "here" as names of deceased are called for the previous year.

A 21-gun salute by the Ross Volunteers, Silver Taps by Aggie Band buglers, music by the band and "Auld Lang Syne" by the Singing Cadets are traditional parts of the campus program. More than 9,000 heard Ray in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The 1973 Muster was chaired by Karen Haws, the first girl to preside at the campus program. She is a junior accounting major and her father is president of the Austin A&M Club.



Capt. James Ray

The Battalion

The Secret Of Happiness Is Not Doing What One Likes, But In Liking What One Has To Do.

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EVEN WITH the weather down Saturday for the annual spring Maroon-White game, the teams were jumping high. Maroon won 52-44.

KD Parking Fines Upheld- Appeals Panel

The Traffic Appeals Panel has been upholding tickets related to the Krueger-Dunn parking situation and will continue to do so.

The basic complaint deals with freshmen and sophomores parking in junior and senior assigned rows. When students fail to remain in the five rows assigned to them, cross-parking between juniors and seniors, sophomores and freshmen and the corps results.

According to Ron Miori, this cross-parking resulted in vandalism last fall.

In a meeting with Chief O. L. Luther, Miori said a change in rows allotted to the two groups was discussed. This change would have been to give the sophomores and freshmen one extra row.

The idea was rejected due to the closing of the semester and since the number of juniors and seniors living in Krueger-Dunn in the fall semester warranted the five rows.

The parking arrangement will remain the same and tickets will continue to be given for cross-parking.

Another complaint in the Krueger-Dunn area concerns students parking on the street parallel to the dorm complex. According to Miori, students are parking here and leaving their cars overnight.

The panel will continue to uphold tickets given to these students after 6:30 a.m. and before 5 p.m. parked in this area.

Secret Payment

Jury Focuses On Attorney General

WASHINGTON (AP)—A federal grand jury investigating a secret payment to President Nixon's re-election campaign has focused on former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans, The Washington Post reported in Tuesday editions.

The newspaper reported that the New York grand jury investigating a secret payment by Robert L. Vesco may return indictments this week.

Mitchell's attorney, William G. Hundley of Washington, said Monday the former attorney general planned to appear before a federal grand jury Tuesday in New York.

Hundley's comment came in a telephone conversation with a federal judge in Pensacola, Fla.

Hundley did not say what the grand jury was investigating. Neither he nor Mitchell were available Monday night for comments.

The grand jury began its investigation after Harry L. Sears, a prominent New Jersey politician who headed Nixon's campaign in that state, said he had helped arrange Vesco's \$200,000 contribution.

The Post said the money was delivered to Stans three days after the effective date of a federal law requiring disclosure of campaign contributions in federal elections. The contribution went unreported.

The contribution was refunded three months ago by the Committee for Re-election of the President, for which Mitchell served as chairman and Stans was in charge of finances.

Weather

TUESDAY—Chance of thunder-showers this afternoon & tonight. High 81, low 61.

WEDNESDAY — Decreasing cloudiness from west in morning. Partly cloudy. High of 85.

Mexican-American Group Dissolved

24th MSC Council Splits Funds

By VICKIE ASHWILL

In the first meeting of the 24th Memorial Student Center Council Monday, \$19,950 was allocated to 14 MSC committees, including the Directorate Reserve.

Members of the Council, which is chaired by Don Webb, also approved various speakers and proposals.

One of its first actions dissolved the Association of Mexican-American Students Committee which failed to follow guidelines agreed upon by the 23rd Council and the committee chairman in the March 5 meeting of the Council.

The committee had failed on its second chance due to poor leadership on its part and planned programs were not followed through, council members concluded.

The Council also approved \$400 to be allocated to the new Council

for the purpose of putting on a street dance Friday from 8:00 to midnight. The dance will feature Phoenix, a band from Houston, on the mall between the Library and the Agriculture Building.

In other action, the Council approved Rob Inglis as a speaker presented by the Arts Committee for next year. Inglis does a solo dramatization from Nevil Coghill's modern English version of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales."

Inglis stages a two-hour program wearing a medieval costume, uses very few props and covers highlights in "Canterbury Tales."

Political Forum also requested the approval of the Council to invite certain prospective speakers. Some of those approved speakers include Tran Van Dinh, former South Vietnamese Ambassador to the U.S.; George Kennan, former

ambassador to the Soviet Union; Dr. Tran Van Chuong, former Vietnamese ambassador to the U.S.; and Dr. Milton Freidman, professor of economics at the University of Chicago.

Closer to home are speakers such as Senator Barry Goldwater (R-Arizona); former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally, and Labor Official George Meany (AFL-CIO).

The Council continued in its actions to accept a proposal concerning AggieLand space purchasing. Dues paying committees can buy one page using dues money with the minimum dues charge of \$2 per member per semester and \$1 per member per summer term. The committee must resort to other Council approved sources for funds for additional pages.

The MSC Council stipulated in another proposal that all banquet and/or meals for speakers, hosts or entertainers are limited to \$6 per person with a maximum of \$72 from MSC funds.

Another proposal stated that approved speakers lists are valid for a period of 36 months with the executive vice-president of committees responsible for maintaining a current list of approved speakers.

The following amounts were allocated by the MSC Council to various Directorate committees: \$2,895 to Arts, \$450 to Basement, \$1,800 to Black Awareness, \$605 to Camera, \$1,065 to the Council, \$6,009.75 to the Directorate and \$2,862.75 to the Directorate Reserve.

Host and Fashion received \$900, New Tradition Singers — \$420, Public Relations — \$858, Radio — \$576, Recreation — \$708.50 and Travel — \$800.

Sundae Party Begins Spring Gas Activities

Spring gas will become a recognized institution at A&M this week as the Memorial Student Center presents its "Spring Gas" activities.

Wednesday there will be a "Make your own sundae" party behind the Academic Building from 2-5 p.m. A nickel will buy all the ingredients for a sundae. "Phoenix" will provide the music for a free Mall Dance between the Library and Agriculture Building from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday.

Other activities will include "Write your own graffiti" Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Coke Building. Also in front of the Coke Building will be a "Chalk in" in Thursday.

Nissen Receives Chemistry Honor

Sande Nissen has been named the recipient of the Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award for the 1972-73 academic year.

The award consists of a CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics and an award scroll. Professors of Chemistry 102 and 104 nominated candidates from their classes. Nissen made the highest score on a test based on material from freshman chemistry.

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