

Room, Board, Services Fees OK'd

A room and board increase effective for the fall semester was approved this morning by the TAMU System Board of Directors. Utility cost increases resulting from the nationwide energy crisis are noted as having the greatest impact on room rents. The increases were deemed unavoidable due to curtailments of natural gas, the University's primary power source.

The board cited normal cost of living increases in areas of dormitory costs as bringing the average increase for University residences to about 17 per cent. Abnormally high food costs also led to an increase in the University's board plan. Summary of first quarter statistics has Pfaff indicated an overall wholesale price index rise at an annual rate of 21.5 per cent. The board increase has been held down to 15 per cent in anticipation of easing of the food cost situation next year.

The Board indicated that with the increase, TAMU's room and board rates would remain well

within a competitive range with other state universities.

Also approved by the Board was a resolution decreasing Student Services Fee payments to \$19 from the \$30 amount presently collected. The A&M Student Senate had recommended an \$18 fee be levied but Tom Cherry, vice president for business affairs, recommended the \$19 to the board to bolster existing student programs.

This action on the Student Services Fee is subject to the approval of a bill presently in the Texas Legislature which will separate the hospital fee from services fees, allowing for a maximum mandatory payment of \$15. The board approved collection of only \$14, pending the passage of the bill.

President Jack K. Williams noted that he and the Board had received numerous petitions regarding the Student Services Fee amount, but that he recommended to the Board that the total be set at \$19.

The board authorized TAMU and Prairie View A&M College

to seek coordinating board approval for expanded academic programs.

TAMU is seeking a new doctoral degree in engineering, along with a B.A. program in anthropology and B.S. in economics. Prairie View wants to add a master's degree program in educational technology, B.A. degrees in art education and advertising art and a bachelor of music degree. Additionally, Prairie View is requesting authority to elevate its business and education departments to "division" status.

The proposed doctoral degree in engineering would be a professional program on the order of those offered in medicine, dentistry and law, university officials noted. The program would require an internship and would be oriented toward the practice of engineering, complementing existing graduate degree programs which are highly research oriented.

In other action, the board awarded construction and related contracts totaling \$3,708,495. The largest award, \$784,800, went to

Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co. of Houston for an elevated water tank at TAMU. Two contracts were awarded for additional parking facilities at the university; R. B. Butler Inc. of Bryan won a \$649,161 contract for lots on both the east and west sides of the campus and Jarbet Company of San Antonio received a \$163,650 award for a lot to serve the

new Memorial Student Center complex.

The Pope Co. Inc. of Houston received a \$559,700 contract to provide fuel oil transmission facilities, and Frank Brothers of Hillsboro won a \$453,140 contract for water line extensions. Mar-Cal Inc. of Bryan won a \$36,780 award to modify the basement of the Veterinary Medicine Ad-

ministration Building. Appropriations totaling \$93,000 were authorized for five other campus projects, including \$45,000 for detailed design of G. Rollie White Coliseum addition, \$16,500 for detailed design of Henderson Hall remodeling, \$25,000 Military Science Building renovations and \$6,500 for Nagle Hall renovation.

T. Noah Smith of San Antonio was named a member of the Texas Maritime Academy Board of Visitors and four members of the advisory group were reappointed. They were Capt. Ernest B. Hendrix of New Orleans, John A. Parker of Galveston, J. C. Rudd of Orange and Capt. Sydney Wire of Houston.

Nixon Takes Responsibility For Watergate; Aides Given Blame

WASHINGTON (AP)—Trying to turn his shaken administration to "the vital work before us," President Nixon has assumed final responsibility for the Watergate scandal while declaring those criminally guilty must pay the penalty.

Addressing a nationwide television-radio audience on the 100th day of his second term, Nixon said Monday night:

"In any organization, the man at the top must bear the responsibility. That responsibility, therefore, belongs here, in this office. I accept it."

But he pictured himself as the victim, for nine months, of lies by trusted associates who, he said, convinced him no one in his administration was involved in last June's campaign burglary of Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate here.

Speaking from his Oval Office in the White House, the grim-faced chief executive said:

"I pledge to you tonight, from this office, that I will do every-

thing in my power to ensure that the guilty are brought to justice, and that such abuses are purged from our political processes..."

Barely nine hours earlier, Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler had announced, on Nixon's behalf, the resignations of four key administration figures: Atty. Gen.

Richard G. Kleindienst, White House chief of staff H. R. Halde-man, presidential assistant John D. Ehrlichman and White House Counsel John W. Dean III.

Dean was fired; the others resigned.

The only new element disclosed by Nixon in his address was authority granted Secretary of Defense Elliot L. Richardson, his nominee for attorney general, "to name a special supervising prosecutor for matters arising out of the case" should Richardson deem that appropriate.

A number of Congress members of both parties have demanded that Nixon himself appoint a special prosecutor from outside administration ranks.

The criticism was not stilled by Nixon's address, although he won general praise for his attempts to clean up the White House staff.

However, there were continued calls for appointing a prosecutor with no administration ties—a suggestion offered by Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, D-Maine; former Rep. William Miller, the Republican nominee for vice president in 1964, and Rep. Shirley Chisholm, D-N.Y.

"I do not believe Congress or the people will be satisfied with the results of any investigation

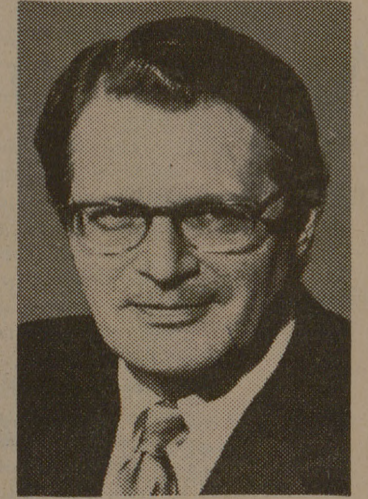
carried on by the administration," said Sen. Henry Bellmon, R-Okla. "I wouldn't be satisfied."

But Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said the normal judicial process is adequate to handle the Watergate probe.

Richardson, a former U.S. attorney and elected attorney general of Massachusetts, was put in immediate charge of all federal inquiries concerning Watergate. Nixon described him as "a man of unimpeachable integrity and rigorously high principle."



Richard Kleindienst



Elliott Richardson

The Battalion

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A Politician Thinks Of The Next Election; A Statesman Thinks Of The Next Generation.



CLYDE WELLS, chairman of the TAMU System Board of Directors, gave Mrs. Reed McDonald a resolution praising her late husband's efforts in working with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The Services Building was officially christened the Reed McDonald Building in dedication ceremonies Monday.

Nixon Talk Called 'Evasive, Inconsistent,' By YR Head

"If Nixon was really appalled when he found out about Watergate, why did he allow Ronald Ziegler to call it a 'third rate robbery,'" said Beau Sharbrough, president of the TAMU Young Republicans.

"And if he immediately ordered an investigation to get to the bottom of the affair, why did he refuse to let his aides testify before the investigative committee?"

Dan Rather, CBS White House correspondent, made similar comments following President Nixon's televised speech Monday

night.

"He sounded so insincere with all his cliches and he didn't speak to the issues which are concerned with who actually broke in and who is to blame," said Sharbrough. "He was idealistic and offered no practical answers."

"Nixon said that some believe the corruption of the American political system, yet that is not an issue at all. The issue is Nixon's integrity and the integrity of the White House," Sharbrough said.

"He claimed the Watergate affair was taking too much of his time and that he wanted to turn to more important affairs in Europe. We, the YRs, feel that the integrity of the White House is a very important issue."

"One of his cute cliches was 'there won't be any whitewash in the White House.' I have my own cute cliché," said Sharbrough. "There is a white elephant in the White House."

"Nixon said that he had to delegate the responsibilities of the campaign to subordinates because he was working on 'peace with honor.' We don't have

peace, much less with honor," said Sharbrough. "What we have is a shaky, superficial cease-fire."

"There was one positive side to his statement," said Sharbrough. "That was the appointment of Elliot Richardson as Attorney General and leaving him the responsibility of appointing a prosecutor. This shows he is not hindering the judicial process."

"One of the big holes in his speech," he continued, "was his concern with White House honor and integrity. He has not yet shown any consistency in his stands, and he does not show a real desire to get to the bottom of this issue. We remain unconvinced about his integrity until all the questions are answered and the inconsistencies are remedied."

The YRs' stand with the party remains unchanged, he said. "We have made our statement as Americans, as people who feel we have the right to disagree."

"We plan to continue as a dynamic republican group although we disagree with the republican president now in power."

Refrigerator Lists Deadline Set Thursday

Students wishing to keep rented refrigerator units through finals must inform the Student Government Office, says distribution manager, Steve Hill. Two lists will be posted in each dorm for those keeping units.

Anyone who does not sign a list by Thursday is required to return the refrigerator.

The units will not be picked up; the students must return them to the refrigerator office located near the laundry substation in the basement of the University hospital. The office will be open from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. through Thursday.

Failure to return units will be breach of contract and the student will be billed the total price of the unit, \$60.00.

Students who sign a list and keep a unit after finals will also be billed.

Refrigerators will be available during the summer session. A refrigerator manager for the rental program is needed for this session.

As manager, the person selected for the position will be responsible for refrigerator distribution and rental money collection. He is also responsible for accounting for each machine's whereabouts.

Student Government president Randy Ross said he would prefer one person for the coming year but that two could handle it, splitting the summer and long school year between the two.

Students may apply for the paid position at the Student Programs or Student Government Office starting Monday. The deadline for applications is Friday.



ARMED TO THE TEETH and full of courage for his master this lonely German Shepherd kept a solitary lookout for the return of his owner Monday afternoon. A light drizzle later forced his vigil to be continued inside the car he was leashed to.

Allocations Vote Cancelled—Ross

WICKIE ASHWILL

A referendum called for by a petition with 20 per cent of the student body's signatures concerning 1973-74 Student Services allocations will not be held the Student Government (SG). Reasons vary, but the time factor is the most important among them, said SG president Randy Ross. The Senate constitution requires that a referendum be published at least 10 days before the actual vote takes place.

"This would put us on the Monday after school is out," said Ross.

referendum at that time. Reasons were based upon inadequate publicity among the students and the Board of Directors meeting held today.

"I agreed to write a letter to President Jack K. Williams explaining the plight of these students, their good intentions, the referendum problems and the lack of time in the matter," said Ross. "Monday I was presented with the fact that two of the Students of Concern still wanted a referendum."

"I feel such a referendum would be useless at this point in time to change the Board's decision," continued Ross. "I also wonder how fair this would be to the students."

In compliance with Ross and considering the complications and lack of time involved in a referendum, the SOC wrote a letter to Dr. Williams and the Board of Directors and says in part:

"We have spent too much time and encountered too much student concern over the issue to toss in the towel. Therefore, we are sending you 3026 signatures calling for a referendum on a financing plan. The plan is largely the same as the one created by the Student Senate's Finance Committee. This committee arrived at the budget after several months of deliberations and open hearings.

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Power Struggles Hit By Gonzalez

Power of government in the United States has run rampant because powers are no longer shared by the branches of government, Cong. Henry B. Gonzalez declared here Friday.

The Texas Democrat believes pressures by the executive branch, especially of the last two administrations, have nearly destroyed the balance built into the U. S. Constitution.

Judicial Head Applications Now Accepted

Applications for Judicial Board chairman are being accepted through noon Friday in the Student Government (SG) office on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center.

The chairman will be required to start ground work for next year during the summer and considered in an interim position until approved by the Senate next fall. At the time of Senate approval, the chairman must have a 2.25 GPR.

The SG will start its own radio station over Midwest Video cable as soon as possible, according to Student Senator Chris Lawson.

This radio resolution was approved at the April 26 Student Senate meeting.

The station will be student oriented and student run on equipment furnished by Midwest Video at no cost to the SG. Operations will begin as soon as enough volunteer student disc jockies have applied.

Midwest Video will apply no censorship, pay overhead expenses and also furnish a technician. The SG will receive 100 per cent of all advertising profits.

The station will be governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of Campus Projects Committee Chairman Jim Cunningham as chairman, Student Services Committee Chairman Steve Wakefield, treasurer David White and, subject to the Senate's approval, Randy Stephens and Steve Gray.

The Radio Committee will continue its efforts to establish an open-air FM station for the students as outlined in the resolution.

"The Constitution framers wanted natural lines of tension between the legislative, executive and judicial branches, to prevent government from overreaching its powers," Gonzalez told a Political Forum audience.

Most of the problems have developed since the turn of the century, he said.

The San Antonio district representative suggested that the best proof the limit has been breached are "two undeclared presidential wars... concerning U. S. involvement in either Korea or Vietnam."

"To keep the power in check requires that it be shared. The President may not like it, but that's what it will take," Gonzalez stated.

"President Nixon seems to feel it is not appropriate for Congress to be his equal," he charged. In matters of domestic as well as foreign policy, Congress has been shoved aside, Gonzalez went on.

He said the over-balance began with industrialization and gained ground in favor of the executive branch under Franklin D. Roosevelt. After FDR, Congress' only real role was to approve treaties, fund presidential programs and "try to thwart the Presidency."

"Nixon was frustrated in gaining a Republican majority in Congress," Gonzalez claimed, "so he is dismantling it" with one-man rule, the alternative.

The speaker who has served 20 years in San Antonio, state and federal government believes the U. S. is closer to the alternative than many realize.

"Unless Congress remains a part of the policy-making machinery, the country is headed for total one-man rule... in which we will see the end of George Washington government and the beginning of Richard the First," Gonzalez warned.

Weather

TUESDAY — Considerable cloudiness with drizzle & rain. Chance of showers & thunder-showers this afternoon & tonight. High 75, low 68.

WEDNESDAY — Decreasing cloudiness. High 76, low 64.

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