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Weather
Tuesday, with a short cold spell behind us, the Bryan-College Station area will be experiencing partly cloudy and mild weather with winds out of the south today at 10-16 m.p.h. Today's high will be around 78°, and tonight's low should be approx. 66°.

Budget Deadline Change Proposed

By MIKE RICE
Editor

In an accounting move that has caught many campus administrators and student leaders by surprise, University officials have unofficially told deans and department heads that operating budget requests for the coming school year must be received by about Feb. 1.

This move, subject to the TAMU System Board of Directors' approval at its Nov. 21 meeting, will affect allocation of student services fees. The past several years, the University has finished working out budget requests in late April to present to the Board in its summer meeting.

Dr. Jack Williams announced to a meeting of the University Executive Committee "three or four weeks ago" that it was his

desire to get next year's operating budget "put to bed" earlier this year so that the administration can begin work earlier on the System budget for the school years of 1975-76 and 1976-77.

Dr. Williams doesn't want the administration to work on next year's operating budget and biennium budget at the same time, said Howard Vestal, assistant vice president for business affairs. He noted that the biennium budget will be much more time-consuming for University accountants and the administration.

This means that the Student Senate and its Student Services Fee Allocation Committee, chaired by David White, must have their allocation decisions turned in to Vestal's boss, Tom Cherry, by the first of February. Clark Diebel, controller of accounts under

Cherry, said budget guidelines will be distributed the first week in January.

Under the current budget allocation cycle set up by W. C. Freeman, vice president and comptroller, Feb. 1 is the deadline for requests. Department heads will have one or two additional weeks to seek additional funds after deans and vice presidents have allocated funds to departments.

In the case of the student services fee budget, the Senate will have to split up funds before Christmas to organizations like Town Hall and the MSC. These organizations will have until Jan. 7 to make additional requests to Diebel's office. Diebel reviews them and Cherry makes final approval of budget guidelines. Cherry will send budget proposals to University vice presidents for

their approval and then to Dr. Williams for his okay. The Board then approves or disapproves Williams' decision.

Apprehension of this cycle move to January has been expressed by White and Student Government President Randy Ross, both of whom believe the SG was not given enough advance warning to effectively and knowledgeably make allocation decisions.

"The departments who receive funds from the fee couldn't realistically have all their requests ready," said White. "There are only two regular Senate meetings left before Christmas and only one falls after the Board's decision, Dec. 5."

There are many factors involved in the attempt to move this budget presentation to the Board's April meeting, but the primary reason is to comply with the Texas legislature's request to begin operating on a zero base budget, said Vestal.

Many of the academic deans want the budgeting cycle moved in order to hire personnel earlier in the year with more concrete salary offers. It will also enable administrators to give the status of existing salaries at an earlier time.

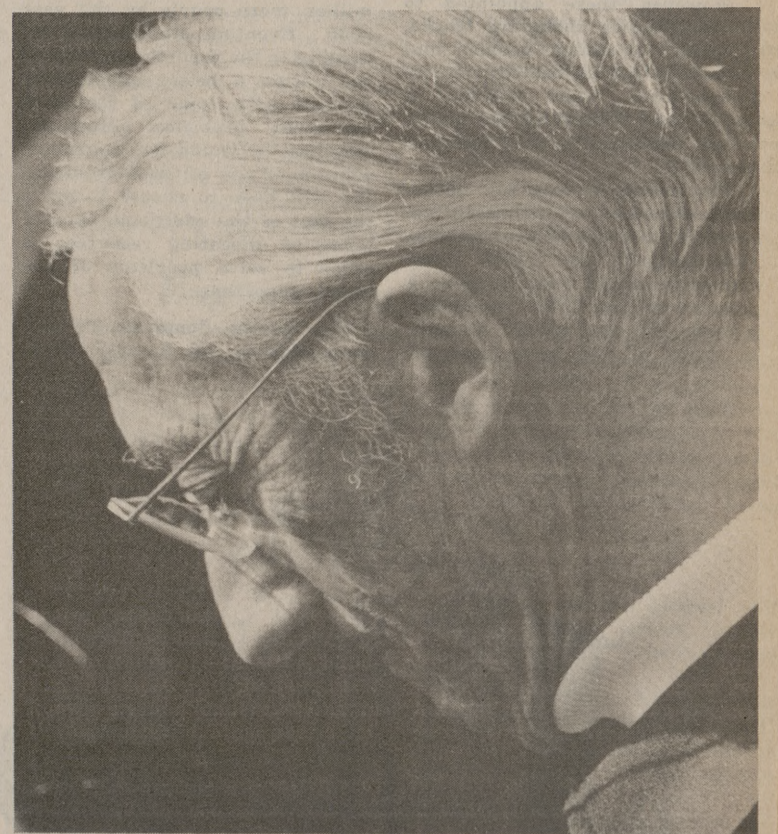
Vestal, in commenting on the University's situation with the legislature's zero base budget, said he "personally doesn't feel it fits the requirements of colleges and universities in Texas." Under the new system, the University will begin each year with zero and work to 100 per cent of its financial needs, thus entailing an alignment of priorities within the schools.

Vestal suggested that if the cycle change looks like it will place too big a strain on students and faculty, then there are two alternatives.

"Compaction of deadlines would be the first way out," said Vestal. "This means the deadline could be moved back to a later date, but that approval by the Board would come at the same time. The second way would be to move the whole schedule back the way it was. While there are advantages to the second method, it would put a strain on work for the biennium budget."

Diebel noted that services fee allocations could not be made separate from other allocations since departments such as Student Publications and the Athletic Department have to pay University employees. "There would be no problem in delaying action in this area if the only concern was allocation of funds for programming purposes only."

He added that the revised expected amount for services fees collected for the 1973-74 school year is \$717,109. Diebel said that collection for next year could be roughly estimated by adding four per cent to this year's amount, meaning an approximate total of \$745,793.



Jacques Cousteau
In a Moment of Reflection



BABY DON'T GET WHOOPED ON ME was a possible lyric for one of Mac Davis' songs as he mentioned the sound of Aggie land repeatedly. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)

Cousteau, Dignitaries Dedicate O-M Building

State, national and international dignitaries including Jacques Cousteau spoke Saturday at the dedication of Texas A&M University's new 15-story Oceanography-Meteorology Building, but it was a young coed who put the occasion in perspective.

Representing the students in the ceremonies formally opening the \$7.6 million structure, Robin Ann Radlein, sophomore meteorology major from Tampa, Fla., simply said: "It's a good place to learn."

Cousteau, whom TAMU President Jack K. Williams introduced as an "honorary Aggie," applauded the university's decision to house oceanography and meteorology departments in the same building. He said combined studies in these two areas hold great promise.

The famous underwater explorer noted TAMU's distance from the sea but called attention to the university's oceanographic vessels at Galveston, where his own ship, the "Calypso," has been docked since spring and is undergoing repairs.

Admiral Snyder cited the Navy's cooperative research program involving both educational institutions and private industry. He pointed out that the Navy is providing TAMU with the first of a new type of oceanographic research vessel, which just passed its inspection survey.

"This new vessel and new building are certainly welcome additions in this era of urgent need to know about the sea," the admiral remarked.

Miss Radlein and Cousteau were joined in making comments by Dr. Robert M. White, administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration; Rear Adm. J. Edward Snyder Jr., oceanographer of the Navy; Dr. Thomas Owen, assistant director, National Science Foundation; State Sen. A. R. Schwartz; TAMU Geosciences Dean Earl Cook, and Robert Case, graduate student in oceanography.

Clyde H. Wells, president of the Texas A&M University System Board of Directors, officially presented the building to the university, with acceptance by Dr. John C. Calhoun Jr., vice president for academic affairs.

While praising the practical uses of oceanographic research, Cousteau warned, "Don't forget applied research in support of fundamental science." He also warned against damaging the "fragile environment" of the ocean.

"The great joy of studying the ocean is in seeing how much it is doing to bring people around the world together," Cousteau observed.

Dr. Owen pointed out that oceanographic and meteorological programs at TAMU began in one small room in 1949 and received the first NSF support, \$20,000, in 1955. He noted that overall, NSF has provided more than \$7 million for research projects at the university.

"The research to be done in this new building will contribute immeasurably to projects concerning the environment," Dr. Owen emphasized.

A Dec. 4 forum will feature U. S. Cong. Alan Steelman, Republican from Dallas, on "Congress vs President: Conflict of Power."

Jarrett noted students are admitted free to Political Forum presentations on their ID cards. Admission of 50 cents per person will be charged non-students for the Udall and Steelman talks.

Dr. White cited the favorable timing for opening the building and making its facilities available for critical studies.

"It is fitting that at a time of concern about natural resources—energy, food and the quality of the environment—that this building is dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and understanding in the oceanic and atmospheric sciences," noted the top NOAA official.

Senator Schwartz, a 1947 TAMU graduate described by Dr. Williams as the state government's foremost proponent of ocean programs stressed the importance of making facilities such as the Oceanography-Meteorology Building available "at a time when we are considering renewing 100 tons of dumping permits in the Gulf of Mexico."

Fuel Conservation Guides Okay But Incomplete—AAA

Some cars will use more gas at 50 miles per hour than at higher speeds, according to an American Automobile Association news release.

This remark was made following Nixon's statement that fuel consumption could be reduced if cars traveled no more than 50 m.p.h. The AAA did agree with Nixon but felt that other methods could be employed with greater results.

Driver habits and individual car design cause some cars to use more gas at 50 m.p.h. The AAA also said that since 75 per cent

of all trips in vehicles are less than 10 miles and 54 per cent are less than five miles that additional measures are needed to save gas consumption.

A five per cent reduction in gas consumption can be expected if the speed limit were 50 m.p.h., according to a Federal Highway Administration study. They also said that 1970-4 model cars use 30.5 per cent more gas at 70 m.p.h. than at 50.

The AAA suggests use of car pools, frequent tune-ups, less use of air conditioners and heaters, properly inflated tires, purchase

of smaller cars and lighter car loads on trips to save gasoline.

A poor driver loses 44 per cent of his gas by not employing good tends. Good driver techniques are smooth acceleration, traveling at the same rate of speed and the use of brakes on routine stops only.

Tune-ups which eliminate engine wear and tear can save a car owner up to \$100 per year on the cost of car operation, according to a AAA study. Mileage is also increased by 25 per cent when the car is properly maintained.

Finally the AAA suggested that cities work to improve traffic congestion in order to decrease idling time in "stop and go" traffic. They also suggested that car manufacturers re-design engines for greater fuel economy.

Polls Open Until 6 p. m.

The polls will close at 6 p. m. today for student elections. Junior class representative to the Memorial Student Council, freshman class officers and senators, amendments to the Student Body Constitution and the National Student Lobby Referendum are the topics up for vote.

Results of the junior class representative to the MSC and the freshman class officers and senators will be posted at approximately 11 p. m. on the glass doors to the Student Programs Office in the MSC, said Barry Bowden, Election Board Chairperson.

Students may vote by presenting an ID and activity card at one of the six polling places. These are the MSC, the Guard Room, Sbsa newsstand, Krueger-Dunn Commons and the Library.

Appointee Gripes For Senate Set

Students wishing to comment on the appointees to the four Student Senate vacancies may do so tonight at 8 in the Student Government office, Room 216 of the Memorial Student Center.

James A. Smith Jr. (graduate-business) and Lecil Hander (Ph.D. Candidate in Science) have been appointed by SG President Randy Ross to fill the three off-campus graduate positions.

John Nash, a junior science major, has been appointed to fill

the Law-Puryear living area position.

These four students will meet with the Qualifications Committee chaired by Curt Marsh, rules and regulations chairperson, tonight before going before the Senate for its approval Wednesday night.

Ross said students were invited to voice their approval or disapproval of these Senate candidates at either of the two meetings.

Peer Pressure Called for Program Hall has Coeds 'Up in Arms'

By VICKIE ASHWILL

Like it or not, the program dorm syndrome has hit TAMU.

And, according to Ron Blatchley, director of student activities, it's the girls that are creating the problems against such a movement.

A "programmed" residence hall is one whose residents have voted to collect a mandatory hall activity fee sometime in the past, said Blatchley. The decision to approve such a fee is decided by two-thirds of the hall's population at the time of the vote.

"Several women students have expressed that they do not want to live in a programmed hall," said Blatchley, noting the girls in the four halls who had not paid their fees. "Since all the female resident halls were programmed, there was no place for these students to go except off campus to get away from the mandatory fee. So we voided Fowler's election

and made it optional as to whether or not a student will pay an activity fee."

Blatchley said the Fowler residents are now "up-in-arms" for they want to be programmed and cannot figure out why they must give in to the whims of a few girls.

"There were some really neat programs going on in Fowler," Blatchley emphasized. "Already they've had two big dances with beer (off campus) and Coke, a steak fry, movies and parties all for only \$5 per person . . . and they didn't even get the money from all the girls."

Blatchley said Krueger residents were told when they signed up for a room that the dorm was programmed and they would have to pay the fee.

"It is unrealistic to think that one could vote on whether or not to make a dorm programmed each year," continued Blatchley. "In-

stead you should have the election when you don't want to have the program."

In speaking about the female students who have not paid their fee, Blatchley said he would like to see it taken care of at the hall level. "It's called peer pressure."

Blatchley said the judicial board in Krueger had set policy for those girls who had not paid their activity fee and who understand what their responsibility is.

"In this instance the judicial board decided to 'campus' them," continued Blatchley. "We want students to be governed by students. I take it for granted that these students are intelligent adults and that they will work out the problem themselves."

It all comes back to responsibility, said Blatchley. The law says at 18 a person is an adult and two-thirds of the population makes that a mandate of the people. "Are we to go against the

wishes of the majority?"

In a memo sent to the female resident halls Nov. 8, Blatchley stated that, "Any resident of Keathley, Hughes or Krueger not wishing to reside in a programmed hall may request a transfer to Fowler in accordance with the Housing office procedure established for this purpose."

"If room is available your request will be granted. Those girls opposed to paying and/or residing in a programmed hall must go through the proper channels to reside in a non-programmed hall. This assures the female residents of the same option available to men residents in that we will now have programmed hall, which involves a mandatory activity fee and a non-programmed hall, which involves an optional activity fee, for both men and women," continued the memo.

It includes, "Be it understood that the fees collected in Fowler

for both the fall 1973 and the spring 1974 semesters will be spent on programs for these residents paying the fee."

Blatchley said the fee is used to sponsor a myriad of activities for the individual hall or in cooperation with other residence halls. The elected council of the hall normally has charge of the activities, but input from every resident is solicited.

There is no limit to the type of programs that can be sponsored other than those prohibited by state or city law or University regulations.

"At the beginning of the year, there was the impression that I wanted all of the dorms to become programmed," said Blatchley. "What I want is halls to be programmed if they want to be (See Program, page 4)

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