15 per cent annual price rise expected for food

of 1975 as food prices climb to new harvest. lighs, Agriculture Department

J. Dawson Ahalt, a staff dent of the National Consumers nomist, predicted food prices Congress and the USDA-chosen

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(AP)—Housewives can expect their tight food budgets to be further of 15 per cent, and may go higher if trained during the first six months bad weather reduces next year's

"The prospect . . . is mind-

consumer representative at the an-nual National Agricultural Outlook Conference Retail food prices, which jumped

about 14.5 per cent from 1972 to U.S. and around the world, and 1973 as grain reserves dwindled, are economic activity weakens even rising this year at a rate about 15 per more than is anticipated," slowing cent higher than a year ago.

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College Station, Texas

Ahalt expressed uncertainty spend, then the expected harvest of 12 to 16 million more acres could about the last six months of next lead to "significant slowing in price "If weather cooperates in the increases," he said.

An extraordinarily good harvest, he told a reporter, could pull the over-all 1975 average price rise demand as people have less to down to about 10 per cent. But that would require sharp price cuts by supermarkets and wholesalers in world food needs are expanding the last three months, an extraordi- could ignite a rapid pace of food narily quick market response, he price advances throughout 1975."

said.

On Monday, a private economist,

On the other hand, Ahalt said, Wilfred Lewis Jr., said consumers "with world grain stocks at precari-ously low levels, another year of lief" next year.

Raid nets 45 pounds from local apartment

junior.

The search took place about 8:30

from Brazos County jail on \$5,000 Public Safety narcotics agents. bond each.

sophomore; Roger Wittie, a sopho-more; Larry Vickery, a graduate student; and Maxwell McKaye, a of hashish Monday night.

It was found during a search of their Scandia apartment by local All four were released Tuesday police and Texas Department of

Charged were Stewart Fowler, a

UC Board reverses MSC priority ruling

By JIM CRAWLEY

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Staff Writer The University Center Board nanimously decided Tuesday afernoon to rescind its previous repriority in the University Center. uestion again because Tom Cherry, vice-president for business schedule a year in advance. fairs, requested the board to give further thought. The board, at its done, from my past experience at first meeting, approved the recom- East Texas State." nendation

Cherry asked for the reconsideraarticle on the subject. The article was followed by complaints from numerous student groups stating scheduling student groups would come to the MSC Council and coorthat they had not been informed of the priority issue. Aggie Players time were particularly vocal about the

was discriminatory against the do "the best job. Aggie Players and other groups.

wer our head may stop our rehear-

Doug Thorpe, Town Hall chair- disposition

man, defending the recommendation, said "You are looking at the MSC as an elitest group and we're not trying to force anyone out.' Dr. John Koldus, vice president

il and Directorate and the Student versity Center should start schedulovernment be given scheduling nority in the University Center. The board acted on the priority The board acted on the priority

Koldus replied, "I know it can be

A suggestion of student run Cherry asked for the reconsidera-tion after The Battalion printed an tride on the subject. The state of administration. In student run dinate the time schedule at one

Wenck protested, preferring scheduling to be done by profes-sionals on the University Center Bob Wenck, Aggie Players ad-sionals on the University Center (UC) staff. John Beckham, faculty reasons for the priority system to be abolished. Reasons cited were that semester to semester scheduling. Hatch replied that the MSC could Bill Davis, MSC president and

Kent Brown, president of the Aggie Player's Club, said, "This axe original author of the MSC priority request moved to table the recomsals and plays. We are the only or- Charles Cargill, board chairman ganization that needs a theater as a and UC manager, said that a deci-

mendation that the MSC Coun- for student services, said the Uni-

Stark, said it was impossible to

mendation until a further date. sion would have to be made on the

With this statement, Beckham moved that the original request be rescinded. The motion passed unanimously

The board, in subsequent action, turned down a request by Aggie Players to have control over the Theater Center workshop and the Forum. The board also approved the revision of the U. C. fee schedule.

Wenck made a request of the board in an effort to secure space for Aggie Players and the Theater Arts section. Some board members were con-

cerned thatthis would be priority scheduling and assign space to a "special interest" group. Wenck said, "Our special interest is to the 20,000 students of this university. We provice an opportunity for stu-

dents to participate, and not be a spectator.

The board turned down Aggie Player's request for a permanent space assignment, on a 7-2 vote. John Tyler, SG representative and Harrison Hierth, faculty representative, voted in favor of Aggie Players

The board also considered Aggie Players' request for the use of a storage rokm, presently used by William Pahlmann, interior designer for the Center. An agreement was made by the board giving the Players the room after Pahlmann leaves next year. The board ended the three-hour

long meeting with the setting of a policy describing the paging procedure during theater performances. Previously, the paging was done by whoever happened to be available.



Wednesday, December 11, 1974

Bob Wenck addresses University Center Board meeting.

Library switches to no-fine system

the student that has the book, warn-

By WILL ANDERSON Assistant Editor

A form of a no-fine system for students will be used by the library beginning next semester, says Dr. Irene Hoadley, director of libraries. The new system resembles the policy toward faculty members with overdue books and was suggested by the Library Council. The council is made up of three students and faculty representatives from the var-

ious schools. The system was accepted unani-

mously by the council Dec. 2 and Dr. John C. Calhoun, vice president of academic affairs, approved its use Monday, Dr. Hoadley said. The system states that only one notice will be sent to a student with an overdue book. A book turned in an overthe book. A book three in a late will not cause a fine unless another student has requested the book. However, students with ex-tremely overdue books will have their loan privileges curtailed until the books are returned.

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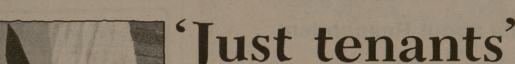
book will amount to the sum of the book's value plus a \$5 processing charge. Overdue fines may not count toward replacement costs.

The library will not be losing The replacement cost for a lost money on the new system, she said. Fines will go into a general operating budget and any money collected in fines will probably be spent on attempts to collect books, such as notices.

Photo by Glen Johnson

Dr. Hoadley said students will determine the success or failure of the no-fine system by how they accept it. It ill be used at least a year, she said, and if it doesn't work, a return to the present fine system is unlikely

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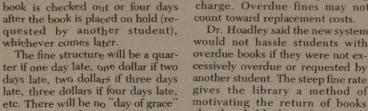
book is returned after a certain date. The date will be 14 days after the book is checked out or four days

whichever comes later. The fine structure will be a quarlate, three dollars if four days late,

ing that he is subject to a fine if the

Dr. Hoadley said the new system would not hassle students with overdue books if they were not ex-

gives the library a method of If a book is requested while it is checked out, a notice will be sent to in will there be any discount on placed on hold, she said.

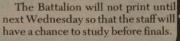


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The new procedure says that the sponsor of the event will be responsible for all paging.



Weather Fair and cool Wednesday with a high of 58°; low tonite 34°. Continue fair Thursday. High tomorrow 59°.



Rocky past Senate in VP confirmation

nate voted 90 to 7 Tuesday to con- election process. firm Nelson A. Rockefeller as the nation's 41st vice president.

of the procedure set down under the 25th Amendment to the Constitution to fill vice presidential vacan-

Representatives, expected next

If confirmed by the House, Rockefeller, 66 a former New York governor, will become the second vice president in U.S. history to be cho- the full House next week.

WASHINGTON (AP)-The Se- sen outside the normal popular

The first was Gerald R. Ford, who became President on the resigna-The vote completed the first half tion of President Richard M. Nixon and in turn nominated Rockefeller last Aug. 20.

House Speaker Carl Albert told es. Next is a vote by the House of that Rockefeller will be confirmed. House Judiciary Committee Chairman Peter W. Rodino Jr., D-N.J., said his panel will meet Thursday and consider putting the nomination up for final approval in



New lanterns

Sixteen of these wall light fixtures are to be installed in the MSC student lounge. Eight of the lanterns will hang from each of the five chandeliers in the high-ceilinged lounge.

MSC lacks student input on many policies, projects

By JIM PETERS Staff Writer

The Memorial Student Center is a misnomer

The new "living room of campus" is now being run by a University Center Board, rather than the student-controlled MSC Council as the past. (Ten of the 17 members of the MSC Council are students, whereas there are four students on the 12-member University Center Board.)

"It was a management decision," Col. H. W. Gaines, associate director of the MSC, said of the new set-

"Now we are just tenants of the building," Gaines commented on the ironic relation of the MSC Council to the MSC.

There are two general concepts in complex began in 1966. union management, he said-selfgovernment and a separate management system.

'Both in theory work equally " Gaines said. well.

J. Wayne Stark, director of the MSC since its inception in 1947, said the management change was made partially to allow him more time for student programming.

The only sections of the building now under the aegis of the MSC are the student programs and finance offices, the MSC offices and the Browsing Library.

Stark said when the original MSC was being planned student committees were involved in all aspects of the building.

Several committees were consulted about the new building design, he said, but no input was given as to the furnishings. That was left entirely up to the interior designer, William Pahlmann.

Robert L. Boone, director of the Singing Cadets, was an MSC Council student advisor for 14 years.

He said planning for additions to the MSC and construction of the Rudder Tower and Theatre Arts

At that time the projection was to continue the relaxed atmosphere and mood of the old into the new MSC. "But it hasn't worked out that way," Boone conceded.

'The new MSC is hokey as hell," Boone said. "It's vanilla, sterile, systematized, lacking any warmth or coziness

'It doesn't seem to be a place you oriented," Davis suggested.

would want to come to relax in." The student lounge area "reminds me of castles, cold granite and torches on the walls back in the days of knighthood," he said.

"There's no question that there are some lovely, lovely things," Boone stated, referring to the numerous antiques in the center. He said he questioned their appropriateness in a student center.

"Perhaps it will be better when the rest of the building is opened,' he mused. "But I kind of doubt it."

Bill Davis, student president of the MSC Council, and Vice President Mike Hatch have also expressed regret about the lack of student input into certain design phases, particularly interior furnishings.

'Unusually the administration is very receptive to student input," Davis said. But students were generally out of touch with the MSC design

"As a result, we've ended up with a lot of things that don't relate to a campus . . . and are not conducive to a good student union.

"The center should be unionoriented, as opposed to business-

Mills . 16-year career at committee chair ends bows out handed Mills one of the top powers

WASHINGTON (AP)-Rep. Wilbur D. Mills, D-Ark., bowed out Tuesday as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee in the new Congress after holding that post for 16 years.

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Mills' decision, relayed through a friend to Speaker Carl Albert and by Albert to newsmen, came after a series of events involving Mills and stripper Annabel Battistella, who

plunged into the Washington Tidal Basin in October after a party that left Mills scratched, bleeding and, according to police, apparently intoxicated.

whether Mills will remain in Congress and on the committee and, if Mills' withdrawal also ended an so, what part he will play. extraordinary 16-year career as The new chairman almost cerhead of the committee that handled tainly will be Rep. Al Ullman of

a large portion of Congress' most Oregon, next senior to Mills on the important legislation and for nearly Democratic side of the committee. all that time made the strong-Albert called newsmen to his of-

Still open are the questions of

in Congress.

from Bethesda Naval Hospital in which another congressman, close to Mills, passed on the word that without going into details, due to his health and on the recommendation of his doctors, Mr. Mills is not going to seek the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee. Mills, complaining of exhaustion,

fice Tuesday morning to tell them he had just received a telephone call from Bethesda Naval Hospital in sociation with Mrs. Battistella by appearing briefly on stage with her in Boston.

Albert said he also spoke with a doctor who attended Mills and was told "in his judgment, Mr. Mills is not able to perform the duties of the

chairmanship." Albert said he was also told Mills

'would make no further announcement of his intentions until his physical condition was determined to see whether he could carry on duties as a member of the House oor of the Ways and Means Committee or both.

Albert said he was given no details of Mills' condition or of further medical procedures to be under-

The intermediary was later identified as Rep. Joe D. Waggonner Jr., D-La., a member of the committee and close associate of Mills.

It had already been assumed by Albert and others that Mills would not be renominated for chairman and it was known that efforts were under way to reach Mills, in seclusion at the hospital, and persuade him to withdraw gracefully