

## Weather

Mostly cloudy Wednesday with chance of showers tonight and Thursday. Winds from the south 8-16 mph. High today 79°; low tonight 54°; high Thursday 67°.

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## House to decide raises; speed essential for effect

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislative sponsors of an emergency pay raise bill for state employees knuckled under to Gov. Dolph Briscoe today and cut the proposed increases by \$15 million.

Their substitute measure was laid out when the House began consideration of the Senate-passed bill.

Instead of the \$108 million measure sent to the floor Tuesday by the House Appropriations Committee, Rep. Fred Head, D-Troup, the sponsor, argued for a \$93 million total raise. Briscoe had indicated he might veto any bill that was not close to the \$90 million he had recommended.

The Senate passed a \$93 million bill, but with a different schedule of raises, last week. Head said he believed the Senate would accept his substitute bill.

The Head substitute would provide 13 per cent raises for lower ranked employees — most of whom make less than \$10,000; 9 per cent for those in middle level jobs, earnings up to \$23,220 a year; and a flat \$174 a month for those in higher pay categories.

Speed was essential because pay raises would be delayed until March 1 if the bill did not pass both houses and obtain Briscoe's signature by midnight Friday.

Raises provided by the House committee's bill range from 14.2 per cent for lower echelon employees to a flat \$203 a month for those making \$1,935 a month or more, all the way up to the \$63,000-a-year governor. The Senate's bill concentrated percentage pay raises in the lower ranks, giving only 5.5 per cent a year to those making \$20,500 a year or more.

State employees' salaries were increased 3.4 per cent on Sept. 1, 1974, and the Legislative Budget Board has recommended further raises to take effect Sept. 1, 1975.

In his message to the legislature a week ago, Briscoe recommended a blanket raise of 10 per cent for all state employees, from top to bottom.

Senators passed and sent to the House two measures Tuesday that were designed to ease the inflation pinch on retired teachers and state employees. They would cost nearly \$125 million.

Both, however, are contingent on voter approval in April of a constitutional amendment raising from 6 to 10 per cent the maximum amount of a teacher's or state employee's salary that can be deducted for retirement and matched by the state.

Each bill, however, anticipated approval by providing at least one check at the higher rate before the election on the amendment.

The measures provide a flat 12 per cent increase for the 9,600 retired state employees and from 5 to 18 per cent for 40,000 retired teachers.

### \$33,160 extra

## MSC desires bigger budget

By JUDY BAGGETT  
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Town Hall and MSC Student Programs will request \$33,160 additional funds at Thursday night's Student Service Fee Allocation Committee meeting, Curt Marsh, student vice-president of finance, said Monday.

Student Services Fee Reserve is five per cent of the total money brought in by the \$19.80 per semester student service fee. It is used to cover deficits, fill gaps and for additional programming.

Town Hall is asking for \$5,000 to program a TAMU special attraction in conjunction with Black Awareness Week.

MSC Student programs is requesting \$28,160.

\$480 — to purchase leather, batik and lapidary workshop equipment for the Arts and Crafts program.

\$4,860 — installation of heating and air conditioning in the Basement Coffeehouse.

\$21,170 — establishment of a video tape program

\$1,550 — publicity for MSC programs.

\$100 — to print Free University instructor handouts.

Both groups will give a presentation explaining why the additional money is needed, Marsh said. The committee and spectators can then ask questions. The recommendation made by the committee will go to Dr. John Koldus, vice president of student services, and then to President Williams.

Marsh said that Dr. Koldus "will essentially approve, assuming the recommendation is logical."

This is the first time for student input concerning reserve fee allocation.

Marsh chairs the committee. Senators on the committee are Tom Dawsey, Davis-Gary-Moore-Moses; Rajesh Kent, Law-Puryear-Cain; David McCabe, Uday-White; Joe Marcelllo, graduate, science; Carol Moore, off-campus, undergraduate; Bob Shokes, off-campus, graduate; David Stockard, graduate engineering; Lisa Swanson, freshman senator. Karla Mouritsen, recording secretary for the student government, is also on the committee.

The committee's recommendation for reserve funds will not go to Student Senate, as do allocation recommendations. Marsh said he felt more student input was not needed and it will be faster not to go through the senate.



Tharr she blunders!

Workmen unleashed this gusher Tuesday evening near quitting time. Raindrops kept falling on the heads of passersby for over an hour and a half.

Photo by Jack Holm

## Can women yell? Senate to decide issue

By JUDY BAGGETT  
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A resolution recommending no restriction on the sex of yell leaders will be read for the first time at the Senate meeting Wednesday night.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington.

Another resolution concerning yell leaders recommends that the yell leader with the most votes get the position of head yell leader. Presently, the yell leader committee selects the head yell leader.

Several other resolutions will have a first reading. The spring break resolution will recommend that all Texas universities break at the same time. The idea came from the Texas Tech Senate.

Also on the agenda is the approval of \$400 to buy Gathright awards. Each department selects three students for academic excellence and leadership to get the award.

The senate will hear the first reading of the "Nutshell" resolution. "Nutshell" is an interest magazine for students and is bought and distributed by Student Senate each year. The Senate will decide whether or not to put the magazine in the budget for next year.

Blue Book revisions resolution on Section I will be heard for the first time.

Also at the meeting a vote will be taken on the general election by all students of yell leaders and on state legislative affairs. The affairs would be like students on governing boards, student input on service fees and legislation on building use fees.

## Shoes become casualties of building programs

By JUDY BAGGETT  
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Muddy shoes and long treks across construction sites have become the norm on campus lately.

Ross Street is the main problem area, said Chief Luther, Tuesday. Six crosswalks have been installed across the torn up street, after several girls complained to R. L. Melcher, Administrative Officer, about muddy shoes. Lateral boardwalks were also installed along the street because of sinking sidewalks due to rain.

Houston Street is a problem, too. Luther said that he had reports of two or three persons slipping and falling, but there were no injuries.

The University Hospital also had no reported injuries due to construction.

Some students and faculty have accepted the inconvenience caused by construction as part of life at A&M.

"The toughest thing is just getting from one place to another, especially when it rains," said Dr. William Pride, marketing professor. "I'm not complaining though. The noise (of construction) is the worst part."

Several students said they had no problem getting to class, but pointed out that it took a bit longer.

Others are not complacent about the hassle.

"Yesterday I tripped over an iron pipe on the sidewalk and some of the sidewalks have been slippery," said Gwen Gable, stenographer for the English Department. "It is just inconvenient."

Another student commented on the dust in the air on dry days near construction areas.

"You get dirty because of the heavy equipment stirring up the dirt when you walk by," he said.

"I damn near fell flat on my nose," said Barbara West, junior, explaining that the crosswalk had a split between the boards.

Melcher summed up the situation as "just the general inconvenience of construction."



Photo by Kevin Fotorny

### Elegance of Scarlatti

Playing pieces from Scarlatti and other classical composers, Minoru Nojima performed magnificently in the Rudder

Theater Tuesday night. He delighted everyone there.

## Throat dry? No relief in sight for campus

"One thing that I think people have to get through their heads is that the university is an autocratic society," said Dr. John Koldus, vice president of student services.

"That's right!" said Mark Rankin, chairman of the MSC Great Issues committee. Great Issues didn't sponsor this debate over liquor on campus, the Student Y did, but Rankin was walking toward the front of the room for an after-program debate.

Koldus, representing the administration's view, stepped backed to the chalkboard and began diagramming a simple organizational chart to illustrate his point.

"The governor appoints the board," said Koldus, drawing the first box at the top of the chart.

"The board appoints the president. The president appoints the vice presidents. And so on," continued Koldus as he drew more boxes and lines in his example chart.

Then he lowered his chalk to the bottom of the chalkboard near the chalkwell. "And the students are way down here." He drew a squiggly line.

"That's right," said Rankin again as he began explaining the legal status of university organization.

"I don't think this institution will ever get to the point where it will be

totally democratic," Koldus had said earlier. "We will never take a vote on every issue." Koldus was explaining why a student vote favoring a pub would not be enough reason for

of input. For instance, he said when he has a staff meeting, he takes a poll of his staff. But if the staff votes for a policy which turns out to be bad, he must change that policy.

"So what can students do to get a pub on campus?" asked Keith Singleton, who was reading questions submitted by the 60 students in the room.

"Right now the policy is set by the board of directors. The board would have to change that policy," said Koldus.

With that issue settled, the discussion turned a different direction. The most telling discussion was prompted with the following question:

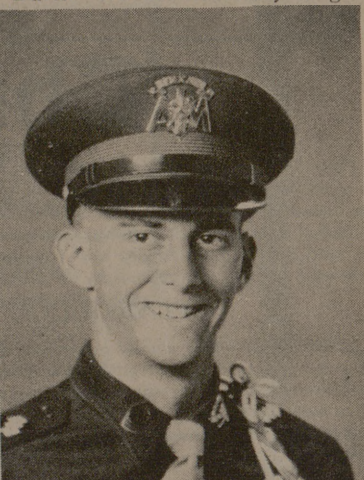
What effect does a pub have on academic performance?

"Harvard has a high average Grade Point Ratio, I understand," said MSC President Bill Davis. "A pub is not fatal one way or the other. Five years from now, there would be no major effect on the school or the happiness of the students. It would just be a nice place for students to go and have a beer with lunch or a place where students could go at 5 o'clock for a beer or two."

"That could still be done off campus," said the remaining panel

member, Senior Class President Louie Gohmert.

"But I'd like to see an academic community that was comfortable. Alcohol is part of our culture," said Davis. "It's not necessary to get



Louis Gohmert

drunk. It's a mixer . . . It's part of our society."

"So is rape," countered Gohmert. ". . . I'd just like to see it served as something for those who would like to take advantage of it," answered

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Bill Davis

changing the university policy against liquor.

"Contrary to what The Battalion says, the administration is receptive to what students have to say," said Koldus. He said there may be a misunderstanding on the meaning