

Who's who in the conference room?

RHA meet delayed in shuffle

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"APO or RHA?" was the question the man at the door of the library conference room asked everyone coming in. It seemed that two meetings had been scheduled for the same time at the same place.

One building later, the RHA meeting began in the Harrington Complex Building. Vice-president George Lippe presided in place of RHA president Greg Magruder. Magruder has been in the hospital with bronchitis and said it would be difficult for him to talk.

The machines will be of the dispenser type. The university will initially buy the machines and will expect to recover the money from sales.

In other business:
• RHA is working in conjunction with Town Hall to book a group for the RHA weekend concert, April 19. Cables had been sent to the major booking companies to see who would be in this area at that time. A list of possible choices would be submitted soon, Lippe said.
• Ron Blatchley, associate student activities director, said that different activities were being considered to keep the morale of the students high, despite the inconvenience that was being caused by the construction activities. These activities, to be termed "construction extravaganza," would be something which we could all participate in, said Blatchley.

Ice machines will be placed in easily accessible places on campus next term.

A committee formed to look into the possibility of having ice machines decided to try ten machines next term.

"If they are successful," said Lynne Bybee, committee chairman, "we will probably have some more machines placed on campus."

Bybee said the idea had originated in the girls' dorm and they had decided to take it to the RHA to see if others felt the same need.

• A committee will be formed to look into dorm improvements. It will consist of representatives from the Student Body, Housing Office, Fiscal Office and Director of Student Affairs. "I will be going around the dorms with the committee members taking down notes on whatever improvements the dorm presidents think needs to be done," Lippe said.

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scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m. in front of Hughes Hall. Free cokes and Dr. Pepper will be available. Lippe said the administration was very helpful in digging a ditch for the tug-of-war.

The intramural directors will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in room 410 of the Rudder Tower to answer questions about intramural activities. Anyone with questions can attend.

Legislature okays pay boost; Briscoe signs without delay

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — After quickly resolving a foul-up, the legislature finally passed Thursday a \$93 million pay raise package for the 125,000 state employees.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe immediately signed the pay raise authorization bill and said he would sign the companion measure appropriating the funds for it Friday.

Briscoe told reporters he had never threatened to veto a more expensive, \$110 million measure proposed by the House Appropriation Committee but had merely asked lawmakers to "hold the line" on spending.

"I am very pleased that they held the line on the first appropriation bill to come before the legislature this session," Briscoe said.

As a result of Thursday's action, state government workers will see these raises on their end-of-February pay checks:

— 13 per cent for "classified" employees in salary groups 2-12, who now make \$4,920 to \$12,000 a year, and for non-classified workers making less than \$876 a month.

— 9 per cent for classified employees in groups 13-21, whose salaries range from \$10,512 to \$23,220 a year, and for non-classified workers earning from \$1,267 to \$1,935 monthly.

— \$124 a month for non-classified employees earning between \$876 and \$1,267 per month.

— \$174 per month for all employees making more than \$1,935 monthly.

Most state agency employees are in jobs covered by the position classification plan. Non-classified employees include state college and university state and faculty, judges at the district court level and above and agency executives whose salaries are set individually by the legislature.

The original pay raise bill was split into two measures, both of them quickly passed, after House Parliamentarian Bob Johnson suggested it might be unconstitutional. Johnson said the bill appeared to be a general appropriations bill that also set general law, prohibited by the Texas Constitution. The general law provisions, he said, raise travel pay for state employees and require reimbursement of the general revenue fund for pay raises given employees who normally are paid for special funds. These funds consist of such revenue as occupational license fees and specially earmarked taxes.

Campus briefs

Aide openings

The Student "Y" Association has openings for Cabinet Aides. If you are a member and are interested in one of these positions, come by the Student Programs Office (room 216, MSC).

Gems and rocks

The Brazos Valley Gem & Mineral Society will feature a lecture on campus Feb. 5 on the Colorado area of the Rocky Mountains. Dr. Kirk Irgolic, A&M professor of chemistry, will present the lecture and slide presentation in the W. T. Doherty Building.

German club to form

Formation of a German language organization at Texas A&M University will be discussed at a meeting Feb. 3.

The discussion will be held at 7 p.m. in room 108 of the Academic Building. Modern Language Department spokesmen say there is a growing interest in forming such an organization on campus. The department has already sponsored several German language activities, such as films, this year.

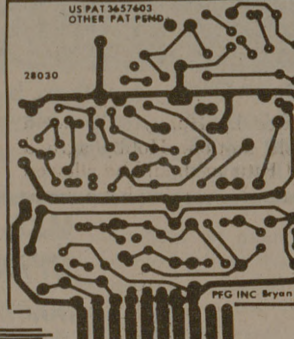
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New fee committee gives away \$33,160

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to arrange the concert for the Black Awareness Committee. Town Hall will have to finance part of the concert and will take all profits and put them back into the Town Hall budget.

They are counting on about 65 per cent attendance, based on previous concerts.

There seemed to be two reasons for approval of allocation of the money. A committee member said that the program would give students a broader selection of entertainment. Also, some members said they thought blacks had been treated as second or third class citizens. The money would show that the committee was willing to support them. Marsh, chairman, asked if this was supposed to make everything up to them.

Rajesh Kent, committee member, pointed out that programming on campus for minorities has been slighted in the past.

Groups recommended by the Black Awareness Committee were Ohio Players, Isly Brothers, New Birth, Tower of Power, Kool and the Gang and Chi-Lites.

The 10-person committee next approved \$480 for the MSC arts and crafts program with very little debate. MSC President Bill Davis said there was substantial interest in the program. He pointed out that students haven't had a creative outlet.

The money will be used for leather and batik workshop equipment and lapidary.

Mike Perrin, economics major, asked Davis if the MSC had a reserve fund.

Davis replied yes, but it was "all pretty much spoken for."

He said the money was pegged for a dinner theater in the summer,

public relations and a radio antenna cable.

Second in the four-part request was \$4,860 for air-conditioning and heating the Basement coffeehouse, room 128 in the MSC. The room was originally a storeroom. The committee voted unanimously to approve the request.

The largest request was \$21,170 for a video tape project. The campus will not only have four color television sets, but will have creative production of video tapes. The four sets will be in the new lounge ("Have to have something to do while sitting in the lounge besides look at hideous furniture," one member quipped), snack bar, old MSC and the Brown Bag area.

Programs from KAMU, educational station, can also be shown on the sets.

Three advantages to video tape were noted. It is an inexpensive source of regular entertainment and informative programming. It is also a creative outlet.

The committee had one abstention and nine for when the vote was taken.

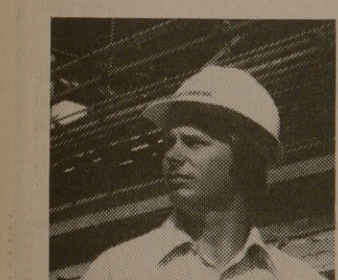
The fourth request was two-part. Free university needed an additional \$100 for printing instructor handouts for various classes. More classes than were anticipated were held.

The second part was \$1,550 for MSC public relations. The money, approved unanimously, will be used for the weekly newsletter, advertising in Bryan-College Station Life-Style Magazine each month and public relation reports for the MSC.

The committee approved all requests for additional funds without making any changes.

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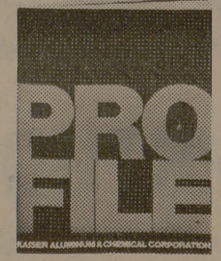
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