

Federal or local?

Rep. Sam Steiger (L) of Arizona, and Rep. Alan Steelman of Texas debated the need for the Federal land use bill Thursday. Steiger, who is against the bill, argued that funding should be on a local level. Steelman stated

that although the Federal Government didn't really want to make rules, they would fund states which implemented their own land use plans. Both SCONA XX speakers also answered questions.

Allocation increase asked

RHA wants more for intramurals

By DIANE GREENE Staff Writer

The Residence Hall Association agreed last night to lobby with dorm councils and student senators for an increased student service fee budget for the intramural program.

Intramural Director Dennis Cor-

Rha President Greg Magruder presented statistics which showed that A&M's participation in intramurals was up 48 per cent. Statistics also showed that A&M had about twice as many intramural games as Texas Tech and about half the intramural budget. Tech was used for comparison because it has

comparable enrollment figures. from studying and stressed the im- vote in vell leader elections.

portance of the residence halls pushing for an expanded program. Recommendations for the new budget will come from the Student

The RHA also passed a motion to send a letter to Dr. John Koldus, the vice president of student services, rington requested \$170,000 from stating, "the appointment of stuthe Student Service Fee Allocation dent members to the Laundry.

Committee, a \$100,000 increase Board and the Sbisa and Krueger-Dunn Menu Boards should be made by the President of the Residence Hall Association instead of the Student Body President.'

> Since dorm students are the major patrons of laundry and dining facilities, Magruder felt the resolution to be an important one.

The issue of getting civilians elected as yell leaders was brought It was recommended that the up. Although the RHA does not feel new money be spent on extending they should endorse a candidate, facility hours. Magruder said in- they would like to do what they can tramurals are an excellent relief to get the non-corps students out to

Other business of the meeting included:

• An amendment which would require all RHA presidential candidates to have taken at least 42 credit hours. This will be voted on at the next RHA meeting.

• Suggestion by public relations chairman, David Reta, that the RHA publish its own newsletter. It was decided that since the MSC council offered to include dorm information in the INFORMER and DIAMETER, the RHA would use the media which proves itself least expensive.

 Announcement of an opening for the office of RHA treasurer. Applications should be turned in at the

Quarters increase costs, improve learning process

By ROSE MARY TRAVERSO Staff Writer

Introduction of the Quarter System of scheduling to the A&M Consolidated School District will mean increased costs to the district for additional faculty, building facilities and a computerized scheduling method, A&M Consolidated principal Bob Caskey told the school board at a special meeting Thurs-

The board met to hear a presentation from Caskey on the implementation of the quarter system, scheduled to begin next fall.

Very few, if any, other schools in Texas will operate under the true 'student-centered" concept of the Quarter Plan, Caskey said.

Under the system, the year's work is divided into three quarters of 12 weeks each, rather than in the two parts, as was done in the semester plan. Each quarter is a separate and complete grading period and a student's schedule will change each

The system should provide a flex-

Charity group sponsors walk to raise funds

The Brazos Valley chapter of the National Foundation-March of Dimes will sponsor a "wal-kathon" Saturday, March 1, to raise funds for research to prevent birth defects.

Organizers have devised a 20-mile route beginning and ending at Manor East Mall. The "walkathon" starts at 9 a.m., with registration opening at 7:45 a.m. "While we hope a maximum

number of the participants will complete the walk, it is by no means a requirement," said Dr. Jacob Beal Jr., member of the Walkathon Steering Committee.

Backers of the event are hoping to attract 1,000 participants of all ages. They expect the majority to be public school students in the 12-16-year-old age bracket, but several "senior citizens" have already expressed interest.

The concept for the walkathon many sponsors as possible who will pledge a predetermined amount of money for each mile walked. The sponsors can be either local firms or individuals. Registration and sponsor forms are available at all local 7-11 and U-Tote'M Stores.

Prizes will be awarded in several different categories.

ible curriculum that will better meet the individual needs of the students, said Fred Hopson, school superintendent.

At a previous meeting the board decided that 60 quarter credits would be required for graduation. The transposing of traditional units into quarter credits "takes a lot of clerical work" but basically involved multiplying each traditional unit by three, Caskey said.

A wide variety of electives will be offered, decreasing the number of students per class, Caskey said. Elective classes that do not meet a minimum enrollment set by the school will be cancelled for that quarter except in the case of certain highly advanced physics and

mathematics courses, he said. Courses will be labeled "level 1, 2 or 3" according to the amount of challenge it will present students, Caskey said. Although this will in some ways separate students who are fast learners and those who have learning problems, it will not be a "structural tracking or grouping system," Hopson said.

'Some students have certain learning disabilities and so some grouping has to be done to help provide for the needs of these students," Hopson said.

In reply to a parent's question, Hopson said that, although the number ratings of the courses will appear on transcripts, all courses meet minimum state requirements, therefore, level 1 courses will meet admittance requirements to a uni-

The curriculum planned for the coming school year varies with home and family living courses such as "love and commitment" to advanced organic chemistry. Expansion in the areas of social studies and culture courses and finance and banking courses may be future possibilities, since student interest has been high, Hopson said.

Urgent needs seen by Tower

The urgent need for a comprehensive energy plan which would bring the United States to an eventual energy independence was emphasized in Senator John Tower's weekly Report to Texa

The report speaks positively of President Ford's energy package saying that, "The president at least has a plan, which is more than can be said of his critics.'

The senator strongly opposes gasoline rationing, which he sees as the only alternative to the \$3 a barrel tax on imported oil proposed in the president's plan.

Bulletin board

SUNDAY
YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF TEXAS hold an organizational meeting at 8 p.m. in room 504 of the Rudder Tower. BASEMENT COFFEEHOUSE every Friday from

MONDAY

ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT SEMINAR presents Prof. Royall Brandis of the University of Illinois speaking on "Justice between Generations: Economic Aspects" at 3 p.m. in room 100 of the Harrington Center.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS holds a car wash from noon till 5 p.m. at the Texaco Station, Jersey at Texas Ave.

MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 302 of the Rudder Tower. Dr. A. K. Ayoub will speak.

AGGIE CINEMA presents "Romeo and Juliet" at 8 p.m. and "Freaks" at midnite in the Rudder Center Theatre. Admission is \$1 for each film.

NUCLEAR ENGINEERING SEMINAR FEATURES C.P. Booker and E.R. Copus on "Fusion Reactor: Plasma Ignition and Fueling" at 1 p.m. in room 104D of Zachary

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT colloquium featuring Dr. W. R. Erman discussing "Synthesis in the Sandalwood Series" in room 231 of the Chemistry Building.

TAMU ANIMAL SCIENCE WIVES CLUB meets at SATURDAY

CRICKET CLUB meets at 3 p.m. on the Parade Ground for spring practice.

AGGIE BAND holds the Maroon Band-White Band football game at 1 p.m. at the A&M Consolidated Football Field.

A&M WHEELMEN meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 230

TUESDAY

AGGIE CINEMA CLUB meets at 8 p.m. in the conference room. All members who want to stay members must attend.

HORTICULTURE SOCIETY meets at 7:30 p.m. in

WEDNESDAY EDCI GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION holds a brown bag seminar at noon in HECC Phase II, room 104. Dr. Athelstan Spilhaus will be featured speaker.

BRUSH COUNTRY HOMETOWN CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 607 of the Rudder Tower. EL PASO HOMETOWN CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m.

in room 404 of the Rudder Tower.

CEPHEID VARIABLE SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY COMMITTEE presents 2001: A
Space Odyssey at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. in the
Rudder Auditorium. Admission is 81.

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