

Weather

Mostly cloudy, mild and windy Thursday with intermittent light rain. Cooler and gradually clearing to partly cloudy Friday. High today 78; low tonight 49; high Friday 60.

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OPAS presents Alicia de Larrocha

Photo by Jack Holm

OPAS and Town Hall presented Alicia de Larrocha in the Rudder Auditorium Wednesday night. De

Larrocha performed two encores to the delight of the audience after her program of Romantic music.

Legislature retains speed limit

Fears losing \$453 million in highway funds

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Legislators gave in to financial pressure Wednesday, extending Texas' 55 mile an hour speed limit rather than risk losing \$453 million in federal highway funds.

The House vote was 126-19 and the Senate 26-5, large enough majorities to put the bill into immediate effect. Senators also agreed to allow insurance agents to charge up to 18 per cent a year on money they loan clients to buy insurance policies. Sen. A. M. Aikin Jr., D-Paris, protested that Texas roads are built for 70 m.p.h. and highway patrolmen are writing 60,000 speeding

tickets a month. "That shows how much respect they have for it," Aikin said of Texas motorists. "I'm not going to have the federal government come down here and browbeat us," said Aikin. "The question may be, 'Do we want federal money?' But now is not the time to decide it," said the sponsor, Sen. Bill Meier, D-Eules, aware that the current 55 m.p.h. limit expires next Tuesday.

A handful of West Texas conservatives again urged the House to give the bill less than 100 votes so it would not become law until Sept. 1, but they were unsuccessful. In addition to the federal allocation of \$303 million to Texas for two years starting June 30, assistant state highway engineer Marcus Yancey Jr. noted in a letter to Rep. Jon Newton, D-Beeville, that the Sept. 1 date would prevent the state from receiving \$150 million in recently unfrozen federal funds.

Tax cuts

Congress sends new bill to Ford

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress passed, Wednesday night, and sent to President Ford a \$24.8-billion antirecession tax cut package that includes rebate checks and tax reductions for virtually all Americans.

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Loloma ends TAMU visit

Photo by Steve McGowan

Hopi jeweler Charles Loloma ended three days of lecture-demonstrations at A&M Wednesday with an arts and crafts workshop in the Rudder

Forum. In Loloma's visit, he demonstrated techniques he uses in making Indian jewelry.

SG to decide services fees

Athletic budget— MSC bargain or ripoff? request tonight

By JERRY GEARY
Staff Writer

It's budget approval time again, and you may be able to hear the muffled cries of "Riffity-riffity, riff raff..." from the Athletic Business Office of Wally Groff, who is unhappy with the \$130,000 budget slash that is being recommended.

Assistant athletic director for business affairs, Groff says that TAMU students "are getting a tremendous bargain" in athletic events by comparison with other schools.

"Last year the Athletic Department received \$9.63 per student from student services fees while our competitors are receiving \$12-16 from each of their students," says Groff.

This year the Athletic Department requested \$219,000 from services fees to be used for non-revenue sports such as baseball, golf, swimming, tennis, track and women's sports. Another \$140,000 was asked for season ticket passes to home football games.

"The reason for the increase was women's sports which wasn't the obligation of the Athletic Department," commented Groff.

While women's athletics is budgeted at \$104,000, non-revenue sports operations cost between \$250,000-270,000 but only \$120,000 is being recommended for these events.

In order to pay for these athletic programs, surplus football revenue must be used.

Much controversy centers around the proposed user fee. Groff says that this charge was recommended by students in order to make payment to the football program optional.

Under this proposal, everyone

would have the option to purchase a season ticket pass to all football games for \$10 or be charged \$2.50 for each individual game.

Groff's only comment on this recommendation is that an individual who doesn't buy the season pass should have to pay more (around \$3.50) for a ticket.

"I just can't quite agree with the figures they gave us," Groff said.

On the other side of the coin, Curt Marsh feels that the Athletic Department is receiving more than its share of student fees.

"Last year we supported 12 per cent and this year with \$270,000 we are supporting 14 per cent of their entire budget," says Marsh.

Marsh commented that with an estimated enrollment increase of 15 per cent, the Athletic Department will make more than \$150,000 in season ticket football passes.

"I'll make a dollar bet with anybody that the way the proposal is set up, they'll make more than their \$270,000," said Marsh, confidently.

Marsh said that the Athletic Department is operating on a profit and that appropriating more money for their use won't make a bit of difference — they'll only be deeper in the black.

"My job is to get the students the best deal for the lowest price," Marsh said.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT	
Approved Last Year	\$215,000
Requested This Year	\$359,000
	(219,000)
	+140,000
	User fee)
Recommended This Year	\$270,000
	(120,000)
	+ 150,000
	User fee)

By DON MIDDLETON
Staff Writer

The Student Senate will hear recommendations for student services fees budgets tonight including MSC Student Programs, Great Issues Committee and Political Forum.

MSC Student Programs, consisting of the Student Program Office, Student "Y" and the Director of Student Activities, requested \$391,311, an increase of \$88,466 over the 1974-75 budget.

Much of the increase came in salaries for non-student workers and other wages. Other increases were due to expanded services such as the Arts and Crafts Center.

The Political Forum committee requested \$12,926 of Student Services fees, a net decrease of \$9 from last year's budget. The decrease is due in part to the elimination of \$425 allocated for meals, pending a ruling by Dr. John Koldus, vice president for Student Services, on the legality of using student money on food said John Oeffinger, chairman-elect of Political Forum.

Great Issues also decreased their budget request, asking for \$16,200 as opposed to a \$16,250 budget in '74-75. Deletion of funds for meals offset a \$1,600 increase in professional fees and other increases.

MSC	
Approved Last Year	
MSC Student Programs	\$302,395
Great Issues	16,250
Political Forum	12,935
Requested This Year	\$391,311
	16,200
	12,926
Recommended This Year	\$342,500
	16,200
	12,926

University health fee separated

AUSTIN (AP) — Despite opposition by student body presidents from various Texas colleges, the Senate Education Committee approved a bill Wednesday allowing for the collection of student medical service fees.

The committee also heard testimony on a measure by Sen. Bob Gammage, D-Houston, to insure that each governing board of state colleges and universities has at least one member who is a student at the time of his appointment.

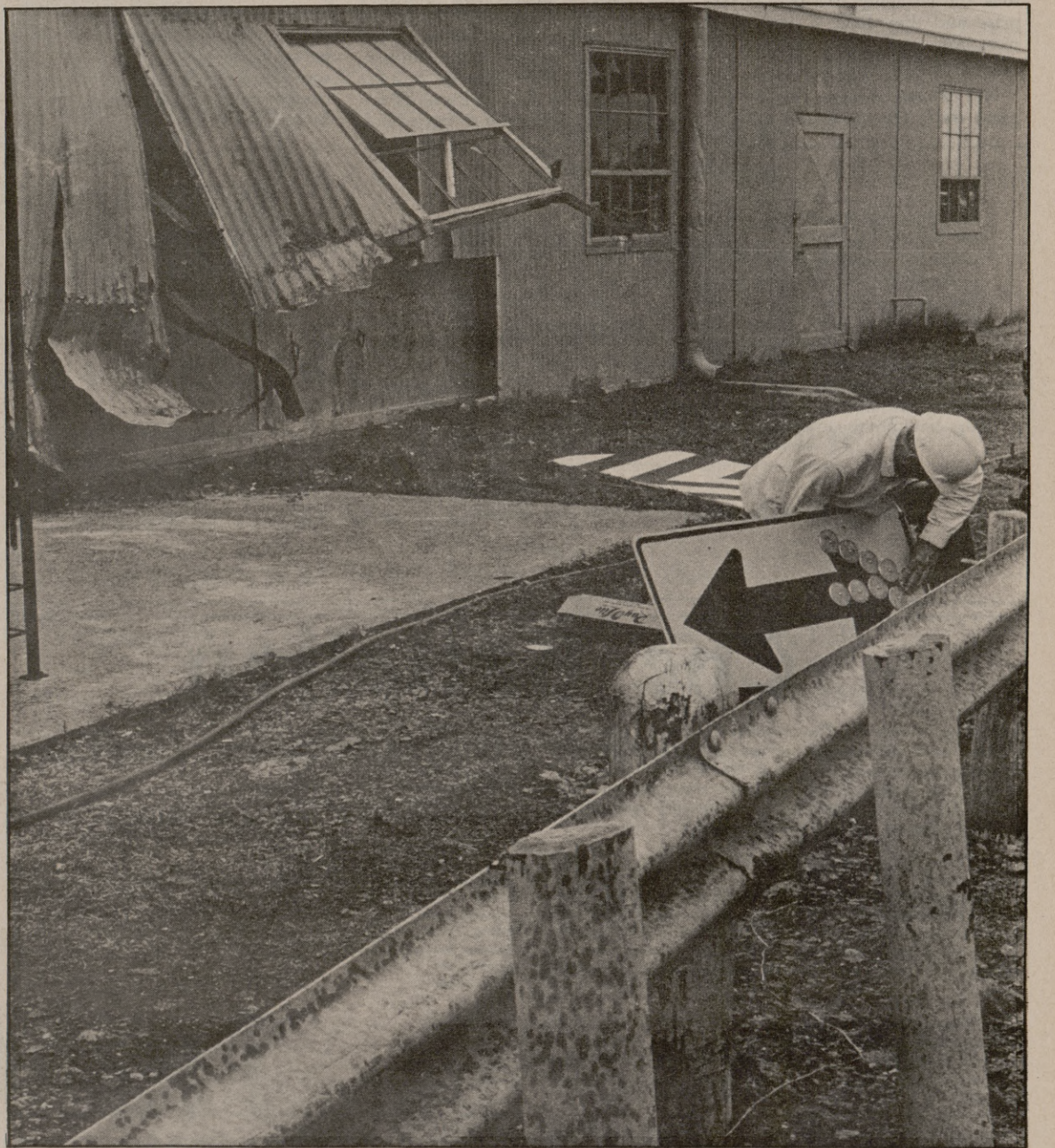
The medical services fee bill, sponsored by Sen. Pete Snelson, D-Midland, would permit the governing board of a state college or university to collect \$15 a semester to pay for doctor's fees and medical treatment.

Quincy Ollison, student body president at North Texas State University in Denton, said he was opposed to Snelson's bill because he was against any additional fees and lack of student participation in setting or handling the fees.

Snelson said he did not intend to impose anything on students they did not want, but he added that "I can't deny the students who need proper health care."

Speaking in opposition to Gammage's bill, Frank Erwin said it would be difficult to appoint a regent-student who would be representative of all 12 branches of the University of Texas system.

"A better way to handle the problem would be to have a regent, who would not have to be a student, under age 25 and maybe another under age 30," said Erwin, a former UT regent and now lobbyist for the group.



Guard-rail for safety

Photo by Alan Killingsworth

After a car lost control and crashed into the 420th Engineering Brigade Building at Easterwood airport several weeks ago, the Highway Dept. has installed a guard-

rail in front of the building to prevent similar accidents in the future. Melvin Doss (pictured above), is attaching reflectors to a direction sign.