

Weather

Mostly cloudy mornings; partly cloudy afternoons Thursday and Friday. Continued warm and windy. High both days near 85; low tonight 72.

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Athletic user fee proposal

SG, Athletic Dept. to renegotiate

By JIM CRAWLEY
Staff Writer

Student Government and the Athletic Department locked horns last night over a suddenly proposed increase in the planned football ticket user fee.

The result: The whole issue was placed "in limbo" after a two hour conference between SG leaders and Athletic Department administrators.

Dr. John Koldus, vice-president for Student Services, told The Battalion that the proposed increase had not gone through the usual budget channels. Koldus added that he was not informed of the proposed implementation until Wednesday morning.

The increase was set up as follows:

Student Service fees would no longer be used to finance the football and basketball programs. Instead, students wanting to attend the five home games would buy a season ticket for \$17.50. This is half the regular price. Season ticket buyers would receive priority in the distribution of the tickets on a seniority basis.

If an individual wanted to go to just one or two home games he would pay \$7 per ticket. This figure was revised downward to five dollars after further discussion with SG leaders.

Football season pass holders would also be admitted free of charge to basketball games. Others would purchase the tickets at half-price.

The plan also called for a spouse or date package. The package costing \$25 would entitle wives and dates to attend games at discount.



Marvin Tate

Committee had endorsed the increase.

"We were led to believe that certain student leaders had had an opportunity to look at this," said Marvin Tate, assistant athletic director. "We were not trying to pull the wool over anyone's eyes," said Tate while explaining what he termed as a "misunderstanding" between SG and the Athletic Department.

Bob Shokes, student member of the Athletic Council, said that he had talked to Jeff Dunn, Raj Kent and Steve Eberhard. Dunn is SG president, Kent is vice president of academic affairs and Eberhard is past SG president.

Kent said he had not endorsed the plan and had only thought it was a proposal. "We just said the proposal was too high. The proposal by the department was originally \$25."

Earlier in the day, Williams told SG Radio, "We have to meet the Athletic Department budget somehow." Williams explained the necessity for the sudden announcement and implementation as "They had to make it early enough for students to buy them."

Williams further blamed the increases in the budget on the inclusion of women athletics and the Health, Education and Welfare Department's Title 9 regulations concerning sex discrimination.

One of the main complaints cited by the senate was the individual ticket price of \$7 for students. Joe Marcello, Graduate Student Council president said that visiting student fans would pay less than A&M students. He added that he could go to an away game for only \$3.50 but that a local game could cost \$7.



Wally Groff

Dunn stated that SG "doesn't want an underfunded Athletic Department. We just want to know where the money is going."

Another complaint of the Senate was that game attendance is mandatory for the Corps and that they have to march in. Wally Groff, assistant athletic director, replied, "An easy solution is to have the Corps march in and then out of Kyle Field."

During the discussion with SG leaders Wednesday night, Groff said the increase was figured to draw 10,000 students to each home game. Curt Marsh, past vice president of finance and the author of the Senate's original ticket proposal, said his figures indicated an estimated attendance of 12-14 thousand per game under the Senate's plan.

Koldus said that he and Tate would attempt to meet with Williams this morning and discuss the present situation. Dunn added that he and other SG leaders would like to see Williams take the role as mediator between the students and the Athletic Department.

"I would like to pursue a personal discussion with the president," said Koldus.

According to Shokes, the Athletic Council, the governing board of the department, had approved the increase on Monday. He said the original proposal was for a \$25 season ticket.

The eleventh-hour meeting was originally called for the purpose of writing a press release by the department and the SG.

SG unanimously votes athletic ticket boycott

By DON MIDDLETON
Staff Writer

At its unofficial first meeting Wednesday night, the student senate voiced unanimous approval of a student boycott of an Athletic Department decision requiring stu-

The action taken at the Student Senate "meeting" preceded the events leading to the decision to renegotiate the ticket controversy.

dents desiring season football tickets to pay a \$17.50 user fee during the pre-registration period.

In compliance with a Judicial Board decision, the Senate took no official action on the decision, conducting only a straw vote on the issue to determine the general feel-

ing of the senators.

Rajesh Kent, vice-president for academic affairs, stated that the Athletic Department had decided on the \$17.50 user fee and \$7.00 per game ticket price after the 74-75 Senate had approved a \$10.00 fee with a \$3.50 per game price, but had not informed the public of the change until Wednesday morning.

Kent called for the boycott due to the price hike and the fact that students have not been given sufficient warning or information on the decision. "We feel the \$17.50 season ticket is a rip-off," Kent told the senators, "and we want to know why the decision was made without further student input."

Sandy Hood, graduate senator

from the College of Education, stated that "the Athletic Department did not consult Dr. Koldus (University vice-president for Student Services) or the Student Government. They went straight to Dr. Williams and ignored all the correct channels of communications."

Joe Marcello, graduate senator from the College of Science and president of the Graduate Student Council, told the senate that the GSC was also opposed to the Athletic Department's action.

"We (GSC) agreed unanimously to tell the Athletic Department that we will not pay one cent more than what the Student Senate originally approved," Marcello said. "We're the ones who should decide where our money is spent and no one else."

The senate agreed to support the boycott until an agreement could be reached with the Athletic Department that would be more acceptable to the student body.

In other action student body president Jeff Dunn informed the senate of his intention to nominate Mary Ellen Martin as senate executive director at the next meeting.

"I believe she has shown throughout the past year that she is competent in the area of student government and will do the best job next year," Dunn said.

Other applicants for the job were Allison King and Karla Mouritsen.

Dunn also introduced the five vice-presidents who outlined their committee structure and briefed the senators on proposed projects for the coming year.

Jerri Ward, vice-president for external affairs, cited increased student involvement in city affairs and research into federal and state legislation concerning education as major priorities.

Vice-president of Finance Bill Flores proposed establishment of a Student Business Council to investigate student fee increases and provide input to the administration concerning student feeling on such increases.

In the area of student services, Vice President Troie Pruett outlined a program including a market survey to determine the feasibility of a Food Co-op, a recycling center and research into health and property insurance.

Kent stressed the need for expansion of the professor evaluation program, a departmental program evaluation and close examination of the university "Q" drop policy.

Duane Thompson, vice-president for rules and regulations, called for revision of the Student Body Constitution, senate by-laws, university "Blue Book" and election regulations.



Aggie Players Present "Godspell"

Photo by Jack Holm

"Godspell" is the Aggie Players current production, opening tonight. The play is a modern interpretation of the Bible, centered on the ideas of love and life.

Mid-east debate

Conflict history discussed

By JERRY GEARY
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At last night's Political Forum, Israeli Ambassador Benjamin Varon and Joseph Hayeck, president of the International Arab Federation, centered their debate over the past history of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Varon said that Palestinians had only recently become a people while Israel has been inhabited by Jews throughout the ages.

In 1947, the League of nations recognized the historic trend of the Jewish people in Palestine. Varon also pointed out that the Palestinians could have achieved indepen-

dence through the United Nations but had refused.

Varon also said Israel was a shame to the Arabs and while the Palestinian Liberation Organization wants to establish a separate state on the west bank of Israel, this would not stop their goal of entire liberation of Israel and Jordan.

"The Arabs are only satisfied with extinguishing Israel," said Varon. "Attacking Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's past attempts at peace negotiations, Varon said:

"With all his prestige and brilliance, Dr. Kissinger has yet to win a single war and a single peace, yet he won a Nobel Prize for a war you

see in the papers everyday."

Citing the violence of the Palestinian guerillas, Varon said many Palestinian refugees were placed in camps in 1947 and that the seeds of hate for Israelis by guerillas were planted in these camps.

Joseph Hayeck attacked the Israelis as fighting a people that don't exist, referring to former Prime Minister Golda Meier's remarks that "Palestinians don't exist."

Hayeck said for either side to ignore the existence of the other would only bring more bloodshed.

"The Middle East is a dilemma that demands a solution, a durable and just solution, before it plunges

mankind into a holocaust," said Hayeck.

Hayeck blamed Zionist forces for distorting information in the United States and for generally beginning the Middle East conflict.

Attacking Varon's comments on Palestinian guerilla violence, Hayeck blamed Jewish terrorist organizations for killing hundreds of innocent Palestinians in 1948.

He claimed the Palestinian problem was the story of a people who have lived in their homes and country peacefully for 1300 years. Then, a people from across the seas dislodged them and claimed these possessions as their own.

Coordinating Board bill moves ahead

(AP) — A Senate committee approved Wednesday a bill that would increase the powers of the College Coordinating Board even though the measure had two amendments defeated earlier this week.

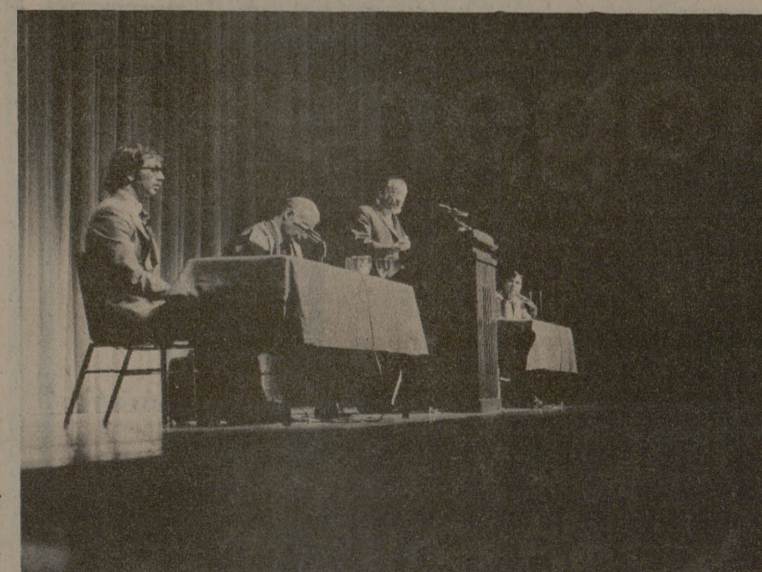
Several members of the State Affairs Committee expressed disapproval that the bill, sponsored by Sen. Oscar Mauzy, D-Dallas, would be brought with the amendments turned down by the committee Monday.

Sen. A. M. Aikin, D-Paris, said, "What I don't like are amendments being disapproved by the commit-

tee and then seeing the same amendments come out of subcommittee."

The measure, approved by the committee 9-4, allows the board to make recommendations to the legislature on maximum enrollments in state-supported colleges. The schools are also prohibited under the bill from offering courses for credit outside the county where the principal campus is located without prior approval of the board.

Institutions are also required to obtain the board's approval for certain new construction projects.



Mideast Debate

Photo by Jack Holm

Israeli Ambassador Benjamin Varon (at lectern) argues the Mideast problem with International Arab Association President Joseph Hayeck.