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Fee recommendations set Committee trims requests

Preliminary recommendations for use of Student Services Fees were decided last night by the Student Fee Allocation Committee. The committee made cuts in 10 of the 13 student organization requests. Following the philosophy of serving the general student body the committee pared a requested total of \$1.15 million to \$1 million. The committee removed the funding for the student lounge located in the Old Exchange Store Building from the Student Service fees category completely.

"We'd be setting a precedent of funding the operation out of services fees," said Joe Marcello, committee member. He recommended that operational money be taken from vending machine profits. "The Athletic Department total student money request is \$444,000," said Raj Kent, student vice-president of academic affairs. Only \$120,000 is requested from the service fee fund. "Looking at last year's budget, a 20 per cent increase would amount to \$360,000. The sale of 20,000 season tickets at \$15 and giving the depart-

ment \$60,000 in fee money would total \$360,000," said Kent. "We've got to keep a high level of women's athletics funding going under the threat of HEW," said Bill Flores, committee chairman. "The Athletic Department is also starting substantial payments on Caine Hall next year. Another athletic fund, extramurals, took a substantial cut. "There are only 1,000 participants, and those teams represent A&M no more than the minimally subsidized judging teams," said Kent. "There is money in equipment ac-

counts which hasn't been touched, and travel could easily be set at 5.5 cents per mile," said Kent. They requested \$35,338, and the recommendation is set at \$18,000. Intramurals' request was slashed because the committee found a 40 per cent increase in competition and use of facilities a physical impossibility "there isn't going to be any increase in hours of operation and facilities are being used at maximum now," said Marcello. Intramurals asked \$227,489, and the recommendation is set at \$180,000. The Battalion asked for \$90,000 and the recommendation is \$77,000. The student legal advisor fund was cut from \$47,735 to \$47,000. The cut was made by deducting money from membership fees for professional associations. The rest of the money is directed toward hiring another attorney and a part-time secretary. Town Hall was cut from \$60,000 to \$55,000. "Subsidizing the few students who attend OPAS would prove to be an ineffective use of funds," said a committee member. The committee recommended that student government receive \$20,000 of Student Service Fee funds. Appeals will be heard tonight at 7:30 in MSC 203. The final recommendations will be taken before the Student Senate at their next meeting Feb. 4. The budget must ultimately travel from the vice-president of student services office to the president's office for final approval.

ARTS COMMITTEE POETRY AND FICTION WRITING CONTEST



Entries close Feb. 13, 1976. For details contact The Arts Committee, Room 216, MSC 845-1515.

ORGANIZATION	1976-77 REQUEST	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	JUSTIFICATIONS FOR CHANGES
Athletic Department	\$120,000	\$ 90,000	Gradual change-over to users fee. Total student expenditures not to exceed 20 per cent increase.
Student Programs	\$348,310	\$343,000	Over-staffed. Delete filing cabinets and move graduate assistant to Arts and Crafts.
Town Hall	\$ 60,000	\$ 55,000	Cut OPAS ticket subsidy and add a fall program.
Great Issues	\$ 17,200	\$ 16,700	Poor attendances and expected 1975-76 surplus.
Student Government	\$ 22,700	\$ 20,000	Expected surplus, tightening of spending.
Political Forum	\$ 12,926	\$ 12,926	Accepted as requested.
Extramurals	\$ 35,338	\$ 21,500	Limited student involvement, and greater participation in fund raising.
Intramurals	\$227,489	\$180,000	Estimated usage increase limited by available facilities.
Student Activities & Student-Y	\$ 59,910	\$ 59,910	Accepted as requested.
Student Publications	\$ 90,000	\$ 77,000	Drop in income because of declining readership in fall 1975. Mismanagement.
Shuttle Bus	\$ 49,800	\$ 49,800	Accepted as requested.
Student Lounge	\$ 5,000	0	Funding from services fees precedent stopped. Coke fund money suggested revenue source.
Student Handbook	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,000	Accepted as requested.
Student Legal Services	\$ 47,735	\$ 47,000	Reduction of professional membership fees. Undecided Wednesday night. Need to check for minimal amount.
Reserve	\$ 54,000	?	General reduction of Student Services Fees per student and/or more efficient spending.
Total without Reserve	\$1,078,000	\$1,009,109	

Any students, or faculty members, who are initiated members of Alpha Tau Omega, please contact Joe Hamrick at 846-7103.

THE ALL-NIGHT CENTENNIAL FAIR IS COMING!

SG officers scheduled for TSA meeting

Student fees, student regents, and book co-ops will be discussed at the Texas Student Association's Eastern Mini Conference this weekend in Beaumont, Texas. Members of the Texas A&M Student Government will join members of other student governments to attend workshops on different programs the association (TSA) is working on. The legislative process will be the topic of the first workshop of the regional conference at Lamar University. Chester Slay, Jefferson County State Representative, will discuss lobbying and some of his bills that affect students. The pros and cons of student members serving on university boards will also be reviewed, and included in this discussion will be the legislation proposed in past sessions of the Texas Legislature. A comparison of student fees will take place between schools. The A&M Student Government along with student associations from approximately 15 other universities in Texas comprise TSA. It was formed primarily for the purpose of disseminating information regarding plans, programs and services between the different student governments. TSA's most important function, Dunn said, is lobbying in Austin for issues and legislation that affect students. Some of the bills TSA has supported in the past are student regent bills, financial aid bills and bills concerning student control over service fees.

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