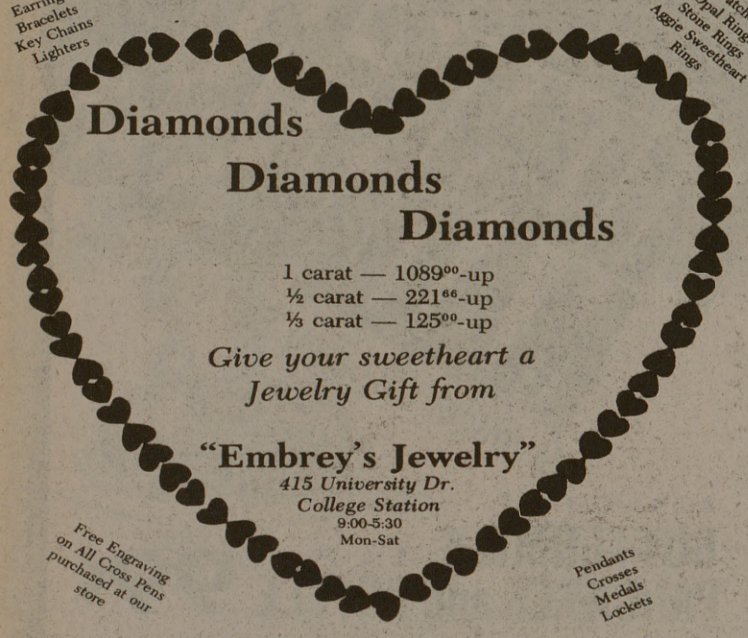


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Former students to hear Committee advise a UT student paper to be purchased

The State of the University Address will be given by President Jack Williams to members of the Former Students Association Saturday, in the Rudder Tower.
The association is meeting for its Winter Workshop and Conference. Richard (Buck) Weirus, executive director of the association, said the conference should draw former students from all over the nation to A&M.
The association's activities will begin Friday with a meeting of the Board of Regents, who will plan the details of the association's programs for the coming year. This will be followed by a dinner for the deans of the various colleges, who will each receive \$2,000 from the Association for recruiting faculty members.
The conference begins Saturday morning at 10:30 with the address by Williams and the State of the Association of Former Students address by Mayo J. Thompson, president. This will be followed by a presentation of awards to outstanding A&M clubs.

One of the awards will go to the club with the largest contribution to the association's scholarship fund.
The conference will break for lunch in the MSC before attending the Texas Tech-A&M basketball game at 1 p.m.
The rest of the afternoon will be workshops for the class agents and councilmen. Here they will exchange ideas for local clubs and set dates for their class reunions.
Reunions are unique to A&M, Weirus said. "Instead of Homecoming like other schools, we hold reunions. Every home football game is a homecoming or reunion."
Saturday evening a reception and dinner will be held at the Ramada Inn.
The next morning, the Association Council, the governing board, will conduct business at the Ramada Inn.
— David White

AUSTIN — A student-faculty committee recommended Monday that all University of Texas students be required to pay for the student newspaper — but that they be allowed to get their money back if they don't like it.
The apparently unique refund system means, for example, that "students who object to editorial or news content of The Daily Texan can recover their fee as a means of dramatizing their protest and withdrawing their support."
The Texan is now supported by optional student fees, and the six-member committee noted that only 15 per cent of the students pay for the paper. It is distributed free, however, so 49 per cent of the students can get the paper for nothing.
In addition, only 10 per cent of faculty and staff pay for the paper, the committee said. "Some thought that this made those who took the paper without paying for it, in effect, thieves. This seems to be a reasonable view."
To deal with this situation, the committee recommended to President Lorene Rogers that the UT administration buy a bulk subscription for the school faculty and staff at the student rate. A possible alternative, the committee said, would be to withhold from faculty-staff salaries, with a refund option.
"We do not believe that The Daily Texan should be put in the position of having to engage in 'cut throat' competition with the local daily newspapers for advertising revenue, and this also is one of the reasons we recommend a mandatory funding system," the committee said.

The maximum fee that would be charged without regent approval would be \$1.25 a semester or \$2.50 per summer session. Students would get refunds up until the 15th day of each semester.
"Based on past experience," the committee said, "probably more than 500 people would ask for refunds."
In two other separate recommendations, Dr. Rogers, student-faculty relations committee member, recommended:
— A mandatory student fee to offset approximately \$50,000 of the 1976-77 academic year to student government. Based on current enrollment of 42,000, the fee would be about 6 cents per student.
— Continuation of the Student's Attorney and the mandatory student fee that supports the office. The committee suggested a third attorney, noting that the UT attorney was established in 1970 and model for many of the 150 offices have been set up at other universities. The office sees approximately 100 new potential clients a year, report said.

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MEETINGS SCHEDULED
Lambda Chi Alpha is trying to establish a chapter at A&M. Meeting will be held at the Agg. Ballroom from 9 to 5 p.m. Feb. 9-13.
Great Issues Committee will meet tonight at 7:30 in the MSC Ballroom.
Engineering Technology will meet tonight at 7:30 in the MSC Ballroom.
Agricultural Communication Tomorrow will meet tonight in Reed McDonald 308.
International Student Association will meet at 7:30 tonight in the MSC Ballroom.

THE INFORMER
- Student Government Newsletter -
There is a Senate meeting tonight in Room 209 of the Harrington Building — all concerned persons are urged to attend. Featured tonight's agenda will be Student Service Fee recommendations for '76-77. Included is a request for the reduction of individual student fees from \$19.80/semester to \$19.00/semester. Also, a recommendation on the price of optional football ticket booklets will be considered. The following is a summary of the recommendations to be voted on tonight, including justification for changes (if any) in the original requests:

Organization	1976-1977 Request	Committee Recommendation	Justifications for Changes
Athletic Department	\$120,000	\$90,000	Gradual change-over to users fee. Total student expenditure not to exceed 20% increase.
Student Programs	\$348,310	\$343,000	Over-staffed. Delete filing cabinets and move graduate assistants to Arts & 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 '75-'76 surplus. Cut made at request of treasurer.
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	\$227,459	\$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.
Shuttle Bus	\$49,800	\$49,800	Mismanagement. Decrease in student salaries.
Student Lounge	\$5,000	-	Accepted as requested.
Student Handbook	\$6,000	\$6,000	Funding from services fees precedent stopped. Coke fund money suggested revenue source.
Student Legal Services	\$47,735	\$47,000	Accepted as requested.
Reserve	5%	5%	Reduction of professional membership fees.
Total with Reserve	\$1,132,000	1,030,000	General reduction of Student Services Fees per student and/or more efficient spending.

A late hour permit recommendation will be another bill voted on at tonight's meeting. Due to the strong support the student body has shown toward extending the hours for public consumption of alcoholic beverages on weekend nights here in College Station, a bill recommending the City Council of C.S. extend the drinking hours to 2:15 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights has been introduced. Come support this bill if you would like to see its passage, or contact your Senator and let your wishes be known.

SENATE VACANCIES
There are still several openings to be filled in the Senate, all graduates. The vacancies are: Grad., College of Engineering, Grad., College of Liberal Arts, Grad., College of Agriculture, and two (2) Off-Campus Graduates. If you are interested in filling one of these positions and qualify, come or call the Student Government Office, Rm. 216 MSC at 845-3051.

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