

Willy lends a helping hand

After watching Joan Moore make pottery and Mary Anna Davis spin wool, 4-year-old Willy Wheir decided to pitch in and help Mary Anna with her spinning. The demonstrations, sponsored Wednesday by the MSC Crafts and Arts Commit-

tee, were held at the MSC fountain. Onlookers watched as artists demonstrated pottery-making, spinning, jewelry construction and other crafts on the sunny afternoon. Willy is the son of Hugh and Caroline Wheir of Bryan.

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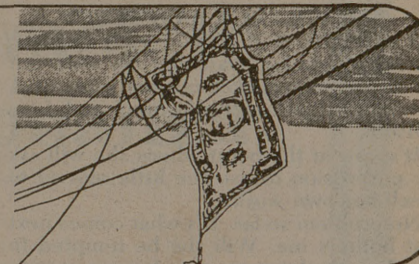
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Senate proposes all-sports pass plan

By LIZ NEULIN
Battalion Staff

The cost of attending football, basketball and baseball games next year may be \$15 more than expected, thanks to the all-sports pass plan recommended by the student senate Wednesday night. The senate also gave Wadley Central Blood Bank the exclusive right to conduct blood drives on campus.

Joe Young, author of the sports bill, said the Texas A&M University Athletic Department will accept a \$25 price tag on the pass, which would include football coupons and passes to baseball and basketball ticket lines. The Athletic Department is considering ticket prices that would total \$40 which would allow students to see all three sports. The plan must be approved by the Athletic Council.

Beginning next year, students will pay to attend basketball and baseball games because the Athletic Department will no longer receive student service fees. This year the allocation was \$50,000.

Season tickets for home baseball or basketball games would cost \$10, according to the Athletic Department.

Under the senate's proposal, students may purchase an individual sport season pass. The cost of football tickets would be the same, \$20. But basketball and baseball passes would cost \$7.50. The passes would not guarantee a ticket to baseball or basketball games, but students with passes would be given first priority to pick up a ticket during the business day preceding a home game. Football game ticket distribution would remain the same.

Senators moved quickly through the 11 action items, spending less time than usual on rules fights and details.

The senate approved a recommendation that Wadley Central Blood Bank be given exclusive permission to conduct a blood drive on campus. William Altman, vice president for student services, said the blood drive research committee favored Wadley over the Red Cross for several reasons: possible financial savings for students using blood from the pool, Wadley serves more hospitals in areas where A&M students live; Wadley allows Texas A&M University to determine who gets charity blood credits; Wadley uses blood components more extensively in research; and

students always have the option of donating to the Red Cross.

Altman also said that blood donations have fallen since 1975 from 2,400 units collected from 9 percent of the students in 1977. The University Concessions Committee must approve the recommendation.

Mike Humphrey, student body president, told senators that student service fees must be increased \$1 to pay for the on-campus shuttle bus system. Humphrey said that he and Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, looked at funding for the new program and decided the increase is needed. Memorial Student Center Bookstore profits will pay about \$50,000 of the cost, but student service fees must provide the other \$30,000 needed, Humphrey said. The senate took no action on the matter.

Off-campus students had indicated that polling places at shuttle bus stops would encourage voting. If four more voting machines are not available, polls for spring elections may be moved outdoors.

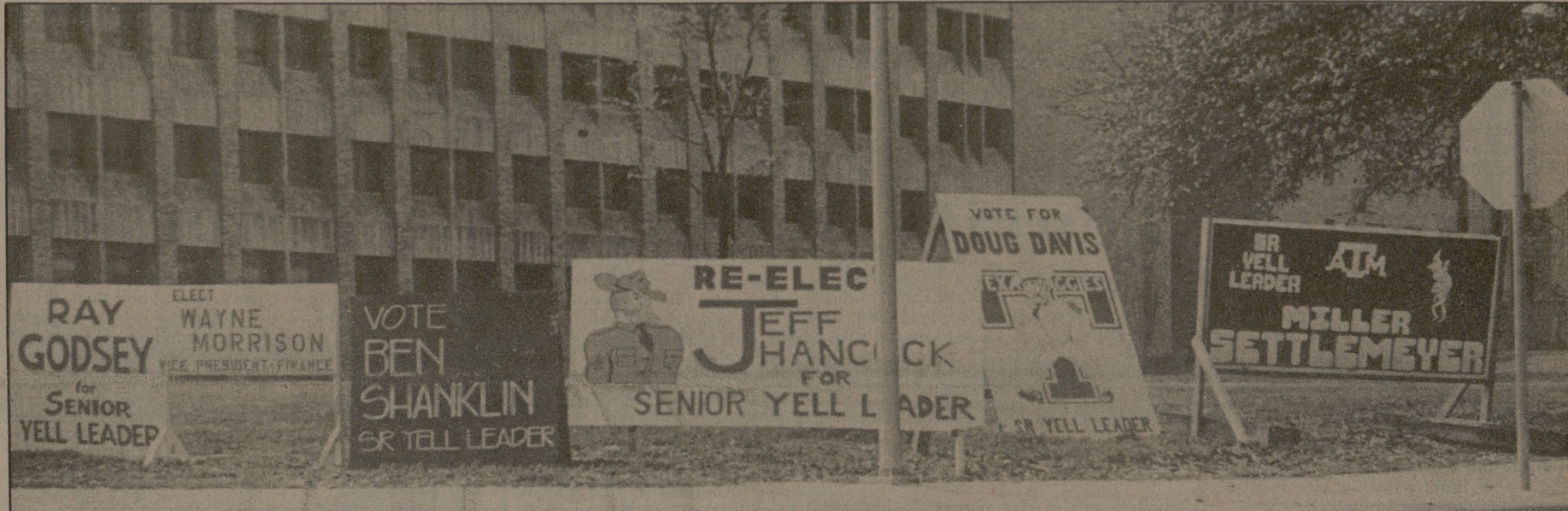
Senators changed polling locations to put them in areas of higher student traffic.

In other action, the senate approved a Campus Chest reform act, which outlined changes senate made in the organization earlier in the year. The changes tighten lending procedures and repayment requirements. The maximum amount that may be loaned is \$100, and students have up to 60 days to repay the emergency, interest-free loans.

The senate declared the week beginning April 3 "Agriculture week at Texas A&M University." Faculty and students in the College of Agriculture have planned several programs during that week, including a free appearance by folk comedian Jerry Clower.

Senators also voted to award certificates of appreciation to Robert Harvey, Vicki Young, Geri Campbell, Stan Stanfield and Stuart Kingsberry, who resigned their posts recently.

They also proposed a change in information release policy and authorized delegates to go to the National Student Association-National Student Lobby in Washington, D.C. Senators also asked for more space in the MSC, revised their by-laws and hear first reading on several bills.



Once again student elections near as campaign signs on the Texas A&M University campus urge students to vote. The filing deadline is Tuesday and elections will be held April 5 and 6. At this time 60

candidates have filed. The large signs may also be placed across from the Commons, Sbsa Dining Hall and on the side of Bizzell Hall.

Battalion photo by Marianita Paddock

'Show will go on'

Eldest Wallenda dies from fall

United Press International

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — After 50 years of death-defying acts on the tight-rope, 73-year-old Karl Wallenda is dead. But within hours of his fatal plunge, his family resumed their daredevil walks through the sky.

The fearless Wallenda, senior member of the Flying Wallendas family and subject of the movie "The Great Wallendas," died at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday when a gust of wind swept him off a high-wire strung between two 10-story hotels in the heart of

San Juan's tourist district.

Wallenda teetered for a moment, failed in a last attempt to grab the wire and plunged to his death on a paved parking lot, clutching his balancing bar until his skull hit the back of a parked taxi.

He was dead on arrival at nearby Presbyterian Hospital of "multiple fractures and traumas." Witnesses said his head and upper body were crushed and mutilated.

His family, some of whom were watching, were stunned, but they vowed to continue.

"The show definitely will go on, in the finest of circus tradition," his nephew, Gunther, said from the Wallenda home in Sarasota, Fla. "That's how Karl would have wanted it."

In San Juan, 17-year-old Rieta Wallenda performed her own tightrope act at the Pan-American Circus only hours after watching her grandfather die.

In Concord, Calif., Steve Wallenda, another nephew, walked a high-wire over the Oakland Zoo's animal cages in what he called a "memorial" to his uncle.

"My uncle taught me from the age of 3 to go on with the show," he said, after his 75-foot-high walk. "There's no way I'd quit. I will do the same as my uncle Karl did. I will probably die on the wire."

Wallenda, a naturalized U.S. citizen who was born in Kaiser Wilhelm's German empire, went ahead with his stunt Wednesday despite a stiff 12 mph wind gusting considerably higher.

"There was no way to tell him what to do," one of his grief-stricken co-workers said. "He was his own boss. He had done the same thing many, many times before. He never used a net."

Council discusses library expansion

By ANDREA VALLS

The possibility of expanding services of the Bryan Library to College Station residents was discussed Wednesday at the College Station City Council meeting. Suggestions were providing additional bookmobile service or building a branch library in College Station.

College Station provides no funding for the library although more than 14,000 College Station citizens hold library cards, said Councilman Lane Stephenson.

Additional funds are needed to help purchase new books and to provide better literary services for College Station residents, said Linda Pringle, Bryan librarian. With support from College Station, she said, the library could improve its selection of reference books, county historical books, and children's selections, in addition to making more bookmobile stops in College Station.

Stephenson said that more than 25 percent of the book circulation is from College Station card holders. More than 200 books are checked out from the bookmobile at Redmond Terrace in a two-hour period, said Pringle, and this accounts for a third of the library's daily book circulation.

Stephenson suggested that \$15,000 to \$20,000 be considered by the council as an appropriation to the library's book budget. The federal government gives public libraries 30 cents for every dollar in the library's book budget, thus funding from College Station would increase federal funding, said Pringle.

Pringle said a bookmobile would be an effective way of gauging College Station interest and need for a branch library. She suggested that College Station consider providing additional bookmobile services.

City Manager North Bardell said the council will research suggestions for possible action in the next fiscal year.

In other action, the council accepted bids for five new pickup trucks for the Electrical, Water and Sewer Department. An \$11,855.25 bid was approved for Twin City International Inc., which will purchase a new industrial tractor for the waste water plant.

In other business, the council approved the preliminary plat of Emerald Forest Phase I. Final plats were approved for Raintree Phase III, Sandstone Addition, White Creek Subdivision and Carter Creek Cloisters.



Canadian Tapestries on exhibit

Battalion photo by Susan Webb

This tapestry of clowns by Maxwell Bates is one of the many contemporary works of modern art that

will be on display in Canadian Tapestries in Rudder Exhibit hall this week.

Briscoe vows no corporate, personal taxes

By ANDREA VALLS

The fog rolled in Wednesday morning at Easterwood Airport and so did Governor Dolph Briscoe.

Brazos County was just one the stops in Briscoe's 16-city campaign swing. He spoke Wednesday at an early morning breakfast at the Aggie Inn in College Station.

Briscoe delivered campaign promises and plans for his next term in office, although he offered few means of implementing these plans.

He emphasized his past record of fiscal responsibility without raising taxes by saying, "There have been 101 major tax increases in other states across the nation. There have been none in Texas and I'm proud of that fact."

He said that Texas remains the only Sunbelt state without a corporate or personal income tax. "I pledge not to increase taxes in my next term of office," he said. He added that Texans need neither corporate nor personal income taxes, and said that as long as he remains in the Governor's office, Texas will have neither.

Briscoe spoke of his past achievements in office: better health care, construction of Texas A&M Medical School, and increased in funding and facilities for mental health and mental retardation. He also spoke of the \$35 billion dollar investment in highway systems, which created 38,000 new jobs for Texans.

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