

Senate proposes additional seats

A change to add more seats to the handicapped section at home football games was proposed at the first Student Senate meeting Wednesday night.

The proposed bill would add two more rows of courtesy seats to the already existing six rows on the upper level of Kyle Field.

Senate members will vote on the bill at the next meeting September 20.

Change of fall election dates was also proposed. The proposal was voted down by senate members.

Advocates of the change suggested the elections be held October 12, with filing beginning September 26, and ending October 4. The original dates of September 28 for the election, and September 12-19 for filing will remain.

Congress returns

Furious fall ahead

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Members of Congress streamed back from vacation today, facing an impossibly full calendar and an autumn of discord and debate ending sometime next month in a pre-election adjournment rush.

For President Carter, today marks the start of a furious few weeks in which some of the major legislative programs of his first two years in office will pass muster or die.

Either this week or next, the House will try to override Carter's veto of a \$36.9 billion defense appropriations bill, and vote on the president's prized civil service reform proposal.

At the same time, the Senate finally voted on the 17-month-old

natural gas pricing bill, which has a history of bipartisan opposition and called up a \$94.5 billion Health, Education and Welfare appropriation bill certain to spark the annual debate over federal funding of abortions for the poor.

That's just the beginning. Before adjournment, which everyone hopes will come in time to let members campaign for re-election or for higher office, dozens of other unresolved issues must be enacted or killed before time runs out on the 95th Congress.

In the Senate, that means the threat and possibly the use of filibusters on controversial measures.

The first test for Carter comes Thursday when the House votes on the veto override. Carter said "no"

to the huge appropriation because it contained \$2 billion for a nuclear aircraft carrier he said is unneeded. House leaders predict carrier supporters cannot get the two-thirds vote needed to override.

After that, the House will call up revision of the civil service system, which passed the Senate 87-1 but faces more than 100 amendments in the House.

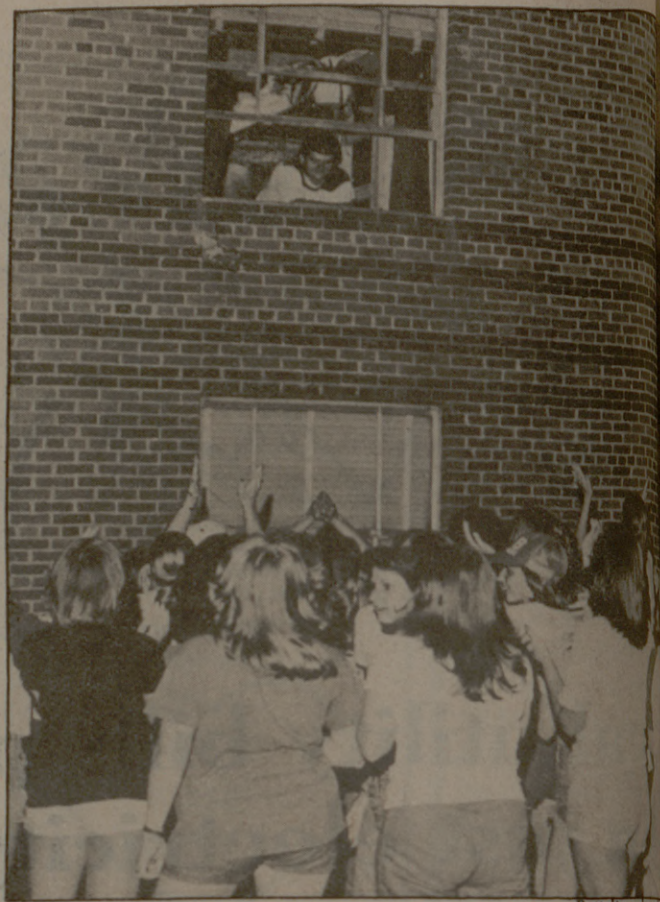
The administration will try to knock out a section attached to it by pro-labor members that would allow federal workers to participate in political campaigns. If that section is retained, Carter may see his pet project go down the drain, since leading Senate proponents have threatened to filibuster any attempt to pass the House version.

The Senate next week is likely to take action on the natural gas bill, on which Carter has staked his pride, his prestige abroad and his personal energies in recent weeks.

Aides believe that despite much public criticism, they have the votes to pass it. But the outcome will be close.

It is the same issue that caused a three-week filibuster last fall. Now an impressive array of conservatives and liberals oppose it, for widely different reasons, and are calling on Carter to abandon his goal of a unified energy package and consider each of its five parts on individual merit.

That could kill the delicate compromise worked out in recent months on gas prices, while allowing survival of other legislation on energy conservation, utility rate reform and industrial conversion to coal.



Longe'raid'?

Women from Fowler, Hughes and Keathley dorms celebrated on a jock raid of Davis Gary, Crocker and McMen Wednesday night.

Twin City Mission seeks alcoholism grant

By JULIE SPEIGHTS
Battalion Reporter

Grant applications for a women's alcoholism program and a study of rural alcohol abuse were reviewed by the regional alcohol advisory committee of the Brazos Valley De-

velopment Council (BVDC) today. The committee decided to commend both programs being by the Texas Commission on Alcohol (TCOA).

The BVDC applies for and distributes grant monies for various projects over a seven-county region. The alcoholism program women is a project of the Twin City Mission to provide shelter for alcoholic women and their children in the Brazos Valley region. The mission is asking for a grant of \$10,000 from the TCOA.

The Office of Human Resources at Texas A&M University is asking for a grant of \$8,000 to conduct a study of the preliminary rural alcohol abuse.

Although the committee is to recommend both projects, grants from the TCOA, priority be given to the alcoholism program for women if funds should not be available for the alcoholism program.

Ken Beahan, committee chairman and representative of the BVDC, stressed that the regional advisory committee calls for more programs instead of research projects.

The feasibility of a halfway house for alcoholics was also discussed. A task force was approved to explore the subject. It was headed by Toni Nowlin, director of alcohol and drug abuse with Brazos Valley Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center.

Community input and support needed to make the idea a reality, Nowlin said.

Beahan added that the funding for the halfway house should be decided before seeking a grant from the TCOA.

The Regional Alcohol Abuse Committee has tried for three years to set up a halfway house and had one grant application for project turned down, said committee chairman Don Chamberlain.

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