

A&M staff physicals abolished

Prospective employees of the Texas A&M University System will no longer be required to take a physical examination as of Oct. 1. John E. Honea, director of insurance and risk management for the University, said that Texas House Bill 1046, passed last year, changed the previous statute. The Bill allows Texas A&M to discontinue physicals.

Cost is the major reason for dropping physicals, Honea said. He said a questionnaire will replace physicals as a pre-requisite to employment.

Honea added since prospective Texas A&M employees no longer have to get physicals, some of the crowding at A.P. Beutel Health Center should be eliminated.

The questionnaire was written by Honea in conjunction with medical consultants and the Texas A&M University System attorneys. Honea said that the no-physical policy may save the University money.

Claude B. Goswick, director of Beutel Health Center, said that the University's new policy toward physicals could cost the health center \$8,500 a year. Goswick said that Texas A&M pays the health center \$20 for each physical. Without this revenue the health center may begin charging students for medication.

Goswick said the new policy will not affect the number of people waiting at the health center now. He said September and January were the busiest months for physicals.



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Members of the campus Student Y sell snowcones to raise funds outside the Academic Building. Trey Emery, left, a sophomore

pre-dent major from Corpus Christi, and Lynelle Scheenberg, a sophomore English major from Garland, prepare the cones.

End to funds competition discussed by governors

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HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — The North-South debate dominated the final session of the Southern Governors Conference Wednesday with a Carter administration official and Georgia Gov. George Busbee presenting different proposals to end regional competition for federal funds.

"It is important that all of us work together to dampen the heat and emotion often connected with this subject," said James McIntyre Jr., the director of the Federal Office of Management and Budget.

"The time has come to end this Sunbelt-Frostbelt debate and face up to the real problem — assuring that federal funds are equitably allocated to those areas where they can

be most effectively spent to meet national goals," said McIntyre, a Georgian who worked for Busbee before going to Washington.

To make sure federal money is channeled to areas of greatest need, the president has issued four executive orders, McIntyre said.

One order gives priority to locating federal facilities in the business districts of urban areas, while another is designed to award federal contracts to high unemployment areas.

Busbee, chairman of the Southern Growth Policies Board, told his colleagues that the Sunbelt "fights center over formulas which, by and large, misdirect federal funds."

Southern governors have expressed concern over proposed changes

in formulas which they believe will result in less money flowing into their area.

The Northern lobby, Busbee said, has suggested formula changes which were "for the most part, irrational and illogical."

Although McIntyre stressed federal initiatives in helping to bring about the fair allocation of resources, Busbee urged the federal government to allow state and local officials a larger role in deciding where money goes.

By the 1980s, Busbee said, states should determine where the federal money is spent and local governments "should determine how the local problems can best be solved."

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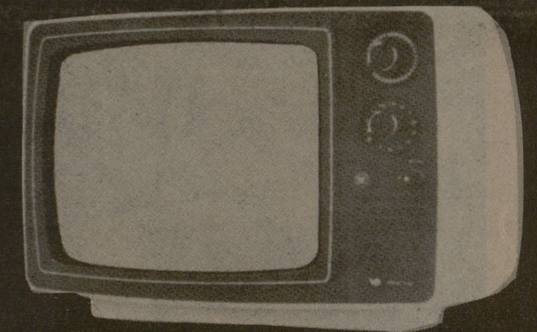
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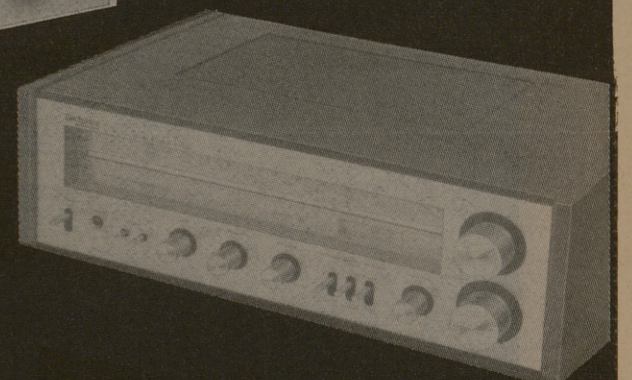
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