

Senate increases service fee to \$33.50

Requests from departments for more money is the cause, vice president says

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The Texas A&M University student senate passed a bill Wednesday to raise the student service fee to \$33.50. This is a \$10 increase from the \$23 fee students paid this spring.

The increase is necessary to compensate higher budget requests from the Texas A&M departments who receive funding through student service fees, George K. Black, vice president for finance, explained. Black presented the amounts requested. The total 1980-1981 recommended figure is \$2,123,799.

The other bills passed concerned election regulations, senate bylaws and Chamber of Commerce membership.

Vice president for rules and regulations Paul Bettencourt made several corrections in the proposed election regulations before it passed. But the main controversy in the bill that stirred a long, drawn-out debate centered on the maximum amount a candidate could spend in his campaign for office.

The original proposal said a maximum of \$250 may be spent by candidates for the offices of student body president, senate vice presidents, yell leaders, Resident Hall Association president and Off-Campus

Aggies president.

But after consideration and reconsideration, the senate amended the maximum amount to \$200.

The other amendment to the bill increased the number of polling places from eight to nine.

The senate bylaws and the Chamber of Commerce membership bills passed with little debate.

Senator David Collins said, "As a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the senate will have a closer working relationship with the cities. I think our input to the chamber will be invaluable and we'll be-

nefit as well."

In new business, the senate introduced the preservation of one tradition and the reinstitution of another.

Senator George Pappas suggested the senate work to preserve the tradition of senior boot line at half time during football and basketball games.

"With the new third deck," Pappas said, "seniors must leave earlier and miss the performance of the band and much confusion is generated."

Pappas proposed that boot line be formed preceding the introduction of the football team prior to the game and remain

until after the playing of "The Spirit of Aggieland."

And the senate wants to reinstitute the tradition of free coffee refills in the Memorial Student Center cafeteria. Pappas said the majority of the local restaurants serve free coffee refills. He suggested the MSC cafeteria return to the practice of giving free coffee refills at a comparable price to that charged by eating establishments in the area.

Other business included a report by senator Mary Elizabeth Herring on the ambulance controversy discussed in the senate's last meeting.

She read parts of a letter Dr. John Koldus wrote to the College Station City Council.

Koldus' proposal that the University ambulance respond to all calls on campus and the attendants will decide whether to transport students to Beutel Health Center or to Bryan hospitals. Off campus calls will be transferred to College Station, but a student's ambulance bill may be forwarded to Koldus' office for payment.

The College Station city council approved Koldus' proposals.

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House GOP seeks to expel Rep. Kelly

WASHINGTON — The House Republican leadership wants to expel Rep. Richard Kelly from the congressional party organization and deny him re-election campaign funds because he accepted a \$25,000 "bribe."

House leader John Rhodes said the nine-member leadership group unanimously recommended disciplining Kelly.

The recommendation will be put to the Republican House members today for action in a closed session of the House Republican Conference.

"We took the action because the congressman has admitted he received funds," Rhodes told reporters following a two-hour leadership meeting Wednesday.

Kelly, of Florida, was the only Republican among the seven House members and a former implicated in an FBI undercover investigation code-named Abscam.

FBI undercover agents posing as representatives of an Arab sheik seeking congressional favors secretly made a videotape of Kelly stuffing the \$25,000 cash bribe in his pockets during a meeting in a Washington house.

Kelly admitted he took the bribe, since he was under investigation by the FBI, but said he took it only as part of an investigation he was conducting of a group of "shady characters."

"There has been a confession and avoidance," Rhodes said, using a legal term to describe Kelly's explanation. "We don't know whether the avoidance constitutes a defense or not."

Eleven House Republicans who launched the disciplinary move said Kelly's explanation "challenges credibility and suggests Mr. Kelly acted in a manner unbecoming a member of Congress."

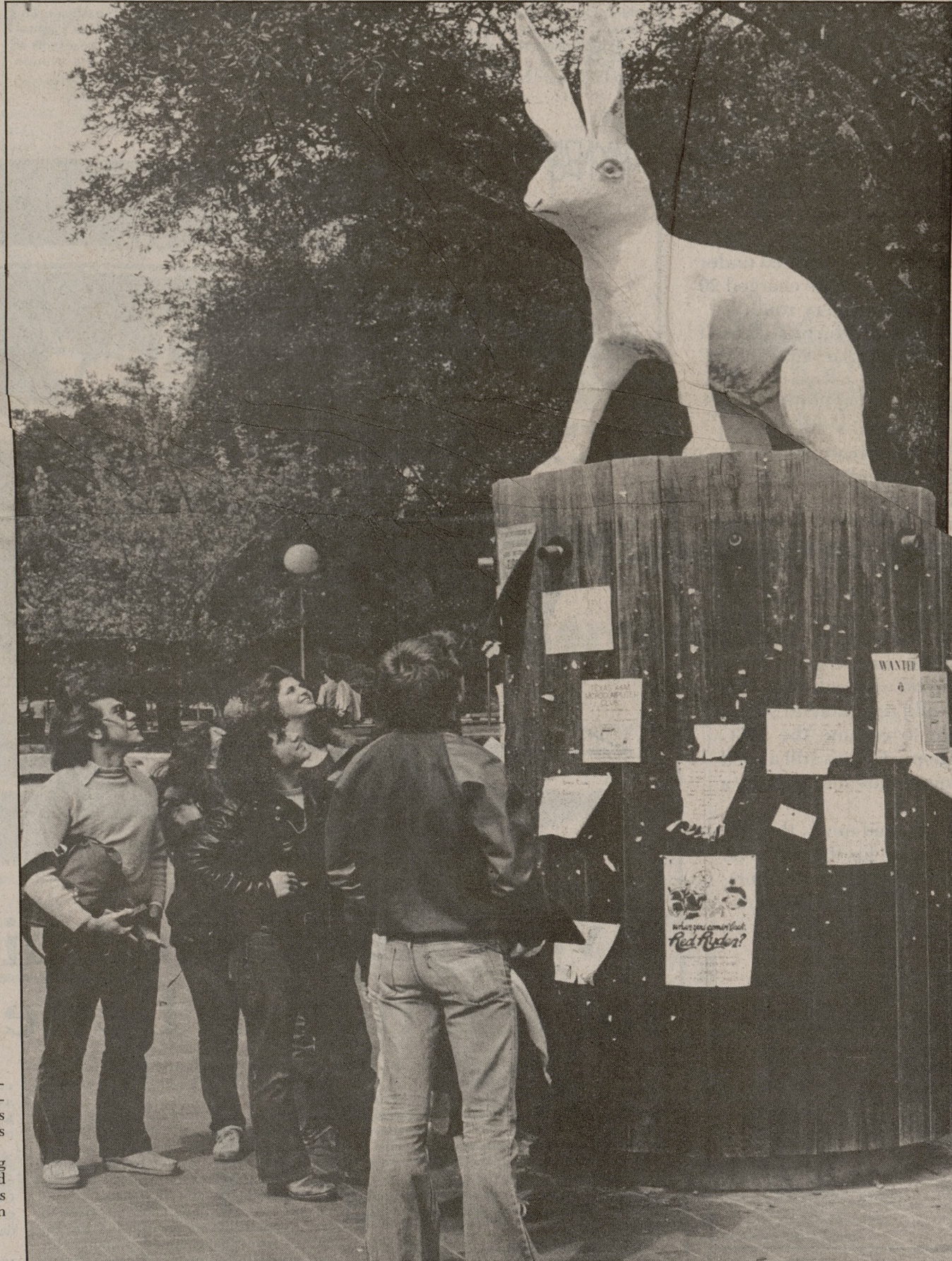
The Republicans had planned to give each House member seeking re-election this year \$5,000 for the primary campaign and \$5,000 for the general election, Rhodes said. Rhodes said \$4,000 of it has already been paid to each member.

Democrats in the House Judiciary Committee gained solid Republican backing earlier Wednesday in their move to block a demand the FBI turn over all its Abscam evidence to the House without waiting for indictments.

Chairman Peter W. Rodino, D-N.J., said a resolution introduced by Rep. Peter Peyser, D-N.Y., would jeopardize the FBI's criminal investigation by requiring the Justice Department to turn over its evidence to the House. The committee then voted 27-0 to recommend the House not adopt the resolution.

But Rodino said there is no way to prevent Peyser's resolution from being voted on by the full House next week — possibly with a different result.

House members implicated in the case are Kelly; John Murphy, D-N.Y.; Frank Thompson, D-N.J.; Michael Myers, D-Pa.; Raymond Lederer, D-Pa.; John Murtha, D-Pa., and John Jennette, D-S.C. The senator, who is being investigated by the Senate Ethics Committee, is Harrison Williams, D-N.J.



Wascals get wabbit

Some students were surprised early this week to find this giant rabbit sitting on top of a bulletin board on the Texas A&M University campus. Some students had lifted the rabbit from a nearby town, one stu-

dent confessed. But he promised the rabbit would be returned to its owners. The rabbit has since disappeared. That's all, folks.

Photo by Brian Mylar

Russians ignore deadline

WASHINGTON — The United States will boycott the Summer Olympics in Moscow because the Soviet Union ignored Wednesday's deadline to withdraw its athletes from Afghanistan.

President Carter told the United States Olympic Committee this weekend that American athletes should not participate in the Olympics if the Soviet troops were not withdrawn. The committee said it would abide by the president's decision.

White House Counsel Lloyd Cutler said, "The president has made his decision — the troops are not withdrawn, no U.S. athletes should be sent to Moscow."

"We're now waiting for the committee to make the formal steps."

Cutler said some 50 governments are supporting Carter's position or leaning toward it.

He said there is a possibility that the United States could hold some type of alternate sports competitions.

"We are not going to have a counter-

Olympics at the same time, but we will try to have sports competitions in other places this summer," he said.

The Soviets have said they will send athletes to the Olympics in Los Angeles in 1984 even though the United States is boycotting the Moscow games, Cutler said.

U.S. officials indicated willingness to talk with the Soviets about withdrawal of their troops from Afghanistan, but stressed Washington's response to the Soviet invasion was not a short term "public relations gimmick" composed of "BandAid action and quick fixes."

Officials said a European proposal to declare Afghanistan an internationally recognized neutral zone — once Soviet troops pull out — could serve as a basis for talks with Moscow on troop withdrawal.

State Department spokesman, Hodding Carter, welcomed that proposal, endorsed by a meeting of the nine foreign ministers of the European Economic Community in Rome Tuesday.

Budget office suggests ways to reduce federal spending

WASHINGTON — The Congressional Budget Office today suggested 75 ways the federal government can save money through more efficient procedures.

In response to a request from the House Budget Committee in December, the office prepared an analysis of possible ways the federal government can cut its budget for fiscal years 1981 through 1985.

Proposals to reduce federal spending are grouped in five major categories:

- Management efficiencies, which include improved program administration, and duplication and ferreting out of waste and abuse;
- Better targeting, where benefit payments and subsidies are aimed at the most needy and reduced or eliminated for others;
- Shifting responsibility for services that could be better performed at lower levels of state and local governments such as park and highway managements;
- Shifting responsibility to private sectors for industries long subsidized or administered by the federal government such as maritime industry, postal service and

food inspection program;

— And, a revision of federal funding priorities.

The office also suggested ways the government can save money by reducing or eliminating tax exemptions and credits and by stepping up its auditing and collection procedures.

The office noted in recent years the budget has increased faster than the nation's economy. Federal spending grew from just under 18 percent of the Gross National Product in the late 1950s to 22 percent of the GNP in the late 1970s.

The major reasons for the increase is the number of older people receiving government retirement benefits, adjustments made in federal program benefits and services to keep up with inflation, and initiation of new programs without ending older ones.

The office, which traditionally outlines policy alternatives but never recommends specific proposals, cautioned "difficult value judgments and explicit political choices will be an unavoidable part of any concerted budget reduction effort."

What's your favorite dream?

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If you spend your time day-dreaming about relaxing on endless white sands next to your favorite sex-symbol, you're not alone. Dreams of sun-gingling up to people like Nick Nolte, Bo Derek, Paul Newman and Linda Ronstadt were common reading on the "Favorite Day-Dream" lists in the main hall of the Memorial Student Center.

The lists were posted by the MSC Townhall Committee as a promotion for today's Anne Murray concert, the idea taken from her popular single "Daydream Believer." Passersby were free to write about the subjects of their daytime fantasies.

Not everyone's favorite daydream was about super-stars. Other popular dreams included graduating with honors and re-

ceiving a 4.0 next semester. Others dreamed of just graduating "before the year 2000," while those with more immediate concerns fantasized about "surviving Pet E 310," and "just passing."

Underclassmen dreamed of seeing pish-head, sergebutt, zip and elephant. Of course, the pervasive goal of wealth is important enough to occupy many students' wishful thoughts. One student wanted more wealth than he could spend in seven lifetimes and another wanted to be carried off by a rich oil sheik. One student would have been content to just have enough money to fill his car up all the way.

Two students had the real fantasies of 25 cent-a-gallon gasoline.

There were the true-to-your-school dreams of victory for the basketball, foot-

ball and track teams along with visions of five and even seven day weekends.

One girl dreamed of finding Prince Charles in her footlocker, and Mr. Perfect and Mr. Right were the subjects of many girls' idle thoughts.

Unique dreams included having a good Monday, getting the Ayatollah Khomeini in rifle cross-hairs, having peace of mind, and simply reading through the entire lists of dreams.

There were messages of lovers questing for both reunion and renunciation with the message to one girl to "quit playing games," because "you know we know."

One platonically fellow wanted all female Aggies to kiss him on the cheek, because "They're all so beautiful."

GSS suit decision overturned

NEW ORLEANS — A suit filed against Texas A&M for denying official status to a gay student group will be returned to district court for a hearing.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Wednesday overturned a decision by District Judge Ross N. Sterling, who dismissed the suit by the Gay Students Services organization.

The group sought recognition from Texas A&M on April 5, 1976, and the application was rejected more than seven months later.

University official John Koldus wrote a letter denying official recognition to the group on the grounds homosexual conduct was illegal in Texas and Gay Students Services was likely to promote and incite illegal acts.

"(The group is) not consistent with the philosophy and goals that have been developed for the creation of Texas A&M University," Koldus wrote.

The group complained the decision capriciously increased its costs and limiting its dues. It also alleged hostility to Gay Students Services, restricted the group's ability to speak in public, and reinforced "prejudicial myths about sexuality."

The group sought an injunction allowing it university recognition, damages for the lack of recognition, and court costs and attorneys' fees.

Staubach may retire

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Roger Staubach says he may retire as quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys because of physical problems.

Staubach told the Intermountain Oil Marketers Association convention Wednesday night there is a "50-50 chance" he would retire from football. He has played with the Cowboys since 1969.

The athlete, who has a real estate business in Texas, said he would make a final decision in another month on his future in football.

Theater arts to present 'Red Ryder'

Texas A&M University's theater arts program, a division of the English department, will present what one of its students calls "a psychological drama" beginning tonight.

The play, "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?" will run Feb. 21-23 and Feb. 28-March 1. It will be produced in the Rudder Forum and will start at 8 p.m.

The play concerns a young man who works the graveyard shift at a diner in the New Mexico desert, says Vickie Martinez, a student involved with the production. The young man's name is Stephen Ryder, but he is called "Red" because of the color of his hair when he was a boy.

The conflict involves him and a man named Teddy, who comes into the diner and begins to pick on Red Ryder about his name, which is the same as the hero of a radio show which was set in the Old West.

Teddy is a psychotic who tries to shatter the ego of everyone he encounters. "He really is frightening," Martinez says.

Martinez said the play was an off-Broadway hit and ran for 350 performances. It was written by Mark Medoff, a professor at New Mexico State University.