

Service fee may rise to fund women's sports

The cost of implementing federal anti-sex discrimination guidelines has left the Athletic Department in a hole, and tonight, some relief may be forthcoming in the form of a student senate bill.

The senate will consider whether to recommend an increase in student service fees in order to help the Athletic Department pay increased costs in its women's athletic program.

Title IX, which sets federal anti-sex discrimination rules for educational institutions, has put Texas A&M about \$150,000 over budget in its women's athletic program, according to George Black, student vice president for finance.

Black has proposed a bill which would recommend a maximum 50-cent increase in student service fees with no cutback in existing services, in order to get more money to the Athletic Department.

"If we can't meet the request by increasing fees more than 50 cents, or if we cut services, then I'm not for it at all," Black said.

Black said that the department originally approached President Jarvis Miller with a \$150,000 deficit. The department was told to find \$50,000 on its own, and other sources could take care of the rest, Black said.

Black anticipates a maximum contribution of \$32,000 from the 50-cent increase. Student government executives, in their pre-senate meeting, will decide exactly how much increase is needed, Black said.

Black's bill asks for the increase on several grounds: that the athletic department currently funds women's athletics on its own, and that other Southwest Conference schools fund their women's programs from student service fees.

Another bill promising discussion is one asking permission that the

MSC Basement Coffeehouse be allowed to apply for a liquor permit.

"The message behind this bill," Paul Bettencourt, vice president for rules and regulations, said, "is that we'd like to see a student pub on campus. It probably won't go over in the MSC, but we're trying to promote the idea, putting it in students' minds."

A second bill Bettencourt proposed opposes the Traffic Panel's recommendation of a 100 percent increase in traffic and parking fines.

A bill that has been in committee for weeks — whether to recommend to the Texas A&M administration the reinstatement of free coffee refills in the MSC Cafeteria — will be voted on.

The other two bills, student senate bylaws and the continuance of the survival kit, are expected to pass without problems.

Thief swipes German signs

By LISA MARTIN
Campus Reporter

Dave Gill is mad. He's mad at whoever stole three signs written in German script from the Center for Research of Synthetic Materials in Bizzell Hall.

Gill is a research associate at the center who three years ago made the signs for the office.

"They were on the door Saturday when I came in, but Monday morning they were gone," he said. "We've never had anything like this happen before."

Since research of synthetic fuels deals with German documents, Gill

said, "The German script is something indicative of the work we are doing here, sort of an attention grabber."

He said, "They were no fantastic piece of artwork but they took a lot of work to make. The signs were made out of art board and were about 3 feet by 2 feet. Translated to English the signs said Center of Research of Synthetic Materials," Gill said.

Annoyed that somebody took the signs, Gill said, "I'd like them returned. They can be put under the door, and no questions will be asked. I just don't think it's very Aggie to have done this."

Volunteer workshop

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will sponsor an Orientation Workshop for staff supervisors of volunteers on Thursday, at the Holiday Inn North, from 1-3:30 p.m.

Speakers will include Vivian Blair, retired family life specialist/aging; Jeanne Darnell, education director, A&M Methodist Church; Diane

Stauffer, social activity director, Crestview Retirement Community, and Shirley Plapp, RSVP director.

Workshop topics will include "Voluntarism and the Older Volunteer," "Volunteer Job Descriptions," and "Evaluation, Motivation, Training, and Recognition of Volunteers."

The workshop is open to the public.

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Ags show talent

Guitarist David Wells picks out a Dan Fogelberg tune during the MSC All-University Variety Show. Some of the winners acts from that show will be featured in Thursday's Focus magazine in The Battalion.

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Ags swim in synchronism

Texas A&M University's synchronized swimming team, with a theme of "Music From Years Gone By," will present its annual performance today, Thursday and Saturday begin-

ning at 8 p.m. at Downs Natatorium indoor pool.

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