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SG approves its budget for 1981-82

Senate hears proposal for Northgate

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The Student Senate authorized its 1981-82 budget of \$40,621, with only one dissenting vote Wednesday night, and also listened to a city council proposal on Northgate crowding.

The budget is up 11.1 percent from last year. The budget allocates \$17,796 for Student Government administrative costs, a decrease of 15.1 percent from the 1980-81 budget; \$10,925 for the executive branch, an increase of 7.2 percent; \$6,760 for the legislative branch, an increase of 30 percent; and \$3,575 for program development, which was previously included under administrative costs.

Student Government is given \$32,500 in student services fees. The remainder of its budget comes from its cash account, which contains funds generated from refrigerator rentals.

Student Government administrative costs include a secretarial salary and benefits, fiscal charges, printing charges, telephone costs, office supplies, postage and subscriptions.

The organization's executive branch coordinates both Aggie Muster and Parents' Day programs. It also funds the Communications director, election commissioner, freshman programs director, university committees coordinator and the Traditions Council.

The legislative branch has six established committees and positions which are funded: academic affairs, finance, rules and regulations, student services, external affairs and the speaker of the Senate.

The allocation for program development will allow officers of the Senate to make funds available for projects which begin to materialize in the middle of the year, Comptroller Dina Villarreal said. When this was under the administrative arm of Student Government its funds were targeted to specific programs.

The Senate also received a report from Mary Elizabeth Herring, the College Station City Council's liaison to the Senate, on the council's proposals to alleviate crowding in the Northgate area.

She said according to one of the proposals Northgate businesses would convert their rear entrances to front entrances. Patricia Street, the street which now runs behind Northgate, would be closed and parking would be trebled, she said. A tract of land also would be set aside for customers to congregate.

Herring said this plan already had the support of many of the Northgate businesses and that the city already had \$45,000 with which to implement the plan. She said within 18 months the development should be started.

In other business, Jeff Anthony, speaker of the Senate, announced that the vice president of external affairs position is now open following the resignation of Blaine Edwards. Edwards resigned for personal reasons.

Anthony said an internal election would be held to fill the vacancy at the Sept. 23 Senate meeting, with nominations, speeches and voting by the Senate members all to be held at that time.

Other Senate vacancies will be filled by interview. Anyone fulfilling the constituency requirements may apply for these positions in the Student Government office beginning at 8 a.m. today thru 5 p.m. Sept. 17.

The vacant positions are: one seat, Ward I; four seats, Ward II; one seat, Ward III; one sophomore, one senior and one graduate student seat, College of Liberal Arts; one at-large seat, College of Medicine; one sophomore and one senior seat, College of Engineering; and two off-campus graduate seats.

The Senate also introduced eight new pieces of legislation:

— **Dorm Security Bill** — directs the

Student Services Committee to research security systems at other universities and to recommend feasible security plans for female residence halls at the University.

— **Pedestrian Protection Bill** — calls for the University Police to increase ticketing of illegally parked motorcycles and mopeds and to adopt a policy of impounding the vehicles of repeat offenders.

— **Bicycle Registration Bill** — calls for the registration of all bicycles by the University and the University Police and the ticketing/impounding of all non-registered bikes. It also suggests charging a fee for this registration, to be used to increase the number of bike racks and lanes on campus.

— **Summer School Registration Bill** — calls on the University to establish a pre-registration program for summer school, with one registration for both summer sessions and separation of undergraduate and graduate registration.

— **Motorcycle and Moped Parking Spaces** — calls for the creation of more motorcycle parking on the street or in parking lots.

— **Housing Bill** — proposes that the Married Student Housing Office be transferred to the Department of Student Affairs in order to get all student housing under one department.

— **Rat Control Bill** — encourages University Grounds Maintenance to replace all ground cover in front of Dorms 1 thru 12 with grass in order to control the rat population and to spray for rats more often than bi-weekly/monthly.

— **Computer Appropriations Bill** — directs the Senate to support the final committee selection of a microcomputer system for the Student Government by allocating the funds needed to buy the system and to also allocate up to \$350 for its installation.



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

Comptroller Dina Villarreal makes a pitch for the Student Government budget at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting as Student Body President

Ken Johnson (L) and Executive Vice President Jeff Bissey look on. The budget passed with only one dissenting vote.

Sadat calls referendum

United Press International
CAIRO, Egypt — President Anwar Sadat, stung by American news media coverage of his government's mass arrests, sought popular support today for his "electric shock" crackdown in a national referendum.

Officials of Sadat's ruling National Democratic Party predicted Egypt's 12 million eligible voters would overwhelmingly approve the most severe crackdown on religious leaders and political opponents since Sadat took office in 1970.

Voters at 26,000 polling stations across the nation were required to say "yes" or "no" to 10 measures taken by Sadat last week to ensure "national unity and social peace."

It was the sixth national referendum in Sadat's 11-year rule of the predominantly Moslem country. The Egyptian leader won the last referendum in 1979 on the peace treaty with Israel with what the government said was a 99.9 percent "yes" vote.

At a rare news conference Wednesday in his Nile hometown of Abul-Kom, an unusually emotional Sadat bitterly assailed American news media for "distorting" the crackdown by representing it as a suppression of democracy.

Sadat has arrested 1,600 people, including Moslem and Christian clergymen and opposition political figures.

He banished the leader of the nation's 3 million Coptic Christians, Pope She-

noudah III, to a desert monastery on grounds he was a prime instigator of sectarian strife leading to last June's Moslem-Christian clashes in which 17 people were killed and 112 wounded.

He disbanded 13 religious societies, seized the property of the extremist Moslem Brotherhood organization and other groups and transferred to other jobs scores of journalists, radio and television personnel and university professors.

At his news conference, Sadat likened Egypt to a patient and himself as a doctor who had prescribed "electric shock" treatment to bring the nation to its senses and avoid a repetition of the bloody religious clashes.

Federal deficit may be \$80 billion next year

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Congressional Budget Office projected today the federal deficit next year will be \$80 billion — nearly twice the size the cost-cutting Reagan administration had anticipated earlier.

And, CBO said, President Reagan's goal of a balanced budget by 1984 may be crushed as it now seems the deficit that year — even if Reagan's current economizing measures are adopted — will be close to \$50 billion.

Despite these gloomy statistics, the non-partisan CBO predicted the economy would improve next year.

The updated economic forecast of the Congressional Budget Office shows substantial improvement in the economy compared with the lackluster performance of recent years, CBO Director Alice Rivlin said in a statement prepared for delivery to the House Budget Committee.

In recent weeks, the White House, faced with projections of a mushrooming budget deficit, has sought to find ways to impose deeper spending reductions.

Congress already has cut \$35 billion from 1982 spending, and the administration planned to request about \$75 billion in cuts in fiscal 1983 and 1984.

Reagan has talked with Republican congressional leaders about further cuts for the new fiscal year of \$15 billion to \$20 billion. The administration estimates a cut that size would be necessary to hold the deficit to its July projection of \$42.5 billion.

But CBO projections show it still would leave Reagan way off his target.

Although CBO projected a deficit of \$80 billion next fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, it said the figure would be closer to \$65 billion if Reagan got the additional spending reductions he is seeking.

Speaking of the overall state of the

economy, Rivlin said, "The major reasons for the projected improvement in economic growth are the moderation of inflation and the reduction in taxes contained in the Economic Recovery Act of 1981."

She said, "The slowing of inflation that began in the first half of 1981 is projected to continue into 1982. Real growth is expected to pick up late in 1981 and to be strong in 1982."

"Interest rates, although lower than in 1981, should remain high in 1982 because of reduced money growth and strong credit demands," CBO said.

CBO estimated the fiscal 1982 budget at \$720 billion, presuming the additional \$15 billion in cuts assumed in the first budget resolution are made. That compares with the administration's July figure of \$704 billion.

It estimated revenues at \$655 billion, compared with the administration's \$662.4 billion.



Photo by Dave Einsel

Farmers Fight!

Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver appears to making a quick conversion to an Aggie Wednesday evening as he "humps it" on the front steps of his house. The Texas A&M Corps of Cadets assembled on the front lawn to wel-

come the president. Also getting into the Aggie spirit are Vandiver's wife, Renee; his daughter, Nancy, a senior history major at A&M; Corps Commander Kelly Castleberry; and several other members of the president's family.

Student Government to study possible Greek recognition

By PHYLLIS HENDERSON
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Student Government plans to tackle the controversial issue of University recognition of fraternities and sororities this semester.

A nine-member committee, authorized by student legislation last spring, may begin looking into Greek recognition as early as next week, Student Body President Ken Johnson said. Student Government members now are organizing that committee.

Although the legislation requires the committee to make a recommendation by Nov. 18, the committee could make its decision earlier, said Chris Langford, SG vice president of student services. "That's (Nov. 18) our target date right now," he added.

Johnson, who will serve as committee chairman, said the group's discussion will "encompass the whole issue of the Greek society and recognition here at the University."

Three primary alternatives to be discussed include: the recognition of individual fraternities and sororities; recognition of only the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic, the organizations which coordinate the Greek system; and denying recognition altogether.

Sigma Phi Epsilon filed the most recent application for University recognition in 1977. But, Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, denied recognition on the basis that the fraternity selectively chooses its members. Koldus said such practices contradict the concept that all students are Aggies.

Recognition of the Greek groups would give them the same status as other student organizations. The sororities and fraternities would have access to all facilities, but Tom Graf, president of the Interfraternity Council, said they wouldn't use MSC funds, which are generated by student service fees. Sororities and fraternities operate on membership dues.

Leaders of the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic say recognition should be restricted to their organizations instead of individual fraternities and sororities.

Graf said this type of recognition

would provide a smoother transition into the University. "Individual fraternities will never be accepted on this campus," he said.

"There's a big difference between recognition of the IFC and Panhellenic and recognition of individual fraternities," he said.

Recognition of individual fraternities and sororities would give the national chapters greater control, Graf said. "Recognizing an individual fraternity would take away from Aggieism."

Lisa Jakubik, president of Panhellenic, agreed that the group's primary objective is to gain recognition for the coordinating organizations and not individual fraternities and sororities. She added that the majority of the sororities were not looking for individual recognition. "I don't think they're looking that far ahead yet," she said.

Members of the IFC and Panhellenic say recognition is important. Graf said, "Any time you have two-thirds of your people living off-campus, you have to have something to fill this void." Fraternities and sororities have the organization to do this, he said.

And recognition will "get more communication going between the University and us," Jakubik said.

Two members from both the IFC and Panhellenic will represent the organizations on the Student Government committee; these members have not yet been chosen. Other committee members will include: Johnson; Langford; Tim Ryan, president of the Residence Halls Association; Paul Bettencourt, president of the Off-Campus Aggies; and Ken Cross, Corps commander.

Langford said the members of the committee were chosen because they represent a wide range of student interests. "That's a lot of what we're going to be trying to do — find out how the students feel about it (Greek recognition)," he said.

Langford said students' contributions will be an important part of the committee's decision. Letters to The Battalion will be encouraged, he said, and open forums may be a possibility.

The IFC and Panhellenic also will provide information to the committee.

RHA to meet tonight at 7

Dorm security and activities to raise funds for the United Way are two of the topics scheduled for discussion tonight at the Residence Hall Association's first meeting of the semester.

The meeting is at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

Plans for the RHA-sponsored Almost Anything Goes to be held Sept. 27 will be discussed tonight. Proceeds from the event, which is patterned after the television show, will be donated to the United Way.

The installation of Wallpapers on campus, poster boards featuring articles on college life and some advertising, are another item on tonight's agenda, Michele Rowland, RHA vice president, said.

Questions on the new legal drinking age and judicial board revision will also be answered, Rowland said.

In addition, Rowland said the association will try to recruit a director of projects to coordinate Casino Night and RHA Parents' Day.

Anyone living in a residence hall is a member of RHA and is urged to attend, Rowland said.