

Reorganization Of A&M System Suffers Legislative Setback

By TOMMY DEFRANK
AUSTIN — Reorganization of the Texas A&M University System suffered a giant setback in the Legislature Monday when Sen. Don Kennard pushed through an amendment removing Arlington State College from Sen. Bill Moore's reorganization bill.

The Senate Education Committee approved Kennard's proposal by a close 7-5 vote despite ap-

peals by A&M president Earl Rudder and Board Chairman Sterling Evans and a fiery protest by Moore, chairman of the committee.

The amended version of SB 254 now gives A&M much stronger control over Tarleton State College and Prairie View A&M and changes their names to Tarleton College and Prairie View College of Texas A&M University. Moore

had sought the same provisions for Arlington State. Kennard made assurances that the A&M System for the time being but would not fall under the increased regulation by the A&M Board.

"This amendment is not an attempt to take us out from under the A&M Board; it is simply an attempt to maintain the status quo until we have a chance to run with the governor's program," Kennard explained before the hearing.

Governor John Connally's plan for higher education calls for Arlington State to fall under the jurisdiction of the University of Texas, and Kennard and ASC backers have aligned themselves with the governor's proposal. Debate was wild and heated as Moore repeatedly attacked Kennard's amendment and Kennard attacked A&M for its reorganization stand.

Solon Chops Moore's Bill On Arlington

Don Kennard was in a festive mood late Monday, and he had every right to be. The Senator from Fort Worth had celebrated Washington's birthday in fine fashion by chopping down Bill Moore and his reorganization dreams for Arlington State College, and he appeared elated over his victory as he rehearsed the Education Committee's action that morning.

"I was well-pleased with the committee's position, and I feel there are two main reasons for their decision. There is a tendency in the Senate to go along with the hometown Senator, and there is a strong feeling that lends itself to the governor's recommendations for educational realignment. The Senator's and the General's proposal is adverse to the governor's wishes," Kennard claimed.

He was referring to Senator Moore and General Earl Rudder, who saw their bill diluted when the committee approved Kennard's amendment leaving Arlington State out of the legislation.

But Kennard, a University of Texas graduate, was eager to point out that his differences with A&M are educational rather than personal.

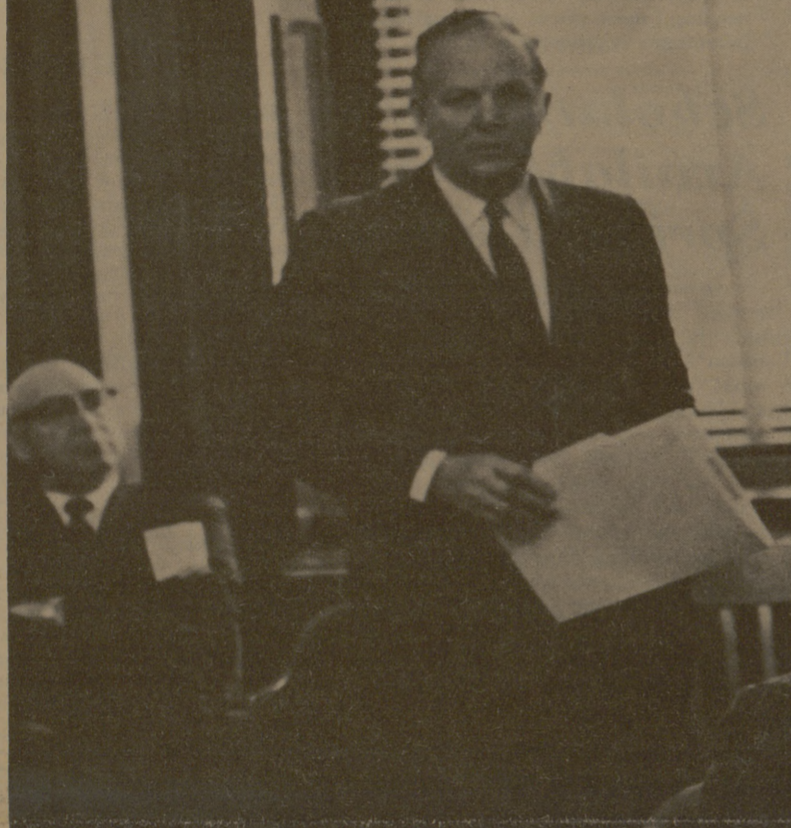
"I don't have a thing in the world against A&M. My parents met at A&M, and when I was born they brought me back there to be christened. My mother was even a member of the A&M Mothers Club. All my family is gung-ho for the Aggies," he explained.

"But to some extent the interests of A&M and Arlington State differ. A&M will probably continue to accent engineering and the sciences, or the land-grant educational concept, while we are keyed to a broader, liberal arts aspect," he pointed out.

"To fit the needs of our metropolitan area this is a must. This is why I am delighted and am in wholehearted support of the governor's program," he continued.

Kennard also expressed doubt that Moore had thrown in the towel on his own proposal.

"Bill's my deskmate and there's no more apt a legislator. It's possible that he might try to revive his bill, but I think it will be difficult for him," he concluded.



RUDDER ADDRESSES EDUCATION COMMITTEE . . . board chairman Evans at left.



COMMITTEE DISCUSSES REORGANIZATION BILL . . . Moore, left, Kennard, right, argue merits.

Developments Reach \$10.9 Million

A&M University has experienced major developments involving more than \$10.9 million in the last year.

President Earl Rudder said the advances have been largely made possible through grants ranging from \$3.25 million down to \$109,400.

The \$3.25 million has been made available for a U. S. Department of Agriculture livestock toxicology laboratory on campus. It will be the largest facility of its kind in the nation.

Construction will start soon on the institution's giant cyclotron, the fourth of its kind to be located on a U. S. campus and the largest in the South. The "atom smasher" will cost \$6 million.

Rudder said A&M has received \$1 million for expansion of campus facilities, such as dormitories.

The university is keeping pace with increased nuclear energy and space activities through a \$1 million grant for its Activation

Analysis Laboratory and Space Research Center, he pointed out.

In the agricultural field, \$700,000 has been made available for a USDA Cotton Pathology Laboratory. A grant of \$300,000 has been marked for a USDA Cotton Ginning Laboratory for the university's South Plains Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

A recent grant of \$300,000 will be used to establish the East Texas Research-Extension Center at Overton. The center will enable A&M to conduct a wide variety of research and education efforts developed in cooperation with The Build East Texas Program.

BET is an area program designed to point out opportunities for increasing agricultural income.

Radiation research, now underway in many areas at the university, will move forward with a grant of \$260,000. Chemistry research has received \$211,186, and \$210,197 has gone to water pollution investigations.

A grant of \$180,000 is being used to develop a program in medical and biological statistics. Also in the statistics area is a \$124,700 grant to expand the graduate program in the Institute of Statistics.

Plans are in final stages for an office building extension of the Data Processing Center. The multi-story structure will have 21,000 square feet of floor space

and will allow additional computer components to be installed in the present building. A \$173,150 grant has been received toward construction of the extension.

A Chair of Basic Animal Science for the Department of Animal Science has been made possible through a grant of \$125,000. The chair is a first for the College of Agriculture.

Electron microscopy, widely used in the many science and engineering fields at A&M, will expand operations in a new laboratory now in the planning stage. A grant of \$109,400 for the facility was announced last fall.

"I will not support any further expenditure of A&M funds for Arlington State College because of their attitude, which finally came out in the open today. They showed how they feel about us, and they outsmarted themselves as far as finances are concerned," Moore emphasized.

Central Board Measure Passes Senate Committee

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate State Affairs Committee unanimously approved for floor consideration Gov. John Connally's Bill, HB1, setting up an 18-member coordinating board for tax-supported colleges and universities.

The measure won House passage 141-4 last week. Connally made the bill his condition for recommending expanded college and university budgets. The proposed board would have strong controls over course offerings and power to classify the 22 state schools as colleges or universities.

Sen. Bill Moore of Bryan, sponsor of the governor's bill, said he intends to seek a Senate vote on the measure Wednesday. If the bill is approved without change, it will go to Connally for signature.

Another controversial bill received Senate State Affairs Committee approval. It would create a North Texas Airport Authority in Tarrant County. Dallas Sen. George Parkhouse opposed the bill, sponsored by Sen. Don Kennard of Fort Worth.

Parkhouse said the measure would force Dallas County "to buy a one-half interest in a horse that's conscious, but dying." A constitutional amendment is needed for the bill to take effect.

Sponsors of a rules change which would delay Senate consideration of any teacher pay increase legislation won Senate Committee approval of the change and looked for passage Tuesday.

The rule extends by 45 days to May 12 this session—a Senate ban on consideration of such single-shot appropriations bills as a teacher pay raise or a pay raise for judges.

Backers of the House-passed rules change contend it could aid Gov. John Connally in winning support for his graduated 10-year teacher pay plan.

Connally's plan is receiving heavy opposition from teachers, who have gathered strong support for their proposed \$405 annual increase costing the state \$68 million during 1966-67, about twice as much as Connally's plan.

Rules change supporters feared the teachers' proposal could win early Senate approval under existing rules allowing consideration of such measures after 75 days. Such Senate passage in early April, they feared, could result in two possible means to get needed extra money: a big tax bill, or a cut in higher appropriations for colleges recommended by Connally.



Fish Sweetheart Marsha McLaurin, 18-year-old Bastrop High School senior, was named Freshman Sweetheart at the Fish Ball Saturday night. Aggie Sweetheart Johanna Leister pins a ribbon on the beauty, and freshman Don Allen presents roses. Miss McLaurin was escorted by Jimmy Callahan, also of Bastrop.

The World at a Glance

By The Associated Press

International
MOSCOW—Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky, the Soviet defense minister, warned the United States Monday the Viet Nam crisis threatens a great war and he said it will be a war in which "imperialists and the whole system of capitalism will find their grave."

He claimed that the defense potential of the Communist nations is more than a match for the West's.

National
WASHINGTON—Sen. Gale McGee, D-Wyo., urged Monday night that the United States serve an ultimatum on North Viet Nam to quit infiltrating South Viet Nam by a specified date or face gradually stepped-up bombings.

First to be hit would be all bona fide military installations in North Viet Nam. If infiltration continued, bridges, highways and railroads would be attacked. Then, if necessary, industrial centers would be bombed.

WASHINGTON—Posters and other displays that encourage Americans to travel abroad are to be removed from passport offices around the country, by State Department request.

A memo from Abba P. Schwartz, administrator of security and counselor affairs, cites President Johnson's suggestion that Americans "see the U.S.A." on vacations rather than spend their dollars on foreign junkets while this country suffers from a gold drain.

CHICAGO—The head of the Black Muslims said Monday he is shocked by the assassination of Malcolm X, a former disciple, but "We are not disturbed because we are innocent."

Elijah Muhammad spoke to newsmen in his South Side home, heavily guarded although he said he had not asked for special police protection.

Texas
AUSTIN—A rare portrait of George Washington was presented the state of Texas Monday by E. M. Ted Dealey, publisher of the Dallas Morning News. The oil painting, by Jane Stuart, is one of about 15 reproductions of the portrait done by her father, Gilbert Stuart. Dealey bought his copy in London. It reportedly is the only one in the United States.

DALLAS—Dallas and Fort Worth probably will ask the Civil Aeronautics Board for more time to make their decision on the location of a regional airport to serve the area, Mayor Erik Jonsson predicted Monday.