

Dr. Jack K. Williams speaks with facial expressions as well as words during Monday afternoon interview. (Photos by Steve Bryant)

# I'll always tell students what I'm doing, why: Williams

By FRAN HAUGEN

Battalion Managing Editor

Newly appointed President Jack K. Williams plans to engage with faculty, staff and students in a study of where A&M is and where it ought to be after he takes over the position now held by Acting President A. R. Lueddecke Nov. 1. "Before I take any action, I need to do some talking and an awful lot of listening," Dr. Williams declared. "I want to listen and talk to all of A&M's community interests—faculty, staff, students, others."

"I realize that decisions have to be made in the end. Some of these are great to you (the student) because you like them and

some are not so great because you don't like them," he continued.

"But I want the students to know I will always tell them what I am doing and why. I'll be honest and shoot from the shoulder. The responsible students I know believe in this. The students I've talked with in the past are tired of mishmash and beating around the bush."

Williams arrived here Monday for a Board of Directors Meeting today. He stayed here last night in the gray house where the Board holds its meetings, located between Sbis Hall and the North Gate Post Office. He met there Monday with Board members for some preliminary meet-

ings.

Williams was commissioner of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, from 1966 to 1968.

"I like the purposes, aims and ideals that undergird the institution of A&M," Williams told The Battalion. "It is the greatest of land-grant universities, but I feel that any institution, and certainly any university, that doesn't study purposes and goals against modern times is in trouble."

"Working with students and faculty, I want to add to the program inventory and subtract if necessary—when a course isn't in line with the seventies and eighties."

Williams said he is interested in preserving, not destroying, A&M's uniqueness.

"I want to continue the flavor and quality A&M has been famous for," he said.

Williams said he believes strongly in student representation on working faculty committees, a practice which is being used increasingly at A&M this fall.

"It is the procedure you should automatically follow," he said. "This is not to curry favor with anyone. My experience record shows that this is what I believe. At the same time, though, I believe in strong executive leadership."

Williams favors a limited pass-fail system.

"I want to work with the faculty and the students on this," he said. "I don't want to preclude what they think. I personally think there should be a corps of elective courses, taken just for sheer fun, and fun isn't worrying about whether you might make a C or D."

As soon as A&M can program it, it should have a woman's dormitory on campus, Williams said.

"We will have one eventually, and by eventually I mean in the near future," he added.

Williams doesn't object to courses in black or ethnic studies, but he says he has serious reser-

variations about a complete degree program in black studies.

"I certainly don't object to courses (in black studies) which are well designed and taught by professionals," he said, "but I find it hard to remove the educational from the practical. I believe in trying to give a man an idea of his heritage and an appreciation of his past, but how does the black man better himself by majoring in black studies? I want to put him in full-scale competition with the rest of society."

Williams served at Clemson University as a professor and later as an administrator for 16 years from 1947 to 1963.

When he started at Clemson the

school was all-male, military, requiring ROTC training for four years. ROTC was made voluntary, the school was opened to women and a women's dormitory was built on campus while Williams was there.

"So you see, Clemson has gone through what A&M is going through now," Williams said. "Clemson, though, is still predominantly male."

Williams said, he feels the changes were productive.

Williams is also president of the Texas A&M University System. He has visited all the colleges in the system—Tarleton State College and Prairie View A&M in addition to TAMU.

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## Fall films OK, spring unsure

By LEE DUNKELBERG  
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The Fall Film Series will be presented as scheduled, according to Lynn Jagers, co-chairman of the Contemporary Arts Committee's series, but the fate of the Spring Film Series still hangs in the balance.

It was announced by Jagers last week that the Fall Film Series was in danger of being cancelled due to lack of financial support. The Memorial Student Center has given the go-ahead for the Fall Series, Jagers said Monday, but whether or not there will be a Spring Films Series depends upon the financial success of the Fall Series.

"It is doubtful that the Spring

Series will be presented if the Fall Series does not break even or show reasonable returns," Jagers said.

Carlos Almaguer, chairman of the film series, explained that there was not much hope of success when the series was begun four years ago. In the following years, however, Almaguer claims, the series has drawn praise from many people.

"We have in the past had enough people who were aware and knowledgeable of the films or interested in the ideas expressed to support the series," Almaguer said. "The audience always impressed us as being the intellectual core at A&M."

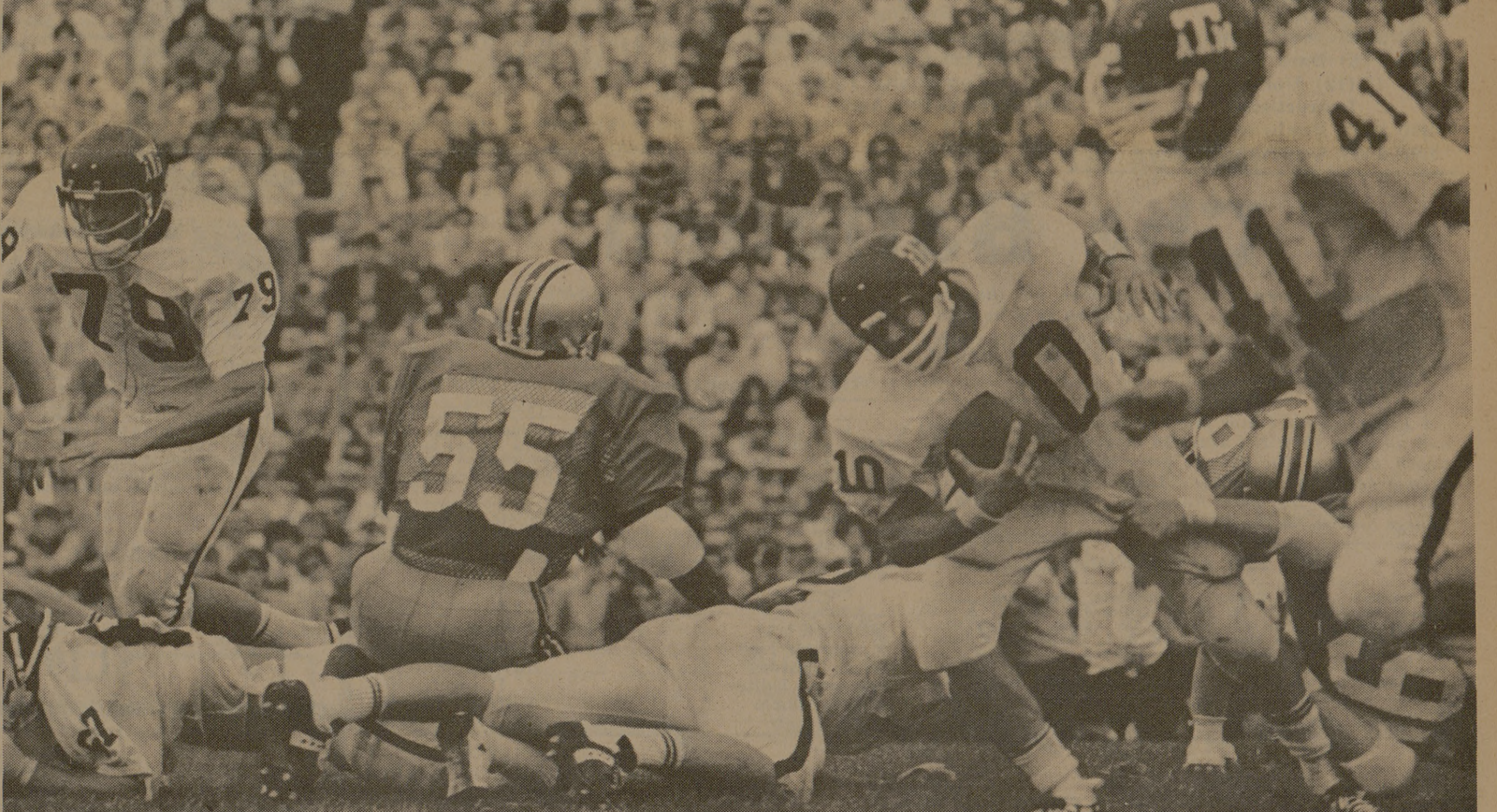
In selecting the films, the com-

mittee considers outstanding films from throughout the world, and presents the best directors, stories, photography and ideas.

The next feature will be Friday, and will be "You Can't Cheat An Honest Man," starring W. C. Fields, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy.

Fields, as Larson E. Whip-snade, plays a circus manager deep in debt, who attempts to get his daughter to marry a rich playboy so that he can escape his creditors.

The show will be presented at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ball Room. Admission is by season ticket only, and they may be purchased at the Student Programs Office or at the door.



AGGIES TRY for points during third quarter of Saturday's 56-13 loss to Ohio State University. Quarterback Lex James (10) attempts to gain yardage with right tackle Andy Philley (79) and fullback Marc Black (41) aiding

him. Ohio middle guard Kevin Fletcher (55) is on the ground, temporarily out of action. Story, page 4. (Photo by Steve Bryant)

## Batt wins highest honor in school paper rating

The Battalion has received an All American rating from the Associated Collegiate Press at the University of Minnesota.

Approximately 600 member newspapers from throughout the United States were evaluated in ACP's 83rd All American Critical Service.

Editor David Middlebrooke said, according to a letter received Monday from ACP officials, student newspapers published during the 1970 spring semester were judged on coverage and content, writing and editing, editorial leadership, physical appearance and photography.

Marks of Distinction for superior achievement may be awarded in each of the five categories, and a paper must receive four such credits to be rated All American.

Judges gave The Battalion, judged in the same category as other university daily newspa-

pers, received Marks of Distinction in coverage and content, writing and editing, physical appearance and photography. The paper accumulated 3,410 of a possible 3,950 contest points.

The ACP defined the All American award as one given to newspapers who have "... that extra spark of liveliness, imagination and appeal that distinguishes really top publications. We cannot ignore that the best newspapers have made these intangible qualities an important part of truly excellent achievement."

This is the second time The Battalion has earned the top ACP rating. Similar recognition was obtained in the ACP's rating of papers for the 1970 fall semester.

Other ratings given by the ACP on the basis of total numerical scores are First Class (excellent), Second Class (very good) and Third Class (good).

"The All American, with four or five marks, is symbolic of the best newspapers," wrote Otto W. Quale, ACP executive director. "Covering the college campus

and relating to national events offers an increasing challenge to the newspaper working with limited time and funds," he added. "An overall study indicates they are doing an outstanding job, fully aware of both the opportunities and obligations of a free and responsible press."

## TISA president will discuss students' role in government

By MIKE STEPHENS  
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Tom Henderson, president of the Texas Intercollegiate Student Association (TISA) and Student Senate representative for the College of Liberal Arts, will attend a meeting Oct. 3 in Austin to discuss student voice in the Texas Legislature.

The meeting will be attended by representatives from most major colleges in Texas. Henderson said the idea was brought up during the TISA conference at the

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The Campus Chest this year will be picking both beauties and beasts as workers strive for a goal of \$3,000, Jerry McGowan, Campus Chest chairman, said Monday.

The campaign began this year at the A&M-Wichita State foot-

ball game, where collection barrels were located at all exits from Kyle Field.

"We collected \$250 at the Wichita game, McGowan said. "Each player gave 25 cents, and we're asking each student to do the same, and miss one cup of coffee for two days."

The second fund raising project

for Campus Chest, according to McGowan, will be an "Ugliest Senior on Campus" contest. Students may nominate candidates for the title with a 50 cent donation, and every five cents collected in that candidate's name is counted as one vote. The nominee with the most votes will be named the ugliest senior at Town Hall Oct. 9.

On Nov. 5, Campus Chest will launch its "Miss Campus Chest" contest. Nominations will be taken from each civilian dormitory and each corps outfit. A booth will set up at the MSC for voting, and a chart will be posted in front of Guion Hall to show the progress of each nominee.

Miss Campus Chest will be announced Nov. 24 at the Fifth Dimension show. The top three dorms will receive special recognition.

"We're trying to get away from the civilian-corps fight," stressed McGowan. "We're hoping that it will all be friendly competition."

Other projects include a dance at the Grove before the A&M-Texas Tech game and a fund drive requesting \$50 donations from local businesses, whose names will appear in an ad in The Battalion.

The main portion of the Campus Chest funds go to the Helping Aggie Loan Fund, according to McGowan.

"This fund provides small loans of \$100 to \$200 to students," he explained. "To be eligible, a student must have first applied to the Student Loan Office in the YMCA."

The Campus Chest also helps support the Faith's Children's Hospital in Houston. Once a year they sponsor an "Ag Big Brother Day" to let the orphans know what it is like to have a big brother.

Along the same vein, the Campus Chest also supports two orphans on the Muskogee Indian Reservation in Oklahoma, and sponsors a trip to A&M for one of the orphans annually.

"We also send flowers to the families of students honored by Silver Taps," McGowan added.

The Campus Chest is a Student Senate Committee under the Welfare Committee.

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