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Law college in the works for TAMU

The Board of Directors today instructed the administration to plan for a law college to be located on the College Station campus. The new college would have to be approved by the Coordinating Board and funded by the Texas legislature before it could be begun.

"There is no doubt from any quarter that the number of young men and women wishing a law education far exceeds the facilities of state, public and private law schools to enroll them," the board stated in a minute order.

Legal specializations could be offered by TAMU in such fields as technical and engineering law, marine admiralty law and natural resources and public law.

According to Haskell Monroe, assistant vice president for academic affairs, the law college is "a dream right now."

The college would hopefully open in September of 1974 with a small first class. Eventually, a building holding the law college may exist.

There is still two years of planning to go, he emphasized, and nothing is definite.

Monroe, who has worked on the rough plans for the law college, stated that other institutions have as many as 10 applicants for every opening.

He doesn't expect to obtain a law college easily, though, nor does TAMU President Jack K. Williams. Competition for funds is severe among state schools and private schools fear loss of students, he said, both groups should be opposing it.

"A&M needs this," said Williams. "There exists a need for more law schools and that we can provide—plus that no other can."

In other business, the board approved a TAMU request to seek Coordinating Board approval for creation of a college of continuing education.

Williams said the proposed col-

lege of continuing education would include offerings of a variety of levels to meet the needs of people both on and off campus.

"Such a college would provide educational services apart from the formal degree programs," Dr. Williams explained.

The new college would coordinate the numerous conferences, short courses and seminars sponsored by the university's extension services, centers and institutions.

The board also awarded construction contracts totaling \$5,466,150 and sold revenue bonds of \$2,850,000 to help finance three of the major projects.

A \$1,745,103 contract was awarded to R. B. Butler, Inc., of Bryan, for second-phase construction of an office-classroom building at TAMU. Another Bryan firm, Thurmond and Stuart, received a \$1,329,650 award to build the university's new student health center.

Appropriations authorized by the board totaled \$1,954,888 for 14 projects, including interior furnishings for the Memorial Stu-

dent Center and auditorium complex, equipment for the new Educational Television Building, residence hall renovation, installation of an environmental chamber in the Chemistry Institute Annex, construction of an overrun area at Easterwood Airport, detailed design for the Military Walk Mall and detailed designs for remodeling or repairing the Geology Building, Bolton Hall, Architecture Annex Building, Agricultural Engineering Building, Sbis Hall and Duncan Hall, all at TAMU.

The board authorized TAMU officials to seek Coordinating Board approval for new B.A. degree programs in biology and chemistry and B.S. degree programs in applied mathematical sciences and medical technology.

The board also authorized TAMU to seek approval for establishment of a general academics department for its Texas Maritime Academy and approved a Tarleton request to ask Coordinating Board approval for a new department of industrial education and technology.



ONE OF THE MORE BIZZARE ASPECTS OF TAMU LIFE is walking out of the dorm and finding a sidewalk full of rattlesnakes. The snakes, one being handled by Steve Higgs as helpers Jim Oslick and Red Streetman

skin another, were obtained in a rattler round-up. After milking the 12 snakes the group killed and skinned them. The squirm-in was held near Dorm 11 in the Corps area. (Photo by Mike Rice)

Time shortage Athletic budget snags cited

By JOHN CURYLO

The difficulty in estimating income and expenses and the lack of time to make the most accurate calculations possible were cited by officials of the athletic department as problems in estimating the budget for next year.

Dr. Charles H. Samson Jr., chairman of the Athletic Council, and Wally Groff, business manager of the athletic department, said last Thursday's allocation of \$170,000 from student services fees by the Student Senate pleased them. The original request was for \$265,000.

"We appreciate the circumstances these students were facing regarding fee allocations recommendations," Samson explained. "We also respected the concern of the student senators we met with. We were pleased they understood all the variables involved. They reflected the difficulties involved in allocations."

Samson said the Thursday afternoon meeting with a committee of senators preceded a Friday morning meeting with athletic director Emory Bellard concerning the budget for the coming year. He added that this forced him, Groff and associate athletic director Marvin Tate to quote figures which Bellard had not seen.

The amount given to the athletic department by the Student Senate averages out to about \$11 per student. Groff explained that Rice's average is \$4, while the remainder of the schools in the Southwest Conference allocate \$11-16 per student to athletics.

Regarding the uncertain income of the athletic department, Groff said such factors as attendance, championships and post-season games were variable. He explained that revenue was figured

on projected performances and the drawing power of football.

The athletic department has operated at a deficit for several years, with 1968, the year after the last football championship, being the only profitable year from an economic viewpoint. The possibility of building up a reserve of funds exists now, but in the past, student services fees were allocated on the basis of need, with no consideration taken for possible emergencies or added expenses.

It is Bellard's expressed intention to make an effort to increase the importance of sports other than football. This requires more spending in these areas. Also, the necessity of having a good recruiting season in football has required more money.

Part of the explanation given at the senate meeting was that a new coach has certain idiosyncrasies requiring added funds. One of Bellard's is the use of new helmets rather than chipped, used ones. Such a practice will cost \$7,500, since the 250 head-gears are sold for \$30 each.

"Bellard doesn't know which of his projected practices would be

idiosyncrasies," Samson said, "since he doesn't know what was done here before. The helmets were cited as an example. Any others asked for and considered proper would certainly be approved by the Athletic Council." He spoke of the use of film as another possible example.

"This is a team effort by all of us here at A&M," Samson continued. "If it is understood that we all aspire to achieve the same objectives, a winning program, then we can assume that we are all working on this together."

"In meeting with the representatives of the Student Senate, we were not suggesting that athletics is the only important thing in fee allocations," he said. "We realize that there are other things students are interested in, and these shouldn't be cut just for us."

Samson said if groups of students wanted to confer with him, Tate and Groff, this would meet with a favorable reaction. He pointed out that a good discussion of the problems involved might produce new insight and better solutions.

TAMU freshman dies Sunday in auto wreck

A freshman, William Leonard Smith II, was killed along with a Galena Park couple in a two-car collision at 6:10 p.m. Sunday two miles east of Hempstead.

Sylvester Ray, 63, and his wife, Evi Jennings Ray, 50, also lost their lives in the head on crash on U.S. Highway 290.

Both Smith, 19, and the Ray couple were alone in their cars. Smith apparently was returning to A&M. A Crocker Hall resident, he was studying mechanical engineering after graduation from Cy-Fair High School.

Services for Smith will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Houston's St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 4213 Mangrum Road. Rosary is planned at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Bellaire Chapel of the Earthman Funeral Home.

Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Smith, Route 1, Box 249-C, Cypress, and a sister.

Arrangements for Mr. and Mrs. Ray were pending Monday.

25 batgirl finalists make debut tonight

The 25 batgirl finalists, all of them A&M coeds, will be introduced during halftime of tonight's basketball game with the University of Texas.

The girls were selected for consideration by a preliminary screening panel. The final 12, three of whom will serve as alternates, are to be chosen Thursday night.

The finalists include Mina Akins, Penny Ball, Diana Bernhard, Brenda Burleson, Deborah Brannen, Holly Cannon, Susan Cummings, Beth Cunningham, Diana Denniston, Becky Ferenz, Gwen Flynn, Charlotte Gay and Sondra Kornegay.

Also in the finals are Merrill Mitchell, Pam Mitchell, Maury Osborn, Suzanne Parker, Charae Roques, Pam Schiefelbin, Linda Todd, Maureen Turk, Becky Upham, Debra Vickers, Carla Wolfe and Kathy Wolfe.

Joe Hughes, in charge of the selection of the "Diamond Darlings," said that three batgirls accompanying the Iowa State baseball team will also be introduced. Iowa State is here for double-headers tonight and Wednesday.

A&M's batgirls will perform at doubleheaders against St. Mary's March 13, Lamar March 14, Minnesota March 20, and Houston April 11.

Senate's Essmyer files for state representative

Mike Essmyer, Student Senate Vice-President, has filed for the position of state representative from District 28.

Essmyer started his campaign Monday night with a meeting of his supporters at the Saber Inn in which he discussed his platform.

"I'm for cleaning up Austin," Essmyer began in front of an audience which numbered only 25. "I will work to change the system to fight corruption," he continued. Along this line, Essmyer would like to see the Speaker of the House limited to one term in office.

The vice-president supports having a more equitable tax structure for Texas. He favors increases in corporate taxes over increases in consumer taxes, especially a sales tax.

Essmyer attacked Democratic incumbent Bill Prenal for not

adequately representing A&M. He emphasized that Prenal has made little or no effort to get a law school, a medical school or even a baseball stadium for the university. "Bill voted against the 18 year old vote," he added.

Essmyer concluded his introductory remarks by saying that state government in Texas has reached a crisis and needs honest people to stand up and say what is wrong.

The candidate then called for a question-and-answer period which began as such but digressed into a general open discussion.

During this period Essmyer said that busing is bad and that he cannot see the purpose of it. He does feel, however, that racial equality is a must but did not give an alternative to busing.

When asked about the Texas water plan, which calls for pumping water from the Mississippi

River into West Texas, Essmyer admitted that he did not know much about the proposal.

Essmyer feels that the individual should decide for himself whether betting on horses or having abortions are immoral.

"The state legislature should not interfere," he said. "I know that this will lose me a lot of votes," he continued "but I feel that a woman should get an abortion if she wants one."

Essmyer admitted that he does not have all the answers to the abortion question and that the issue needs to be studied more.

When asked if Texas should discourage state immigration, the democratic candidate replied that it was not the state legislature's business to interfere in this matter. He later qualified this statement by saying that something would need to be done if the

MSC Council aids needed for 72-73

Filing opened today for the position of Memorial Student Center Council Vice President Assistants (VPA's).

To be eligible they must be a freshman and have a grade point ratio of no less than 2.5. Applications may be picked up from the Student Programs office through March 7. Interviews will follow on March 7, 8 and 9.

The position of VPA, aside from being vital to the MSC, offers next year's sophomore a chance to actively take part in the molding of the student environment at A&M.

The position offers the freshman many opportunities and privileges including: attending MSC Council and Executive Committee meetings, working with the MSC Council and Directorate, experience in finance, public relations, personnel and management.

It also offers the chance to participate in leadership and public relations seminars, possible membership of the TAMU Delegation to either the Association of College Unions International Convention in Dallas or the TAMU fall leadership retreat near Palestine.

VPA's will also receive training for MSC leadership positions for the following year.

Freshmen requesting further information concerning the position of VPA should call the Student Programs office at 845-1515.

Local ACLU started here; meeting is this Wednesday

The recently formed Texas A&M Civil Liberties Union will meet at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday in the Casa del Sol game room to discuss what students are able to do to protect their rights in a college community, said Dan Beckett, chairman.

Beckett said the TAMUCLU will work closely with all areas of student government at A&M, particularly the Legal Rights Commission of the Student Senate. The TAMUCLU hopes to increase and improve efforts being made by the commission in areas of neglect.

Dr. Manuel Davenport, head of the Department of Philosophy, is the faculty adviser for the organization which has applied for campus recognition to the administration.

The student-organized chapter meeting of the Civil Liberties Union is open to all interested students, on or off campus.

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Entertainment by 'Southern' scheduled for Combat Ball

"The Southern" will provide entertainment at the annual Combat Ball Friday during Military Weekend.

The ball will be held in the west wing of Duncan dining hall. It will begin after Town Hall's performance of James Gang and last until midnight.

The dance as well as all activities of Military Weekend is free for all corpsmen. Dress for the cadets will be combat boots and

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fatigues and women can wear casuals.

The theme of the dance this year will be "Our Trigon Bulls."

The Combat Cutie, who will be chosen from cadet dates, will be elected at the ball. Applications can be obtained from each outfit's first sergeant and can be turned in to either Jose Rivera, Dorm 1, Room 107, or Jim Ivey, Dorm 1, Room 125, by Thursday. Finalists will be announced during the James Gang performance.