

Weather

Fair and warmer today with a high of 79. Increasing cloudiness tonight and tomorrow. Low tonight 59; high Wednesday 79.

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Makeshift sign marks detour

Students expecting to eat breakfast in the Sbisa Hall annex Monday morning, were met by closed doors. Actually, they didn't go away with the munchies though because

board students will be allowed to use the Penniston Cafe while Sbisa is being remodeled. Construction has caused the annex and part of Sbisa to be closed.

Directors okay gifts, approve construction

By JIM CRAWLEY
Staff Writer

The TAMU Board of Directors unanimously passed all parts of an agenda which one administrator called, "the shortest of the past few years."

In a morning session, the board approved the use of approximately \$491,000 for construction. The

For construction details, see story below

board also accepted gifts and grants totaling nearly \$1.5 million. Additionally, the directors agreed to a \$495,000 lease agreement in south

Texas.

With an unusually short agenda, the board wasn't confronted with any controversial issues.

The board approved the assignment of three oil, gas and sulfur leases, in Erath County. The leases cover 2,355 acres. All three leases will be assigned to Coke L. Gage.

The eight man, one woman group approved the appointment of 30 new faculty and staff members within the TAMU system. The governing body also approved the promotion of three system staff members.

The gifts accepted by the Board

included a \$1.2 million donation from the Association of Former Students. A total of slightly more than \$39,000 was received from 47 corporate donors.

The Texas College and University Coordinating Board will be asked to approve the establishment of a Master of Science program in Building Construction, according to a resolution passed by the Board in the Tuesday morning session.

The board approved the leasing of a 10,443 acre tract for 10 years for the Agricultural Experiment Station. The leased ranch will be used in research projects concerning the

management of range lands for cattle production.

Dr. Jack Williams, TAMU System president, was named by the Board to become executive administrator for The Mattie Briscoe Little and Ben T. Little Scholarship Fund.

A revolving fund account was established by the Board to cover the cost of a copying machine for three administrative offices in the Teague building.

In business concerning the other schools within the TAMU System, the Board okayed a vending contract for Tarleton State University.

'Inaccurate'

Directors discuss Batt, Observer

Pre-meeting discussion centered around The Battalion and Texas Observer at the Building Studies Committee of the TAMU Board of Directors meeting, Monday afternoon.

Before the meeting, Board member H. C. Bell passed around a copy of this week's Texas Observer. The tabloid contained a story on the \$28 million University Center.

Bell said the article, criticizing the high cost, was not truthful and highly opinionated. Bell and other members expressed their dislike for the style in which the advocate journal presented the story.

The discussion progressed to The Battalion when it was noted that The Battalion had supplied pictures of the Center interior to the Observer. Bell complained to members and administrators present that The Battalion had printed several "inaccurate" stories, this year.

A suggestion, by Bell, to Dr. Jack

Williams, TAMU president, was to force The Battalion to print retractions for those articles.

"Shivers does it at Texas," said Bell, referring to the head of the University of Texas Regents and The Daily Texan.

Williams told the Board that during his recent appearance before a legislature committee he was asked about the Observer story and the cost of the University Center.

In actual committee business, the four present members discussed various construction projects totaling \$492,000 in future expenditures.

The largest expenditure brought before the committee was a proposed appropriation for Phase IV of the street renovation program. The project will include construction on Coke and Houston streets. The Board resolution approves the letting of bids for the project.

An additional \$75,000 was ap-

propriated to supplement the detailed design costs of the Phase II renovation at Sbisa Hall.

The committee received a report describing the bids received for carpeting of the second floor of the Administration Building. The executive office suite is located on that floor. A. R. Lueddecke, executive vice president, told the members that the low bid of \$11,930 was approximately \$6,000 less than the architect's estimate.

The board approved the future letting of bids for the relocation or construction of three greenhouses. The present greenhouses are located on the site of the future Classroom/Laboratory Building. The new site will be located north of the Agronomy Field Laboratory.

The board was told by Lueddecke that bids were received for air conditioning of the A&M Press Bldg.

The committee heard a one-half hour presentation on the design of a

new auditorium-classroom-research center at the TAMU Extension Center, north of Dallas.

A preliminary design for the industrial education and technology expansion at Tarleton State University, was also discussed by the committee and approved by the entire board.

The committee revised an earlier resolution agreeing to swap sewage services with College Station on a 50 acre tract land, west of campus. College Station would then provide sewage service for an identical area of east part of the main campus.

The last item before the committee was the discussion of an application for government funds to help build an additional sewage treatment plant for the campus.

Williams told the committee members the university would have to begin planning for a new library, to double the size of the present library.

Arabian assassinated

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, a staunch friend of the United States and at the same time a bankroller of Arab wars against Israel, was assassinated today by a "mentally deranged"

nephew, the official Saudi radio announced.

His 62-year-old brother, Crown Prince Khaled Ibn Abdul Aziz, was proclaimed king of the oil-rich nation a few hours later.

The gunshot slaying further clouded the future of the Middle East, following shortly after the collapse of an U.S. effort to find a peace settlement in the area.

The official radio in Riyadh, the Saudi capital, said Faisal's nephew, Prince Faisal Ibn Musaed Ibn Abdul Aziz, pulled a gun and shot the king several times after approaching him to offer salutations on the occasion of Prophet Mohammed's birthday, being celebrated throughout the Moslem world today.

The broadcast added that Faisal died later in a hospital. It did not mention the fate of the nephew.

Carroll charges ended by Army

The Army dropped charges against 1st Lt. Matthew R. Carroll, 27, of El Paso after he offered to leave the service on an honorable discharge.

Carroll, a 1970 graduate in architecture of Texas A&M and former commander of the Corps of Cadets, was charged with refusing to obey an order to cut his hair last April.

He contended that the hair-length regulations were a form of sexual discrimination because they did not apply to Army women. He said the regulations "infringed on an individual's constitutional rights and has no relevance to job performance."

The Army also agreed to give Carroll \$3,600 severance pay and let him continue to wear his hair long during the three weeks he is being processed out of uniform.

"It's a very great personal victory," Carroll told newsmen. "The haircut question has not been answered, but I've done everything I can do except to go to jail."

Assigned to the 3rd Armored Division in Hanau, Germany, near Frankfurt with his wife and two small children, Carroll said he re-

quested discharge because "I have a family and certain responsibilities I cannot ignore."

"I am sure soldiers won't leave the hair issue alone," he added. "In fact, I'd like to throw out the ball for them to carry on with it."

Pretrial proceedings for Carroll started in December, but his case had not yet come to trial before a general court-martial.



Matthew Carroll in 1970

By WILL ANDERSON
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Texas A&M University's requests for state money for the school year 1975-76 were explained and defended in Austin Wednesday by Dr. Jack K. Williams, president of the TAMU system. His presentation was an initial report and no immediate action was taken.

The president was accompanied by several university officials, including Robert G. Cherry, assistant to the president; William Clyde Freeman, executive vice president for administration and Clyde H. Wells, president of the Board of Directors.

The Appropriations Committee of the Texas House of Representa-

tives is reviewing the requests of all the state organizations and schools. The committee is headed by Rep. Bill Presnal of Bryan and has 21 members.

Williams began by asking an increased budget for the administrative and general offices. That area expended a total of \$581,398 last year and has been budgeted for \$617,289 this year.

A total of \$1,054,327 for 1976 and \$1,147,765 for 1977 is requested. The legislative budget recommendation is \$712,783 and \$778,357, respectively.

Williams said the increases are necessary because of the

university's growth and increased demands by regulating bodies.

The administrative offices had 40 full-time employees 20 years ago, he said. The offices now employ 46 people full-time while the size of the university has increased several times.

The Board of Control is "showing some muscle" they haven't shown before, the president said. "We're having to re-do procedures that were once simple."

"We must now compile information on every employee in the system but that's not budgeted in any way."

"I'm not questioning the ideas for

change recommended by the LBB (Legislative Budget Board), I'm just saying that to do them, it will require more money."

Williams also presented the requested budget for the main university campus at College Station. The other parts of the system include Agricultural Extension Service, Agricultural Experiment Station, Engineering Extension Service, Engineering Experiment Station, Texas Forest Service, Tarleton State College, Prairie View A&M University, Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources and the Texas Veterinary

Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

The total expended by the university last year was \$29,013,666 and the amount budgeted for this year is \$33,328,395. Williams said the amount requested is \$60,337,967 for 1976 and \$65,700,714 for 1977.

The legislative budget recommendation is \$46,716,664 and \$49,997,763 respectively.

Williams listed TAMU's strong points and said its best single attribute is its phenomenal rate of growth, from 14,500 in 1971 to 21,000 this year.

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Texas Observer slapped at A&M budget hearing

The Texas Observer was condemned by the consensus of the Texas House of Representatives Appropriations Committee when TAMU President Jack Williams spoke to them Wednesday.

The March 28 Observer ran a report of the Memorial Student Center's appearance and costs as its lead story and got most of its information from the Battalion. The story relied mostly on facts, listing items and expenses, but the tone of the story was described by its headline, "The biggest Aggie joke of all."

The story specifies the animal heads (now removed), the cowhide benches, the \$19,000 worth of etched glass around the dining area, the \$1.4 million Board of Directors annex and other controversial items.

The furnishings of the Annex are an additional \$765,000, the story says, but the wing stands vacant most of the year since the Board (for whom it was exclusively built) meets only six times a year. The story adds that special permission from the administration is required

to tour the area.

A lack of planning for recreational facilities (bowling lanes, pool tables, table tennis) and rooms for student activities (the Singing Cadets and the Basement coffeehouse) is also noted in the story.

When Williams was asked by a representative to comment on the story (all the committee members were given copies when they received their other papers), he did not give a direct answer.

Williams said the lounge was a matter of taste and discounted the Observer as a reliable newspaper because of an incident a few years ago concerning the TAMU student ship, the Texas Clipper.

The Observer said the Clipper was not seaworthy and the university went to great expense to drydock her and prove she was.

Rep. Dick Slack '38, speaker pro tem of the House, was then recognized by the chairman. "This is a blatant example of yellow journalism," he said, "and I don't think it is worthy of an explanation." His remark received a voice of approval

from the other representatives.

The Battalion called Williams Monday afternoon and again asked for his opinion of the story. He said he did not wish to comment. The Batt asked if he found any inaccuracies in the story and he again said he preferred not to comment.

Williams said he had mentioned the story the Texas Observer did on the Texas Clipper to "set the stage for what kind of publication it is."

Bill Presnal, chairman of the committee, was asked for his opinion of the Observer's story.

"The Texas Observer is nothing but trash," Presnal said. "They use very vile language. I'm not saying the story's that way because I haven't read it I don't know."

State Senator Bill Moore '40 said he had not read the story either but that the Observer was radical and always trying to destroy something. Speaker of the House Bill Clayton '50 said he had seen only the front page of the story. "I wouldn't pay any attention to what the Observer has to say about Texas A&M," he said.



At the appropriations committee meeting are (L to R) Clyde H. Wells, Jack Williams, Wm. Clyde Freeman, and Robert Cherry.