

Davidson tells chiefs better managers needed

Austin City Manager Dan Davidson told fire chiefs at TAMU to perform as professional managers, or fall by the side.

Davidson spoke to the fire chiefs in the closing session of the 46th Texas Firemen's Training School executive development program.

The fire chiefs completed the first part of a three-phase program, receiving certificates and credit through the Continuing Education

Office at TAMU.

Most of the participants plan to return for subsequent phases. Conducted by executive development personnel of TAMU's College of Business, the program is part of a wide variety of specialized training provided firemen in the school.

Davidson said that development of management skills must be spread to other facets of city government, but "fire service, in par-

ticular, is widely recognized as tradition-bound departments.

"I have the obligation, as city manager, to replace department heads if they are not effective as managers," he said.

"Without the skills of a manager, you can't represent your city and people," Davidson said. "A good fire chief understands the basic principles of management and is not afraid to use them."

He said that Austin, for example, has a fire service force of more than 460 people operating on a multimillion dollar budget.

"A business or corporation hiring someone for such responsibility would insist that the person hired have understanding and expertise in management," Davidson said.

Economic restrictions, labor challenges and other factors affecting fire department operations demand trained managers.

Davidson said decision-making and communication are both vital to the fire chief or marshal. "Acquisition of such skills may mean the difference in selling your budget," he said.

"Take advantage of every opportunity to add to your professional ability," Davidson said. "With this professional ability, you will be viewed as competent by people regardless of their age, sex or political conviction."

Certificates were awarded by Chief Henry D. Smith, head of the Firemen's Training School, and B. J. Adams, Executive Development Program director at TAMU.

Priest speaks at Baylor workshop

Chancellor Bill Priest of the Dallas County Community College District was keynote speaker at the Summer Seminar on Academic Administration held last Monday by TAMU and Baylor University.

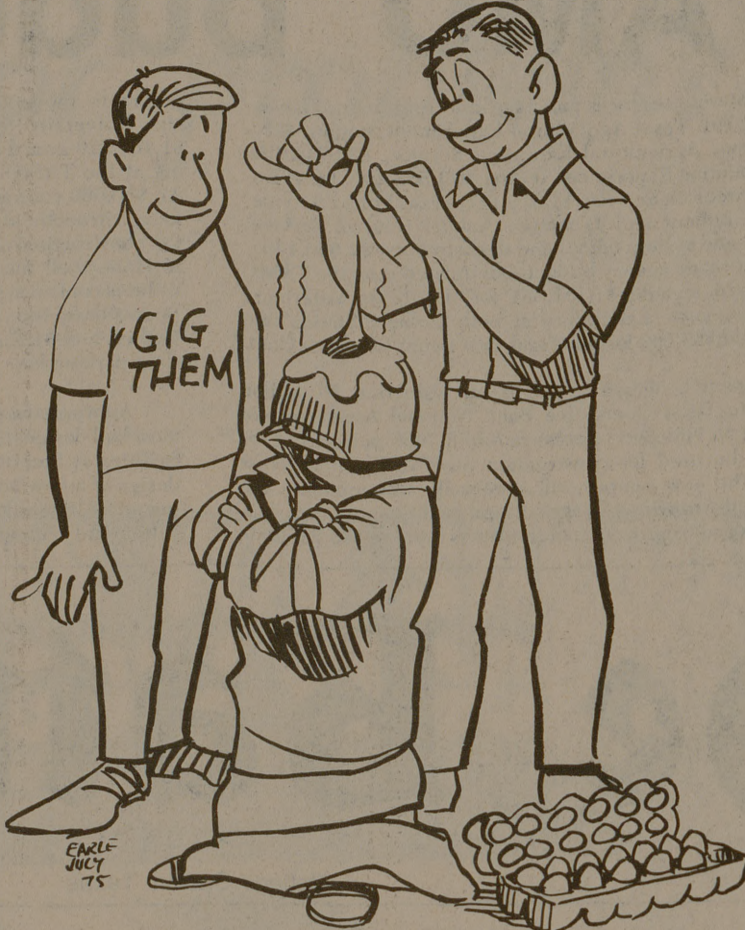
The week-long workshop, now in its ninth year, was held on the Baylor campus at Waco.

Priest's morning address focused on the decision-making process.

A number of other speakers also spoke to the participants including Commissioner of Higher Education Bevington Reed of the Coordinating Board, Texas College & University System; TAMU President Jack K. Williams; Herbert Reynolds, Baylor Executive Vice President and Dean of Faculties; and TAMU Dean of Education Frank Hubert.

Other top administrators giving addresses were De Mar College President Jean Richardson; C. C. Nolen, President of North Texas State University; and Austin College President John Moseley.

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"There must be another way to demonstrate how hot it is!"

Teachers finish course at Houston unit

PRAIRIE VIEW — The Vocational Industrial Teacher Education Department of PVAMU has just ended what its chairman describes as the most successful program in the department's history.

Dr. A. T. Kynard, head teacher trainer and chairman, said certification courses were offered 155 approved Texas teachers.

In addition, courses were given to 14 persons who teach for the Texas Department of Corrections.

The courses were offered the first summer term of 1975 at the Houston Independent School District's Technical Institute and at the TDC Clemens Unit at Brazoria.

Kynard said that this is the second consecutive summer that Prairie View A&M has offered vocational industrial certification at the Houston institute.

On the instructional staff were Leslie E. Acker of Tomball ISD; Lott J. Brooks of North Forest; Helen A. Eaton, Johnny D. Gentry, Betty J. Jennings, Everett A. Laas, Neri G. Terry and Verna D. Wright of Houston's district; and William L. Martin and Stanley Q. Warren of Spring Branch ISD.

Open house planned for ship after completion of voyage

GALVESTON — An open house is planned for the TAMU training ship "Texas Clipper" when it docks in Houston August 2.

Texas Maritime Academy officials said the "Clipper" will be berthed at the public wharves in the Port of Houston at the end of 75th Street.

The ship will be open to the pub-

lic from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Many of the 200 men and women midshipmen and participants in the "Summer School at Sea" will be available to guide groups.

The "Clipper" left Miami on the final leg of its trip to Houston, Monday.



Street near completion

The men in the above picture are working on street renovation at the corner of Ross and Ireland streets on campus. Completion of the project is expected in the next few days if the weather remains good.

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