

# The Battalion

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## Cold Bearclaw

Staff photo by John Barnes

Amid the cold rain which pelted Kyle Field during the Baylor game, this unidentified Baylorette raised her hand in

the traditional Bearclaw fashion throughout their school song with the agonizing expression of defeat. (See sports story page 8.)

## Texas A&M

# The big corporation

First in a series about the organizational bureaucracy of the university administration.

By JIM JAMES  
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The analogy that the Texas A&M administrative operation is very similar to operating a mega-corporation may be distasteful to some.

But it was designed for maximum efficiency in accomplishing set goals, indirectly, by the people of Texas. Unfortunately with a growing bureaucracy there is a seemingly inevitable corollary: the growing mass of red tape tends to separate the students from the administration.

It may seem that responsibility is so diffused that no one is responsible for anything. However, the student-administration goal is the betterment of each student at Texas A&M and consequently the betterment of the whole.

As they said in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "What we have here is a failure to communicate." To help facilitate that communication Battalion writers will present a look at the workings of the administrative bureaucracy.

Today, in the first of the series, the board of regents will be examined. Thereafter, the bureaucracy of the functioning of the offices of the president and vice-presidents will be studied.

The value of these articles is, if you have a problem at Texas A&M, there is someone whose job it is to help solve that problem.

At least in a theoretical sense, the ultimate authority in running A&M rests with the people of Texas who elect the governor. The governor in turn appoints the nine-member Board of Regents.

These members are appointed to six-

year terms with three appointments being made every two years with confirmation by the legislature. The regents are responsible not just for the A&M campus at College Station but for the A&M System, which includes Prairie View A&M, Moody College in Galveston, Tarleton State in Stephenville and various other service-related organizations such as the Agricultural Extension Service scattered around the state. The regents act more or less as the board of directors (their official title until last year) of a corporation, for their regency is strictly part time and they live elsewhere throughout the state.

With the regents lies the ultimate control of the University. They approve or reject the budget, administration, buildings and general goals of the university.

It should be noted that the university regent system such as we have in Texas has come under fire.

Critics say it is as ridiculous to turn a university over to non-academics as it is to turn over any specialized governmental agency to those unfamiliar with its working and goals. Defenders respond by pointing out that since it is "the people's" tax money, "the people" should be represented on the boards.

Critics retort by saying only associates of the governor are appointed and a de facto requirement of appointment is being rich, thus the universities are not controlled by "the people" anyway.

The members of the A&M regents are: Clyde Wells of Grandbury, an oilman and rancher, chairman; Richard Goodson of Dallas, a director of Southwestern Life Insurance; S. B. Whittenburg of Amarillo, a newspaper publisher; H. C. Bell of Austin,

a heavy equipment contractor; William Lewie of Waco who owns a ready-mix concrete firm; Joe Reynolds, a Houston attorney; Alfred Davies of Dallas, executive vice-president of Southwestern Sears; Ross Watkins, a Uvalde rancher and bridge contractor, and Wilmer Smith, a rancher's wife from Wilson in the Panhandle.

The Board acts as a corporate board and it appoints a president to oversee the entire system. That person is Dr. Jack K. Williams. Though, theoretically, the board is the controlling entity, it is difficult to say who controls whom. It would appear that power flows both ways here, from Williams to the board of regents and vice versa. It is there then we will begin our look at the campus administration.

## Candidate disqualified

Mark Young, freshman senator candidate, was disqualified Sunday evening after a two-hour meeting of the University Judicial-board.

Young was notified Thursday that his campaign posters were in violation of election rules and he had filed an appeal with the J-board the following day.

The election rule states: "Bulletin boards shall be defined as that area (other than walls, doors, or kiosks) which is traditionally used for posting announcements, letters, etc."

The areas where Young had posted displayed other announcements which led to Young's misinterpretation. These areas were the wall across from the Krueger-Dunn mailboxes, the stairwells of Fowler Hall, and the wall at the entrance to the

## At Arlington

# Purists get way

By SANDY RUSSO  
Campus Editor

Support of student-approved university presidents, fee increases or assessments and tenure practices highlighted A&M's participation in the Texas Student Association meeting in Arlington last weekend.

The two-day affair, which five A&M student government members attended, dealt with bettering lobbying and student services provided by student governments.

The A&M delegation, was headed by Jerri Ward, TSA board member and A&M's vice-president of external affairs. The delegation offered opposition to social issues brought to the floor calling them contradictory to the purpose of TSA.

"A&M can't see how fixing a standing committee dealing with third-world problems benefits students as students. We don't see students as a total bloc," said Ward repeatedly in her fight to keep the TSA by-laws "pure."

"If we continue to amend our constitution we'll be in the same shape as the present Texas Constitution," said Jeff Dunn, A&M student government president.

The A&M delegation was accused of neglecting the fact that students were also citizens and bound to be "part of the cosmos," as a delegate from the University of Houston put it.

In voting, A&M refused to split their 30 votes for partial support of such things as a standing committee on the study of third-world problems, support of Women's Strike Day, the bicentennial or the proposed Texas Constitution.

Resolutions A&M did support included the adoption of a special committee to study students' legal rights and provision of legal services; support of Prairie View A&M's and other university students' right to vote in local elections, information-sharing among TSA members, maximum funding for financial aid in the Texas legislature, and a study on student government structure.

The TSA lobbyists, from U of H and University of Texas at Austin, pointed out several instances where TSA had been successful in the Texas Legislature.

They cited an act, sponsored by Bryan's Bill Moore, which would have raised tuition for all international students in the state.

Through providing information showing that foreign students generate 10 times as many revenue benefits by receiving the

tuition break, the TSA lobbyists helped amend the act to be practically meaningless.

Two positive measures that TSA got through the legislature were more funding for financial aid programs and a ceiling on building use fees.

Internal business of the Association included the acceptance of a floor offered budget and tabling of a reapportionment scheme.

TSA has run essentially without a budget for the past three years and has incurred a \$2,000 debt.

The budget offered a percentage doling of each \$1500 collection up to \$6000 with \$500 going toward payment of the debt.

The primary concern of the rest of the "first" monies was to support an office for information storage and consolidation and recruitment of members.

TSA convention attendance was 30 schools and there are 171 schools in the state of Texas.

Other internal business was the acceptance of a set of rules including keeping records of all resolutions passed, making copies of the resolutions for the delegations and presenting resolutions to the rules committee to avoid duplication.

A number of workshops were also held. Attorney General John C. Hill spoke to the group in support of the constitution. He went through the document explaining

what the differences between the old version and the new version were.

"I feel a ground swell of support at the grassroots," said Hill. He pushed the fact that students could make the constitution or break it on election day, Nov. 4.

Another workshop was held on consumer affairs by senator Ron Clower.

Clower addressed things that the consumer protection committee has accomplished in the last year of legislation.

Such things as amusement machines, mobile home building and Southwestern bell rate hikes were handled. Clower sees marketing of food products, co-ops for auto repairing, real-estate fraud and a study on how far federal action goes on product safety as the points of future interest.

Clower went on record saying that he would like to see a move toward free tuition and that the state universities "don't need to build another building." He also said that the state will ultimately have control of where a student will attend school to prevent over-expansion of some campuses while other campuses go unused.

"The major legislative feeling," Clower said, "is that the students and faculty should have no say in how the University is run."

He added that there is a good deal of legislative sentiment against the Board of Regents throughout the state. "This adds up to little support of the student point of view," Clower said.



## Music City Magic

Staff photo by Jack Holm

The Music City Band saxophonist displays some of the talent that made the

Oct. 24, Johnny Rodriguez concert a success. (See review, page 4.)

# TOP OF THE NEWS

## Campus

**STUDENT BOOK COLLECTORS** could possibly win \$100 in cash prizes in the Third Annual Student Book Collectors contest. The deadline is Oct. 31.

A&M Library staff will judge the entrants; winners will be announced Nov. 14. Contact Charles Smith, Irene Hoadley, Tamara Frost, Bonnie Hughes or Evelyn King for further information.

## City

**TWO A&M CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** have been named as 1976 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists, high school principal Robert Caskey has announced.

The two semifinalists are Paul Fredericksen and David L. Northcliffe, who is no longer attending A&M Consolidated.

**FOUR A&M CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL BAND STUDENTS** have been named to Who's Who Among Music Students in American High Schools, band director Charles Maxwell has announced. Two 1975 graduates, Sherry Powell and

Renee Hostetter, and two 1976 seniors, Paul Fredericksen and Mark Painter, will receive awards.

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COUNCIL (EAC)** is sponsoring a public forum for bicyclists Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The forum will be held in the Texas Room of the Bryan Building and Loan at 2800 S. Texas Ave.

Plans underway for coordinating bicycle traffic will be presented by Bryan and College Station representatives, D. D. Williamson of the Texas Highway Department and Virgil Stover of the Texas Transportation Institute.

## Texas

**SENATOR LLOYD BENTSEN, D-TEX.**, said in San Antonio yesterday that New York City must balance its budget before expecting federal help.

"If they in New York will balance their budgets and live within their incomes... under those circumstances and those circumstances only, the federal finance bank could buy up to two securities," he said. Bentsen was in San Antonio as part of his campaign to get the presidential nomination.

**MERCEDES POLICE CHIEF BOB PARK** said yesterday that someone stole 894 pounds of marijuana from the police station in that Lower Rio Grande Valley city.

**EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT** will tour the Johnson Space Center and visit a Texas farm during a 22-hour visit to the state starting Friday, the Houston Chamber of Commerce said yesterday.

## National

**PRESIDENT FORD** gave visiting Egyptian President Anwar Sadat a cordial welcome yesterday and reiterated the determination of the United States not to tolerate stagnation or stalemate in the peacemaking process in the Middle East.

**THOMAS E. MORGAN, D-PA.**, chairman of the House international relations committee chairman, said that a study by his committee shows that a phasing out of gift military aid in favor of selling weapons on credit can be accomplished in two to three years.



## Library Dedicated

Staff photo by David McCarroll

Governor Dolph Briscoe (left) and Jack Williams, president of Texas A&M, listen to Sterling C. Evans speak at the library

dedication Saturday morning. The library was officially named after Evans, a 1921 graduate of A&M.