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# Firm negotiated for directory contract

By LEE ROY LESCHPER, JR.  
Battalion Staff Writer  
B. P. Industries has not been relieved of its responsibility to publish the 1975-76 Texas A&M University directory, the owner of Blake Publishing Co. said yesterday.

Jack Blake, owner of Blake Publishing Co., said his California-based firm had negotiated with B. P. Industries (BPI) for the four remaining years on the A&M directory contract. He said that BPI must deliver the '75-76 directory.

BPI Vice-President Aubrey Linne said Tuesday BPI had sold the A&M contract to Blake's firm last year. Blake Publishing would make the final decision on whether to publish the A&M directory, Linne said.

A&M officials were not notified that BPI and Blake Publishing had discussed sale of the directory contract.

"We hadn't heard anything about it, either about them (BPI) being in financial straits, or needing to sell the contract or anything like that," Gael L. Cooper, A&M director of student publications said.

Nothing in the A&M contract with BPI prohibit such a sale, Cooper said.

"We're not responsible for any bills or any unpublished work of theirs (BPI's)," Blake said. "Aubrey (Linne) doesn't know about all the dealings we've had," he said. "Aubrey's a fine gentleman. He didn't intentionally tell you anything that wasn't true."

Linne said Tuesday BPI does not have the capacity to do anything with the A&M directory. The Midland company presently has eight employees working in a plant that at one time employed over 60.

Blake said he may advance BPI funds to cover costs on the A&M directory "if I can see my way clear of costs incurred."

Blake said he had personally advanced money to BPI to cover other work the firm is responsible for.

"They (BPI) probably have 30 or 40 or 50 publications still to print," he said.

Blake said he was "not at all" aware of the production status of the A&M directory.

University Systems Attorney James Amis Jr. has not yet told A&M officials what legal action may be open to the University. A&M President Jack K. Williams Monday asked Amis through Executive Vice-President Clyde Freeman to evaluate the BPI contract.

Cooper said yesterday the University Printing Center is preparing to publish the directory here if he receives official clearance.

"We're gearing up so we can start production if we get clearance," Cooper said.

"We'll sell the book exactly at cost," he said. Total cost should be \$1.97 per directory if the University produces it.

"We're really more interested in the service," Cooper said.

Production under the BPI contract would allow the University to put a directory in each dorm room free of charge, Cooper said.

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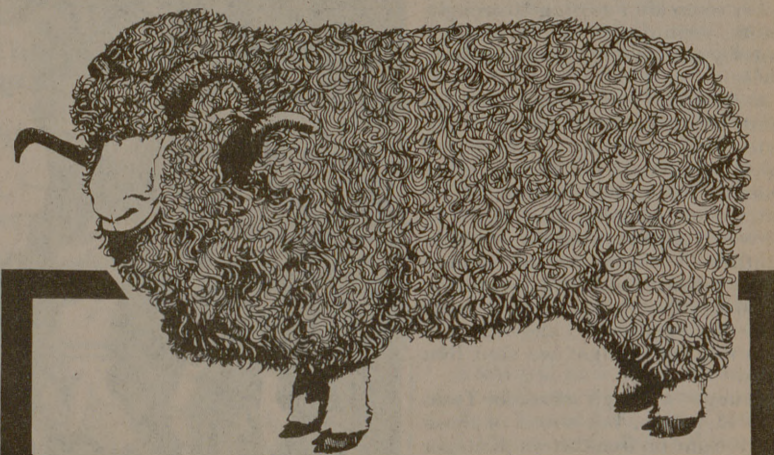
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The TAMU Veterans Club will meet Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. at Karl's Place, Highway 30. Wives and dates welcome, and dues are \$2.50 per semester.

The English Film Society will present D.W. Griffith's classic "Intolerance" Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. in HECC 108. Donations of \$1 are asked.

The TAMU Snow Ski Club will meet tonight in Rudder Tower 301 at 7:30. Deposit for the upcoming trip must be paid.

Isshinryu Karate Club meets tonight at 6:30 in G. Rollie White 256. This will be an introduction for beginners and new members.

Outdoor Recreation will have an Organizational Meeting Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 in MSC 226.

The International Students Association will meet Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. in MSC 145 to hold a reception for new international students.

The Pakistan Students Association will meet Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. in Rudder Tower 308.

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