

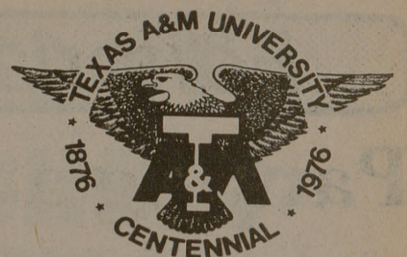
Partly cloudy and warm through tomorrow, with isolated showers possible. High near 92, low near 73. Winds from south, 8-12 miles-per-hour.

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## Mass holdup

No robbery, these Aggies have their hands raised because they're at yell practice. The practice, conducted by yell leaders Frank Shannon and Joe D. Mickler, was at 7:30 Tuesday night. About 200 Aggies showed up for the event, which took place in front of the arches in the Corps quad.

Battalion photo by Steve Goble



## Urbanization hurts agriculture says soil conservation official

Agriculture is suffering because of increased urbanization, said Mel Davis, administrator of the Soil Conservation Service, Washington, D.C., during the 10th annual meeting of the Texas Council of Chapters of the service. The meeting was held July 15-17 on the A&M campus. Davis told about 500 persons in attendance that one of the main dangers in the United States is that prime agricultural lands are being taken out of production and converted to accommodate rapidly growing cities. He said that only three per cent of the land area in the United States is truly farmed, but that the percentage of land taken out of agricultural production is rapidly increasing.

"It is my opinion that conservation of natural resources is the biggest problem in this country," Davis said.

Conservation has become a topic of concern throughout the world, even though there are no widely known solutions, he said.

"A little more visibility is what is needed. Taxpayers need to see that their money is being put to good use. They need to see results," he said.

Davis praised Texans for their conservation efforts, but he said much more needs to be done.

## Man is the culprit

## Armadillos get leprosy

Humans have given armadillos many names over the years, such as religious symbols, popularity through tee-shirts, immortality in song, and fatal leprosy. The mammals seem to have little opportunity of returning the disease to humans, Dr. Eleanor E. Storrs of the Gulf South Research Institute at New Iberia, Louisiana, said.

Bacteria-caused, deforming leprosy has been discovered in the past two years in colonies of Louisiana nine-banded armadillos, Storrs told a wildlife disease conference at Texas A&M University Tuesday.

Human handlers probably have little to do with the disease, she believes.

Only five per cent of humans are susceptible to leprosy, compared to 60-80 per cent of armadillos. A handler would have to be part of that five per cent and would have

to repeatedly handle an armadillo with leprosy to be infected.

A long-term study by scientists has shown no correlation between armadillo handling and infection of humans, she said.

Tests do show the disease is identical to leprosy occurring in humans with one large exception. Armadillos ultimately die because brain and lungs become afflicted, a development unheard of in humans.

Because of the identical characteristics and the six-to-48-month incubation period, Storrs sees bright prospects for the armadillo as a research animal. Vaccine may even result.

Humans require an incubation span of three to 10 years.

The hump-backed "peba" apparently caught the disease from the first European explorers of South America.

Migration north has put some infected armadillos in Louisiana, but the confirmed number has been relatively small.

## Regents approve contracts

W. Clyde Freeman yesterday was authorized by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents to continue to act on behalf of Texas A&M University President Jack K. Williams, who remains in critical condition in a Houston hospital following heart surgery.

Freeman, the system's executive vice president for administration, was informally designated by Dr. Williams to act for him prior to his illness. The board formalized the delegation of duties at its July 9 meeting.

Board of Regents Chairman Clyde H. Wells said Freeman will function on behalf of Dr. Williams until he is able to resume his duties or until further board action.

In other business, the board appropriated \$642,545 for four projects at Texas A&M and one at Tarleton State University. Included was \$400,000 for a major addition to Texas A&M's library, a project expected to cost \$12 million and double the library's floor space.

Other appropriations are \$95,000 for design work to expand the university's waste water treatment plant, \$85,000 to replace the refrigeration system at the creamery and \$56,545 for new training aids at the Texas Engineering Extension Service's Firemen's Training School. The Tarleton appropriation totaled \$6,000 for design work to upgrade the power distribution system on campus.

A \$142,776 contract was awarded to Jordan & Woods Construction Co., of College Station, to build an equine nutrition barn and animal science shop. The new Horse Center barn will include 9,000 square feet of floor space. The 1,800-square-foot animal science shop will be located at the Swine Center.

The regents also confirmed three contracts totaling \$77,806 for projects at Tarleton, Prairie View A&M University and Texas A&M's Mitchell Campus at Galveston. Jones & Williams Construction Co. of Waco received a \$30,000 contract for im-

## Williams status report: critical

Dr. Jack K. Williams, president of Texas A&M University, remains in critical condition in the intensive care unit at Houston's Methodist Hospital, a hospital spokesman said this morning.

Williams was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan July 9 after suffering cardiac arrest while resting at his home in College Station. He was transferred to Methodist by helicopter the next day.

Williams underwent coronary bypass

and cardiac surgery two weeks ago. Since then, drug therapy and electrical pacing have been used in an effort to control the irregular beating of his heart.

Williams had suffered a previous heart attack in June and had been recuperating at home when he was again stricken.

Spokesmen at the hospital have said that they are "cautiously optimistic" about Williams condition.

## Officers learn of rape

A rape investigation and prevention training school was held July 21-23 at the Bryan Research and Extension Center.

Sponsored by the Law Enforcement and Security Training Division of Texas A&M, the school focused on rape victims and the handling of a rape case.

"This is important because it helps to change, improve or develop the attitudes toward the crime and the victim," said Joyce Winslow, coordinator of juvenile courses.

Attitudes are changing, she said, but warned officers against pre-judgment in a rape case.

"A common attitude has been that if the victim is not bruised or obviously abused, then she couldn't have been raped. But an officer should not pre-judge when talking

to a victim," she said. "He should be aware of the woman's possible reactions and let evidence and the courts decide the case."

Winslow said rape victims react differently to the crime. While some cry or maintain composure, others will laugh or become giddy as defense tactics.

"We're beginning to see more compassion and concern for the victim and it happens through education," she said.

The police officer plays an important role in rape cases because he must handle first reaction emotions from both the victim and the family.

"An officer wears all kinds of hats," she said. "He's not just a police officer, but a psychologist, a counselor and sometimes even a parent. This places a lot of pressure on them. But every role we can imagine, a police officer plays at some given time."

## System retirees honored at dinner

By LISA JUNOD  
Battalion Staff

Four "small town boys" who have dedicated a total of 79 years of service to Texas A&M University were honored at a dinner last Monday night with the establishment of four centennial scholarships in their honor.

Executive Vice President Gen. A.R. Luedecke, Vice President for Business Af-

airs Tom B. Cherry, and System Attorney J.A. Amis Jr. will retire Aug. 31. Director Emeritus of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service John E. Hutchinson retired Feb. 29.

The men were honored with tributes and certificates of appreciation awarded them by eight members of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents. Clyde H. Wells, chairman of the board, announced the creation of the scholarships.

"What can you do to honor men who dedicated their lives to an institution which is dedicated to the pursuit and dissemination of knowledge?"

"We've given that question considerable thought, and concluded that the most appropriate and meaningful approach we could take in expressing our appreciation would be to enhance the educational opportunities afforded here," Wells said before announcing the scholarships.

"I only hope that the recipients of the scholarships know what they have to live up to if they are to be worthy of being benefactors," Wells added.

Edwin H. Cooper, dean of admissions and records, served as master of ceremonies at the program and emphasized the small town backgrounds of the honorees. Cooper said that the Texas towns of El Dorado, New Waverly, Itasca and Emory, which the officials came from, today have a combined total population of 4,118 residents.

"For country boys, they have done pretty well," Cooper said. He added that in retirement the officials will be able to enjoy life without having to worry about Congress, the Legislature, the Board of Regents or the head football coach, "not necessarily in that order."

W. Clyde Freeman, executive vice president for administration, extended greetings on behalf of Congressman Olin E. Teague, and read a letter from Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

"Your dedication, efficiency and effectiveness are the epitome of public service," Briscoe said in his message to the four men.

"Your retirements are not only Texas A&M's loss, but the state's as well. They are, however, hard-earned and richly deserved retirements, so I simply say 'thank you' for coming our way and dedicating major portions of your lives to our service," he added.

Regent Richard A. Goodson spoke of Gen. A.R. Luedecke's eight years of service to A&M, including a seven-month stint as Acting President in 1970 following the death of his close friend Gen. Earl Rudder.

Goodson said that when Luedecke was asked by the board to serve as acting president, "He responded in his usual admirable manner during that key period prior to the appointment of President Williams and, following that, served with distinction as executive vice president, with respon-

## CS utility rates discussed again

By JERRY NEEDHAM  
Battalion Editor

The Bryan City Council in closed session yesterday approved the substance of a letter to be drafted and sent to College Station officials concerning utility rates.

Bryan's letter is a response to a letter containing a utility rate offer sent by College Station officials to Bryan last Friday.

College Station Mayor Lorence Bravenec yesterday said the College Station letter offered Bryan an eight per cent increase in electric rates and also asked for a rebate to College Station of approximately \$78,000.

Bryan officials had asked College Station, which presently buys its power from Bryan, for an approximate 30 per cent increase in electric rates.

Bryan City Manager Lou Odle said last night that the Bryan letter is not yet ready to be sent, awaiting the computation of some figures. This would seem to indicate that Bryan is making an offer which differs from both their original proposal and that proposed by College Station.

College Station's contract to buy power from the city of Bryan expires on Jan. 1, 1979. The contract calls for an annual renegotiation of rates.

The rebate request was included by College Station officials, Bravenec said, because they believe that Bryan made a sizable transfer of funds from utility operations to the city's general operating fund in order to avoid a tax increase for Bryan residents.

Bravenec said it is College Station's position that one-eighth of Bryan's utility fund surplus which it transferred to the general operating fund rightfully belongs to College Station as overpayments during the past year.

Bryan increased transfers from its utility funds to its general operating funds from \$1 million last fiscal year to \$1.8 million this

fiscal year, Bravenec said. He pointed out that since Bryan is changing the beginning of its fiscal year from July 1 to October 1, their budget covers a span of 15 months. Translated to a 12-month fiscal year, this would amount to a \$1,550,000 transfer, an increase of \$550,000 over last year.

College Station has entered into a contract with Gulf States Utility Co. to buy power. The switchover from Bryan to Gulf States is expected to take from 20 to 30 months.

In other action last week, the College Station Council approved a proposal to establish a citizens advisory committee to recommend boundaries for the ward system in College Station.

Councilmembers are to make appointments to the nine-member committee at the next council meeting. Three councilmembers will also serve on the committee.

City officials are also pursuing court action to have the April 3 ward system election invalidated. The city is taking the action on behalf of 700 citizens who signed a petition expressing disapproval of the way the ballot was worded. A date for the trial in the 85th District Court in Bryan has not yet been set.

The council approved the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$200,000 for technical and engineering assistance in drawing up and implementing plans for an addition to the city's wastewater treatment plant and for expanding the city's water system.

The contract was awarded to Riewe and Wischmeyer, Inc. of Dallas which designed and supervised construction of the city's existing wastewater treatment plant.

The mayor signed a contract with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation for the city's share of the costs of improving FM 2154 from the University Drive overpass to the north city limits. The city's share of the project is \$9,600.

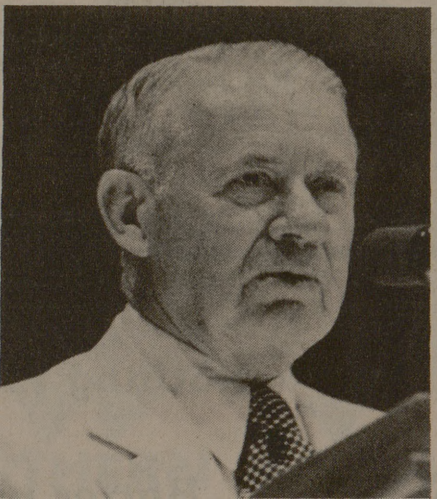
## Deadline near for applying

Undergraduate students have a Saturday deadline in which to apply for admission to Texas A&M University.

Undergraduate applications must be postmarked no later than the July 31 date, announced Dr. Billy G. Lay, director of

admissions.

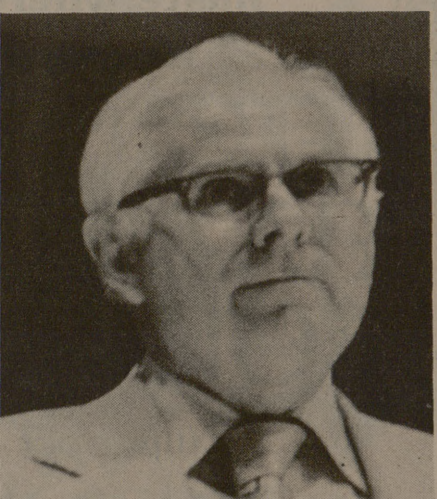
Application forms may be picked up in the Richard Coke Building this week or at the Rudder Tower Visitor Information Center on Saturday. Forms should be addressed to Director of Admissions, Texas A&M University.



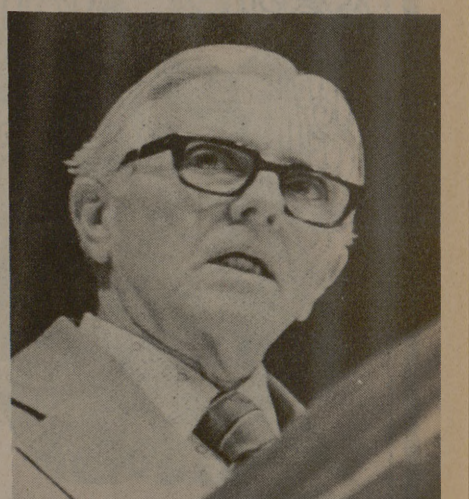
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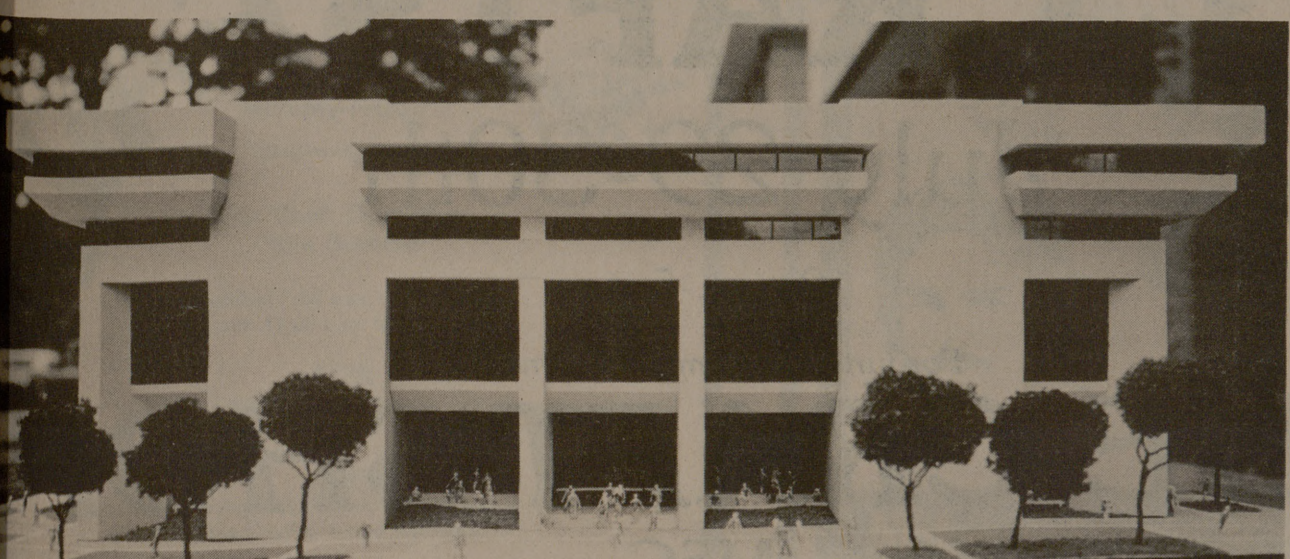
John E. Hutchinson



Tom B. Cherry



J. A. Amis Jr.



The Board of Regents yesterday approved \$400,000 for a major addition to the Sterling C. Evans Library. The project is expected to total

\$12 million and will double the floor space of the library. This is a view of the east end of the model of the building.

A&M and is a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award. He is one of only three Aggies to receive an honorary doctorate from A&M.

Board member H.C. Bell said that Tom B. Cherry, A&M's chief business officer, "saw the light again" back in 1962 after spending 16 years with Trans World Airlines.

Bell said that during Cherry's 20 years of service to Texas A&M (he had previously taught economics and served as Director of Economic Research for the Texas Engineering Experiment Station) he worked to put the University on the map as "one of the best throughout the nation." Cherry's office required him to control fiscal affairs, personnel, purchasing and maintenance.

Regent Alfred I. Davies presented the award certificate to Cherry, who

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