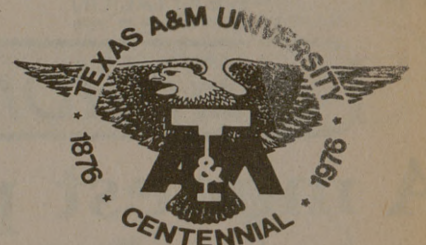


The Battalion



The weather

Sunny and warm today with high in mid-80s. Fair and cool tonight with low in mid-60s. Partly cloudy and warmer tomorrow with high in upper 80s. Precipitation probability zero.

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You've got to have fun

Alan, played by Ronnie White (left), reacts to his younger brother having just run away from home. Buddy, portrayed by Bill Sly, is telling his older brother that he had to move away from their par-

ents to have fun. The two are appearing at Stage Center in the Neil Simon play "Come Blow Your Horn," which runs through Oct. 2.

Battalion photo by Bernard Cor

May approve appropriations

Regents to meet

By LEE ROY LESCHPER

Construction plans and appropriations will dominate discussion at the Texas A&M University Board of Regents meeting Tuesday.

The Regents will consider approval of \$7,500 in appropriations for construction of the A&M campus. Those appropriations were made since the last Regents' meeting University President Jack K. Williams III, W. C. Freeman, executive vice president of the system, has been acting president while Williams is recovering from recent heart attacks.

Under state law a university president cannot make construction appropriations in amounts less than \$100,000 when funds are needed immediately for a construction project.

Projects funded under those appropriations include: replacement and addition of water lines on campus, additional paving near the Fish Pond on Houston St., conversion of the third floor of Zachry Engineering Center to office space, and allocations for several smaller projects.

Freeman, acting in President Williams' stead, also allocated \$57,000 for improvements in Milner Hall, now being converted to office space.

The Regents are scheduled to consider allocating another \$125,000 to Milner Hall for moveable furniture Tuesday.

Other requested appropriations the Regents will consider include funds for design and planning work for improvements in the Dining Hall, replacement of the present Horse Barns and Arena, conversion of the Exchange Store Building, and modification of Rudder Tower's second floor for use as office space.

Three long-time administrators of the A&M System who retired Sept. 1 will be honored during the meeting. A. R. Lueddecke, former System executive vice-president, Tom D. Cherry, former A&M vice-president for business affairs, and J. A. Amis, former System attorney, will receive Emeritus titles from the Regents.

The College of Business Administration plans to request that the System rehire Professor Emeritus Edward Pakenham, 71, to teach one accounting course for the fall semester because of an overload of accounting courses.

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station is trying to rehire retired Dr. Raymond Reiser, 70, as a special consultant on research projects. Reiser, who retired recently, is a nationally known expert in lipid chemistry.

The Regents are also expected to approve a resolution making Oct. 4, 1976 Centennial Day in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of Texas A&M. Classes first opened at A&M Oct. 4, 1876.

The meeting is open to the public and begins Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Regents' Quarters.

Cities: a commodity says Cornell prof

Present day American cities are no longer thought of as artifacts as they were 50 years ago, a Cornell University professor said yesterday at Texas A&M University.

"Today the cities are not thought of as a community resource but rather as a commodity resource for rich speculators," said John W. Reys, Chairman of the City and Regional Planning Department at Cornell University.

"This trend of thought began after World War II ended, and today's generation does not want to disperse the public domain of land anymore than it already is," Reys said.

Reys presented a detailed slide show in which he explained the colonial period of

urban development. He said that when America's first cities were being built, the designers planned the city designs for public use.

"Almost all the cities and towns in America were planned settlements, and they were planned for and by the persons who would be living and working there," he said.

"But now, city planning has come to look like a cosmetic-type of planning where our sights for the people have been limited," Reys said.

"In colonial times, buildings were never conceived at the same time as the town lay-out plan was. It was a primitive kind of planning," Reys said.

Many states began constructing cities as public centers but most of the larger cities were built to be capitols of the various states, he said.

He said many cities grew because of the presence of the railroads and that this helped prosper the towns and cities. "Once the cities were formed and had their basic central pattern, they began to consolidate their position in the regional province," Reys said.

— Jim Northcutt

Student Senate kills 'no confidence' bill

The Texas A&M Student Senate narrowly defeated last night a resolution which would have allowed students to vote "no confidence" in Student Government elections.

The bill, introduced by Stan Stanfield, vice president for academic affairs was defeated 33-30 with one abstention.

Vice President for Finance Scott Gregson strongly opposed the bill. "This proposal has no place in our election process, on a campus level, a local level, or a national level," he said.

Stanfield, on the other hand, said, "No voter should be denied the right for participation in an election due to his lack of confidence in the candidates."

Under the defeated resolution, "no confidence" voting would have appeared on the ballot of Student Government elections for president and vice presidents. If the voter did not approve of any of the candidates on the ballot, he would have been able to vote "no confidence."

If a majority of the votes for a position were cast as "no confidence," a second election would be held within two weeks of the first election.

The filling for that position would

Environmentalists alarmed by dam

By JAMIE AITKEN
Battalion City Editor

Governor Dolph Briscoe has urged the completion of Limestone Dam, a facility 25 miles north of College Station, while environmentalists continue to press for compensating lands for wildlife displaced by reservoir waters.

In a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Briscoe said that "this important water resource development project has the full approval of the state of Texas (and) is urgently needed as an element of the Brazos River Authority's basin-wide system of water conservation and water supply lakes."

The Corps of Engineers is responsible for the issuance of the permit for construction of the reservoir. Public comment on the project has included statements by environmental groups and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, beside that of the governor.

Don Dobel, staff biologist at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regional office in Albuquerque, N.M., said yesterday that recommendations have been made to the Corps of Engineers by the Fish and Wildlife Service that 15,000 acres of land be set aside to compensate for habitat inundated by the reservoir.

Dobel said that the recommendation was made under the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, a federal law stating that such compensation must at least be considered before permits are issued.

"Our job is to make recommendations, but it is up to the Corps of Engineers to decide what measures are actually taken," Dobel said.

The cost of the wildlife acreage is estimated at \$8 million.

The Limestone Dam project is under the direction of the Brazos River Authority (BRA), a state agency created to control,

conserve and develop the water resources of the Brazos River Basin.

BRA spokesman Col. Walter Wells said yesterday that the project was already approximately 35 per cent complete. He explained that the reservoir was started before Congress gave the Corps of Engineers jurisdiction over permits.

"We are proceeding as rapidly as we can," Wells said. "We expect the project to be completed in early 1978."

"The Fish and Wildlife Department submitted a recommendation (to the Corps of Engineers) that the permit be denied unless 15,000 acres are purchased for wildlife, and the land turned over to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department," Wells said.

He contended that the BRA could not purchase the land. "First," he said, "our operation is not funded by taxes, but by the revenues we earn by making water available. We also do not have the legal power to buy land for that purpose. So even if it could be shown to be in the public interest, we haven't the money or the legal power to do it."

Cornelius Van Bavel, spokesman for the Brazos County Environmental Action Council (EAC), said the EAC supports the Fish and Wildlife recommendation, and has entered statements to that effect with the BRA and Corps of Engineers.

"The lake will diminish the wildlife and public recreation along the (now existent) river," Van Bavel said. "Some improvements may take place, but part of this will be taken away."

"If these things are taken away," he said, "then some sort of mitigation should be made to the public."

The various groups involved disagree as to who should pay for the compensation. The BRA contends that the costs should be borne by wildlife agencies. The EAC, on the other hand, claims that the \$8 million

would be but "a drop in the bucket" to Texas Utilities, the purchaser of the Limestone Reservoir water.

Both sides in the issue do agree that Limestone is a crucial test case which will set the precedent for reservoir projects in the future.

Robert Moak of the Corps of Engineers operations division, said yesterday that the recommendations of the governor, Fish and Wildlife Service and EAC will be filed with all other suggestions, and will be evaluated in the next two or three weeks. Then, he said, a final statement will be sent to Washington, D.C. where the Council on Environmental Quality will consider all proposals.

Moak said that he did not expect any action on the matter for three to five months.

"This study will undergo all the administrative procedures," Moak said. "We're not going to take any shortcuts."

Two positions available on Student Senate

Positions are open for one undergraduate off-campus senator and for one education graduate senator on the Texas A&M Student Senate.

Senate President Fred McClure said applications will be taken from September 27 to October 1 in room 216-C (the Student Government office) of the Memorial Student Center. Applicants can sign up for interviews at that time.

Hart Hall forms escort service for night-conscious A&M women

By JAN BAILEY

A group of 50 Hart Hall male students, alarmed about rumors of rape on campus, have established an escort service to protect females after dark.

Campus Police Chief O. L. Luther had no comment on the escort service, but said the rape rumor "just isn't true."

Luther said Tuesday he did not know how the rape rumors had been started. He said only one rape was reported to his department during the 1975-1976 school year. This case did not stand in court because of insufficient evidence.

"I should think, and hope, that any (rape attempt) would be reported. But I don't see any basis for these rumors about a great number of rapes being committed," Luther said.

Luther said that officers patrolled the campus on a 24-hour basis. He said any female who had to park her car across the tracks at night could be escorted back to her dorm in a police vehicle. Luther said women should look for a patrol car on these parking lots and ask for an escort.

Since the Hart Escort Service began operating Monday night on a trial basis, only residents of Krueger Hall have been using the service. About 50 Hart Hall residents have volunteered to work as escorts

during a three-week period. They are available from 6:30 p.m. to 7 a.m., Sunday through Thursday.

Bill Boyd, one of the six coordinators of the group, said the main aim of the service was to help prevent rape attempts at Texas A&M. He said the men started the group because they were hearing about an increasing number of rapes and wanted to help stop them.

Another coordinator, Donnie Scott, said he devised the escort plan this summer after a friend was raped in Houston. He said sources he could not disclose told him the rapidly increasing number of rape cases had become a real problem on this campus.

Scott said the same sources told him the campus police were having difficulty patrolling the parking lots because they had to escort women back to their dorms.

One of the volunteer escorts said he was very sincere about the importance of women using the service. But when this reporter tried to interview him about the service, he asked her for a date.

Brad Treadwell, another coordinator, stressed that the first three weeks of the service will serve as a trial period. After the end of the trial period, the service will continue and expand only as it is accepted

and used. He said if Krueger residents used the escort service, Hart Hall would consider expanding to other women's dormitories.

By Tuesday only two calls concerning the service had come through the coordinating center. One was a thank-you for the service; the other, a prank call. Several volunteers stressed the importance of sincere calls.

If a Krueger resident feels she needs an escort during the darker evening hours, she should call one of the coordinators of the service. He will assign a Hart volunteer to escort her back to her dorm. The coordinators requested calls be made in advance of the time they are needed, so the volunteers can arrange to be there at the proper time. The woman will be asked her name, phone number and room number for verification. The Hart escorts will wear identification badges.

Several of the volunteers said women from other dorms should call if they feel they need an escort. They also added that the service could be extended to the weekends if the women wanted the protection.

Telephone numbers for requesting an escort are 845-4997, 845-4097 and 845-2388.

TOP OF THE NEWS

Campus

HERMANN PARK in Houston will be the site for midnight yell practice for the Texas A&M-University of Houston football game. Head yell leader Joe D. Mickler said the yell practice will begin at midnight at Miller Theater. Neither Texas A&M nor the City of Houston officially supports this gathering. Local yell practice will be held tonight at 7:15 p.m. at Kyle Field.

Texas

DEMOCRATIC presidential candidate Jimmy Carter will campaign in Houston and Dallas tomorrow and the co-chairman of his campaign says that his comments in the Playboy Magazine interview might actually help him in the state.

TWENTY-NINE RAILROADS across the state have asked for a 5 per cent general increase in intrastate freight charges. James Simpson of Dallas, representing the railroads, said the requested increases are made necessary by increased operating costs, which have not been covered by previous increases. The railroad commission in Austin set a public hearing for Nov. 15.

A TEXAS Air Control Board hearing examiner has approved construction of a major vinyl chloride plant by

the Diamond Shamrock Corp. near the San Jacinto Battleground in Houston.

National

THE VIKING 2 discovery of frozen water at the north pole of Mars raises the possibility that some form of life may be locked beneath the icy surface, scientists say.

THE HOUSE ETHICS Committee yesterday abandoned attempts in Washington to punish television reporter Daniel Schorr for refusing to hand over his copy of a secret intelligence report or to say where he got the report. The five-month investigation cost \$150,000.

THE MISSOURI Pacific Railroad, on whose tracks an Amtrak derailment occurred Monday, has refused to allow Federal Railroad Administration to inspect its tracks.

World

LEBANON CHANGED Christian presidents today, but the civil war that has ravaged the Moslem-Christian nation for months blazed away without letup. President Suleiman Franjeh handed over his constitutional authority to President-elect Elias Sarkis. Leaders of the right-wing Christian militias pledged their support to Sarkis.



Photo by Denise Edmonds

Agony... despair

This African sculpture will be displayed through Oct. 9 with other art from Africa in the Rudder Exhibit Hall. The display, Art of Black Africa-Cultural and Contemporary, is owned by Rex Gray, class of '41, and is co-sponsored by the MSC directorate, Arts Committee and the Black Awareness Committee.