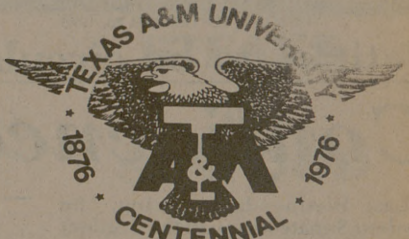


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The weather

Mostly cloudy and mild with showers and thundershowers through tomorrow. High today in low 80s. Low tonight in low 60s. High tomorrow in upper 70s. Precipitation probability 60 per cent today, 40 per cent tonight and tomorrow.

Freeman given new duties

Williams to recommend programs

By LEE ROY LESCHPER Jr.

Clyde Freeman, A&M University and executive vice-president, has been assigned all duties previously held by University President Jack K. Williams. The board designated Freeman chief executive officer of the A&M System and University. He will continue to handle his old responsibilities as executive vice-president as well as those duties formerly held by the president's office. President Williams has been on sick leave from his post since June when he

suffered the first of three heart attacks. During that time Freeman has been acting university and system president. The board assigned President Williams "the responsibility of developing for the board his recommendations for the long range objectives, programs, activities, and policies of the system and the university." In the past, Williams had been university and system executive officer as part of his job as president. The action by the board relieves him of those duties until further action is taken by the board, Board Chairman Clyde H. Wells said.

The action is designed to provide Williams with duties which can benefit the system while he is recuperating, Wells said. "Dr. Williams, as he continues to recover, will do what he can, as he can," he said. The board authorized Freeman, as chief executive officer, to delegate any of his duties to other system or university staffs. This move is aimed at keeping Freeman from being overworked by the two executive posts, Wells said. The board's action came during the Regents' Executive Committee report.

Chairman Wells read the recommendation which was immediately approved unanimously without discussion. University officials have been reluctant to say when Williams will be able to return to work full-time. Dr. Williams said this morning the board clarified the question of responsibility so there is no question who is the legal representative for the University. "To do business we have to have the official notice the board gave us this morning," Williams said. A&M renews a number of research contracts in September

and the board needed to clarify that those contracts will be legally binding with Freeman's signature, Williams said. "I'll get back in the harness before too long," he said. Williams did not know when he will return to work full time. Williams said he had discussed the board's action before the meeting this morning and was "real pleased" with it. In other action, the board approved funds for a number of construction projects on campus including improvements in Duncan Dining Hall, conversion of the old Exchange Store building, modification of

Rudder Tower's second floor to office space and replacement of the present Horse Barns and Arena. The board awarded Emeritus titles to three administrators who retired September 1. They are: A. R. Luedeker, former system executive vice-president; Tom D. Cherry, former A&M vice-president for business affairs; and J. A. Amis, former systems attorney. The Board also accepted over \$1.5 million in gifts and grants to the university and system.

Long lines to continue at MSC Post Office

By RUSTY CAWLEY

Despite long lines at the postal window and growing criticism from student customers, the University Center Post Office will not be open more than two hours a day, five days a week, said Stan Sartain, director of customer services for Bryan-College Station post offices. Sartain said the Postal Service can not afford to pay postal employees to work at the station more than two hours a day. "We've determined that most services at the University Center can be handled in a two-hour period," said Sartain. "The rest can be handled by self-service machines." The Postal Service has offered the Texas A&M University a contract to run the office, said Sartain. He explained the office would be run by student employees, operate on a profit or break-even basis and keep university-determined hours. The Postal Service would provide all equipment necessary for the operation. Sartain said the University has shown no interest in the proposal. "They've refused to even discuss the

matter," he said. Charles Cargill, University Center manager, has a different view of the situation. "There has been no formal offer to hand the operation of the post office to A&M," he said. "In my opinion, if the offer were made, it would be turned down." A similar proposal was studied during the planning stages of the University Center and turned down, Cargill said. "We're not in the post office business," he said. "This is a highly specialized area for which the Postal Service is trained and we are not." Cargill said that in early 1973 the Postal Service agreed to run a first-class postal facility, eight and a half hours a day, five days a week. On May 24, 1975, Cargill received a letter from M.G. Moulder, the area manager-postmaster. The letter informed Cargill that service hours for the post office would be shortened to two hours. "We received no advance warning, and we were not consulted in the matter," said

Cargill. Cargill criticized the Postal Service for reducing University Center service hours and not doing the same at the station in the Redmond Terrace shopping center in College Station. "It makes you wonder why they keep a 900-box station open, and choose to cut hours for a 5000-box office like the University station," Cargill said. "The basic difference is the type of operation," Sartain said in a later interview. He said the University Center office is geared to serve students, receiving little profit from customer sales. The Redmond Terrace operation, he explained, is designed to attain higher profits to help pay for itself. Also, said Sartain, the University Center office is equipped with a \$30,000 self-service center that changes one-dollar bills, dispenses postcards and envelopes and delivers a variety of postage stamps. The Redmond Terrace office has a stamp machine that dispenses 10 cent and 1 cent stamps.

Connally to keynote centennial convocation

Texas A&M University's Centennial activities will begin Oct. 4 with former Gov. John B. Connally delivering the main address at the 10:30 a.m. convocation in G. Willie White Coliseum. The convocation will open with the professional, which will include a color guard from the Corps of Cadets, the mace, carried by Dr. Haskell Monroe; the Board of Regents; recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award; and representatives of the faculty. The convocation will be followed by a Corps of Cadets review at 1:15 p.m. At 2 p.m. six large walnut carvings by Prof. and

Mrs. Rodney Hill will be unveiled in the Memorial Student Center and at 8 p.m. the United States Marine Corps Band will present a concert in Rudder Auditorium. The band concert is the only activity which requires a ticket. All other activities are open to all segments of the university community and general public. Dr. Daniel Aldrich, the chancellor of University of California at Irvine, and Dr. Archie Dykes, chancellor of the University of Kansas, will give centennial seminars. Dr. Aldrich will speak at 3 p.m. and Dr. Dykes at 4 p.m., both in the Rudder Theater.

W. Clyde Freeman, Texas A&M's executive vice president for administration, said that "Gov. Connally is the ideal person to speak at this milestone occasion for Texas A&M because he was instrumental in making the resources available at the crucial period for the university, enabling it to begin or enhance many of the programs which figure prominently in its recent growth and progress." Classes will be dismissed from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. to allow students and faculty to attend the centennial convocation and other related events.



In a cloud of smoke
Ken Krobot above, an agricultural education major, won first place in the cigar smoking contest Sunday during the Texas A&M Collegiate FFA Annual Barbeque. Other activities at the picnic included a three-legged race, egg toss and cow chip toss.

Kissinger to confer African leaders meet

Associated Press
SALISBURY, Rhodesia — Rhodesian nationalist leader Jshua Nkomo is to leave for neighboring Botswana today for more talks with black African leaders on the changeover from white to black rule in Rhodesia. Also headed for the Botswana capital of Gabarone are U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's top Africa aide, William Schauffele, and British Minister of State for African Affairs Ted Rowlands. Rowlands will begin talks on setting up a constitutional conference demanded by the leaders of the five "front-line" black African states as the next step in transferring power from Rhodesia's 278,000 whites to its 6.4 million blacks.

Nkomo is considered a top candidate to be Rhodesia's first black prime minister. He denied Monday that the five "front-line" black African presidents who met in Lusaka, Zambia, last week, had rejected Kissinger's plan for a transition to black majority rule in Rhodesia. "They have rejected nothing," he said, adding that all they had done was insist that Britain is the only power that can call a conference of Rhodesian leaders to work out a new constitution. "What they did was remove serious flaws which were in the document that is generally known as the Kissinger plan," he said. Nkomo said the presidents had produced a "workable document" in their meeting, but he would not disclose what it contained.

The presidents of Zambia, Botswana, Zaire, Mozambique and Tanzania issued a statement after their meeting saying they would not accept the plan for an interim government in Rhodesia outlined by Prime Minister Ian Smith. Smith said the transition administration should be evenly divided between whites and blacks. The five black leaders said it must be dominated by blacks. Rhodesian Foreign Minister P.K. van der Byl said the black leaders' statement showed "unreliability and irresponsibility." Smith said he was waiting for clarification from the United States and Britain. The Rhodesian leader added that "it looks as though the Communists are calling the tune in those parts."

Top of the News

Campus

DEADLINE for student organizations to update and re-establish their recognition status is Thursday. Organizations must have their signature cards in the Student Finance Center, MSC, by the above date.

Texas

THE FIRST shipment of swine flu vaccines reached the State Health Department yesterday in Austin and are on their way to the department's 10 regional offices.

National

THE FEDERAL budget deficit in the third quarter of 1976 may be as much as \$7 billion lower than the Ford administration's estimate, a budget agency official said yesterday in Washington.

World

SEVEN PERSONS in a remote Ethiopian desert village are the only persons in the world known to have smallpox and they may be the last, the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, said yesterday. Officials of the WHO said the last cases of the disease should be over in two months, and if no new breakouts occur in two years, they will declare the plague officially eradicated.

Syrian troops launch offensive on guerillas

Associated Press
BEIRUT, Lebanon — Savage fighting was reported today as Syrian troops and tanks launched a new offensive aimed at dislodging Palestinian guerrillas from mountain strongholds overlooking Beirut. A flurry of Palestinian communiques said their anti-aircraft batteries were in action against "unidentified enemy planes" making low passes over a string of seven Palestinian-held summer resort towns 12 to 18 miles east of here. The top Christian militia commander said Christian forces had joined the Syrian attack, and that the entire Christian enclave north of Beirut has been put in a state of alert. "We have used the Syrian attack to launch an offensive of our own," said Bashir Gemayel, commander of the Phalange party militia, largest on the Christian side. "We are determined to purge Mount Lebanon of every Palestinian," he said. Bashir is the son of Phalange party leader Pierre Gemayel. A guerrilla communique said Palesti-

nians and their Lebanese leftist forces were locked in ground and artillery combat with Syrian attackers. It claimed guerillas had knocked out three Syrian tanks. The four-pronged assault began at dawn behind a night-long artillery and rocket barrage, a guerrilla communique said. "Right-wing Christian forces launched a simultaneous attack to sandwich guerilla forces." The communique claimed that savage battles were ranging along a six-mile front 12 miles east of Beirut.

Corps commander ordered rabbit's removal

By GAIL JOHNSON
Woodstock, a five-month-old brown cottontail rabbit, is going to have to pack up and leave his cozy maroon and white hutch behind Dorm 1 on the Texas A&M campus. The rabbit's owner, Robin Gibson, said that she was told last week by her outfit commander that Corps Commander Robert Harvey had ordered the rabbit's removal. Woodstock has lived on the campus since April, when some of Gibson's friends built a hutch for the rabbit. Gibson said that she received Woodstock as a birthday present. "I wish I could keep him but I understand why I can't," Gibson said. She added that during the summer she was warned the rabbit might have to leave the campus, but she had not been officially requested to remove him until recently. Gibson, a junior in the Company W-1 of the Corps of Cadets, said that she has never worried about anyone hurting Woodstock and said that a lot of people stop by the cage to visit the rabbit. Woodstock is not the first animal to be asked to leave the Corps dorms. Other girls in W-1 have had to find homes for their

pets, which include a cat, a ferret and a rooster. University regulations prohibit the harboring of pets in dorm rooms, unless the animals are confined to aquariums. Since rabbits don't live in aquariums, Woodstock will move in soon with a friend of Gibson's until she can find a more permanent solution.

