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## A&M still on black list 9 years after censure

By RENE OGLETREE

After nine years, Texas A&M University remains on the American Association of University Professors' (AAUP) black list because A&M's Board of Regents refuses to review the 1965 firing of a professor.

A&M was placed on the AAUP censure list in 1968 when the Regents ignored an AAUP request to review the firing of Dr. John W. Gibbs.

As the largest national association of college teachers and research scholars, the AAUP censures colleges that it says violate academic freedom and tenure.

Gibbs, a full-time professor of the College of Veterinary Medicine for 16 years, was fired Aug. 31, 1965. He was given oral notice in May of that year.

Dr. John H. Milliff, head of the college, referred to Gibbs' "marital difficulties" but made no reference to professional incompetence as grounds for dismissal, an AAUP bulletin stated.

Gibbs was refused a hearing before the Regents. AAUP requirements were not met since the meeting was closed to Gibbs and his attorney.

AAUP guidelines state "...the Board of Directors will review all cases...." A&M's Faculty and Staff Handbook states "If the Board of Regents chooses to review the case...."

The difference between the two statements seems to be keeping A&M on the censure list, said Dr. Manuel M. Davenport, A&M philosophy professor. He served as the local AAUP Chapter president in 1968 and 1969.

A university is adversely affected by being on the AAUP censure list, Davenport said. He explained that some professors will not teach at a university while it is on a censure list.

Also, some professional and honor societies will not allow chapters on censored campuses, he added.

In a letter to President Jack K. Williams

earlier this year, the AAUP informed the university it still had not met requirements to be removed from the censure list, said Dr. John C. Calhoun Jr., vice president for academic affairs.

No reasons were given in the letter for A&M's remaining on the list.

The Regents feel they have dealt with the case to the best of their ability, Calhoun said.

"There is no evidence that a censure listing has been detrimental to hiring new professors, he said.

The AAUP is only a mild form of the Better Business Bureau, Calhoun said. It informs job applicants of a college's reputation, he said.

"There are no obligations to adhere to AAUP guidelines," Calhoun said. "The tenure and academic freedom policies here are in accordance with guidelines made by the College Coordinating Board in Texas in conformance with the AAUP."

## Regents receive petition

# Students oppose renovation

By MYRA KYLE

A petition has been presented to the Board of Regents protesting the proposed renovation of Legett Hall into office space. The petition was presented to the board by Steve Mayer, a resident of Legett Hall, at a hearing of the proposed renovation.

The petition signed by 127 Legett residents stated that more than 100 of them would have to move off-campus. There are roughly 150 persons in Legett, whereas there are only about 20 vacant non-conditioned rooms available in other halls at this time.

The petition also stated that Legett Hall would not require a large amount of money to be repaired and that dorm rent could be used to pay for repairs even after resident advisor and janitorial fees have been paid. The Regents appropriated \$10,000 to study the costs of three possible alternatives for the future of Legett Hall.

The possible alternatives are to convert Legett into office space, renovate it into acceptable facilities or raze it, according to C. Freeman, executive vice president of the administration. The study is expected to be from six to eight months.

It was informed that the reason for renova-

tion is because the university is growing at such a fast rate that it needs more office and classroom space," said Warren Faulkner, coordinator for the north area community.

Faulkner said he is under the impression that the enrollment of Texas A&M University should decrease sometime in the near future, so less dorm space will be needed.

"It will cost the state over \$1 million to renovate Legett into academic facilities, whereas only \$300,000 would be needed to put Legett in acceptable dorm facilities, which will be paid through bonds and dorm rent," said Scott Gregson, vice president of finance to student government.

"Theoretically the students own the dorms because the construction and renovation is paid through the bonds and rent," Gregson said.

There are 8,409 bed spaces on campus, Gregson said. He explained that if all these spaces were filled, it would cost students living in dorms an extra \$1.75 per semester for the next 25 years to have Legett improved for continued dormitory use.

Gregson said that inflation over the years would not affect the price because when

the bonds are sold, they are sold at a fixed price.

Legett residents have expressed a variety of opinions on the dormitory's renovation.

"Legett offers the civilian student an old army style of life," said Gary Anderson, head resident advisor.

"It's neat on football weekends to have former students come by your room and reminisce about their life in Legett. It is one of the few small dorms left on campus and if they renovate it, A&M would lose part of its spirit."

Junior Paul Norris said, "Seventy per cent of the students in Legett were once residents of Milner Hall, which was renovated. They moved us out of there and now they might move us out of Legett. I wonder where it will be next."

"I can see both sides of the issue," commented junior Brian Terry. "The Board of Regents sees this as a business and the guys in the dorm feel they are being slighted if they are forced to move."

Sophomore Dale Gadbois felt they should tear it down. "My parents want me to live on campus. If they tear down Legett I'll get to move off."



## Gusting winds cause problems for students

Westerly winds reached 43 m.p.h. yesterday, blowing dust and reducing visibility around the Texas A&M campus.

The dust should diminish today, however some may still remain in the lower atmosphere, according to the University Weather Service. Winds will be light and variable today.

There is no sign of rain in the forecast today or tomorrow, but there is a slight chance of some precipitation this weekend. Cloudiness will be increasing tonight, and skies will be mostly cloudy tomorrow and Saturday.

The high temperature today is expected to be in the upper 70s, while the low tonight will drop to the low 50s.

Tomorrow's high should reach the low 80s.

Battalion photos by Paula Geyer

# Victor sells boots, gives Aggies advice

By LEE ROY LESCHPER

The shoe shop in the small yellow brick building is almost lost behind its windows blinded with maroon and white signs: "Welcome Back Aggies," "1 Hour Service," "SHOE REPAIR SERVICE."

Inside, shoe boxes fill the wall to the left. A worn shoe-shine stand and a ten-cent Coke machine stand side by side against the right wall. Straight ahead, a wall is covered with military brass and ribbon behind a long counter buried in boxes, boots and leather. Black machinery, waiting to rejuvenate tired boots, peers through a door in the wall.

A signpost stands outside, but no sign hangs on its empty brackets. It will probably stay that way, because customers don't need a sign to tell them the little shop at 201 College Main is Victor's.

Victor is Victor Caudillo Jr., although you will wait a long time to hear anybody call him anything but Victor. He'll probably know their name, too, if they know his.

He seldom stands still behind his counter. He jokes with his customers or haggles over prices for a moment, then scurries to the back room where he and an apprentice repair boots, sometimes working on several pairs at the same time. Then he's back to the counter, all the time carrying on a running conversation with anybody and everybody in the shop.

"Victor, you promised me my senior boots'd be here today," a junior cadet says. Victor glances at a wall clock showing 3:30 p.m.

"Si, señor, by FIVE o'clock," he answers with a heavier accent and grinning slightly.

"Well Victor, that money's just drawing interest for me at the bank. Just think, it could be making that money for you."

"Señor, you are maybe a little bit Jewish?"

Two more out-of-uniform cadets ease up to the counter.

"How much are your senior boots?" one asks, almost fearfully.

"Today, \$198.95," comes the reply, then the sales pitch, "tomorrow, they go up to \$252."

As each customer leaves, Victor says, "Gracias, señor. Come back. I need some more of your money."

An overly direct way to do business? Maybe, but that's Victor's way. The way he's done business since he came to College Station 10 years ago to start his career for the third time.

He now must divide time between his two boot stores and plans for the restaurant he hopes to open this year. In his office behind the new boot store he opened last year on Texas Avenue in Bryan, Victor seems more a 42-year-old businessman than 42-year-old shoe repairman.

Sitting gingerly on a well-worn and rickety wooden chair bearing the mark of the A&M C Dining Hall, surrounded by a paper-covered desk and shelves of boots and western clothes, he describes his beginnings.

He started working in the Mexican oil fields at 14. His father had fled Mexico

fearing for his life after supporting the losing candidate in a Mexican presidential election. He left Victor to support the 11 members of his family.

Victor worked on an oil derrick — one of the dirtiest, filthiest jobs in the world — until 1955, when Mexico's national oil company cut back its work force and left him jobless.

Looking for a new future, he immigrated to the United States in 1956, settling in Houston. After short stints painting cars and doing car body work, he turned to repairing shoes.

"The boot business was in my family in Mexico three generations," he says. "But I never wanted to go into it."

"In Houston I saw a need for shoe repairmen and the pay was good. In a few months I had my own business, without speaking ANY English."

That was a handicap, but he had help. "Customers, both anglos and chicanos, would come in and teach me some English words," he recalls, speaking deliberately in the language that sometimes still gives him trouble.

In nine years Victor did well in Houston. He married, fathered two sons and for a time owned three shoe stores and a restaurant. But business soured and he went broke.

That was in January 1967, when he left Houston and came to College Station to repair shoes at Holik's Shoe Store at Northgate.

Eight months later he opened his first shop here, at 110 College Main—a 7-foot by 21-foot space next door to Holik's.

Eleven thousand students attended

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## Carter says CIA actions legal, Hussein payoff talk partly true

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Carter says he hasn't found anything illegal or improper in current CIA operations but acknowledges "some degree of accuracy" in widespread reports of payoffs to King Hussein and other world leaders.

At a news conference yesterday, Carter displayed anger about news leaks he said could be "extremely damaging" to the potential security of the country.

He specifically expressed concern about the number of people in the executive branch and Congress who have access to CIA information, and said he wants to reduce that number.

Carter's schedule today included a meeting with U.S. Chamber of Commerce officials and visiting the Transportation and State Departments to get acquainted with the workers.

At his televised and broadcast news conference, the President said a \$5 billion to \$7 billion slash in the defense budget is a goal "that will be reached," but he could not say when.

Carter indicated the controversial B1 bomber may be a bargaining chip on arms control. "If we can have a general lessening of tension, a demonstrated commitment on the Soviet Unions part toward disarmament, it would certainly make it less likely that we would go ahead with the B1," he said.

Asked about allegations that Hussein and other foreign leaders received millions of dollars in CIA payments over the past 20 years, Carter said:

"I have adopted a policy . . . of not commenting directly on any specific CIA activity, but I can tell you that I have begun a complete analysis, which will be completed within the next week, of all activities by the CIA."

"I have received substantial reports already . . . I have not found anything illegal or improper," he added, saying that if he discovered improprieties he would take immediate action and inform the American people.

Carter again was asked about his policy of going public on the human rights ques-

tion, and said "I will continue to do so."

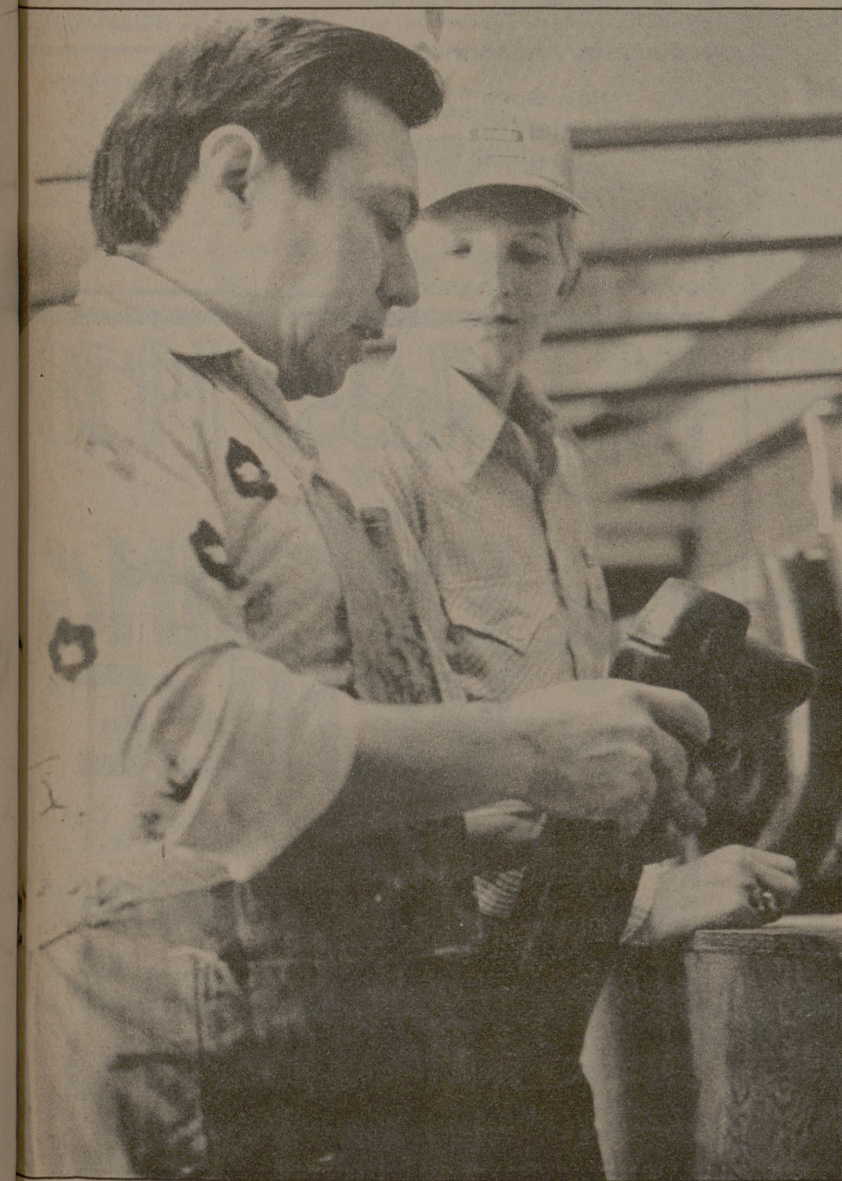
He reserved his harshest criticism for Uganda where he said "the actions there have disgusted the entire civilized world."

On other issues, Carter said:  
✓ He will unveil his comprehensive energy package at a joint session of Congress April 20, and will send his proposal for creation of a new energy department to Congress early next week.

✓ He supports public financing of Congressional elections, elimination of the electoral college and simplifying registration procedures so everyone can vote.

✓ Improvement of relations with Cuba awaits "some tangible evidence" that Cuba is willing to restore rights to political prisoners and change its attitude "toward overseas adventures such as the one in Angola."

✓ He supports deregulation of natural gas for a limited four to five years, but would leave existing contracts in effect.



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Senior Roger Tonne listens to Victor Caudillo, owner of Victor's of College Station, diagnose his boots' problems. Victor's, which has been serving Aggies for over 10 years, is located at 201 College Main.