

Financial aid, scholarships reach \$12 million for year

Students at Texas A&M University received more than \$12.5 million during 1976-77 through 8,600 scholarships and loans. R. M. Logan, student financial aid director, said 5,600 of those awards are scholarships. He said that numerous scholarship programs help all kinds of students on the campus. Among them are Valedictory Scholarships and Opportunity Awards for entering freshmen; four-year President's Scholar

Awards and Academic Achievement Scholarships, Spring Award Scholarships given annually to upperclassmen; Junior College Merit Award Scholarships for transfer students and special presentations such as the Duffy and ALCOA Awards for seniors.

Texas A&M students help some of their classmates through school. Student money goes into the Texas Public Education Grant Fund, and 25 cents of every \$4 is put into a

special fund for assistance, Logan said.

Texas A&M also participates in Texas' Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan which is good for \$1,500 a year or a maximum of \$7,500 to be repaid after graduation; Federally Insured Loans; National Direct Student Loan Program, and Basic Educational Opportunity Grants.

Texas A&M has traditionally enjoyed one of the highest repayment rates on loans, Logan said.

Inmates seek better jail

LUBBOCK — Inmates seeking a preliminary judgment against the county and improvements in the county jail will get half of what they wanted — better conditions but no money.

U.S. District Judge Halbert O. Woodward yesterday ruled in favor of the inmates in a class action suit, but found the county had not acted in bad faith.

The physical conditions of the jail and the manner of its operation

have resulted in conditions that can only be classified as cruel and inhuman under any current standards concerning human decency," Woodward said.

Woodward said evidence indicated the county jail had mismanaged operations and prisoners had been allowed to control internal operations. He issued a series of orders to the sheriff and Commissioners Court designed to improve conditions by Sept. 1.

The ruling was a result of a nine-day trial on jail conditions. Among the key requirements ordered by Woodward were a new classification plan separating pretrial suspects from other prisoners; more liberal visitation and telephone privileges; improved medical care and more guards.

Woodward said the failure of the county to provide sufficient numbers of guards "resulted in a serious mismanagement of the jail, and has in effect permitted the inmates to control the internal functions of the jail."

He said the conditions resulted in prisoner-controlled kangaroo courts and beatings, including some by guards.

"These facts concerning physical abuse by jail personnel have gone un rebutted by any evidence from the defendants in this case, and the court can only accept them as being true," Woodward said.

He said conditions were known by county officials. He said County Judge Rod Shaw had been informed as early as 1971 by the state health department that the facility did not meet standards.

Some improvements were made, Woodward said, but not enough and many of the improvements came only after the inmates filed a class action suit.

The defense said large improvements would have been unwise until new state jail standards were issued in December 1976. Woodward agreed wholesale improvements might have been unwise, but said there was no excuse for not providing adequate guards, medical attention and sanitary conditions.

Board to pick director

Free enterprise center gets consulting board

Rex B. Grey of LaGrange has been elected chairman of the board of consultants for Texas A&M University's new center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise.

Dr. W. David Maxwell, Texas A&M dean of liberal arts, was elected board secretary at the group's first meeting.

Grey's first duties included naming Maxwell and the four other Texas A&M academic deans on the board as a search committee to recommend nominees for the post of interim associate director. The interim director would be responsible for administering the center until a director is selected.

The deans will recommend candidates at the consultants' next meeting May 26. The university system board of regents must ap-

prove the associate director and director.

The deans include Maxwell, Dean of Business Administration John E. Pearson, Dean of Education Frank W. R. Hubert, Dean of Agriculture, H. O. Kinkel and Dean of Engineering Fred J. Benson.

The organization's five off-campus members, all prominent Texans, were assigned staggered terms of service. James H. Galloway of Houston will serve one year; Norman N. Moser of DeKalb, two years; Felix R. McKnight of Dallas, three years; chairman Grey, four years; and Robert B. Little III of Houston, five years.

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