

# The Battalion

## Stocks given for dorm construction

A gift of stock to Texas A&M University worth between \$4-500,000 was announced by Chancellor Jack K. Williams yesterday at the Academic Council meeting. The money received from the sale of the stock is to be used to build a women's dorm with at least 100 spaces reserved for women athletes.

The gift is similar to Wofford Cain's donation of stock worth approximately the same amount used to build a dorm for athletes.

An Aggie Club committee will head the attempt to raise money to construct a third seating level on Kyle Field. Total seating for the new level will be about 10,000. The committee will include: Dr. Charles Samson, athletic council head; L. F. Peterson; Gus Mijalis; Don Morris; Bill Lewie; Keith Langford; and Travis Bryan Jr.

Williams announced that bids are in on the library construction proposal. He said the bids are low enough to request a fifth and sixth floor to the facility from the Board of Regents. The cost will be about \$9.6 million. This announcement was applauded by most of the Academic Council members.

Williams said there are four construction projects for the fiscal year beginning in Sept. 1977. Planned is a new Clinical Sciences department for the Veterinary Medicine Building and the renovation of the Biological Sciences East Building, the mechanical engineering shops and the old agronomy building.

Williams said two new parking lots located on Wellborn Road across the railroad tracks may be ready for use this fall.

He also said there was a possibility A&M could purchase a huge, metallic, yellow parking garage from Love Field in Dallas that would accommodate 1000 cars. It would be dismantled and brought here. But "We haven't found any green space yet that we want to convert to yellow space," Williams said.

He said there were plans being considered to build an on-campus dorm that would house 1000 and cost about \$11-14 million.

In 1978, construction on the Medical School's first building will begin, Williams said. It will cost approximately \$10 million. A library for the Medical and Veterinary Medical schools to be located on the west campus is also being considered.

Williams said that a letter naming the Academic Advisory Committee's recommendations of nominees from within the system for university president had been given to the Chairman of the Board of Regents, Clyde H. Wells. Wells is head of a three-man committee from the Board that will recommend one or two people to the board for the presidency.

"We've met a couple of times and decided on a 100 people we will not elect," Williams said.

Williams said he has recommended a system vice-chancellor for programs position in addition to the vice-chancellor for business position presently filled by W.C. Freeman. He said, "Of course we won't fill it until we determine whether we need it or not." The creation of the position must be approved by the Board of Regents.

Williams discussed the fire that occurred in the Memorial Student Center basement Friday. "I did not know there were no sprinklers in the basement," he said. "There are a number of things that if we knew it (the MSC) was going to burn, we would have put them there," he said laughing.

He said a sprinkler system would be installed in the MSC basement. "We must do it and we will do it." He urged each member of the council to be aware of the fire

hazard situation in their own buildings and attempt to report and correct the hazards.

"This one could have been prevented with a sprinkler system. If it had gone on another hour or two, it could have been a disaster for us," Williams said.

Williams said he had been informed that the enrollment at Texas A&M this fall would be 29,500. Dean of Admissions Ed Cooper said this figure was for the main campus. There are four per cent fewer freshmen and transfer students enrolling than in the previous year. The decline is primarily in the agriculture and liberal arts department Williams said. There was an increase in enrollment in business and engineering.

The Academic Council approved changes in the curriculum for liberal arts students. The requirement of 12 hours of social science courses was changed to six hours and the requirement of nine hours of humanities courses was added. The degree candidates for Aug. 5 and Aug. 13 were also approved.

—Glenna Whitley

### Liberals oppose bill

## Senate ready to vote for neutron weapons

WASHINGTON — President Carter's appeal for money to produce tactical neutron artillery shells and warheads fell on fertile ground today in the Senate.

Most Senate observers believed the members were prepared to vote the money anyway, unless Carter had decided to reject outright the weapons which emit lethal radiation but inflict little blast damage.

A secret amount of money for the neutron weapons is contained in a \$10.4 billion public works bill although it is so well camouflaged it went through the House virtually unnoticed.

In a last-ditch effort, Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., hoped to rally other liberals against the "people killer" weapons he believes endanger peace by making it easier to slide from conventional to nuclear warfare in Europe.

The Senate voted, 43 to 42, last week against Hatfield's effort to block funds for producing the weapons, which do limited blast damage while killing enemy troops by radiation in the surrounding area, but

decided on another vote this week after a recess.

Most of the 15 senators absent during last week's vote were counted as likely supporters of the new weapon.

In a letter to Chairman John Stennis, D-Miss., of the Senate Armed Services Committee, before his news conference yesterday, Carter said the weapons would improve NATO's ability to inflict "significant military damage" on an aggressor if deterrence fails, and would minimize damage and casualties among civilians and friendly forces in the area near the target.

At his news conference, he acknowledged the use of tactical nuclear weapons probably would escalate to full-scale nuclear exchanges in the event of war, but he denied that the neutron bombs increased the danger.

In his letter to Stennis, he said a decision to use the new weapons would remain in his hands and not those of local theater commanders, and said: "A decision to cross the nuclear threshold would be the most agonizing decision to be made by any president. I can assure you these weapons would not make that decision any easier."

## International conference begins on nuclear test ban

GENEVA, Switzerland — The United States, the Soviet Union and Britain are beginning their first negotiations on a total ban on nuclear test explosions since 1963.

Observers said long-standing problems such as the refusal by France and China to participate in the talks and Soviet opposition to on-site inspections of nuclear tests were bound to crop up.

The current negotiations are the first on the issue since a 1963 treaty banned all but underground blasts.

Officials warned in advance of today's conference at the Soviet diplomatic mission that the discussion will be conducted in strict privacy.

But they said each session probably would be followed by a brief announcement on its length and the date and site of the next meeting, which will be rotated among the diplomatic missions of the three nations.

Ranking Western negotiators said the initial round of talks probably would run until the end of July, with a second round being held shortly afterward if all goes well.

The 1963 treaty prohibits all nuclear

test blasts in the air, underwater and in outer space, but does not ban underground explosions. Such blasts have been set off regularly by the United States and the Soviet Union.

Agreement on a more comprehensive test ban has been blocked by a dispute over how to enforce the ban, with Washington insisting on on-site inspections to prevent cheating.

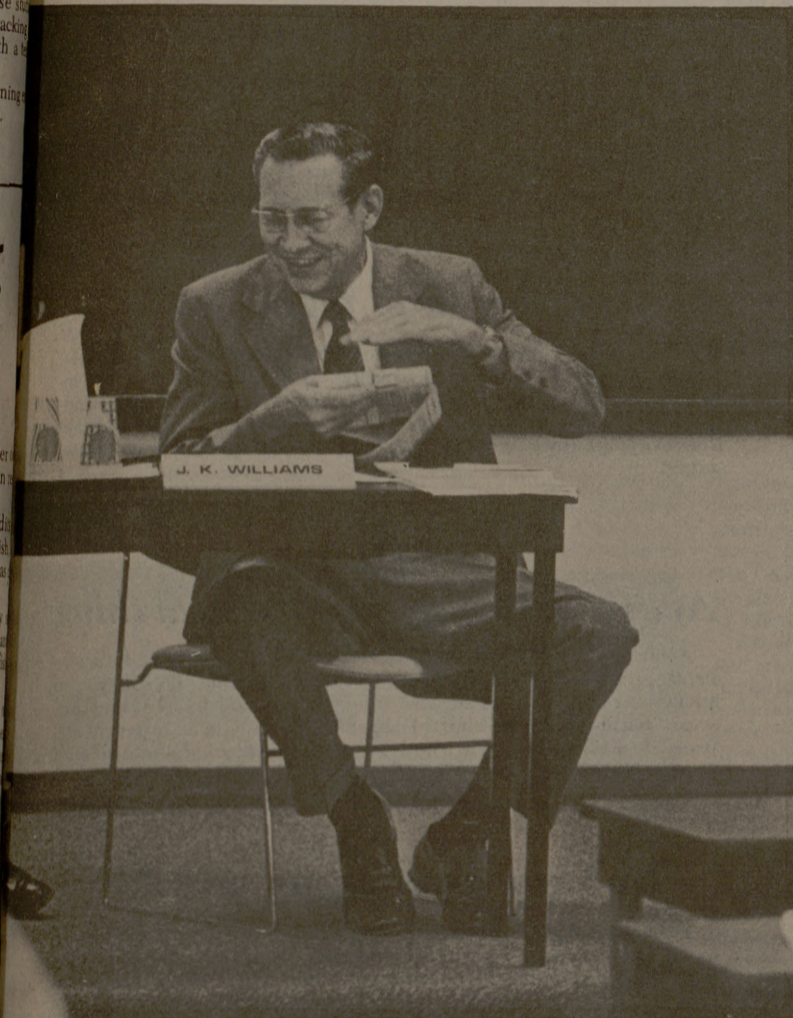
Moscow argues that land and satellite seismicographic stations are sophisticated enough to detect any clandestine underground blast.

Other major problems facing the negotiators include:

—The refusal by France and China to observe the 1963 pact and Soviet demands that China must take part in any comprehensive ban.

—The Anglo-American demand that a total ban include explosions for peaceful purposes, which Moscow wants excluded from the treaty.

Western officials believe "arrangements" can be worked out on both issues. The China dispute could be resolved by allowing any signatory nation to renounce the treaty unless Peking joins later on.



Chancellor Jack K. Williams at the Academic Council meeting Tuesday night.

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## Special session of Texas legislature costs taxpayers \$20,000 per day

AUSTIN — The special legislative session costs taxpayers almost \$20,000 per day and Texas lawmakers say it also cost them income and meals.

State budget makers said staff payrolls for lawmakers and committees during the special session and the added per diem expenses for legislators will cost taxpayers about \$19,250 a day.

The legislators, paid \$600 a month by the state, receive an additional \$30 per diem

pay during legislative sessions. They also receive \$3,000 a month for staff and expenses.

"We estimated it costs \$19,250 a day when the legislature is fully staffed and going," said Homer Seace, senior researcher and analyst for the Legislative Budget Board. "I would assume it would not be more than that during the special session."

"Your extra cost really lies in the staff and that kind of activity."

Although voters in 1975 boosted per diem pay from \$12, many lawmakers say they are finding it difficult to live on \$30 a day, particularly when they have to rent motel rooms instead of apartments for the short session.

"During the regular session \$30 a day per diem is quite adequate," said Rep. Buck Florence, D-Hughes Spring.

"But when you come down for a few days, it's going to cost \$30 a day."

"You're hurt noticeably on short stays — you can't go out and rent an apartment. There's no question you're losing money on a special session."

Rep. Clay Smothers, D-Dallas, administrator of a children's home, stays at a hotel on a day-to-day basis. He said the special session is hurting his position.

"I don't have to be there, but I need to be there," Smothers said. "The truth of the matter is that the pay needs to be raised and everybody is scared to introduce a bill."

Rep. Fred Agnich, R-Dallas, was not available for comment on his accommodations in a plush downtown hotel which offered lawmakers "special rates for the special session" — \$29 a day.

"I don't see how I could eat on a \$1," said Rep. Doyle Willis, D-Fort Worth, who called the \$29 a day offer confiscatory. "I'd have to stay in bed all day to get anything out of that."

Willis, who said he plans to move into an inexpensive, but clean motel away from the downtown area, suggested the state build a dormitory for lawmakers.

"We could pay reasonable rates," Willis said. "I come here on the average of two trips a month and this is a problem. By the time you pay your incidentals, it's rough making it to \$30."

Sen. Glen Kothmann, D-San Antonio, contends some lawmakers are spending too much money for room and board.

"I can get a room for \$13 a day and sleep just as good," he said. "Some of these people are complaining it is costing them \$50 a day. I could spend that much."

"I'm not mad at my money. I haven't got much, but I'm not mad at what I got."

Sen. Don Adams, D-Jasper, said he can not live on \$30 a day in Austin. Adams, who shares a motel room with his wife and three children, said many meals are limited to hamburgers if he can find a place where they are cheap.

"That's okay — the kids think it's great," Adams said. "If it lasts longer than a week, I'm going to have to move them home and try to find a roommate."

Contending he can "come pretty close to making it" on \$30 a day, Sen. Gene Jones, D-Houston, said missing breakfast helps. Jones, a practicing attorney, said he is concerned about the clients he loses by not working.

## Local lawyers agree with Court's decision

By SARAH WHITE  
Battalion Staff

The United States Supreme Court recently decided it is legal for lawyers to advertise their services and local lawyers generally agree with the decision though few intend to advertise themselves.

Local attorneys said they had considered the decision, some more seriously and thoroughly than others.

Bryan Attorney Kent Caperton said he came out early in favor of the decision and incurred the wrath of his fellow attorneys. Caperton said he agrees with the ruling because not advertising began as a rule of etiquette and then became a law.

The Texas State Bar has been too restrictive on the information a lawyer can give the public, he said. Notices of hiring new lawyers, offices and similar information were not for the public's knowledge, he said.

The State Bar needs to be very active in watching the kind of advertising done, he said. The ads should be done with an air of professionalism and good taste, Caperton said.

College Station Attorney Jack Woods said lawyer's advertising is split into two groups. The first class is straight forward, he said. This type gives the lawyer's name, the type of law he practices and where his office is, he said. Woods said that this form of advertising would generally have a good effect on the legal profession because the public would know who is available for legal services.

If there are no standards set and lawyers can entice clients by any device, the day of the legal profession is over, Woods continued. He said undercutting and pricing tricks are examples of devices to entice clients.

Attorney Brooks Cofer of Bryan said he would not give out prices but he would tell people he is a good lawyer. People would be more apt to engage a lawyer if they knew the prices because in not knowing they automatically think a lawyer's fees are out of their price range, Cofer said.

Attorney Michael Hoelscher of College Station said defining terms and making rules in advertising is left to local and state bars at this time. He said eventually the state bars will make regulations.

Bryan Attorney Iola Wilcox said she is

opposed to the Supreme Court's decision. If lawyers advertise they will make their clients pay for the advertising, she said. It will not benefit anyone, she said, and particularly not the consumer.

A lawyer cannot advertise exactly what fee she will charge because she doesn't know until she knows the facts of the case, Wilcox said. The fee will vary depending on if the case is contested or on how many children are involved, she explained. It also takes away from the dignity of the legal profession, she said.

## Senior citizens keep busy at new center

By GLENN WHITLEY  
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Faces beaming, the old people slowly leave the "Project Independence" van and enter the new metallic building. They smile, hug friends and head for areas in the large, cheerful room set up for their individual interests.

These senior citizens are participating in the Years for Profit program, part of the Brazos Valley Community Action Agency.

"In addition to the nutritionally balanced meals we serve five days a week (lunch), there are arts and crafts, exercises, quilting, macrame, guest speakers, educational films, anything the senior citizens want," said LaRay Kerbow, the Years for Profit project supervisor.

On a Friday at the new Bryan center, everyone is occupied.

"A quilt is a joint project. 'She makes the blocks and I sew them,'" said Tennie McDonald, pointing to Arlia Hines. McDonald said she has arthritis, so she can only sew on the machine.

"I live by myself, so I really enjoy it (the center)," McDonald said shyly.

Arlia Hines doesn't say much, instead concentrating on putting

blocks cut from fabric scraps in their proper pattern.

Georgia Jackson is an effusive, cheerful black woman whose current project is sewing a huge blue apron by hand. She is all smiles when asked her feelings about the Years for Profit program.

"Oh, I do like it. I love to be amongst the people," she said. Jackson also lives alone, as most of the group does.

Others are playing dominoes, making potholders or paper flowers, playing records and sewing cheerful faces on fly swatters. Whatever their hands are doing, their faces are usually smiling and conversation is brisk.

The program is designed to furnish low cost, nutritionally balanced meals to persons over age 60 who:

- cannot afford to eat adequately;
- lack the skills and/or knowledge to select and prepare nourishing and well-balanced meals;
- have limited mobility which may impair their capacity to shop and cook for themselves;
- have feelings of rejection and loneliness which obliterate the incentive necessary to prepare and eat a meal alone.

Supportive services involved are

transportation of individuals to and from the congregate meal sites, information and referral services, health and counseling services, nutrition education, shopping assistance and recreation activities.

Kerbow said the only requirement is that the person "be at least 60 years old and willing to admit it. We ask that they either contribute time or money, but we do not turn anyone away who cannot contribute," Kerbow said. "Just be there. Show up."

Usually the members contribute by making arts and crafts that can be sold at the center, or by assisting in setting up tables or cleanup after the day's meal and activities.

Outside activities are also arranged for the senior citizens. An overnight chartered bus tour to San Antonio is planned for October. Kerbow said the group recently went to Austin. "They're great travelers," she said.

Annie Lee Thomas is the site manager for the Bryan center, located at 30th St. and Bryan. She is enthusiastic about her job and said it is a joy to work with the senior citizens.

"I wanted to go back to work, to be helpful, supplement my income

and contribute something to the human race," she said.

Years for Profit also has a "Meals on Wheels" program. "There are a

great many residents who cannot attend these sites and they're eligible to receive meals in their home," Kerbow said.



A senior citizen who participates in the Years for Profit program of the Brazos Valley Community Action Agency.

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