

Viewpoint

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Time will tell for new president

Dr. Jarvis E. Miller became the 18th president of Texas A&M University Friday. Dr. Jack K. Williams became the third chancellor of the Texas A&M University System at the same time. It would seem the administrative restructuring within the University system is complete. But in fact its only beginning.

It will be some time before the delicate balance between University and system offices is established. It's been 12 years since Texas A&M had both a president and a system chancellor, so the division in powers and jurisdiction between the two is none too clear.

In theory, Dr. Williams' office would concentrate on system-wide problems, programs and plans; Dr. Miller's jurisdiction would include matters relating specifically to the University. But there's lots of room for territory to overlap.

There's little doubt who's the boss. Dr. Williams has made very clear that he will remain the liaison between the board of regents and all areas within the system.

He also gained a great deal of control in several areas through four subordinates appointed by the regents Friday. Dr. John C. Calhoun, formerly University vice-president for academic affairs, became system vice-chancellor for programs. System attorney James Bond became vice-chancellor for legal affairs and Robert L. Walker, formerly Uni-

versity director of development, became the vice-chancellor for development. In addition, Lane B. Stephenson, formerly associate director of the University News Service, became an assistant to the chancellor for public information.

Those four new positions join the recently formed vice-chancellor for administration position that W. Clyde Freeman holds.

What does all that shifting mean? It means that Dr. Williams is understandably taking his hand-picked subordinates up to the system level with him. Freeman, Calhoun, Bond, Walker and Stephenson will all be doing the same basic jobs, in their same areas of expertise, with slightly wider responsibility. But they will answer directly to the chancellor's office and not to the new University president.

The new vice-chancellor system follows the same basic administrative structure Williams established here when he became University and system president in 1970. Now there are vice-chancellors assigned to 1) construction and budgeting, 2) academics, and 3) funding (development) just as there were vice-presidents assigned to these areas when Williams was President.

Which leaves Miller with at least the academic vice-president post for the university to fill as soon as possible.

In a university system with several large, di-

verse universities or campuses, a chancellor would have to divide his time between the different campuses. But the Texas A&M system — although it contains great diversity and land throughout Texas — has its heart, mind and insides right here in College Station. The extension services, the research and experimental programs and the majority of the academics are centered here.

So this is where the system chancellor should be — in the center of things. But that could be uncomfortable for a president who wants to be free to run his campus his own way.

Dr. Miller has a solid background in managing programs, especially the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and in research and in education. Much will depend on how he uses his talents to shape his administration.

University officials generally agree that Texas A&M and the University system have grown too large to not operate under a chancellorship system. The programs are too diverse, the responsibilities too large and the sheer size too great to make any other system practical.

But the manner in which these two men, the new chancellor and the newer president, shape and mold their administrations will have monumental effects on the University and the system in years to come. The next few months will tell.

L. R. L.

Score one for dorm students

Dorm students won a small victory Friday when the Texas A&M Board of Regents decided to renovate and maintain Leggett Hall as a men's dorm.

Leggett had been slated for conversion to office space later this year. But the regents' building committee decided on a 2-1 vote Thursday to keep Leggett as a non-airconditioned dorm. That decision came only after almost an hour of unusually-spirited debate between the committee's members and University Chancellor Jack K. Williams.

Williams has earned a reputation as a frequent champion of student interests and he didn't budge an inch Thursday in defending students' need for that dorm.

"We can ask the academics to make adjust-

ments, but we can't do anything when we lose a dormitory," he said. He pointed out that the dorm had to be renovated, no matter what was done with it, but that the non-air-conditioned option was cheaper than any other. He argued that Leggett was meant specifically for students without much money who might not be able to attend A&M without the inexpensive housing that dorm offers.

But regent and committee chairman H.C. Bell was just as determined the dorm should be turned into offices. He defended the "business standpoint," as he called it, of converting the dorm to faculty offices and classrooms. The 187 students that live in that dorm will be out of a place to stay anyway while the dorm is being renovated, he said.

But Williams was firm. "I'd hate to go into another season telling people we're doing nothing for dorms, and even taking one away," he said. He added that there is "extreme pressure" on the University's administrators to add more on-campus housing.

The other two regents on the building committee, John Coleman of Houston, and Ross Watkins of Uvalde, eventually sided with Williams. The rest of the board of regents agreed with them, keeping the dorm for students.

Dr. Coleman summed up very well our opinion when he said Thursday, "We can teach students under a tree, but we can't ask them to sleep there."

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Dole opening up for 1980 campaign

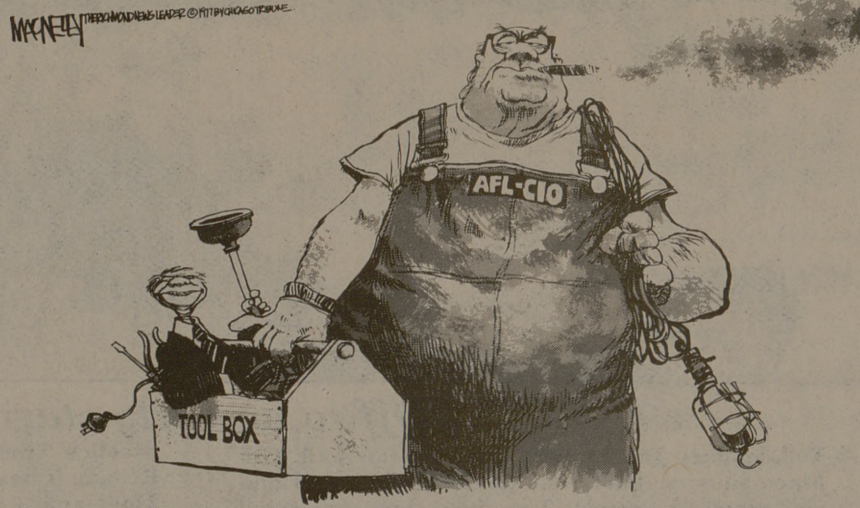
By DAVID S. BRODER

WASHINGTON — By the time Bob Dole reached the Senate, it was no longer adequate to say, "Beat Nebraska," when the question asked was, "What are your foreign policy views, Senator?" Yet, for most of his tenure in Congress, the Kansas Republican had an equally succinct view of the best course for the United States in the world. It was, "Sell wheat."

But then, almost a year ago, Gerald Ford chose Dole as the Republican Vice Presidential candidate and statesmanship beckoned. His best-remembered campaign line may have been his reference to World War I, World War II and the Korean conflict as "Democrat wars." But he also talked about candidate Jimmy Carter's "dangerously superficial understanding of fundamental geopolitics." For a fellow from Russell, Kansas, that was pretty heady stuff.

Now the "dangerously superficial" one has taken over the government, and Dole's involvement in foreign policy has grown apace with his ambition for the White House. These days, his activities offer a fascinating demonstration of how a smart, energetic politician can turn even the most complex, sensitive issues of foreign policy into grist for his political mill.

Dole faced one immediate obstacle when he decided to take his plunge into the diplomatic pool. His Kansas colleague, Sen. Jim Pearson (R), was already on the Foreign Relations Committee and there seemed no way to displace him. But as chance would have it, the defeat of Sen. Jim Buckley, the conservative Republican from New York opened a Republican spot on the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. That's the official U.S.



body supervising compliance with the Helsinki accords on human rights.

Dole sought the vacancy and has become one of the most active and conscientious members of the commission. He is demonstrating almost daily how the human rights issue can be made into a weapon against the very President who brought it to the fore.

In recent speeches from Rehoboth Beach, Del. to Burbank, Calif., the senator from Kansas has lambasted Carter for "a pattern of inconsistencies" in human rights. "If we are to condemn our traditional allies in Latin America, Africa and Asia for their violations of internationally

recognized standards of human rights," Dole said, "can we be any less attentive to the flagrant violations which abound in Communist-governed nations?"

On the Senate floor, he has offered a series of amendments, forbidding aid or concessions to China, Vietnam, or Cuba, and opposing troop withdrawals from Korea. Only a few Dole amendments have been passed, usually in modified form. But all have helped sharpen the issue for future use.

He has won a widening constituency among those who look at American foreign policy from the perspective of righting a

particular wrong or protecting a specific nationality or religious interest. Whether it be MIA families opposed to recognition of Vietnam, Hungarian refugees opposed to the return of the Crown of St. Stephen, or Jews opposed to the return of the West Bank territory, Bob Dole is ready to introduce a resolution or make a speech espousing their cause.

Meantime, campaigner Dole is turning his new foreign policy interest to domestic account by speaking to Republican audiences in more than 20 states during the past six months. In addition to appropriating Jimmy Carter's favorite issue, he has absorbed the lesson of Carter's success, telling GOP audiences: "We make a mistake running every four years — instead of every year."

Dole is hardly alone in his early lunge for the 1980 nomination. Senate colleague Lowell Weicker of Connecticut and Howard Baker of Tennessee, Gov. Jim Thompson of Illinois, former Secretary of Treasury William Simon, and the inexhaustible Ronald Reagan and John Connally are also hot on the trail. But few of them schedule appearances on behalf of out-of-state county clerk candidates, as Dole did the other day.

"I'm not lying awake nights waiting for something to happen," Dole says, when asked about the extent of his ambition. "But having had one run around the country, it's good to keep yourself alive."

Having seen Jimmy Carter go from peanuts to the presidency, Bob Dole can't be blamed for thinking he can climb out of the wheat fields into the White House. Foreign policy can elevate a contender, even if the reverse is not necessarily the case.

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Top of the News

Local

Second week of firemen's school starts

The Texas Firemen's Training School continues this week with 1,700 participants expected for the Industrial Firemen's Training School which will run through Aug. 5. Henry D. Smith, head of the Fire Protection Training Division of the Texas Engineering Extension Service said the total attendance of the 1977 schools will be about 4,650. Schools for Spanish-speaking firemen and building inspectors will be held Aug. 8-12.

Dog lovers to have flea market?

The Humane Society of Brazos County (HSBC) is presently seeking donations of all kinds for their September flea market. Those having garage sales are asked to consider giving their left-over items to the HSBC. All proceeds from the flea market will help finance the HSBC's attempts to establish an animal shelter. Pick-up of items can be arranged by calling 846-1031 or 846-9248.

State

Insurance board to consider increases

The State Insurance Board will consider arguments for rate increases in auto insurance at a hearing Tuesday. Texas motorists may face increases as high as \$34 a year if the board approves a \$112 million, 10.1 per cent increase recommended by its staff.

Guardsmen begin maneuvers at Ft. Hood

Some 10,300 National Guardsmen arrived at Ft. Hood during the weekend to begin two weeks of training exercises. It is the largest group to gather at Ft. Hood since World War II.

Atty. Gen. Hill, Hughes will executor meet

Texas Attorney General John Hill and the executor of Howard Hughes' will met this weekend to discuss the late millionaire's legal residence, but no agreement was made, according to a Hill assistant. A Probate Court trial to determine the legal residence issue is scheduled for Sept. 1. If Hughes is ruled a Texas resident, the state could receive millions of dollars in inheritance taxes.

Tech assistant head becomes OSU head

Texas Tech University administrator Dr. James E. Osborn will become head of the Oklahoma State University department of agricultural economics Sept. 1. Osborn is chairman of the Texas Tech agricultural economics department and assistant dean of the college of agricultural sciences.

Nation

Yes and it gets 45 miles per politician

Researchers at the Rocky Flats nuclear energy plant in Colorado are hoping to develop an electric car that gets its charge from the wind. Rocky Flats is operated by Rockwell International for the federal Energy Research and Development Administration. Experiments are being conducted using windmills to charge the battery of an electric-powered Volkswagen.

Airline could go on strike

Contract negotiations between Ozark Airlines and the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association were halted yesterday after the company submitted its offer. The union is recommending the mechanics reject the offer and go on strike. Ozark said a strike would force a shutdown of its operations.

Busted black bank blames bureaucracy

Officials of the defunct Republic National Bank in New Orleans, La., said the federal government acted illegally in declaring the black-owned bank insolvent. State banking officials and agents for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. closed the bank Friday. A bank official said the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency's office withheld information about their intention to close the bank.

World

Diplomats fear Libya will ruin Vance trip

Western diplomats in Cairo said they fear Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khadafy might be planning incidents to disrupt Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's peace mission to Egypt. Already tight security in effect for Vance's trip was tightened after six days of border battles with Libya last week. Some diplomats expressed fear for Vance's personal safety.

Letters to the editor

Don't leave your good manners at home

Editor:

In your recent edition of July 27, 1977, there was an article that caught our attention: "Training School Teaches More Than Firefighting." We feel the title was more than appropriate. We believe some firefighters' overabundance of attention towards females has been totally uncalled for.

As hometown representatives and representatives of their profession, they should conduct themselves in a respectful manner. However, we, as women and as people, have been verbally slandered, visibly assaulted and insulted by lewd and provocative gestures.

We not only speak for ourselves, but for other students and many members of the community. We more than welcome visitors to our upstanding University, but we expect from our visitors the same manners and respect they would accord to members of their own family. We hope that future visitors to our University will be more considerate.

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Editor's Note: As you say there have been many incidents where men connected with the fire school have not acted like the best of gentlemen. Few people who have been out in the community in the past week could honestly say that they haven't seen such an incident or two.

But we question how such could be avoided. Any time 2,000 men are brought together in one community for a week-long school or convention, some are going to get out of hand.

Make no mistake — we do not condone gutter behavior. Women have every right to be treated with respect particularly by visitors we welcome with every courtesy.

Part of the problem may be that those firemen who make asses out of themselves

attract far more attention than the majority who do not. And the majority have behaved like the gentlemen they are.

The best cure may be for those gentlemen to police their own ranks and call to task their ill-mannered colleagues.

Let's hope that's the case for the second week of fire school, starting today. There are far too many good men there who don't deserve the bad names a few are giving them.

L.R.L.

Job complaint

Editor:

Take heart! Those hard earned college credits can indeed be worth more than "on the job" training, at least here at A&M.

My wife, an employe working in a lab here on campus, was recently passed over for a promotion to a higher paying position. She has been working in this lab for

—Name withheld on request

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