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Weather

Mostly cloudy and warm with 40 per cent chance of showers and thundershowers this afternoon and evening. Increasing cloudiness and increasing chance of showers and thundershowers tomorrow. High both days low 90s; low tonight mid-70s.



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Back-To-School Edition

Welcome to Texas A&M University. If you are a new student at A&M, you have joined almost 30,000 fellow students who are presently enrolled at Texas A&M. You have also joined a larger group that is world-wide and spans over 100 years. The Fighting Texas Aggies.

If you are a returning student, welcome back. Some things have changed, such as who is our president. Some things remain the same, like who is our football coach.

For both new and old students, as well as faculty, staff and members of the community, this is the Back-To-School Edition of the Battalion. This issue consists of 64 pages in five sections and an advertisement insert. The sections of this Back-To-School Edition of the Battalion are:

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Up, up and away!

This was a scene repeated many times this last weekend as students were moving in and settling down for fall semester classes beginning today. This unidentified student is moving in at the Sundance Apts. at 811 Harvey Rd. Some prospective tenants at the same complex weren't as lucky (see related photo, this page).

Battalion Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Regents approve budget, appoint vice-presidents

Texas A&M University's administration is back to full strength this week. The University board of regents has appointed two new vice-presidents and an associate vice-president to fill vacancies in the University's administration.

The board named Dr. John Mack Prescott, dean of the College of Science, to succeed Dr. John C. Calhoun as University vice-president for academic affairs. Calhoun is vacating that position to become University system vice-chancellor for programs.

The board promoted Howard Vestal, University assistant vice-president for business affairs, to vice-president for business affairs. That position had been vacant since Vice-President Tom Cherry retired Aug. 31, 1976.

The regents Friday also appointed Dean of Faculties Haskell Monroe Jr. associate vice-president for academic affairs. Dr. Richard E. Wainerdi, now associate vice-president for academic affairs, announced last week he is resigning that post Sept. 1 to take a vice-presidential position with a Houston engineering firm.

All three appointments are effective Sept. 1.

The board of regents meeting Friday on the Tarleton State University campus in Stephenville, also approved a record budget for the University system for the coming year.

The budget for the 1977-78 fiscal year totals \$310,284,705, which is an 18 per cent increase over last year's budget. The budget includes funding increases for all members of the University system, with Texas A&M receiving a 14 per cent increase of \$23,822,448.

Prescott received his masters degree from Texas A&M in 1949 after a three year tour in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After receiving his doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin and spending one year as a research assistant at the University of Texas, he returned to Texas A&M in 1952 as an assistant professor of biochemistry and nutrition.

"It's my goal to continue our pursuit of quality education, research and service to the State," Prescott said. "Dr. Calhoun has left me with a very fine organization and I hope to continue our progress along the lines we've been working for the last several years."

Prescott was dean of the College of Science for eight years and says it won't be easy to leave that post now.

"I'll still be interested in the programs of that college, but now I'll broaden my interest to include the programs of all the other colleges as well," he said.

"I've known President Miller for a long time and I think with him and Mr. Vestal and Dr. Koldus, we'll have an administrative team that will function well."

Prescott became an associate professor at Texas A&M in 1956 and a full professor in 1959. He took over as head of the department of biochemistry and biophysics

in 1969 and became dean of the College of Science the next year.

Howard Vestal joined Texas A&M in 1965 as director of University management services, after retiring from the U.S. Air Force as a colonel.

He was promoted to assistant vice-president for business affairs in 1973. A native of Jackson, Tenn., he holds a master's degree in industrial management from the University of Pittsburgh.

"I really haven't had a chance to think about it," Vestal said when asked about his promotion. "We've been so busy."

Dr. Haskell Monroe Jr., 46, became an instructor at Texas A&M in 1946, after receiving his masters in history from Austin College and his doctorate in history from Rice University. He served in U.S. Naval Reserve from 1951-59, on active duty in 1954-56.

He became an assistant professor at Texas A&M in 1962, an associate professor in 1966, and a full professor in 1971. He served as assistant dean of the graduate college from 1965-68. He served as assistant vice-president for academic affairs from 1972 until he became dean of faculties.

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Can't you wait another week?

Students were moving into these newly-completed apartments at the Sundance Apts., even though most are without air conditioning or telephones. Construction on the apartments ran a little too

close to fall classes. Some students who came to move in found that their apartments were not close enough to completion for them to move in.

Battalion Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

University's new administration: big change or 'musical chairs'?

By LEE ROY LESCHPER JR.
Battalion Editor

Some call it "executive musical chairs." Others say it's the biggest change ever to hit Texas A&M University.

But whatever the name, the changes and adjustments in Texas A&M's top administration over the past three months may be the biggest executive change, if only in numbers, since the University's first faculty was fired en masse in the 1880's.

Texas A&M's board of regents has set up a two-level administration, with separate executive offices and administrators for the Texas A&M system and for Texas A&M University.

This is a return to the chancellor system of administration which Texas A&M has used twice before, from 1948 to 1957 with Chancellors Gibb Gilchrist and M. T. Harrington, and again from 1959 to 1965 under Harrington. Since 1965, when Gen. Earl Rudder became University and System President, Texas A&M and the University System had had one president directing both.

The Texas A&M University System contains 10 separate units. These include Texas A&M, Tarleton State and Prairie View A&M Universities, Moody Maritime College, the Texas Agricultural and Engineering Extension Services and Experiment Stations, the Texas Forest Service and the Texas Rodent and Predatory Animal Control Service.

Under the chancellor system, a University system chancellor oversees and directs all system-wide programs, projects and operations. He is the top executive within the system and the directors and presidents of each system unit must report and answer to him.

The board of regents took the first step in re-establishing that chancellor system May 25 by appointing then-President Jack K. Williams chancellor.

Williams had been president of both Texas A&M and the system since his appointment Nov. 1, 1970. But after a series of heart attacks during the summer of 1976 which had limited Williams' activities for 10 months, the regents decided the University and the system had become too large for one man to handle.

The extremely fast growth which the University has enjoyed over the last few years hasn't been limited to Texas A&M. Every unit within the University system has experienced

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rapid growth, both in size and in worth. The system budget for 1977-78 is over \$310 million with increases in all units.

But naming Williams chancellor was only the beginning. Every administrator has his own method of operating and his own organization within his office. Dr. Williams is no exception.

The "Williams theory of organization" divides operations into three areas — business, academics and student services — with a subordinate under Williams for each area.

This was the organization Williams brought to Texas A&M. He organized the university administration into those three areas, with vice-presidents to handle each. Tom Cherry, who retired Aug. 31, 1976, became vice-president for business affairs, Dr. John C. Calhoun was vice-president for academic affairs and Dr. John Koldus became vice-president for student services.

Because the system obviously needed someone working full-time on system-wide concerns, Williams enlisted W. Clyde Freeman as executive vice-president for administration to handle system problems.

So when Williams became chancellor in May, he took his system of organization with him. And there began the administrative reorganization that has continued until today.

Because Clyde Freeman had already handled the system's business affairs for many years, Williams immediately changed his title to vice-chancellor for administration to oversee system business concerns. Soon after being named chancellor, Williams said he was considering a second vice-chancellor position for programs. These programs were primarily for academics.

Williams clearly planned to establish the same style of organization in the chancellor's office which he had used as president. This set the stage for the July 29 board of regents meeting.

That board meeting will probably go down in Texas A&M history as the top title-changing meeting of all time.

The board of regents named Dr. Jarvis E. Miller, the director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, to succeed Williams as University president. Then the board appointed four university administrators to fill posts in Chancellor Williams' office.

Vice-president Calhoun became vice-chancellor for programs. So Williams retained his top subordinate for academics in his office.

System attorney James Bond became vice-chancellor for legal affairs. Robert Walker, director of the

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City Council gives homestead tax break to elderly landowners

By DARRELL LANFORD
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The College Station City Council Thursday night voted to raise the city homestead tax exemption for people 65 and older.

Glenn Schroeder, city tax assessor, said the increase will take effect on the 1978 taxes. The tax exemption was \$5,000, now it is \$10,000.

Utility savings recently gained gave the council the opportunity to give the elderly a tax break. Mayor Larry Bravenec suggested giving the elderly an increased exemption because they might not live long enough to enjoy the extended benefits of less costly utility bills.

Schroeder said 413 persons presently qualify for the homestead exemption.

Although the savings will be small, all savings are helpful, a senior citizen in the audience said.

Should the city reevaluate the land, thus causing an increase in taxes that will do away with the savings by the elderly, the council members will consider the exemption again, they said.

Council members tabled a proposed increase in the hotel-motel tax after several hotel-motel owners and managers argued that more taxes might drive away tourists.

The three per cent hotel-motel tax, money to be spent for promoting tourism and aiding community developments, has brought in about \$150,000 since 1975. The council proposed a one per cent increase.

Added on to the city tax is a three per cent state tax. The proposed increase would make the total seven per cent.

The hotel-motel people argued Houston, Dallas and San Antonio all had a five per cent total tax.

In other action, council members told

City Manager North Bardell to investigate ways to support the Bryan Library.

Councilman Gary Halter said that since College Station is cutting off electricity purchases from Bryan, the city should

support the library because many College Station residents use it.

Bravenec suggested investigating the possibility of opening a branch library in College Station.

Carter happy with China prospects, official recognition 'well into future'

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Carter is said to be encouraged by new U.S. contacts with the new generation of Chinese leaders, but he says full recognition of the mainland remains "well into the future."

According to a top White House source, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's trip to China last week reinforced the administration's belief that this is "a very propitious time for contact at the highest level."

Vance found China's leadership to be competent, projecting a feeling of security, and showing a more relaxed attitude than other visitors have seen in some time, the source said.

At the same time Vance's visit left the Chinese leaders with "an increased degree of assurance" of the U.S. capacity and will to act decisively around the world, the source said. But he was unwilling to discuss one of the biggest stumbling blocks to U.S.-Chinese relations — the future of Taiwan.

Meanwhile, Carter scheduled a regular weekly Cabinet meeting today after a 3-week vacation break.

Carter spent 3½ hours yesterday with Vance, Vice President Walter Mondale, Defense Secretary Harold Brown, White House Press Secretary Jody Powell and National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski.

Powell reported that the first 75 minutes were spent on China, and the re-

mainder on southern Africa, the Middle East, the Panama Canal, the strategic arms limitation talks with the Soviet Union and a nuclear test ban.

Vance's visit provided the highest level U.S.-Chinese talks for either the new Carter administration or Premier Hua Kuofeng. The contact between the two giants has been latent since the Nixon administration's 1971 Shanghai Communiqué.

That communiqué was issued at the end of Richard Nixon's first visit to China in 1972. It indicated agreement on the need for increased contacts between the two countries leading to eventual withdrawal of U.S. troops from Taiwan.

The President told a group of editors over the weekend that the United States was one of only a few nations that does not recognize China.

"But we do not intend to act hastily," he said. "When we do make a decision about China, if we make one of recognition it is undoubtedly going to be well into the future and it will be based on what I consider to be in the best interests of our country."

Carter said he and Vance discussed at length "the terms under which we could normalize relationships with the People's Republic of China on the mainland and also honor our long-standing commitment that the people in Taiwan could live in freedom."