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## Regents okay appointment of three vice presidents

By KARIN KNAPP  
Texas A&M has three new vice presidents. Positions for vice presidents for culture and renewable resources, engineering and non-renewable resources, and development were approved by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents Tuesday.  
The vice presidencies are part of a reorganization program designed to strengthen A&M's programs in agricul-

ture, marine sciences, engineering and technology. The vice president will report to A&M President Jarvis E. Miller on the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Center for Marine Resources, Texas Engineering Experiment Station, Texas Transportation Institute, Texas Engineering Extension Service and Center for Energy and Mineral Resources. These agencies are operating under a combined budget of \$85,125,358 for 1977-78.  
Robert L. Walker, former vice chancellor for development, was appointed vice president for development of Texas A&M University.  
"Earlier we had decided to have the Texas A&M Development Program part of the system. But it seems much wiser to me that it be a part of Texas A&M University," Chancellor Jack K. Williams said.  
The regents gave their approval for A&M's take-over of the South Central Texas Regional Training Center in San Antonio, which will provide unemployed persons with preparatory training in law enforcement, fire safety, telecommunications and other public service programs. Now a project of San Antonio College, the center will become part of the Texas Engineering Extension Service on a two-year trial basis on Jan. 1, 1978.  
The take-over won approval by a 5-3 vote of the board. Dr. James R. Bradley, director of the Engineering Extension Service, said there is concern about the project because it involves preparatory training, while A&M has only been involved with supplemental training for workers who want to upgrade themselves.  
Dr. Henry Cisneros, mayor pro-tem of San Antonio and a former A&M student, told the board that A&M's involvement in developing San Antonio's educational and training facilities will aid the city's economic development. He said San Antonio's citizens will help provide physical

structures and funding for the project.  
A \$630,000 appropriation was approved for the detailed design of Kyle Field's expansion. This design will provide the working plans for construction of two third decks and physical education facilities scheduled for completion by the first game of the 1979 football season. The projected total cost of the expansion, not including parking spaces, is \$19.8 million.  
The board also appropriated \$53,000 for a detailed design for renovating Legett Hall into an air conditioned dormitory. Other construction appropriations included \$22,000 for the design of a general storage facility for the university.  
Action was delayed regarding an appropriation for the preliminary design of 100 married student apartments to be located behind the College View Apartments on University Drive.  
In other business, the Board of Regents approved revisions of their rules and regulations. The revisions will bring those rules in line with the system's recent change to a chancellor form of administration.  
It was also decided that students registered for extension courses away from the university will be exempted from payment of student services fees, medical services fees and student center complex fees. These students will not be exempted from payment of the building use fee.  
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Battalion photo by Jim Crawley

### Last stop: A&M

Country western singer Ronnie Milsap performed before a full house Tuesday night at G. Rollie White coliseum, as he completed his 1977 concert tour. Also featured was the western swing band, Asleep at the Wheel. (Please see related stories, page 11.)

## SAT score unreliable for math placements

By CLAY COCKRILL  
High school scores on College entrance examinations are not as reliable for placing engineering freshmen into math courses as they have been in the past, said Dr. Ned Walton, assistant dean of engineering at Texas A&M University.  
Dr. G.R. Blakley, head of the math department, said he and Walton are "seriously considering" new math placement tests which would be given to incoming engineering freshmen during orientation. Exams are being considered because freshmen engineering grade averages are low at mid-term, partly because of high grades said Walton. Some students are getting into courses they're not ready for, he said.

been failures had they stayed in the class," said Blakley. For those students who elect to remain in their chosen majors, a Q-drop simply represents a course which must be taken again, he said.  
For this reason the percentage of freshmen who successfully complete math courses is probably no higher today than it was in 1970, said Blakley.  
Both Blakley and Walton cautioned against oversimplifying the reasons for students' having difficulty with math. While better placement should improve math grades, it will never be any easy subject, said Blakley.

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### Radicals calling it a surrender

## Sadat's visit gets varied responses

United Press International  
CAIRO, Egypt — Arab radicals are labeling President Anwar Sadat's trip to Israel as "surrender." Egypt is defending it as a bold move for peace. And an Israeli leader says it brought Tel Aviv to a "critical hour of decision."  
While Sadat's weekend mission was regarded throughout most of the Western world as a major step toward a Middle East peace, it appears to have stirred up the Byzantine world of Arab politics.  
Syria, once one of Egypt's allies, Tuesday urged "progressive" Arab states to join a wide alliance against Sadat and called on the Egyptian army and people to confront what it termed Sadat's "treason."  
In Tel Aviv, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan acknowledged Sadat's trip had brought Israel to "a critical hour of decision." We must formulate our peace positions quickly.  
President Carter today was staying involved in the drive to resume the Geneva Middle East peace conference and awaited a personal phone talk with Sadat, a spokesman said in Washington.  
In Damascus, Syria joined the Palestine Liberation Organization in issuing a fiery call for a solid front of Arab opposition against the "Sadat-Zionist imperialist conspiracy."  
The joint statement was issued after a daylong string of Syrian-PLO meetings that included several sessions between Syrian President Hafez Assad and PLO leader Yasser Arafat.  
The statement appeared to reject efforts by visiting Premier Mudar Badram of Jor-

dan, a moderate Arab nation, to get Assad to temper his attacks on Sadat before they led to an irrevocable Arab split.  
U.S. Embassy officials in Damascus said there had been "high level contacts" between Washington and Syria on the Sadat dispute, apparently also aimed at mellowing the Syrian stand.  
The Cairo-Damascus rift surfaced at the United Nations Tuesday when the Syrian delegate opened a debate on the Middle

East by labeling Sadat's visit a "surrender" to Israel. The Egyptian envoy stormed off the floor.  
Sadat's trip to Jerusalem — the first by an Arab leader since Israel was created 29 years ago — sparked a wave of concern among other Arabs that Egypt was breaking away from Arab policies to seek a separate peace with Israel.  
To allay those fears, Egyptian Foreign

Minister Ghali was to meet with the Arab ambassadors this afternoon and with envoys from Asia, Western and Eastern Europe and North and South America over the next three days.  
Sadat himself will make a full report Saturday on his trip to a joint meeting of Parliament and the Central Committee of the Arab Socialist Union.  
Sadat has received some support from

Jordan, whose information minister, Adnan Abu Odeh, Tuesday praised the Israeli visit as having "broken the ice and removed the psychological barrier" between Jews and Arabs.  
In Brussels, foreign ministers from the European Common Market nations Tuesday praised the Egyptian president's "courageous initiative" but cautioned a lasting peace could be achieved only after a Palestinian nation is created.

## Spain may have liberal constitution

United Press International  
MADRID, Spain — After 38 years as an ultra conservative nation, Spain will have a liberal constitution that grants women the same pay as men, legalizes divorce and cuts the voting age to 18. But it does not mention abortion.  
The first draft of the constitution, which will be debated by Parliament and submitted to a referendum next year, was leaked to the press Tuesday by members of the parliamentary committee that has been writing it.  
Since all major parties — ranging from conservatives to Communists — are represented on the committee, the draft is almost certain to become the 12th constitution in Spain's history without undergoing major changes.  
In a radical departure from the late dictator Francisco Franco's harsh one-man rule, the draft constitution strips the chief

of state of almost all his powers and invests them in an elected Parliament.  
It also guarantees human rights, abolishes all types of censorship and frees conscientious objectors from military service.  
And it guarantees workers a "sufficient and just wage satisfying his and his family's needs" while protecting the quality of life with an explicit law on ecology.  
Ending a 39-year ban on divorce, the draft says that supplementary laws will "regulate the forms of marriage, the rights and duties of husband and wife and the causes and consequences of separation and dissolution."  
Divorce existed in the short-lived Spanish Republic, which was overthrown by Franco in the 1936-39 civil war. Franco banned it under pressure from Spain's powerful Roman Catholic Church, but the

church has already indicated that it will not actively oppose the legalization of divorce.  
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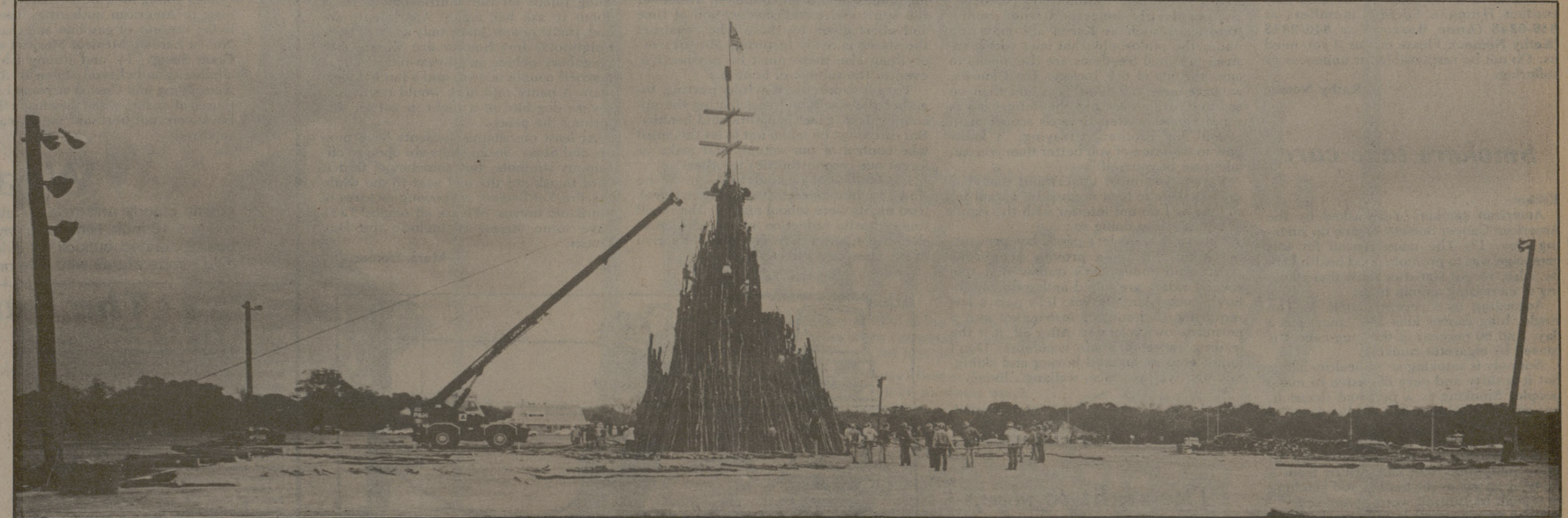
## Cereal has nutrients

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — Breakfast cereals may be advertised to children as munchy, crunchy, chocolatey and sweeter than ever, but they aren't candy and they fill what would be a big nutritional gap without them, says the cereal industry.  
If children stopped downing ready-to-eat cereals and had other standard food for breakfast instead, their sugar intake would decline by only a teaspoon per day while their cholesterol intake would go up by five times and their fat consumption would

double, said Gary Costley, vice president of Kellogg's in a Federal Trade Commission's informal hearing. It would make no sense to restrict the advertising of sugared cereals to children — a possibility the FTC is considering — because children would simply add their own sugar or, worse, skip breakfast entirely.  
Two of the FTC's five commissioners, Chairman Mike Pertschuk and David Clanton, met for more than two hours Tuesday with executives of the three companies.

## 'Teasips' have bonfire also

These last two weeks have seen Aggies working on Bonfire, ordering football mums, scrounging about for game tickets and painting spirit signs — all in preparation for Saturday's game.  
But what about the folks at t.u.? The Daily Texan, UT's student newspaper, reports that "a secret spirit society" called the Eyes of Texas planned to sell red candles at the school's bonfire Monday night. According to UT tradition, red candles lit and placed in windows puts a hex on the Aggie's football skills. The candles were to be purchased at 10 cents apiece.  
Then there was the UT bonfire itself. Or rather, a sign posted at the bonfire site which contained a racial slur directed at Aggies and blacks.  
The Texas Cowboys, a recognized UT men's service group, accepted responsibility and offered a full apology Sunday for the orange-lettered sign which read, "If an Aggie and a nigger (sic) jumped off the Tower, which one would hit first? Who cares?"  
The organization's president said, "that kind of stuff doesn't pull with anybody." He denied any previous knowledge of the sign.  
"What's bad," he said, "is that we have blacks that are members of the Cowboys."  
David McClintock, UT assistant dean of students, said he was "incensed and embarrassed by the sign," which had appeared on an Austin television newscast.



### Two days to go

The stack continues to grow as workers keep adding logs to the bonfire in preparation for Friday night's burning. The large crane to the left of the stack, called the "cherry-picker", is

used to lift heavy logs to the upper levels of the stack. The workers also use a man-powered pulley system to raise and lower supplies and small logs. Work on the bonfire will continue until Friday

afternoon in an effort to make the stack as large as possible. The stack is scheduled to be lit at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening.

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