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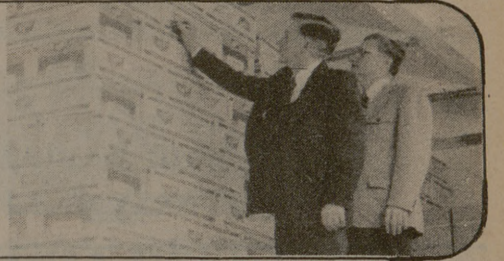
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Regents approve higher dorm costs

By LEE ROY LESCHPER JR.
Battalion Staff

Texas A&M University has a new vice president and its students have new higher room and board expenses.

Dr. Perry L. Adkisson was appointed Texas A&M's first vice president for agriculture and renewable resources during Wednesday's meeting of the University System Board of Regents. The post was created by the board in January as part of a reorganization of University administration.

Adkisson, head of Texas A&M's geology department since 1967, is a former member of the University's agriculture faculty.

The higher room and board fees, which the board increased by 12 and 13 percent,

respectively, will go into effect this fall. University business officials had cited rising utility costs and federal and state-ordered wage increases when recommending the increases.

Rooms in Hotard Hall, the least expensive dormitory on campus, will cost \$165 per semester this fall. Those rooms now cost \$147 per semester.

The Krueger-Dunn-Mosher-Aston dormitory complex will get a \$50 per semester increase, with room fees going from \$418 to \$468 per semester. Rent for married student apartments will rise \$7 to \$41 per month, depending on the apartment unit.

Board fees will increase from \$360 to \$407 per semester for the 5-day board plan and from \$403 to \$455 per semester for the 7-day board plan.

The regents also formalized the University system's policy on investment of system capital funds. In the past the president of each of the system's universities had informal authority to set up such investments, with final approval of the investment coming from the system chancellor.

The new policy, developed after investment irregularities were discovered recently at the University of Houston, gives the chancellor authority over all investment transactions for the system. The policy replaces all earlier procedures for handling investments.

System administrators had recommended to the board Monday that the old system giving each president authority over his own investments simply be given formal approval. Board members initially seemed to favor that recommendation, but late Monday night decided on the policy approved Tuesday.

Authorities from a number of agencies have studied the system's investment policies in recent months and have never found anything wrong with any system investment, Chancellor Jack K. Williams told the regents Monday.

The board also awarded several construction contracts Tuesday, including:

- incinerator facilities for the veterinary medicine complex costing \$168,200.
- renovation of the Texas A&M feed mill, at a cost of \$230,650.

- sewage treatment facilities at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Bryan, for \$104,950.
- construction of a main entrance at Prairie View A&M University, which will cost \$111,748.

The regents appropriated \$345,000 for the detailed design work on a veterinary medicine clinical sciences building to be constructed west of the present vet medicine center. The new building is expected to cost \$10.5 million.

Other appropriations include:

- \$400,000 for equipment for the laboratory animal resources and research facility.
- \$20,000 for preliminary work on renovation of the biological sciences building's east wing.
- \$25,000 for development of a campus master plan.

The proposed master plan is expected to identify sites for all major buildings to be constructed at Texas A&M in the near future.

The regents delayed action on preliminary design work for the Agriculture Administration Building, to be built on the west campus. Board members could not agree on whether moving the site of the Ag Administration building would interfere with the master plan and with other construction planned for the west campus.

Action on the building will be delayed until the board's next meeting June 8. The master plan approved Tuesday should be completed by late May and the regents will use that plan in deciding on a location for the new building.

NASA director predicts

Space energy?

By LAURA HENDERSON

Man can now obtain electrical energy from space, said Chris Kraft, director of the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Kraft's speech was presented by the Texas A&M Great Issues Committee Tuesday night. He spoke at the National Aeronautics and Space Association's goal in space, and discussed the newly-proposed ideas of a space shuttle and a solar power plant.

Kraft graduated from Virginia Tech in 1944 with a bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering. Since 1945 he has been a member of NASA and has been involved with several projects in the fields of aerospace and aircraft design. In 1972 he assumed his present position as director of the Johnson Space Center.

Kraft said that the space shuttle has created an opportunity for the industrialization of space. He said in the zero-gravity environment of space many new products not manufacturable on Earth could be made.

The cost of the space solar power plant would be about \$85 billion for the first plant, said Kraft. The second would cost about one half of that amount and subsequent plants would cost even less.

Kraft also made the point that the plant would completely pay for itself and start to make a profit within a year after being finished.

"It is not a question of whether we can do these things, but is a question of when," said Kraft. He also said the demand of a solution to the energy problem will make the attention towards the solar energy power concept more acute.

Kraft said that engineers worked toward making a reusable aircraft while the process of developing the space shuttle. They came up with a totally reusable shuttle which is now being tested.

NASA makes the price more reasonable to start people thinking about the zero gravity environment of space, said Kraft.

Kraft also said the concept of the space solar plant is totally feasible. "It doesn't depend on some great technical advancement we aren't sure will happen. It can be done now," he said.

Kraft said there is more energy from the sun scattered and destroyed every day on the Earth than has ever been used. He said that through the space shuttle and ultimately the solar plants this energy can be captured and used. Kraft predicted that by the year 2000, solar plants could be supplying the world's energy needs.

Coleman submits 'innocent' plea; testimony continues today

By TERESA HUDDLESTON

Walter Joe Coleman Tuesday pleaded innocent in the 85 District Court murder trial of Lawrence T. Baugh. The trial began at 1:30 p.m.

Coleman, 19, is charged with murder in the Jan. 12, 1977, shooting death of Baugh. The victim was a lecturer in the English language Institute at Texas A&M University and a graduate student in the English department.

Testifying Tuesday were Officer Conrad Pauling and Lt. Leland Freeman, both of the Bryan Police Department. They told their stories before a six-man, six-woman jury.

Pauling told the court he was flagged down by a man on the corner of Villa Maria

and Cavitt Streets on the night of Jan. 13, 1977. He said the man admitted knowing someone who had confessed to killing Baugh and dumping him in a river.

Pauling said he and St. Freeman were directed to Coleman's apartment at 105 Davis St., Bryan, where they found Coleman and two other men.

According to Pauling's testimony, Coleman told police that the last time he saw Baugh was when Baugh gave him a ride home that afternoon.

The officers then went to Baugh's residence at 902-B Montclair St., College Station, Pauling said. He added that the lights were on but no one was home. The officers returned to Coleman's apartment.

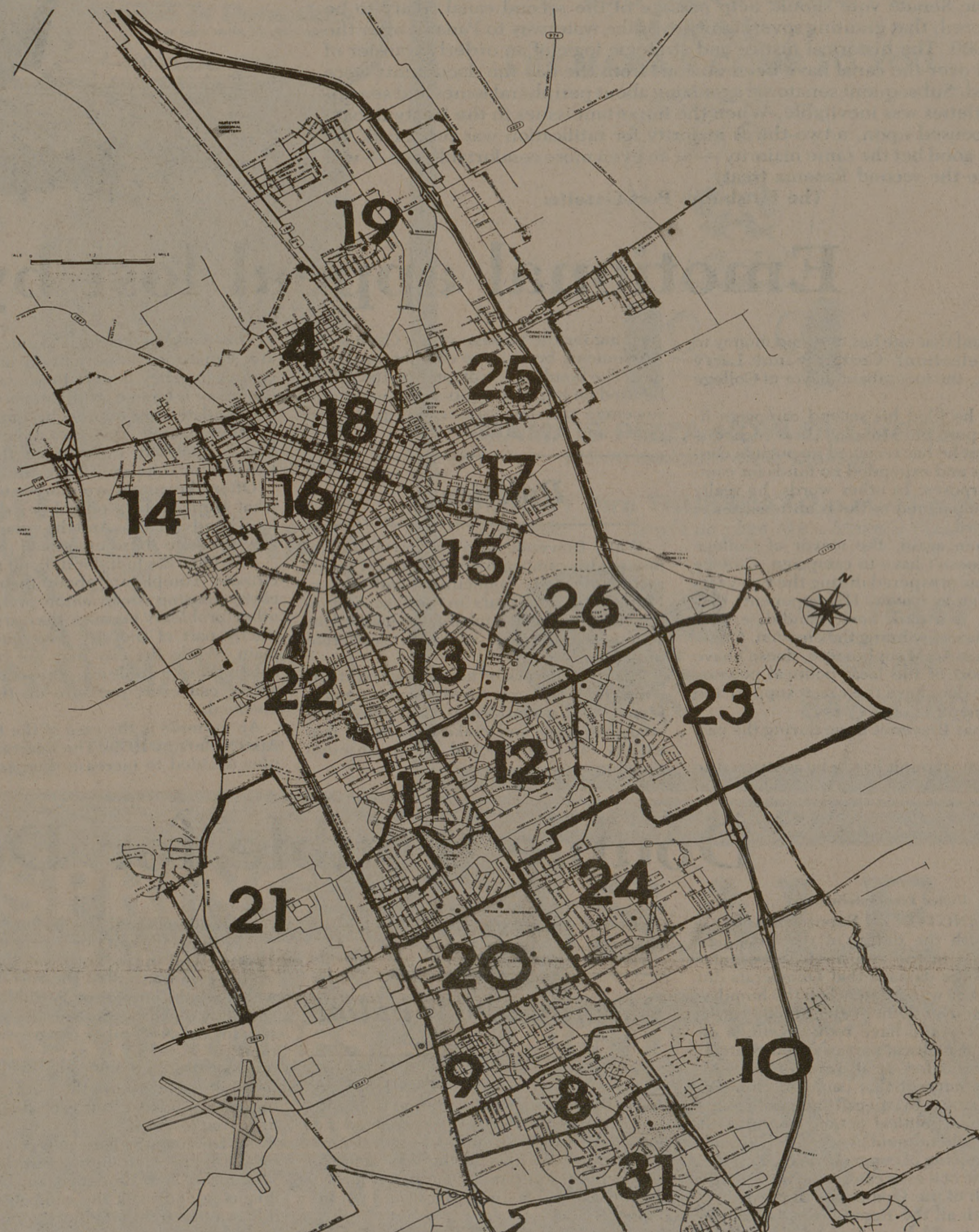
Pauling testified that Coleman said he

and Baugh fought over some money, and that Baugh had made a homosexual advance toward Coleman. Coleman then said he hit Baugh in the neck and left him unconscious, Pauling said.

Pauling said Coleman accompanied him to look for Baugh's car. After an unsuccessful search, Pauling said, he dropped Coleman off in the Skaggs-Albertson's parking lot where Coleman met some College Station policemen. Pauling said that was the last time he saw Coleman that night.

Freeman gave a similar account of the night's happenings.

Testimony was scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. today in district court, Judge John M. Barron Sr. presiding.



Battalion Election Section

Black dots on the above map denote polling places in Bryan-College Station for county elections.

PRECINCT NO.	POLLING PLACE	PRECINCT NO.	POLLING PLACE
4	Carver School	17	Travis Elementary School
8	South Knoll Elementary School	18	Bryan Central Fire Station
9	A&M Consolidated Special Services Bldg. 1300 Jersey St., Board Rm. College Station Fire Station	19	Bonham Elementary School
10	College Station Fire Station	20	Texas A&M University Center
11	Crockett Elementary School	21	College Station Municipal Building, 101 N. Church Ave.
12	Sul Ross Elementary School	22	Army Reserve Center, Carson Street
13	Henderson Elementary School	23	LBJ Elementary School
14	Ben Millan Elementary School	24	College Hills Elementary School
15	Fannin Elementary School	25	American Legion Hall
16	Bowie Elementary School	26	Bryan High School
		31	A&M Consolidated High

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O'Malley, Tyson selected

Publications editors named

By MICHELLE SCUDDER

Kim Tyson and Pat O'Malley were selected as Student Publications editors for 1978 by the Student Publications Board of Texas A&M University Tuesday night.

Tyson, Battalion campus editor, received the majority four votes and was appointed Battalion editor for summer and fall 1978.

O'Malley, Aggieland photo editor was unanimously elected Aggieland editor for 1978.

These appointments are subjected to approval by Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller.

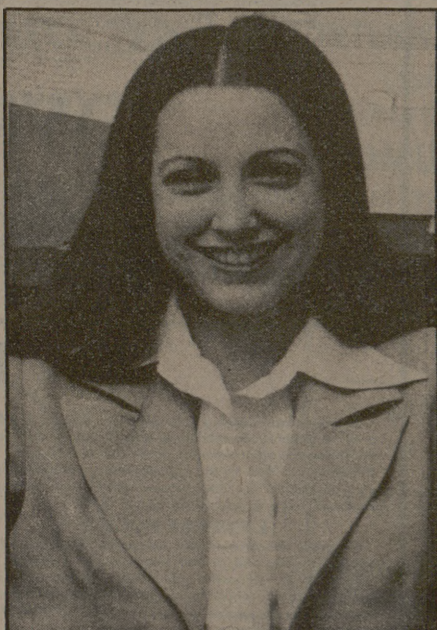
Tyson, a junior journalism major from Houston, was selected from three candidates. The two other candidates were: Rusty Crawley, junior journalism major from Bryan and former Battalion city editor, and Karen Rogers, Battalion city editor, and junior journalism major from Houston.

"The board was pleased with all the candidates; everyone said it was a difficult decision," Bob Rogers, student publications board chairman said.

O'Malley, a sophomore industrial distribution major from Houston said, "My experience here at Texas A&M has strictly been photography." He was selected as Aggieland outstanding photographer 1976-77.

Janice Weber, a freshman biology major from San Antonio also applied for Aggieland editor.

"I will try to produce a book that everyone will enjoy and one that will please



KIM TYSON



PAT O'MALLEY

everybody," O'Malley said. Tyson worked at the Houston Post last summer assisting editors and was in charge of the Focus page in the Battalion this year. She said, "I hope to see the creation of an entertainment and feature section in the Battalion." She said she would also like to see the sports' section cater to minor sports

with a specialized column. "We have a problem because we have a large number of our editors graduating and we will need to fill these places with good people," Tyson said. Editors were selected by the six voting members of the Board on the basis of applications and interview.

