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Come on, Rev, give me a kiss!

Greg Evetts, from mascot company, E-2, tries to get a kiss out of Reveille before he takes her into class. Danny Hill is the mascot corporal, and usually takes care of Reveille, but any sophomore

in the outfit can take her for a walk or take her to class. Evetts, a sophomore from Dallas, is about to take Rev to his history class.

Battalion photo by Debbie Parsons

Miller says budget is top challenge

By LIZ NEWLIN
Battalion Campus Editor

The biggest single challenge facing Texas A&M University is the 1978-79 operating budget, University President Jarvis Miller said in his "State of the University" address Thursday afternoon.

Sixteen faculty and staff members also were honored at the annual faculty meeting in Rudder Auditorium. They received distinguished achievement awards, the highest honor the University gives for excellence in teaching, research or administration.

Miller also presented citations to two faculty members who have been recognized by international scholarly societies.

Both Miller and Dr. J.M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs, said the budget is a primary concern.

"This budget is the tightest we have experienced in past years," Miller told the 800-plus audience. The Texas Legislature provided a net increase of \$43,635 out of a \$80 million budget, he said. Besides an increased enrollment, the University also must pay for higher staff salaries and inflation, he said.

Allocation of budget funds must be approved by the Texas A&M Board of Regents, probably at its June meeting, Miller said his proposed budget, which has not been made public, includes small increases in most departments.

Original research, however, has been cut by 50 percent. Miller said the Available Fund will be used to help finance small increases in faculty salaries, library allocations and departmental operating funds. The Available Fund is generally used for new construction or special enrichment programs.

Miller said he was forced to dip into the fund to meet his budget demands. Texas A&M and the University of Texas share the special fund, which is protected by the state constitution.

"The state of higher education in general is one of concern to us," Miller said. Many people doubt the worth of universi-

ties, he said, especially taxpayers and legislators.

Prescott also said in his "State of the University" address that the Texas Legislature suspects that professors are not teaching enough.

"The public concern is that the vast majority of us don't work very hard," he told the faculty. Universities should try to work to dispel this feeling, he said, or "at least dent it."

Both men expressed concern over the image of universities in general, but they said Texas A&M in particular has an excellent reputation.

"We are riding the crest of respect we have not experienced in recent years," Miller said. He added that Texas A&M is "attracting the very best of students." Miller said the University has more National Merit Scholars than any public school in Texas with 177 enrolled for next fall. By comparison, Miller said, the University of Texas has 72 and Texas Tech has 42.

Miller said his priorities for the University are increasing faculty size and salary, departmental operating funds, organized research funds and securing capital to re-equip the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Both Miller and Prescott said their first nine months in office were "interesting." "I've had much to learn this year," the president said, noting that 9 months and 6 days ago he was accepted for the job.

Miller and Prescott presented the awards along with Harvey Cash, president of the Association of Former Students, and Buck Weirus, executive secretary of the association.

Mike Humphrey, student body president, introduced other student leaders on the stage and praised the faculty award winners. Personal care that teachers give students, he said, "makes A&M the unique school it is."

Miller also presented citations to two faculty members who received "unusually significant" honors this year.

Ira Scott, distinguished professor of chemistry, was recently made a fellow of

the Royal Society, an ancient scholarly society.

Robert Stewart, distinguished professor in agricultural engineering, was elected to the National Academy of Engineering. He is the first Texas A&M faculty member to be selected for the society.

Fourteen were honored by the alumni association with distinguished achievement awards. Each received \$1,000, a commemorative watch and a plaque. Two additional teaching awards of \$1,000 were funded by the Amoco Foundation.

Texas A&M has presented 250 awards since the program was initiated by the alumni in 1955.

Awards for teaching went to W. H. Baschis, associate professor of physics; Manuel Davenport, professor of philosophy; Billy Glen Foster, associate professor of biology; Wulf Koepke, professor of modern languages; Lee L. Lowery Jr., professor of civil engineering, and James Smallwood, associate professor of veterinary anatomy.

Research awards were presented to Choo-Seng Giam, professor of chemistry; George Carter, distinguished professor of geography, and Richard Schapery, professor of civil engineering.

Awards for individual student relationships went to Garland Bayliss, associate professor of history, and George Huebner, professor of meteorology.

Frank W.R. Hubert, dean of education, was presented the administration-staff award. Robert I. Berridge, associate professor of educational administration, and R. J. Hodges Jr., project leader in crops, and agronomist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, won the extension and continuing education awards.

Amoco awards for outstanding teaching were presented to Jay P. Crimes, assistant professor of agricultural education, and Haile Perry, associate professor of mathematics.

Recipients of the awards were determined by a selection committee composed of faculty, students and former students.

His campaign most expensive

Briscoe claims no new taxes

United Press International
AUSTIN — Gov. Dolph Briscoe, twice elected governor of Texas on a platform of fiscal conservatism, is waging the most expensive primary campaign in the nation's history against four Democratic challengers.

Briscoe hopes to extend his tenure in office to an unprecedented 10 years.

The South Texas rancher and banker based his campaign for a third term on a familiar theme — no new state taxes.

He used similar slogans in 1972 and in 1974, when he won the first four-year term in Texas history.

Briscoe is challenged by Attorney John Hill, who has the backing of the 137,000-

member Texas State Teachers Association and most of the state's liberals.

Briscoe's campaign already has cost more than \$3 million, while Hill reported he had spent \$1.4 million, with a week remaining before Saturday's primary. Former Gov. Preston Smith also is in the race, but is given little chance of doing more than perhaps forcing a runoff between Hill and Briscoe.

The winner of the Democratic nomination will face a challenge in November from the Republican nominee — either former Deputy Secretary of Defense Bill Clements or one-time state GOP Chairman Ray Hutchison, both of Dallas.

The other race attracting the most attention among the 1.8 million Texans expected to vote Saturday is a Democratic primary contest between Rep. Bob Krueger, D-Texas, and former State Insurance Board chairman Joe Christie for

the party's nomination for the U.S. Senate.

The winner of that race will face Sen. John G. Tower, R-Texas, the man who replaced Lyndon B. Johnson and the first Texas Republican in the Senate, in November.

Five of the state's most influential congressmen are retiring this year, creating scrambles in various sections of Texas for their successors.

Those retiring include Reps. George H. Mahon, Olin E. Teague, W.R. Poage, Omar Burlison and Barbara Jordan.

Mahon, Teague, Poage and Burlison represent a collective total of 15 years of seniority Texas will lose in Congress in 1979.

Jordan became a national figure for her role in the Nixon impeachment hearings, although she was serving only her third term in Congress.

Ag services office will not be moved

Reagan Brown, Texas Agriculture Commissioner, said Thursday that the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Services will not be moved from its present location in College Station. Brown spoke at a reception Wednesday at the Ramada Inn in College Station.

"Unless it's a direct order from Washington, it won't be moved," said Brown. "To move that office with all the laws it has to administer would be a tragedy."

A spokesman for the U.S. Department of Agriculture said last week that the office may be moved to a new location, possibly in Temple, Texas.

Brown said three of five ASCS committee members have assured him the state headquarters will not be moved. However, the final decision will be made in Washington.

Brown said he has contacted U.S. Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland, who will make the final decision to move the office. Brown has also contacted Bobby Smith, assistant to President Carter, about the proposed move and denied charges from Joe Hubenak, his Democratic opponent in Saturday's primary, that he has not been an active spokesman for the Texas farmer.

Brown said Texas faces a crucial time in agriculture. "We're the number three

state in agriculture," he said. He added that Washington would not make a decision without first checking with Texas officials.

Brown said Bergland is a "good friend of mine." He said he cannot discuss his conversations with Bergland but stressed that the ASCS will not be moved.

Brown called Hubenak "the biggest fraud." He added that Hubenak has a poor record as agriculture committee chairman in the Texas House of Representatives. For example, said Brown, during the 10 years Hubenak has been in the Legislature, Texas has lost one-third of its farmers.

Brown also denied charges that he failed to support a bill to tax agricultural land on its productivity rather than its market value. "He (Hubenak) is in the Legislature, I'm not," he said.

Brown called Hubenak's charges a "slam to hundreds of public employees of the state." He added that he is proud of the agriculture department employees who have aided his campaign on their own time.

Brown said he expects to win in the Democratic Primary this Saturday with 70 percent of the vote. Brown is opposed by Don Sewell and Joe Hubenak.

Kidnap suspects held

United Press International
HUNTINGDON, Tenn. — The three men accused of kidnapping Jodie Elizabeth Gaines were ordered held without bond Thursday at a hearing attended by the victim's father and brother.

Two of the three — brothers Harvey Douglas Dixon, 19, and William Andrew Dixon, 22 — told General Sessions Judge J. Walton West that they couldn't afford an attorney.

The other suspect, David Michael Wilson, 24, said he would try to obtain an attorney on his own.

West agreed with District Attorney General John L. Williams' argument that it was in the "public interest" to deny them bond.

Ben Gaines, the owner of a furniture plant here, and his son, Ben Jr., were among spectators at the hearing. They sat with heads bowed and the elder Gaines once appeared to be brushing tears from his eyes.

"It's terrible for young kids to get into a thing like that," Gaines whispered to his son at one point.



Battalion photo by Jeannie Atzenhoffer

Time to crash

It's definitely "dead week" as this resident of Hughes Hall takes full advantage of the situation. Caught in the snooze is Margo Martens, freshman building construction major.

Flood damage at \$30 million

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — Thirteen billion gallons of rain, overtaking even the city's most sophisticated pumps, prevented Jefferson Parish children from returning to school and clean-up crews assessed an estimated \$30 million in property damages from the city's worst flood in 51 years.

Six persons died in weather-related accidents. Four persons were believed drowned, one man died of a heart attack en route to a hospital in a pirogue, and another was electrocuted while standing in knee-deep water when he touched a metal traffic sign apparently grounded to an exposed wire.

Police divers Thursday evening recovered the body of a 12-year-old boy who was sucked beneath rising flood waters near a busy four-lane drive on the West Bank of the Mississippi River.

Jefferson Parish officials called off public and private school until Monday because several buildings sustained extensive flood damage. Maintenance personnel was to report during the weekend to begin the clean-up.

A total of 10.5 inches of rain fell in the 24-hour period Wednesday, with 6.6 inches of rain accumulating within three hours, making the downpour the heaviest in city history for that time period. The torrents swelled in some spots to 5 feet on

some roads and chased thousands of residents from their homes.

Red Cross officials said there were several families who spent Thursday night at a shelter in Marrero, La., because they could not clean their houses enough to sleep in them. But water has receded in most areas, officials said.

"As long ago as 1970 and 1972 we went to the public, explaining the inadequacy of the drainage system and seeking funds to correct the situation," Stuart H. Brehm, executive director of the Sewerage and Water Board, said Thursday.

One pump — installed in 1927 and never replaced — caught fire and another broke a blade, hampering drainage efforts. Brehm said the pump would be out of service for at least two months.

The city drainage system handled 3 billion gallons of water in an 11-hour period, nearly twice the amount the system was designed to handle.

Police tow trucks removed automobiles stalled in city streets, and motorists cautiously restarted wet engines and drove their cars back home.

Mayor Ernest Morial said the city would be eligible for low-cost federal disaster loans.

"I sympathize very much with individuals who suffered damage and had their lives disrupted," Morial said. "I can sympathize because I was a victim of Hurricane Betsy in 1965."

Eight race for 'Jordan' district

By JAMES L. OVERTON
United Press International
HOUSTON — Barbara Jordan's surprise decision to remove herself — at least temporarily — from national politics sent eight candidates scrambling for the congressional district seat created especially for her six years ago.

Seven Democrats and an independent have filed in the primary race for the 18th Congressional District, an area populated ironically with this boom town's poorest black wards and the affluent manicured estates of posh River Oaks.

Two state representatives, Mickey Leland, a 1960s student activist turned stylish liberal, and Anthony Hall, supported by two black ministers' associations, declined to seek reelection to run

for the seat. Both are 33. City Councilman Judson Robinson, 44, although lacking in major endorsements, has considerable name recognition and has been active on the council for seven years. They are considered the frontrunners in the race, which has only one white candidate.

The other candidates are Harrel Tillman, an attorney and former municipal court judge; Nathaniel West and Al Vera, who are both teachers, and Booker T. Bonner, the independent.

Jack Linville, 32, the lone white candidate, is an expert in urban renewal with no previous political experience. He expects to make a runoff simply because the district has slightly more more white voters than black.