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## Facilities dept. director retires

In 1967, the completion of the largest cyclotron in the Southwest at Texas A&M University generated a new concept in construction for the campus. The position of facilities planning and construction director was born. Twelve years and 39 buildings later, J.O. Adams has retired from that position.

"They were having all sorts of problems with it (cyclotron) and needed some help," J. O. Adams recalled as he leaned back in his chair. "You'd have a hard time convincing me that wasn't the reason I was hired."

Adams reflected that Gen. Earl Rudder (late president of Texas A&M) had "got me down here, told me A&M had a lot of construction projects in the works and talked me into coming to work for the University."

In his years of service, the Porum, Okla., native has overseen most of the major construction projects on the Texas A&M, Prairie View A&M, Moody College and Tarleton State campuses.

"I guess I've seen close to \$400 million in construction go up on those four campuses," the one-time Dow Chemical engineer related. "I've seen some pretty buildings go up, but it hasn't all been placid."

"My first few years were pretty hectic," Adams continued. "I guess the most hectic of all was when the Memorial Student Center was built."

"That little project took about four years to complete," he said.

"And a lot of things were changed from the time it was designed and bid on until the day it was completed. It's a gorgeous complex, but I was really pleased to have it finished."

The MSC complex is only one of 19 major buildings on the Texas A&M campus the engineer was involved with. During his tenure, Langford Architecture Center, Rudder Center, C. E. "Pat" Olsen Baseball Field and the Zachry Engineering Center also were constructed.

"One project that sticks out in my mind, however, was the Kyle Field renovation that was going on when I came here," Adams said. "The Aggies had a game with Southern Methodist University and we really had to speed up the project to have it completed by game time."

"We accelerated our work schedule and did the best we could," he added. "But, we still had to rope off part of the stadium when the game began because it wasn't completed. I hope the same thing doesn't happen to the new director on the current stadium addition."

While the retiring director has no concrete plans for his future, he is sure of one thing.

"I plan to be out on that golf course every afternoon — weather permitting. I've been playing that game for almost 40 years now and still enjoy it. I just haven't improved my game much, and I figure it's time to start."

## Carter vows no wage, price controls for now

WASHINGTON — President Carter says he is "philosophically opposed" to wage and price controls and will not impose them — short of a national emergency — although he believes most Americans would prefer it.

In an interview with the International Labor Press Association, released for Labor Day, Carter was asked about inflation and replied:

"Whatever we might do in the future, it would be short of mandatory wage and price controls."

"I would guess that a majority of the American people would prefer

to have mandatory wage and price controls. I am philosophically opposed to it and would not impose such controls unless our nation faces a very serious emergency or crisis."

He said the "only way of dealing with inflation is by very tough management of government" — getting control of the bureaucracy — and support of business and labor.

Carter also told the interviewers he believes Congress prefers his phased approach to national health insurance, rather than Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's comprehensive plan.

Some critics, including labor leaders, say Carter's health plan falls far short of his promises, and they back Kennedy's universal program developed over the past 10 years.

Carter, who criticized the unions for not pushing hard enough for his hospital-cost containment bill, said he is "strongly in favor" of a comprehensive and universal health-insurance program.

But he feels "it can only be passed if the Congress and the American public (are) convinced it can work, that it can be administered, that it will have a net saving for a given level of health care compared to what they presently have and that overall costs can be controlled."

## what's up?

Tuesday

**CLASSIC FILM:** Alec Guinness and William Holden star in "The Bridge on the River Kwai," about a British POW commander who, with a dilemma: his troops need a task to occupy their time, build the bridge would aid the enemy. This movie will be shown at 7 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

**TAMU AQUATIONS:** New members are invited to come and see the skills of synchronized swimming at 7:00 at the indoor swimming pool.

**CLASS OF '81:** The first class of '81 council meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in room 226 of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the class council should attend.

**RACQUETBALL CLUB:** Anyone interested in joining the racquetball club should meet in room 510 of Rudder Tower at 7:00 p.m.

**AG ECONOMICS:** The Ag Eco club will meet in room 112 of the Oceanography and Meteorology building at 7:30 p.m.

**BICYCLE CLUB:** The A&M Wheelmen Bicycle Club is inviting area cyclists to attend the fall semester's first meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the fifth floor of the Rudder Tower. Discussions will center on schedules, tours, races and campouts.

**FITNESS CLASSES:** Adult fitness classes for faculty and staff members of the university will meet daily, Monday through Thursday, from noon to 12:45 in room 255 of G. Rollie White Coliseum. The class will emphasize aerobic exercises to improve cardiovascular efficiency. Registration is every day this week in room 255 of G. Rollie White Coliseum at noon.

**SOPHOMORE CLASS COUNCIL:** Any sophomore is invited to become a member of the sophomore class council by attending the first meeting at 7:30 p.m. in room 226 of the Memorial Student Center.

Wednesday

**SOCIAL DANCE CLUB:** There will be a Social Dance Club meeting at room 266 in G. Rollie White Coliseum from 7:00-10:00 p.m.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT:** Applications for freshman student government aids will be taken today. Anyone is urged to apply.

**DANCE ARTS SOCIETY:** The Dance Arts Society is now offering Men's Movement Class for guys interested in limbering up and learning the basic moves of dance. The class begins September 11 and will be held on Monday nights from 8 to 8:30. The registration meeting will be held today in Room 267 of G. Rollie White Coliseum at 7:30 p.m.

**AG COMMUNICATORS OF TOMORROW:** All Ag-Journalism majors are welcome to come to the Ag Communicators of Tomorrow meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Journalism Library on the third floor of Reed McDonald.

**ACCOUNTING SOCIETY:** The accounting society will meet at 7 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

**ANTHROPOLOGY CLUB:** The Anthropology club will meet at 7 p.m. in room 303, Bolton Hall. Dr. Harry Shafer will present a show from the summer field school in Mimbres Valley, New Mexico.

Thursday

**WATER SKI CLUB:** There will be a water ski club meeting tonight at 7:00 in room 224 of the Memorial Student Center. New members are urged to attend.

**OPA RUSH:** A&M's service sorority, OPA, invites all prospective pledges to come and find out what OPA has to offer at 6:30 p.m. in room 145 of the Memorial Student Center.

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