

# Senate confirms 2 new A&M regents

## Wisembaker: No handbook

## Moser elated by appointment

Editor's note: The Texas Senate confirmed Texas A&M's new regents Wednesday. This interview took place Saturday, the day after the then-prospective regent was told of his appointment.

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Royce Wisembaker

TYLER — The regent's job at Texas A&M University comes with a free room in the Memorial Student Center and good hall tickets, but no instruction book. Royce Wisembaker, one of former Gov. Briscoe's new appointees, doesn't think he needs one.

"I think if anybody's prepared, I am," the 61-year-old engineer said.

A 1939 graduate of Texas A&M in agricultural engineering, Wisembaker was president of the Association of Former Students in 1966-67 and served on the board of directors for four years before that. He also was president in 1968-69 of the Aggie Club. He is the only man to be held both posts.

The Aggie Club works to provide scholarship money for athletes while the Association of Former Students works for the general improvement of the University.

"There is a jealousy between them that shouldn't be there," he said. "Football is good advertising for A&M — especially when we win."

Since then, he has been a member of the University's Research Foundation and is on the mailing lists of several departments, he said.

He has been a counselor for the Research Foundation since 1973. The 100 counselors are similar to a company's

stockholders — promoters of the product (research) and "eyes and ears" for the firm.

Wisembaker was reluctant to set definite goals for his six-year term.

"I'll take these problems as they come," he allowed.

But, later in the interview, he did say he wanted one thing changed — the University's married student housing south of campus.

He said the barracks were meant to be "short-lived military buildings." Instead, students have lived in them since after World War II.

Now, however, the University is tearing them down at the rate of four per year, said Ken Nicolas, manager of the Married Students Apartments.

He agreed with Wisembaker, who said the buildings were a fire hazard.

University systems architect Robert S. Boyce said the University will release bids next month for new apartments.

"We hope to be able to afford 80 apartments," he said, to be built between Avenues A and B in the old College View area. The regents are scheduled to act on the bids at their March meeting.

Wisembaker also said he believes there is an increasing need for University research.

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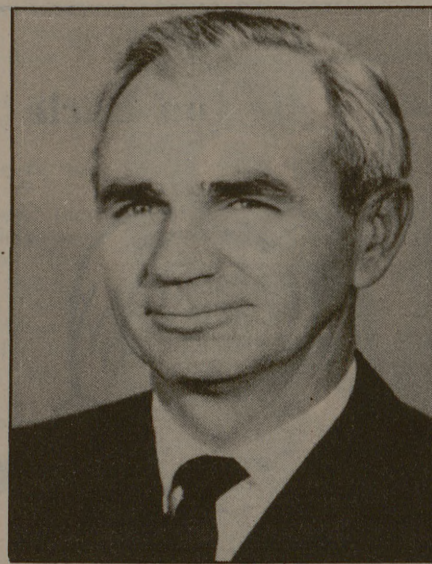
It "came as a complete surprise" to Norman N. Moser when then-Gov. Dolph Briscoe called him Friday with news of his appointment to the Texas A&M System Board of Regents.

Moser, a banker and rancher from DeKalb, and Royce E. Wisembaker of Tyler were chosen by the lame-duck governor to succeed retiring regents Richard A. Goodson and Mrs. Wilmer Smith.

Although Moser says the appointment was a surprise, he and Briscoe are longtime friends. The two men served together as directors on the National Agricultural Research Advisory Committee, in the Department of Agriculture, during the sixties.

But Moser says that he was more closely acquainted with Briscoe when the two later served on the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, of which Moser was president. Briscoe also followed Moser as chairman of the National Livestock and Meat Board.

When asked what he considers his main responsibility as a regent, Moser said he "knows in general" what his responsibilities are. However, he said he is not



Norman N. Moser

acquainted with the policies of the current board.

Moser's only interaction with the last

Board of Regents was as a director of the Texas A&M Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise. He was serving in this capacity until his appointment to the board, and he has stepped down from the post.

Moser is the president of the State Bank of DeKalb in northeast Texas and has been, and still is a member of various other boards and associations relating to business or agriculture. He is a 1937 graduate of Texas A&M and said that both his father and his son are graduates of A&M. Moser himself received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1971.

Although having been associated with many other boards, Moser is elated about being chosen as a regent.

"I can't think of any other position I would rather have than as a regent at Texas A&M," Moser said.

Moser begins his first six-year term next week when he will be officially inducted. The regents will hold their first meeting with the new members on Monday. Chairman Clyde Wells, who has served on the board since 1961 was re-confirmed by the senate Wednesday.

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## Ags beat top Hogs

Rudy Woods scored 20 points Wednesday night in the Aggies' 74-69 victory over the Arkansas Razorbacks, who are ranked 11th and 13th nationally. See stories on pages 9 and 11.



## Cain may violate new NCAA rule

By ANDY WILLIAMS  
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Texas A&M University officials say their school is in compliance with a new NCAA regulation concerning athletic dorms; NCAA officials say they simply don't know if it is or not.

"It's a new rule to us, and it will probably be going to the NCAA council for interpretation," said David Berst, director of enforcement for the NCAA, in a telephone interview Wednesday.

In a convention in San Francisco last week, the National Collegiate Athletic Administration prohibited "material benefits for athletes connected with on-campus or off-campus student housing if such benefits are not available on the same basis to students in general."

Among other things, the ruling, which will be effective Aug. 1, specifically mentioned room furnishings and appointments of special quality.

"This is a question of not only economizing but equalizing in athletics," said John Wofford, athletic director at the University of Connecticut and a member of the NCAA Council, in a phone interview Wednesday.

He said the move was made in an attempt to keep large universities from having an "unfair" advantage over small schools.

Dr. Charles Samson, chairman of Texas A&M's athletic council, says he thinks Texas A&M's Wofford Cain Hall will not be affected by the decision.

"We talked with Walter Byers of the NCAA, and based on our description, he didn't think we were in violation," Samson said. Byers is the chief executive of the NCAA.

Marvin Tate, acting athletic director, talked to Byers last week. He has been noted as having told Byers, "We have no private televisions or stereo sets for student-athletes, no private recreational services that the other dorms on campus of comparable age and design don't have. ... We have our own dining hall and so do Krueger and Dunn Halls."

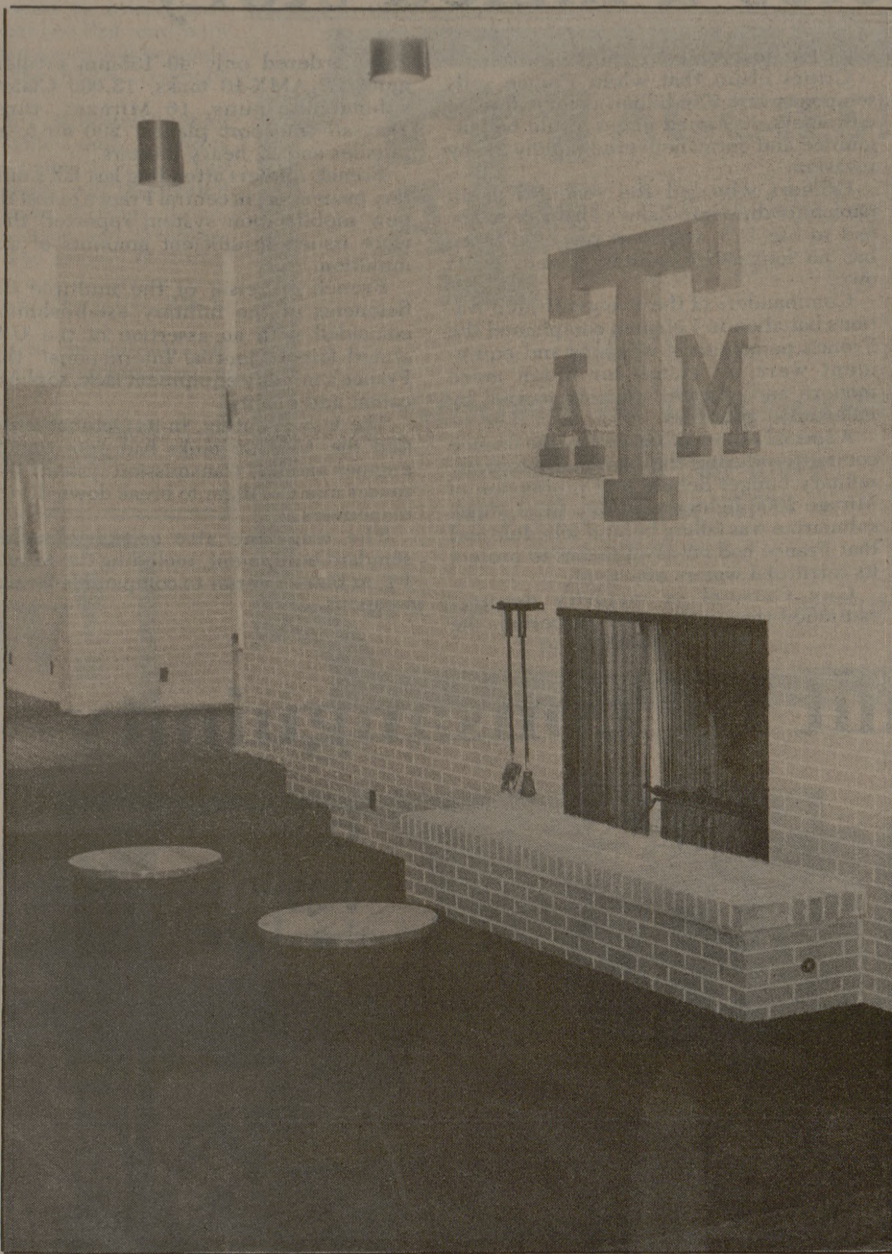
"As for having other students live in Cain Hall, we do. All our athletic trainers live in the athletic dorm and they are not scholarship athletes by any means. After I had explained this to Byers, he told me he didn't think we had anything to worry about. We're confident we're within the proper limits."

Among Cain Hall's differences are:

- A dining hall operated independent of the University's Food Services division. It usually includes steak twice a week and roast beef three times.
- Rooms that measure 18 feet by 16 feet, the largest on campus. Rooms in the Commons (Krueger, Dunn, Mosher and Aston Halls) measure 12 feet 11 inches by 12 feet 6 inches or 16 feet 11 inches by 9 feet 11 inches. Rent in the Commons is the most expensive on campus; they are the newest dorms.
- A basement containing a training room with a whirlpool, two rubbing tables and other therapeutic equipment; it also holds a weight room.
- Two speakers and a control panel for piped-in music in each room.
- Classrooms in which tutors instruct study halls in the evenings.
- Seven-foot-long beds.
- A sunken lounge with a fireplace.

Berst, the NCAA's director of enforcement, said there will be several possible remedies required of schools found in violation of the NCAA rule.

"The furnishings might have to be adjusted downward, or those of all the other dorms would have to be adjusted upward. If neither of those is practical, there would have to be made some adjustment which would bring about a mixture of athletes and other students," Berst said.



The facilities at Wofford Cain Hall may soon come under investigation by the NCAA. A new regulation requires athletic housing to be comparable to the general campus standard. Above is the lounge at Cain Hall. Below is the basement training room, which includes a whirlpool.

Battalion photos by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

## Shah departs; violence arrives

United Press International

TEHRAN, Iran — Troops fired on demonstrators celebrating the departure of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi Wednesday, killing at least 24 people in a sudden burst of violence in three Iranian towns.

Scores of others were wounded in a violent climax to the nationwide celebration that erupted after the shah left for Egypt, reportedly en route to exile in the United States.

Troops opened fire on demonstrators in southern city of Ahvaz, killing at least 12 persons. Another 12 demonstrators were shot dead by troops in two other towns.

Witnesses in Ahvaz said scores of soldiers spilled out of the military base of Iranian army's 92nd armored division and started shooting indiscriminately at the demonstrators in the streets.

The shooting broke out after the shah's farewell message was read out to the troops early Wednesday.

Iran's chief of staff, Gen. Abbas Qarabaghi, explaining the shooting, said soldiers became emotional upon hearing the message and "expressed their emotions in the street." He denied that the incident was a mutiny.

Iranian newspapers reported that scores of people were hit by machinegun fire from tanks, armored cars and jeeps that raced through the city creating terror and shooting at random.

Gen. Qarabaghi, however, said the troops fired into the air. The shooting followed nightlong celebrations in Ahvaz in

which demonstrators pulled down or demolished all the statues of the shah and his father and monuments to his 38-year reign.

The chief of staff charged the anti-shah demonstrators shouted inflammatory slogans at the troops all night long, provoking strong feelings among the soldiers.

Shootings in two other towns — Ilam and Arak, southwest of Tehran — appeared to be in retaliation for Tuesday's antishah demonstrations in which some soldiers also took part.

Reports from Arak, said SAVAK secret police agents joined troops and police in firing on the demonstrators.

In the Iranian earthquake that struck three northeastern villages within minutes of the shah's departure Tuesday, the death toll grew. Iranian newspapers said the quake has killed more than 1,000 persons and injured at least 1,000 others.

In towns across the country, statues of the shah were pulled down and replaced with photographs of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the shah's archenemy who is considering a return to Iran after a 15-year exile.

In France, Khomeini called on all Iranians, including the military, to rally to his forces, and demanded that all ministers of the civilian government resign. The Moslem leader said the shah in fact was already "deposed," and an aide said a provisional government may be announced within 48 hours.

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## Jordan says she's OK, not terminally ill

United Press International

AUSTIN — Barbara Jordan, the first black woman from the South to be elected to Congress, says she walks with a limp because of damaged knee cartilage — not an incurable bone disease.

Jordan, a renown orator who received nationwide acclaim for her strong speech on the U.S. Constitution during House Judiciary Committee hearings on the impeachment of former President Richard Nixon, retired from Congress earlier this month. She said she did not retire for medical reasons.

The Dallas Morning News Wednesday

reported sources in Washington and Austin as saying Jordan is suffering from multiple myeloma, an incurable bone disease.

Friends who have seen Jordan in recent weeks reported she had difficulty walking and had to be assisted from her chair and onto the stage at one dinner.

"It is true that I walk with a limp and use a cane," Jordan said Wednesday. "This is a medical difficulty, but I do not suffer from any terminal illness."

Jordan, who now lives in Austin, made no mention of the disease in a brief statement read by her secretary in response to reporters' inquiries.

## Doctors find more cancer

### Wayne recuperating

United Press International

LOS ANGELES — Doctors disclosed Wednesday that the cancer in John Wayne's stomach also had been detected in gastric lymph nodes which were removed during last week's surgery and there was "a probability that it will spread."

A statement by UCLA Medical Center said the final pathological report "disclosed evidence of microscopic metastasis in the gastric lymph nodes that were removed from his stomach."

Bernard Strohm, associate hospital administrator, said there was "a probability that it (the cancer) will spread."

Asked if he could say anything to reassure persons concerned about Wayne's recovery, Strohm said, "I wish I could."

"Cancer is the type of disease that just doesn't give that option. There is concern naturally. Anytime you see this type of

analysis on other than the tissue removed it has concern."

The hospital statement said the 71-year-old actor's progress in recuperating from his surgery was "satisfactory" and the pathological finding "will not alter the original plan for Wayne's further care and treatment."

The lymph node cancer was not detected at the time of operation or upon the initial pathological examination, the hospital statement said.

Wayne entered the hospital last week and on Friday underwent surgery for removal of his gall bladder, an operation that was expected to take less than two hours.

But surgeons found that his stomach was cancerous and the surgery went on for nine hours during which his stomach was removed and a smaller stomach was fashioned from intestine tissue.

