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2 A&M profs get emeritus status, retire

Two retiring professors have been granted emeritus status at Texas A&M University for their "long and distinguished service."

Jack Dabbs and Coleman Loyd will receive emeritus effective Feb. 1. This action was approved Tuesday by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents upon recommendation of President Jarvis E. Miller and Dr. J.M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs.

Dabbs, who retires this month, had been a member of the modern languages faculty since 1950 and served as department head from 1964 until 1973. Prescott said that in 1960 Dabbs participated in a Ford Foundation grant to study the Bengali language, a project which resulted in publication of various grammars and dictionaries. He received the University's Distinguished Achievement Award in Research in 1974.

Loyd, also retiring this month, has served on the physics faculty since 1952. His career included directing and coordinating National Science Foundation teaching programs on the Texas A&M campus.



Barren soil marks the spot where a row of juniper shrubs once grew in front of the Administration Building. The grounds maintenance department may plant flowering trees there later.

Shrubs removed from sidewalks

By RUSTY McDONALD
Battalion Reporter

The grounds in front of the System Administration Building getting a face-lift.

Eugene H. Ray, director of the grounds maintenance department at Texas A&M University, said that the juniper shrubbery outlining the sidewalk from the street to the front of the building was removed.

Ray said old age, constant pruning and a buildup of turf around roots were slowly killing the shrubs. They were planted in the early '50s.

"With these kinds of maintenance problems, Ray said, the shrubs will not be replanted in this area." He added that the shrubbery will still be used to screen parking areas around campus.

The two semi-circles of shrubbery located between the street and the system building will be kept if they are still in good condition, Ray said.

The removal of the shrubs from the front of the building has opened an area which Ray said the department wants to enhance by planting some varieties of flowering trees, such as flowering pear, crepe myrtle, flowering crab apple and pistachio for fall color. But these plants will not occur until next year, he added.

Ray said that the calendulas that spell out ATM in front of the System Building have been damaged by freezing temperatures. The department plans to plant some broad-leaf evergreens, such as dwarfed around the calendula bed to form a low green border.

Ray said he could not give a definite time when the work in the area would be completed since it depends on manpower and the weather.

The grounds around the Forestry Sciences Building Shrub area on West campus area are also being worked on by the grounds maintenance department.

The Forestry Sciences Building area has received an irrigation system and some young trees have been planted, Ray said.

"We are also working on putting in ground cover at the north side of the building," Ray said. "The west campus area is about 75 percent finished."

Ray also said an irrigation system will be installed around the Forestry Sciences Building this summer.

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Surprise to Solomon
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WASHINGTON — Help Wanted: Sior official to sit in one of the hottest seats in Washington. Qualifications: Talent as a businessman, investigator and policeman. Pay: \$52,500.

President Carter isn't advertising, but he's in the market for someone to replace Jay Solomon as head of the scandal-ridden General Services Administration.

No one — including, apparently, Jay Solomon — knows quite why. Solomon was Carter's own choice to take over and clean up the GSA.

White House press secretary, Jody Powell, said Solomon's impending departure after 20 months on the job has nothing to do with the burgeoning investigation of corruption at the government's purchasing agency he heads.

"We've started making tentative arrangements about finding a replacement," said Powell, telling reporters the 57-year-old Chattanooga, Tenn., real estate developer "mentioned several months ago that he would like to leave sometime around the first of the year."

"That was at his initiation, not the president's," the press secretary said.

But the sequence of events Monday indicated Solomon was caught off guard by the development.

The Washington Post first reported the imminent dismissal Sunday, and indicated Solomon apparently had been unaware it was happening.

"Maybe I've been going too fast, too hard," it quoted Solomon as saying. "Maybe I've been getting too close to the truth — but what that truth is, I don't know."

Solomon met with Carter Monday morning and the White House later said he "has had, and continues to have, the president's complete confidence and support in running GSA," but that the search for a replacement had begun.

A few hours later, Solomon said, during his meeting at the White House, Carter reassured him he "completely supported me, and appreciates what we have accomplished in the investigations at GSA."

"And when I do leave, it will be at a time and in a manner of my own

choosing," Solomon said.

Later in the afternoon, press spokesman said Solomon remains on the job until the transition probe is on a "firm footing" that he probably will quit

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Horseshoe Doubles	Tuesday, February 6 5:00 p.m.
Tennis Doubles	Tuesday, February 13 5:00 p.m.

Whale caught in net saved by lifeguards

LOS ANGELES — A thing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation was not needed to rescue a fourth whale.

Whale watchers aboard a boat near Los Angeles Harbor on Monday rescued a giant pilot whale that had become entangled in a fishing net.

The Life Guard Emergency team at Cabrillo Beach was alerted by a lifeguard Lt. John Lorentzen of the "Baywatch" team.

The lifeguards found the whale trapped in a fishing net, and about to go under.

Crew member Shelly Lorentzen said the whale was cut into the sea and cut the net.

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