

# Approved addition will prevent shortcuts through the library

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Upon the completion of the new library addition, students will no longer be able to cut through the building en route to their classes, nor anywhere else, for that matter.

The present entrances to the Sterling Evans Library on the north and south sides of the building will be converted into a wall of windows. The main, and only, entrance to the entire library complex, including Cushing, and the new addition, will be on the east end of the addition near the sculpture building.

The move into the new addition, originally scheduled to begin during spring break, is now set to begin in May. The present Evans building will be closed for remodeling during the move and library activities will take up the new addition.

The final plans for the addition were approved by the Board of Regents in May 1977. Its estimated cost is \$12 million. The figure included all construction costs, architectural fees, movable equipment, security and fire alarms, landscaping.

Charles Smith, project coordinator of

the library addition, said there were two main reasons for deciding upon the one entrance. He said having one entrance would improve security, allowing for the library to closely monitor books that are carried out. Smith also said that closing the two present entrances will do away with the need for door checkers. An electronic system is being installed at the new entrance at a cost of \$18,700, Smith said. He added that the system will pay for itself in about a year, based on door checkers' salaries.

Smith said students cutting through the library "was not a major reason" for closing the entrances.

One librarian, who wished not to be identified, is against blocking in the two entrances. He said the library is moving "away from the classroom complex," the area around the Academic Building, by forcing students and faculty to go around the opposite side of the library to get in. He maintained that the present entrances are more convenient, and that by having one entrance the library is "separating itself from a majority of users."

"I don't object to people cutting through the library," he said. Other-

wise, people may not be exposed to what the library has to offer."

"I would accept that hypothesis only minimally," said Dr. Haskell Monroe, dean of faculties at Texas A&M. "When we cut through the library, we are generally on our way to somewhere." Monroe said few students actually pay attention to the library itself when passing through.

Monroe said the noise level is high and mud is often tracked in when students cut through.

He agreed that there would be some inconvenience for faculty and students, especially if a person had to approach the library from the Academic Building.

But Monroe said, "If you weigh it, you can't have the perfect solution."

Evelyn King, acting director of the library in the absence of Director Irene Hoadley, said that even if the entrances were kept open, there would be a few obstacles to pedestrians. A reserve room, a technical services area and a huge current periodicals department will be in the present path between the two entrances.

When asked if the one entrance would pose a fire hazard, Smith an-

swered, "Not at all. Granted, it's not the best."

He said there will be a total of nine stairwells with fire doors — four in the new addition, four in the present Evans facility and the stairwell in the Cushing area will have a fire door. In addition, Smith said, there will be fire pull alarms, horns, smoke detectors, and a "Hawkeye" fire alarm system to be connected to a central location on campus.

Smith said he made several presentations of the plans to various faculty departments and administrators. Although there were some objections "here and there," Smith said there was never strong opposition to the plans.

One early opponent of the "one entrance idea" was Dr. Anne Marie Elmquist, head of the department of modern languages. However, she said that she has been "encouraged that it will work. They've convinced us that we'll just have to walk a little further."

She said that each academic department is represented in the Library Council, which reported the building plans to the administration. The council is composed of faculty, students and the library director.

The aisles between the bookcases will be narrowed from 30 to 24 inches to accommodate large volumes of books. A student confined to a wheelchair won't be able to fit in the aisles. However, King said the library will meet requirements for the handicapped set down by state. She said library staff will need to retrieve materials for these students.



When the new addition to the Sterling C. Evans Library opens in May, there will be only one main entrance to the complex and the two present entrances will be blocked in permanently. Battalion photo by Clay Cockrill

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## Bulletin

The Houston Post reported this morning that Sealy's Eric Dickerson, the most sought-after running back in the state, has made a verbal commitment to sign a letter of intent next Wednesday with Texas A&M University.

## Students and faculty members state disapproval of future library change

By DIANE BLAKE  
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While some Texas A&M University students either approved of or did not care about new proposals for library access, many expressed their dismay concerning the change.

"I don't like it at all," said Bill Hopkins, freshman petroleum engineering major. "The two doors make it easier to get from one side of campus to the other."

Marie Ehlig, sophomore mechanical engineering major, agreed. "I live on the quad, and I cut through the library a lot to go to classes — especially when the weather is bad."

"It's typical bureaucracy," said senior management major Scot Skinner. "It's the most inefficient way they could do it. At least one of these doors should be left open."

"It's stupid," said senior building construction major David Vercellino. "But they're going to do it anyway."

One student approved of the plan because he thought it would reduce noise in the library. "I think the library is supposed to be pretty quiet," said Lee Miller, senior physical education major. "There's too much noise when people are walking to classes. When I'm here studying, it bothers me."

Other students didn't care one way or the other. "I do a lot of walking anyway," said Joe Phillips, chemical engineering major from Sealy. "It doesn't really matter to me."

Mike Howell, a graduate student in management, said, "It won't make any difference to me. I'll just come through whatever door's open."

Faculty and staff members also had diverse reactions. "The worst thing I could think of is through traffic in the middle of the library. It means taking a few more steps, but I think we'll live with it."

"I don't think it will be much of a problem," said Dr. Tony Messina, assistant professor of chemical engineering. "It would be nice to have another door, but I think the students could adjust to having only one."

However, Dr. Karl Koenig, professor of geology, thought it would be "very much of an inconvenience. I've been in the reserve reading room and I didn't notice any particular amount of noise."

"I can understand putting up with this during the interim period when they're moving," said Cliff Hickman, assistant professor of forest science. "But I can't see the rationale for doing it on a permanent basis."

Dr. Elenor Co, associate professor of biology, said that although she finds it convenient to cut through the library, "it probably does interfere with the functions of the library. It's one of those things where you hate to see it done, but you know why they've got to do it."

"Maybe they'll build us a bridge over the library."

## Three to six girls to attend

# Cheerleaders to aid Corps

By RUTH GRAVES  
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When the Corps of Cadets makes its annual 14-mile "March to the Dimes," for the March of Dimes on March 15, a special attraction will await the men at the halfway point.

The Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders' director, Suzanne Mitchell, confirmed an agreement Monday that will allow from three to six of the Cowboy cheerleaders to aid the march, said Steve Manley, the Corps' public relations officer.

The cheerleaders will meet the Corps at Brazos River and will officiate and give awards for the various competitions between the Corps outfits, Manley said. The cheerleaders will fly from Dallas in

a chartered plane, which is being provided by the March of Dimes, said Manley.

The Corps, through its annual march, is the Brazos Valley's largest single contributor to the March of Dimes, Manley said.

One reason the cheerleaders were asked to participate, he said, is to "increase the participation and the interest of the members of the Corps." Manley said another reason he asked the cheerleaders to attend is to attract more attention to the Corps' money-raising efforts.

Each Corps member solicits pledges of donations for each mile of the march. The Corps raised \$8,000 for the March of Dimes in 1977, \$11,500 last year, and hopes to raise \$13,000 this year, Manley said. The cheerleaders' participation is ex-

pected to make a "significant contribution" toward this goal, he said.

Other celebrities have been asked to attend the march, but none have confirmed, Manley said.

The Corps has agreed to help the March of Dimes partly because 70 percent of the funds raised by the Corps is used for research and hospital work in the Brazos Valley area, Manley said.

Corps members will begin soliciting pledges for the 14-mile march before spring break, and will continue up until the day of the march.

## Ag Secretary Bergland apologizes to farmers; refuses to raise crop loans

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Buffetted with criticism from angry congressmen, Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland Wednesday apologized to American farmers for calling some of them "greedy."

"I want to take this opportunity to apologize to anyone who has felt insulted by anything I said. It was not intended," he said in testimony before the House Agriculture Committee.

But Bergland told the committee he will not raise crop price support loans to 90 percent of parity as thousands of farm demonstrators in Washington are demanding. He toned down Tuesday's charge somewhat as more than 300 farmers booted, shouted and clapped in the committee hearing room and hall outside.

"Many, many producers in the United States are in serious trouble," Bergland conceded to the committee. He said grain and cotton irrigators are having problems and a small percentage of farmers have made mistakes in land investments.

"And of course, there's a little greed in all of us," he said. That last statement appeared to be a concession to farmers and lawmakers who have sharply attacked his statement in an interview Tuesday that some farmers are poor businessmen and some are prompted by "just old fashioned greed."

"Mr. Secretary, I think you owe them an apology," said Rep. Richard Nolan, D-Minn., as farmers clapped. "I'm greatly shocked and disturbed about some of the remarks you made about farmers who are in town."

"Have him stand up and do it now," yelled one farmer. Bergland did not apologize immediately, but did so in a later exchange with Rep. Berkley Bedell, D-Iowa.

"I was distressed as a true friend to see your characterization of farmers who are in town yesterday," Rep. Dawson Mathis, D-Ga., told Bergland.

"In the mid-1950s, I helped organize a protest movement in the state of Minnesota," Bergland said. "We vented our frustration through the election process." He said he has learned to have a "healthy skepticism" about protests.

Saying it is not greedy to ask for prices that support the cost of producing crops, Nolan told Bergland: "You know full well if they were motivated by greed, they wouldn't have gone into farming in the first place."

"Is your intention to preside over the liquidation of the family farm system in this country?" asked Nolan, who has introduced a resolution seeking higher crop price supports for farmers.

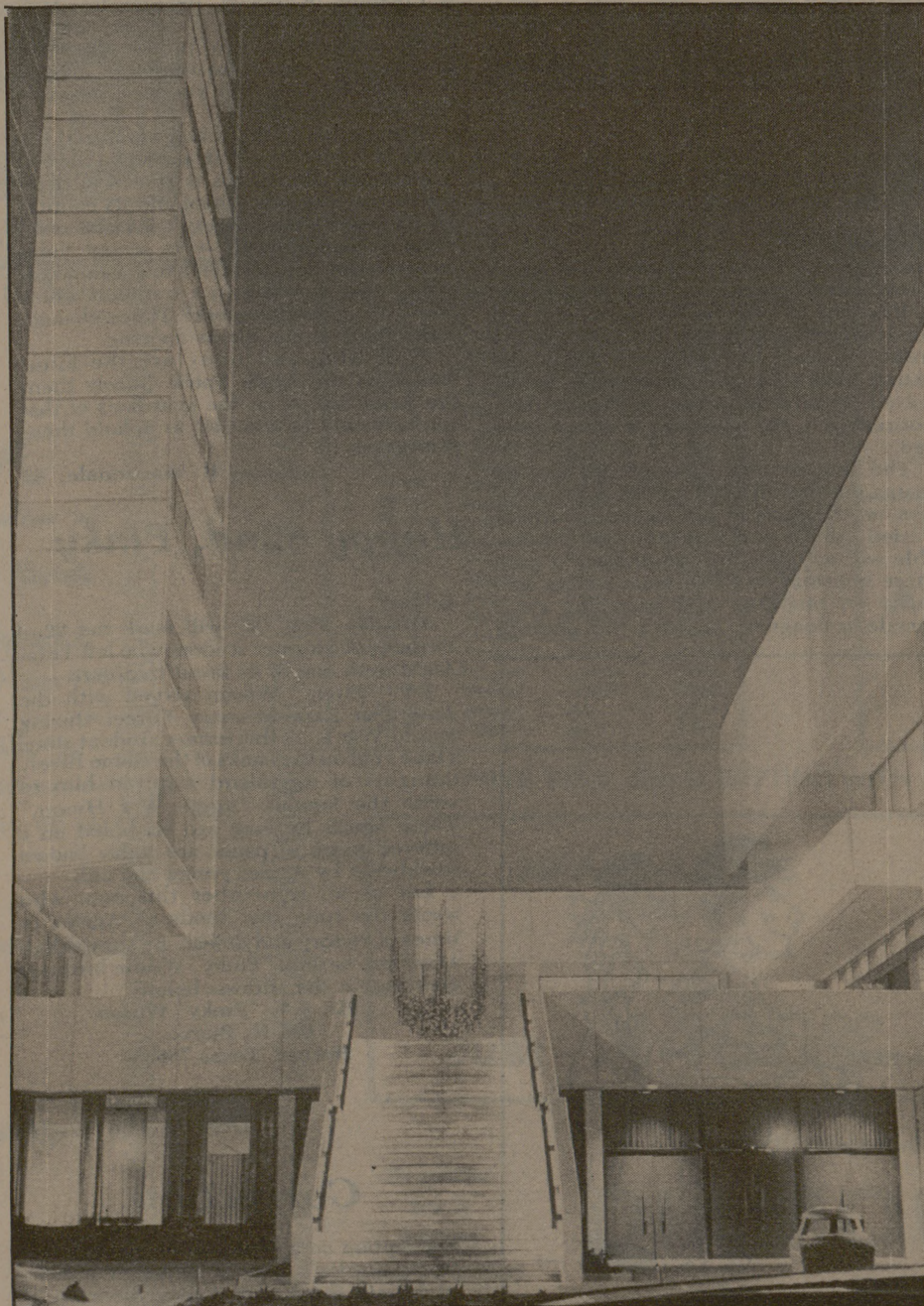
"The family farm system in this country is not in danger of imminent extinction," countered Bergland while farmers booed.

Rep. Ed Jones, D-Tenn., said to clapping farmers that the government may have to look at a system of mandatory, rather than current voluntary production controls, to "get our house in order."

The committee announced it will hold five days of hearings beginning Feb. 13 to review existing farm programs and proposals for improving them.

Members of Congress will testify the first day and farmers from the American Agriculture Movement the next two days. Representatives of other farm organizations and the public will testify the final two days.

The hearings will be Feb. 13-15 and 20-21.



## Bright as day

A modernesque sculpture reaches toward the evening sky above the University Center. This time exposure of the well-lit center was taken Saturday night.

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

## New business dean impressed by A&M

By LOUIE ARTHUR  
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Dr. William V. Muse, appointed Friday to be dean of the College of Business Administration, said that he will stress developing external relationships between the business community and the school.

Dr. Clinton Phillips has been serving as dean since September when he filled the position left by Dr. John E. Pearson, who returned to full-time teaching.

Muse, 39, who will be the youngest dean on the faculty, will begin July 1. He is presently dean of the College of Business Administration and professor of marketing at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

"Texas A&M is one of the premier universities in the country," Muse said. "It has the potential of being a really outstanding business college and I hope to help realize that potential."

Muse said that he would like to emphasize further growth in the department rather than a lot of changes.

"No immediate changes need to be made in the curriculum — it looks basically sound," he said. Muse added that he was also impressed by the "exceptionally good" faculty.

"I would also like to further develop the MBA (master of business administration) program," Muse said.

Muse has been at the University of Ne-



Dr. William Muse

braska since 1973. He took a year's leave in 1978 to serve as a presidential interchange executive in Washington. At this post, he coordinated a management analysis project for the U.S. Office of Education in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Muse was dean of the College of Business and professor of business administration at Appalachian State University in North Carolina. He was a business affairs consultant to Kabul University in Afghanistan in 1975 under a contract with the U.S. Agency for International Development. His teaching experience also includes five years at Ohio University and a year each at Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Arkansas.

Muse said he feels his nine years of experience as dean helped his candidacy for the position at Texas A&M.

"There was a great deal of progress at the other schools where I worked," Muse said. "I think my record of administrative achievement might have helped me get this job."

Muse will be moving here in June with his wife, Marlene, and their three children. Both Muse and his wife were involved in the Omaha League of Women Voters, Muse said, and they plan to become involved in the local chapter after they have settled.

Muse earned his undergraduate degree in accounting at Northwestern State University in Louisiana and a master's and doctorate in business administration at the University of Arkansas.

## The deadline for sweetheart city postmark: Feb. 9

United Press International

LOVELAND, Colo. — This is the last week, so haste is advised for those who want the "Sweetheart City" postmark on their valentine, says Loveland Postmaster Henry Porter.

Volunteers in Loveland each year mail valentines with the Loveland postmark and stamp each envelope with a four-line cachet. The envelopes are then held by the post office for mailing just before Valentine's Day.

Requests come from every state and many foreign countries. Porter said Saturday that last year a record 200,000 valentines were mailed. He said expectations are for this year's total to be substantially higher.

The service is free except for the 15-cent postage required on each card to be mailed. Porter said valentines should be addressed: Postmaster, Loveland, Colo., 80537, to arrive by Feb. 9 for mailing.