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spoken for the System and introduced the executive of each institution. But he had to leave early for business when the hearings original schedule was changed to put UT

After Bell's presentation, Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller outlined his re-

quests.

Like UT's Chancellor E.D. Walker, he asked for more funds for salaries — to at least keep up with inflation — better fringe benefits, more organized research and renovations.

He also noted that only a small part of a university's budget is under the discretion of the regents; about 80-85 percent of the

budget is dictated by state guidelines.

Delco, however, said, "You left out one sweet item — that beautiful Permanent

University Fund."

The PUF is already under attack; at least five bills in the Legislature call for altering the constitutionally protected fund shared by UT and Texas A&M from letting all system parts use it to aboli-

Miller continued his recitation of University needs for more funds.

After Miller, Prairie View President A.I. Thomas spoke to the subcommittee. He said Prairie View's main priority to become a first class institution - mainly through upgrading facilities.

Following Thomas, at his insistence,

two student leaders from that campus also asked for more funds.

Then Richard Hanson, a white businessman who represents a group of industries that work with Prairie View, said,

"It's high time to do something about it."
There will always be a need for a black institution, he said, and the Legislature should improve this one.

Three state representatives, including Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, also supported Prairie View.

Thompson, who is one of the main forces of the movement to repeal the PUF, also said that the HEW report on discrimination in higher education will be sent to Washington today. That could not be confirmed, and she did not reveal what

the report concludes.

After the Prairie View session, other
System officials asked the legislators for
more money, stressing the needs to contend with increasing enrollments and in-

This was the systems' first appearance before the House. The next hearings will be before the House Appropriations Committee. Then, sometime in May, the House will debate and pass the systems' budgets in the appropriations bill for the

This bill and the Senate's version, forged in much the same process, will be merged and sent to Gov. Clements, who can still veto parts of it.

African breeder studies A&M

The director of an American aid program in Tanzania said Tuesday that Texas A&M University's exper-tise in livestock production should be helpful in expanding that coun-

A&M campus Tuesday, is director of the Agency for International Development mission in Tanzania, located in eastern Africa

President Jarvis Miller has already made tentative plans to visit Tanzania, where Texas A&M personnel have been working on a million livestock marketing and de-

velopment project since 1974.
"I find that Texas A&M has very extensive service," Steverson said, "particularly in the livestock area, with which we are hoping to assist

Tanzania, which is predominantly agrarian, contains Africa's second largest livestock herd. Therefore, Steverson said, any improvements in livestock production could greatly benefit the country.

Ninety percent of the people in Tanzania are engaged in agriculture, so there is considerable to be realized in terms of increased productivity," Steverson said.

Steverson said he was particularly impressed by Texas A&M's livestock facilities. He spent Tuesday morning at the Texas A&M animal farm, examining methods of improving fertility in cattle through cross-

try's herds.

Howard L. Steverson, who completed a two-day visit of the Texas

Steverson also spoke with President Miller, agriculture Dean H.O. Kunkel and other key staff members on the future development of the Tanzanian livestock project, which is funded by AID.

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By BONNIE HELWIG

Battalion Reporter rican farmers must double food output in order to feed predicted population at the turn ecentury, Texas A&M Univer-President Jarvis Miller said

In the next short 21 years, the age time you've been alive, we ing to have to learn to produce as much food as we've learned oduce since man became a der," he told the members of ollegiate Chapter of the Fu-Farmers of America.

e solution to this problem is to demand the very best we to offer," Miller said. "That's tis so refreshing to be dealing young people here at Texas If who still have a vision, who t know that things can't be

We must use the most precious murce we have — the human

ller said that the youth must ide the leadership to solve the re problems of food output, mental standards and availaof water because the trend in y now is to ignore the facts are causing these problems.

think we have got a know-ing attitude prevailing in this ety," he said. We don't want to at any facts.

ller said that earlier Tuesday he had appeared before the appriations subcommittee of the mittee of higher education of Texas legislature on behalf of as A&M. At this hearing, offinish from Prairie View A&M ated Texas A&M about the funof the Permanent University

he allegation is that this instituhas prospered at the expense of rie View A&M," he said. se people did not have the did not want the facts, and reto accept and believe the what acts were," Miller said.

He said that Prairie View A&M

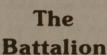
he said that France View A&M, by any measure — per capita per student, faculty salary, or building space receives as good or better support than Texas A&M.

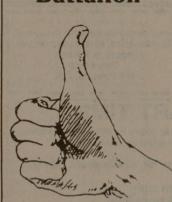
Miller cited a California case in which a federally funded legal aid service sued the University of California to stop vesserable on again California to stop research on agricultural mechanization.

"They allege that the board of regents has conspired to deprive farm workers of their jobs," he said. "This is another case of people who will not look at the facts and see what mechanization has done for agriculture and the consumer.

"This is an attack on the concept of productivity and our whole way of life." he said.
"We will have to use our intellect

to find long-range solutions to the problems ahead in the next 21 years. Problems that you will have to solve," Miller told the group.





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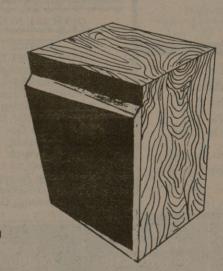
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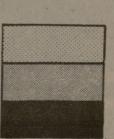
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