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## New chancellor surprised that regents selected him

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Frank W.R. Hubert found himself the prize at the end of an 8-month treasure hunt by the Texas A&M Board of Regents. And he was surprised. He thought he might be a consultant to the hunt for a new chancellor, but not the object.

Hubert, 64, said Wednesday his first contact with the regents about the job was an invitation Tuesday night to meet with them for breakfast.

"To tell the truth, I honestly thought the board might want to interview me on the procedures to select a chancellor," said Hubert, who has helped other schools pick new leaders. Since 1969 he has been dean of the College of Education here.

"It came as a complete surprise to me that my name was being considered."

The appointment also surprised state legislators, local legislators and his University colleagues. But they universally praised Hubert as an administrator and educator.

Alton Bowen, commissioner of public education in Texas, began laughing with excitement when asked about the appointment.

"I'm just delighted," he said. "There isn't a better person in the nation for the job."

"A&M is going to move forward under

his leadership."

Bowen, who has been a friend of Hubert for "at least 20 years," said he is respected nationally as a speaker and writer on educational issues. In fact, Wednesday afternoon Hubert had to leave for Athens, Ga., to speak at an educators' conference.

"The dean certainly has delivered position papers on education in most of the colleges and universities across the country," Bowen said in a telephone interview from his Austin office.

"There's no man in Texas who loves A&M more and knows more about what a university should be."

J.K. Butler of Houston, chairman of the State Board of Education, was also pleased with the selection.

"I have never known in public education and college education a more understanding and outstanding educator than Frank Hubert," he said.

"It's a fantastic thing to happen to Texas A&M."

Butler and others said Hubert will not be simply a tool of the regents.

"I do know that Frank Hubert is not the type of man who takes a figurehead job," the chairman said. "He's his own man."

Sen. William T. Moore, dean of the Texas Senate and a longtime protector of Texas A&M in the Legislature, said that body will not intimidate the new chancellor.

"I think Frank Hubert can stand up to anybody," the Democrat from Bryan said Wednesday.

"I believe he will do a good job."

Moore and Hubert have known each other since the late '50s, when they ate breakfast together each morning at a Bryan restaurant.

"He's not been a political dean," Moore explained. "He's never lobbied."

His contact with the Legislature has been to provide information on education, he said, and that will continue.

Traditionally, Moore said, the chancellor has left the lobbying for Texas A&M up to the school's representatives — Moore and Rep. Bill Presnal, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Presnal, contacted at his office in Bryan, also said he was delighted with the appointment.

On campus, Director of Planning Charles McCandless said he was surprised. McCandless worked for him when Hubert was dean of Arts and Sciences in the early '60s.

"I think he is a truly outstanding administrator," he said, reflecting the views of several other Texas A&M administrators. "He possesses rare judgment and is politically astute."

Dr. Carl Landiss, who has been here since 1943, said Hubert is one of the best administrators he's ever known. Landiss is

the retired head of the health and physical education department.

"I think the regents exercised sound judgement in naming him chancellor," Landiss said.

Hubert, who has been dean of the College of Education here since 1969 and had planned to retire next September, said he was not reluctant to take the chancellorship.

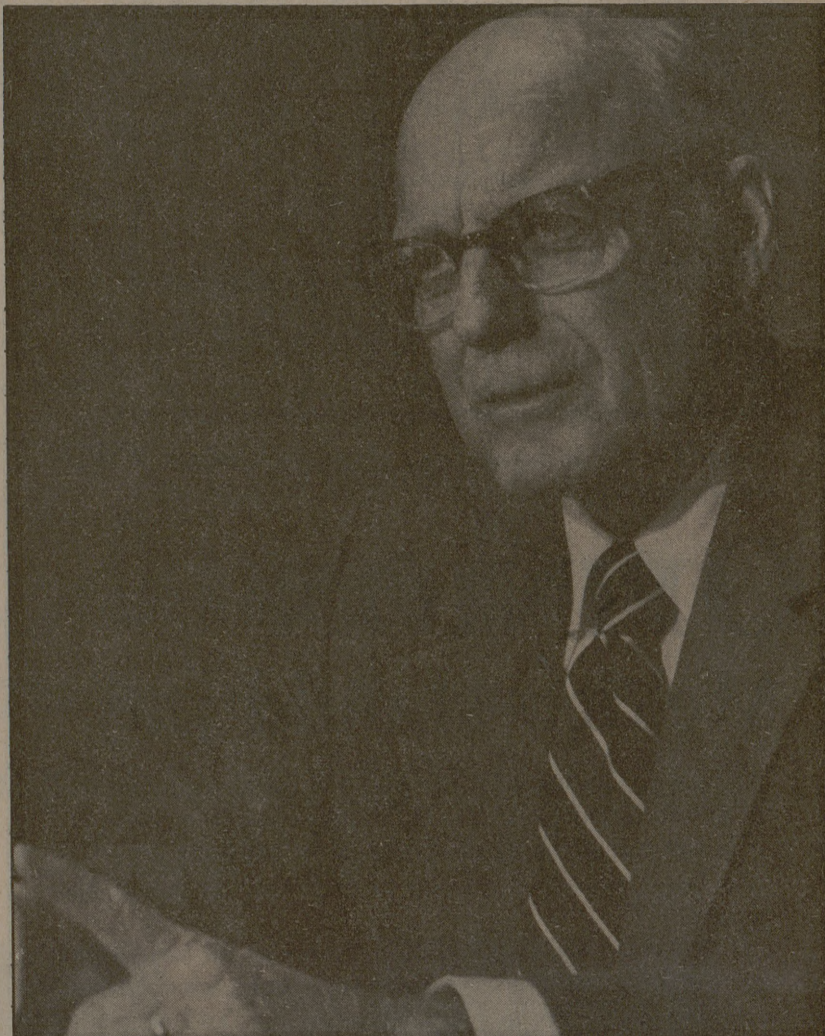
"To the contrary, I would say I accepted with enthusiasm, aware of the tremendous responsibilities . . . eager to assist in any way I could."

Hubert, who takes over as chancellor Monday, said he has no specific plans for the four schools and six state agencies that make up the Texas A&M System.

Within the next two weeks, he said, he plans to meet with the head of each unit. He'll meet early next week with Clyde Wells, chairman of the board, who has been acting chancellor since Dr. Jack Williams resigned last January.

"I don't have a Hubert motto to give you," he told the press conference. "I do know that educational enterprises are dynamic, changing types of institutions."

Two important principles, he said, are to have good guiding policy — free of vagueness and ambiguity — and to administer it "consistently, honestly."



Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.  
Chancellor Frank Hubert

## Regents select names for new dormitories

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The Texas A&M University Board of Regents Wednesday appointed a chancellor for the University system and named the new modular dormitories on the Texas A&M campus.

Dr. Frank W.R. Hubert, 64, presently dean of the College of Education, will take the position of chancellor Monday. Hubert's appointment was announced by Board Chairman Clyde H. Wells, who has been acting chancellor since the January resignation of Dr. Jack K. Williams.

The modular dormitories were named for Richard E. Haas and Ella C. McFadden. Haas, a former Texas A&M football player and charter member of the Letterman's Club, has given more than \$400,000 to the University.

McFadden will a trust fund to Texas A&M which has provided over \$130,000 to the general scholarship fund. She also provided funds for 10 President's Endowed Scholars totaling \$680,000.

The Board also awarded a bid for construction of a women's 500-bed modular dormitory to H&G Construction Company of Abilene. H&G made the low bid of \$5,802,334. Total housing

cost will be \$6,460,000, which will include landscaping, demolition costs and furnishings. The dormitory will be built at the site of the old Board of Directors house, near Shiba Dining Hall.

The Board authorized \$2.3 million to buy the Hermann Medical Center Professional Building in Houston. The building will be used as a nursing facility for the Prairie View A&M College of Nursing. Finalization of the purchase is expected within two weeks.

In major personnel actions, the Board:

— appointed Dr. Perry L. Adkisson, vice president for agriculture and renewable resources, Distinguished Professor of Entomology. The appointment is the highest award that can be given to a faculty member. Adkisson was the first Texas A&M professor appointed to the National Academy of Sciences for work done here.

— confirmed the appointment of W.A. (Bill) Wasson as comptroller for the Texas A&M University System. Wasson has been with the system for nine years, the last two as assistant comptroller.

— appointed Dr. Phillip T. Cain assistant dean of student affairs at the Temple campus of Texas A&M's College of Medicine. Cain has been a lecturer in the College since June.

## Chancellor Hubert: 41 years in education field to his credit

The man who will take over as chancellor of the Texas A&M University System Monday has 41 years of experience in education.

Frank W.R. Hubert began his career as the music director of Luther Stark Boys, Inc. in Orange in 1938. In 1946 he became principal and director in secondary education in Orange, where he served until 1948.

From 1950 to 1955 he served as director of the Texas Education Agency's division on professional standards.

Prior to joining Texas A&M, Hubert served four years as superintendent of schools at Orange, where he was a principal and director of secondary education.

He joined the The A&M College of

Texas in 1959 as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, which has since been divided into five colleges.

Hubert holds three degrees from the University of Texas at Austin, receiving his Ph.D. in educational administration and American local government in 1950.

Hubert is now serving as a chairman of the Committee on Planning and Evaluation of the State Advisory Council for Technical-Vocational Education. He is also a member of the Commission on Standards for the Teaching Profession.

At Texas A&M he is on the Academic Programs Committee, the Academic Council and the President's Administrative Council. He is also chairman of the University Council on Teacher Education.

## Senate implements canal treaty over conservatives' reservations

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Winding up a long and bitter battle, Congress Wednesday passed a bill implementing the controversial Panama Canal treaties and sent it to President Carter for his signature.

The House approved the bill 232 to 188 over the objections of conservatives, who do not want the canal turned over to Panama on Jan. 1, 2000. The bill easily passed the Senate Tuesday.

Carter will sign the implementing legislation before Oct. 1, when the treaties be-

come effective and the canal turnover process actually begins. The treaties were signed in 1977 and ratified after a bitter Senate fight last year.

After defeating an earlier version of the implementing legislation last week, the House Wednesday approved a revised measure.

Rep. John Murphy, D-N.Y., floor manager of the bill, said he shared conservative objections to that pact.

"But we are not considering the treaty of 1977," he said. "We are at the point of

implementing the treaty regardless of its merits."

Murphy said a second defeat of the bill was "unthinkable" and could produce "chaos" in Panama.

Rep. Robert Bauman, R-Md., who led the fight against the bill last week, said he could not vote for the revised bill, but agreed it was needed "for the continued operation of the canal."

He said a House-Senate conference committee had tightened up provisions concerning the security of the canal and financial payments to Panama.

## Agri-business career planning day

# Companies, 1,900 students meet

By ROSEMARIE ROSE  
Battalion Reporter

Students in the College of Agriculture and representatives of agriculture-related industries got a first-hand look at each other Wednesday, and the overwhelming reaction was one of optimism and enthusiasm.

Over 1,900 students interested in finding out about career opportunities in agriculture attended Professional Career Planning in Agriculture (PCPA) Day, which was sponsored jointly by the Texas A&M University chapter of the National Agri-Marketing Association (TAMU-NAMA), the Career Planning and Placement Center and the College of Agriculture.

Representatives of approximately 67 companies with an interest in agribusiness set up booths in the Memorial Student Center ballroom and spent the afternoon talking to students about career opportunities, products and services re-

lated to their companies.

Wednesday's program was the first of its kind presented by the newly formed TAMU-NAMA chapter under the guidance of the southwest chapter of NAMA. Other programs like this have been sponsored by other student chapters, said Mark Ellison, president of TAMU-NAMA, but nothing close to the size and scope of PCPA Day.

Each company had a two-fold reason for participating in PCPA Day, said Billy Lawton, a representative for Elanco. The companies want to recruit good students, he said, and the companies want to familiarize with their products and services. Students in college now will be making purchasing decisions in the future, Lawton said, and events like PCPA Day provide producers with important exposure to consumers.

Ellison said that Wednesday's activities were not exclusively for students in the College of Agriculture. Business and engi-

neering majors could benefit from exposure to companies involved in auxiliary branches of agri-business.

Keith Schmidt, of the Republic National Bank of Dallas, said he was interested in meeting students who wanted to use their specialized talents in agriculture in conjunction with talents in general business and finance. Republic National Bank has a special commodities division that orients its lending activities to agriculture, he said, so students with knowledge of both agriculture and finance are needed.

Reactions from students to PCPA Day were positive.

"I think it's great," said Jamie Atkinson, a sophomore agricultural economics major from Kenedy. "It's a good opportunity for students to find out about interviewing and chances for jobs when they get out. Also it can show students how to guide their studies before they graduate."

"I think this program is real helpful," said Tommy Albright, a senior finance major

from Corpus Christi. "Students are finding out what they (industry representatives) want and what they're looking for." He said he came to find out about banking opportunities in agriculture.

Following the afternoon's activities, participants in PCPA Day attended a barbecue at the Brazos Center. More than 650 students dined with the industry representatives and faculty members of the College of Agriculture. Speakers gave responses to PCPA Day from the viewpoints of students, NAMA, industry and administration.

"I'm proud and positive," said Ellison in closing remarks to the crowd of 975 participants. In reference to comments regarding the necessity of preserving the free enterprise system, he said that PCPA Day had shown him that students don't need a new system, as had been suggested about 10 years ago.

"We need only the will to make the system we have now work."

## Saudis to supply oil to keep West warm

United Press International

Saudi Arabia has promised to do its share to keep the industrialized West warm during the coming winter months and analysts said the decision should stabilize world oil prices for the remainder of the year.

Saudi Crown Prince Fahd bin Abdul Aziz said his country, the largest exporter of oil to the United States, will maintain its extra oil production levels for three more months in order to help consuming nations through the winter.

President Carter welcomed the Saudi move as "a constructive complement to the efforts of the oil-importing nations to curb consumption and switch to other fuels," but said conservation measures should not be relaxed.

The Wednesday decision means the Saudis will continue producing an estimated 9.5 million barrels per day — 1 million barrels per day above the ceiling set in 1974 in an attempt to conserve its precious natural resource.

"Saudi Arabia has decided to extend its decision to increase its oil production for another three months," said Fahd, who chairs the kingdom's supreme petroleum council and is the No. 2 man in the country.

The decision "derives from the kingdom's concern for the interests of friendly countries and in order to settle down the world oil market and provide the consuming nations with enough of their fuel needs to face the coming winter," Fahd told the official Saudi Arabian Press Agency.

U.S. analysts said the move by the Arab nation will keep prices down.

"Since the United States is in the midst of a recession and other foreign sources of oil seem to be raising production, the Saudi action means world crude oil prices should remain reasonably stable until the end of the year," said Joseph Tovey, a New York energy specialist.

Saudi Arabia supplies 18 percent of U.S. oil needs and accounts for about one-third of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' total oil production.

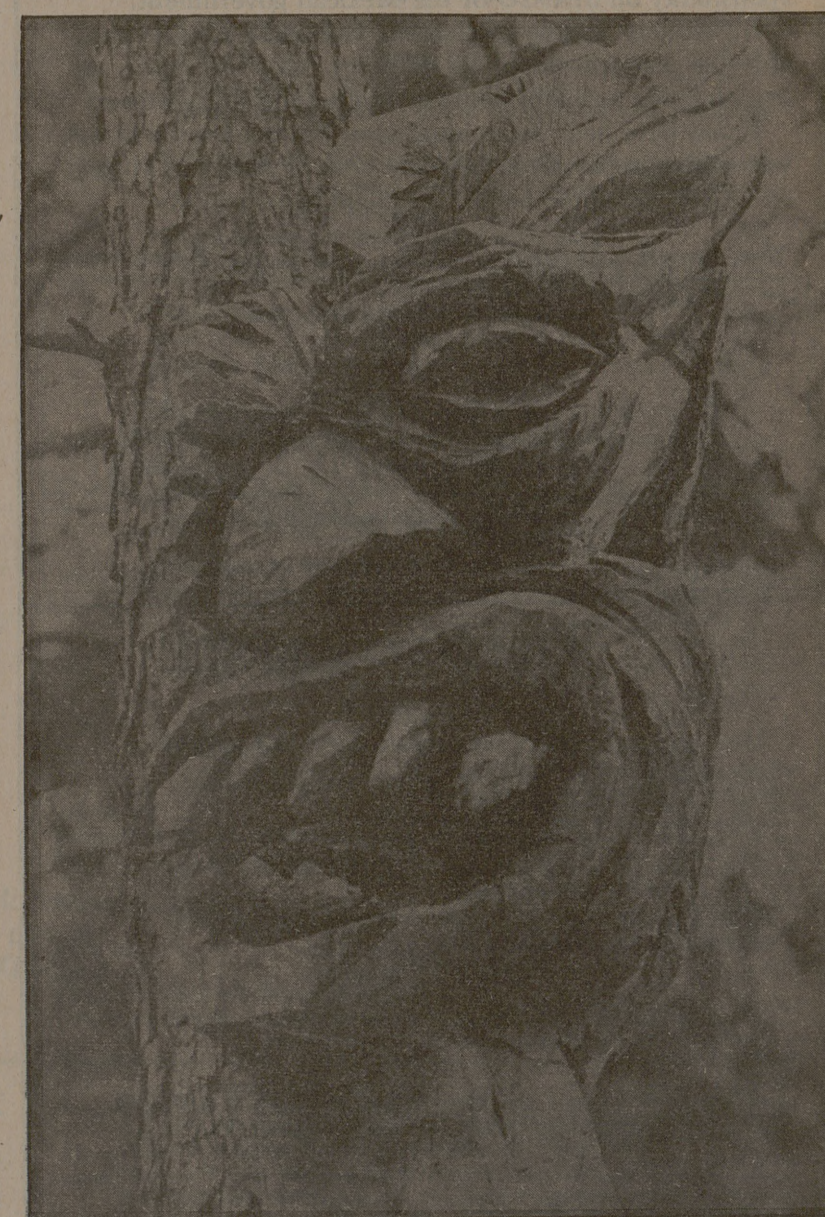
Fahd is well known for his pro-American sympathies. He expressed the hope the consuming countries would use this opportunity to take serious steps towards decreasing oil consumption and limiting the wasteful use of energy.

In July, Saudi Arabia raised its oil output by 1 million barrels above its official ceiling of 8.5 million barrels a day in a move that eased shortages of both gasoline and home-heating oil in the United States.

That increase was to last until Oct. 1.

One American oil analyst in Jeddah said "the Saudis appear to be trying to strike a delicate balance. They want to give the West enough oil to make the transition to alternative energy sources and conservation without too many serious economic or political dislocations."

Oil analysts said the increased Saudi production has brought world supply and demand back into precarious balance in the aftermath of the Iranian oil cutoff.



Gargoyle

This fierce medieval demon seems bent on devouring any foolish passerby. The 10-foot wooden gargoyle greets visitors to Magnolia's annual Texas Renaissance Festival. For more information and a look at some more of the festival's revelers, see *Focus* magazine in today's Battalion.

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