

Interim dean for College of Education selected

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The College of Education is making a quick, unexpected change. Dr. Philip C. Limbacher has been named interim dean of the College of Education.

His unexpected appointment was necessary because Dr. Frank W.R. Hubert, dean of the College of Education, was appointed Texas A&M University System chancellor Wednesday.

Hubert will move into the chancellor's office Monday, and Limbacher will take over then as dean.

Limbacher said everything happened so fast that there hasn't been much time to think.

"We're all a bit bewildered and flabbergasted," Limbacher said. "My appointment was more or less just the ripple effect of this tremendous event."

A search was already under way for a new dean since Hubert was planning to

retire next September. Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. J.M. Prescott said the search committee is actively looking for the right person to replace Hubert.

"We're not going to let any grass grow under our feet," Prescott said, "but it takes time to find the right one for the job. We'll have to agree on employment, the starting date, etc."

But in the meantime, Limbacher, who has been associate dean of the College of

Education since 1972, will take over as dean.

Limbacher said the College will carry on as normally as possible. He will assume all the responsibilities of dean. But, the duties of associate dean must also be performed.

"We will need someone to assist in student affairs," Limbacher explained. "I will probably have to appoint someone to serve as interim there, and that will have to be approved of course."

Limbacher said the search committee is probably aiming to have a person in the dean's position no later than Sept. 1, 1980.

"That's rapid service considering the quality of the individual the position demands," he said. "They'll be conducting a wide search and considering a number of candidates as well as taking into account the candidate's disengagement from his present responsibilities."

"You think, my heavens, that's a year

away," Limbacher said. "But, if they hit that date, I think they'll have done an excellent job."

Limbacher said they are hoping to attract a figure of national stature. "We feel like we have an excellent college here."

In addition to his new position as interim dean, Limbacher will continue his teaching responsibilities as well, at least for this semester.

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John M. Poerner

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Poerner against oil price regulation

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John M. Poerner, Texas Railroad Commission chairman, said here Wednesday that the federal government's stiff price regulations and overly cautious environmental protection standards are the discouraging factors in the production of oil and gas in Texas.

Poerner, chairman of the commission which regulates Texas' oil and gas industries as well as its railroads, spoke in Rudder Tower on energy problems. He was invited by the Memorial Student Center Political Forum Committee.

"The problem that we have with energy

today is not one of quantity," Poerner said. "We know where it is and we know how to find it... the problem is the artificially low price of crude oil set by the federal government since 1972. It is profit motive that drives people."

"Texas production will fall to under 1 million barrels this year for the first time since 1964," he said.

"I think that it's totally unfair for us to have a dual standard in the pricing of energy. The open market place is the only vehicle to adequately set the price. It may be high in the beginning, but eventually competition will take hold and we will have the cheapest form of energy for the long run."

Poerner said he feels the Texas government has always been an environmentally conscious one, while the federal government has become overly cautious. He illustrated his point.

"There was an operator not long ago that told me that he had two sources of water at the drilling site. One was a huge tank, about 7,000 gallons, with a two-inch valve at its base; that tank obviously was used to drill the well. The other was an Igloo cooler inside his little hut that held about two gallons. He received a \$2,000 fine from the federal government because the small two-gallon container was not labeled 'drinking water' and the 7,000-gallon container was not labeled 'non-drinking' water."

Lot still 75 percent empty Campus parking space open

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There is a parking lot on campus for day-students that has remained about 75 percent empty since the semester began. Lot 40, located between Duncan field and Bizzell Street, has been a bare blacktop for the past three weeks.

A week-long survey by student senator John St. Mary, who is on the rules and regulations committee, showed that the lot was only 20-25 percent full during the regular "parking crunch" hours.

Tuesday, University Police showed

that, of the 541 spaces in the lot, only 355 were occupied. In the 186 occupied spots, 39 cars were illegally parked.

"People have already started harassing me about this great number of vacant parking spaces and if the blue- and red-stickered cars don't start filling up lot 40 we may have to add green permits to the lot," Col. Tom Parsons of University Police said. "You know that if we do that, the day students won't have a chance to park there." Green stickers are for all freshman and sophomore students, Parsons said.

Beginning Wednesday, Parsons has given the day students one week to start filling the lot. If the lot does not start filling up by next week he will submit a recommendation for the splitting of lot 40 between red, blue and green parking permits.

"The most frustrating thing, however," Parsons said, "is those students parking on campus without parking permits."

Parsons said that any car parked in a disabled space will be immediately towed away if no disabled sticker is displayed.

Jogger spots Kyle Field fire; little damage

Hot and sweaty joggers spotted a small fire up in Kyle Field Thursday night.

The blaze caused little or no damage, said Lt. Rodney O'Connor of the College Station Fire Department.

"It was 150 feet off the ground in some construction supports or scaffolding," he said. "We pulled up a line outside with the help of some construction people who followed us up there and helped."

Lt. Jack Bruce of the University Police said a runner reported the fire at 9:46. The College Station fire department was summoned and they responded with two fire trucks and an ambulance.

Bruce said he spoke with Bill Hall from Zachry Construction Co., who said there was no real damage.

Ali draws only 1,500 despite promotion

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When Muhammad Ali speaks, people usually listen. However, only 1,500 listened to him speak on world peace Tuesday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Ali, who is the only man to win the world heavyweight boxing title three times, was expected to draw four thousand to five thousand people to the 8,000 seat coliseum.

MSC Great Issues and MSC Black Awareness paid approximately \$9,200 for the program despite the fact that Ali's usual speaker fee is \$12,500.

According to Richard Reynolds, the Memorial Student Center staff advisor for the Ali program, the University was able to get the reduction in the fee through the efforts of Dr. John B. Coleman of the University Board of Regents. Reynolds said that Coleman has been a "valuable re-

source in previous (Great Issues) programs."

About 85 students, faculty members and staff members from over seven departments and organizations contributed to the Ali program. T.J.'s Restaurant closed for four hours so that a dinner in Ali's honor could be held there before the speech. The Physical Education department cancelled P.E. classes normally held in the coliseum on Tuesdays so that the coliseum could be set up for the program. The MSC Hospitality Committee worked the reception and the MSC Town Hall Committee provided ushers.

Reynolds said that the publicity for the program had been good and that MSC Great Issues and MSC Black Awareness had thought that Ali's name was well-known enough to draw a large audience. "We are really not sure what happened," he said.

Republicans fight passage of budget

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The House, on its second try, Thursday approved a \$548.2 billion federal budget for fiscal year 1980. Democratic leaders said it would curb inflation. Republicans said it would make inflation worse.

The vote was 212 to 206 with not a single Republican voting in favor. Fifty-two Democrats voted no.

The spending proposal for the fiscal year starting Monday was reduced by only \$400 million from one the House rejected a week ago.

It now goes to a conference committee with a Senate-passed version calling for \$1.9 billion less spending.

The House version projects a \$28.9 billion deficit in 1980, \$4.6 billion less than 1979, but nearly \$6 billion more than Congress called for in a target 1980 budget last May.

The proposed spending figure is nearly \$54 billion more than 1979 and \$16 billion more than targeted in May for 1980.

House Budget Committee Chairman Robert Giaino, D-Conn., said much of this increase was caused by the worsening economy. Inflation swells government costs and recession adds to unemployment compensation and welfare payments.

Giaino said the reduction in the deficit from last year will help curb inflation.

Republicans said the budget continues "the spending ways" of Congress, which they said are the main cause of inflation. They proposed an alternate budget, including a \$20 billion tax cut and spending cuts to bring the deficit below \$20 billion. The House rejected this last week, but Republicans never got a chance to bring it to the floor for a second vote Thursday.

Giaino said the GOP version amounted to "pie in the sky accounting." He said the tax cut proposed by Republicans would be "the most inflationary thing we can possibly do at this time."

"The federal government has forgotten that most people are intelligent and will do the right thing. If we can finally bring some common sense to the federal regulations that exist in this country I'm convinced states like Texas will produce more energy."

Later, during a question and answer session, Poerner was asked about the need for a federal Department of Energy.

"In my judgment there is limited need for a federal energy regulatory commission which is a part of the Department of Energy," he answered. He said President Carter created the Department of Energy

as a super power to override all other energy agencies and cut through red tape. Poerner said it has not fulfilled this purpose and should be done away with. He said favors a minimum amount of regulation and then only in producing states; he feels there is no need for regulation in consumer states.

"I think states can pretty well handle it," he said. "They've been in the business a lot longer than the Department of Energy."

When asked about the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, Poerner said, "It could have been prevented." He feels the state should

handle the situation with neighborly understanding, realizing that it was the result of simple human error. He said he has recommended to President Carter and Mexican President Lopez Portillo that the United States and Mexico set up an international coalition for the exploration of the sea floor and the review of drilling operations in the Gulf of Mexico.

Concerning the 1980 presidential election, Poerner said, "I think Carter's had his chance at solving the energy problems of our country. He should have concentrated more on increased production at home rather than always importing."



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Energy saver

This student is one of a growing number who have decided roller skates save time and energy when making those long treks across campus between classes.