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Regents OK construction of new dorm Committee also recommends project to stop mold in new halls

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Texas A&M University officials were told Monday to go ahead with their proposal to build one new dormitory, but were asked to give further study to a second one. The Planning and Building Committee of the Texas A&M University System's Board of Regents also voted to recommend the full board approve another construction project, this one designed to eliminate mold in Haas and McFadden halls, Texas A&M's first modular dormitories. The full board went into closed session Monday afternoon to discuss two laws and personnel matters. One of the laws is from cadet Melanie Zentgraf and

concerns the treatment of women by the Corps of Cadets. The other, filed by the Gay Student Services organization, began several years ago when Texas A&M refused to give recognition to a homosexual group. The personnel matters involve appointing 10 executives to positions in the system. Many of those jobs were created by a reorganization of the system which placed direct control of many functions in the hands of Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert. The Planning and Building Committee voted to recommend acceptance of a bid to build a turf practice field and extra parking space at Kyle Field. The low bid of \$753,254 came from R.B. Butler Inc. of Bryan.

That committee also voted to let the school proceed with plans to build a 300-bed residence hall between the Commons complex and the band drill field. But the group passed a motion asking University administrators to consider an alternate construction site for a dormitory that would house 240 students. The location favored by Howard Vestal, University vice president for business affairs, is west of Fowler Hall on Jones Street. The alternate proposal would put it in a parking lot near Puryear Hall. The committee hopes to have the larger dorm finished in time for the fall of 1981. Before its lunch break, the committee approved proceeding with the construction

of both dorms in the locations Vestal proposed. Vestal made the presentation after Texas A&M President Jarvis E. Miller, who had planned to speak on the subject, left for another engagement. Regent Joe Reynolds objected to Vestal's proposal, saying that the building site was one of the few remaining green spots on the west part of the main campus. "I know I'm a voice crying in the wilderness," Reynolds said. "I once proposed that we limit the enrollment to 18,000 by requiring that everyone live in the dorms. I hate to see us build these dormitories. But if we're going to do this, I'd like to see us give more consideration to sites across

the highway (Wellborn Road)." Vestal said the University would have to construct a dining hall on the west campus if it built dorms there, and the committee voted in favor of the east campus site. Miller returned after lunch and was invited to speak about the dorm projects. He did so, also objecting to Vestal's idea for the location of the 240-resident building for the same reason Reynolds had. "I think we went into that question pretty thoroughly this morning, Jarvis," said H.C. Bell, chairman of the committee. "I see no need to reopen it this afternoon. Does anybody on the board disagree with what I just said?"

Regent John Coleman did. He moved to reopen the question, and the committee's vote supported him. Eventually, the committee voted to begin construction on the 300-resident building, but asked for a study of the second site for the 240-bed dorm. Proposals for both dorms will be presented to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, at its next meeting in mid-April. The regents will hear the results of the study at their next meeting, Wesley E. Peel, director of facilities planning and construction for the system, said the main questions involved will concern connecting utilities.

Experts predict more inflation

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Government and private economists expect several more months of severe inflation before there is any real improvement. At best, some hoped for a slight slowing of consumer price figures for February, but released by the Commerce Department today, but warned that any major improvement will take time. Washington economist Michael Evans said bargain sales held by retail stores in February and more slowly rising prices in some miscellaneous categories of goods and services could shave a small amount from the nation's 18.2 percent annual rate of inflation — the highest in six years. But Evans still expects inflation to run at a rate of 15 percent during the first half of 1980. That is because rising world oil prices are working their way through the U.S. economy, home prices continue to rise and credit keeps raising home mortgage rates. Treasury Secretary C. William Miller warned there will be "disappointing inflation numbers in the weeks and months ahead," after which — providing administration policies work — he expects a "slowing down" of inflation.

Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker says inflation "is going to remain at an exceptionally high rate for a few months." The administration now forecasts an inflation rate between 11 and 12 percent for 1980 as a whole, compared to 13.3 percent for all of 1979. On Monday the administration announced two antiinflation actions: —The Commerce Department rejected claims by Florida growers that Mexico has been "dumping" winter tomatoes and other vegetables on U.S. markets at less than fair value. A ruling the other way could have meant higher tomato prices for American consumers. The growers will appeal to the courts. —On the eve of the New York primary, President Carter denied import relief to domestic leather clothing producers, about half of whom are in and around New York City. The administration said higher import duties on leather apparel, recommended by the U.S. International Trade Commission, "would be inflationary at a time when fighting inflation is a national priority." Instead, Carter promised speeded-up consideration for applications for "trade adjustment assistance," given for workers who are idled or communities hurt by imports.

Local parks offer much to students

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That old devil, spring fever, can tempt even the most conscientious student to abandon his textbooks for an afternoon in the sun. When the front yard has an asphalt lawn full of parked cars and there's another neighborhood where the backyard should be, a neighborhood park is the ideal place to enjoy the warm weather. College Station parks: Bee Creek Park, at the end of Anderson Street, offers an Olympic-size swimming pool, two lighted softball fields, four tennis courts, a jogging trail, a 17-acre arboretum and several picnic tables. Prefer a leisurely picnic under large trees or an afternoon nap on a gently sloping hill? Dexter Park on Dexter and Jersey is the place. For larger parties Oaks Park near Highway 30 at Stallings Drive has a covered pavilion, two party areas, restrooms and a quarter-mile jogging track. Lincoln Center on Eleanor Street at Holleman Drive has a gym, a lighted softball field, two baseball backstops and restrooms. Also, the parks and recreation de-

partment office is located here. Anderson Park on Anderson Street at Lemon Tree Drive has an unlighted softball field and a three-quarter mile jogging path. Further down Anderson at Holleman Drive are the Anderson athletic fields, nine acres of soccer fields. Thomas Park on Francis Street at James Parkway has three baseball backstops, two unlighted tennis courts, two soccer fields, playgrounds and picnic tables. A pool is planned to be completed by the summer, and it will eventually be covered by a bubble, said Marci Rodgers, recreation superintendent. During the day use of the softball fields is free, but at night there is a \$15 charge for using the lights and a \$5 deposit for the key to the lights. A field may be reserved for up to two hours. The tennis courts are open to the public and cannot be reserved. There are currently no operable lights due to vandalism, Rodgers said. Coin-operated lights are being considered, she added. The Bee Creek swimming pool is open daily from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for adults only and from 1 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. for everyone. The cost for one swim is 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for children under 12. Discount passes are available: a \$7.50 pass good for 14 visits, \$30 per month \$150 a year for families. The swimming hours will be extended during the summer, and the pool can be reserved for private parties. Picnic tables can be rented, and Rodgers said most are already booked on Saturdays for the next month. The rental fee is \$10 and a \$25 deposit is required. The tables include barbeque pits and must be booked at least week in advance, but no more than 30 days. For the group that wants to play games but has no equipment, the department has two recreation kits. These contain footballs, volleyballs, badminton and horseshoe sets, baseball bats and dominoes. The rental fee for these kits is \$5 and a \$25 deposit is required. Reservations and deposits for all facilities but the swimming pool must be made through the parks and recreation office at 1000 Eleanor St. Deposit and rental fees must be paid with separate checks payable to the City of College Station.

Bishop shot in El Salvador

United Press International
SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Four gunmen calmly walked up to Archbishop Oscar A. Romero as he stepped up the communion host during a general mass and shot him at point-blank range, killing the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize nominee, witnesses said. The military-civilian junta banned radio stations from carrying news of the popular archbishop's assassination but issued a statement "energetically condemning" it and announcing an "important" broadcast early today. Newspaper publisher Jorge Pinto said the 63-year-old archbishop was saying a funeral mass Monday for the publisher's mother, Sara Meardi de Pinto, when the four men edged up to the altar of the tiny chapel in northwest San Salvador and fired pointblank.



Off the track

Texas A&M University President Jarvis Miller inspects damage where five Southern Pacific railcars slid off the tracks this morning on the west side of campus. None of the cars overturned and there were no injuries. The cause of the derailment was a broken track, pictured above.

Staff photos by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Iranians demonstrate against shah's departure

United Press International
Iranians gathered to march on the occupied U.S. Embassy in Tehran today, urged by radio and television to "show their hatred for the American plot" in spiriting the ousted shah from Panama to Egypt, reports said. The demonstrations were expected to herald renewed anti-American dramatics in Tehran, where 50 Americans entered their 143rd day of captivity today under the threat some might stand trial on spying charges. Iran's "hanging judge," Ayatollah Sadegh Khalkali, raised that possibility Monday, charging the shah was accepted by Egypt "on orders from Carter." He said some of the hostages would be put in the dock at spy trials in retribution. The report brought quick reaction from the White House, which said Iran would bear "null responsibility" for such a grave action. U.V.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said in New York the U.N. Commission on Iran would not return to Tehran until there was a "better climate." The

panel's efforts to see the captives were rejected last month.

Tehran Radio denounced the ailing shah's move to Cairo one day before Iran pressed its case for his extradition from Panama and blamed a "treacherous" American plot for the abrupt departure.

People gathered at 10 rally points for the march on the embassy, urged by the radio

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to show their "hatred for the American plot," ABC News reported Monday night. Iran's charge d'affaires in Washington, Ali Aga, told ABC News 140 letters from the hostages had been allowed out of Iran recently but the State Department did not allow the letters to get to the hostages' families.

"Certainly there is an interest to keep these people as hostages in Tehran in this country," he charged. He did not elaborate, but earlier in the interview he implied the CIA was keeping word from the hostages "because of security."

Khalkali told reporters in Rome, where

he stopped en route to Libya, Egypt and especially President Anwar Sadat would pay for granting asylum to the deposed monarch. The Islamic judge has sentenced to death hundreds of former officials of the shah's regime.

Khalkali said the United States was delaying the release of the hostages by failing to return the shah and his wealth to Iran, which the militants holding the embassy have demanded since they took the diplomatic facility Nov. 4.

He said those hostages "who acted as spies and betrayed our people will be tried and sent to prison." He said the trial would begin after Iran's new parliament convenes, likely in May.

"Those who are innocent will be pardoned by the imam (Khomeini) and freed," he said. In Cairo, doctors said the shah, who is suffering from cancer and must have his enlarged spleen removed, was in better condition than has been reported. They termed his condition "somewhat reassuring," the state-controlled Middle East News Agency reported.

Peace justice avoids injury in mishap

Precinct 4-4 Justice of the Peace Carolyn Hensarling was forced off the road Monday evening by a drunk driver. She was not injured. Although initial reports stated Hensarling had been assaulted with a gun at her residence, she said this was not true. "A pair of guys just ran me off the road," she said. "I'm glad someone is setting it straight." The sheriff's department is holding them both, one for driving while intoxicated, and another for public intoxication. The College Station police department first reported they had received a "very erratic" phone call stating Hensarling had been assaulted, but the details were sketchy at that time. The sheriff's department refused to give out the names or the ages of the men being held.

Proxmire's golden fleece sheared

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., who likes to point out ridiculous examples of government financial waste, cost the taxpayers \$124,351 in legal fees in defense of one of his tongue-in-cheek "Golden Fleece" awards. In addition, Proxmire publicly apologized on the floor of the Senate to Dr. Ronald Hutchinson, 43, a researcher at Kalamazoo (Mich.) State Hospital. The senator also paid him \$10,000 and his \$5,132 in legal fees in settlement of Hutchinson's \$8 million defamation suit against Proxmire and a legislative aide. "Some of my statements concerning Dr. Hutchinson's research may be subject to an interpretation different from the one I intended and I am happy to clarify them," Proxmire said Monday after the Senate convened. In presenting a 1975 Golden Fleece to three government agencies for financing Hutchinson's experiments on aggressive animal and human behavior, including research on why monkeys clench their jaws, Proxmire said Hutchinson "made a fortune from his monkeys" while making monkeys out of the taxpayers. "While the amount of the federal expenditure was large and provided support for Dr. Hutchinson's research for a number of years, the fact is Dr. Hutchinson did not make a personal fortune," said Proxmire.

SG presents music, speeches

Students will have a chance to hear candidates in the upcoming campus elections while being entertained when the Election Committee and the Basement Coffeehouse sponsor singing and speeches by the fountain in front of Rudder Tower Wednesday. Beginning at 10 a.m., six singers will perform with candidates for Junior and Senior Yell Leader, Student Body President and Residence Hall Association giving short speeches at five minutes before each hour until 2 p.m. Schedule for the candidates is: 10:55, Senior Yell Leader; 11:55, Student Body President; 12:55, Junior Yell Leader; 1:55, Residence Hall Association. There are seven candidates for senior and eight for junior yell leaders, two for RHA and four student body president candidates. Singers will be Robert Keen, Jim Dawkins, Jim Sharpe, Rich Mennick and John Douset.