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Search starts for new dean

by SCOT K. MEYER

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Dr. Clinton A. Phillips, dean of faculties-designate, has announced the names of the members of the advisory search committee which will recommend a new dean for the College of Liberal Arts.

The position became open when Dean W. David Maxwell accepted a post at Clemson University. His resignation takes effect on Aug. 1.

Associate Dean Diane W. Strommer has accepted a new position at the University of Rhode Island, effective Aug. 15.

Phillips said the nine-member committee is asking faculty members for a list of qualifications which they feel the new dean should possess. The committee is also accepting nominations for the position, Phillips said, although some nominees are already being considered.

There are a number of qualified individuals within the college, he said, and the committee will consider these "internal" nominees before even considering people from outside the department.

There has been no timetable set up for the selection of a new dean. "We want to work as quickly as we can, but we also want to do a good job," Phillips said. "These things always take longer than you plan."

The committee will eventually select three nominees for the position of dean. The committee will recommend these individuals to Dr. J.M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs, and President Miller. "The search committee is advisory only,"

Phillips said, "we simply recommend." "I don't feel that I'm impelled to follow their recommendation," Prescott said, "but I've been through this six times in the past three years and every time we've taken someone that the committee recommended, and in those cases where they were ranked, I believe in every case we've ultimately appointed the top-ranked individual from the committee deliberations."

In the event the committee does not recommend a new dean by Aug. 1, when Dean Maxwell's resignation takes effect, an interim dean will be appointed.

"I regard the Dean of Liberal Arts as an extremely important position; the College of Liberal Arts teaches roughly 25 percent of the credit hours on this campus," Prescott said.

Maxwell was a skilled leader of the college, Prescott said, and losing him is a blow to the University. But, he said, "we're confident we'll find another great leader."

Phillips, who will chair the committee, informed the College of Liberal Arts faculty Tuesday of his choices for the commission members. They include: Dr. R.J.Q. Adams, associate professor of history; Dr. Robert Blakley, professor of mathematics; Dr. Robert W. Burch, associate professor of philosophy; Dr. Richard H. Costa, professor of English; Dr. Rand B. Evans, professor and head of the psychology department; Dr. Eirik Furubotn, professor of economics; Dr. Robert H. Page, dean of the College of Engineering and and Dr. Ruth Schaffer, professor of sociology.



Michael Bandy, a representative of Atlantic Richfield Co., demonstrates the "Conservation Drive" equipment which can show drivers how to save gasoline. The ARCO demonstration is one of dozens of energy conserva-

tion displays in and outside the Rudder Center as part of this week's Agricultural Extension Service convention at Texas A&M. The driving display will continue through Friday. Staff photo by Lee Roy Leshper Jr.

10 killed in S. Africa riots

United Press International
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Police "shooting like mad" into crowds killed 10 mixed-race protesters and wounded 50 others in Cape Town's mulatto ghettos where fires raged out of control in South Africa's worst race riots in four years, newspapers and witnesses reported.

Residents reported the five Cape Town townships were under a virtual state of siege, and said camouflaged police reinforcements poured in throughout the day Wednesday. The protesters erected flaming barricades of tires and oil drums and set fires to buildings and cars in open defiance of a government ban on public gatherings to commemorate the Soweto riots of June 1976, South African reporters said.

The rioting, the worst since more than 600 people were killed in the sprawling black ghetto of Soweto outside Johannesburg four years ago, was centered in the Cape Town area, police reported.

At least 10 people were killed and many as 50 were wounded in the five townships near Cape Town, the Afrikaans Die Burger newspaper said. Residents said the published count was much too low.

Police confirmed "a number of people have been killed and a number hurt," but would give no more details until after an investigation. "I have no numbers to tell you," said J.F. Rossouw, Cape Town's police commissioner. As news of the shootings spread,

youths took to the streets Tuesday night setting fires, overturning cars and looting shops. But police said firemen were told to keep out of the areas for their own safety.

A resident said police simply opened fire on a crowd of youths. "Six police vans pulled up and police just poured out shooting like mad," said Veronica Woodington.

"No one was throwing stones, but there was a huge crowd standing around."

She said one of her neighbors, Avril De Bruyn, 25, was cut down in the police fusillade. "Avril just fell. I thought she fainted then I saw all the blood and the hole."

"She was shot through the heart. She died holding my hand."

Police said the remainder of the country was tense but quiet Tuesday night with only sporadic incidents of stone-throwing in Soweto, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

But police said all foreign correspondents and most local reporters still would be banned from entering the townships for fear they might provoke more uprisings.

The Soweto unrest four years ago, the worst racial violence in South Africa's history, started after the government insisted Afrikaans be used as the main teaching language in schools. The nation's non-whites — Coloreds, Blacks and Indians according to the nation's laws — protested, saying Afrikaans was the "language of the oppressor."

Genetics director lauds decision

by USCHI MICHEL-HOWELL

Battalion Staff
The U.S. Supreme Court's decision that man-made organisms may be patented will help the science of genetic research, said Dr. James Smith, director of genetics at Texas A&M.

"The decision will stimulate research, because patented products will pay for further research," Smith said.

The court ruled Monday that patent protection could be granted to Ananda Chakrabarty of General Electric Co. for his development of a man-made, oil-consuming

bacterium. The organism is expected to be useful in cleaning up offshore oil spills.

Following the court's decision, organisms such as bacteria or viruses, could be patented for their use, not for their production, Eddie G. Lefner, Texas A&M's patent administrator, said. In addition seeds and plants can presently be protected by certification, Lefner said.

Patent protection of organisms will mainly affect the medical community and its research on DNA, Lefner commented.

Research might be stimulated in the private industry if firms can prevent infringe-

ments on the use of their newly discovered organisms, said Dr. Dudley D. Smith, assistant director of crop products.

Although the University has no organism or plant patents at the moment, it might receive some in the future, said Lefner, who investigates the feasibility and availability of patents for Texas A&M.

A common usage of patent rights is the grant of exclusives to companies that will develop an invention further, Lefner said. "Often an invention comes from the university, but is not ready for marketing yet," Lefner added. Private industries can invest

more money to further the use of the product, Lefner added.

"By allowing patenting of new organisms the knowledge of their existence will be made available to the public and to scientists," Lefner said. "Otherwise, new discoveries might be held secret, because there is no protection of the benefits."

The court said in its opinion that man-made organisms were to be treated no differently than man-made chemical compounds, and the respondent was thus entitled to a patent.

Heroin — 'so I could do a story'

Rather's 'tried everything'

United Press International
NEW YORK — Newscaster Dan Rather, the designated successor to Walter Cronkite as CBS news anchorman, says that as a reporter he has "tried everything," including heroin, "so I could do a story about it."

But Rather, in an interview with the Ladies Home Journal published Monday, said he has never used any illegal drug socially.

"I obey the law," he told the magazine. "I don't want to be coy

with you. I have not smoked pot in this country.

"As a reporter — and I don't want to say that's the only context — I've tried everything. As an example in 1955 or '56 I had someone at the Houston police station shoot me with heroin so I could do a story about it. The experience was a special kind of hell."

Rather will replace Cronkite when Cronkite retires at the end of the year. He said he expects "to suffer by comparison" to Cronkite and is not yet sure what his style will be in the new job.

Student's hanging death 'accidental'

The death of a Texas A&M University student found hanged in his apartment Monday was accidental, Justice of the Peace Mike Calliham ruled Tuesday.

Kevin Duane Hanlon, 24, of Sangus, Mass., was pronounced dead about 5:45 p.m. Monday by Calliham and the cause listed as "accidental hanging."

The time of death of the chemistry graduate student was set at about 1 a.m. Saturday morning, Calliham said.

College Station police reports said the apartment complex manager called at 5:08 p.m. Monday to report a possible suicide in the 500 block of Cherry Street, College Station.

Hanlon's nude body was found by the apartment manager's

husband. He was hung outside of a closet door by a rope fashioned like a hangman's noose around his neck.

After police arrived, College Station detectives and Calliham were notified, police said.

A neighbor told police that he had become concerned because he had not seen Hanlon or his roommate for several days and notified the apartment manager, police reports said.

The apartment manager's husband and another man entered the unit Monday afternoon and found the body.

Calliham said Hanlon's roommate had not been located as of Monday afternoon. Police said they were seeking the roommate for questioning.

The Weather

Yesterday

High 94

Low 72

Humidity 50%

Rain 0.0inches

Today

High 95

Low 74

Humidity 50-55%

Chance of rain none

Mafia chief, four others indicted in Brilab probe

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — At the height of the FBI's Brilab investigation into organized crime and influence peddling in government, reputed Mafia boss Carlos Marcello reportedly boasted, "We got two, two good big shots, man."

His words were prophetic, but in reverse. Marcello, whose mob connections have confused and frustrated federal agents for decades, and Charles E. Roemer II, who served as power broker for the administration of former Gov. Edwin Edwards, were indicted Tuesday on 12 counts of racketeering, conspiracy and fraud.

A special federal grand jury also indicted Washington consultant I. Irving Davidson and New Orleans attorney Vince Marinello.

The 25-page indictment accused the four of conspiring to "defraud the citizens of Jefferson Parish, the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana of their right to the honest and faithful service of their elected and appointed officials," namely trying to influence the awarding of state insurance contracts.

The defendants were scheduled for a hearing next Tuesday before a federal magistrate in New Orleans.

Marcello has long been regarded as the king of organized crime in Louisiana, yet at the age of 70 he has been convicted only three times in 40 years of battling the law.

Vincent Wheeler, Marcello's attorney, said Tuesday he informed his client about the indictment as soon as the grand jury handed it down.

"We have no reaction at this moment," Wheeler said.

Roemer was unavailable for comment.

All four defendants were charged with one count of racketeering, one of conspiracy, six of wire fraud and one of mail fraud. Marcello and Davidson also face charges of interstate travel in aid of racketeering and, along with Roemer, two more wire fraud counts.

The maximum penalty for racketeering is 20 years in prison and \$25,000 in fines. Each count of wire fraud and mail fraud carries a five-year prison term and \$1,000 maximum fine.

The interstate travel charge could bring a sentence as heavy as five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

In setting up the Brilab "sting," the FBI put two undercover agents in business with a fake insurance

company in Beverly Hills, Calif. FBI informant Joseph Hauser acted as a go-between in various bribes and payoff attempts, the indictment said.

The document quoted from telephone calls — including the conversation that contained Marcello's "big shot" boast — from meetings, even from conversations in a New Orleans hotel men's room.

The grand jury said Roemer received \$25,000 in cash in exchange for a promise to aid the other defendants in insurance deals. It said Marcello, Davidson and Roemer were to receive kickbacks on the insurance contracts.

Marcello told Davidson, Hauser and the FBI agents that Roemer would be paid \$50,000 each month for a total of \$600,000 a year from commissions

on one insurance contract, the grand jury said. Marcello and the others would split the rest.

Named in the indictment but not charged was former Lt. Gov. James E. Fitzmorris, who ran for governor last fall. The grand jury said Marinello took \$10,000 in cash to buy Fitzmorris' influence in obtaining insurance contracts.

During the administration of Edwards, Roemer was the state's second most powerful official. Part of his duties as commissioner of administration involved awarding contracts for the state's multimillion-dollar group insurance policies.

During the grand jury's hearings, Roemer repeatedly denied any wrongdoing, but he did not accept an invitation from the jury to testify.