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New girls' dorms to be dedicated

By CATHIE CREW
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Neeley and Hobby halls, two new women's dorms, will be officially dedicated by the Texas A&M University Board of Regents at 10 a.m. Saturday at All Faiths Chapel.

The dedication will honor Oveta Culp Hobby and Marion J. Neeley. Hobby was commander of the Women's Army Corps during World War II and was the first secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare in 1953.

She is now chairman of the board of the Houston Post Co.

Mrs. Hobby was married to the late William P. Hobby, former Texas governor. Her son is Lt. Gov. William P. Hobby Jr.

Neeley, a 1922 graduate of Texas A&M, got the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1970 because of his efforts in educational training at Texas A&M and loyalty to the University, according to a former students association statement.

Neeley and his wife, Alice, established the Neeley Center for the Perceptually Handicapped in 1964. It has expanded into the Starpoint

School for children with learning disabilities.

Neeley is the president of M.J. Neeley and Co., an investment firm in Fort Worth, and he is an honorary member of the Texas Christian University Board of Trustees.

Presiding over the dedication ceremony will be Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services. Speaking will be Lt. Gov. Hobby and former Texas A&M Chancellor Dr. M.T. Harrington.

Neeley and Hobby residents will choose a representative to express appreciation on behalf of the halls.

The honorees' portraits, to be hung in the dormitories, will be unveiled at the ceremony.

Clyde Wells, chairman of the board of regents, will present the buildings and Acting President Dr. Charles Samson will accept them on behalf of the University.

The residence halls are made of separate modules which were constructed in San Antonio and shipped to Texas A&M in August 1979. They are located between Hotard Hall and Sbisla Dining Hall.

N-waste inventory too high

United Press International
GALVESTON — The president of Todd Shipyards Corp. says its failure to meet a deadline for reducing its temporary inventory of low-level nuclear waste was unavoidable and caused no harm to anyone.

State health officials have threatened Todd with court action for failure to meet an Oct. 15 deadline for reducing its nuclear waste inventory to 2,000 barrels. On that date, inspectors said they counted 11,000 barrels.

In a prepared statement, Todd President Arthur W. Stout Jr. said the failure to meet the deadline was unavoidable because of "unforeseen and unfortunate incidents."

"In spite of statements and innuendos, we wish to emphasize the fact that our inability to have on hand a maximum of 2,000 drums has in no way had any deleterious effects on the health or welfare of this community," Stout said.

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Bryan building dispute settled

By STARR MOORE
Battalion Reporter

Special commissioners of the condemnation court settled the dispute between property owners of Western Auto and the Brazos County Commissioners.

Thursday morning, the three commissioners, appointed by County Court at Law Judge James A. Amis Jr., awarded \$112,000 to Brazos County for the property's cost. The money is included in the total \$360,000 set aside for the renovation of Western Auto which is to house the new county tax office.

The regular county commissioners wanted to acquire the Western Auto store as a tax office, but attorneys for the property owners said they wanted more money for the property.

To decide the final amount Amis appointed three independent commissioners.

The first witness to testify before the commission was architect Jack Cumpston who said the county has the option to acquire property for public need and benefit through condemnation.

He said the building has some definite maintenance problems but nothing that is structurally inefficient. He said, "It is in need of considerable maintenance ... it has problems that need to be fixed."

Cumpston said the roof will be built over the old one to strengthen it and provide better insulation.

He said the new roof will stretch the life of the building by about 20 years.

Brazos County voters approved a \$10 million bond issue for the expansion and renovation of the courthouse last January.

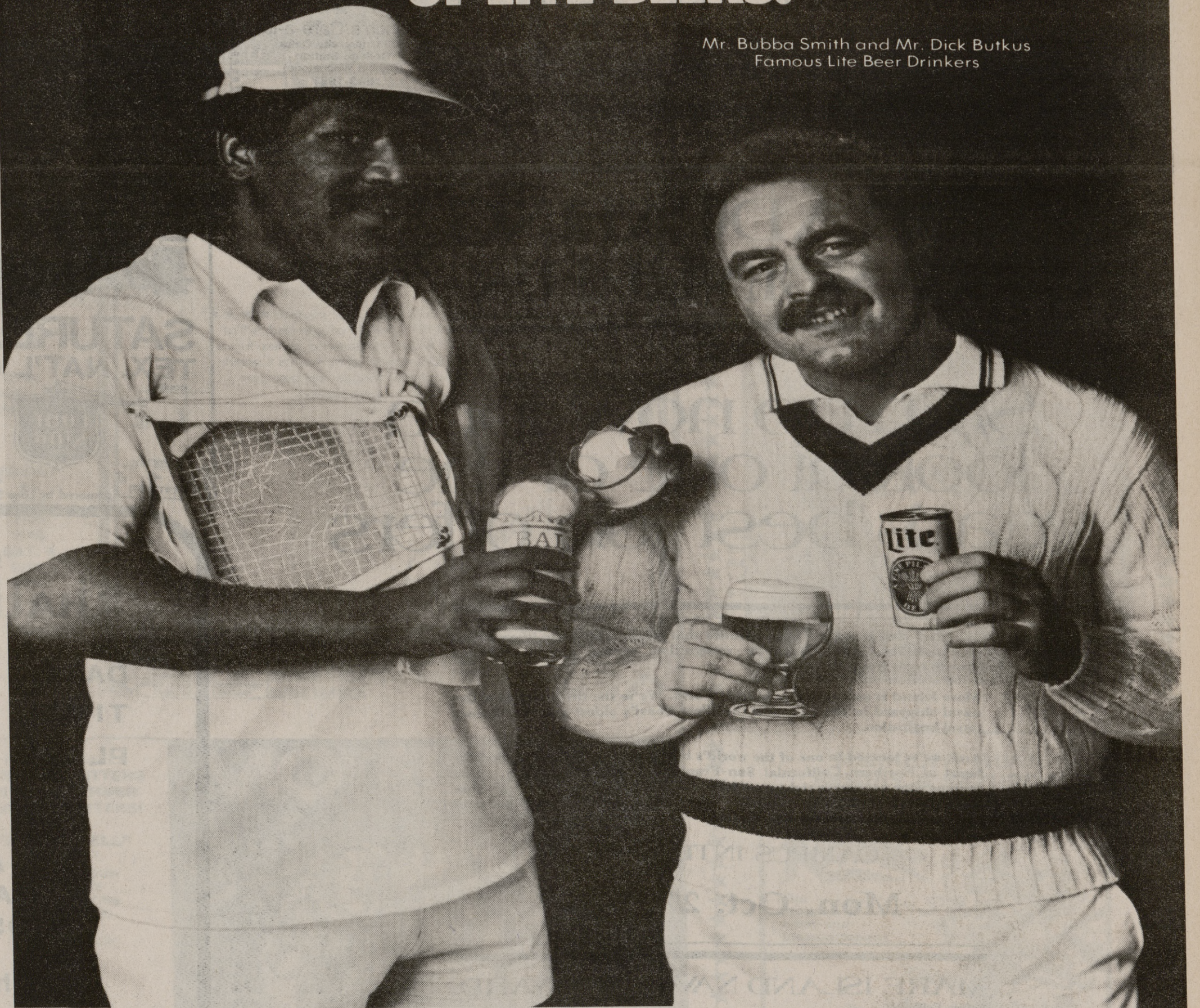
The purchase of the Western Auto store is only part of the bond package.

Cumpston said the reason for the difference in estimated prices between the owners and the county is because of their different perceptions of what is needed.

"It's human nature to think that what you own is more valuable than really what it is," Cumpston said.

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