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The Weather

Yesterday

High 71
Low 48
Rain 0.00 inches

Today

High 85
Low 71
Humidity muggy
Chance of rain .. excellent

Regents OK funds transfer, building

By DILLARD STONE

Battalion Editor

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents gave the green light Friday to a new horticulture/forest science building for Texas A&M University, approved several funds transfers within the System, and spoke at length with Texas A&M head football coach Tom Wilson.

The regents approved \$145,000 to be spent in a preliminary design of the new building.

Dr. Perry Adkisson, deputy chancellor for agriculture, told the regents the new building, planned for the West Campus, will provide a needed central point for the University's horticulture and forest science programs.

Adkisson said Texas is now the second-ranked state in the nation in horticulture. The state's horticulture industry is now valued at more than \$700 million, he said.

"We think it would be easy to move Texas past the \$1 billion mark in horticulture industry — if we had an adequate research facility," Adkisson said.

Estimates place the cost for the new building at \$14.5 million. The building will cost about \$127 per square foot. The high cost is primarily due to the large amount of specialized research equipment needed.

At one point in the meeting, Regent Joe Reynolds asked Howard Vestal, University vice president for business affairs, about the prospects for building new eating facilities on the West Campus.

They agreed that the new buildings already there, along with plans calling for more buildings, should create more demand for a West Campus dining facility.

"We would hope that any dining facility over there would be in conjunction with a new dormitory complex," Vestal replied.

The regents also supplemented operating budgets of the System Administration, Texas A&M, Tarleton State and Prairie View A&M to try to keep valuable faculty and staff members. Private businesses and other institutions — able to afford higher salaries — have hired away many faculty and staff from the schools.

The regents transferred \$790,000 from Texas A&M's reserve account to supplement the salaries. Most of the supplements will go to engineering and business professors and staff, but it was not specifically allocated. The board approved \$95,000 to be transferred at Tarleton State, and \$165,000 at Prairie View.

For System Administration, the board allocated \$125,000 from the University Available Fund to make possible higher salaries and more workers.

After the meeting, board Chairman Clyde H. Wells asked the board members, Chancellor Frank W. R. Hubert and Acting President Charles Samson to remain for a closed meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Texas A&M head football Coach Tom Wilson and Athletic Director Marvin Tate entered the closed session and emerged about 50 minutes later.

After Saturday's 10-6 loss to the Rice Owls, Wilson had little to say about the meeting, which he himself reportedly requested.

"They're very supportive of our actions in regard to the team," he said. Wilson repeated his feelings of last week, when he said he was not concerned about whether or not the regents were thinking about replacing him.

"I've got other things to worry about," he said. "Like making sure people know how to tackle."

Debate on hostages' fate resumes today in Tehran

United Press International LONDON — Iran's parliament resumed secret debate today on its terms for freeing the 52 American hostages nearing their first anniversary in illegal captivity.

Today's program is a continuation of yesterday's, a member of the Iranian parliament secretariat told United Press International by telephone from Tehran.

Hajjatoleslam Haseemi Rafsanjani, parliament's speaker, conferred with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini on the hostage issue, the BBC reported. It quoted Rafsanjani as saying afterward there was no reason the hostages could not be freed if President Carter agreed to the conditions parliament would lay down.

The Majlis, or parliament, began Sunday discussing a report of a seven-member parliamentary commission appointed to recommend "conditions" on which the 52 Americans would be allowed to go home.

It immediately voted to make its deliberations secret, although one official told UPI

Sunday an "open session" on the issue would be held Thursday.

Iran's official Pars news agency said some parliamentary deputies objected to debating the hostage issue at all "because of the martyrdom of innocent people" killed in an Iraqi rocket attack on the city of Dizful earlier Sunday.

Monday's session began at 8:15 a.m. (11:45 p.m. EST Sunday), 45 minutes behind schedule. The secretariat official gave no reason for the delay.

Sunday's session saw the introduction of a secret report by Hajjatoleslam Mousai Khoeyi, head of the seven-member commission. Khoeyi, 39, was the leader of the 400 Moslem militants who stormed the U.S. Embassy and seized the captives last Nov. 4.

"The Majlis is discussing the same thing," the secretariat official said today, though he added that "this is a non-public but official session, and nobody can say exactly what they are discussing."

While suspense over the hostages' release grew with parliament's lengthening debate, American concern also grew that only some — and not all — of the 52 might be freed.

One high-ranking Iranian official at the United Nations was quoted as saying there was a "99 percent" chance that 40 of the 52 hostages, held now for 359 days, will be released Wednesday or Thursday.

Iranian parliament sources, reached by phone from London, said the legislators would probably devote only a few hours a day to the discussion because a long, drawn-out debate was likely.

Tehran political sources said the ruling Islamic Republican Party seemed willing to carry on the debate, but was confronted by radical party members seeking further delays.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Anita Stockman said: "We will have nothing to say because there is nothing to be said until the (Iranian) parliament announces its decision."

Redpots raise bonfire centerpole

By MARGARITA JAIME

Battalion Reporter

The first significant step in building the 1980 bonfire came Friday, when workers raised the centerpole over Duncan Intra-mural Field.

Bonfire is traditionally held before the Texas A&M-Texas football game each year. This year's fire is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Head Redpot Bill Singer, a senior from Alice, said that the pole arrived at Duncan Field Tuesday afternoon and that on Wednesday Collier Electric Company of Bryan drilled the hole to fit it. Redpots are the people who supervise bonfire work.

This year, trees were donated by Granada Land and Cattle Company of Bryan.

Redpot Kyle Gish of Boerne said that several people from different companies called asking to have their land cleared. However, he said, due to the quantity of trees available, the bonfire workers accepted Granada's offer.

"We don't want to separate our teams," Gish said. "We would rather keep everyone at the same place for safety measures."

One major problem facing the bonfire workers, however, is getting enough trucks to haul logs, Gish said.

"Right now we have two flat-bed trucks donated by a company in Bryan and a company from San Antonio. We're hoping to get five or six, though," he said.

Gish said that other construction companies have donated their trucks and drivers on weekends to haul logs for the bonfire.

"We've had a couple companies from Houston help us out, including Zachry Construction Company," he said, "and one company from as far as Alice donated a truck and driver."

Despite the shortage of 18-wheelers, Gish said there were enough tractors and chains.

However, he said they could use cash donations to buy rope, bailing wire, and to house the out-of-town truck drivers for a night.

Gish and Singer agreed that at the beginning of bonfire construction, they cannot use many people to help work. At the start

of this week, Gish said, no more than 12 men will be used.

However, Singer said that by the end of this week more people will be needed, and that anyone wanting to work can just "come on out."

People are needed to work on pulley crews, which hoist logs and workers onto the stack. Workers also may wire logs onto

the stack, or help carry logs to the stack by hand and in teams.

Gish and Singer suggested that when people arrive willing to work at Duncan Field, to avoid any confusion, they need to "get a hold of a redpot, and ask them what to do."

Singer said that he feels everything is on schedule and that if the weather permits,

bonfire will be held Nov. 25 at "dark-thirty".

Bonfire schedule for the next four weeks is as follows:
Nov. 8, 9 Cutting day
Nov. 12-25 The "push." People work 24 hours a day to complete the "stack"
Nov. 25 Bonfire



Staff photo by George Dolan

Fish from Company C-1, the "centerpole outfit," stand in the bonfire's centerpole hole. Company C-1 has the major responsibility for raising the centerpole. The flag

flying atop the centerpole traditionally is a sheet from the commanding officer of the outfit, emblazoned with the company emblem.



Staff photo by Jeff Kerber

Chow down

Roy Brantley, a senior Corps of Cadet member, won the annual "Eat the Hell outa Rice" contest, sponsored by the MSC Recreation Committee each year prior to the

Rice University game. Brantley was presented a box of Rice Crispies with a ribbon tied around it for his fast-eating talent after the contest Friday.

Building request tabled

Plans for a new Meat Science Technology Center for Texas A&M University were tabled at Friday's meeting of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

The board tabled the University's request for approval of the new building because of cost questions, said Ed Peel, Texas A&M University System director of facilities planning and construction.

The building is supposed to cost \$3.5 million, Peel said, or more than \$110 per square foot.

Peel said that the building's cost is due to about \$1.2 million worth of specialized technical equipment planned for the building. Essentially, he said, the building is a slaughterhouse.

Deleting the cost of the slaughtering and refrigeration equipment, the building's cost drops to just over \$70 per square foot. "That's a figure compatible with any other classroom building," Peel said.

The Coordinating Board will reconsider the building at its Jan. 27 meeting, Peel said, after a special panel has had a chance to review the proposal.

Peel was not sure about how binding the Coordinating Board decision was on Texas A&M.

It is commonly believed that Coordinating Board approval is not necessary for buildings funded totally by Available University Fund money.

Peel said this assumption was made because the Texas attorney general's opinion has said that the Coordinating Board did not have to approve AUF-funded buildings at the University of Texas.

Although only Texas A&M and UT share AUF money — which is generated by the Permanent University Fund — Peel said it was not clear how binding the attorney general's opinion would be on Texas A&M.

Because System and University administrators want to proceed with the project at the earliest possible date, a "contingency" procedure will be used to receive bids.

The architect's contract will be awarded at the Jan. 24 Board of Regents meeting. The award will be made contingent upon the Coordinating Board's approval at its meeting three days later, Peel said.

The Coordinating Board oversees Texas public colleges and universities.

Night tickets to catch dorm parking frauds

By JENNIFER AFFLERBACH

Battalion Staff

Texas A&M University Police tonight will begin ticketing cars displaying fraudulent permits, which enable the owners to park nearer to dorms than they should.

Col. Thomas Parsons, director of security and traffic, said he believes dorm residents are fraudulently registering their cars so they can park in day student lots near the dorms.

Dorm students can do this by registering as day student: with 60 credit hours or more.

Many on-campus students can't find spaces in their red-sticker lots, which are closest to the dorms. If there is no room in the red-sticker lots, students must park in lots across Wellborn Road. Day students

with their blue stickers can park closer to dormitories than these overflow students.

"We'll get it straight," Parsons said. "If they don't come in (after receiving the first ticket), we'll ticket them again, and again."

After three outstanding violation notices have been issued, a vehicle may be towed. In addition, Parsons said, he will seek disciplinary action from the director of student affairs.

Police checks between 2 and 4 a.m. revealed 68 cars parked for three consecutive nights in Parking Annex 9 near the north-side dorms, and along Bizzell Street next to the Commons area dorms.

All of the cars were registered to off-campus addresses, but the car owners have on-campus telephone numbers, Parsons said.

Anderson declines Clark debate offer

By BECKY SWANSON

Battalion Staff

Independent presidential candidate John Anderson has refused an invitation by Libertarian Party candidate Ed Clark to debate at Texas A&M University, Anderson's legal counsel said this morning.

Anderson was extended an invitation to appear opposite Clark by the Clark office and by the MSC Political Forum Committee on Friday.

Clark is scheduled to speak Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater in a Political Forum presentation and had asked to arrange the debate at that time.

Mitchel Rogovin, legal counsel for Anderson, told The Battalion that Anderson would not debate Clark, because of scheduling.

Rogovin said Anderson would participate in a debate with President Carter and the other candidates if it could be arranged, but he had no plans to debate Clark individually.

Tom Palmer, assistant communications

director for Clark, said Sunday the invitation to debate had been extended to Anderson on Friday, but they have not received a response.

"We're presently in negotiation with the Anderson folks, I think that's about all that we would be able to say at this point," Palmer said Sunday.

Political Forum Chairman Wayne Bailey said the committee sent invitations to both candidates by telegram Friday when the Clark office contacted him about the possibility of setting up a debate. Clark accepted, but Anderson's office had not responded to the invitation as of this morning, a Political Forum spokesman said.

Rogovin, however, said he had told the Clark office that Anderson would not debate the Libertarian candidate.

"I told Mr. Clark's representative, Mr. Crane, that we were unable to do that (set up a debate). I don't know how it got turned around to an acceptance. He invited us after I told him that we could not (arrange the debate)."