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## The Weather

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## Chancellor working on minority plan

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What should schools in the Texas A&M University System do to attract more minority students? The problem is acute, and the System's regents decided earlier this month they want to solve it. He added pressure to find a solution comes from the federal government, which has long been investigating desegregation in public colleges in the north.

This week the System chancellor is receiving suggestions from the presidents of the universities. Most suggestions aim to recruit more students, with emphasis on minority recruiters and special minority scholarships.

Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert said he expects have a detailed plan by early January. Hubert said the regents approved a goal for the System to set in five years. That goal basically is a mathematical formula similar to one used in other states the department has already reviewed, such as Florida and North Carolina.

If the five-year goal had already been met at Texas A&M, 2,427 blacks and Hispanics would be on campus instead of the 1,302 who registered this fall. (Minority enrollment at Texas A&M makes up only 3.89 percent of the student body.)

"Much of the language out of this (the regents') resolution is keyed to the guidelines which are prevalent in other states," Hubert said. "We've borrowed from their procedures and standards, knowing that if we're ever reviewed it will be in these terms."

Some of Texas A&M's proposals, for instance, have been used at other schools. They include toll-free calls to the University for admissions questions, free tutoring and targeting likely students in their sophomore year in high school.

Dr. Elizabeth Cowan, assistant to Texas A&M's president, said the proposals can still be changed, but emphasized the attitude is right.

"There is nothing but willingness to do this," Cowan said. "There's been no arm twisting."

She said some of Texas A&M's problems are

historical.

"We have some difficulties here," she said. "For instance, there's no black middle class here. We're not urban. That makes a difference to black students and faculty."

In another part of the System, at Tarleton State University, the situation is different. Dr. William Trogdon, president of the school, said minority enrollment there reflects the community.

Minority students are about equally divided between blacks and Hispanics, he said and together comprise about 1 percent of the undergraduates in the 3,600-student school.

"We run about the same percentage as the census figures show us in the immediately surrounding counties," he said. "It's a white area, so when we say we get 1 percent minority it's about the same as the census shows."

He suggested more recruiting, but not special scholarships for minority students.

"We have never discriminated on scholarships and will not create any minority scholarships," he

said. "Any student is eligible for any scholarship we have." He said that system is more fair for Tarleton.

"We have a lot of what I call culturally deprived students from all races. They all compete on an equal basis."

He said some of the scholarships are designed for the average student and based on need rather than academics. The school also offers several academic scholarships.

He said Tarleton faces a different problem in recruiting than Texas A&M.

"We're kind of a local institution where Texas A&M is a state institution," he said. "Our students come from within the general region or we don't get them. We're not going to recruit anybody from Houston. Nobody is going to drive through College Station to go to school here, unless it's for a special program."

The president of the maritime branch of the System, Moody College, suggested both increased recruiting and minority scholarships.

"Basically our feeling is that the minorities are underrepresented in the various maritime industries and we would like to do something about it," Dr. William Clayton said. "We've asked for money from the legislature to do something about it."

The money would be used to hire a minority recruiter and fund minority scholarships, he said. Clayton did not know how many minorities are now in the school, although blacks are the main group that is under represented.

"Orientals and Hispanics have some sort of tradition in maritime areas, whereas blacks generally do not," he said. "We have some minority representation in these three groups, but we think they're underrepresented."

Clayton said the school has had a plan to increase minority representation for some time.

The regents' plan also included a provision for Prairie View A&M, a predominantly black school, to increase its white enrollment. That plan isn't scheduled to be ready until March.

## Five more Cabinet positions left to fill

WASHINGTON — Ronald Reagan has named no blacks or women for his Cabinet yet, but he has five more slots to fill and the president-elect says not to keep score until the rest of his nominees are named.

Retired Gen. Alexander Haig and New Jersey businessman Raymond Donovan came the newest Cabinet designees Tuesday — Haig for secretary of state and Donovan for secretary of labor.

To date, all of the Cabinet designees are white males. Reagan was asked in Los Angeles after the announcement whether plans to name a black or a woman to his cabinet.

"Don't keep score until the whole thing is done," Reagan replied. "Well, let me say there is no plot to rule them out."

Last week, Reagan left some black leads with the impression a black will be named to the Cabinet. And Reagan's top adviser, Edwin Meese, said flatly last weekend that blacks will be in the Cabinet. Two blacks who have been mentioned recently for the job of housing secretary are economist Thomas Sowell and Jewel Fontana, a transition adviser.

In addition to that appointment, Cabinet slots still are available at the departments of energy, education, interior and agriculture.

Reagan aide Michael Deaver told reporters in Los Angeles the president-elect will complete his Cabinet announcements by the end of this week.

Of his two latest appointments, Reagan said Haig and Donovan "are united in their determination to send a signal to the world that America is on the march again — that our foreign policy will be clear, consistent and strong and that our domestic policy will be one of common sense, fairness and equality of opportunity." Both men, said Reagan, have "proven records of success."

Haig's selection has drawn criticism because of his close association to Richard Nixon, who Haig served as White House chief of staff during the Watergate scandal.

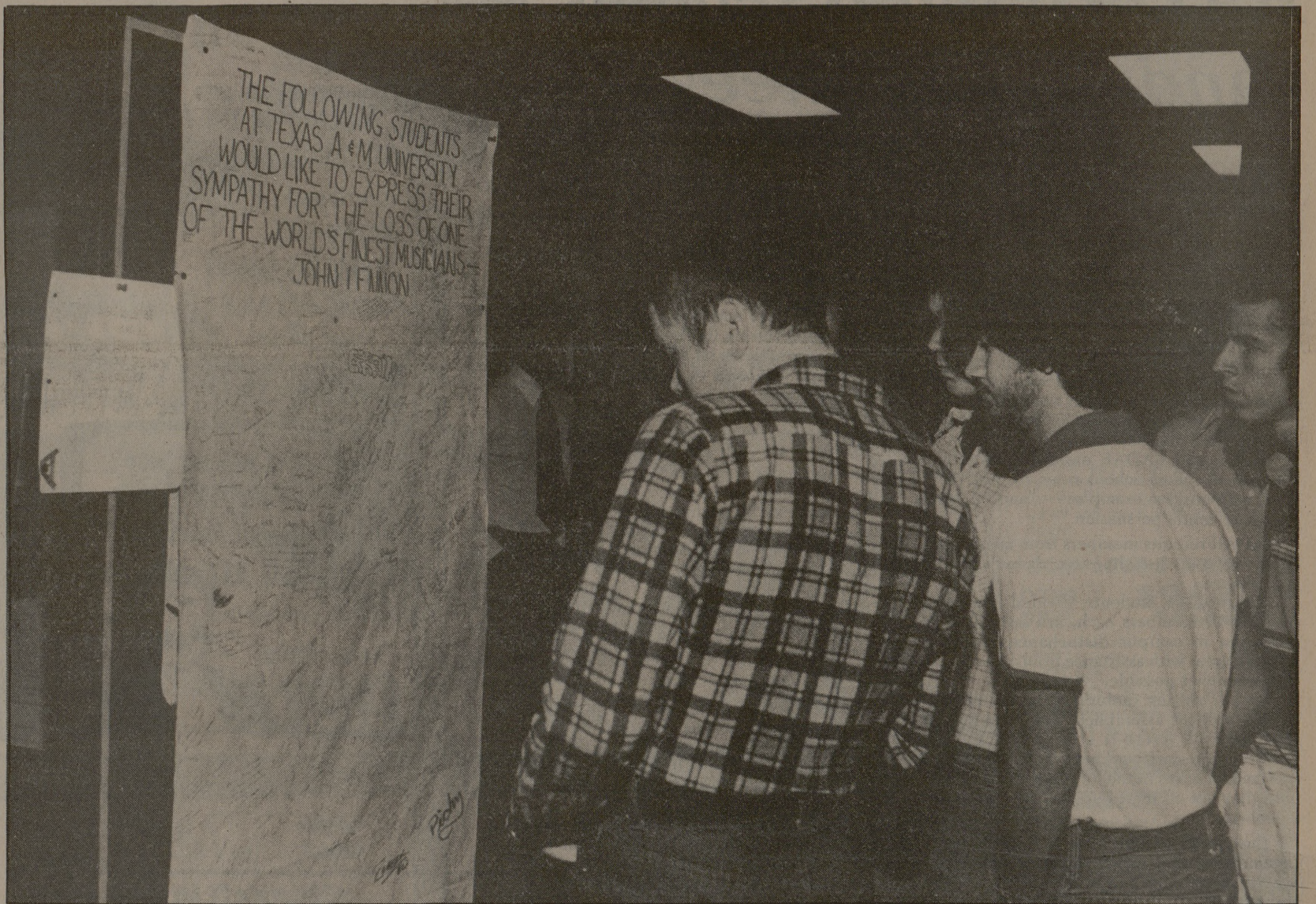
In addition, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said he was concerned about Haig's role in the conduct of the Vietnam War and his grasp of diplomacy in light of his long military career.

But Republican leaders have assured Reagan that Haig, 56, currently the president of United Technologies Corp., can be confirmed by the Senate.

"The chances for confirmation are very good," Haig told reporters outside his suburban Hartford, Conn., home. "I'm optimistic. Why shouldn't I be? I know what my record is."

The appointment of Donovan, 50, executive vice president of the Schiavone Construction Co. of Secaucus, N.J., was welcomed by both labor and business leaders.

Robert Georgine, president of the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department, said he has been told by union officials Donovan "is a very fair, honest, sincere, strong individual with a great deal of integrity."



Staff photo by Pat O'Malley

## Holiday schedule

Most divisions and departments of Texas A&M University close at 5 p.m. Friday for an extended Christmas-New Year's holiday and will re-open Jan. 5, 1981.

Final examinations for students end Friday with spring semester classes beginning Jan. 19. Faculty-staff holidays end Jan. 5.

The Memorial Student Center and Tower Dining Room close at 5 p.m. Friday, including the general offices and guest rooms. The box office closes at 4 p.m., the barber and beauty shops at 3 p.m. and the bookstore at 5 p.m.

The MSC Snack Bar closes at 2 p.m., the Tower Dining Room at 1:30 p.m. and the food service office at 3 p.m. Each of the services re-open on a limited schedule Jan. 5.

The Association of Former Students office will close at 5 p.m. Friday, but will re-open Dec. 22-23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 29-30 at the same hours.

The MSC Post Office in the lobby will be open 24 hours a day during the holiday, but the window will operate only

from 10-11 a.m. on Dec. 22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 30, 31 and Jan. 2.

The Evans Library will be open 24 hours until midnight Thursday, and then on the following schedule: Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed Christmas Day; Dec. 26-27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed Dec. 28; Dec. 29-31, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed New Year's Day; Jan. 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Jan. 3-4, 1 to 5 p.m. From Jan. 5 through Jan. 19 the library will be open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from 1 to 5 p.m.

The University Health Center will close at 4 p.m. Friday and re-open Jan. 5 at 8 a.m. Anyone needing medical attention during the holidays should consult a private physician or St. Joseph Emergency Room.

The Small and Large Animal Clinics at the Veterinary School close at 5 p.m. Friday, but will offer emergency services throughout the holiday period.

University Police also will be on duty throughout the holidays.

## Aggie tribute

A large sheet of paper was posted inside the Memorial Student Center in front of the candy store this week for signatures of those people who felt the loss of ex-Beatle John Lennon, who was killed last week. By 3:30

Tuesday afternoon, when this photo was taken, only a small space at the bottom of the sheet was clear for signatures. The list, when full, will be taken down and sent to Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, and his son, Sean.

## Inaugural trip for RVs 'up in air'

By MARCY BOYCE  
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For a short while it looked as if the Ross Volunteers had a trip to Washington, D.C., and the presidential inauguration sewn up.

Plans were underway, reservations made, and all 73 members were ready to go, but late last week they learned otherwise.

As of today, it appears the governor's official honor guard of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets will not be attending President-elect Ronald Reagan's inaugural parade in January as they planned, Ross Volunteers Commanding Officer Roy Brantley said.

However, he said nothing definite has been decided yet, and plans are still "up in the air."

Brantley said Gov. Bill Clements' staff, who was working to arrange the event, notified him last week that Reagan had decided to hold the size of the inaugural parade to a maximum of 32 units which most likely meant bad news for the RVs.

The RVs and Brantley have not completely abandoned hope that they will get to go, however.

"We have a lot of people working for us to try and pull it off," Brantley said, hinting nothing is definite and that there is still a

possibility an invitation to the parade will be extended.

Members of the RVs started working through Clements to determine if it would be feasible for the RVs to attend, Brantley said. They found out it did indeed look feasible and "more or less received a confirmation," so they began planning their trip, Brantley said.

"We've had positive feedback all along. Last Wednesday was the first time we heard otherwise," he said.

"I'm really disappointed that we were led that way. We have a lot of people working on it, but as it stands now we're not going," Brantley said.

## Today's paper last Battalion until spring

Today's Battalion will be the final one of the fall semester.

The Battalion will publish one issue over the holidays: Wednesday, Jan. 14. Daily publication will resume with the Monday, Jan. 19 issue.

The Battalion's entertainment tabloid, Focus, will resume its weekly publication schedule on Thursday, Jan. 29.

## Session originally scheduled to end Dec. 5

## Lame duck 96th Congress adjourns

WASHINGTON — With a stretch and a yawn — and a typical last-minute snarl — the lame duck 96th Congress finally managed to go home.

Final "sine die" adjournment came at 3:14 p.m. EST Tuesday, when the gavel fell in the Senate 10 hours after the end of an all-night wrangle over the crucial resolution to keep most government agencies in business until next year. The House had adjourned 58 minutes before the Senate.

The lame duck session convened Nov. 12, and was originally scheduled to adjourn Dec. 5.

In both houses, the final formal session was marked by

words of praise from one foe to another and a couple of doomed, last-gasp attempts to win passage of bills of local interest — to bail out the Lake Placid, N.Y., winter Olympics committee, the Kennedy Center in Washington and three utilities in California, and to delay installation of air bags in automobiles.

It was the last day for many members of Congress, mostly liberal Democrats who were purged by the voters in November.

One of the prominent conservative Republican losers was Rep. Robert Bauman of Maryland, self-appointed watchdog of the House floor. While everybody else in the House rose to applaud the defeated Democratic whip,

John Brademas of Indiana, upon his honorary election as speaker pro tem, Bauman sat at the GOP desk shuffling papers, dressed in a bright red blazer, the loudest piece of clothing he has worn on the floor.

In the Senate, assistant GOP leader Ted Stevens, who fought an unpopular and losing battle to raise salaries for top federal officials, was talking to aides at the rear of the chamber when he suddenly yawned and stretched as if starting morning exercises.

It was Stevens who, when asked a few days ago what the 96th would be remembered for, answered tartly: "Running scared."