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Legislator warns A&M of 'attitude' problems

By LIZ NEWLIN
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AUSTIN — State representatives tried some tough questions at Texas A&M Wednesday in budget hearings before the House Appropriations Committee.

Observers dismissed most of the side-ranging jabs as grandstanding, and some legislators, apparently to balance the act, complimented the school. One legislator — speaking like a coach about his team — said Texas A&M's "attitude" may create problems in the money game.

"I don't want you to be arrogant and hunt your wealth and your power," Rep. Don Rains, D-San Marcos, told Texas A&M's chancellor during a discussion of the System's airplanes.

Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert responded, "I hope you haven't found any sense of arrogance in its (the airplanes)."

"I have," Rains said. All other state agencies, including the governor's office, use planes from a pool based in Austin. Texas A&M's three airplanes are maintained at Texas A&M-owned Easterwood Airport, which was built to train students during World War II and has since been improved, mainly with Federal Aviation Administration money.

When the airplane pool was created a few years ago, Texas A&M officials say, legislators exempted the Texas A&M system from joining the pool because agriculture and engineering services require a lot of air travel. But members of the Appropriations Committee, who heard testimony from officials of the state airplane pool Tuesday,

wanted to know why Texas A&M was an exception.

"It's terribly difficult to explain how Texas A&M is so different from the rest of the state agencies," Rains said.

After the hearing, Hubert and other officials said the airplane argument comes up each session. This time they think a hearing the day before exaggerated the issue in representatives' minds.

In an interview after the hearing, Rains indicated the matter was more significant than in the past. He said Texas A&M's attitude may get the System into trouble.

"There are things in that budget that if they appeared in any other institution's budget they would be dismissed out of hand," he said.

"Everyone in Texas is equal. Even Texas A&M is equal. And we're going to see that they're treated equally."

Rains, whose constituency includes Southwest Texas State University, said he wants parity among state schools.

But he agrees that Texas A&M should continue as one "of the two greatest universities in the state" with the help of the Permanent University Fund. In fact, he said, "I didn't graduate from A&M, but I always wish I would have." It's the attitude, shared with some other legislators, that bothers him.

"Just because Senator Moore could get something done at the request of the University administration is no reason to do it. Senator Moore is gone now," he said.

Former Sen. William T. Moore of Bryan was defeated in the Democratic

primary last May by Kent Caperton, who now holds the seat claimed by "The Bull of the Brazos" for more than 40 years.

Rains said he planned to point out more questionable items in the Texas A&M budget, but the hearing was limited to one hour because of debate on the House floor concerning interest rates. The remainder of Texas A&M's presentation is scheduled Monday. The Texas A&M budget was reviewed by the Senate Finance Committee in a friendly session March 10, yet a final decision about the two-year budget is still months away.

While the questions at the hearing Wednesday probably will have little effect — especially with Bryan Rep. Bill Prenal as chairman of the Appropriations Committee — Texas A&M is under pressure this session from several fronts. Most of them also surfaced at the Wednesday hearing.

Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, asked about funding for Prairie View A&M, which probably will receive an extra \$5 million this session. She and Hubert agreed that is a good start, but more needs to be done. On a related issue, legislators asked about Texas A&M's plan to satisfy federal requirements on civil rights.

One representative asked about former Texas A&M president Jarvis Miller, who is on loan to the governor's office but still receiving an annual salary of \$72,000 from Texas A&M. Hubert said the System and the governor's office have now agreed that Miller's appointment will end by Aug. 1.



Master of mime

Photo by Dave Einsel

French mime Marcel Marceau — here portraying a statue in a park — delighted a capacity house in Rudder Auditorium Wednesday night. For a review of Marceau's show, please see page 5.

Church wants short strike

United Press International

WASHINGTON — A nationwide strike by 160,000 soft coal miners begins just after midnight tonight, and United Mine Workers President Sam Church wants quick ratification of a new contract to end the walkout by Tuesday.

The bearded, tobacco-chewing union president scheduled an eight-state tour before Tuesday's vote by rank-and-file miners to convince them to approve the tentative agreement reached Monday in a pre-dawn bargaining session.

His first stop today was Pittsburgh. Afterward, he was to visit two mine sites

in southwestern Pennsylvania and remain at one until the strike begins at 12:01 a.m. EST Friday.

Church also plans to visit mines or union rallies in West Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia.

Despite the tentative three-year agreement reached with industry negotiators and a 21-14 approval vote by the UMW bargaining council on Tuesday, the miners are adhering to their "no contract, no work" rule until ratification.

If the miners ratify the agreement Tuesday, it would mean only a five-day strike — not long enough to have any significant impact on the economy or energy supplies.

Church and other union leaders briefed leaders of the union's 18 soft coal districts Wednesday on the pact, which includes a 36 percent wage and benefits boost over the next three years.

The UMW won a major victory by gaining a \$100-a-month pension for about 45,000 widows of miners who retired before 1974. It relinquished a provision that forced coal operators to pay a royalty to pension and welfare funds on coal prepared for the market from firms that are not part of the Bituminous Coal Operators Association agreement.



Rate hike protest

Photo by Kathleen A. Wakefield

Hotard Hall residents used this sign to protest Tuesday's Board of Regents decision to increase room rent in the dormitory 120 percent, from \$193 to \$424 per semester. Air conditioning and carpeting for the dorm account for most of the increase.

Polish leader warns against 'holy war'

United Press International

WARSAW, Poland — Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski warned the Solidarity union in a crisis meeting its "holy war" strike calls were risking Soviet intervention, and the state radio announced Poland has only 12 days of food supplies left.

Wednesday's crucial session between the government and union aimed at averting a nationwide four-hour strike Friday and a general strike starting Tuesday broke up after only 90 minutes, and the most a Solidarity source would say is that the talks would probably resume today.

Solidarity has voted to call the twin strikes unless the government conducts an investigation of police beatings of Solidarity members in Bydgoszcz last Thursday and dismisses the officials responsible for the attack.

Other demands call for an amnesty of political prisoners and recognition of a rural farmers' union — which the government has vowed it will never do.

Little progress was made in the government-union talks, and Solidarity leader Lech Walesa charged that the government used the meeting as a forum to read the union the riot act.

"They were not prepared," Walesa told UPI. "They did not have any solution or stand. It is by the good will of Solidarity that the talks will resume tomorrow."

Rakowski, the government negotiator, called Solidarity's demands an "ultimatum (which) does not leave any room for compromise," and in his statement to the union later broadcast by Polish TV accused the 10-million member of leading the nation to the brink.

"There are forces in Solidarity who want to declare a holy war against the authorities," Rakowski said. "What do you want to prove?"

Amended Greek bill passed

By TERRY DURAN
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An hour-long verbal slugfest over a proposal to grant University recognition to fraternities and sororities and a visit by former Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller highlighted the last meeting of the 1980-81 student senate Wednesday night.

The senate dealt with all 13 measures under the "old business" category. Three bills were killed in committee, two were referred for consideration to the 1981-82 senate, and eight — including a heavily amended version of the Greek recognition bill — were approved.

A bill introduced March 4 by off-campus graduate senator Janet Golub proposed official University recognition of the Inter-Fraternity Council and the PanHellenic Association. The bill was reported out in a heavily amended form, acknowledging that "the question of recognition ... is important," but it called for further study due to incomplete information and insufficient time to act on any decision.

The amended version called for a committee of student leaders to examine the situation, gather student opinions and present recommendations at the next-to-last senate meeting of the Fall 1981 semester.

Student Government President Brad Smith tried to calm the controversy.

Smith pleaded with the senators to take steps to avoid a "horrible rift" in the student body over the issue of Greek recognition.

"We've got to be open minded," Smith said. "The Greeks could be a viable force to promote Aggie unity." If they are not, he said, the committee would see that and refuse recognition.

The committee, as called for in the amended version of the bill, would consist of the Residence Halls Association president, the Off-Campus Aggies president, the Corps commander, the SG student services vice president and two representatives each from the PanHellenic Association and the Inter-Fraternity Council. The committee would be chaired by the student body president, who would vote only in case of a tie.

The senate passed this version by a wide margin.

A later motion to include the president of the MSC Council and the senior class president on the committee was defeated after relatively brief discussion.

Former President Miller was awarded a large plaque by the student senate. The inscription praised his "student orientation, leadership and example" during his term as University president 1977-80.

Miller, although still technically employed by the Texas A&M University

System, is "on loan" to Texas Governor William P. Clements in the state office of budget and planning.

Another measure approved Wednesday night asks University officials to study the possibility of establishing an outdoor recreation facility on 1,200 school-owned acres close to Easterwood Airport.

Other bills approved by the senate will:

☐ Recommend increasing the fine for illegal parking without a valid TAMU parking sticker to \$15 from \$20 and cut the fine for illegal parking with a valid permit to \$7.50.

☐ Establish a weekly Free Speech Forum Wednesday afternoons on the sidewalk between Bizzell Hall and Rudder Fountain. A Student Government representative will act as moderator, and each person — anyone can speak —

may speak on whatever subject he or she wishes for at least ten minutes.

☐ Evaluate the current Q-drop policy for both undergraduate and graduate students in the Fall 1981 semester.

☐ Recommend that bicycles blocking traffic outside the MSC, Evans Library and Heldenfels Hall being moved to the nearest bike rack by University personnel.

☐ Provide student senate support for expansion of the Evans Library quiz file in the reserve reading room.

Two bills referred to the incoming senate for action would:

☐ Study the student financial aid situation and make recommendations for improvements to University officials.

☐ Recommend building an addition to the A.P. Beutel Health Center.

Tsutsui service today

Memorial services for chemistry researcher Dr. Minoru Tsutsui will be held at 2 p.m. today in the All Faiths Chapel.

Tsutsui, a specialist in organometallic chemistry and a leading figure in Texas A&M's catalyst research program, died March 10 of an apparent heart attack.

He had served as a faculty member since 1968.

His family has requested that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Minoru Tsutsui Memorial Graduate Fellowship Fund through the Development Office on campus.