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The Weather

Today

High 85
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High 88
Low 65
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Apartment fire

Staff photo by Becky Swanson

A Saturday afternoon fire destroyed one unit at Cripple Creek apartments, 800 University Oaks Blvd., heavily damaged another unit and caused water and smoke damage to two others. Three

fire trucks, a rescue unit and an ambulance responded to the blaze, which was under control within 40 minutes. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is undetermined.

Regents discuss needs of engineering college

By DENISE RICHTER
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Discussion of the College of Engineering's need for additional teaching labs and offices dominated a Texas A&M System Board of Regents committee meeting Sunday.

After lengthy debate, the Board's Planning and Building Committee decided to vote today on a plan calling for the conversion of the basement of the Engineering Research Laboratory Center, now under construction on the south side of the Zachry Engineering Center, to laboratories and office space.

The estimated cost of the building, scheduled for completion in 1983, is \$15 million; the cost of the basement conversion is an estimated \$2.8 million.

Wesley E. Peel, University director of facilities planning and construction, said if the committee agrees on this plan, stop orders for work now being done in the Engineering Research Laboratory Center basement will be issued. Work will be halted until further plans for the conversion can be made, he said.

Previous plans for the basement did not include space allocations for laboratories and offices.

Robert H. Page, dean of the College of Engineering, told the committee the need for additional space is the result of

rapid increases in the number of students enrolled in the College of Engineering — from 3,495 students in 1972 to 11,502 students in 1981, a 229 percent increase.

The committee also heard a presentation of the west campus master plan by Schrickel, Rollins & Associates Inc., the project's architect-engineer.

The project, initiated in April, calls for landscape development of the west campus, a 770-square-foot area bounded by Wellborn Road, Jersey Street, FM 60 and the West Loop.

The master plan provides for classrooms, housing, additional parking and a 15,000-seat special events center to be located on the west campus, Schrickel said.

However, the fact that the west campus development was discussed doesn't mean all buildings mentioned on the plan will be constructed.

Peel said, "This master plan will be used through the year 2000 and ... will be used as a guide. If you don't have a plan, you put buildings down like dominoes. If you have a master plan and need a building, you put it where it should go."

The committee also discussed a \$110,000 appropriation for the preliminary design of the Medical Sciences Library. The cost of the library is an

estimated \$11,300,000.

In other action, the committee recommended the following items to the full board for approval:

— A \$2,066,050 contract to the Sentry Construction Company Inc. of Bryan for the conversion of the Animal Husbandry Pavilion.

— A \$103,353 contract to Graham Architectural Products Corporation of York, Pa., for the replacement of windows in the Francis Hall renovation.

— A \$100,000 appropriation for the 40,000-square-foot addition to the Halbouty Building. This addition to the geosciences building will cost an estimated \$7 million.

— A \$30,000 appropriation for the design of classrooms and equipment housing facility at the Brayton Firemen Training Field.

— A \$25,000 appropriation for preliminary design for the transportation center expansion.

The full Board will act on the committee's recommendations at their meeting Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Student Center regents quarters.

The Planning and Building Committee meeting will resume at 8:30 a.m. today to discuss the feasibility of additional dormitories.

The Board will go into executive session at 1:30 p.m. today.

Former student claims self-defense prompted April stabbing death

By PHYLLIS HENDERSON
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A former Texas A&M student charged with capital murder testified Friday that he acted in self-defense in the April stabbing death of an acquaintance who also attended the University.

During seven hours of testimony in the capital murder trial, the defendant, Joel Aniceto Quintans, said he never held the knife when Frederick Axel Youngberg IV was stabbed about 24 times April 20.

At the time of the stabbing, both Quintans and Youngberg were freshman pre-med students at Texas A&M University. They had known each other previously in Irving.

As the first witness for the defense, Quintans testified Friday that Youngberg was blackmailing him for \$3,500 after discovering that the defendant was on probation for stealing a bicycle. On April 19, the pair argued about Quintans making an additional blackmail payment with drugs, the defendant said, and he accidentally left his checkbook in Youngberg's apartment.

But Quintans said, when he returned April 20 to get his checkbook, Youngberg locked the door behind him and threatened him with a knife which belonged to the defendant.

Quintans said Youngberg had borrowed the knife a month before.

The defendant, who has had Karate lessons, gave the following account of the ensuing struggle between him and Youngberg: Quintans grabbed Youngberg's right hand which was clutching the knife, and pulling it behind the victim's back, stabbed him. Youngberg then pulled the knife out of his back with his left hand and accidentally cut the back of his own right hand.

Quintans said that while Youngberg was waving the knife at him, he turned Youngberg's back to Quintans' chest and began stabbing him with the knife Youngberg still held in his hand.

Quintans offered no explanation for two stab wounds on Youngberg's legs which the medical examiner testified the victim probably suffered while dying.

He said he dragged Youngberg's body to the dining area to prevent it from being seen through the front window and tried to call his father, but threw down the telephone receiver when no one answered.

However, a College Station police officer testified that when he tried to call Youngberg the following morning the phone rang, but no one answered it. Testimony indicated that the night after the killing, a neighbor, also trying to call Youngberg, got a busy signal.

Brazos County District Attorney Travis Bryan III accused Quintans of returning to the apartment April 21. The defendant denied the charge.

Quintans said that when he couldn't reach his father, he panicked and left the apartment without calling the police or anyone else.

The defendant testified he took the knife, the \$3,500 check he had made out to Youngberg, his checkbook and a turntable when he left the apartment.

Youngberg's body was discovered two days later.

MSC Council to discuss use of lounge, fountain

MSC Council members tonight will discuss who will be given permission to use the Memorial Student Center main lounge and the fountain area. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in 216 MSC.

Council President Doug Dedeker said there has been some confusion about who is allowed to use these facilities and what constitutes reasonable use.

Earlier in the semester, John Soda, MSC facilities manager, said the MSC needs guidelines to control eating, noise and the moving of lounge furniture.

Members of Gromets, a war-games club and a sub-committee of the MSC Organization Committee, were the subject of some complaints concerning lounge abuse that were discussed at a previous MSC council meeting. Don Oates, president of the club, said that Gromets is searching for a different place on campus to meet.

The Council's Building Studies Com-

mittee will submit recommendations for the areas' use, Dedeker said.

The policy includes the following recommendations:

— that disruptive behavior causing complaints by other users not be allowed in the MSC Lounge Areas

— that food be kept in designated food service areas

— that fountain areas be used only after an organization or individual obtains a permit from the student activities office

— that a permit be issued for no more than five days out of any 28-day period

— that amplification of sound not disturb events in surrounding facilities

— that areas of the fountain be designated for only certain types of activities

Also scheduled for discussion is a proposal by the MSC Camera Committee to produce color postcards of the University to be sold through the MSC bookstore.

University fall enrollment climaxes at 35,065 students

Official fall enrollment figures for Texas A&M University, as expected, exceed 35,000 students — an increase of more than 1,500 over last year, a University official said Thursday.

Registrar Robert A. Lacey said 35,065 students are enrolled in the University this semester compared to 33,499 at the same time last year.

Texas A&M has experienced annual gains for two decades and more than doubled its enrollment during the

1970s, making it one of the fastest-growing major universities in the nation during that period.

Steady enrollment increases prompted the Texas A&M System Board of Regents this summer to adopt a plan to control the University's growth. Beginning next fall, higher Scholastic Aptitude Test scores will be required for all new students except those in the top quarter of their high school graduating class.



Daryl Hall, seated center, and John Oates, peering around the corner, along with stagehands and members of their band, are mobbed by dedicated fans as they leave on their bus from Sunday night's concert. For review and pictures of the concert, see pages 8 and 9.

Photo by Greg Watermann