

Regents okay engineering additions

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Texas A&M's College of Engineering will have additional laboratory and office space as a result of measures approved Tuesday by the System Board of Regents.

Regents authorized 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.

Stop orders will be issued for work now in progress in the basement and a contract change-order will be issued, said Regent H.C. Bell of Austin. Bell is chairman of the Board's Planning and Building Committee.

"When the preliminary plan for the Engineering Research Center was

issued, it called for the basement to be used for underground parking," Bell said. "Fortunately, the plans were drawn so changes could be made — converting the basement to offices and labs is no problem."

Regents also voted to begin preliminary work on a new engineering and physics building.

The cost of the planned 141,000-square-foot engineering building, to be located by the Cyclotron and the Halbouty Building, is an estimated \$17.5 million. It is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1983.

Making his first presentation to the Board as the president of Texas A&M, Dr. Frank E. Vandiver said the University is "off and running in a new year," and there are "no discernible problems that I have stumbled over yet."

He said he would be presenting new plans for organization and changes and possible programs in connection with Target 2000 — the 15-month study of the future of the Texas A&M System — to the Board in the near future.

Enrollment figures for the four universities in the Texas A&M System were presented to the Board by the president of each institution:

— Texas A&M, 35,065; an increase of 4.7 percent over last year's enrollment of 33,499

— Tarleton State University, 3,730; an increase of 3.8 percent over last year's enrollment of 3,592

— Prairie View A&M University, 5,012; a decrease of 8.7 percent over last year's enrollment of 5,446

— Texas A&M University at Galveston, 585; a decrease of 0.5 percent over

last year's enrollment of 588.

Enrollment at the four universities totals 44,392, an increase of 2.8 percent over last year's total enrollment of 43,125.

In other action, the Board appointed John B. Beckham to the position of dean of the College of Science. Beckham has served as associate dean since 1970 and was named interim dean when Dr. Thomas Sugihara resigned Aug. 31 to accept a similar position at Oregon State University.

The Board also adopted a resolution commending Dr. Charles H. Samson for his year of service as acting president of Texas A&M and approved the naming of the Kyle Field track for Frank G. Anderson, a former Texas A&M track coach.

The regents also approved the follow-

ing recommendations made during committee meetings Sunday and Monday:

— a \$110,000 appropriation for preliminary design of the Medical Sciences Library. The 9,200-square-foot facility, to be located by the Medical Sciences Building, will house 110,000 medical volumes and will be shared by the College of Medicine and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

— 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 an equipment housing facility at the Brayton Firemen Training Field

— a \$25,000 appropriation for preliminary design of the transportation center expansion

— a \$15,000 appropriation to cover the cost of an appeal in the lawsuit questioning the University to release the list of candidates considered for the University presidency

— the awarding of a \$2 million contract to Sentry Construction Company Inc. of Bryan for the conversion of Texas A&M's Animal Husbandry Pavilion. The remodeled pavilion will house the registration center.

— the awarding of a \$103,353 contract to Graham Architectural Products Corporation of York, Pa., for window replacements as part of the Francis Hall renovation project.

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Vice president for planning

Regents award post to Samson

By JANE G. BRUST
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A new Texas A&M vice presidential position has been created to fulfill what President Frank E. Vandiver says is a need for comprehensive planning for the University's future.

The Texas A&M System Board of Regents Tuesday approved the new position of vice president for planning and appointed Dr. Charles H. Samson, former acting president of Texas A&M, to that position. Vandiver and System Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert recommended both the position and Samson's appointment to the regents. Samson's annual salary will remain at \$72,000.

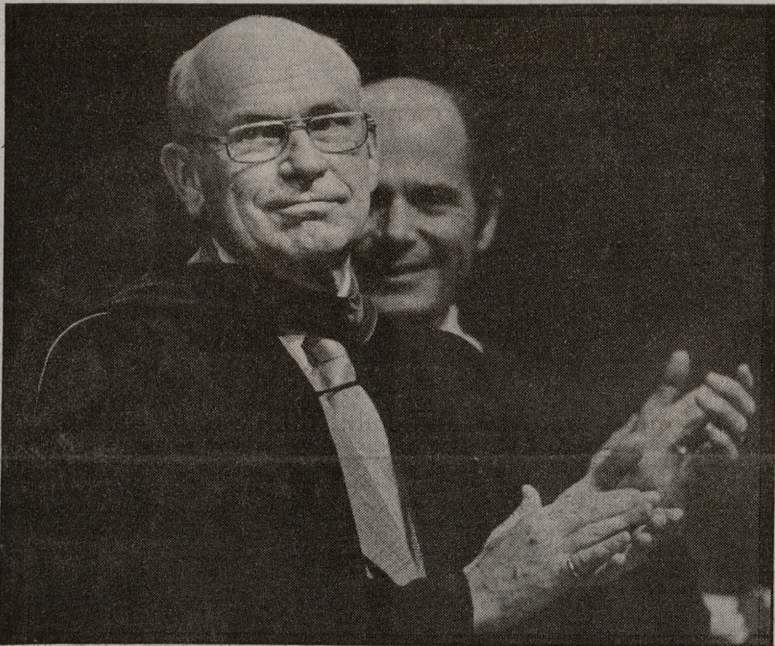
A large, growing university, such as Texas A&M, needs comprehensive planning for the future, Vandiver said. With a current enrollment of 35,065 students, Texas A&M has been the nation's fastest growing college or university during the past decade.

"Given the size of the University, I think we need someone to do comprehensive and cohesive planning in the areas of academics and physical facilities," Vandiver said.

Vandiver said Samson will serve as liaison between the University and the Target 2000 Committee. Target 2000 is a system-wide study to determine where the System's academic and service branch priorities will lie by the year 2000. Texas A&M administrators as well as appointed citizens serve on the Target 2000 committee.

"This (planning) is an activity I've been interested in for some time," Samson said. "I've got strong interests in systems analysis, systems planning and systems engineering."

"I was interested that Dr. Vandiver proposed it (the position) — I've had a strong interest and some involvement



Dr. Charles H. Samson

in University planning."

Vandiver said the former acting president is definitely qualified to work in the planning area. Samson has been briefing Vandiver on University policies and issues since Vandiver's appointment Aug. 26.

"He (Samson) has talked to me about the planning concept and I know it's something dear to his heart — engineers just think that way," Vandiver said.

Samson will concentrate on current activities in all facets of University

areas, along with Vice Presidents J.M. Prescott, academic affairs; John Koldus, student services; Howard Vestal, business affairs; Robert Walker, development; and Terry Greathouse, international affairs.

Samson's appointment was the first personnel change made since Vandiver took office Sept. 1. The president said he does not plan to create any additional vice presidential positions at this time.

"I think we've got a good team," Vandiver said.

However, Prescott will complete his tenure as academic affairs vice president Jan. 1, thus creating an opening in Vandiver's administrative staff.

"I see that position as a key role in the University," Vandiver said, "and we'll soon be looking for someone to fill it."

Vandiver is also looking for a presidential assistant to fill the position vacated by Dr. Elizabeth Cowan.

Cowan, a tenured professor of English, has taken a two-semester leave of absence from the University to continue writing and research. She will return to campus in July 1982 to teach a graduate English course during the second summer session.

Former University President Jarvis Miller appointed Cowan to the position in April 1980. During her term in the president's office, Cowan worked with Samson on such programs as the establishment of a women's network organization to open communication between male and female staff and faculty members.

Samson will be moving into the Coke Building office previously occupied by Cowan.

Vandiver said he is looking for someone to fill Cowan's position and he may possibly propose creation of a third assistant position. Dr. Malon Southerland has served two years as one of the two assistants to the president.

While he assumes his new position that took effect Tuesday, Samson said he expects to continue teaching, at least for a little while. Currently the tenured professor of aerospace and civil engineering is teaching a graduate course in systems engineering.

He joined the University in 1960 and served 15 years as head of the civil engineering department.

Final arguments in murder trial begin today

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Closing arguments in the capital murder trial of Joel Aniceto Quintans will begin today in the eighth day of the former Texas A&M student's trial.

Quintans is charged with the April 20 stabbing death of Frederick Axel Youngberg IV, an acquaintance of Quintans and also a former Texas A&M student.

Quintans and Youngberg, both of Irving, were freshman pre-med students when the stabbing occurred. The two had known each other since adolescence.

In testimony Tuesday, Robert E. Wiatt, special investigator for the district attorney, denied Quintans' charge that the investigator substituted his own words for the defendant's when Quintans dictated a statement confessing to the slaying.

Wiatt said that during the Quintans' interrogation, Quintans described himself as "freaked out by the emotions of the struggle." Quintans charged in his testimony that he never used the term "freaked out."

Wiatt also testified that during his interrogation, Quintans was unable to give specific details about the location of the stab wounds and his actions during his fatal struggle with Youngberg. In testimony Friday, Quintans gave a detailed account of the struggle.

However, Wiatt said, Quintans did maintain throughout the questioning that he acted in self-defense in the stabbing death.

Dr. Arthur Copeland, the forensic

pathologist who examined Youngberg's body, refused to speculate whether or not Youngberg could have remained conscious after a major artery had been pierced by a stab wound in his left shoulder. Copeland testified that about one quart of blood from the wound was found in Youngberg's chest cavity.

The specialist also refused to speculate on Youngberg's possible weakness and whether or not he would have been able to continue struggling after the wound to his left shoulder.

Copeland did say, however, that Youngberg "should be able to move or swing an arm or a hand" in those circumstances. Copeland said it was also possible that a release of epinephrine during the struggle could have increased the victim's strength and activity.

In fact, he said he knew of a case in which a man walked six blocks after being shot in the heart.

Brazos County District Attorney Travis Bryan III also called to the stand two of Youngberg's high school teachers, apparently in an effort to discredit the defense's claim that Youngberg was a violent person.

The two teachers from MacArthur High School in Irving, one a social studies instructor and another a Latin teacher, testified Youngberg was a respectful and an intelligent student.

"He was a very pleasant person — always cheerful, always polite," the social studies teacher said. "I never had reason to suspect he was a violent person."

Sadat: U.S. secretly airlifting weapons

NEW YORK — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat says the United States has been secretly airlifting Soviet weapons for the past 21 months from Egypt to Afghan guerrillas battling the Russian occupation of their country.

"Let me reveal this secret," Sadat said in an interview Tuesday with NBC News taped in Cairo. He said immediately after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in December 1979, Washington asked him to provide Soviet-made weapons for the Afghan rebels.

"I opened my stores to them (the Afghans)," the Egyptian president said. "But you (the United States) were very generous. You have paid also for the armaments."

Sadat said the Soviet-built arms were ferried in American planes to Pakistan, which borders Afghanistan and is now

home to Afghans who have fled the Moscow-backed regime.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman declined comment on the report.

But, he said, "as we have previously noted, the bulk of the arms in Afghan nationalist hands have been obtained from indigenous sources. These include arms captured from the Soviets, from defecting or cooperating Afghan army personnel, and existing supplies in local hands."

Sadat said the arms shipments have been going on for 21 months and he will continue sending them until "the Afghans get rid of the Soviets."

The secret purchase of the arms began during the Carter administration but has been continued by President Reagan, Sadat said.

Student Senate to fill vacant positions tonight

The Texas A&M Student Senate will elect a vice president for external affairs at their 7:30 meeting tonight in 204 Harrington Classroom Center.

This position was left vacant with the resignation earlier this year of Blaine Edwards.

Filling other senate vacancies is also on the agenda for the meeting.

In other business, the Rules and Regulations Committee will report on the Religious Rights Bill, which calls for the

senate to adopt the use of a secular non-denominational prayer to open its meetings and encourages the use of such a prayer by all student organizations and to open major events, such as Muster and football games.

Four new bills are scheduled to be introduced at the meeting: the Consumer Safety Bill, the Aggie Women's Softball Facility Bill, the Graduate Recognition of Academic Excellence Bill and the Traffic Safety Bill.



Foggy mornings

Morning fog conceals the dome of the Academic Building in the early hours of the first day of fall Tuesday. Early morning risers

may have trouble seeing on the way to classes through such layers of fog throughout the new fall season.

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