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High 74	High 84
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New look at MSC Bookstore

Photo by Chris Lakics

Brad Gottshalk, an agricultural economics major, is building a temporary sales counter for the first floor MSC Bookstore where the lockers

have been removed. The counter will be dismantled later in the semester to build offices and rearrange the candy counter.

Leaders fly to Cairo amid security concerns

United Press International
CAIRO, Egypt — Police battled Islamic fundamentalists with submachine guns in a city south of Cairo, increasing concern for the safety of a U.S. delegation led by three former presidents who flew to Egypt today for the funeral of slain President Anwar Sadat.

Security officials said the fighting Thursday in the Nile riverside city of Asyut in the wake of Sadat's assassination by alleged Moslem extremists resulted in at least 10 dead and many injured.

Police beefed up their numbers to prevent disorders as crowds gathered for today's sabbath prayers at the mos-

ques Sadat had put under state control last month in an attempt to curb fundamentalist groups.

Before all three living ex-presidents left Washington Thursday evening for the Saturday funeral, President Reagan held a special ceremony at the White House. Secretary of State Alexander Haig will represent Reagan, who was convinced there was too much danger to attend the funeral.

"On behalf of the country, I want to express a heartfelt thanks to presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter and Mrs. Carter for undertaking this sad mission," Reagan said.

"Their presence in Cairo will express to the Egyptian people the depth of America's grief and sorrow at the loss of a great leader and a beloved friend."

National Security Adviser Richard Allen told Washington television station WDNV that their plane "will not be alone." He did not elaborate on what might be escorting the plane, but did say extra precautions had been taken.

Egyptian security sharply scaled down ceremonies to prevent any outbreak of trouble and to protect the international mourners — including Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

New enrollment standard will not be retroactive

By TERRY DURAN

Battalion Staff

Business and engineering students worried about their academic careers can breathe a little easier.

Academic Affairs Vice President J.M. Prescott issued a memorandum to all faculty members Thursday saying higher standards for enrollment in junior level business and engineering courses would not affect students already enrolled at Texas A&M University, quashing rumors to the contrary.

"... requirements for upper level study in business administration and engineering will become effective when those students who enter in the fall of 1982 or thereafter reach the stage of taking junior level courses," the memorandum states.

Confusion about whether the policy would be retroactive began after the July 28 meeting of the Texas A&M Board of Regents. At the meeting the regents adopted policies to manage enrollment in the colleges of engineering and business administration and to raise entrance requirements for freshmen and transfer students enrolling in fall 1982 and thereafter.

Included in Regent John R. Blocker's unanimously-approved motion was one which limits enrollment in junior and senior level courses in the colleges of engineering and business administration.

Business majors enrolling in junior level business courses must have completed 45 credit hours (at least 12 of them at Texas A&M), have an overall grade point ratio of 2.25 and have completed a prescribed block of 100- and 200-level courses.

A minimum overall GPR of 2.25 will also be required for engineers to take junior level engineering courses. A 2.25 overall average and a 2.25 average in all engineering courses will be required to enroll in senior level engineering classes.

However, the regents failed to in-

clude a "grandfather clause" — a clause which would exempt students already enrolled at Texas A&M from the raised grade requirements — in the policy statement.

Consequently, rumors that the Regents' decision would be retroactive swung from grapevine to grapevine through students in the two colleges and across the campus, apparently fed by partial information and exaggeration as the semester progressed.

Scuttlebutt ranged from the new standards being retroactive to information that one or more engineering degree programs were scheduled to be phased out.

Officials in the college of engineering, however, said no plans had been made to drop any degree program.

The memo issued by Prescott says the matter of raised standards for entrance to junior level courses "is governed by University Regulation No. 37, which states in part: 'In meeting the requirements for a baccalaureate degree, a student is normally expected to complete the course and hour requirements as outlined in the catalog in effect at the time of his or her entrance.'"

Malon Southerland, assistant to the University president, said Thursday afternoon the colleges of business and engineering had interpreted the regents' action "as being retroactive."

"That interpretation," he said, "got back to (Academic Affairs Vice President) Prescott and the president, and they disagreed," so Prescott came out with the memo.

As to why the original measure approved by the Board of Regents had no grandfather clause, Southerland said, "Sometimes things are done too quickly. Then what happens is that some things get left out, and the fallout from that is that somebody has to go back and clarify things."

Dr. Robert H. Page, dean of the College of Engineering, says "about 90 percent" of the engineering classes this

semester are overcrowded. Twelfth class day engineering enrollment figures show 11,418 students, up from 10,214 in the fall 1980 semester.

Page said some lab classes are "running junior and senior labs at the same time, which poses something of a safety problem." Sometimes, he said, up to one third of the students in a lab cannot participate because of overcrowding.

However, under the new standards, the student with over a 2.0 GPR — needed to stay in good standing with the University — but under a 2.25 "will not be dropped," Page said. Instead, they will be able to take anything but upper level engineering courses.

"They will have the opportunity to raise their grades, and then enter (the upper level courses) when they have a 2.25. They're not being cut out."

"We just don't have the space or the faculty to keep on going like we're going," he said.

Page said he thought the reason behind the regents' decision was "to maintain the quality of the program."

"This will be extra motivation for someone just getting by academically to raise their grades. It might be hard on the student who's just squeaking by, but it's hard on the top students too, when the classes are so overcrowded," Page said.

The same problem — overcrowding — exists in the College of Business Administration, Dean William V. Muse said.

"Enrollment has grown faster than resources," he said. "It's a problem in terms of having enough faculty, space and other things needed to respond to that level of enrollment."

"The student-faculty ratio has gotten out of hand," Muse said. "It's above what we like to have and what the accreditation people like us to have. We have to reduce the rate of growth, so our resources can catch up and we can reduce the class size to a level that's manageable."

CS Council fixes maximum for wrecker service tow charge

By RANDY CLEMENTS

The College Station City Council set a \$40 maximum charge Monday for wrecker services towing vehicles from private parking lots without the owner's consent.

Councilman Larry Ringer said charges for towing currently range anywhere from \$47.50 up to \$65 and that he was surprised no one was present for the public hearing to set the fees.

No maximum fees were set for towing from private parking lots with police officers present and towing from public property.

City Manager North Bardell said these towings required the wrecker service to be on 24 hour stand-by for emergency calls and that the city should not set fees.

The standard charge for the emergency calls is \$47.50, Bardell said.

Most of the complaints about overcharging come from the towing of vehicles from private parking without the owner's consent, he said.

The council postponed setting the fees two weeks ago at the request of wrecker service owner Sparky Hardee.

Hardee requested the postponement so that he could supply the council with financial papers showing his justification for what he charges.

However, Hardee was not at the public hearing and has not brought the papers to the council or city staff.

In other action, the council also changed the ordinance requiring permits for having a garage sale.

The ordinance states that signs advertising a garage sale may be posted only on the property of the person having the garage sale. A garage sale also may not exceed 72 hours and may not be held more than once in a six month period.

Violating the ordinance carries a maximum fine of \$200.

Bardell said half the people having garage sales don't get permits and enforcement is difficult.

"The ordinance gives us proper control without having permits," he said, "and lets our people investigate on a

zoning standpoint."

In other action, the council nominated Anne Jones and Jim Dozier to represent the city on the Brazos County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Nominations for the board positions will come from College Station, the College Station Independent School District, Bryan, the Bryan Independent School District and Brazos County.

Bright asks Target 2000 to plot A&M growth

By DENISE RICHTER

Battalion Staff

The chairman of the Texas A&M System Board of Regents Thursday asked members of the Target 2000 Project to study the economic, social, political and technological trends facing the System and to determine a long-range "roadmap" for the University to follow.

Speaking at the organizational meeting of the project, Regent H.R. "Bum" Bright told members to examine traditional values as they set goals and objectives for the year 2000, but to be open to new ideas "because the greatest organization is one that has the flexibility to meet ... change."

The Target 2000 Project, a planning study encompassing the four academic institutions and seven major service agencies of the Texas A&M System, is scheduled for completion and presentation to the Board of Regents in December 1982.

The project will be funded by donations from foundations, corporations and individuals. Total cost of the project is an estimated \$500,000 — about \$150,000 has been raised. Bright said at a Sept. 21 meeting of the Brazos County A&M Club.

The project's structure was designed by John Blocker, vice chairman of the Board of Regents.

The 230-member Target 2000 Project committee is divided into three task forces: one dealing with the four academic institutions, one dealing with the agricultural agencies and services and one dealing with the three engineering agencies and services.

Each task force will be divided into four work groups of which each will deal

with one of the following areas — programs, clientele, resources or organization and management — of the institutions or agencies that fall under the scope of the task force.

Work groups will meet today in Rudder Tower.

Speaking at Thursday's meeting, Blocker told the group to "be aware of historical perspectives and still be willing to break from habitual patterns of thought."

The Target 2000 Project will "specifically shape the future of Texas A&M and all its parts," Blocker said. Because of the wide scope of the University, members of the group have the "opportunity to relate the future of the University System to the future of the state of Texas," he said.

Issues facing the Target 2000 Project include possible means of limiting enrollment at Texas A&M University while promoting growth at Prairie View A&M University, Tarleton State University and Texas A&M University at Galveston and the preservation of the Permanent University Fund.

The PUF is an endowment fund shared by the University of Texas System and the Texas A&M System.

Speaking at the Target 2000 executive committee meeting Sept. 25, System Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert said the PUF plays a vital role in the support of "this mega-buck conglomerate of higher education."

"We hope that growing out of this study will be a network of support and assistance that could be used in the protection of the PUF," he said.



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Regents Chairman H.R. "Bum" Bright, John Blocker and System Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert (l to r)