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The Weather

Today		Tomorrow	
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Committee set to organize faculty senate

By DENISE RICHTER

Battalion Staff
Members of a steering committee to oversee the organization of a faculty senate were announced by Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver Wednesday.

Vandiver has asked the committee to study the recommendations of the faculty senate ad hoc committee, consider the type of board that should be created and determine the proper methods of creating the new group.

The ad hoc committee, chaired by Dr. John J. McDermott, distinguished professor of philosophy and medical humanities, was formed two years ago to study ways of increasing the faculty's role in University governance.

Claude D. Davis, associate professor of urban and regional planning, will chair the steering committee. Other committee members include: Dr. John J. Dinkel, professor and head of the business analysis and research department; Dr. Abdel K. Ayoub, professor of electrical engineering and Dr. Earl F. Cook, dean of the College of Geosciences.

Other members of the committee are: Dr. George W. Kattawar, professor of physics; Dr. Carl E. Shafer, professor

of agricultural economics; Dr. David A. Erlandson, associate professor of educational administration and Dr. Joyce S. Davis, head of the pathology and laboratory medicine department.

Also, Dr. Walter L. Buenger Jr., assistant professor of history; Dr. Gwendolyn S. Elissalde, assistant professor of veterinary microbiology and parasitology and Melvin J. Dodd, assistant professor of library science will serve on the committee.

The following guidelines, set up by the ad hoc committee, were announced at an October meeting called to discuss the creation of a faculty senate and will be presented to the steering committee:

— The senate will be part of a bicameral group that also will include the University's Academic Council.

— The faculty body that is established should have a broad constituency and should include all tenured and non-tenured faculty members and the staff of the various experiment stations and agencies under the Texas A&M System.

— Members of the senate should be elected by faculty members.

— The organization, structure and form of the senate will be handled by the steering committee.

Reagan MX plan in Senate trouble

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Reagan's interim MX missile plan — formulated following months of studies and deliberations — is suddenly in deep trouble in the Senate.

In its first vote on the MX, the Senate Wednesday put Reagan on notice that it does not like his plan to base the new MX missile in hardened missile silos in the West.

"This step will send a very strong signal (to Reagan) on the basing mode of the MX," said Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga. "The MX is simply not survivable in existing silos — whether hardened or unhardened."

"We are sending a strong signal to the administration that we want any interim basing system to be compatible with mobility, deception and ballistic missile defenses," Nunn said.

The MX message came while debating a record fiscal 1982 defense budget of \$208.5 billion.

The Senate approved 90-4 an amendment that \$334 million of the \$354 million intended for research and development of the MX basing system be used to study the feasibility that the missile be put in a mobile rather than fixed silos.

The amendment did not, however, eliminate any of the more than \$2 billion

included for the MX missile in the Senate's defense appropriations bill, expected to be completed today.

The measure was sponsored by Nunn and Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine.

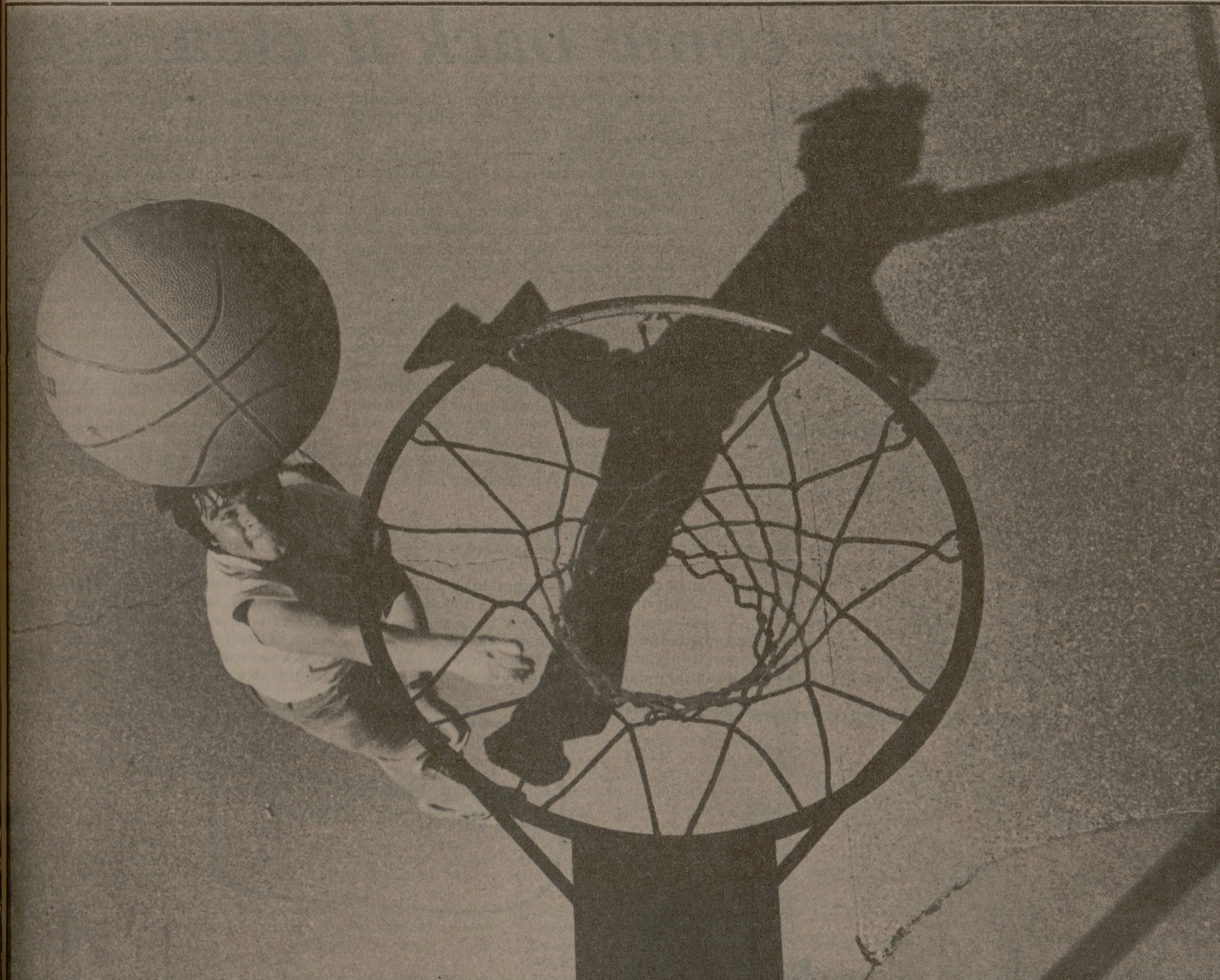
In effect, the amendment asks Reagan to reopen the original "shell game" basing system that he shelved in favor of hardened silos.

It asks Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger to report the Congress on a permanent MX basing system no later than July 1, 1983.

The vote came after Senate Republicans defeated Democratic attempts to add up to \$830 million to the defense budget for such things as an increased Persian Gulf naval presence and more ammunition for the Army.

Democratic leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia acknowledged that Democratic amendments aimed at cutting the \$2.43 billion requested by the administration for the new B-1 bomber could be presented before the final vote.

He denied any of the earlier amendments to increase spending were intended to divert funds from the B-1 project. "None of the amendments presented so far would take money away from the B-1 program — not one thin dime," he said.



Going for two

Staff photo by Dave Einsel

Hector Gonzalaz took time Wednesday before work to play basketball at the Grove. Gonzalaz is from Monterrey, Mexico and

has been working for the Texas A&M University Facilities Department for almost a year.

Three judges hope to decide by Feb. 1

Panel to rule on redistricting

United Press International
AUSTIN — If the U.S. Justice Department approves Texas' new congressional redistricting plan, a three-judge federal panel plans to try and rule by Feb. 1 whether minorities were excluded from drawing it up.

Feb. 1 is the deadline for congressional candidates to file with the secretary of state.

"We will make every attempt to expedite a ruling on this case in whatever way possible," Judge Sam Johnson said Wednesday after testimony ended in the case.

But the panel composed of Johnson and Judges William Wayne Justice and Robert Parker cannot rule on the congressional plan until the U.S. Justice Department clears it under the Voting

Rights Act.

The Justice Department is not expected to rule before January.

The three-day trial ended Wednesday without testimony from Gov. Bill Clements, who the plaintiffs claimed used his power of veto to influence how new congressional boundaries were drawn. The lawsuit was filed by black residents of east Texas who said the plan discriminates against minorities.

The three-judge panel twice had approved their request that Clements be compelled to testify and set a Friday deadline.

However, Clements has appealed to

the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on grounds executive privilege protects him from having to testify. He has vowed to appeal all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

If Clements finally is ordered to testify, his deposition will be entered into the court record.

Austin attorney Dave Richards, representing the plaintiffs, has filed a motion for "adverse inference" should Clements not testify. If the motion is approved, the court would assume any testimony from Clements would have been adverse to the defense of the plan.

Prison director says equity in justice difficult

By NANCY WEATHERLEY

Battalion Staff
Justice has different meanings to different people.

To some it means moral rightness and good reason, to others it means fair handling under the law.

Hence, no justice system can give total equity to all individuals, W.J. Estelle Jr., director of the Texas Department of Corrections, says, but the United States' form of judicial process is one of the best in the world.

Presented by the MSC Political Forum Committee, Estelle addressed the topic of "And Justice for All," Wednesday night in Rudder Theatre.

"For each of us, the word justice has different connotations depending on our experience, environment, circumstance ... level of hope," Estelle said.

Keeping these connotations in mind, the judicial process is set up to handle the frailties of life while protecting society's ideas of what is right and wrong, he said.

"Our system of justice is a sacred trust between individuals," Estelle said. "We have a responsibility to protect it."

"In a democracy, we as individuals must address justice for all by saying 'I am responsible (for shaping fair justice).'"

Estelle said the idea of justice can easily turn into vengeance, especially when the individual involved becomes a victim of crime as established by society.

"When you are a victim, is your gut reaction justice for the person, or vengeance for you?" he said. "You need to guard against vengeance, so the concept of justice for all is maintained."

Estelle said there are two basic types of injustice: civil and criminal. Civil in-



Staff photo by Dave Einsel

W.J. Estelle Jr.

justice is associated with lack of opportunity, while criminal injustice involves acts against penal law. Many times the two can affect each other, he said.

Estelle said individuals must learn to tolerate intolerant attitudes in society, so that civil injustice is minimized. Intolerant attitudes can evoke emotions in society that could lead to civil and criminal acts. By a high tolerance level, this problem can be minimized, he said.

Seniors' semester ending ...

By TIM FOARDE

Battalion Staff
To avoid any undesired surprises, graduating seniors should confirm their candidacy for graduation before commencement ceremonies.

Seniors exempt from final examinations must check with their instructors to be sure they have completed all course requirements, Assistant Registrar Don Gardner said.

A list designating which graduating seniors have been cleared for graduation will also be posted Dec. 10 at 8 a.m. outside Heaton Hall, he said. A dot beside a student's name on the list indicates there is some problem involving academic deficiencies, financial-aid or fiscal obligations or University Police matters (such as outstanding traffic tickets) that are blocking that student from graduation, Gardner said.

Students must clear these problems by 5 p.m. Dec. 10 or they will not be graduated, he said.

If a student cannot check any problem concerning graduation personally, a substitute must have written authorization to receive information on a student's graduating status.

Texas A&M University fall commencement addresses will be delivered by Dr. John B. Slaughter, director of the National Science Foundation, and Dr. J.M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs.

Nearly 2,000 degrees are expected to be awarded during the two ceremonies at G. Rollie White Coliseum on campus.

Slaughter will address graduates

from the colleges of agriculture, business administration, geosciences and liberal arts at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11.

And Prescott will speak at 9 a.m. Dec. 12 in ceremonies for graduates from the colleges of architecture and environmental design, education, engineering, science, veterinary medicine and Texas A&M University at Galveston.

Slaughter became director of the

NSF in December 1980. He is a former academic vice president and provost at Washington State University and a former assistant director for astronomical atmospheric earth and ocean sciences at the NSF.

Prescott, who has served as Texas A&M's vice president for academic affairs since 1977, has been named head of the Institute of Occupational and En-

vironmental Medicine in the Texas A&M College of Medicine. Jan. 1 he will resign the vice presidency and assume the position.

Prescott has been a Texas A&M faculty member for 29 years. He has served in various administrative capacities for the past 13 years ranging from interim head of the biochemistry and biophysics department to department head and dean of sciences.

... spring enrollment begins

By ERICA KRENNERICH

Battalion Reporter
Approximately 24,000 students have pre-registered for spring 1982 classes at Texas A&M University.

Pre-registration was held during the week of Nov. 16. Associate Registrar Donald Carter said 22,000 students pre-registered at that same time last year. He said he expects a spring semester enrollment of about 33,000. Current enrollment is 35,146.

"Enrollment usually drops about 1,500 to 2,000 students between the fall and spring semesters," he said.

The difference between the pre-registration total and expected enrollment depends partly on December graduations, graduate students — who usually don't pre-register — and undergraduates who transfer to other universities, he said.

Carter said students who aren't permitted to pre-register because of scholastic probation make up part of the difference. Students must maintain minimum grade point ratios determined by their respective colleges in order to pre-register.

"We feel we've got a pretty good total number of students ... who were eligible to pre-register," he said.

Carter said more students pre-register in the fall for spring classes than register in the spring for fall classes because of the

length of time between spring pre-registration and fall classes. He said more students transfer, graduate and drop out after the spring semester than after the fall semester.

"So we have a higher return of students from the fall to the spring than from the spring to the fall," Carter said.

Registration for the spring semester will be Jan. 13 to Jan. 15 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Drops and adds can be done on these days.

In planning course schedules, however, Carter said students have the best chance of getting the schedules they want if they pre-register.

"We give students a time preference and an instructor preference and we try to honor it," he said.

"Your chances of getting those preferences are greater during pre-registration than they are during delayed and late registration because the courses are open, more sections are available and more spaces are available."

To accommodate those students wishing to come back to campus early to finalize their class schedules, residence halls will open Jan. 12 at 1 p.m.

Spring semester classes begin Jan. 18, and late registration will be held during that first week of the semester.

Spring fees slips probably will be mailed on Thursday or Friday, Carter said. The deadline for payment is Jan. 4.