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### Happy Birthday

Staff photo by Dave Einsel

President Frank E. Vandiver happily displays the desk plaque given him by the administration office staff for his 56th birthday Wednesday. Vandiver was joined by his wife, Renee.

## Controllers unmoved by president's offer

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — In an act of "compassion," President Reagan is allowing fired air traffic controllers to apply for federal jobs. Their union calls the offer a cruel hoax.

Robert Poli, head of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization, said because of budget cuts there are few federal jobs available — a contention the government disputed.

Reagan removed a legal barrier Wednesday which barred fired controllers from federal employment for three years. But he remained firm that they would not be allowed to return to control towers and radar rooms.

"We view his offer of applying for other employment to be a cruel hoax on

both the fired controllers and the American taxpayers," Poli said. "There are few, if any, available federal jobs because of budget cuts."

But Teamsters union President Roy Williams commended Reagan, saying it "shows those of us in labor and the American people that you (Reagan) are truly concerned and responsive to the plight of these men and women."

Robert Belanger, president of PATCO Local 202 in Nashua, N.H., was unmoved by Reagan's offer. "I think that the president has not shown any compassion," he said. "It is a political move on his part."

Last August, Reagan fired some 11,400 controllers for an unlawful strike. As federal workers, controllers

are prohibited from striking.

In making a partial concession Wednesday, Reagan issued the following statement:

"We faced a choice last August. Concede to the demands of a union engaged in an illegal strike — or dismiss the controllers who violated their oath and walked off their jobs, and keep the airways operating with the resources available to us.

"We made the only choice we could — law, due process and respect for the public trust have been honored."

But, he said: "at the same time there is another principle we honor in America — the tradition that individuals deserve to be treated with compassion."

### Serving for Uncle Sam

## Cadets to become officers

By MARY JO RUMMEL

Battalion Staff

Sixty-seven members of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets will be commissioned Friday in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Lt. Gen. Charles G. Cleveland, commander of the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., will present commissioning certificates to the cadets at the officer-commissioning ceremony which begins at 1:30 p.m. Representatives from each branch of the armed services will attend the ceremony as will representatives from each of the University colleges.

The Army will commission 27 cadets; the Air Force, 21; the Marines, 10; and the Navy, nine.

Commissions for all of the branches is

at least a six-year commitment to serve in the armed service, but that time allotment varies with each cadet, Assistant Commandant Donald Johnson said.

An Air Force contract is set for a minimum of four years on active duty, three years in Navy/Marines and three years in the Army with the option of the Army Reserves or the National Guard. The remainder of the contract in each branch is served in reserve duty.

If a cadet chooses to decrease his active duty and increase his reserve duty, the total time commitment increases, Johnson added.

"Many of the cadets do not go directly into duty, but will work for a higher (academic) degree — but they still have a commitment," he said.

Current Corps enrollment is a record

2,374, but the size of the commissioned class is comparable to that of previous fall commissionings, Johnson said.

The Corps traditionally commissions more officers than any school except the military academies, Commandant James R. Woodall said.

Cleveland, who will present the commissioning certificates, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1949. He earned a master's degree in political science at Xavier University and in 1969 completed the advanced management program at Harvard University.

Among Cleveland's decorations and service awards, are the Distinguished Service Medal (Air Force), the Legion of Merit and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

## Local real estate agents cautious after CS murder

By DANIEL PUCKETT

Battalion Staff

Local real estate agencies, shocked by the slaying of a College Station agent last week, are taking extra precautions to ensure the safety of their staff members.

The body of Virginia Bradford Freeman, 40, was found Dec. 1 in the backyard of a vacant home on Greens Prairie Road near Wellborn. Freeman had been stabbed several times and strangled.

A spokesman for the Brazos County Sheriff's Department said Wednesday that the department is still investigating the murder but that they cannot report any progress in the incident.

To aid the investigation, the Bryan-College Station Board of Realtors and the Bryan-College Station Homebuilders Association have raised a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and indictment of whoever was responsible for Freeman's death, Jim Behling, president of the board, said.

The reward is being handled by Brazos County Crimestoppers, who guarantee callers' anonymity. Anyone with information about the murder can reach Crimestoppers at 775-TIPS.

Behling also said the board has organized a crime-prevention seminar designed for business people. The seminar will start at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday at the Brazos Center and will feature presentations by members of the College Station Police, the Bryan Police and the Brazos County Sheriff's Department.

The seminar will be open to the public, he said.

In addition to encouraging agents to participate in Wednesday's seminar, local real estate agencies contacted said they were being more careful in their policies regarding new clients.

At the Real Estate Mart, the agency where Freeman worked, two rules are in effect, owner Bob Prall said.

Agents no longer meet clients at the clients' homes. They now ask clients to come to the office and they then go to

the property in the agent's car. And instead of operating open house tours of homes alone as they have in the past, agents are now accompanied by at least one other person, he said.

The owner of Aggjeland Realty, Thomas Vettors, told his staff to refuse to meet new clients at the sale property, and said no agent is to go alone to a meeting. While Vettors said his agency has always followed these policies, he added that agents are all observing them more strictly now.

"It's just good business practice; agents going out alone is just trouble waiting for a place to happen," he said.

And Adelle Jones, broker-owner of GlenDelle Realty, said her agency is logging all calls and noting the license plate numbers on cars customers leave at the agency.

"None of our agents goes out alone now," she said, "and we always ask our clients to come by the office. That has hurt business some ... but the security of our agents is more important."

## Despite new buildings, group says campus needs more space

The doubling of Texas A&M University's enrollment since 1971 has left the school a million square feet short of floor space for classrooms, laboratories and other facilities, Texas A&M officials say.

Members of the Target 2000 task force on academic institutions were told Tuesday that a formula compiled by the Coordinating Board, Texas Colleges and University System, shows the University needs more than 1 million additional square feet of floor space — the equivalent of six large buildings.

This building crunch exists despite \$21 million in construction during the last five years. New buildings include Clements, Haas, Hobby, McFadden, Keeley and Underwood dormitories, the Academic and Agency Building, Heidenfels Hall, the Kleburg Center and the Engineering Research Center, now under construction on the south side of the Zachry Engineering Center. University enrollment has increased 44 percent during the last two years,

from about 29,000 in 1979 to more than 35,000 in 1981. Because of this increase, the Texas A&M System Board of Regents has instituted stricter enrollment requirements for the colleges of engineering, business administration and geosciences. These changes will take effect in the fall of 1982.

However despite the tougher admissions policy, enrollment next fall still is expected to increase.

"I'm not sure the new admission standards are going to be a limiting fac-

tor," said Vice President for Student Services John J. Koldus. "Other universities which have raised standards have only attracted more students and therefore increased enrollment."

The 230-member Target 2000 group was appointed by the Board of Regents to study the needs of the Texas A&M System through the year 2000.

All work being done by the group remains in the discussion stage. The group's formal report is expected to be submitted to the Board of Regents in December 1982.

### Additional federal dollars found

## Rep. Gramm aids cyclotron funding

By LAURA WILLIAMS

Battalion Reporter

The Department of Energy has included approximately \$800,000 in its 1983 budget for Texas A&M's Cyclotron Institute — support which DOE authorities had previously said would not be available.

University President Frank E. Vandiver credited U.S. Rep. Phil Gramm (D-College Station) with going to bat for the University again.

"The budget for '83 is done in January of '82, so we usually wouldn't know what amount we were getting until February or March," Dr. Dave Youngblood, cyclotron institute director, said.

The Cyclotron is a nuclear research facility used to study properties and behavior of subatomic particles, as well as the effects of radiation on certain types of bacteria. Some findings have applications in medicine.

Youngblood said the \$800,000 is not additional funding for the institute's planned expansion, but annual funding that was expected to be cut from the 1983 budget.

Earlier this year, the institute announced an \$8.8 million expansion

project, to begin in March 1982.

However, "This kind of device is continuously being modified and improved, so you can't say it will be through in '85," he said.

After expansion, the University's Cyclotron will be second in power only to Michigan State University's national lab.

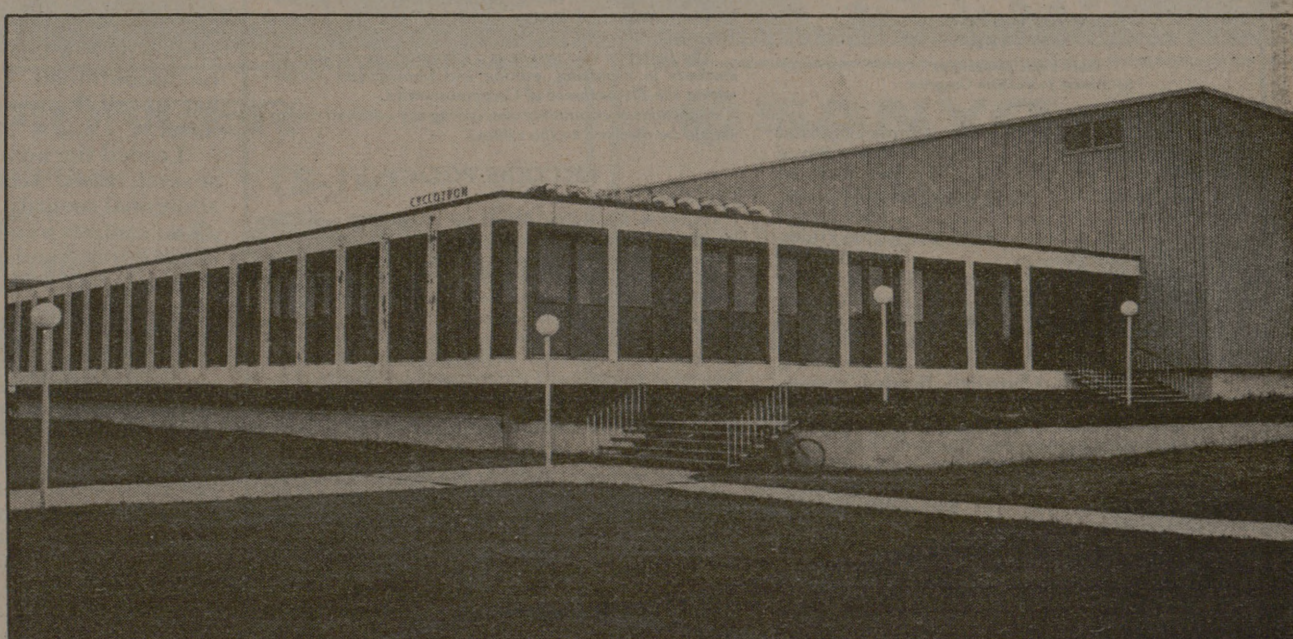
But, Youngblood said, "We will not be second class to their facilities. Their power capabilities pick up where ours leave off, so we're really not in direct competition with them."

Of the four facilities in the U.S. comparable to Texas A&M's, none are university cyclotrons primarily for the use of students and faculty, he said.

"National labs are open to all users, and this large access makes it difficult for students at those schools to experiment," Youngblood said.

The facility is primarily used by professors and students in the chemistry and physics departments.

"It is not a facility with a direct mission," he said, "but one for general research on problems which interest the students and professors."



The Texas A&M Cyclotron

Staff photo by Dave Einsel

### All schedules will be mailed

The 600 students who did not receive spring class schedules in the mail with their fee slips can pick up copies of their schedules in the Coke Building without paying their fees.

The schedules were not mailed because 600 old forms not containing schedule slips inadvertently were mailed instead of the newer forms which do include class schedules. The Battalion mistakenly reported Wednesday, however, that the 600 schedules were not mailed with invoices because of the time and expense involved in doing so.

The fiscal office mailed the last of 24,000 fee slips Saturday, in order to mail them to each student's local address before the end of school.

Students may pay their fees at the Coke Building; however, fiscal office personnel say they prefer to handle fee payments by mail.