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Regents name Hansen System chancellor

Board hears proposal for 'University Hilton'

by Daniel Puckett
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A proposal for a 10-story Hilton hotel on campus and a recommendation against the purchase of electricity from College Station were major topics at Monday's meeting of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

Meeting as a committee of the whole, regents heard committee reports in addition to several presentations from various groups. Final action on many of the proposals was taken at the meeting of the full board this morning.

One of the more controversial proposals was for a privately owned hotel, to be built on University land. Regents Chairman H.R. "Bum" Bright said Eric Hilton Jr., senior vice president of the Hilton Hotel Corp., approached him several months ago with the idea. Bright referred Hilton to the System administration.

Hilton's first proposal for a hotel at the east gate was rejected; the System staff suggested that regents study locating the hotel on the southwest corner of Texas Avenue and University Drive. The site is now the north end of the polo field.

Hilton asked that regents approve the lease of six acres at the site to Sunbelt Hotels of Houston, a Hilton franchise holder which operates four hotels there. Sunbelt would own and operate the hotel according to Hilton franchise specifications.

He said the 275-room hotel, to be called the University Hilton, would include a 10-story main building with 20 rooms per floor plus a cabana with 25 rooms. The hotel would contain a faculty club, a 4,000-square-foot ballroom and 2,000 square feet of meeting space.

Bright said he had received unfavorable reactions to the proposal from local residents and hotel oper-

ators. He formed a committee to study the idea, and said committee members should consider only the best interests of the University, not those of the community or local businesses.

Furthermore, he said, if the committee approves the idea, it should ensure that bidding for a hotel on the site is opened to other developers and hotel operators.

The committee appointed by Bright comprises four regents and six University officials, including University President Frank E. Vandiver and Dr. John J. Koldus III, vice president for student services.

Regents also heard a report from Bovay Engineers Inc. of Bryan. The firm had been asked to compare the relative costs of buying power from Brazos Electric Power Co-operative Inc. and from the City of College Station.

Earlier, regents had decided to make up a projected shortfall in University electric generating capacity by purchasing electricity from the co-op. Mayor Gary Halter then wrote the regents, asking that they consider buying their power from College Station.

Bovay was asked to compare the advantages of each supplier, and in its report, concluded that while both suppliers have adequate capacity for University needs, Brazos Electric offers power 35 to 40 percent more cheaply than College Station.

Regents recommended rejection of the College Station offer.

Among other proposals given tentative approval were a number of rate increases for University housing and board plans and a \$566.3 million System budget for fiscal 1983.

Budget figures will not be released until their final approval by the full Board of Regents today.



photo by Karen Kaley

Regents Dr. John B. Coleman, left, of Houston, and William A. McKenzie, of Dallas, share a joke after the regents meeting Monday.

Appointment finishes search for successor

by Jane G. Brust
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Dr. Arthur Hansen, president of Purdue University, will become the new Texas A&M University System chancellor, as unanimously confirmed by the Board of Regents this morning.

Receiving a standing ovation when the decision was announced, Hansen said: "This appointment presents for me a great challenge. Mrs. Hansen and I are delighted and anxious to be aboard."

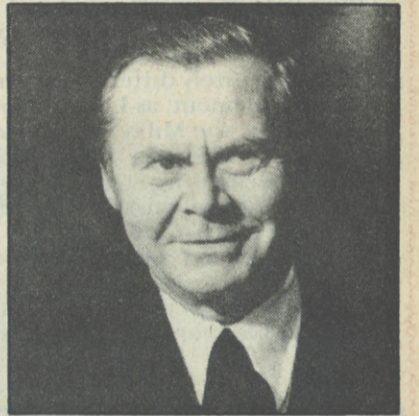
Members of a four-man chancellor search committee recommended Hansen to the full board in closed session Monday morning.

His expected appointment concluded a two-month search for Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert's successor. Hubert announced his resignation Jan. 25, to take effect Aug. 31.

University sources have indicated that Hansen has been the regents' top candidate since he turned down an offer to fill the University presidency last March.

Hansen and his wife came to Texas A&M Sunday to meet with regents. After the announcement, Hansen thanked the regents for their hospitality.

Hansen will be paid \$135,000 a year to oversee Texas A&M University, Prairie View A&M University, Texas A&M University at Galveston,



Dr. Arthur Hansen

Tarleton State University and the System's seven research and extension services. As president of Purdue, Hansen has been paid \$84,400 a year.

Hansen, 56, received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Purdue. His master's and doctorate degrees are in mathematics. He was a research scientist for NASA from 1948 to 1949.

Between 1966 and 1969 he was president of the Georgia Institute of Technology, and he became president of Purdue in 1971. Hansen announced in November that he would step down from the Purdue presidency by the end of this year.

Shuttle starts solar experiments on third journey into space

United Press International
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The space shuttle Columbia, off to a super start for a week in orbit, pointed its tail constantly toward the sun today to see how it withstands a solar roast on one end and a deep freeze on the other.

Astronauts Jack Lousma and Gordon Fullerton's busy schedule concentrated on nearly four hours of tests of the ship's robot arm.

The Columbia was performing

like the three-shot veteran it is as it entered its second day in orbit, cruising around the globe every hour and a half at 17,500 miles per hour.

Engineers evaluating Monday's launch and the shuttle's precision climb to orbit 150 miles high said the ship's complex mechanical and electrical innards were in excellent condition and should have no difficulty covering the 3.4-million-mile course taking it to New Mexico next Monday.

"I think we're in a very bright situa-

tion," said flight director Tommy Holloway at mission control in Houston. "The orbiter is in good shape."

"You've got us off to a super start," Lousma told controllers. "We're thankful for it and we appreciate it."

The tail-to-sun heating test was the first of three thermal tests that are considered the No. 1 objective of the flight. Later the shuttle's nose will be pointed toward the sun for 80 hours and its top will face the sun for 26 hours.

Lousma said before launch the idea is to see where the Columbia "expands and contracts structurally, where the cold points are and if the heaters keep the cold points warm and where the hot points are and if the cooling system keeps those places cool."

Surfaces on the side of the spacecraft facing the sun were expected to heat up to 200 degrees Fahrenheit while areas in the shade could cool down to 200 degrees below zero.

Mexican envoy ends peace talks

United Press International
MANAGUA, Nicaragua — A Mexican diplomat on a three-nation shuttle seeking peace in Central America raised hopes for U.S.-Nicaraguan talks, but relations were endangered today because of a new charge of U.S. subversion.

Mexican Foreign Relations Minister Jorge Castaneda flew back to Mexico late Monday from his peace mission, about the same time a news report in the United States said President Reagan had approved a scheme to pay Green Berets to infiltrate Nicaragua.

Nicaragua's head of government Daniel Ortega Saavedra planned to depart for New York today to press his claims in the United Nations that Washington is trying to undermine his government.

Castaneda flew home after his first round of shuttle diplomacy with the United States, Cuba and Nicaragua, a ministry spokesman said, but gave few details of the talks in Managua.

The Mexican diplomat held a closed-door session with Nicaragua's ruling junta and weekend talks with Cuban President Fidel Castro to explain his meetings earlier this month in New York with Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

After his six-hour visit to Nicaragua, Castaneda told reporters members of Nicaragua's three-man junta reiterated their readiness to talk peace in Central America and the Caribbean with the Reagan administration.

Castaneda, 60, declined to elaborate but a communique issued earlier said his discussions with the Nicaraguans would focus on the proposals made by Haig to end the bitter relations between the nations.

In New York, CBS News quoted a former U.S. Green Beret member who said the Reagan administration has approved a plan for paying bonuses to former and current members of the Green Berets to infiltrate Nicaragua.

Egyptians visit Israel to insure peaceful withdrawal from Sinai

JERUSALEM — A senior Egyptian peace emissary opened crucial talks today with Prime Minister Menachem Begin on a border dispute that threatens to stall next month's Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai Desert.

Begin greeted Osama el-Baz, one of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's senior aides.

El Baz reportedly planned to offer new Egyptian proposals during the talks to ensure a smooth Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai.

Egyptian Ambassador Saad Mortada, Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and the director-general of Shamir's ministry, David Kimche, accompanied them in the meeting, Israel Radio said.

El-Baz's mission underscored what diplomatic sources termed growing Egyptian concern Israel might stall its scheduled April 25 pullback because of a dispute concerning the new border.

The trouble concerns 15 points

along the proposed Egypt-Israel border to be established after the Israeli withdrawal from the last third of the Sinai Peninsula.

The major snag is demarcation of the border near Eilat, Israel's southernmost town and site of a beach resort and a new luxury hotel. Both Egypt and Israel want it.

Egypt has suggested arbitration to resolve the quarrel about whether the holiday village and the hotel should be in Egypt or in Israel after April 25

but Israel has rejected talks.

Mubarak decided to dispatch El-Baz to Israel Sunday following a three-hour conference with his advisers. El-Baz, who arrived Monday, also serves as undersecretary for foreign affairs in the Egyptian government.

In addition to the border issue, Israeli officials also expect the Egyptian emissary to discuss the West Bank unrest with Begin and other Israeli officials.

Operation Facelift working to clean community

Group asking for A&M participation

by Amy Polk
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"Aggie pride in community wide," will be stressed in Operation Facelift, an effort to clean up Brazos County to be held throughout the month of April.

The Beautify Brazos County Association will try to make citizens more aware of the growing litter problem and to strive for an overall cleaner county, said Dorothy Holland, a member of the board of directors.

The program will coincide with "Keep America Beautiful Week," which takes place April 18 through 24.

Dorothy Miller, association president, said: "We have found that people are just not aware of the mess around Bryan and College Station. People are pitching out when they should be pitching in."

Holland said: "We really would like to enlist the students at A&M. They

can be a great help and it's their community, too."

Miller said some of the major problem areas that Texas A&M students might be aware of are on Wellborn Road, Highway 30 and the area around Northgate.

One of the projects planned for the program is Adopt-a-Block. This program lets residents band together in their own neighborhood and decide what needs to be done to

beautify their area, Miller said.

On April 17, Bryan choir students in the sixth through the twelfth grades will sponsor a trash-a-thon in which the students will get subscribers to pledge money for each bag of litter picked up, Miller said.

Throughout the month of April, roll-off trash containers — similar to railroad boxcars open on the top — will be placed in 20 locations all over Bryan for a week at a time. Residents

will be free to deposit trash into these containers, she said.

Free junk car removal and brush pick-up also will be offered, Miller said.

"We'd love for any groups to take on projects and get to work on them," Miller said. "Equally as important is to stop people from littering."

"A little bit of litter makes a lot of litter later."

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forecast

Today's forecast: Mostly cloudy and mild with a 30 percent chance of rain today and tonight. Today's high should be near 70 with a low in the low 50s. Wednesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-70s.