

# CS to reroute traffic on part of Holleman

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Traffic on Holleman Street between Winding Road and Wellborn Road will be rerouted this fall when construction on the section begins, a state highway department engineer said Monday.

C.D. Williamson, supervising planning engineer for the Texas State Department of Highways, said traffic would be detoured down side streets until the rebuilding is completed. "Since that section of Holleman is in such bad shape, there's not too much traffic on it now,"

Williamson said. "Most people go down Southwest Parkway already." The street will be widened, he said, so the city must gain the necessary right-of-way before construction can begin. The city still needs right-of-way from one more piece of property.

"The city is in the process of condemning that property," he said. "Hopefully, we won't be delayed any longer. It's difficult to go into a low-income housing area and try to come up with 60 feet of right-of-way where only 30 or 40 feet had existed before."

After the city purchases the right-of-way, a contract will be assigned, Williamson said, probably sometime in August. Construction could begin as early as Sept. 1.

Rebuilding is expected to take at least six to eight months. However, delays might extend that figure, said Elrey Ash, director of capital improvements for College Station. Bad weather often delays any type of construction.

# What's Up at Texas A&M

## Tuesday

CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY: Rev. Brad Fustell will be speaking at 7 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel.

## Wednesday

TEXAS A&M ICE HOCKEY: Meets at 8 p.m. on the sixth floor of the library. Practice will be held Saturday.

TEXAS A&M ROADRUNNERS CLUB: Meeting to update club constitution and organize cross-country teams at 7 p.m. in

502 Rudder.

TEXAS A&M STUDENT CO-OP STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Speaker from the Placement Office writing at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

MID-EAST TEXAS DIETETIC ASSOCIATION: Meeting at the home of Mickey Sweeten, 1804 Leona, at 7 p.m. will include reports on meetings of the Texas Dietetic Association, Society for Nutrition Education, Institute of Dietitians, and others. Please bring a salad which will be part of the salad supper. Discussion of next year's

# Jailed Dallas man waits 21 months without trial

United Press International  
DALLAS — At this stage it may not matter to Bobby James Watson which way the wheels of justice move, so long as they move.

Watson, 23, has been in Dallas County jail for 21 months without trial, while psychologists decide whether he is mentally impaired, or lacking in intelligence but capable of understanding his situation.

Prosecutors insist he should be tried for three felony offenses, which Watson denies committing.

Watson may never get a trial and may remain a ward of the county for the rest of his life.

"I really feel I'm being mis-

treated, because I don't have no knowledge of these (crimes) whatsoever," he told a newspaper.

State Dist. Judge Jack Hampton said: "He (Watson) is not mentally ill. He's not competent (to stand trial). He's a pain in the rear."

Watson's former attorney, Harry L. Zimmermann, says the man "is one of those people who, involuntarily, could be in the criminal justice system all his life."

Watson was jailed Oct. 19, 1980, after being arrested along with two other former convicts in an apartment burglary. He was free on parole after serving three years of a five-year arson sentence.

All three signed statements about their roles in the burglary. The other two suspects said Watson was an active accomplice; Watson insisted he only accompanied the others looking for work.

Zimmermann said Watson signed a confession not knowing what it said, and last January filed a motion saying Watson was suffering from mental problems and was incompetent to stand trial.

Two psychiatrists examined Watson; one said he was mentally retarded, the other said he had brain-damage but was competent. A psychologist said Watson was intelligent enough to assist in his defense.

Last November, Watson completed a hearing.

In the second hearing held in March, original psychiatric testimony was read, but no probability Watson gain competency.

Jurors found Watson incompetent and Judge ordered him committed to a state hospital for a hearing. But Watson turned down a hearing. He would testify in his own defense. The hearing was postponed after a September hearing.



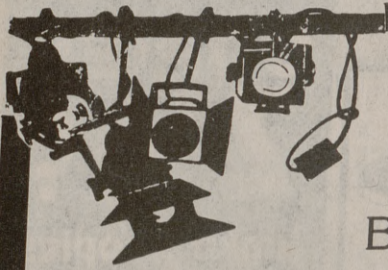
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# New A&M committee seeks vice president

by Rebeca Zimmermann  
Battalion Staff

The search for a new vice president for academic affairs has been reopened and another committee has been named to conduct the search.

The position has been vacant since January when Dr. J.M. Prescott resigned to direct the Texas A&M University Institute of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. Dr. Charles McCandless, associate vice president for academic affairs, has served as interim vice president. University President Frank

E. Vandiver has proposed changing the position's title to provost and vice president of academic affairs.

The title change is part of Vandiver's reorganization and reassignment plans for the University, said Dr. Clinton Phillips, Texas A&M University Dean of

Faculties. "In essence it wouldn't be that much different than it is now," Phillips said.

The provost title would make it clear that the provost would be second in line to the president but on the same level as other

vice presidents, he said. "Academic affairs is the provost heads this," Phillips said.

Whenever the University president is out of town, the Senate will be placed in the hands of the Higher Education Commission.

The availability of the new search committee will be announced at a meeting on the campus of Phillips, committee chairman Dr. Robert R. Berg, said.

The Office of University Affairs search and professor emeritus Dr. John C. Calhoun is more chancellor for engineering as the F.A. Cotton, distinguishing professor of chemistry, 1969 and 1971 Koldus, vice president in 1982 dental services; Dr. Reagan McDermott, distinguished professor of philosophy, but has erenities; and Dr. Robert Chmberg cultural engineering control.

About half of the committee named to the committee Cleveland, a senior police major, and Clinton, a doctoral candidate in chemical engineering.

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