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## Record budget sought by System

by Denise Richter

The Texas A&M University System Wednesday presented a 1984-85 annual budget request of more than \$867 million to members of the legislative Budget Board staff and representatives of the governor's office. The System's most recent budget request — for 1982-83 — was more than \$624 million for its four universities and six major service agencies. The final appropriation was \$596 million. Texas A&M University was scheduled to present the largest single request — \$460,731,693 — this morning. The requested 1984 appropriation of \$231,348,351 is an increase of 59 percent over the \$145,492,004 appropriated for the 1983 fiscal year, which began Wednesday. Special items in the University budget request include computer equipment and data processing, priority student recruitment, engineering laboratory equipment and military studies institute. After the hearings, the Legislative Budget Board staff and the governor's staff will draft an appropriations bill, which will be submitted to the next regular session of the Legislature. Representatives of Tarleton State University and Prairie View A&M University presented their budget requests Wednesday. Tarleton officials

requested \$27,614,095 — \$13,322,622 for 1984 and \$14,291,473 for 1985.

Prairie View officials requested \$66,790,769 — \$32,839,003 for 1984 and \$33,951,766 for 1985. The 1984 request is almost twice the \$16,387,046 budgeted for 1983. Most of this increase resulted from planned construction and building rehabilitation at Prairie View.

During the hearings Wednesday, System Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen emphasized the need for salary increases and faculty and staff development leaves.

The System has requested 1984 salary increases of 15 percent for professional employees and 16.1 percent for classified employees. Salary increases requested for 1985 are 10 percent for professional employees and 12.4 percent for classified employees.

"We have to look at salaries not only from the real-dollar standpoint, but also from the standpoint of salaries being competitive," Hansen said. "If you want to keep the best, if you want a really fine faculty, you have to pay."

The System keeps salaries in step with inflation, but that isn't enough, he said.

"We have to keep the ball rolling," he said. "Not only do we have to move ahead from the past — we have to leap ahead."

Salaries aren't the only problem, Hansen said.

"We have to make up a competitive

package," he said. "Right now, we're not very competitive in faculty and staff development leaves and fringe benefits."

"Development leaves are absolutely prime. They give the faculty a chance to grow. If we want this University to be regarded as first-class, we've got to have them."

The lack of faculty leaves can tarnish a university's image, he said.

"There's a feeling that institutions without (faculty leaves) do not have the respect and confidence of the state," Hansen said.

Persons outside a university sometimes interpret development leaves or sabbaticals simply as another vacation, but that is not the case, he said.

"The faculty needs this type of chance," Hansen said. "It's up to us to give them flexibility, then see if they can achieve the goals they have set out to accomplish."

Other presentations scheduled for today are the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at 1:30 p.m., Texas A&M University at Galveston at 3 p.m., and the Texas Forest Service at 4 p.m.

On Friday, budget requests from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, the Texas Transportation Institute, the Texas Engineering Extension Service and the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory will be presented.

## System Budget Proposals

Divisions	1983 Allocations	1984 Requests	1985 Requests
Texas A&M University	\$136,092,004	\$231,348,351	\$229,383,342
Texas A&M at Galveston	\$4,369,612	\$37,509,072	\$9,813,777
Tarleton State University	\$8,306,864	\$13,322,622	\$14,291,473
Prairie View A&M University	\$16,387,046	\$32,839,003	\$33,951,766
Texas Agricultural Experiment Station	\$36,295,426	\$48,236,964	\$52,223,593
Texas Agricultural Extension Service	\$27,962,922	\$44,222,862	\$47,634,053
Texas Engineering Experiment Station	\$4,067,583	\$7,182,781	\$8,064,674
Texas Engineering Extension Service	\$1,758,390	\$7,850,343	\$5,961,022
Texas Transportation Institute	\$1,201,525	\$2,111,623	\$2,336,645
Texas Forest Service	\$7,923,717	\$9,735,528	\$10,920,634
Rodent and Predatory Animal Control Service	\$2,082,893	\$2,894,833	\$3,067,462
Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory	\$1,692,065	\$3,216,381	\$2,616,739
System administrative and general offices	\$1,437,278	\$3,165,979	\$3,511,909
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$249,577,325</b>	<b>\$443,636,342</b>	<b>\$423,777,089</b>

## Rudder damaged by fire

by Hope E. Paasch

A fire in the kitchen in Rudder Tower's 11th floor dining hall caused extensive smoke damage Wednesday, College Station Fire Chief Douglas Landua said.

Capt. Dave Giordano of the College Station Fire Department said the damage was limited to the kitchen area, but the entire floor was damaged by smoke.

"Actual fire damage was limited to a grill, three deep-fat fryers, the ceiling over the grill and a couple of fluorescent lights," Giordano said. The only estimate on damage is around \$5,000, and that's only a guesstimate. We're waiting for the insurance people."

No one was injured in the fire, which was reported to the CSFD about 10 a.m.

Firemen were unable to reach the fire immediately because the stairwell doors were locked.

Giordano said firemen were delayed 20 or 30 seconds while waiting for a key to the stairwell door.

Landua said locking stairwell doors is not standard fire safety procedure, but the Rudder Tower doors always are locked.

Once firemen were able to get into the floor, the fire was extinguished within two minutes, Landua said.

Fire and smoke damage would have been much less if the building had a sprinkler system, he said.

"If they'd had a sprinkler system,



College Station firemen radio in after the Rudder Tower fire.

that fire would've been out a lot quicker," Landua said. "A sprinkler system probably would've put it out before we even got there."

A dry powder chemical system in a vent hood in the kitchen discharged properly, but did not extinguish the fire, he said. The dry powder was the only fire protection

device on the floor, Landua said.

The University is exempt from local fire safety codes because it is a state agency. College Station fire codes require unlocked stairwell doors and sprinkler systems in schools.

University officials were unavailable for comment.

## Mexico nationalizes banking system

United Press International

MEXICO CITY — Choking back his tears, President Jose Lopez Portillo ordered Mexico's banking system nationalized, a move that sparked criticism from the nation's business community and strong praise by communists.

Lopez Portillo's announcement in his State of the Nation speech Wednesday was considered the most controversial expropriation since Mexico seized assets of foreign oil companies in 1938. In the 1950s, it took over electric companies.

"It is now or never," Lopez Portillo said in his final State of the Nation address before leaving office Dec. 1. The president wiped tears from his face and choked as he tried to talk. "Mexico is not finished."

The government also imposed exchange controls,

which require tourists to register money brought into Mexico, order Mexicans to cash in their dollars and threatened jail terms for anyone caught selling currency on the black market.

Banks were shut down until Monday to allow authorities to implement the new measures. But the nationalization will not affect depositors, who probably will notice no major changes when banks reopen under government management.

The secretary general of Mexico's communist-dominated Unified Socialist Party called for "all democratic classes" to defend Lopez Portillo's decision and "stop political measures that the bourgeoisie evidently will take."

## Seniors must meet deadlines to receive December degree

Graduating seniors probably know that graduation is 99 days away. But what they probably don't realize is that their long-awaited degrees have strings attached.

Seniors must fulfill a variety of obligations before crossing the stage of C. Rollie White Coliseum. First they must pay a \$15 graduation fee at the Coke Building. The fee receipt must be taken by Sept. 10 to Heaton Hall, where the senior must fill out a degree application.

If the senior misses the Sept. 10 deadline, he will not be eligible for graduation, Assistant Registrar

Donald Gardner said.

Overdue library books and other financial matters also must be cleared with the University and all grade changes must be completed by Dec. 9 in order for a senior to graduate, Gardner said.

Next on the list are invitations. They can be ordered between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in 217 MSC. French-fold invitations cost 60 cents each, cardboard souvenir in-

itations are \$2.50 and maroon souvenir invitations are \$3. A box of 100 name cards costs \$6.50.

Invitations should be ordered by

Sept. 30, and they should arrive Nov. 15, said Faye Yeates, supervisor of the Student Finance Center. They can be picked up in the MSC Browsing Library.

And of course, no graduation is complete without a cap and gown. They will be available in the MSC Bookstore beginning Nov. 1 until the day of graduation. A bachelor's cap

and gown costs \$11.50, and a master's cap and gown costs \$12.50. Doctoral caps and gowns can be rented for \$23.50. Women will need a white collar for their gowns.

## Reagan seeks home for Palestinians

United Press International

BURBANK, Calif. — President Reagan, stepping out of the traditional U.S. role of Middle East mediator, spelled out a precise, "fresh start" in American policy toward finding a home for the region's displaced Palestinians.

While grounding his comments with the vow: "America's commitment to the security of Israel is ironclad, and I might add, so is mine," the president, in a surprise address to the nation Wednesday, called for Palestinian self-government in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, under Jordan's guidance.

He said the plan, first proposed by the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, would involve an exchange of territory for peace.

He warned Israel against expanding its settlements in its occupied areas of the West Bank and Gaza and said the United States would not support an Israeli annexation of those lands.

"It is the firm view of the United States, self-government by the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza in association with Jordan, offers the best chance for a durable, just and lasting peace," the president said.

But even before Reagan spoke, Israeli officials vowed to resist any U.S. attempts to sidestep the Camp David formula for Middle East peace and said they would never allow the creation of a Palestinian state in the West Bank or Gaza.

When Israeli Prime Minister Begin received the Reagan proposal in a let-

ter Tuesday, he cut short a vacation and scheduled an emergency meeting of his Cabinet today to review the new U.S. stand.

It was uncertain how Jordan's King Hussein would react.

Reagan did not detail the exact relationship envisioned between Jordan and autonomous Palestinians in the areas currently administered by Israel.

Reagan was lauded by two Republican senators for making a courageous proposal in his surprise nationwide television address on the Middle East.

But a House Democrat said Reagan had damaged the role of the United States as a mediator by laying down conditions in advance for Israel to accept as part of a comprehensive

Middle East peace.

"I'm afraid the Israelis are going to panic and that will just blow the whole show," said Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal, D-N.Y.

Officials of major Jewish organizations said they were pleased Reagan reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to Israel's security and ruled out support for an independent Palestinian state.

Sounding weary of the continuing Middle East conflicts, Reagan said the now-completed evacuation of PLO fighters from Lebanon offers a chance for "a more far-reaching peace effort in the region — and I was determined to seize that moment."

The president said the defeat of the PLO did not diminish "the yearning of the Palestinian people for a just

solution of their claims; and ... while Israel's military successes in Lebanon have demonstrated its armed forces are second to none in the region, they alone cannot bring just and lasting peace to Israel and her neighbors."

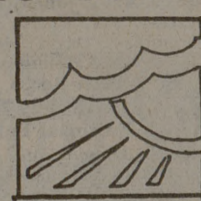
He said he would never ask Israel to live in the shadow of enemy guns, but feels "a new realism" is demanded in the area. He said a vital part of the new process would be recognition of Israel as a state with unchallenged legitimacy.

"Israel exists," he said. "It has a right to exist in peace behind secure defensible borders." But he added, the Lebanese war dramatizes more than ever the homelessness of the Palestinian people.

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### forecast



Today's Forecast: Same as usual. Very slight chance of afternoon showers. High in the high 90s, low in the mid-70s.