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dent emeritus of Tarleton State University, and present a resolution of appreciation to Robert G. Cherry, secretary to the board and vice chancellor for public affairs. Cherry, who has been with the System for almost 40 years, will retire in January.

The board was expected to grant tenure to Dr. Darwin Klingman, who has accepted the position of professor of business analysis and research. Klingman is holder of the Jeanne and John Blocker Chair in business administration.

Regents also were expected to approve proposals to establish a center for engineering geosciences and a center for retailing studies.

The center for engineering geosciences will be established under the Earth Resources Institute in the College of Geosciences. The center for retailing studies will be established in the Department of Marketing in the

College of Business Administration.

The regents, meeting as a committee of the whole Monday, discussed a \$360,000 appropriation for the purchase and installation of computer software for an on-line registration system.

Dr. V. Thomas Rhyne, coordinator of computing for the University, said that if the appropriation is approved by the full board today, a planning committee will be appointed at the first of the year. Members of this committee, which would include the registrar and advisers from each department, would draw up specifications for the new system and seek bids from vendors.

The committee also approved an appropriation of \$500,000 for another type of computer system — a 128-terminal system that will provide interactive computing.

All committee action is subject to the approval of the full board.

Sheriff Smith back on the legal hook

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — The on-again, off-again tenure of Smith County Sheriff J.B. Smith is off again.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Monday reversed an order by U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice that dismissed official misconduct charges against the East Texas sheriff and reinstated him to office.

Smith could not be reached for comment late Monday and a sheriff's department spokesman said the sheriff had not issued a statement concerning the ruling.

Justice had ordered the state to halt prosecution and removal proceedings brought by District Attorney Hunter Brush against Smith after his July 11, 1981, indictment in Tyler on a charge he had misused county property.

The state appealed the March 9 ruling and a three-judge panel in New Orleans issued a 32-page opinion Monday rejecting Justice's order.

"Our review of the entire evidence has left us with the definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed," the appeals court said in its opinion.

Smith was removed from office shortly after his indictment and a state court appointed retired FBI agent Alan Manning as interim sheriff.

Smith claimed Brush's prosecution was retaliatory and stemmed from a deputy's testimony in the trial of a Tyler nightclub owner, whose conviction on assault charges was overturned after two narcotics officers admitted lying about the charges.

Charges lodged against Smith included using a county car for personal business, making personal long-distance calls on county telephones and using deputies to patrol an apartment complex in exchange for a free apartment for his girlfriend. The sheriff also was charged

with breaking into a man's home and an aborted attempt to set fire and threatening a district attorney's investigator.

Justice stressed that he did not absolve Smith, agreed Brush prosecuted Smith in retaliation.

The appeals court, however, concluded "that the strength of the evidence and seriousness of the charges should be considered in determining if there is a strong evidence of retaliation or bad faith exists."

The judges also said they gave too much weight to the testimony of the sheriff and district attorney as well as unsubstantiated rumors.

"Our close examination of the record reveals that the strict court elevated isolated incidents between certain members of the sheriff's staff and the staff into a finding of bias between the sheriff and the judges said.

Bryan, San Antonio recipients

Airport, research center OK'd

by Denise Richter
Battalion Staff
A Brazos Valley regional airport came a step closer to reality Monday when Texas A&M regents decided to develop Bryan Air Base as a regional facility.

And members of a delegation from San Antonio, who five months ago were sent back home to do their "homework," were given an "A+" in the form of a research and extension center for their city.

After regents decided to locate the airport at Bryan Air Base, Board Chairman H.R. "Bum" Bright called for the formation of a four-member steering

committee, made up of local officials and a Texas A&M System representative, to oversee the facility's development.

Mayor Richard Smith will represent the city of Bryan, Judge R.J. Holmgren will represent Brazos County, and City

representative, made up of local officials and a Texas A&M System representative, to oversee the facility's development.

The firm studied the master plan developed for Easterwood Airport in 1978, which projected the demand for a regional airport facility through 1998.

The improvements called for at Easterwood were compared with the improvements required at Bryan Air Base to achieve an equal level of service.

The improvements, which were divided into three phases, would cost \$10.6 million at Easterwood and \$20.4 million at Bryan Air Base, said Joe Lamb of Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam Inc.

At Easterwood, runways are able to withstand heavier aircraft; however, runways are too short to enable large planes to land and take off, Lamb said.

The opposite problem exists at Bryan Air Base: the runways are long, but are unable to withstand heavier aircraft, he said.

Through his presentation, Lamb asked regents and city officials to consider the two airports equal. But Regent Royce E. Wisenbaker of Tyler told him that would be impossible.

"The facilities aren't equal," Wisenbaker said. "You can't land big aircraft at Easterwood. If we're ever going to have a big high-tech industrial park, we'll have to have air transportation."

Regent John R. Blocker of Houston agreed: "With the oil industry what it is in this area, there's more and more need for air transport."

Regents then voted to develop the Bryan facility as a regional airport.

Bright said Bryan, College Station and Brazos County

during the Korean War. U.S. Air Force closed the base in the late 1950s and the full transfer of ownership from the federal government to Texas was completed in 1982.

The facility currently is being used by the University for research and extension services and warehouse space.

Five months ago, a delegation from San Antonio visited the Board of Regents to ask that a research and extension center be located in the city. Their request was refused.

On Monday, that delegation included H.B. Zachary, Mayor Henry Cisneros, turned to the regents' meeting with a new offer. The offer would give the System 80 acres of land in west Brazos County, the "highest grade corridor in the city," Cisneros said.

The land, owned by Jim and Mary Ann, Class of '53, is located outside of Loop 1604 on Highway 90 West and is valued at \$8,000 an acre.

"We've done our homework and returned," Cisneros added that he hoped the board would notice the "serious professional way we've gone about our task."

Apparently the board members liked what it saw. The Antonio center was approved unanimously.

Regent H.C. "Dulie" Hester, chairman of the board's planning and building committee, said the Legislature will be asked for funds for the center during the 1985 biennium.

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