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Senate may block regent appointments

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The Senate Democrats say they have votes to hand Gov. Mark White his first victory of his new administration — the right to review 104 of the lame-duck appointments made by former Gov. Bill Clements, including appointments to the Texas A&M Board of Regents.

White met with 17 Democratic senators Wednesday morning and reportedly persuaded them to let a review of Clements' post-appointment appointments, with the exception of Texas Supreme Court Justice Jack Pope.

"He's going to ask for all of them except Judge Pope," said Sen. Kent Perotton, D-Bryan. "If all of the votes are there, and I think they will, we've got enough votes to put an end to this lame-duck nonsense."

White, Clements and the 31-member Senate, which reviews gubernatorial appointments, have

been locked in a bitter behind-the-scenes battle over the appointments for nearly two weeks.

Clements urged the members to uphold his appointments saying it was his duty to make the appointments. White let it be known he wanted some or all of them back for review.

Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, said the Senate will vote on each of Clements' appointments and he predicted that all but a few of the 104 nominees would be returned for White's review.

The appointments in dispute were made by Clements after he lost the November general election and included former Gov. John Connally to the University of Texas Board of Regents and former House Speaker Bill Clayton as a Texas A&M regent.

Clements also appointed acclaimed geologist Michel Halbouty to the board of regents and reappointed John Blocker to another six-year term on the board.



Rainy days and rainy nights

staff photo by Octavio Garcia

Umbrellas and cold, rainy weather are common at Texas A&M in January and 1983 is no exception. Cold, dreary

weather is plaguing the area and probably will continue through this weekend, so wear warm coats and raingear.

Japanese leader: Trade uncertain

WASHINGTON — Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone says he is sympathetic to America's economic plight but is not promising further trade relief.

During their talks Tuesday, President Reagan asked Nakasone to expand his markets for U.S. products. He also asked Nakasone to accelerate Japan's defense role in the western Pacific.

Protectionist sentiment in Congress has been fueled recently by the rising U.S. unemployment rate and an estimated \$20 billion U.S. trade deficit with Japan last year.

"We are aware of the economic difficulties facing the United States," Nakasone said. "We see on television the unemployed in your country lining up for soup and sleeping in cars, and we are very saddened."

Nakasone said a commission will view streamlining nontariff procedures for imports of American goods, including product testing. And Tokyo will wait for a review of the health of the automobile industry in the United States before acting on an intensification of its policy of limiting its auto imports.

Even so, Nakasone told a reception at the U.S.-Japan Society he expects a chilly reception in Congress.

William Brock, the special trade representative, had asked Nakasone to take "drastic" action to increase imports of American citrus crops into Japan.

The prime minister noted Japan is the largest importer of American agricultural products, including \$42 million in citrus each year.

"I have made the utmost effort to solve the problems of friction between our two countries over trade and other matters, taking into consideration the economic difficulties in the United States," the prime minister's spokesman, Taizo Watanabe, quoted Nakasone as saying.

Reagan said he does not believe the relations with Tokyo are unduly strained, despite an estimated \$20 billion trade imbalance in Tokyo's favor in 1982.

"I think it is like a happy marriage," Reagan said. "Sometimes you argue, but the marriage is still happy."

Reagan and Nakasone also discussed Japan's defense role in the western Pacific.

Although Nakasone reaffirmed the Japanese-American alliance, he said he cannot move as quickly as Reagan wants because of political difficulties at home. Japan's constitution rejects militarism and imposes a limited self-defense role on its armed forces. Reagan invited Nakasone back for more discussions at the White House Wednesday.

The Washington Post reported Wednesday, Nakasone told Reagan he will aim to build Japan's air defense to the point it can detect and stop overflights by the Soviet Union's long-range Backfire bomber.

Vandiver unveils minority plan; council approves faculty senate

by Kim Schmidt

A correction of minority conditions at Texas A&M could span a five- to six-year period and cost nearly \$8.5 million, University President Frank E. Vandiver told the Academic Council on Wednesday.

"But the goal is worth it," Vandiver said. "Texas A&M can't afford to be behind in any area much less in the area of minorities."

Vandiver's statements were based on a report outlining minority conditions at Texas A&M that was presented to council members Wednesday.

The report, compiled by the President's Committee on Minority Conditions, summarizes an eight-month study of conditions said to be the worst of any major university in the nation.

"We are notoriously understaffed in minority faculty and administrators and notoriously underrepresented in minority students at all levels," Vandiver said.

The report also cited findings that "the political, social, academic and

spiritual atmosphere at Texas A&M is not conducive to the recruitment or the retention of minorities."

Vandiver, speaking for the committee, said the biggest problem here probably is its indifference to the problems of minorities.

"The feeling is that the campus suffers more from indifference to the problem than anything else," Vandiver said. "And indifference is a very hard thing to fight."

But Vandiver seems willing to take the measures needed to fight problems faced by minority students and faculty.

He suggested that improvements start this year with discussions of minority situations in individual colleges and departments, and set July as a target date for deans and department heads to report their findings.

Vandiver said Texas A&M can improve its position concerning minority matters, which he called a moral imperative.

In other business, the Academic Council members approved a proposal for the establishment of a faculty senate by a two-to-one vote, making

reconstruction of the current council necessary.

Reconstruction will begin after proposed changes, which already have met Vandiver's approval, are approved by both System Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen and the Board of Regents.

Before the voting, Vandiver urged support for the establishment of a faculty senate and asked for a show of hands of council members who "could live with the proposals."

Although council members approved the proposals, many raised doubts and questions regarding the necessity of the new senate and the effectiveness of the new bicameral system.

Dr. David Stewart, head of the English department, expressed concern over the separation of programs and budget committees that will accompany the division of the Academic Council.

The new system requires a division of the current Academic Council to form both a faculty senate, comprised of elected members, and the Academic Administrative Council, comprised of deans, department heads and

other University administrators.

Other council members fear that, with the changes, they will lose touch with curriculum changes occurring outside of their own departments but still affecting their faculty and students.

Although Don Hellriegel, a professor of management, assured administrators that they still will be intimately involved in curriculum decisions, some were not satisfied.

William B. Smith, director of the Institute of Statistics, wondered whether deans and department heads "would be left out of the approval loop" saying that the proposals did not deal with the decision-making power the administrators would have after the council splits.

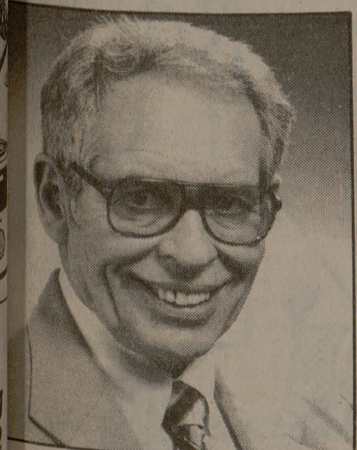
Questions raised Wednesday opened up new areas for consideration in establishing the new faculty senate. But Vandiver said despite the few rough edges that need to be smoothed, the senate will serve a necessary purpose.

"There will be a few glitches in the get-along, but I believe, in the long run, the University will be stronger for it (the senate)," Vandiver said.

Ex-FBI special agent takes charge of University Police in February

by Ann Ramsbottom

Battalion Staff
The University Police will undergo a face-lift Feb. 1, when newly appointed Director of Security and Traffic Bob Wiatt and Police Chief



New University Director of Security and Traffic Bob Wiatt

Elmer E. Schneider Jr. begin duty. Wiatt, a Bryan resident, is currently an investigator with the Brazos County district attorney's office

and is a former special agent with the FBI.

Wiatt's appointment was announced Tuesday by Vice President for Operations Charles Cargill. He succeeds Thomas Parsons, who retires Feb. 1.

As director of security and traffic, Wiatt, 56, will be responsible for security and law enforcement functions on the University campus as well as traffic circulation and coordination.

Before coming to Texas A&M, Wiatt worked in law enforcement for more than 30 years. He holds FBI certification as an instructor/specialist in firearms, defensive tactics, mob and riot control, special weapons assault team (SWAT) and hostage negotiations.

He has lectured in all major law enforcement and police academies in Texas and has been the recipient of numerous commendations and awards from FBI directors. Most recently Wiatt was involved in criminal investigation for the trial of Jimmy Chagra, who is charged with the murder of Federal Judge John Wood in San Antonio. Wiatt is credited with providing essential information leading to the conviction of three conspirators in the murder.

Wiatt is presently in Florida testifying in the trial.

Although he is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and Chase Law School, Wiatt said he is definitely an Aggie.



New University Police Chief Elmer E. Schneider Jr.

"I feel great pride in coming to Texas A&M," he said. "I look upon the University as a leader in education, like the FBI is a leader in law

enforcement. Everyone wants to work for the best, to be associated with a winner."

Wiatt said he plans to spend the early weeks of February becoming familiar with both the campus and its security and traffic operations.

Schneider's position as chief of police also was announced by Cargill. Schneider currently is assistant police chief here.

As University police chief, Schneider will report to the director of security and traffic.

He is a member of the Class of '77 and began his law enforcement career as a student worker with the University Police in 1970.

In connection with Schneider's appointment, Cargill also announced the creation of three new assistant director positions in the security and traffic department, all of which will be filled by existing department personnel.

Assuming the new assistant directorships Feb. 1 will be Morris Maddox as assistant director for administration, Josephine Hoelscher as assistant director for criminal investigation and John R. McDonald as assistant director for special services.

A&M student stabbed near Mosher Hall

A Texas A&M student, who was stabbed early this morning in a parking lot near Mosher Hall, is in good condition today at St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan.

The student, whose name has not been released, was walking back to her dorm when a man grabbed her arm and asked: "Where's my good night kiss?"

The student ran to the back door, found it locked and then ran to the front door. Police said she did not realize she was hurt until she got back to her room and discovered three puncture wounds in her abdomen.

University Police Chief John R. McDonald said the assailant was described as a 6-foot-1-inch black man with light skin and an afro.

Police said an afro comb probably was used in the stabbing. Police have no suspects in the case, but said they think the student can identify her attacker.

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Cold weather with rain likely through Friday. Highs expected in the mid-40s with colder weather expected during the weekend.