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## Regulations accepted by Faculty Senate

by Angel Stokes

**Battalion Staff**  
The Texas A&M Faculty Senate today afternoon approved bylaws it could vote on the organization of the executive committee at its next meeting.

The executive committee, consisting of eight members, will be the governing body of the Faculty Senate. The committee, made up of a deputy speaker, a secretary-treasurer and six elected members-at-large, will advise the speaker of the Senate, assist in administration and planning of Senate meetings, be responsible for the

budget, implement the decisions and programs of the Senate and act for the Senate in case of emergency.

The speaker of the Faculty Senate, Dr. John McDermott, will chair the executive committee and vote only in the event of a tie.

Jon Bond, a representative of the bylaws committee, said the main purpose of Monday's meeting was to pass the bare minimum of bylaws, so the Senate could begin working this summer.

The main issue at the meeting was how to establish workable procedures during elections in order to select the

executive committee.

The bylaws committee will continue to work to define senator election and floor procedures, Bond said.

Other agenda items included: selection of Dr. Paul Van Riper as parliamentarian, approval of taping the meetings to aid in keeping of the minutes and a report by the personnel and budget committee.

The meetings will be taped, except when off-record comments are requested, and tapes will be erased as soon as the minutes are written.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be July 11 in 601 Rudder.

## Pressure won't help pullout says Arens

**United Press International**  
Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens says Israel will not be pressured into withdrawing from Lebanon despite mounting casualties and stepped-up guerrilla attacks that have left 10 Israeli soldiers dead in the last week.

The terrorists, with the aid of the

Syrian army, are doing everything in their power to bring about a unilateral withdrawal of the Israel Defense Forces," Arens told Israel Radio Sunday.

Earlier Sunday, a bomb exploded on a road south of the port city of

Sidon as an Israeli vehicle was driving by but there were no casualties, Israel Radio said.

In Washington, U.S. special Middle East envoy Morris Draper said Sunday the United States has held "serious discussions" with the Soviet Union on the Lebanese crisis.

## Fort Worth motel burns

### Four killed in blaze

**United Press International**  
**FORT WORTH** — Fire erupted at an east side Ramada Inn today, killing four people trapped inside and forcing the evacuation of 150 guests, authorities said.

District Fire Chief William H. Carson said, "I think all of them were killed, but I'm just not sure right now."

At least 30 people were reported injured.

Most of them had minor smoke inhalation and lacerations, said Robin Worthington, a representative for All Saints Hospital. Two people suffered broken bones jumping from second-story windows.

The blaze broke out at 3:24 a.m. in a two-story 87-room unit on the west end of the south structure in the five

building complex and quickly grew to five alarms.

A raging thunderstorm which broke out at 5 a.m. increased the smoke and soaked the evacuated guests, many of them wearing nothing but night clothes or bedsheets.

Blowing smoke reduced visibility to near zero on the Fort Worth Turnpike adjacent to the motel. Authorities temporarily closed the exit nearest the motel.

Richard Crain, 40, of Lafayette, La., said he was asleep in a first floor room when the fire started.

"I woke up and some people outside were blowing their horn and hollering, 'fire.' I couldn't find my pants at first, then I got a chair and broke the window out. About that time two women in the room above mine broke

out their window and glass fell all over me."

Shelley Wilkinson, 40, of Waco, Texas, was on the second floor.

"When I woke up there was smoke coming through the door so thick you couldn't breathe," she said. "I didn't hear any fire alarm."

A temporary morgue was set up at a drive-thru bank near the motel.

Approximately 110 firefighters fought the blaze, which filled the horizontal with a red glow, visible for several miles.

There were 25 fire units from Fort Worth and three from nearby Arlington, Texas, on the scene. More than a dozen police officers were on the scene.



staff photo by Eric Evan Lee

### He creamed 'em all!

Ples Turner, mayor pro-tem of Bryan, won Post Oak Mall's 2nd Annual Cow Milking Contest Saturday. In the three-minute time limit, Turner milked 120 ounces of milk.

Funds raised from the milking contest will benefit Brazos County Crime Stoppers. Brazos County Sheriff Bobby Yeager, who milked 46 ounces, won second place.

## Government critics want U.S. out of Philippines

**United Press International**  
**MANILA, Philippines** — Government critics, buoyed by a demonstration of more than 5,000 people protesting a new agreement on American bases, today vowed to eject the U.S. military from the Philippines.

In the biggest anti-government demonstration this year, thousands of students, workers and white-frocked nuns gathered Sunday outside Clark

Air Base, 60 miles north of Manila, to protest the agreement on American bases signed this month.

"We cannot stop what has been signed," said activist Rogacion Mercado, who organized the demonstration. "It is now 1991 that we have to prepare for."

Mercado, a member of Congress until the legislative body was dissolved in 1972, said the protests were

"the only language" the United States understands.

The Marcos government signed a five-year amendment to the agreement that gives the United States the use of Clark and Subic Bay Naval Base for \$900 million in military and economic assistance through 1991.

The previous agreement cost the United States \$500 million in rent.

## Vandiver says U.S. defense weak in numbers

by Kelley Smith

**Battalion Staff**  
Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver said Monday although the United States' military technology is superior to that of the Soviets, he is afraid that between now and 1999 — despite action by the United States — its military strength will not equal or be superior to that of the Soviet Union and its allies.

Vandiver calls the situation the window of vulnerability."

The main hope for arms equality is Strategic Arms Limitations Talks III agreement, he said. The United States must convince the Soviets to agree to a proportional arms reduction.

Vandiver recently returned from a

tour of U.S. military facilities at the invitation of Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger. Vandiver was nominated for the trip by the Corps of Cadets, Corps Commandant Col. Donald L. Burton and Gen. Ormond R. Simpson, assistant vice president for student services. Of thousands of nominees, Vandiver was one of the 60 top educators and business leaders from across the nation selected.

"It was an excellent trip, superior in every respect," Vandiver said. "It was a rare opportunity and I'm glad I got it."

Vandiver visited the Pentagon, Fort Lewis, Wash., Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Naval Air Station North Island, Calif., and the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

The purpose of the trip was to give civilians the opportunity to observe the armed forces.

"The Secretary of Defense would like you to find out how the defense money is being spent," Vandiver said.

While touring the facilities, Vandiver visited with the troops, observed refueling of aircraft in flight, rode in a new missile carrier and in the Black Hawk — a highly maneuverable, heavily armed troop carrier and visited a submarine training center.

He also observed demonstrations of the latest technology in computerized guns, the F16 — the latest and most sophisticated fighter plane that can take off and fly straight up to 40,000 feet reaching the speed of sound — and the Agressor Squadrons

— planes camouflaged like Soviet planes that use Soviet air tactics. The purpose of the Agressor Squadrons is to familiarize U.S. pilots with Russian tactics, Vandiver said.

The participants of the tour were asked to write to the secretary after they returned home with their reaction to the facilities they saw.

"I think I am going to be saying how impressed I am with what I saw," Vandiver said of his letter to Weinberger. "I was particularly impressed with the quality of the troops."

However the trip left him a little scared.

He said he saw that the Soviet threat to the defense of the United States is real if not understated.

Vandiver said the only problem he

saw was that the United States does not have enough strength in terms of numbers. The United States, with a force of 500 ships, is struggling for a force of 600. With the rate the Soviets are growing, if the United States obtained the 600 force, the ratio with the Soviets would still be about three to one, he said.

"But we still have an edge in technology and we need to hold on to that," Vandiver said. "We can produce better technology than the Soviets, but you can be overcome by numbers."

Vandiver said the way to overcome the deficiency in numbers is not necessarily with a larger defense budget but rather by using appropriated money wisely.

The money must be carefully targeted to the areas where it is most needed, he said. This, he said, is not always done. He added that money also must be spent on research.

"We don't just have to buy it, but design it," he said.

Vandiver believes that sometime in the 1990s, the United States may become equal in strength with the Soviet Union if the United States' present ratio of military growth continues.

However, he said that concern and action for defense seems to have lessened. Once the problem is noticed and initial action taken, there is a tendency to cease being concerned, he said.

## Reason for delay of 10th shuttle flight not revealed

**United Press International**  
**WASHINGTON** — The first full military mission of the space shuttle, originally set for November, has been postponed indefinitely at the request of the Air Force, but the reason for the delay was kept secret.

Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine said, however, the postponement resulted from a lack of confidence in the rocket that was to have boosted a military satellite. It is the same type rocket that left a \$100 million NASA satellite in the wrong orbit after launch from a shuttle in April.

The delay, confirmed Monday by both NASA and the Air Force, disrupts NASA planning at a time when the shuttle program was moving into a fast-paced schedule using two of the rocket ships.

Saturday's scheduled launch of the shuttle Challenger, however, is not

affected by the schedule change. Engineers plan to begin the countdown early Thursday at the Kennedy Space Center launch site in Florida.

The upcoming mission, the seventh for a shuttle, is to last six days. Two communications satellites will be launched and an experimental satellite will be launched and later retrieved. Sally Ride, the first American woman to go into space, is a member of the five-person crew.

Also remaining on the books is another launch of Challenger in August and the Sept. 30 launch of Columbia carrying the European-built Spacelab and a crew of six for nine days.

But postponement of the 10th mission in November leaves a gap in NASA planning. The next scheduled flight is scheduled for late January

and a space agency spokesman said officials may not be able to advance its schedule because its communications satellite payload may not be ready.

Aviation Week magazine, quoting unidentified space officials, said April's failure of the Inertial Upper Stage, a complex, two-stage Air Force rocket, caused the mission 10 delay. It said the rocket was to due have been used with "a large complex military satellite."

An Air Force spokesman said the rocket problem has been traced to a mechanical control difficulty, but he declined to say if the rocket was to have been used in November.

Astronauts Thomas Mattingly, Loren Shriver, Ellison Onizuka and James Buchli plus an unidentified Air Force engineer were to have flown the 10th mission.



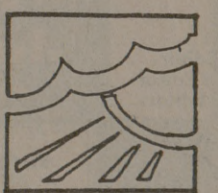
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### The model pet

David Powell, 5, of Houston, plays with an Imperial Walker Star Wars toy while waiting for his father in the Academic and Agency Building Friday afternoon. His father, a teacher in the Aldine School District, is taking a summer course here.

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### forecast

Partly cloudy to cloudy today with a 20 percent chance of showers or thundershowers. Today's high near 91. A 20 percent chance of showers tonight with a low near 67. Partly cloudy Wednesday with a 20 percent chance of showers and a high near 87.