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Dean named to White's education committee

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The idea that new requirements for teachers should match up with quality incentives will be a Texas A&M dean's contribution to Gov. Mark White's Select Committee on Public Education.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby last week appointed Dr. Dean Corrigan, dean of the College of Education, to one of the positions on the committee, which was established by the 68th Legislature to study the financing of the state's public schools.

Corrigan, the immediate past president of the American Association of Colleges of Education, said he thinks the committee can attack the teacher shortage problem most successfully by mixing the new tougher requirements for teaching with advancement opportunities and salary increases.

"The state has moved along very well on the requirement side of the agenda," Corrigan said, "but they haven't done as well on the incentive side. The new requirements are essential, but not sufficient to solve the problem.

"You've got to match the new requirements with the incentives to attract people who can pass the requirements and implement the new curriculum," he said.

Working with experts in the education field to tackle the state's public education problems will be financial experts, such as state comptroller Bob Bullock, and representatives from some of the state's industries and professions. Ross Perot of Dallas, president of Electronic Data Systems, was named chairman of the committee by White.

Some of the tougher requirements already existing or planned for prospective teachers include pretesting in basic communication and mathematics skills, examination in their particular field of teaching and possession of a master's degree in their field before being licensed.

But Corrigan said the requirements won't solve the teacher shortage problem, because there is no incentive to fulfill the requirements.

He said today's teachers are discouraged because there's no room for advancement in the field.

"One of the problems, with teaching is you can't really move up," Corrigan said. "The only way you can make a decent salary in education is to become an administrator."

He said the Master Teacher Plan, proposed by the commissioner of education, might add incentive. The proposal would allow for teachers to start at an apprentice level, then work their way up through levels called senior teacher, professional teacher and master teacher.

Corrigan said the lack of incentive has caused several problems to occur

simultaneously over the past few years. Those problems have gradually depleted the supply of teachers.

On a national level, he said, enrollment and teacher education programs have dropped by more than 50 percent in the last 10 years.

The second problem is that there were 20,000 more children born in Texas last year than the year before. Corrigan said that translates into the need for 1,000 new first grade teachers by 1988.

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Reagan vows to work toward budget defeat

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Congressional budget leaders expect the House and Senate to agree on a \$859 billion compromise for a 1984 federal budget next week, despite a vow by President Reagan to defeat it.

The president is not required to sign a congressional budget resolution, but he can veto the spending and tax bills passed later that follow the budget's guidelines. Budget Director David Stockman warned GOP congressional leaders Tuesday Reagan will veto any spending or tax bill he deems excessive, regardless of whether the numbers fall within the targets set by the compromise budget.

"It'll all be over with the stroke of a pen," Reagan said Tuesday, when led by reporters if he planned to wage an all-out campaign against the negotiated version of the budget. The budget, approved by the negotiators Monday night, would raise taxes \$73 billion over three years, cut Reagan's military build-up, spend \$22 billion more than Reagan wants for non-defense programs and produce a deficit of \$179 billion.

"I simply must oppose it vigorously," spokesman Larry Speakes quoted the president as telling Republican congressional leaders during a meeting at the White House.

"It doesn't control spending," Speakes said, according to Speakes. "It raises taxes as recovery gains force it to shortchange our defense spending."

Rep. Delbert Latta of Ohio, the

senior Republican on the House Budget Committee, related Reagan said the budget was "totally unacceptable, and he'll do everything he possibly can to defeat it."

Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker — believed to be a key to whether the budget plan is approved by the Senate — refused to take an immediate stand on the compromise. "Give it a chance to soak in a bit," Baker said, adding he will first elicit the reaction of his committee chairmen before deciding whether to support it.

"I think that budget resolution can pass the Senate," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domeni, R-N.M., who added the Senate probably would take it up early next week.

"It will be difficult with the White House against it," added Sen. Mark Andrews, R-N.D.

House Democratic Leader Jim Wright of Texas and House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Jones, D-Okla., both said they expect the House to approve the budget, probably next week. "All our vibes are good," Jones said.

House Speaker Thomas O'Neill, D-Mass., said, "We want to get a budget right now. It would be a disaster for the country without one. There's no question the deficits would really soar."

The president "may very well go the veto route," Speakes said. The congressional leaders "recognize the president will veto. There is an understanding that it is not to everyone's liking."



staff photo by Brenda Davidson

Wait a minute!

Stephanie Syptak of Bryan wasn't quite ready to jump Wednesday during a cheerleading session at Jackie Sherrill's All Sports Camp, a two-week summer camp for youth. The camp, sponsored by the Texas A&M athletic department, features 13 activities including golf, horseback riding and football.

Hijackers free hostages safely

United Press International
LARNACA, Cyprus (UPI) — Two Lebanese teenagers who hijacked a Libyan Boeing 707 over the Mediterranean surrendered peacefully today, freeing their 32 hostages unharmed but leaving a time bomb ticking in their luggage.

Airport security found the bomb rigged inside a Polaroid type camera when they searched the hijackers' luggage hours after their surrender at the Larnaca airport. Experts successfully dismantled it.

"It would have gone off any minute," said a shaken bomb disposal unit officer.

Police originally found only one pistol and a magazine on the two hijackers.

The hijacking of the Libyan Arab Airways jet, which began Wednesday morning shortly after the flight left Athens for Tripoli, ended some 20 hours later as the 21 passengers and 11 crewmen stepped off the Boeing 707 under a burning morning sun.

The two hijackers, who had demanded to be flown to Tehran, stepped off the plane minutes later flashing the "V" for victory sign. They were arrested and whisked away in a police van. They were believed to be

undergoing questioning at Nicosia prison.

A police source identified the hijackers as Radja Aref Akmed, 19, and Hasan Mahti Saadoun Hajji, 17, both Lebanese passport holders.

The passengers, mostly Egyptians, were put up at a Larnaca hotel until a flight out could be arranged.

Officials gave permission to land on the Mediterranean island because the pilot radioed he was running low on fuel. Cyprus, along with Lebanon and Turkey, earlier refused to let the four-engine Libyan Arab Airways flight touch down.

The plane was hijacked Wednesday, then took off on a four-hour Mediterranean odyssey before landing in Cyprus. The hijackers then demanded to be taken to Iran. The plane landed at 7:19 p.m. Wednesday CDT, was refueled and remained grounded in Larnaca.

One of the hijackers carried a small bag he claimed held a bomb, authorities said. The Rome airport, where the diverted flight stopped over, was closed to all other traffic and the plane circled overhead for an hour while 400 riot-equipped police rushed to the scene.

Special legislative session under way

United Press International
AUSTIN — The Texas Legislature raced through the opening day of a special session Wednesday with House and Senate committees approving bills to control brucellosis and continue the operation of the Texas Employment Commission.

The House could act on the brucellosis and TEC measures today. The Senate, however, was restricted to considering only the TEC bill today after a parliamentary rule blocked a committee debate on a brucellosis proposal.

Gov. Mark White limited the session agenda Wednesday to TEC, brucellosis and construction funding for Texas Southern University. The special session, convened less than a month after the 140-day regular session ended May 30, was expected to last a week.

White said he would consider allowing lawmakers to debate additional items that could be resolved with minimal floor fights once they dealt with the three main issues.

"If there can be consensus on other measures then we would visit with the lieutenant governor and the speaker (of the House) and, with their concurrence, see to swift passage of other measures that might be presented to us," White said at a news conference.

Legislators have requested permission to consider proposals for a human rights commission, injury insurance for farm workers, a statewide water plan, teacher pay raises and 42 other items.

The House Agriculture Committee voted 7-2 in favor of a brucellosis bill that would expand the Animal Health Commission from nine to 12 members and empower the body to impose regulations to control the cattle disease. The U.S. Department of Agriculture threatened to quarantine Texas cattle unless the state adopts a brucellosis control program by July 27.

House and Senate committees approved bills to extend the life of the TEC, which is scheduled to be phased out under the state's "sunset" provisions on Sept. 1. The primary stumbling block to a TEC bill comes from supporters of an amendment that would place a human rights commission within the agency — a proposal that killed the measure during the regular session.

Legislative committees Wednesday also approved bills to fund an \$11 million gymnasium and \$4 million library addition at Texas Southern to help the state comply with a federal desegregation order.

Shuttle members use robot arm

Satellite snatched out of orbit

United Press International
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Challenger's astronauts flew a spectacular revised formation flight twice around the world Wednesday with the first reusable satellite and then descended from 1,000 feet away and snatched it out of orbit with a robot arm.

The unprecedented space chase-and-catch operation proved the shuttle can grab satellites from space for reuse, repair and re-use.

It was a sort of four-hour orbital ballet, performed 185 miles high at more than 17,000 mph. Robert Crippen, Frederick Hauck, Sally Ride, John Fabian and Norman Thagard began the show by using the 50-foot

mechanical arm to hoist the boxy German instrument platform called SPAS out of Challenger's cargo bay.

After a quick release and recapture of the one and a half-ton, instrument-loaded contraption, the shuttle moved below and ahead of the satellite until 1,000 feet of space separated the 122-foot long Challenger and its 15-foot long companion.

The astronauts' rendezvous with the satellite was most dramatic. The shuttle, moving in and out of darkness and daylight, closed in slowly with its tail pointed toward Earth and its gapping cargo bay open to receive the satellite.

Crippen, who flew on the first shuttle

flight two years ago, used the rendezvous radar and procedures for the space meeting that he will follow when he directs the rescue of a crippled sun-watching satellite next April.

"We've got the SPAS on the arm," Fabian reported at 8 a.m.

Crippen said 11 minutes later the satellite, which the shuttle will take back to Earth Friday, was firmly attached to the end of the arm. The astronauts then were told to turn off the SPAS systems while the crew ate lunch. This was to cool down the satellite's data processing system.

It was overheating and came just short of being too hot to start Wednesday's operation. Television

on and off from both spacecraft, when they were separated, provided a brilliant show for viewers in mission control. One view over California showed the sun's rays rising from beneath the shuttle's left wing as the ship was 350 feet from the satellite.

Officials were concerned about bad weather that has socked in the landing site for the last two days.

"Prognosis yet?" Crippen asked.

"No firm prognosis at this time," came the answer from mission control.

Challenger cannot land in heavy clouds, rain or strong winds and is equipped to stay aloft two extra days if necessary to wait for better weather.

Counseling Center deals with range of problems

Editor's note: This is the final story in a three-part series on the Texas A&M Student Counseling Center.

by Robert McGlohn

Battalion Staff
The college environment is a tough one. The combination of classes, work, new relationships and new responsibilities can lead to difficult situations for students far from home — situations that may require counseling, says Dr. Judy McConnell, a psychologist for the Texas A&M Student Counseling Service. McConnell said students go to the Student Counseling Service for many reasons — shyness, family troubles, eating disorders, depression, and more.

"We deal with all kind of problems," she said.

However, while the problems are wide-ranging, many times they

overlap and can be inseparable, McConnell said.

"A lot of the areas are pretty interrelated," she said.

McConnell said the methods of helping troubled students, no matter what the problem, usually are similar. It's all a function of helping students cope with their environment, she said.

"We are here to help students explore their problems, to look at different alternatives," she said. "We are someone they can talk to confidentially."

Unfortunately, McConnell said, it isn't always that easy to see a counselor. While the summer isn't that busy, she said, the regular school year is a different matter.

"In the fall and the spring we go on a waiting list," she said.

In addition to the waiting lists, because of the small size of the ser-

vice and the large size of Texas A&M, students are limited to 10 visits. If they need more help, which isn't often, she said, they are referred to other psychologists.

"For this size university, we're understaffed," McConnell said. "That's why we developed the clinics."

The clinics are group counseling sessions. The subjects they cover are varied: assertiveness, eating behavior, personal growth, stress, alternative life styles, women in transition and pre-parenting preparation, among others.

Usually, McConnell said, students, who range in standing from freshmen to graduate students, are referred to group sessions only after a private meeting with a counselor. Those meetings are by appointment only, except in emergencies, she

added. For emergencies, a counselor is available in the YMCA offices during working hours, except during lunch. After hours, students with an emergency should go to the emergency entrance of the A.P. Beutel Health Clinic.

However, even with a waiting list, she said the counselors try to see students within a week of their requests.

The problem, she said, is getting students to make that initial request in time. Many students are afraid or too shy to see a counselor, she said, and often wait until it's almost too late.

"A lot of times they think, 'If I can't do it on my own, then there must be something wrong with me,'" she said. "And that's not the case. It's not an admission that you can't handle things or are a weak person."

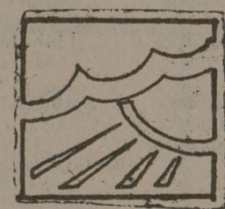
Most people we see are healthy, functioning people. They just have a problem they need help with."

The Student Counseling Service is a combination of the old Academic Counseling Service and the old Personal Counseling Service. While they've been one organization for almost a year, their offices are still separate. The academic/career section of the service is located on the first floor of the Academic Building, and the personal section is in the basement of the YMCA Building.

All 14 counselors for both sections handle career, academic and personal counseling. However, most personal counseling is done in the YMCA basement. The two offices will be combined physically as well as organizationally in October and will be moved to the third floor of the YMCA Building.

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Partly cloudy today with a 30 percent chance of thundershowers and a high of 89. A 20 percent chance of showers tonight with a low near 71. Partly sunny Friday with a 20 percent chance of thundershowers and a high of 90.