

Regents accept \$2 million in gifts; discuss letters

by Karen Schrimsher
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The Texas A&M Board of Regents temporary committee for the Texas A&M Industrial Research Park reported Monday that 3,300 letters have been sent to industries that might have an interest in leasing tracts in the park.

Most responses have been positive toward the program. Companies such as Ford Motor Co., Dow Chemical Co. and RCA said there are no plans for relocation of their facilities in the near future.

The board will vote on the planning and building committee's recommendation to approve the master plan for the development Tuesday.

The committee voted to accept more than \$2.8 million in gifts to Texas A&M University.

A gift of \$500,000 of non-domestic animals was accepted from John W. Mecom, Jr. and Katsy Mecom. The 500-member herd includes giraffe, antelope, bison, ostrich, deer and gnu. The animals currently are housed at a ranch near Laredo.

The University plans to sell

most of the animals and keep 10 for use by the College of Veterinary Medicine. The animals will be transported from Laredo at the expense of the purchaser.

The site selection committee reported it is working with the Association of Former Students to decide on a site for the association's new headquarters.

In other business, the following were approved by the executive committee:

- An appropriation of \$76,000 for the construction of a toxicology laboratory at the

Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in Amarillo and for equipment for the College Station laboratory.

- A recommendation to appoint Robert C. Henderson, Robert E. Blakeman and Arthur L. Shahan Jr. for three-year terms to the Tarleton State Equine Advisory Board.

- The appointment of Herbert G. Schiff, a member of the Class of '43, to a five-year term on the board of consultants of the Free Enterprise Center.

Engineering college wants enrollment cut

by Brigid Brockman
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The interim dean of the College of Engineering said Monday that the engineering college desperately needs the proposed plan that would cut its enrollment nearly 20 percent.

Dr. Donald McDonald said the program is necessary to combat the record growth that the college has experienced in the past decade. The College of Engineering currently has more than 11,000 students.

He said it will be a "quality

improvement program" designed to provide students with the best education possible.

The plan, which is expected to go into effect next fall, would limit the number of students entering each specific degree program.

At the end of their first year, students are required to list the three degree programs that they are most interested in studying, but all freshman must meet several requirements before they can pick a special degree program.

After taking the freshman classes, they will have at least a 2.00 point average and at least 12 hours.

If a student is not admitted to the program of his choice, he will be considered for his other two choices, McDonald said the decision will not be based on academic performance alone.

The other criteria for admission is the number of students already in each program, the number of faculty facilities.

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Board fails to adopt '84 goals

by Christine Mallon
Battalion Staff

The College Station School Board once more failed to adopt the district's 1983-84 goals at Monday's meeting.

The goals originally were

presented in July to the board by Superintendent H.R. Burnett.

Each year every school district in Texas submits one- and five-year goals to the Texas Education Agency, but the CSISD has not agreed on goals for this year.

Goals have been the major subject of controversy at many of the recent meetings and special workshops have been held to try to establish district goals.

The most debated issue on the goals plan deals with the number of elective courses high school students in the district are allowed to take.

Trustee John Reagor said students can take only three elective courses during their four years of high school.

"If a student wants to participate in the choir or band at the high school, he will use up all his electives," Reagor said.

Most board members agreed elective courses since A&M Consolidated High School offers a wide variety of electives. Including in the electives are photography and journalism, which several board trustees said would be useful to students who plan to attend college.

All goals on the one- and five-year plan will be studied further, revised by the board and discussed at the next meeting.

The board also made the following decisions:

- To appoint Dr. Michael Owens as textbook custodian for

the district. Owens' responsibilities will include providing between the district and TEA and distributing more than 43,000 books annually.

- To appoint Lonnie L. Burnside as a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Appraisal District.

- To keep J.O. Alexander as administrator of the Brazos County Region VI Education Center Board of Directors.

The next school board meeting will be Dec. 12.

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City Council to discuss Northgate parking plan

by Edye Williams
Battalion Reporter

The College Station City Council will hold a special meeting tonight (Nov. 22) at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the College Station City Hall. The Council will not meet on Thursday, Nov. 24, because of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Topics to be discussed include implementation of the

parking plans for the Northgate Committee's recommendations and the pending bond election tentatively set for January 24, 1984.

Council members will also discuss the bylaws proposed for dealing with the Lone Star Municipal Power Agency, which was established to provide a means for citizens to file complaints against the power companies in the area.

Members will also discuss possible use of Hydroponics from Town Bluff Reserve. The use of private capital owned Capital Improvement projects and making Brazos Schools Credit Union available to city employees.

It will also be considered many ordinances amending the Code of Ordinances of the College Station.

Bullock warns of waste importing into Texas

United Press International

AUSTIN — Comptroller Bob Bullock warned Monday that Texas could become an importer of hazardous waste and a victim of its own industrial prosperity unless it places a tax on the disposal of harmful materials.

According to Bullock, 28 other states already levy taxes of up to \$70 a ton to pay for treatment and disposal of wastes. In Texas, the only charge for dumping hazardous wastes is a \$30 permit, he said.

"If we don't do something soon, we'll see Texas become an importer of wastes from other states where they've already cracked down," Bullock said.

A report prepared by Bullock's staff estimated that 25 million tons of waste are produced annually in Texas, with most of it generated by the petroleum, chemical and transportation industries.

"I believe the people who have created this problem with their wastes ought to be the ones who pay for cleaning it up," Bullock said. "And I believe a state tax on waste should also pay for research at our universities into better ways of dealing with these wastes."

The comptroller's report said the 25 million tons of hazardous waste generated last year was dumped in 1,044 dumpsites across the state, including 11 considered among the most dangerous in the country by the Environmental Protection Agency.

"We've been fouling our nest in Texas," Bullock said. "Our rapid industrial growth has brought prosperity, but it also is bringing problems that need to be solved and not neglected."

Other findings in Bullock's report included:

- Texas could be generating 35 million tons of hazardous waste annually by the year 1990.

- Cleanup of the 11 most dangerous sites could cost \$15-\$200 million with the state's share of cleanup approximately \$2 billion.

- Texas is one of the leading hazardous waste generating states. Wastes generated in Texas during 1982 cost the state's production of goods and services by 30 times. The volume of waste alone would fill 12,870 times the state's lakes.

- Texas leads the nation in the number of hazardous waste disposal facilities.

- Taxes on waste are the most readily available source of funds for cleaning up problems at sites and conducting research into better disposal methods.

*juniors — seniors
 grad, vet, med*

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Yearbook Associates, located at 1700 S. Kyle behind Culpepper Plaza, will be taking pictures Nov. 22 and Nov. 28-Dec. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 693-6756 or 845-2681.

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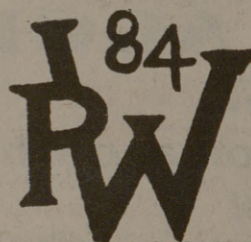
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