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Muse named Akron head

Texas A&M University System Vice Chancellor William V. Muse has been named president of the University of Akron, effective Sept. 1.

The board of trustees for the 27,000-student Ohio university formally selected Muse Monday to succeed Dr. D. J. Guzzetta who has reached mandatory retirement age.

"I have enjoyed being associated with the Texas A&M University System, and this has been excellent experience for me," Muse said following announcement of his selection for the Ohio position, "but the University of Akron presidency offers an exciting new challenge, and I am

looking forward to assuming the responsibility."

System Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen said Muse is "most deserving of the opportunity to head a large university."

"We obviously regret losing someone of Dr. Muse's ability and character," Hansen said, "but he is well qualified for the responsibilities that he will be assuming and all of us here wish him well indeed."

Muse, 45, has served as the Texas A&M University System's vice chancellor for academic programs since Feb. 1, 1983. He previously served three years as Texas A&M University's dean of business administration.

Education topics debated

Senate inspects proposals

United Press International

AUSTIN — After a week of House committee debate on education reform proposals, the Texas Senate took its first official look Monday at the No. 1 issue of the special legislative session.

The 31-member Senate split into four subcommittees to examine difficult topics of education reform.

During one subcommittee hearing on proposals for an appointed State Board of Education, the superintendent of Dallas schools said the current 27-member elected board often ignored the education policies set by the Legislature.

"Because we have a large board, there is a tendency to change the legislative intent or for it to be watered down," said DISD superintendent Linus Wright.

A member of H. Ross Perot's education committee, Dr. Emmett Conrad of Dallas, testified the elected board was more concerned with politics "than what's best for our children."

But Austin lawyer Will Davis, a member of the state board, spoke in favor of retaining the elected body.

"The schools really belong to the people, they don't belong to the governor," Davis said. "I think we ought

to keep them in the hands of the people."

The House Public Education Committee, which gathered public testimony on education reforms last week, Monday canceled its first scheduled work session aimed at producing a bill for House floor debate later this week.

Chairman Bill Haley, D-Center, reportedly was late in putting together a redrafted version of his education bill and delayed the meeting until Tuesday.

The House Ways and Means Committee discussed the complicated mechanics of school financing

and equalization aid Monday, hearing from Education Commissioner Raymon Bynum and Texas Research League President Jared Hazleton, who offered their views of the best ways to finance public education.

Hazleton advocated a "Robin Hood theory" that would give much less state funds to school districts with high tax bases.

Bynum said at least two-thirds of equalization funding should go to help poor school districts enrich the salaries of teachers currently on the payroll or to hire more teachers.

Hart, Jackson testify on platform

United Press International

ASHINGTON — Gary Hart mildly jabbed at Walter Mondale Monday as the Democratic Platform Committee began its final public hearings, calling on Democrats to reject the traditional "promise-everything-to-everyone" approach.

Hart also called on the committee to reject protectionist trade policies such as the domestic content bill, which requires a certain portion of foreign cars to be manufactured in the United States, and which Mondale strongly supports.

"Avoid a protectionist policy based on the domestic content bill," Hart said.

But Hart generally held to his

promise to work for party unity while still not giving up his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination. He never attacked Mondale directly.

Rival candidate Jesse Jackson, however, renewed his attack on the delegate selection process, which he said disenfranchised two-thirds of those who voted for him.

The committee scheduled two days of hearings Monday and Tuesday, the last of a series held around the country. A drafting committee begins Sunday writing the main document for presentation to the committee.

Hart press secretary Kathy Bushkin said, following his testimony,

that the key points of contention between Hart and Mondale in drafting the document will be trade and industrial policy.

Bushkin criticized Mondale for failing to appear at the hearing, saying, "I think it's foolish for a leader of the party not to come in and present views on a platform that he might be running on."

Mondale, having claimed he now has enough national convention delegates to win the nomination, is vacationing on New York's Long Island. An aide at the hearing said Mondale takes the platform "very seriously" and "We'll be sure to have our views known."

Hart has repeatedly accused Mon-

dale of promising everything to everyone.

"If we simply cling to the policies of our own party's past, we will only repeat our own failures," Hart said. "The only way to win is daring to be bold and brave once again."

Jackson, who testified following Hart, continued his criticism of the party's delegate selection process, saying many of his supporters have been "locked out of the convention," which will be held in San Francisco in July.

Blacks, Hispanics, women and homosexuals cannot be brought into the political mainstream if their votes mean less than others, he said.



Four Generations Photo by Dean Saito

Ida Mae Walker (seated), of College Station, celebrated her 90th birthday Saturday afternoon in the Ramada Inn penthouse with friends and relatives. Surrounding her (left to right) are: great grandson Jefferey McDonald, of Temple; daughter Evelyn Hewett, of Van Buren, Ark.; and grand daughter Linda McDonald, of Temple.

Local resident celebrates 90 years

By SUZANNA YBARRA
Reporter

Ida Mae Walker remembers 1918 as her best year. It was the year she and her husband Waldo Walker moved from Macon, Mo., to Texas. A lot of time has passed since she and her husband rented their first apartment in Bryan for \$15 a month.

Mrs. Walker celebrated her 90th birthday Saturday with a party in the Ramada Inn penthouse. She also bought herself a new brick house. Looking more like one of her younger 75 or 80-year-old friends, Walker passed her favorite birthday cards to her 40 friends and family at the party.

President Reagan and first lady Nancy Reagan sent their best wishes, as did Vice President George Bush. Gov. Mark White, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and Rep. Phil Gramm also sent cards.

"I got 36 birthday cards, not counting my political ones," she said.

A graduate of the Chicago School of Nursing-by correspondence, Walker worked at Bryan Hospital (now Greenleaf Hospital) from 1918 to 1923.

"Medical science has come a long way," she said. "There were no antibiotics back then."

She always kept a medical dictionary by her side while she was nursing soldiers in World War I.

"Whenever they (the doctors) would say stuff I didn't understand, I'd look it up," she said, then laughed. "There's more than one way of choking a cat."

After leaving nursing in 1923 to raise her son Chester Walker, who died in 1974, Walker and her husband hired Texas A&M College students to help on the farm in Wellborn. The farm ran from the end of what is now Southwest Parkway to the present Welch Street, where they had a dairy pasture.

Quite a few students paid for school by working on the farm from 1924 to 1944, she said. A few stu-

dents worked for their room and board until they could afford to move on campus.

"She has always stayed young and has been a mother to a good many Aggies," said Evelyn Hewett, Walker's daughter-in-law, from Van Buren, Ark., who came to Bryan for the party. "Everything she does is special."

Walker said she remembered a picnic she and her husband chaperoned in 1925 at the Brazos River. She was having a contest with cadet B.C. Davisto see who could shoot the most garfish.

"I shot four out of the five and he didn't hit a one," she said, laughing. "In 1975 B.C. came back for his 50th reunion and I didn't know him from Adam."

In 1956 — Walker's worst year — her husband died.

Walker returned to nursing at the College Hospital (now A.P. Beutel Health Center) in 1957 as a dietitian. She retired at 70.

"I guess I just eat the right foods,"

she said explaining why she is in such good health.

Then, resorting to "country talk," she delivered this advice: "Don't put nothin' in your body that don't belong there."

In addition to eating right, Walker is out-going and fun-loving, and that keeps her going, said her granddaughter Linda McDonald of Temple.

"She could out exercise me or most of us," McDonald said referring to "the bear crawl," an exercise her grandmother did a few years ago.

"You walk out on your hands while your legs are straight behind you," she said.

Until last March, Walker still drove the car she bought herself for her 80th birthday.

Mrs. Walker has her own incentive to push on: she wants to reach her biggest goal — 100.

Cable squabble concerns residents

By KARI FLUEGEL
Staff Writer

The Bryan-College Station community has been in an uproar since McCaw/Midwest Communications Companies, Inc. announced some of the proposed changes to be enacted after its purchase of Community Cablevision and Midwest Video is completed.

Because of the purchase, residents in the area may find themselves having to adjust to several changes. Apartment residents, who in the past paid only rent and utilities, may soon find themselves paying rent, electricity and cable or higher rent.

Area residents can also expect to see a rate increase from the current \$6 a month subscription fee.

Not only will the takeover affect the pocketbook, cable subscribers will also find a new channel line-up available. Also, residents will find that their "cable ready" televisions will have limited access depending on the cable package purchased.

Such changes in the cable system

and services have sparked a lot of discussion and interest.

"I think it is very easy to understand why there is a high degree of interest," Midwest Regional Vice President for McCaw Joseph DiBacco said.

"People primarily consume cable television during their 'leisure time.' That is, time they earn by working 40 plus hours a week. Anytime there is a change to how they can use their leisure time, it creates a lot of interest among the people."

It is not atypical for such concern to be expressed, DiBacco said. Any change in line-up usually creates a stir, he said.

"I think it is a really good opportunity for everybody to stop and think what they have been getting in their basic service and to have some input and say so about it," DiBacco said.

"Up to this point (when McCaw purchased the two companies) they have had no say so, so I think it has been very healthy for the community to be involved in the dialogue on

what services will be involved in the basic service."

One method employed by McCaw to gain subscriber input was running an advertisement in the May 27 Bryan-College Station Eagle asking subscribers to pick six channels to be included in the basic package.

KBTX (channel 3/CBS in Bryan-College Station), KCEN (channel 6/NBC/ABC in Waco), KAMU (channel 15/PBS in Bryan-College Station), a government access channel and an education access channel will automatically be included in the McCaw line-up in addition to the six most popular channels from the balloting to form a base for the final cable line-up.

Friday is the deadline for voting. Already, McCaw has received almost 3,000 ballots from area viewers.

The most recent tally has the top six listed as channel 13 leading with 2,260 followed by channel 20 with 2,120, channel 39 with 2,046, channel 11 with 1,464, channel 2 with 1,362 and channel 36 with 968.

Other channels follow Christian

Broadcast Network (CBN), 947; The Nashville Network, 943; American Christian Television (ACTS), 851; The Weather Channel (TWC), 850; Channel 7, 772; channel 24, 725; The Learning Channel, 241; Trinity Broadcast Network (TBN), 159; C-SPAN (the United States House of Representatives), 150; Dow Jones Wire Service, 92; Spanish International Network (SIN), 77; and Black Entertainment Television (BET), 33.

"I am ecstatic about the input, frankly," DiBacco said, "because the more input obviously the more likely we are to capture the 'consensus' opinion."

DiBacco also said he was surprised the voting showed viewers preferred more duplication than diversification.

Because of the differences in the programming of Community and Midwest, no matter what McCaw would have to make changes in line-up, DiBacco said. The final line-up will depend on the reaction of cities' staffs, he said.

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• The 1984-85 Texas A&M Faculty Senate met for the first time Monday and approved a list of recommended curriculum changes.
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State

• A wandering motorcyclist from Georgia, who traveled across the desert from Dallas to El Paso, now has a healthier respect for Texas tall tales.
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World

• Heavy artillery and rocket fire tore through Beirut Monday, killing at least 44 people and wounding at least 227 others in the deadliest fighting since Moslem militiamen seized west Beirut in February.
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