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Regents discuss new Technology college

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The Texas A&M Board of Regents discussed investigating the possibility of creating a new College of Technology and using Available University Funds (AUF) for scholarships at the board meetings Sunday and Monday. Regents also discussed building plans and proposals.

Dr. Gordon P. Eaton, provost and vice president for academic affairs, reported to the Regents that a committee is being formed to look into the pros and cons of establishing a College of Technology.

The donors of three professorships requested that the University investigate the possibility of a College of Technology.

System Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen said one possibility for the structure of the new college was offering a "two-plus-two" degree. In the "two-plus-two" model a two-year associates degree program would be offered with the emphasis on job-ready students. The following optional two years would finish the bachelor's degree.

One objection to the model could come from junior colleges and community colleges that usually educate

students interested in associate degrees.

"As soon as we look into an associate's degree, a lot of red flags are going to go out," Hansen said.

In other business, the regents' Committee for Academic Campuses established the Wayne and Ruby Crisman Institute for Petroleum Reservoir Management. The institute will serve as a mechanism for stimulating research and advancing reservoir technology. The Texas A&M institute will be the first of its kind.

Wayne Crisman, Class of '38, is the former president and chairman of the board of Falcon Seaboard. He donated \$500,000 to start the institute. Institute operating funds will come from smaller petroleum companies.

Action was deferred until the November meeting on a motion to give Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver permission to use \$250,000 from the Available University Fund for four-year scholarships to outstanding high school students.

Hansen did not endorse Vandiver's recommendation because it

would result in a continuing commitment of funds from the AUF.

Hansen said he was wary of making any long term commitments of AUF money until he knows how much money is available in the AUF. Several regents also expressed concern about money availability.

"We don't want to make any long term commitment until we can find out how much Available University Funds we have," William A. McKenzie, board vice chairman, said.

But Royce E. Wisenbaker defended Vandiver, saying that in the past, the regents had chastised Vandiver for not getting top scholars. Then when Vandiver asks for funds, Wisenbaker said, he is refused the money.

Even if the regents eventually deny Vandiver's request, their actions will not cancel his efforts.

"We won't abandon the quest," Vandiver said, "we'll just find another way to do it."

Regents also were informed of plans to dedicate the park located by the overpass on both sides of University Drive in front of the new Agriculture Engineering Laboratory Building. The park will be dedicated

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Events center planned

Building 'to glisten'

By KARI FLUEGEL
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"It will seem to glisten out there on the prairie."

That's the description architect Ralph Anderson of Crain/Anderson, Inc. of Houston, gives for his concept of Texas A&M's special events center. The center is just that — a concept. It is in the preliminary stages of design.

But William McKenzie, vice chairman of the Texas A&M Board of Regents, said the design, presented to the board Sunday, is an "outstanding concept."

The proposed \$46.9 million special events center will be located on the corner of Joe Routt and Beef Cattle Road.

"It represents the most advanced thinking for this type of building anywhere in the world today," Anderson said.

The plan calls for creating a 15-foot rise to build on. The architects have planned a metallic finish for the structure — hence the glistening on the prairie.

The reason? Ralph Anderson, spokesman for the firm, said a special events center has elements of show business to it and should be built accordingly.

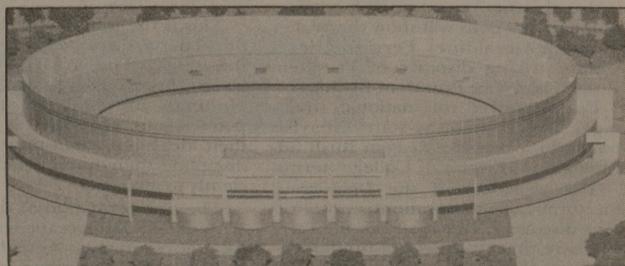


Photo by ERIC EVAN LEE

A model of the Texas A&M Special Events Center — minus the roof to allow a glimpse of seating arrangements.

"It's not a classroom building, but has an element of show biz about it," Anderson said.

The oval-shaped facility will seat 17,000 on two levels — up from the 15,000 originally envisioned. It also will have 12 escalators and three elevators.

"Any indoor concert could be handled in this building," said Don Powell, director of business services. "A circus, ice shows, rock concerts as loud as they want to."

Basketball games and concerts aren't the only events the University hopes to attract to the center. Powell said the facility also could be used for ice shows and circuses. The lofty, airy lobby could be used for receptions and banquets. Meeting rooms also will be in the facility.

Crain/Anderson, Inc. is the same firm that designed the Frank Erwin Special Events Center at the University of Texas. The firm also designed the Astrodome.

In Today's Battalion

Local

• Thirteen-year-old boy tells University Police he assaulted women on Texas A&M campus because of boredom. See story page 4.

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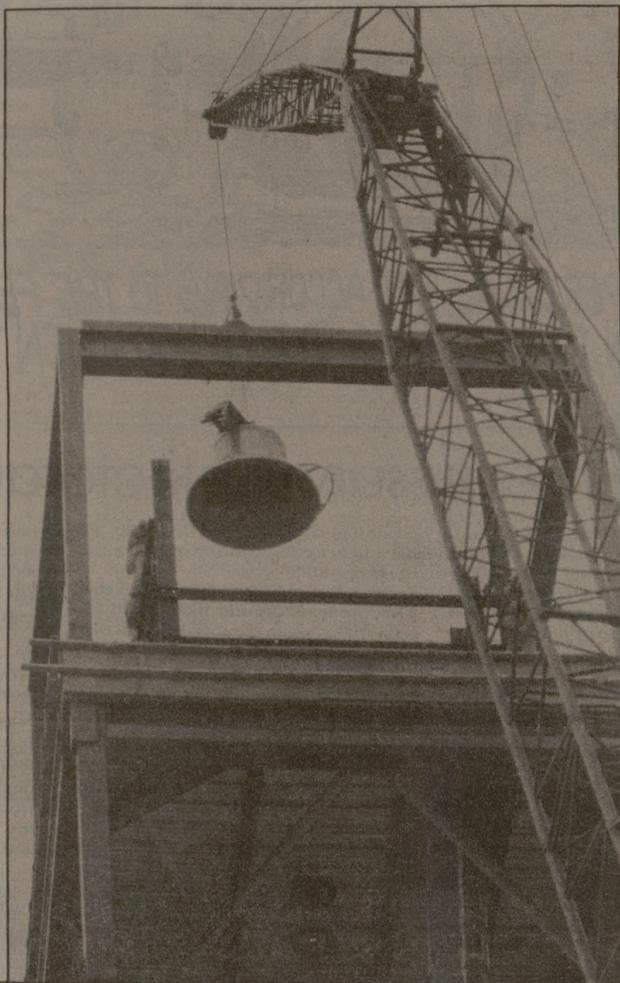
• The Texas Safety Association will start a children's car seat loan program in August. See story page 6.

National

• Vanessa Williams gives up her title as Miss America after some "sexually explicit" photos of her appeared in Penthouse magazine. See story page 8.

First bell is raised

Ford D. Albritton Jr. looks on as workers raise his B-flat bell to be placed in the top of the carillon. All of the bells will be contained in the two unfinished upperstories of the tower.



Labor projected to win

United Press International

TEL AVIV, Israel — The opposition Labor Party was projected to win more parliamentary seats than the ruling Likud bloc in national elections Monday, but Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir predicted he would be able to form a coalition government despite his second-place finish.

"The Likud has won," Shamir declared in an address to party workers who were jubilant despite the Likud's second-place finish. "I am certain that within a few days, we shall form the new government."

State-run Israel Television projected Shimon Peres' Labor Party would win 46 seats to 42 for the Likud bloc. The projection was based on results from half the 4,589 voting stations.

But Israel Radio's political analyst, Hanan Crystal, said it appeared the Labor Party and its supporters could account only for 56 seats, leaving it

five seats short of the 61 seats needed for a majority in the 120-member Parliament.

"That means the Likud, although it trails Labor, can form a coalition government of more than 60 seats if it can win the support of the parties that cooperated with it in the outgoing government ... and factions that prefer the Likud as a first option," Crystal said.

But Peres refused to concede he had suffered his third defeat in seven years at the hands of the Likud.

Shamir, renewing his call for a government of national unity, said that "preliminary discussions with a number of parties on either a national unity government or a Likud-led government have been favorable."

Peres, appearing before glum supporters at Labor headquarters after the projection was broadcast, said

he would try to win enough support to form a new government.

"Labor has emerged as the biggest party in this campaign and it is our duty to try to form the next government that will contend with the problems of the state," Peres said.

In the last election in 1981, the Likud was led by Menachem Begin and won 48 seats to 47 for Labor. Begin remained in seclusion and failed to vote in Monday's balloting. No one party has ever won an absolute parliamentary majority in Israeli history.

Israel Television said the balance of power rested with the National Religious Party.

A leader of that party, Yehuda Ben-Meir, said the NRP would press for a government of national unity.

Under Israeli law, the president asks the candidate he believes has the best chances of gaining a parliamentary majority to form a government.

Dean designate: writing epidemic to decline

By ROBIN BLACK
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Deteriorating writing skills, a problem that has become widespread, is a trend that should begin to fade in the next five to seven years, Daniel Fallon, dean designate of the College of Liberal Arts, said Monday.

Fallon talked with reporters Monday before appearing at an executive session of the Texas A&M Board of Regents. The Regents' closed meeting was called to discuss and approve the two nominations for the positions of the liberal arts dean and the engineering dean and vice chancellor of engineering. Final approval is expected today at the Board of Regents' meeting.

Fallon, who will replace Dr. Keith Bryant in the liberal arts college, said there has been great concern over the last 10 years about the decline of writing skills.



Dean designate Daniel Fallon

In the last decade, Fallon said, universities have offered for the first time degrees — including doctorate degrees — in writing.

Writing is now being taught by specially trained teachers as a way of learning and thinking, he said, and this new-found sensitivity should help alleviate the trend.

"What you see in the schools often reflects what people value," he said, "and there has been a human cry all over the land for concern about education, and writing skills in particular."

But writing skills are only part of the essential core curriculum, Fallon said.

There is a need for people to carry with them a basic understanding of civilization, he said.

"A university must give the tools that a student needs in order to cope in the modern world," he said, "including history, literature and philosophy."

That, Fallon said, is the real nature of the debate on core curricu-

lum — or what it means to be an educated person.

The core curriculum issue has been hotly debated in the Faculty Senate, and Fallon said he hopes to give considerable input on the subject when he assumes his position as the new liberal arts dean.

Fallon pointed out that although there has been extensive discussion on a basic curriculum at Texas A&M, the University is not the only institution in this situation.

"Civilizing the student through this kind of service curriculum is something that is concerning many colleges right now," he said.

Fallon — who was picked from about 100 applicants — is currently a professor of psychology at the University of Colorado at Denver, and if the Regents approve his nomination, he will assume responsibilities as dean Sept. 1.