

## Regents have a busy summer

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Among decisions made this summer, the Texas A&M System Board of Regents approved the hiring of two new Texas A&M deans at the July meeting.

Regents named Dr. Herbert Richardson as dean of the College of Engineering and vice chancellor of engineering for the System. The regents also named Dr. Daniel Fallon as dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Richardson, now associate dean of engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will begin his duties Oct. 1. Fallon comes to Texas A&M from the University of Colorado at Denver, where he was dean of liberal arts and a professor of psychology. He will begin his duties Sept. 1.

Also at the July meeting, regents endorsed the proposed state constitutional amendment to revise higher education funding. William A. McKenzie, vice chairman of the board, said the issue was "perhaps the most important thing that will come before us this year."

The amendment will allow schools in the University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems — most significantly Prairie View A&M University — greater participation in the Permanent University Fund, which is the primary source of income for the two universities.

The amendment also would create a \$100-million-a-year fund to support the 26 state universities outside the UT and Texas A&M systems.

In other business, regents discussed investigating the possibility of creating a College of Technology.

Texas A&M Provost Gordon Eaton reported to the regents that Associate Provost Charles McCandless will head the committee studying the feasibility of the new college. The college was suggested after donors J.R. Thompson of Warren Electric Co. and Allen Bradley expressed interest in the formulation of the new college.

Thompson and Bradley have donated \$15,000 to Texas A&M to establish three professorships and have promised to give more. But future contributions do not depend on the establishment of the college, Eaton said.

In one possible model for the College of Technology, students would study technology for two years, getting hands-on experience in fields such as computers, construction and machine work, and receive an associate degree, Sytem Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen said.

Those students who wanted to then could spend two more years on more general studies, "fleshing out a B.S. (bachelor of science) degree," Hansen said.

Also, regents established the Wayne and Ruby Crisman Institute for Petroleum Reservoir Management. The institute, set up with a \$1 million endowment from the Crismans, will serve as a mechanism for stimulating research and advancing reservoir technology.

At the May meeting, regents approved plans to extend one of the runways at Easterwood Airport so it could accommodate larger airplanes. Present facilities make it almost impossible for large jets to take off the short runways. Plans are to lengthen the runway to 7,000 feet.

The Federal Aviation Administration must approve plans for the longer runway, and if they do, the federal government will pay 90 percent of the building cost. The board has estimated the cost of the extension at \$6.4 million.

The board also approved the Student Center Complex fee hike that was approved in a student body referendum during the student elections in March.

The fee, which hasn't been increased since 1973, will be raised from \$10 to \$14 a semester this year, then to \$18 during the 1985-86 school year and will level off at \$20 a semester during the 1986-87 school year.



This is the Texas A&M campus as seen from Rudder Tower.

## Class of '88 grads will take finals

The last step was taken in July toward changing the policy of final exam exemption for graduating seniors.

Dr. Jon R. Bond, chairman of the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee, reported to the Faculty Senate July 9 that Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver accepted the

senate's recommendation requiring degree candidates to take final exams.

Beginning in May 1988, degree candidates, including graduate students, will be required to take final exams.

Vandiver did make one editorial change in the senate's proposal by

deleting the phrase that required degree candidates to take final exams at the prescribed times.

"In my opinion, the editorial change does not alter the recommendation substantially," Bond said. The phrase appeared in the proposal to clarify that a special examination schedule was not suggested.

In a letter to Faculty Senate Speaker Murray H. Milford, Vandiver wrote that the Registrar's office will be investigating details and options of scheduling commencement ceremonies, Bond said. One such proposed option was beginning the semester two days early, so final exams would begin two days early.

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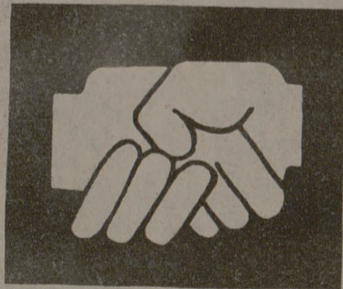
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