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## Faculty Senate plans for potential budget in case PUF reduced

By ROBIN BLACK  
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Cuts in the Texas A&M budget are likely to be the University's most critical problem in the next biennium, Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver told the Faculty Senate Monday.

Vandiver said that if the talk in Austin of no-growth budgets and changes in the way the Permanent University Fund is handled becomes a reality, the University would suffer "intense and long-term damage" that would be detrimental to the state's education system.

Vandiver was delivering a State of the University address at the Senate's monthly session.

The statements made were in reference to Proposition 2, an amendment to the state constitu-

tion that will be decided by voters in the November general election. If the amendment is not passed, the University will lose about \$15 million — a chunk of the budget Vandiver said would unfortunately be cut mostly from academic programs.

If the amendment does pass, the University will still lose some money, but the amount would be much smaller and much easier to trim from the budget.

If the amendment does not pass and the \$15 million has to be cut from the budget, Vandiver said, Texas A&M will survive, but it will lose things that may never be recovered.

Without the flexibility of past funds, he said, Texas A&M would not be able to remain at the

cutting edge of research and development.

The University of Texas will have to cut as much as \$30 million from its budget if the amendment is not passed.

Eddie Davis, vice president for fiscal affairs at Texas A&M, said that Vandiver has instructed the University's long-range planning committee to be ready to cut \$15 million from the budget and default on existing debts — as a last result, should Proposition 2 be defeated.

On other issues, Vandiver said the University has succeeded in capping the recent increase in undergraduate enrollment, but it still is not able to provide adequate registration and counseling services for students.

He said the University is getting a new computerized enrollment program that should help alleviate some of the confusion.

Vandiver said that East Coast universities' criticisms of Texas A&M's tenacious efforts to improve its image are unfounded.

He said the University has made a clear statement to the academic world that it intends to polish its image to compete with other top universities, and that it deserves more credit for its efforts.

To keep a good faculty takes money and imaginative recruiting in such a competitive marketplace, he said, and must be pursued with vigor.

Vandiver named several programs that are being operated successfully by the University: the expanded intra-campus bus system that makes use of the parking annex on the west side of the campus; the strict enforcement of the University Police's ticket policy; and accelerated minority recruiting, both for faculty and staff and students.

Vandiver also expressed his "wrenching sorrow" over the recent string of deaths at the University, focusing on the controversy-ridden death two weeks ago of Cadet Bruce Goodrich.

Vandiver said that Goodrich's parents told him that they held neither the University or the Corps of Cadets responsible for the death of their son, and that they hoped the questions raised about Goodrich's death would — if anything — prevent the same thing from happening again.

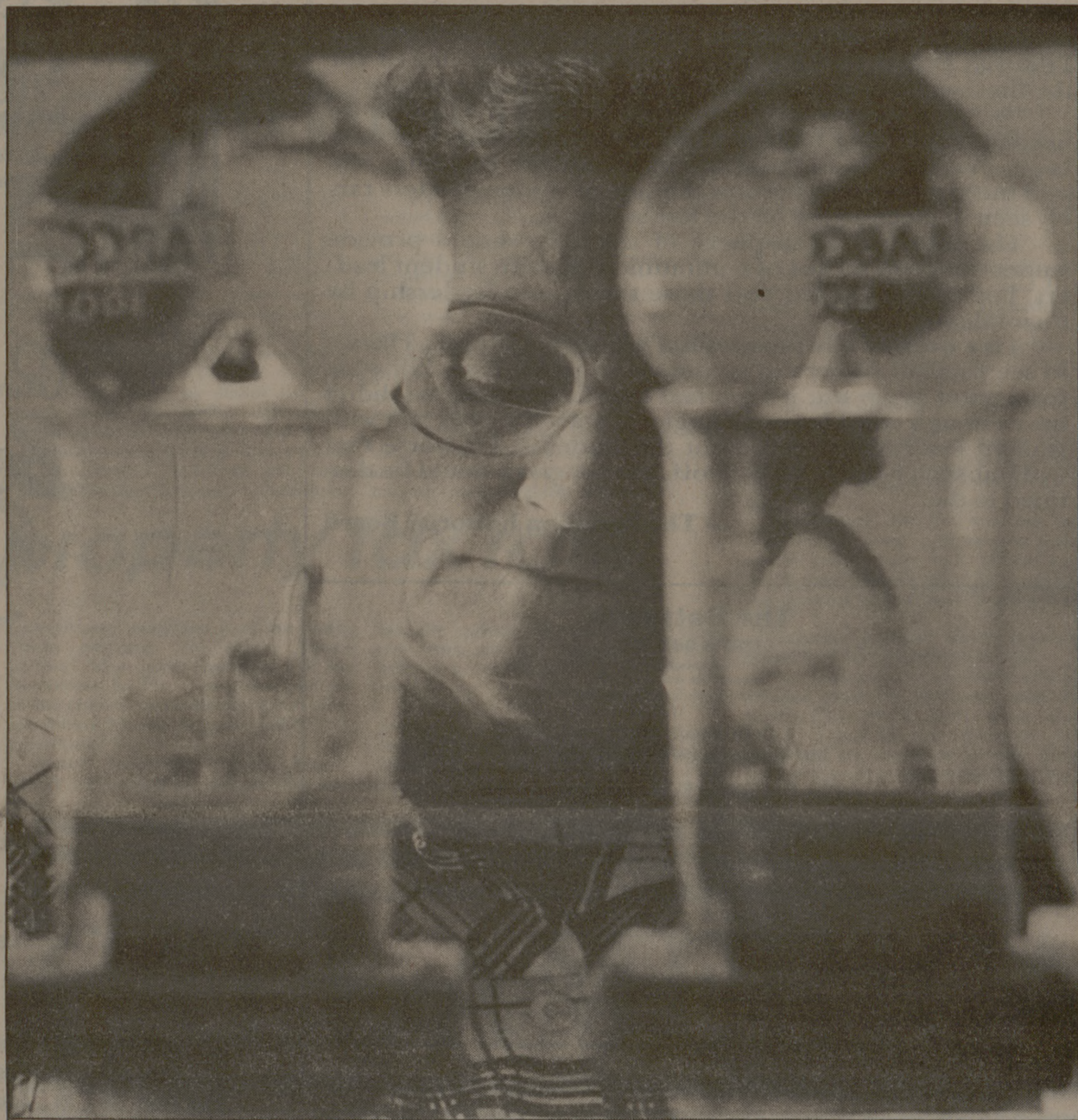


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### Fiber optics

Joyce Rice of Bryan, a lab attendant for the Agricultural Analytical Service, looks over her samples. She is doing a crude fiber analysis with a digestive unit.

## Burton says inquest into death near end

By ROBIN BLACK  
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The investigation by the Corps of Cadets into the death of Cadet Bruce Goodrich is "virtually complete," Col. Donald L. Burton, Corps Commandant, told the Faculty Senate in a special address Monday.

Burton, who spoke to the Senate when new business was being discussed, said that although that investigation is almost complete, he will take no action against those involved until all other investigations are finished.

"Any action I do take will be made public," he said.

Burton said he has been in a "rather reactive mode" during the last two weeks and wanted to give the faculty accurate information about the controversy surrounding Goodrich's death.

One thing Burton was most concerned about clarifying was reports about the future of Company F-1 — the company Goodrich was a member of.

"Unit F-1 has not been disbanded," he said, "the seniors and juniors have been reassigned to other outfits."

He said that many of the upperclassmen in the outfit already are on probation for violating rules last year and could not hold leadership positions anyway, and he felt the freshmen and sophomores in the company deserved

the best leadership they could have.

Burton said it is important that the underclassmen in F-1 remain where they are in order to reform the outfit and its image.

The unit is a very good organization, Burton said, ranking ninth among other outfits in its average grade point ratio.

Concerning his recent decision to re-evaluate the Corps' physical training program and suspend most activities until further notice, Burton said the move was an administrative one, not a punitive decision.

There were a lot of things wrong with the program in the past, he said, and he has been unhappy with it for some time.

Right now, all physical training in the Corps is being supervised by the various outfit advisors.

Physical training will be conducted according to rules in the army field training manual.

"We'll gradually build to where we want to be," he said, "mainly with body building and confidence building — something the new cadets need right now."

Burton said he was surprised that incoming cadets were not required to take a physical examination when they entered the Corps. He said he was not aware that the policy had been dropped in the past but that it would be resumed immediately.

## Mondale's tax proposals rekindling political flame

United Press International

Walter Mondale threw some fresh red meat into the impoverished political arena Monday in the form of a sweeping tax increase and deficit cutting plan that brought the Republican lions out snarling.

"It's nothing new," President Reagan said of his Democratic rival's proposal in Philadelphia to reduce the federal deficit by two-thirds in four years with \$85 billion in new taxes aimed at the wealthy and imposition of pay-as-you-go financing of new government programs.

"He told us several weeks ago he was going to raise the people's taxes,

and now he's repeating it," the president told reporters as he greeted a delegation of Baptist ministers at the White House.

"You pay as he goes," Vice President George Bush said in Raleigh, N.C., where he was campaigning with Sen. Jesse Helms. "If he can sell the American people on the fact he's going to cut spending, the leopard is really changing his spots."

"A recovery-killing concoction which is ready-made to produce a recession that will throw millions of Americans out of work again, pile new and higher taxes on the backs of the average citizen and make deficits

higher, not lower," was the summation of Reagan political adviser Lyn Nofziger.

The Mondale proposal provoked strong rhetoric from the Republicans, but the Democratic candidate gave as good as he got in a news conference on the long-promised details of his program.

"This is the most detailed and specific plan any candidate for president has ever advanced," Mondale said.

"I challenge Mr. Reagan to stop avoiding the deficit issue and start telling you what he intends to do about it."

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## Prof considered for state board

By DAINAH BULLARD  
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A Texas A&M University professor is one of 45 people nominated for positions on the new state board of education.

Dr. John M. Prescott, director of the Institute of Occupational Medicine at Texas A&M, is one of three people nominated for the District 10 position on the board.

Prescott, who was nominated for the position by Sen. Kent Caperton, said he received a phone call in August informing him of his nomination.

"It was in late August, and I was going on vacation when I got the phone call," Prescott said. "They were asking for some information about my eligibility."

Prescott said the duties of the new

appointed state board of education (which is replacing the elected board of education) will include initiating the reforms approved by the Texas State Legislature last summer.

"Generally, the job will be to set policies for the public schools of Texas ... to convert the laws into educational policies in the smoothest way possible, and to set broad policies," he said. "I think our public schools all over the country can use improvement. Maybe enough people all over the country are ready to back all sorts of improvements in the schools."

Janis Monger, assistant press secretary for Gov. Mark White, said the governor received the names of the 45 nominees Friday. White should select the 15 members of the board within the next two weeks, she said.

Before the new board can take control, the United States Justice Department must approve the change from an elected board to an appointed board. Monger said White has already submitted the change to the Justice Department, and expects an answer soon.

Prescott is one of three nominees for the District 10 position on the board. Ruth Denney, a University of Texas drama professor, and Will Davis, a member of the current elected board of education, are the other nominees for the position.

Prescott, a native of San Marcos and current resident of College Station, is a professor of medical biochemistry, biochemistry and biophysics. Prescott earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Southwest Texas State University in



Dr. John M. Prescott

1941. He earned a master's degree in biochemistry from Texas A&M in 1949, and a doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin in 1952.

Prescott has held positions at Texas A&M since 1946.