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A&M computer sales planned

Store threatens suit

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A College Station computer store has said it will file a multi-million dollar restraint of trade suit against Texas A&M if the University begins selling name-brand microcomputers on campus at below wholesale prices. In a letter dated Oct. 24, Bryan attorney John E. Hawtrey said KLS Computers Inc., of College Station, is requesting the University reconsider and make extensive public announcements of the withdrawal of the plan. Bill Watson, vice chancellor and system comptroller, said the University will go ahead with development of the microcomputer acquisition program. The letter charges the University

will be competing unfairly with local retailers. "It has been the express declaration of your staff that they intend to sell, at below wholesale prices, a number of name-brand computers. They have also declared that they will not police the sale of these computers," the letter said. "The result will be that any member of the general public will be able to buy below the price any retailer in the Bryan-College Station area can ask." Watson said the charges are false. "There's only one fact correct in that letter," he said, "and that is that the University is trying to establish a microcomputer acquisition program for the Memorial Student Center Bookstore."

Watson said under the proposed plan name-brand microcomputers and software would be sold in the MSC Bookstore at discount prices to students, faculty and staff. "As a major University, A&M can get substantial educational computing discounts from vendors," he said. "We want to pass them on to the students." Hawtrey said the letter is a response to an Oct. 12 meeting between University representatives and local retailers at which he said it was announced that A&M intends to "buy under."

He said local retailers were told the MSC Bookstore would sell microcomputers at cost of the machines plus shelf costs which do not cover the cost of selling the computers. This would be unfair to local retailers, he said, because they must charge more to cover overhead and are not entitled to the same discounts as a major University. But Watson said the program would not discriminate against local merchants. "We obviously couldn't sell below wholesale prices because the bookstore is a retail store and we have to cover the cost of the machines, selling them and running the store," he said. "We're not going to be making money or putting it into the program."

Watson said the microcomputer sales will be policed and that customers will have to sign affidavits stating the equipment is for personal use. "We're looking at ways to prevent resales and purchasing beyond customer needs," he said. "We will maintain a complete data base and information on customers. We also will have a follow-up program." Watson said sales probably will be limited to one computer per person, but that a definite limit has not been set. Hawtrey said the discount plan should be administered through local retailers. This is an alternative, Watson said, although the discounts would be smaller. "The MSC Bookstore was chosen because it is convenient and available to people on campus," he said, "but selling through local retailers is an alternative. But they have to come back with their proposals." Proposal requests were sent to over 30 national and local computer companies two weeks ago asking if they would be interested in participating in the program, and if so, for their suggestions. A&M has not yet received any formal replies. Watson said contracts with participating companies probably will be signed in the spring.

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Anderson says. "In turn, these companies provide employment to our graduates and the company comes to value its long-term relationship with the universities that produce its workforce and its leaders."

The park's success may even touch areas unrelated to research.

With major corporations and foundations moving into the park in the coming years, many new residents — employees of the businesses — will be moving into the area.

This will create more new jobs as well as revenue for the Brazos Valley area, Money says.

"The employees of the park are just like other residents," he says. "They'll be paying rent and taxes and they'll have to buy shoes and groceries just like anybody else. It'll also create a broader tax base for the area."

How A&M senators voted regarding GSS resolution

- College of Agriculture: Trey Gross and Kelly Kaatz voted against the resolution; Robert Hill abstained.
- College of Architecture: Geof Hutton voted against the resolution.
- College of Business: Annette Kristek, Lisa Rutherford and Glen Shepard voted against the resolution; Mark Allsbrook, Penny Hesterman and Scott Arrington voted for the resolution.
- College of Education: both senators were absent.
- College of Engineering: John Rigas, Dana Burket, Joe Lessard, Mingo Marquez and Jim West voted against the resolution; Joseph Craig voted for the resolution; five senators were absent.
- College of Geosciences: Laurie Johnson voted for the resolution.
- College of Liberal Arts: Carol Ellison and James Cleary voted for the resolution; two senators were absent.
- College of Science: Scott Marlow voted for the resolution; one senator was absent.
- College of Veterinary Medicine: Tamara Grubb voted against the resolution.
- Graduate College: Phyllis Miller, Jason Wischmeyer, Ronda Duckers, Chria Stallings and Rita Jo Brown voted against the resolution; Brian Hay voted for the resolution; one senator was absent.
- Freshman Class Representatives: Brad Dorsey and David McDowell voted against the resolution; Beth Morrison, Troy Hood, Teresa Montz, Tiley Counts and Laurie Pleasant voted for the resolution; Troy Miller abstained.
- Corps of Cadets: Billy McCaskill Jr. and Eric Keller voted against the resolution; Mills Roberts voted for the resolution.
- Aston/Dunn: Clay Baker voted against the resolution.
- Crocker/Davis-Gary/Moore/Moses: Spencer Clements voted against the resolution.
- Hart/Law/Puryear/Cain: Shawn Drummond voted against the resolution.
- Hotard/McInnis/Schuhmacher/Walton: Kirk Rice voted against the resolution.
- Keathley/Fowler/Hughes/Clements/Legett: Ginny Creasy voted for the resolution.
- Krueger/Briggs/Spence: Jana Ahlfinger voted for the resolution.
- McFadden/Haas/Hobby/Neeley: the senator was absent.
- Mosher/Underwood: Wendy Hodges voted against the resolution.
- Off Campus Ward I: Gary D. Stiles voted against the resolution; Kim Vaughan and Jerry Rosiek voted for the resolution; three senators were absent.
- Off Campus Ward II: Joseph Lloyd and Martha Bellens voted against the resolution; Sayed Naqui, Ronn Kettlewell, Ross Moore, Scott Bell, David Klosterboer, Darren Martin and Richard Aronstein voted for the resolution; one senator was absent.
- Off Campus Ward III: Sean Royall voted against the resolution; two senators were absent.
- Off Campus Ward IV: Rick Slavens, Perry Ramsey and Lewis Frazier voted against the resolution; Brian Francis, Michael Sims and Jay Hutchens voted for the resolution.
- University Apartments: the senator was absent.
- Vice Presidents: Brett Shine voted against the resolution; Tom Urban, Mike Kelley, Mike Cook and Wayne Roberts voted for the resolution.
- Speaker: Diane Baumbach voted for the resolution.
- Speaker Pro Tem: Eric Thode voted against the resolution.

Gandhi

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she was pro-leftist and always claimed to be non-aligned. "India has always been more pro-Russia and Indira Gandhi made it more so," he said.

"It is very clear to me that she was a Russian puppet," Afzal said. "She made a defense pact with Russia and claimed to be non-aligned; however, she went with whatever Russia said."

"Basically we will watch and see what happens now. It's going to be very interesting. This is something I never even thought about. She was a strong leader — a bit too strong at

times, but for a nation as large and diverse as India, you have to be powerful like that to hold it together," Khalil said.

"By and large, people who study agriculture, engineering and various other majors have detached their whole field from religious questions," Stadelmann said. "We send American petroleum engineers to Iran and they are not aware of the religious turmoil going on because they don't receive this kind of education at A&M. If we are going to become a leader and feed the world according to Vandiver's proposal, then A&M needs to provide them with this kind of religious training."

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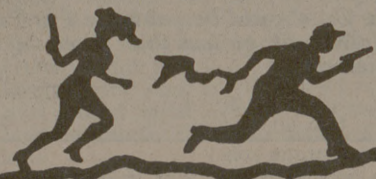
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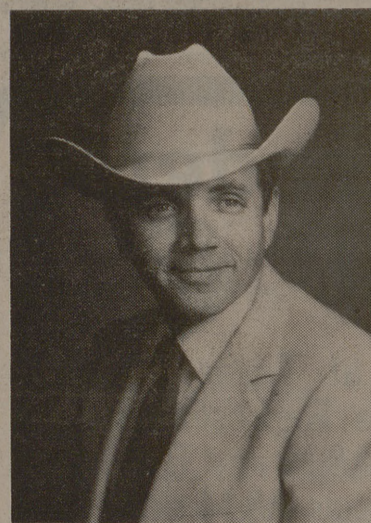
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