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Bright resigns from A&M Board of Regents

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H.R. "Bum" Bright, who served four years as chairman of the Texas A&M University Board of Regents, was replaced as chairman Tuesday, then resigned from the board, saying Gov. Mark White insisted on Bright's support if White runs for re-election.

Bright said White told him "you have served as chairman for the past four years at my pleasure because I control the votes of the board."

He said White told him he had done an excellent job and asked if Bright would support him if White ran for re-election.

"He said 'If I decide to run for re-election, I've got to know that the chairman of the board of Texas A&M is going to be supporting me,'" Bright said.

"I told him that I think any member of a state agency board, be he chairman or be he a member, should support the governor in his executive decisions. ... I do not believe this mandates a support of a candidacy of anyone to an elected position. I would not make that deal."

White said Tuesday in a prepared statement that "I would not have thought his loyalty to Texas A&M would have been limited to serving as chairman of the regents board."

The board by a 7-0 vote elected Houston businessman David Eller as chairman. Joe Reynolds, a Houston attorney serving his second term on the board, was elected vice chairman. Both men were appointed to the board by White.

Eller and Bright abstained from voting.

Bright said he wished to make an "editorial comment."

He objected to Reynolds' election as vice chairman, saying Reynolds has too many ties to White. White once worked for Reynolds' law firm, Reynolds, Allen and Cook.

Bright also said he believed a vice chairman who did not graduate from A&M "would be a detriment to the A&M system."

"My objection is not personal," Bright said. "When Mr. Reynolds was suggested as vice chairman, I made a personal appeal to him to withdraw. This is the first time in my 60-year history and knowledge of A&M that a non-Aggie has been on this board as an officer."

S.B. Whittenberg was vice president of the A&M Board of Directors from 1973 to 1974. He was not a graduate of A&M.

"I felt that with Mr. Reynolds being a fellow graduate of the governor's from Baylor University, and

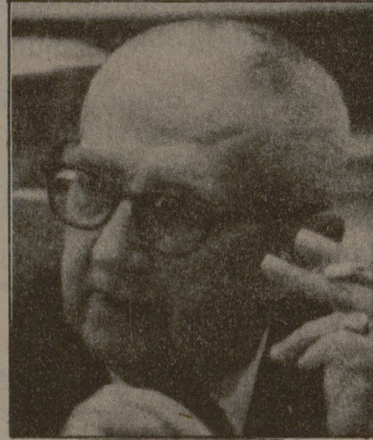
with the governor professing to me that he controls the votes on this board, I felt this would be poorly received by one of our constituents, the former students' group of Texas A&M," Bright said.

He said his objection to Reynolds was not personal.

"As a consequence of our new officers of the board, and based upon the governor's statement to me that he controls the board, I feel that it is inappropriate and serves little consequence for me to continue to serve on the board," he said. "So I shall submit my resignation to the governor when I return to Dallas."

When Reynolds said White does not influence his votes, Bright replied, "I'm only telling you what your governor said."

Bright said that he had enjoyed his service on the board, and turned the meeting over to Eller, who



H. R. "Bum" Bright thanked him for "ushering in a new era at A&M."

"You're a hard act to follow," Eller said. "You took a business approach at a time when a university like A&M

desperately needed to be run like a business."

Bright told Eller, "Of the people sitting at this table, I probably know you best. I know you'll make a good chairman. You'll give it everything you've got. I just see little purpose in continuing to function on the board in a minority role when the governor controls the votes as he professed to me."

Bright then left the meeting, saying the minutes of the meeting should note he was present and left early.

Reynolds said as vice chairman he will "endeavor to serve the System and the people of Texas, not any clique or group."

Regent John Mobley, one of the Gov. Mark White's new appointments to the board, said Bright had

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Caperton reveals bill to counteract budget proposal

By DOUG HALL
Reporter

State Sen. Kent Caperton said Tuesday that a new proposal in the state legislature possibly will counteract the budget cuts proposed earlier this year by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

Caperton, addressing the Texas A&M Board of Regents and a host of faculty members, said the proposed bill would allow state colleges and universities to maintain current faculty salaries and flexibility in managing their own funds.

"This plan would result in the reduction of not one dollar in faculty salaries from the 1985 level," Caperton said.

"We are not going to retreat in Texas. We are strong in our commitment to higher education. We are going to make it clear that when faculty go looking, they look first at Texas. We can do that and we will."

Caperton's statements coincided with a Tuesday message by Hobby — which proposes an additional \$487.9 million spending on higher education. This increase includes \$22 million for worthy research projects and \$35 million for a new research fund.

"I'm advised that A&M will probably do pretty well when it came time to participate in their share of that \$35 million," Caperton said.

Making possible the additional funding for state colleges and universities is a proposal to raise in-state tuition from \$4 per semester credit hour to \$12 per credit hour this fall. The price will rise to \$16 in 1987.

Caperton said that even at the

proposed 1985 levels, which also will increase non-resident tuition to \$120 per credit hour, only two states in the country will have a cheaper tuition than Texas.

Hobby said the tuition hikes, which will cover only 10 percent of the cost of education in 1986, will raise \$277 million over the next two years. The difference in that amount and \$487.9 million will be made up by reductions in other areas.

"It is time to make adjustments in the cost of tuition," Hobby said. "But even making adjustments, Texas still offers to Texas students and to non-resident students a great deal, a wonderful opportunity ... to come learn in this state. And that is good policy, it encourages quality education, it's strong policy."

Hobby said colleges should use the additional funds to "address the concerns of our faculty, particularly the bright young middle rank who are on their way up."

Caperton said the proposal has "been in the works for some time" and that he met with Hobby and other senators Monday to discuss the proposition. Caperton also said the idea was later presented to a large number of senators who come close to making the necessary two-thirds support.

"I am particularly excited about this plan ...," he said. "I implore for your help, the help of the citizens of the Brazos Valley in seeing that we get this plan adopted. It is too critical to the future of Brazos County not to have it, and to the state of Texas."

Election commission says Royall within limit

By JERRY OSLIN
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The Student Government's election commission said Monday night that Sean Royall, a candidate for student body president, did not exceed the spending limit for campaign materials.

After reviewing Royall's printing receipts, Jim Collins, election co-commissioner, said he is convinced Royall did not go over the \$300 spending limit.

The rules of the election commission prohibit a presidential candidate from spending more than \$300 on campaign materials.

Collins said he saw Royall's printing receipts and the receipts from the lumber and paint Royall used to build his campaign signs.

Collins said the cost of the materi-

als Royall has used in the election so far totaled \$286.86.

"I consider this whole situation to be very unfortunate; however, at this point I don't think it will have an effect on my campaign," Royall said. A complaint was filed by two Texas A&M students Thursday accusing Royall of exceeding the spending limit.

The complaint contained price estimates by three local printers estimating the cost of Royall's campaign materials at more than \$300.

Karl Brock, one of students who signed the complaint, said he met with Royall Sunday night and looked at some of Royall's receipts and at an itemized list of his printing expenses. Brock said he decided Royall had not gone over the spending limit after looking at the receipts and the list.



Run For Your Lives!

Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

Members of Squadron 10 compete in Tuesday's Corps of Cadets Bloody Cross competition. The competition is a three-mile run around the Quadrangle. All of the units in the Corps participate and the unit with the

fastest time and the least number of members to drop out wins. The Corps Public Relations Officer Albert Muller said the results are pending approval by the Corps sergeant major and will be released today.

CS absentee voting starts today

Shuttle for students available

By ELIZABETH MICKEY
Reporter

Students who wish to vote absentee for the April 6 city elections will be able to take advantage of a shuttle service which starts today sponsored by a city council candidate.

Mike Hachtman, a Texas A&M junior who is running for Place 3 on the College Station City Council, organized the shuttle to make it easier for students to vote absentee. The election is scheduled for March 30, the day before Easter Sunday.

"Devising the shuttle system is not me the candidate, but me the citizen

being fed up with students not being able to vote," Hachtman said.

Shuttles are scheduled to leave from the staff parking lot between Haas and Walton halls and from the circle drive in front of the Commons at 4 p.m. today through Friday of this week and Monday and Tuesday of next week. Absentee voting closes April 2.

Hachtman said the shuttle will go directly to College Station City Hall and back. It takes about 15 minutes to vote, he said.

Hachtman also said that those needing a ride but are unable leave

with the shuttle may call him at home and he will drive them to city hall.

"If I drive someone over, that one vote could make the difference," he said.

Another reason Hachtman said he is sponsoring the shuttle is because the City of College Station combined the three campus precincts used in the November election into one precinct. All on-campus students now will vote in the College Station Municipal Building on Church Street behind Northgate.

Students care about what is going on in College Station, and the com-

bing of these precincts makes it very inconvenient for students to vote, Hachtman said.

In order to vote absentee, students must sign an affidavit stating that they cannot vote on April 6 and why, said Dian Jones, a secretary at City Hall. The State Election Code lists physical handicaps, religious beliefs or absence at the time of the election as reasons for voting absentee, Jones said.

Those wishing to vote absentee may vote in Conference Room A in City Hall at 1101 South Texas Ave. through April 2.

1985-86 school catalogs available but now students will pay for them

By DAINAH BULLARD
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Texas A&M students who go to Heaton Hall to pick up a 1985-86 undergraduate or graduate catalog are in for a surprise. The catalogs are no longer available at Heaton Hall — and they're no longer free.

They can be purchased at the bookstore in the Memorial Student Center. Undergraduate catalogs are \$3 each, or \$4.15 if ordered through the mail. Graduate catalogs are \$2.50 each, or \$3.63 through the mail.

Mary Helen Bowers, director of educational information services, says the change was made to save the University money. Texas A&M spent \$125,443 for 80,000 1984-85 undergraduate catalogs, and \$36,672 for 36,110 1984-85 graduate catalogs.

"It's just an awful lot of money," Bowers says. "The University simply couldn't afford it any more. We expect quite a savings to the University by selling them (the catalogs)."

By selling the catalogs, Texas A&M joins the ranks of other universities (such as the University of

Texas, the University of Arizona and the University of Oklahoma).

The University bought 51,500 copies of the 1985-86 undergraduate catalogs for \$86,000. Fewer catalogs will be needed because students will be buying them instead of just picking one up anytime they need one, Bowers says.

"I suspect the fact that we gave them away encouraged waste," she says.

The cost of the undergraduate catalogs for Texas A&M was about the same for both issues (about \$1.57 each for the 1984-85 issue and about

\$1.67 each for the 1985-86 issue). But the University will recover the costs of the 1985-86 catalogs, Bowers says.

The University is supplying faculty and staff members with 1985-86 catalogs. However, the price students pay for their own catalogs does not fund the faculty and staff copies.

"We don't want students to have the feeling that when they buy copies in the book store, they're paying for the ones the faculty is using," Bowers says. "The University pays for those."

Seniors, juniors support Twelfth Man tradition