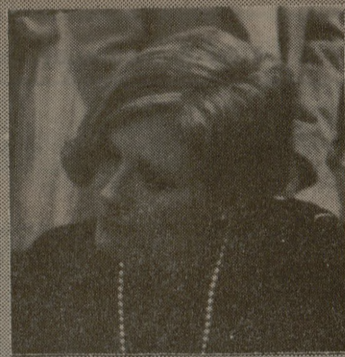


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Decision delayed in Cuadra case

By MICHAEL CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

County Court-at-Law Judge Carolyn Ruffino Wednesday postponed a decision on a motion requesting a new trial for former Texas A&M Cadet Gabriel Cuadra.

Cuadra was found guilty Jan. 31 of tampering with evidence during an investigation into the August death of sophomore Cadet Bruce Goodrich.

Cuadra's defense attorney, Hank Paine Jr., originally based his request for a new trial on the closing argu-

ments presented in Cuadra's earlier trial during which Brazos County Attorney Jim Kuboviak twice referred to punishment when the jury was asked to determine only guilt or innocence. Paine later amended his new trial request to include the submission of what he said were reconstructed exercise lists.

Cuadra destroyed the original exercise lists which outlined the exercises Goodrich performed on the night of his death.

Paine asked Ruffino to accept the reconstructed lists as new evidence,

but she refused after hearing arguments from Kuboviak. The county attorney, who had possession of the reconstructed lists during the trial, said the lists were not new evidence and do not prove that Cuadra is innocent. Their absence did not affect the outcome of the trial, he said.

"It has absolutely no value whatsoever," Kuboviak said. "We have no duty to disclose it if it lacks materiality."

Paine disputed Kuboviak's statements, hinting that the prosecu-

tion had intentionally "lost" the lists to sway the jury.

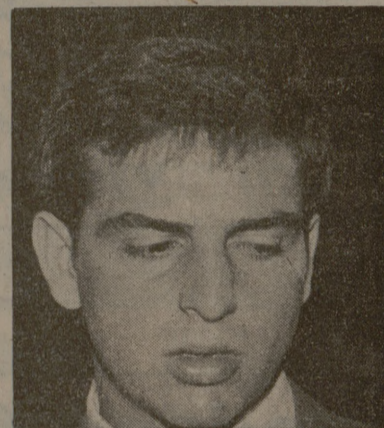
But Kuboviak produced affidavits from five of the six jurors indicating the submission of the lists would not have influenced their decision. One juror said there should be a new trial, but Kuboviak said that the opinion of the other five jurors should outweigh the opinion of one juror.

Objections were raised by Paine who said the affidavits did not indicate the jurors had studied the amended motion for a new trial, just

the original request. Kuboviak said he was notified of the amendment to the request Tuesday and had not had time to obtain new affidavits.

Ruffino accepted the affidavits as evidence, but said she would not make her ruling until a later date. Paine asked Ruffino to have her decision made by May 4, to which Ruffino curtly said she would make her decision as soon as possible.

After the Jan. 31 verdict, Ruffino sentenced Cuadra to a probated one-year jail sentence and a probated \$500 fine.



Gabriel Cuadra

'World-class' university

Eller states his goals

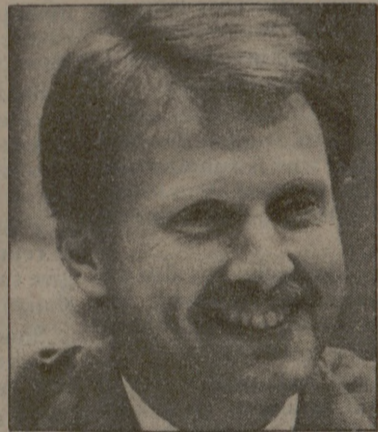
By SARAH OATES
Staff Writer

The Texas A&M Board of Regents is still one man short, while newly elected Regent Chairman David Eller sets his goal for "a world-class university."

Gov. Mark White has yet to choose an appointee to fill the position left vacant two weeks ago after the resignation of former regents chairman H.R. "Bum" Bright, representatives from the governor's office said Tuesday.

Don Mauro, a Bryan real estate developer who was considered earlier this year to fill one of three vacant positions on the board, is again being considered to fill the open position, said Bruce Stockwell, deputy assistant for appointments for White's office.

Stockwell said he could not comment on the number of candidates or who they are.



David Eller

"There are many people under consideration," he said. "There always are for something like this."

Bright resigned March 26 after the regents elected Eller, a Houston

businessman, to replace him as chairman. Bright said he resigned because White had insisted on Bright's support if he runs for reelection. Bright also objected to the election of Joe Reynolds as vice chairman of the board, saying Reynolds had too many ties to White.

In a phone interview with The Battalion Tuesday, Eller said his main goal as chairman is "to strengthen the University System so we can become a world-class university."

Eller said he will continue to run A&M like a business — as Bright did — with an emphasis on seeking greater efficiency and tightening the System's budget in accordance with proposed state cutbacks.

"If you don't have to live within a budget, it's human nature to become complacent," Eller said. "You build

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U.S. now talking 'meeting,' not summit with Gorbachev

Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — In an abrupt shift, the White House said Wednesday that President Reagan is ready now for a get-acquainted "meeting" with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, but that a problem-solving "summit" would require more preparation and must offer the promise of success.

For weeks, top administration officials have used the terms "summit" and "meeting" interchangeably.

Robert C. McFarlane, Reagan's national security adviser, sought to put an end to that practice as he briefed reporters at a hotel 25 miles from the vacationing president's ranch.

The administration's sudden insistence on a distinction between the two terms clearly was an attempt to dampen expectations of real improvement in U.S.-Soviet relations flowing from a Reagan-Gorbachev conference.

Reading a written statement before television cameras, McFarlane said: "The president has stressed that he would welcome a meeting with the general secretary. We would also welcome a summit at the proper time and as the culmination of an extended dialogue which has produced tangible accomplishment."

"There is no predicting how long this process could take," he said. "It could be this year."

McFarlane said Reagan was ready for a get-acquainted meeting with Gorbachev on short notice but played down the likelihood that it would occur in the near future.

"The president believes that the climate of the relationship is such as to justify a meeting now and for the foreseeable future, absent any dramatic change in Soviet attitudes," the national security adviser said.

He said there would not have to be a specific agenda for a meeting.

A senior administration official, speaking on condition he not be identified, said a Reagan-Gorbachev meeting in New York would be likely

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Medical authorities OK seat belt bill

By KIRSTEN DIETZ
Staff Writer

Area emergency medical personnel approve of the proposed required safety belt legislation and agree that it would help reduce the severity and number of injuries in automobile accidents.

The proposed legislation would require front-seat occupants of passenger cars to wear safety belts. It would not apply to off-road vehicles and trucks.

The Senate has approved the legislation. The House version of the bill has been referred to subcommittee.

Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan, voted against the bill, saying that each person should make his or her own decision to wear a safety belt.

Millie Patterson, head nurse of St. Joseph Hospital's emergency room, says the law is long overdue.

"There's no argument not to use them (safety belts)," she says.

Patterson says she has heard some people argue that safety belts are dangerous.

But she says that most people who die in automobile accidents are thrown from the car or hit the windshield.

Assistant Chief Bill Schaefer, emergency medical services supervisor

Safety education program promoting seat belt usage

The Safety Education Program at Texas A&M is currently conducting a seat belt experiment at selected staff parking lots on campus. The goal of the program is to increase the awareness, knowledge and use of seat belts by employees of Texas A&M.

According to Texas safety officials, 98 percent of the persons killed in traffic accidents in the state during the past two years were unbelted at the time of the crash. Dr. B. J. Campbell of the University of North Carolina has shown that belted front seat occupants are 60 percent to 65 percent less likely to die in a crash than are unbelted occupants.

The A&M program employs three methods to increase the

rate of seat belt usage. The three methods will be compared for effectiveness at the conclusion of the program. The methods utilized are incentives, educational materials and a combination of incentives and educational materials. Each method is conducted at a separate parking lot.

The incentives consist of coupons for goods or services, gift certificates and/or cash. Incentives are distributed to those drivers observed wearing seat belts when entering the parking lot.

The incentives were contributed by local businesses.

The program is supported by a grant from the Texas Safety Association and the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

for College Station, and Lt. Charles Nichols, emergency medical services coordinator for Bryan, both say the law would reduce the seriousness of passenger injuries.

Schaefer says the law's greatest effect would be a reduction in the

number of facial and head injuries.

Nichols says, "Anything that reduces injuries just tickles us to death."

Carolyn Wilson, director of nursing at Humana Hospital, says she doesn't know if the law would cut

down on the number of motor vehicle accident victims brought to the hospital.

The emergency room staff has no way of knowing whether or not the victim was wearing a safety belt at the time of the accident, she says.

"But I think there is a lot of documented evidence that seat belts reduce trauma," Wilson says.

According to the Texas Medical Association, 12,000 to 15,000 lives could be saved if all car passengers used safety belts at all times. And the chances of surviving a crash would increase more than 50 percent.

The association says 60 percent of all Texans do not use safety belts.

Mike McNeill, chief of ambulance operations at Texas A&M, said he favors the proposed legislation.

But he says the legislation probably wouldn't affect A&M emergency medical technicians because they respond only to accidents on campus.

"But I think it should make a significant difference in areas with a lot of high speed roads and highways," he says.

If passed, the law would take effect Sept. 1. But fines, ranging from \$25 to \$50, would not be assessed until after a three-month grace period ending Dec. 1.

Flower Child
Brittany Arceneaux, 6, enjoys the arrival of the bluebonnets along Highway 21 west of College Station. The state flower flourishes along state roads every April.



Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

Painstaking steps required to obtain deposit refunds

By JAY BLINDERMAN
Reporter

Remember that \$140 security deposit you put up last year for electricity? Or the money you gave to secure your apartment lease?

Well, it's almost time to get it back.

Every year students pay deposits in the fall and can get all or part of them back in the spring.

In most cases, a student only has to request the return of a deposit and supply a forwarding address. Then the wait starts. The deposit should be returned from two to six weeks.

But some deposits are not returned in full.

The College Station utility company subtracts the student's last bill from the deposit and then returns the difference, said Linda Piwonka, a College Station utility executive.

Bryan utilities uses the same method.

GTE tries to return all deposits within 30 days, said a phone mart representative. But if all you receive is a bill, don't be too alarmed. When a deposit is due, the student should receive it within 15 days after the final bill is sent.

Since the phone company does not collect deposits from everyone, not everyone is entitled to the refund.

People who have established credit with GTE are not required to pay a deposit when the phone is connected.

To establish credit with GTE, students must have had accounts for at least nine months and must have paid their bills on time.

A little more effort must be taken to receive an apartment security deposit in full.

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