

Cisneros attends meeting

Board approves budget

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The Texas A&M Board of Regents gave final approval Aug. 20 to the Texas A&M University System's \$689 million operating budget for fiscal 1985-86.

Next year's TAMUS budget is an increase of 3.6 percent over the current year's \$665 million budget.

Included in the 1985-86 system budget is A&M's \$407 million budget, an increase of 2.3 percent above this year's \$398 million operating budget.

In other business, the Board approved an agenda item that allows TAMUS to charge a fee to students who decide to pay their tuition and fees in installments during the semester rather than pay before the start of the semester.

House Bill 1147, the law that

raised tuition for students attending state-supported colleges and universities, allows students to pay tuition and fees in either two or four semester installments. The bill also allows colleges and universities to charge students, who pay in installments, a fee for handling those installments.

Beginning in the 1985 fall semester, A&M will charge a \$10 fee to students who pay in installments and a \$10 penalty to any student who does not pay his installment by the due date.

The Board also approved an item allowing TAMUS to establish an emergency loan program to help students who can show an inability to pay their tuition and fees.

The Aug. 20 meeting was the first officially attended by San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros, who was appointed by Gov. Mark



Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

Henry Cisneros

White in June to fill the vacancy left by H.R. "Bum" Bright's resignation in March.

Former students' association expected to get new center at A&M by September 1986

By BRIAN PEARSON
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Construction began June 13 on a \$7 million building for the Texas A&M Association of Former Students.

The 59,000-square-foot Clayton Williams Jr. Center is expected to be complete in September 1986, an association representative said.

"It will be a very functional building not only for former students, but for faculty, staff and students to use," said Randy Matson, executive director.

Located at the corner of Jersey Street and Houston Street, the proposed center will serve as an office for the 35-member Association of Former Student staff.

The proposed center already is marked in the 1984-85 Campus Directory's map of the campus.

Matson said the building will provide a meeting place after games, graduation ceremonies and other University activities.

"We'll have the capability of having banquets, receptions and those types of things for former students and people on campus," Matson said. There are about 120,000 former students, he said.

Matson said the center will be designed to represent the beliefs that A&M stands for.

"We wanted something that represents the strength and tradition that the association and A&M have, so the building committee felt like the semicircular-shaped building

with Roman architecture and big columns would exemplify that," Matson said.

Sections of the aerobics track and the flying disc golf course will be altered to make room for the center, which will occupy five acres.

Matson said the location for the center was chosen so it will be close to the Memorial Student Center and Kyle Field.

The money for the center was donated by former students, Matson said.

When the employees of the association move into their new building, the association's current offices in the MSC will be used by the Texas A&M Development Foundation, he said.

Placement Center a good way for students to job hunt

By Betty Schultz
Reporter

Your future could be found on the tenth floor of Rudder Tower at the University Placement Center.

The center is a service for both students and recruiters. The services offered are on-campus interviews, career planning, resume and job search, alumni placement services, placement library, government information and Dossier Services.

According to Judy Vollier, assistant director, on-campus interviews are the busiest part of the center's services.

To be eligible to interview at the placement center, students must go through a lengthy registration process. December graduates should register immediately if they want to interview before graduation. May graduates are also encouraged to register this fall.

The interviewing process is based

on a point system. December graduates start with 250 points and May graduates start with 200 points. Students are then allowed to bid for in-

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terviews. If the interview is one of the few the student feels qualified for, or one of the only interviews he is interested in, he should bid a high number of points, say about 40. The highest bidders fill the interview slots, and the lower bidders are put on a waiting list.

If a student has to cancel an inter-

view, he does not lose his points as long as he cancels three days in advance. However, if he does not show up for an interview, he is blocked from any additional interviews and a letter is written to his department head.

The center also offers an alumni placement service. This is for graduates who did not get jobs before graduation. The center sends listings of upcoming interviews to the graduates. Graduates are allowed to interview at the placement center if they have points left over from their senior year.

Many companies that interview through the center keep folders on file in the placement center library. The folders contain brochures, annual reports and other information about the company. Binders with letters from companies informing the placement center of job openings also are on file. Students interested in a job listed in the binders may

send the company a resume. If the companies are interested in any of the resumes they have received, they will then set up an interview day at the placement center. Then the students are allowed to bid on the interview.

Students should use the placement library so they will be well-informed about the company before interviewing, Vollier said. The interviewers expect the students to be knowledgeable about the company and to ask questions, she said. They also know when students are not well prepared for the interview, she added.

The Dossier Service is the interview process for students interviewing in the education field. This registration process is a bit more lengthy than the registration process for non-education job seekers, Vollier said. The only time that school districts interview at the center is the

week before graduation.

Several of the employers that recruit the most at the placement center are Boeing, General Dynamics,

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Texas Instruments, IBM, Arco and many of the top eight accounting firms, she said. These companies mainly recruit in the big areas of strength: electrical engineering, computer science and accounting.

"The large firms come here ready to spend big bucks," Vollier said. "They are after the cream of the

crop — the very best candidates that will be assets to their company."

Although grades are very important when interviewing, interviewers also are looking for other qualities. A good candidate should be sharp, on top of things and energetic, she said. Working experience and involvement in extracurricular activities are very helpful. A career-related minor also can be helpful.

She said that many times, interviewers have already made up their minds about students before the interview. They have formed opinions from reading the resume. Usually within the first five minutes of the interview the interviewers make a decision. First impressions do count, she said.

The center will have orientations during September for December '85, May '86 and August '86 graduates. These orientations will tell the students what to do and give them suggestions on how to do it.

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