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# Regents

## University system to study Texas economy

**University News Service** 

The Texas A&M University System is gearing up for a major study of the Texas economy with the goal of playing a central role in building the state's economy and aiding in its diversification from an oil/energy-

dependent base.
System Chancellor Arthur G.
Hansen outlined plans for the study
at the Monday meeting of the Texas A&M Board of Regents. Initiation of the study is in response to a sugges-tion made last month by the board's newest regent, San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros.

Cisneros said he sees a grand op-portunity for TAMUS to take the lead in helping the state assess its economic situation and help make

the Texas economy stronger. Hansen announced he has formed a task force to develop a "road map" for eventual use. The tack force includes Dr. Perry Adkisson, deputy chancellor who oversees the system's agricultural programs; Dr. Herbert Richardson, vice chancellor for engineering; Dr. Neville Clarke, director of the Texas Agri-Cultural Experiment Station; Dr. Gordon Eaton, A&M's vice president for academic affairs and provost, and Dr. William Mobley, dean of A&M's College of Business Ad-

'The task force will tabulate the system's research and service strengths and assimilate them in a form that would be useful for assessing the areas that the system might exploit for economic development,' Hansen said.

He said areas representing major economic opportunities include microelectronics and computers, prod-ucts of biotechnology, offshore min-ing, new agricultural crops, tourism, recreation and new manufacturing

Hansen, who was appointed last year by Gov. Mark White to head the Texas Science and Technology Council, said that group and the task force will meet in Austin early next month, with representatives of major organizations with similar goals also invited.

At their formal business meeting, the regents approved A&M's request for a \$1,339,500 appropriation for scholarships and fellowships to aid

in recruiting minority students.

A&M President Frank E. Vandiver said the funds are needed to help the University meet its commitment to The Texas Plan, the statewide higher education desegregation program.

The appointment of Dr. Elaine Adams as vice president for student services at Prairie View A&M Uni-

Bradberry as dean of graduate studies at Tarleton State University.

Adams now serves as Prairie View A&M's associate vice president for academic services and planning. Bryant is chairman of the Department of Computer Information Systems and Administrative Services at Southwest Texas State University. Bradberry, a member of Tarleton's faculty since 1969, is a professor of education and psychology.

The regents awarded contracts to-taling \$6,425,700 for two projects at Bryan-College Station and one at Corpus Christi. B-W-F Constuction Co. of Temple was awarded a \$5,949,000 contract to build new physical plant facilities at Texas A&M. Sentry Construction Co. of Bryan won a \$149,700 contract to make modifications to the System Administration Building, also on the main Texas A&M campus.

A new headquarters building for the LaCopita Experimental Ranch at the A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Corpus Christi will be erected under a \$327,000 contract awarded to Kiesel Construction Co. Inc. of Corpus Christi.

versity was confirmed by the regents, as were the appointments of Dr. Milton R. Bryant as dean of the College of Business Administration

Other appropriations include \$425,000 for preliminary design for a new biochemistry and biophysics building at A&M.

### Astronaut speaks on life aboard shuttle

shuttle. The work that was done out-

side was mainly repair work on satel-

liver," Scobee said.

"Besides repairing, we also de-

Scobee described the effect that weightlessness had on the astronauts. He said it wasn't difficult to

adjust though some of the astronauts experienced space motion

"Usually day two is the worst day,"

By SAM BUCHMEYER

Reporter

Astronaut Dick Scobee spoke to a group of Texas A&M students Tuesday night about his experiences on the space shuttle Challenger. The speech was highlighted with a film taken of the space shuttle while in

The speech — jointly sponsored by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Society of Flight Test Engineers — began with a film depicting the space shuttle in its ascent phase and flight.

Scobee accompanied the film with a first-hand account of the mission and his experiences in space. "It's like being on a rough railroad track," Scobee said. "It's metallic and

clanky He showed several pictures of the shuttle's interior and exterior fea-

Police Beat

The following incidents were re-ported to University police through

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:

• Eleven bicycles were stolen from various locations on campus.

• Two ducks were stolen from

one of the Poultry Science buildings. • Someone stole \$300 in cash and

\$900 in checks from 312 Dunn Hall.

• A backpack was stolen from Sbisa Dining Hall.

HARASSMENT BY PHONE:
• Five incidents of harassment by

phone were reported from various

• A window was broken out of a Chevrolet Blazer in Parking Annex

• Someone was throwing bananas at Schuhmacher Hall from Walton

• The roof and hood of a Toyota

 Someone stole from the Zachry Engineering Center a cable holding digitized pads together.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

locations on campus.

was scratched in PA 56.

FELONY THEFT:

Aside from doing experiments while in orbit, Scobee said the astro-

Once on the ground, Scobee said the time of readjustment was pro-portional to the length of the flight. After his eight-day flight, he said it took him about two hours to feel comfortable

"My fanny hurt," he said. "It wasn't used to the weight on it."

Scobee emphasized that the Challenger mission was not all work. The

nauts did extensive work outside the astronauts found ways to keep them-

Space is just like down here," he "For fun we played with our

Though he hasn't flown since the Challenger, Scobee said there is always something to do.

"Our job (being astronauts) is multifaceted," he said. "There's plenty of work to do when we're not

Scobee finished his astronaut evaluation and training in 1979 and began his career with a tour of duty in the Air Force. From there he went to the University of Arizona where he finished his education. Five years later he went through the intensive training of test pilot school. His first space mission was on the Challenger.

As for the future of the space shuttle, Scobee said that work will begin by 1990 on a permanent space station that will be built and serviced

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# Who's Who applications due Friday

Around town

On-campus housing still available

On-campus housing is still available for this fall semester. Oct. 11

Applications for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will be available at boxes located at eight different campus locations from 8 a.m. today through 5 p.m. Sept. 27. Applications can be picked up at the Commandant's Office, Memorial Student Center, Student Activities Office, Zachry Engineering Center, Sterling C. Evans Library, Kleberg Center, the Office of the Dean of Veterinary Medicine and the Office of the Vice President for Student Services.

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