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## Hansen: Liberal arts needed for leadership

# 'Faculty Senate can aid chancellor search'

By **SONDRA PICKARD**  
*Staff Writer*

Addressing the Faculty Senate for the first time since its formation, Dr. Arthur G. Hansen, chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, said Monday that senators can be of great help in the search for a new chancellor and that any ideas they have will be considered.

Hansen also briefly discussed the controversial core curriculum proposal that has been facing the Faculty Senate for over a year, saying that there is no simple way to assess quality in higher education.

"The important thing to remember is that one cannot tell what aspects of educational training will bring forth leaders," Hansen said.

"Therefore, in designing the curriculum for leadership, it is essential that not only applied courses be considered, but rather a broad educational base including the liberal arts," he said.

Hansen said that those in the academic community will have more requests in the future to justify to the public the reasons for what they are doing and where education in general is going.

"I don't know how you're going to do it," Hansen said, "but every faculty member should say, 'What are we doing and why?'"

Hansen also announced recent enrollment forecasts, which put total enrollment at Texas A&M at 40,000 students for the year 1995, a figure Hansen said the University can handle at this point.

After Hansen's presentation, the Faculty Senate spent over an hour in formal debate on the core curriculum requirements proposed by a majority of the core curriculum committee.

The senators discussed and amended the first of seven requirements listed in the core curriculum proposal.

No final vote will be taken on the proposal until all requirements have



been amended and motions to substitute still other recommendations from various colleges and departments have been considered.

Under the debated proposal, a student entering the University will be required to complete one course in computer usage unless the student has completed at least one course in computer science in high school or can demonstrate proficiency in an examination.

It also proposes that a student be required to take two semesters of a foreign language unless the student has had two years of foreign language in high school or can demonstrate proficiency of a second language.

Also, in addition to state and University requirements, a student would be required to take six hours in speech and writing, mathematics/logic, cultural heritage and social science.

The proposal also recommends the student take eight hours of science.

Students entering the University before the fall of 1987 would not be affected by the change if the Senate and A&M President Frank E. Vandiver should approve the proposal.

Vandiver was cited earlier as saying A&M is one of the few universities in the nation that fails to require a broad background in the arts and sciences, which are, he said, "the

heart of university education."

In other business, the Senate heard discussion, but took no final action, on a proposal to form a faculty club. The club would be housed on both tiers of the eleventh floor of Rudder Tower and would provide a central location for faculty interaction, promote discussion groups and provide a facility for small University and community receptions and parties.

The faculty club subcommittee hopes to charge a nominated interim board with the duty of drawing up by-laws and membership requirements for the club, which, along with other considerations, must be approved by the Board of Regents, the Senate and Vandiver.

Most of the debate on the formation of the club surrounded the question of who would be eligible for membership, who would determine those requirements and whether or not alcohol could be served in the club.

## Restoring old houses makes Fort Worth woman happy

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — There isn't enough time.

Mary Odom of Fort Worth is 61 years old, and she figures she'll have to live another 60 years to do everything she wants to do.

What she wants to do is fix up old houses.

"I sort of have a maternal instinct for the houses," said the Waxahachie native, a contractor who specializes in restorations.

She has driven down the streets of the Fairmount neighborhood in south Fort Worth, where she's currently working on a project, nearly wrecking her car because she's so busy looking at all the old houses in need of help.

"I want to fix every one of 'em," she said. "But if I'm gonna fix 'em all, I'm gonna have to live another 60 years."

Meanwhile, she's doing her part. As the force behind the restorations, Odom isn't content with subcontracting and overseeing the required labor.

So in addition to hiring electricians and plumbers, she's there at the site every day, wielding a hammer and saw and carrying boards. Often she works alone.

"I'm stronger than I look," the 5-foot-2, 106-pound Odom said. "One of the greatest problems I have is getting workers to keep the pace I do. I tell them, 'You're half the age and twice the size I am.' They'd darn sure better keep up."

With the break-up of her second marriage, Odom became a contractor and real estate broker in Kansas City, buying, restoring and selling old houses.

But her fix-up efforts go back some 40 years, to World War II when it was hard to find workers on the home front in Handley. Excited about her pregnancy, she knew how she wanted the house to look after the baby arrived.

"There was a window where I wanted the back door," she said. "I couldn't get anybody to do anything for me, so I totally reworked it. I took the window out and framed the door."

She also has painted various houses she has lived in as well as performing all the maintenance on rent houses she and her second husband owned. She tackled the rent houses out of "sheer boredom," she said.

In Kansas City, too, "I wasn't real satisfied with the way the carpenter was doing the work" on the house she and her husband were building. He made a suggestion: "Do it yourself."

She did. Today, she's undaunted even by houses in such disrepair that most folks think they should be razed.

But that doesn't mean she always knows the solution from the outset.

She considers her gender no problem. Most men don't mind female supervision, she said. Only a few object.

She fought the term "perfectionist" for some time, but finally conceded: She does a lot of trim work herself to satisfy this bent.

"People say I'm a workaholic, and maybe I am," she said. "But if you enjoy what you're doing, it really isn't work."

## New Goddess must wait for fair weather

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas' new Goddess of Liberty statue will not be ready for her trip to the top of the Capitol in time for the March 2 sesquicentennial celebration.

Capitol architect Roy Graham said Monday he wants better weather for the ascent than the old Goddess had for the November descent which ended her 97-year rooftop reign.

The new target date is June. "When you look at March, it's wonderful historically but it has all kinds of problems with wind and weather problems," Graham said at a Capitol news conference.

The delay also has been caused by "negotiations" concerning what metal will be used to make the new statue. Gov. Mark White will announce that decision Thursday, Graham said.

The old statue, worn and battered by her years atop the Capitol, is now in Rhome, Texas, where preparations are being made for a replacement.

And now, for \$1,836, you can

buy a miniature replica of the statue acknowledged as long on history but short on looks.

A thousand of the bronze miniatures will be available, with \$642 from each sale going to the restoration projects.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said money raised by the replica sales will help pay for the "wave of restoration that, over the next few years, will sweep over the Capitol building and restore it to its pristine grandeur."

The Goddess was removed from the Capitol dome after experts determined the statue could crumble and become a hazard.

Graham said the oldest inscription on the statue is the name Hugo Wolf. Graham is trying to find out if Wolf was the sculptor.

The architect also said he believes the original Goddess, when restored, should be brought back to Austin for legal reasons. Groups in Houston and Denton have said they would be interested in becoming the permanent home of the original.

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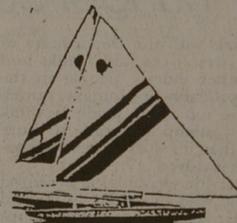
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