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A&M prof: Government should aid rail systems

University News Service

The government or some quasi-public organization should take over railroad rights-of-way to rehabilitate and modernize the rail system and help improve services and profits for railroad companies, says a Texas A&M business analyst.

Dr. Warren Rose of A&M's College of Business Administration has examined the feasibility of the federal government or some quasi pub-

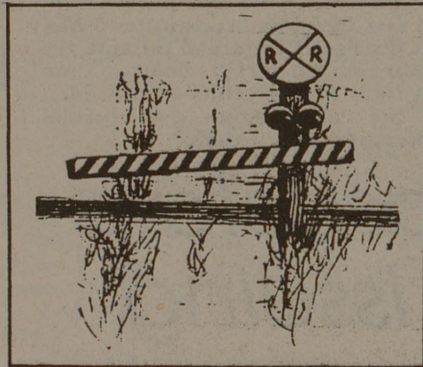
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Rose's proposal also would mean a change in pricing system for railroad companies and he says it could actually help reduce prices. The carriers' pricing policies should become more aggressive with the added competition resulting from all the lines being able to use the tracks, he said.

"The verdict on whether operations would become more efficient is mixed," he said, "but I think with proper planning and a good framework devoted almost exclusively to modernizing and maintaining railroads, the government or some organization could be just as efficient, if not more so."

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lic/private organization acquiring railroad rights-of-way, while the rail carriers continue to perform actual operations.

While industry unions and management don't like the idea because they believe it falls just short of complete nationalization — a bad word to any capitalist — Rose believes the plan actually would be to their advantage.

"I'm talking about the tracks, tunnels, bridges, signaling and communication systems — the physical facilities — not about equipment owned by railroad companies," he said.

"Railroad tracks are deteriorating and the facilities are in bad shape from age, overuse and from the practice of limited or deferred main-

tenance. When it gets right down to it, the companies just don't have the capital to make improvements in lieu of other investment opportunities."

Rose, who is refining his proposal and plans to submit it for review to federal transportation officials, says the change would free railroad companies from maintaining the tracks and facilities.

"They could spend the extra time and money improving their business and services," he said.

To critics who say government would be less efficient in running the railroads, Rose points out that during World War I when the government took over the rail system the lines ran as efficiently as when private industry ran them, considering the emergency nature of the business at that time.

Rose said the initial investment for purchasing, rehabilitating and modernizing the facilities would be anywhere from \$16 billion to \$26 billion — about half for purchasing the rights-of-way and \$8 billion to \$11 billion for improvements. He estimates the annual maintenance expense for maintaining the nation's railroads and facilities would range between \$2 billion to \$6 billion.

He said funds for the investment could come from appropriations by the federal government if it takes over the facilities, or from private investors who would make a return on their investment from user charges both for freight and passenger service.

"Unions are concerned because they believe it might mean less jobs, but it would actually mean more jobs," Rose said. "Management in the industry doesn't like the idea mostly because it doesn't think anybody should be taking over its business. Rail officials think it would be nationalizing the industry and be-

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infrastructure problems with providing public services, such as problems with water systems, proper sewage disposal systems, the interstate highways, the rail system, all of which were built many, many years ago and have deteriorated."

UT gets 'foundation of English culture'

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The University of Texas obtained Tuesday the Pforzheimer Library, a collection of more than 1,000 of the earliest English-language books, volumes university President William Cunningham called "the foundation of English culture."

"They were very, very sensitive about who the books went to," Perot said. "Just money wouldn't get these books."

"My role is that of an intermediary. We wanted to get these books at the university. We want the greatest university in the world here in our state. We are in the process of building it."

The collection includes a copy of the first book printed in English, plus rare works of poetry, prose, drama and essays by Chaucer, Shakespeare, Bacon, Donne, Locke and others.

University officials described the 1,100 books and 250 manuscript groups — which span the years 1475 to 1700 — as being so rare it would be impossible to assemble them today.

"This was truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Jess Hay, chairman of the UT regents.

Cunningham said, "The Pforzheimer Library is the last major collection of works representing the foundation of English culture remaining in private hands. A similar collection could not be gathered today since these books and documents... are simply not available."

Instrumental in the acquisition was Dallas billionaire H. Ross Perot, who paid \$15 million for the books. The university will raise funds to repay Perot.

Perot said he received an unsolicited phone call offering him the library, adding that earlier contact between the UT and the Pforzheimer family helped clinch the deal. In 1978, UT purchased an original Gutenberg Bible from the New York City-based Pforzheimer Foundation.

Decherd Turner, director of UT's Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center where the books will be housed, said the library is unique.

"On these items the contours of our minds have been formed," Turner said.

Collected by Carl H. Pforzheimer Sr. over a period of some 50 years, the library includes:

- "Recuyell of the histories of Troye," printed in 1475 by the first English printer, William Caxton.
- The four folios of Shakespeare from 1623, 1632, 1663 and 1685.
- The Cloverdale Bible, 1535, the first complete Bible in English.
- Chaucer's "Works," 1532.
- Francis Bacon's "Essays," 1597, the first edition of the renowned English essayist.
- "Poems, by J.D.," the first collected edition of John Donne's poetry, 1633.
- John Locke's "An Essay Concerning Humane Understanding," 1690.
- "The Generall Historie of Virginia," by Captain John Smith, 1624, the first sizable work in English about North America.

Turner noted that the collection includes 15 Shakespeare quartos, the earliest forms in which the playwright's works appeared in print.

"Exceedingly rare, each literally is worth its weight in gold — and then some," he said.

Perot said he bought the books for UT so scholars could have access to them and so inexpensive facsimiles

could be produced for wider study.

"These books were under and key," he said. "These from this point forward will be able to scholars."

Accused killer termed psychotic by witness

Associated Press

ODESSA — Arthur Lee MacLeod, a former elementary teacher who admitted strangling his ex-Playboy bunny wife to death, was described by a defense witness Tuesday as a psychotic and alcoholic.

But Lubbock psychologist Richard Wall, who also described the late Evelyn Feather MacLeod as a manipulative psychopath, testified MacLeod would be a good probation candidate if he stopped drinking.

Testimony in MacLeod's murder trial here focused Tuesday on the mental health and psychological histories of the defendant and the victim, whose head and hands were found buried in the couple's yard last year. Their stormy relationship has become a key to what is now the trial's central issue: MacLeod's intent and state of mind on the night he killed his wife.

If convicted of murder, MacLeod faces life or from five to 99 years in prison. If convicted of

voluntary manslaughter, he could get no more than 20 years.

Criminal District Attorney Bob Darnell pointed out that Wall's findings were based on what MacLeod told him last August, two months after the crime, not on police reports.

MacLeod is a repressive person who tends to deny problems as they become unmanageable, Darnell explained. Mrs. MacLeod, who he saw in 1983, was depressed, suicidal and an alcohol and drug abuser who used other people and then became angry with them, Wall said.

MacLeod accepted peculiar behavior by his wife, Wall said. He learned of her sordid past March. Their fighting increased dramatically after that point, said, and she became more territorial when MacLeod would no longer believe her.

MacLeod admitted MacLeod that he strangled his wife 15 months during an argument. He testified he did not remember dismembering her in an alcoholic stupor.

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