

# State and Local

KLS attorney seeks contracts for case

## Wasson accused of creating debt

By Mike Sullivan  
Staff Writer

Bill Wasson, Texas A&M vice chancellor, says he does not have the authority to borrow money or create debt for the University, but John Hawtrey, attorney for KLS Computers, says he thinks Wasson approved contracts that have created a large debt for A&M's Micro Center.

KLS Computers filed a \$4.05 million lawsuit Jan. 29 against Wasson accusing him of overstepping his authority as an A&M employee when he and other individuals under his authority created the Micro Center.

The suit also says Wasson promoted unfair competition by allowing the center to use state money to sell computers at uncompetitively low prices.

The suit also seeks an injunction to close the Micro Center. Hawtrey says Wasson, who serves

as chairman of the Systems Computing Policies Committee, arranged the volume discounts by contracting with various manufacturers for more than the center's \$1.5 million budget allows.

The 1985-86 budget lists expenses for the center at \$1,477,621, but the expenses are not itemized.

Wasson says John Kane, manager of the center, developed the center's budget.

Kane says the center doesn't have a set operating budget and the 1985-86 budget was put together at the last minute.

"We really haven't had an honest to goodness operating budget," Kane says. "Things were thrown together at the last minute mainly because we had to have something."

Kane says he doesn't think the center has contracted for more than it can afford.

"I can't recall right off the top of my head, but I don't think there are (contracts for more than the budget allows)," he says.

Hawtrey says if Wasson has spent more than is allowed for in the budget, he acted beyond the authority of his System job and is personally accountable.

To prove his case, Hawtrey says he needs the individual contracts between the center and the manufacturers.

Wasson says he has some of the contracts but he doesn't know what's in them, and he says the rest of the contracts are filed with various departments around campus.

At a deposition Friday, Wasson said he couldn't personally account for all the contracts. Hawtrey says the deposition was

primarily for discovering exactly who does have the contracts.

"The records will speak for themselves," Hawtrey says.

Kelvin Adams, attorney for Wasson, says Wasson doesn't have to produce the contracts because Hawtrey is suing him as an individual.

As a private individual, Adams says, Wasson has no right to the documents, which he says, are the property of A&M.

Because the center buys in volume from such manufacturers as Apple and IBM, it can sell computers to students, faculty and staff at below dealer cost.

Larry Berry, president of KLS Computers, says he and other local retailers can't compete with the discounts offered by the center.

## Groups at A&M seeking site for fraternity row

By Brad Weir  
Reporter

After gaining recognition from Texas A&M last summer, fraternities are nearing another landmark in establishing the Greek system at A&M by building a fraternity row.

Currently the fraternity houses at A&M are spread throughout the Bryan-College Station area.

James Schneider, president of Phi Gamma Delta, says fraternity row could be the unifying force for rival fraternities.

"Another reason for frat row is to move to an area where there's not a

problem with the neighbors, like many fraternities are experiencing now," Schneider says.

Doug Feigl, housing chairman for Sigma Phi Epsilon, says local realtors have shown great interest and cooperation in helping the fraternities develop fraternity row.

Currently the fraternities are looking at:

- A 25-acre lot on the corner of Wellborn and Deacon roads.
- A lot behind Treehouse Village apartments facing the A&M Horse Center.
- A lot on the corner of Wellborn and Holleman roads.
- A lot on Harvey Road east of the Highway 6 bypass.

Feigl says the Wellborn and Deacon road lot is the best of the four proposed sites. The lot is only 2.5 miles from campus, and the owner is making the deal very attractive, he says.

Feigl says landowner W.D. Fitch will donate 1.3 acres out of the total 25 acres for a commons area. The

area would be about the size of a football field and could be used by all the fraternities building on the row.

Moreover, Feigl says fraternity row will be the first development on the 25 acres, thereby eliminating the angry neighbor problems that have plagued fraternities in the past.

David Giunto, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon, has been working on the project since its beginning last April. He says realtors have been quoting competitive prices for the acreage. The going price is now \$1.50 per square foot for an average size lot of about two acres.

Danny Parsley, president of Sigma Chi, says the fraternities should pick a site by the end of the semester.

Roy Duff, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, says his fraternity has house plans drawn, bylaws prepared and the capital ready to buy a lot on fraternity row.

The amount of money needed to

purchase a lot on fraternity row varies for each fraternity.

Feigl says the sorority houses have been used as a scale for fraternities to decide the size of house they need. Prices for the sorority houses ranged from \$800,000 to \$1 million.

Fraternities are handling their own financing, Feigl says, which can be acquired through the fraternity's national organization.

Some of the fraternities also are looking into limited partnerships. A limited partnership is a group of investors who buy the land and the house through a lease-purchase agreement. In 10 years the fraternity can buy the house from the investors.

The fraternities who have contacted one or all of the realtors involved in the fraternity row project include Alpha Gamma Rho, Sigma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi and Phi Gamma Delta.

### Correction

Friday's issue of At Ease incorrectly reported that Texas Coin Exchange no longer sells krugerrands. Texas Coin Exchange still sells krugerrands. The Battalion regrets the error.



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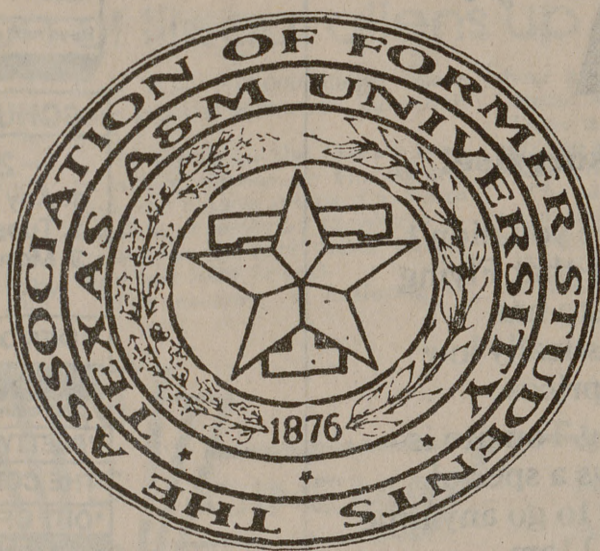
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