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Profs work to start club despite money barriers

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With tentative approval from the board of Regents and President Frank E. Vandiver, a group of A&M professors is working to overcome financial barriers so a faculty club can be established on the 11th floor of Rudder Tower.

An interim board of directors, appointed in the spring by the Faculty Senate and made up of several faculty members, has been negotiating with University officials and studying the feasibility and costs of such a club.

Dr. Brann Johnson, associate professor of geophysics and a board member, said the major worry has been how to finance the club.

"As it is now," Johnson said, "we are not working on the premise that we're going to get any type of financial subsidy from the University, although that would be nice."

"The board is certainly looking at every option it can get to some assistance — if not money, then maybe services."

If not subsidized by the University, dues from club members and donations would have to finance the club, he said.

Many other major universities in Texas have faculty clubs. The University of Texas faculty club, for example, gets about \$100,000 per year from the school to cover its expenses, Johnson said.

He said the problems of where to house the faculty club and whether alcohol can be served are no longer issues.

The University has made the upper two stories of Rudder Tower available for lease by the club and the Board of Regents has said alcohol could be legally served there.

Johnson said the interim board of directors is trying to get a lease from the University.

"We've been attempting to get a specific lease from the University," he said, "but it's still being put together."

Although Rudder Tower is the primary location being considered, Johnson said the board also is considering locating the club at a facility off campus.

But he said no specific offers have been made, only suggestions.

In the near future, the board plans to poll the A&M faculty through a questionnaire to determine what the club members want

and will be willing to support, Johnson said.

"The board is trying to establish what services are going to be available that are consistent with the expenses the membership would be able to sustain," Johnson said. "It's essentially a market and cost analysis."

"Since we were not promised any type of financial subsidy, we are trying to find a way to make the club as economical as possible so as to encourage as broad and complete a membership as possible."

The two major financial troubles the board is facing are the day-to-day operational costs of the club and possible construction costs if the upper floors in Rudder Tower have to be remodeled to meet the club's needs.

"We don't want to make money," Johnson said. "We want to have a club that will provide an area for interaction among faculty."

"If you're in the faculty, the way that we're structured, there is very little opportunity for faculty to interact with each other except within their immediate work environment."

CS council considers ordinance requiring bicycle registration

By Craig Renfro
Staff Writer

A surplus of stolen bicycles has spurred the city of College Station to consider passing an ordinance requiring bike owners to register their vehicles with the city.

City Manager William Cole said that under the ordinance it would cost \$3 to register each bicycle, and that persons who fail to register their bicycles could face a fine of up to \$200.

The city council considered the ordinance at its last meeting, but delayed action to give the item further consideration.

Cole said some council members were concerned over the amount of the fine, and how the law would be enforced. Another concern was whether the registration would be voluntary or mandatory.

The council will discuss the item at its workshop meeting Wednesday, Cole said.

College Station Police Lt. Bernie Kapella said he hopes the ordinance is passed, because it will enable the city to return stolen bicycles to their rightful owners.

Kapella said 250 bicycles are stolen each year. The department recovers 80 percent of the stolen bicycles, but can't return them because they don't know who the owners are, he said.

The unclaimed bicycles are sold at a city auction, he said.

"We recover 200 (bicycles) and don't know who they belong to," Kapella said. "Some of these are \$600 bicycles that we auction for \$100 just because we don't know who the owner is."

Bryan Police Chief Charles Phelps said Bryan has had a similar ordinance in effect for 25 years. However, he said, the law is not strictly enforced.

"The problem is that we don't want to create a negative image with youngsters," Phelps said.

Another problem with the law is that citizens don't take the time to register their property, he said.

"It's just apathy," Phelps said. "People don't take the time to do it and they don't worry about it until it happens to them."

Kapella said another reason the ordinance should be passed is to help the police identify bicycle riders involved in accidents.

"Our concern is that people ride their bicycles, but often don't carry any identification," Kapella said. "In the event of a serious accident the police would be able to identify the person if the bicycle was registered."

If the ordinance is passed, Kapella said special registration drives will be conducted to encourage people to participate.

"The idea is not to generate revenue for the city, but to have some way to get these bikes back," Kapella said.



I'm A Pole Man

Photo by John Makely

Crews raised the centerpole for bonfire 1986 at 4:03 Thursday afternoon on Texas A&M's

Duncan Field. Bonfire is scheduled to be lighted Nov. 25 at "dark-thirty."

Clements wins majority of votes in MSC mock elections

By Jinks Gholson
Reporter

The results are in, and students of Texas A&M predict Republican candidate Bill Clements will reclaim his governor's chair in Austin.

Clements claimed 63.4 percent of the vote over Democratic incumbent Mark White and Libertarian candidate Teresa Doyle in the mock election sponsored by the Memorial Stu-

dent Center Political Forum on Thursday.

Natalie Hopkins, travel and special events coordinator of Political Forum, said she expected students to vote a highly Republican ballot, but results didn't come out close to a straight ticket at all. Libertarians received only a slight percentage of the vote.

Before the election, Hopkins said she expected about 3,000 students to

participate in the mock election. But only 498 students marked their choices at the polls this year.

In a close race for District 6, Republican U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, received 43.7 percent of the vote to top Democrat Pete Geren.

In the race for lieutenant governor, Democrat Bill Hobby received 58.6 percent of the vote to win out over Republican David Davidson and Libertarian Bill Howell.

In the race for attorney general, Republican Roy R. Barrera received 51.2 percent of the vote over his opponents, Democrat Jim Mattox and Libertarian Mike Stephens.

In other results:

- Democrat Bob Bullock stole 83.1 percent of the vote for Comptroller of Public Accounts over Libertarian George Meeks.

- Democrat Ann W. Richards won 85.7 percent of the vote for State Treasurer over Libertarian Rebecca Reed.

Democrat Garry Mauro received 51.2 percent of the vote for Commissioner of General Land Office over opponents Republican M. D. Anderson Jr. and Libertarian Horney Sue Lanham.

- Democrat Jim Hightower won with 52.1 percent of the vote for Commissioner of Agriculture over

Republican Bill Powers and Libertarian Rebecca Reed.

- Republican Milton E. Fox barely squeaked by with 47.9 percent of the vote over Democrat John Sharp's 47.4 percent and Libertarian Chloe Jack Danie in the race for Railroad Commissioner.

- Democrat Kent A. Caperton walked away with 100 percent of the vote in the opponent-free race for state senator, District 5.

Oil prices rise after firing of Saudi leader

NEW YORK (AP) — The removal of Sheik Ahmed Zaki Yamani as Saudi Arabia's oil minister sent prices of crude oil and refined products soaring Thursday.

Analysts attributed the reaction to a combination of technical factors and uncertainty over the effect his departure would have on future efforts by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to limit production to boost world prices.

Some analysts speculated Yamani's departure would remove a long-respected voice of moderation within the fractious cartel, making future agreements to limit production and higher oil prices less likely.

Others said that King Fahd's move smoothed the way to better cooperation within the 13-nation cartel, which would boost chances for higher prices in the future.

At the New York Mercantile Exchange, contracts for December delivery of West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark U.S. crude oil grade, rose \$1.31 a barrel to close at \$15.04.

Prices for November deliveries also rose significantly.



The Great Pumpkin?

Photo by Tom Ownbey

Tom Lenahan displays his Halloween creation. Lenahan, who learned how to sculpt pumpkins

from his father, says it takes about three hours to carve one.

Newspapers endorse governor candidates based on economy

DALLAS (AP) — Texas newspapers cited the state's downtrodden economy as a key theme in their endorsements in the governor's race, and the bitterness of the campaign between Gov. Mark White and challenger Bill Clements concerned some editors.

The *Abilene Reporter-News*, which endorsed Clements, suggested the campaign styles of the two candidates were not of service to the voters.

"Texans have a difficult choice in this race, not because both candidates are highly qualified to serve as governor, but because neither has distinguished himself in a lackluster, non-informative, often dirty campaign," the *Reporter-News* said.

The *Lufkin Daily News* declined to endorse either candidate, writing, "The final month of campaigning has been characterized by mudslinging TV ads geared to appeal to the intellect of the village idiot."

Several newspapers that backed Clements pointed to his experience in the private sector as a needed

component in the fight to balance the state budget.

"Clements is a businessman," wrote the *Beaumont Enterprise*. "He understands the bottom line, efficiency and waste, much better than White, a man with a background in law and politics."

But the *San Angelo Standard-Times*, in endorsing White, said the incumbent was better suited to the state's changing economic environment.

"Texans live in a different state from the one they called home in 1982," the *Standard-Times* said. "It is the same one in most of the obvious ways . . . but its economy and its problems have undergone a sea of change that outdates old approaches to leading state government."

Other newspapers backing White praised his leadership during the state's budget shortfall.

The *Houston Post* said White "has earned four more years by backing programs vital to this state, as well as the taxes to pay for them, in a period of severe economic hardship."