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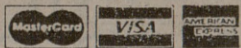
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**Regent praised  
by Vandiver  
for contribution**

By Mona Palmer  
Assistant City Editor

Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver on Monday gave special thanks to Regent Royce Wisenbaker for the \$100,000 contribution he made Sunday to a graduate fellowship fund.

Vandiver delivered his special report during the final meeting of the Board of Regents.

He added that Wisenbaker was the "father" of the President's Endowed Scholarship.

"He's a man who puts his money where his heart is," Vandiver said. "This is a marvelous example of enlightened generosity."

Wisenbaker commented, "Frank, all of that wasn't necessary but, really, you said just what I told you to."

"For many, many years the only scholarships we had were for poor boys — that's all that came to A&M."

The first scholarship that addressed this need was the President's Endowed Scholarship, which is based on scholastic ability rather than financial need, he said.

Wisenbaker added that the fellowship, which is slated for engineering graduate students, needs a total of \$200,000. At 7 percent interest, \$200,000 generates \$14,000 per year, which is enough to support a graduate student for a year.

He added that the University has to have graduate students and if it wants the best ones, it will have to pay for them.

After Vandiver's presentation, the board reconvened and gave final approval to items proposed by the board's committees.

The Committee for Academic Campuses proposed the establishment of an Institute for Pacific Asia. Since virtually all of the institutes for Asian studies at U.S. universities concern themselves almost exclusively with culture, the A&M institute is unique in its focus on science, technology and economic development, Vandiver wrote in the proposal.

The institute will fully support itself within three years, but the board appropriated \$120,000 from the Available University Fund to cover the costs associated with the establishment of the center.

The board also approved a proposal to establish a Center for Environmental Research in Austin.

The center is designed to fill a gap in existing environmental management technology and will be jointly established with the University of Texas and the City of Austin.

The board also approved:

- an appropriation of \$418,000 for renovations in the ceiling of the Memorial Student Center.

- an appropriation of \$70,000 for a preliminary design for the Chemistry Building renovations. The renovations are scheduled to begin in Spring '87. The renovated building will be used to accommodate the needs of several senior faculty members.

- an appropriation of \$40,000 for a preliminary design for the renovations scheduled for the Langford Architecture Center. Those renovations will include the repair of problems in the heating-ventilating-air conditioning system and several interior modifications.



Photo by Steve Thomas

**Pack Your Trunks**

Stephanie Schulze, a senior from Lexington, dresses in style for the cold, wet weather of Elephant Walk Monday.

**Register**

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to have information showing the peak times of registration and believes that making this information available to students also should help reduce the time it takes to register.

Brigham Young University is using the phone registration system, and has found a solution to the problem of having the system available more days than it's really needed by requiring a \$100 deposit to preregister.

This gives university officials an idea of how many students will be preregistering in each classification. From these numbers, they decide how much time to allow for each classification.

This possible solution was discussed at A&M, but as yet has little support, Ritchey says.

Dropping and adding courses also may be difficult on the new system, Ritchey says.

Although the phone system easily can drop a course and allow another to be added, it has a problem with changing sections of the same class, he says.

Students now cannot add a section of one class until they have dropped the previous section. This does not allow students to compensate if the preferred section is closed. By the time they return and add the old section, that one may be closed, too.

Ritchey says by this time next year, "The system should be able to add a second section of the same class long enough to determine if the new preference is open."

If it is, the old section automatically will be dropped, he says. Otherwise, the student will register in the first-choice section.

Terminals will be available beginning Jan. 7 in the Pavilion and Remote Computing Center for students who need to change sections of a course.

Another problem students find with the new system is that though it is possible to register in class without proper prerequisites, once in that class there is nothing to keep the instructor from dropping the student.

"Although the phone system magnify this problem," Ritchey says, "it's not a new problem."

Ritchey says it is possible for a system to check for prerequisites; it would be too time-consuming, though, he says.

The biggest source of discontent seems to be having to deal with machine directly, without going through a human go-between, he says.

"There was a little buffer in the old system and we have definitely removed that buffer," he says.

The new system was tested on 50 students registering for this fall. Ritchey says the overall reaction from the tests were positive.

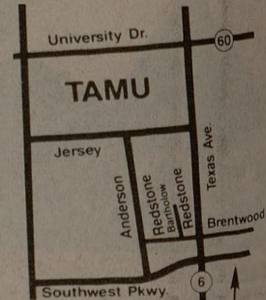
Ritchey says that preregistered students should read through the reactions and prepare the words provided in the class schedule before picking up the phone.

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