

State and Local

Police Beat

The following were reported to the University Police Department from Feb. 11 through Sunday:

- MISDEMEANOR THEFT:**
- A backpack was reported stolen from Sbsa Dining Hall.
 - A student reported that his Civil Engineering textbook was removed from a Commons Dining Hall locker area.
- BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:**
- A plainclothes officer saw a student enter the hatchback of a blue Volkswagen and remove a tan bag. The student was arrested and taken to the Brazos County Jail.
 - Several arrests were made when a plainclothes officer observed some men looking into cars in a campus parking lot.
- ASSAULT:**
- A student in Walton Hall reported that at about 11 p.m. on Feb. 11 he answered a knock at his door and 15 men wearing towels on their heads tried to

- bind his arms and legs with some duct tape. The student said he was able to struggle free and the men fled in all directions.
 - A student reported that while she was riding an intracampus shuttle bus a bearded man wearing tan pants and topsider shoes rubbed up against her.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:**
- A student in Dunn Hall reported that someone entered his room and took all his personal belongings from his drawers and threw them on the floor.
- HARASSMENT:**
- Two students living in Moses Hall reported that they have been receiving annoying prank phone calls for three weeks.
 - A student reported that she had been receiving annoying phone calls for several days.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT:**
- A man reported that he saw two men exit a BMW and urinate on Hogg Street.

Vandiver names interim replacement for recently retired operations head

By Joe Lowe
Reporter

Dr. Jim Ferguson is the new interim president for operations at Texas A&M, President Frank E. Vandiver announced last week. Ferguson, who has served as associate vice president for operations since 1982, replaced Charles R. Cargill, who recently retired.

In his new position, Ferguson will be responsible for the departments of educational information services, grounds maintenance, Physical Plant, security and traffic, and Easterwood Airport.

"Our job is that of maintenance — maintaining the highest quality of services and providing a secure environment," Ferguson said.

Ferguson, who described his position as the city manager for the University, said the operations department will continue to provide the

best possible services for the University and uphold the three main goals of the University: teaching, research and service.

Ferguson, who holds three degrees from A&M — including a Ph.D. in educational administration — said the three major projects the department will be concerned with during his interim are a new parking garage proposed for the summer of 1988, improvements at Easterwood Airport and improvements to the functioning of the Physical Plant.

The new garage, scheduled for completion by August 1988, will be at the site of the old physical plant and should provide relief for some of the University's parking problems by offering about 2,000 parking spaces for day students and faculty members, and by opening other parking lots to those students who live on campus, Ferguson said.

With hopes of improving the Physical Plant, Ferguson said the department will work to optimize manpower despite the recent budget constraints affecting the University, and the same time work to offer a safe and functional environment.

Plans for Easterwood, he said, include the completion of \$12 million worth of improvements, including construction of a new terminal for commercial traffic and a new entry road from FM 60.

Ferguson has been a member of the University's administrative staff since 1978 and previously has served as manager of administrative services in the Physical Plant, assistant for management analysis in the office of the vice president for business affairs and manager of administrative services for the business services department.

Vandiver has commissioned a special committee to look into the selection of a permanent vice president of operations and to examine the organization and policies of the department to see if a new structure will better serve the University, Ferguson said.

New oil bill would give tax credits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressman Larry Combest of Lubbock has introduced a bill that would give oil producers tax credits when the price of crude drops below the base price set forth in the Windfall Profits Tax Act of 1980.

"The oil patch is suffering from depressed oil prices that threaten the industry's survival and this country's security," the second-term Republican said. "We must act to see that the entire country does not relive the horrible gas lines of the 1970s."

Combest's bill, called the Energy Equity Act of 1987, would use the levels of taxation called for in the windfall tax act as a measure for the amount of tax credit oil producers should receive if the price drops below the base price.

Currently, when the selling price is greater than the base price, a special tax, or windfall profits tax, is imposed.

"It is time to apply the windfall profits concept to the bad years as well as to the good times," Combest said in a prepared statement.

The Energy Equity Act, introduced by Combest late last week, would end in 1991.

Texas senators to decide on nomination to TEC

AUSTIN (AP) — The entire Senate will decide Thursday if Ronald Luna, secretary of the state Democratic Party, should serve another term on the Texas Employment Commission.

Gov. Bill Clements said he would not interfere with the vote of the nomination of Luna, an appointee of former Gov. Mark White.

The Senate Nominations Committee voted 6-0 Tuesday not to make a recommendation on Luna's nomination.

Gubernatorial nominations must receive a two-thirds vote of senators present to be confirmed.

Clements said later he would not oppose Luna's nomination, or any other last-minute appointments by White, a Democrat, who was defeated by Clements on Nov. 4.

"I don't think it's constructive for us to create wounds and scars over a matter of really small consequence," Clements told a news conference. "I have made a decision this

morning that I'm going to let all the appointments go through without opposition."

Sen. Chet Edwards, D-Duncanville, chairman of the Nominations Committee, told the Senate he thought Clements' decision was a statesmanlike action.

The committee recommended approval of

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six other White appointments that had been held up last week. There was a question raised whether any White appointments made after Nov. 1 were legal because of a 1983 law change that attempted to outlaw "midnight appointments" by lame-duck governors.

"We have been having extensive dis-

cussions, always in a very good-humored manner, with respect to these appointments," Clements said. "There has been a lot of give and take and a lot of ideas put forward as to whether or not this was a violation of the legislation that was passed."

"I find no one that says that these appoint-

ments are not a violation of the intent of that law, but there are mixed feelings about it as to how we should proceed."

The White appointees approved Tuesday were Nancy Barnes, wife of former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes, to the TEC; Richard Bischoff, Houston, to the Texas Turnpike Authority;

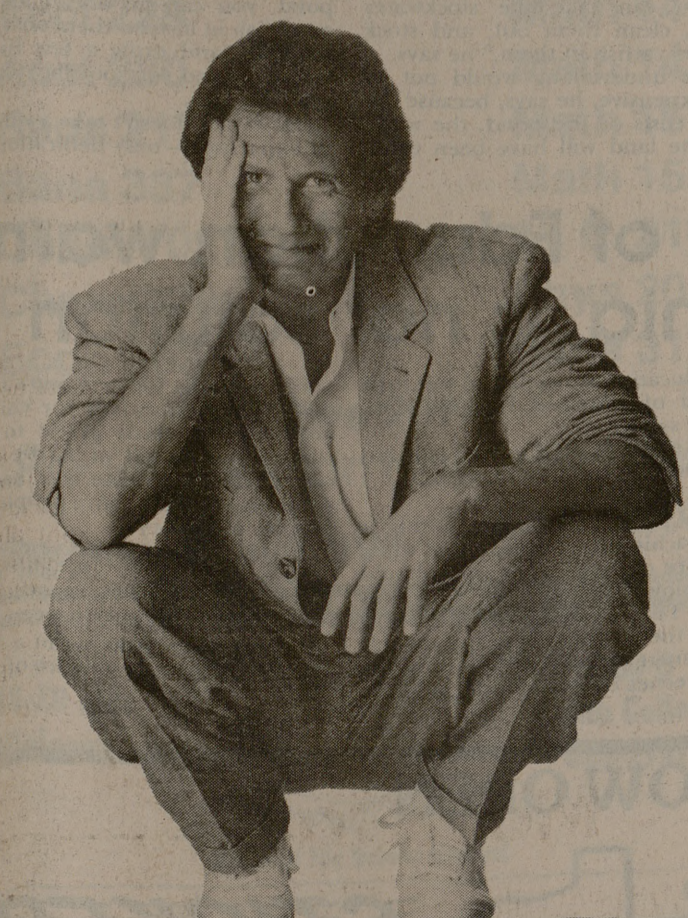
Court of Appeals Judge Robert Gammage, Austin, to the Texas Judicial Council; Jim Sale, Dallas, to the Veterans Land Board; Bettie Girling to the Home Health Services Advisory Council; and Dr. Kenneth Dorris, Erath County, to the Texas Animal Health Commission.

"It is a question of Luna's qualifications as a TEC commissioner, not if White's appointment was legal," said Blake.

Blake also said Clements had asked him to vote against Luna. He said he had no specifics of the complaints against Luna, "but some people didn't think he did a good job as commissioner, including some labor people."

Luna, a former assistant attorney general and prominent worker in the state Democratic party for years, was named by White to the TEC about three years ago as labor's representative on the three-member board.

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