

Residents of Walton get eviction warning

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Residents of Walton residence hall's K ramp received letters April 8 from the Office of Student Affairs warning them that they may be evicted before the end of the semester if their "continued problems" of "disruption and vandalism" continue.

The ramp will be closed during the 1988-89 school year, however, and students who reserved housing in the ramp for next year will be relocated to other ramps within Walton Hall or to comparable dormitories on campus.

"We have had several incidences since early in the semester and have had a number of correspondences with the residents, but the damage, vandalism and disruption have continued," said Tom Murray, assistant

director of student affairs for housing.

In his letter to the students living in K ramp, Murray writes, "In spite of our efforts to communicate to you the University's expectations of appropriate behavior in the residence halls, problems continue to occur. Frankly, I am nearing a point where the only alternative may be immediate relocation of all K Ramp residents."

"I recognize the inconvenience this could cause residents with final exams approaching, but we are also concerned for all residents exposed to the disruptions of K Ramp."

K Ramp residents wanting to move immediately will be accommodated, Murray said, if they apply for relocation before Friday.

Among cited damages are broken windows and doors, for which K Ramp residents as a group will be billed at the end of the semester.

The estimated cost of the damages is \$310, to be divided among 32 residents.

Objects also have been thrown from and shot at windows in the ramp, and noise has been a continual problem, Murray said.

Associate director for student affairs William Kibler told the Faculty Senate Monday that there has been more damage in K Ramp than in all the other dormitories on campus together.

The Faculty Senate discussed one section of 1988-89 University Rules and Regulations that would allow the University to bill all residents of one ramp or floor of a dormitory for damage that couldn't be attributed to individuals.

Kibler said that clause already is in housing contracts that dormitory residents sign, but that it previously has not been in the official University rules and regulations.

Faculty Senator Manuel Davenport opposed the controversial section, and proposed an amendment, that was eventually passed, to delete that section.

"The concept of group guilt has no place in rules and regulations," Davenport said, adding that this is an issue of an individual's right to presumption of innocence until guilt is proven.

He said innocent students shouldn't be billed for damages they didn't commit.

But Kibler said housing officials only would bill an entire group of students as a last resort, and that this is a relatively uncommon problem.

He said the University administrators can't compensate for the cost of the vandalism by raising dorm rent, because they risk "costing ourselves out of the market."

Dormitory rates already are scheduled to go up 5 percent in the Fall semester, he said.

Faculty Senator Leonard Ponder spoke in favor of the controversial section, saying that the administrators in charge of student discipline have a virtually impossible task.

"University students are smarter than we are," Ponder said. "They always have been and they always will be. They think while we sleep."

Resident Scott Shelton, a sophomore business major, said he thinks the penalty is unfair, but unavoidable, to those innocent of the vandalism.

"Most of the stuff (vandalism) happens at night, and it keeps building up," he said. "You can't say, 'Hey, guys, don't do that.'"

Last year, residents of Walton's E Ramp were evicted in the middle of the semester for excessive vandalism.

But Murray said he believes the two relocations in the same hall are "just absolute coincidence."

"We've had problems with other halls, too," he said. "But in a dorm like Walton, where the hall is divided into ramps, each ramp develops its own personality. Each one is totally different from the other ramps."

Council proposes Texas A&I branch of A&M vet school

From Staff and Wire Reports

KINGSVILLE (AP) — Establishing a branch of Texas A&M's veterinary school at Kingsville is among 95 proposals a planning committee has recommended for Texas A&I University.

The 21-member Strategic Planning Committee also recommended a pharmacy school and doctoral programs in range and wildlife management, biology and all engineering programs. The package that would cost between \$50 million and \$75 million over the next decade, Texas A&I President Steven Altman said.

One key recommendation of the panel was to establish a veterinary science program as a branch of Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine. Under the proposal, a student could spend two years in a pre-veterinary science program at A&I before moving on to Texas A&M.

"We already have an outstanding record in placing students at A&M because of our pre-veterinary courses at A&I," Altman said. "We think some of the work now being done at A&M could be done here, using available resources."

Dr. Dean Gage, the Associate Dean of Veterinary Medicine at A&M, said Monday evening that he had not heard about the proposal. He said A&I approached Texas A&M with a similar proposal about three years ago, but no action was taken.

Gage said a group of professors went with Dr. Eaton, a provost at A&M, to look at the A&I situation when the branch was originally pro-

posed, but nothing was done at the time.

"We felt the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical School could accommodate the state's needs for a professional curriculum in veterinary medicine," Gage said. "The proposal was not economically feasible because of the extreme high cost of a professional curriculum and hard financial difficulties in Texas."

Students that meet A&M's Veterinary School entrance requirements have no problems getting in," he said, "so there is no need to have a branch at A&I."

Altman said one of the reasons A&I proposed locating an A&M branch in Kingsville was to remedy the lack of professional schools in South Texas. A&I's doctoral program in bilingual education is the only doctoral program in the region.

Last year, the state's Select Committee on Higher Education reported that South Texas had been ignored because of a lack of professional degree programs.

Gage said A&M's veterinary school has a good representation of minorities.

"We work very hard to recruit blacks and Hispanics," he said. "We have a good representation of minorities."

The Legislature last year ordered Texas A&M and the University of Texas at Austin to conduct a study on higher educational needs in South Texas.

A lawsuit also has been filed against the state's higher education system on behalf of Hispanic students in South Texas.

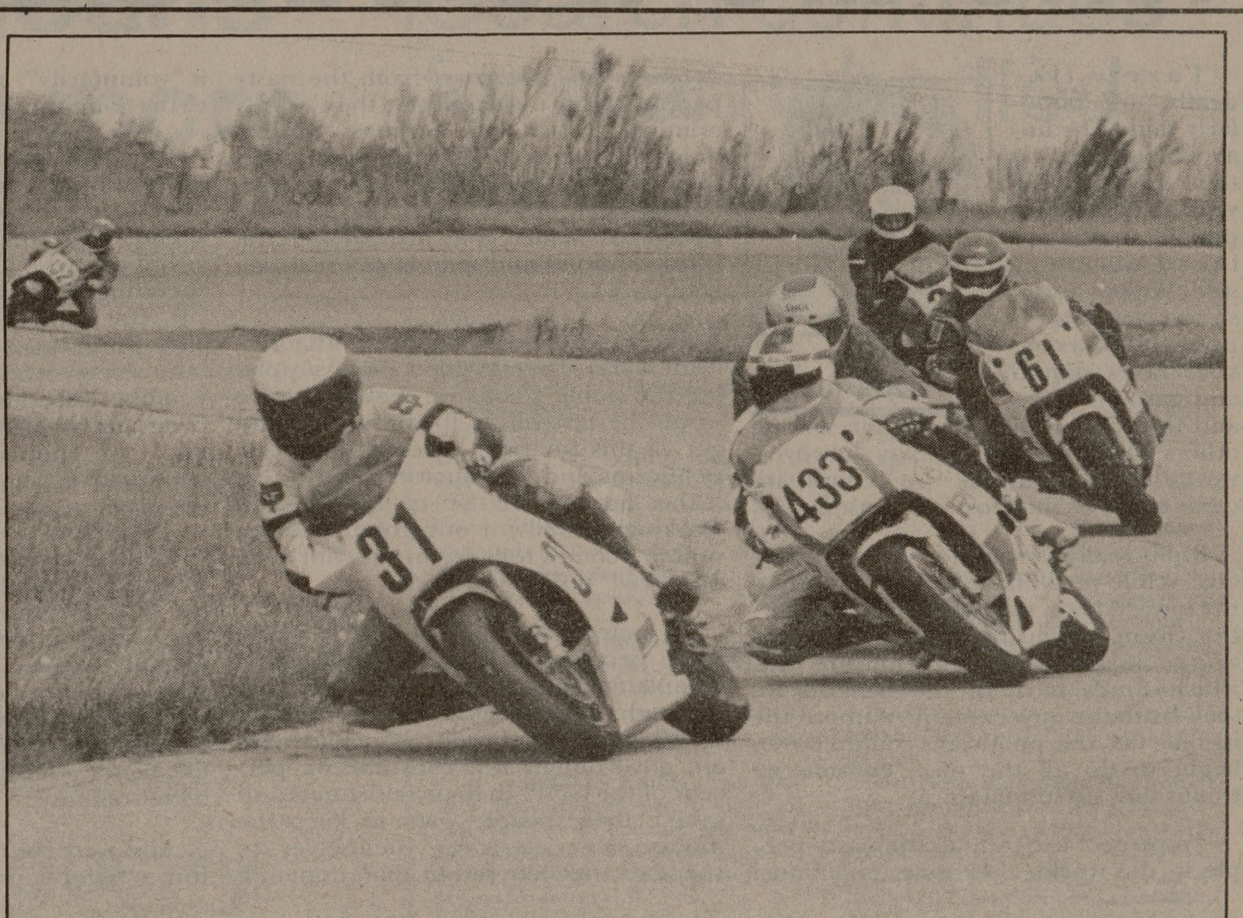


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Follow the leader

Junior Greg Abbot leads others at the Central Roadracing club race Sunday at Texas World Speed-

way. Abbott has been racing for about one year and has achieved expert status.

Study: Business schools need ties with 'real world'

DALLAS (AP) — The most detailed assessment of the nation's business schools in nearly 30 years found widespread complacency, poor planning and a lack of contact with the business world.

But the 372-page report, released Monday at a national convention of business schools, drew immediate fire from deans and corporate officials who said the report didn't go far enough in addressing social and ethical issues, including minority recruitment.

"While both corporate and academic leaders believe business schools are performing reasonably well at present, they are in danger of drifting casually toward the 21st century, without careful thought and strategic planning about the roles their graduates will play in the changing world of business," the study said.

It chided schools for preaching long-term planning in the corporate world, but doing little planning themselves beyond the next semester.

Businesses, for their part, "typically feel they can safely ignore most business school research with impunity," the report said.

The report, "Management Education and Development: Drift or Thrust into the 21st Century," was commissioned by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Busi-

ness, an accrediting body whose 254 member schools award about 55 percent of all business degrees awarded annually.

The report was compiled by Lyman Porter and Lawrence McKibbin after a three-year study of the nation's business schools. The researchers interviewed deans, professors, placement directors and others on 60 campuses, as well as chief executives, college recruiters and those responsible for executive development from 50 private-sector organizations.

In addition, the data includes results from 10,000 extensive questionnaires mailed to a similar audience.

"I was disappointed that after three years of work, the politics of an organization this large seems to have watered down everything," said John Rosenblum, dean of the University of Virginia's graduate school of business.

"It just wasn't strong enough," he added. "I think one could have left with the impression that we really are all right. I don't think we're all right."

Porter, a professor at the Graduate School of Management at the University of California at Irvine, said the report could not answer all the concerns of the business or educational communities. But after the research was complete, he said he was pleased to see how well the corporations thought of the prepara-

tions for their employees.

"The reactions from the business community were more positive than we had anticipated," Porter said.

McKibbin, a professor of management at the University of Oklahoma, agreed.

"When we went in, we expected to be tongue-lashed by our colleagues in the corporate world," McKibbin said. "That didn't happen at all."

Bob Pike, a spokesman for Procter & Gamble, said the report failed to address "the diversity of our work force. We're looking very carefully at things like the minority enrollments in business colleges and other social issues. Our company and many major firms are very concerned about these things."

The report concluded that business schools were lax in forecasting and meeting future trends in the business community.

"Complacency and self-satisfaction appear to be the dominant attitudes in many schools," Porter and McKibbin reported. "There is little perceived need for major changes in the way in which collegiate management education is carried out."

Richard Lewis, dean of the business school at the University of Michigan, said, "This is our opportunity to see that and change our complacency. This could be the single most important factor coming out of the study."

Female provost given place on search panel

By Karen Kroesche
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Associate Provost Sallie Sheppard has replaced President Frank E. Vandiver on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, Faculty Senate Speaker C. Richard Shumway said Monday.

In his opening comments at a regular Senate meeting, Shumway said Vandiver will serve as a consultant to the committee.

George Wharton, director of affirmative action for the Texas A&M system, also has been appointed as a consultant to the search committee, Shumway said.

Wharton will advise the committee on minority matters.

Student Body President Mason Hogan, a member of the Search Advisory Committee, said Sheppard was asked to join the committee about a month ago in response to complaints that there were no minorities or women on the committee.

President Vandiver's hectic schedule made it difficult for him to attend all the search advisory committee meetings, Hogan said.

He said the president indicated early on that he would prefer just to serve as a consultant to the committee.

So when the committee decided to add Shepherd to its ranks, one member suggested that she take Vandiver's position, Hogan said.

He said Vandiver was agreeable to the idea.

Hogan said he does not think discrimination has been a factor in the selection process.

"The minority issue has been brought up several times," he said, adding that Wharton has been advising committee members on what types of questions they should ask a candidate to determine his or her commitment to affirmative action programs.

Both Sheppard and Vandiver were unavailable for comment Monday evening.

Shumway also said Regent John B. Coleman has been added to the presidential selection committee.

In its meeting, the Faculty Senate put its stamp of approval on policy and procedure guidelines formulated by the president's Task Force on Sexual Harassment.

It also passed a resolution that recommends that classrooms be classified according to degree of equipment available and asks that the University "move with all deliberate speed to upgrade all classrooms."

The resolution also recommends that the University develop a central campus authority to provide technical assistance to faculty members wishing to produce video tapes and use audio visual equipment.

Speaking in favor of the resolution, Dr. Peter Hugill said he fears

Slideshow leads to criticism of traditions

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Aggie students and traditions came under fire at a Faculty Senate meeting Monday after a guest presentation by Student Body President Mason Hogan and a presentation and slide show by student Aggie Muster representatives.

"I would never advise anybody to go to midnight yell practice," Dr. Alton Patton said at the meeting drew to a close. "It may be a tradition, but it's a bad one."

Patton was responding to Hogan's comments, in which Hogan called for a better understanding among faculty of Texas A&M traditions. Hogan said a lot of the misunderstandings between faculty and students — like the senior finals and faculty club issues — are caused by the fact that faculty don't understand "where students are coming from."

Hogan said last semester Student Government wrote and sent invitations to 300 new faculty members to attend yell practice with student hosts. Of the 300, only two faculty members showed up, Hogan said.

A&M is being left behind in the technological revolution when it comes to classroom equipment.

"We're supposedly approaching the 21st century," Hugill said, "but we're teaching as if we're in the 19th."

Hugill said he thinks United States universities are undergoing an audio-visual revolution akin to the printing press revolution, and that A&M needs to keep up.

"The question is 'Are we as faculty going to allow ourselves to be out-

weighed by new technology, or are we going to try to keep up with it?'" Hugill said.

In other action, the Faculty Senate:

- approved candidates for degrees in May and June.
- finished revisions and approval of the 1988 University Rules and Regulations.
- rejected a resolution requiring the University to provide a financial advising and counseling service to faculty members.

Patton said he attended midnight yell practice once and was surrounded by students throwing up, fighting and shoving each other. He said students, not faculty, need to clean up their act.

Faculty Senator Mark Busby said he was "dismayed" that he did not see a single slide in the Muster committee's slide show of students in a classroom or in the library, and Senator David Anderson said his time could have been better spent.

"I would have preferred not to have seen that slide show on Aggie tradition," Anderson said.

But Senator William Bassichis pointed out after the meeting that not all faculty members share the opinions expressed on the floor of the Faculty Senate meeting. He said he was touched by the slide show.

Hogan also said he does not think Faculty Senate members are a true representation of faculty opinion.

"I really found out that a majority of faculty on this campus don't even respect Faculty Senate opinion," Hogan said after the meeting, adding that the same could probably be said for the Student Senate.

Hijackers kill Kuwaiti officer during siege

LARNACA, Cyprus (AP) — Arab hijackers on Monday killed a second hostage, tossed his bloody body from a Kuwaiti jet and threatened to kill the rest of the nearly 50 captives if the plane wasn't refueled.

The gunman said the dead man was a "Kuwaiti officer." He was the second of three Kuwaiti military men aboard Kuwait Airways jet that the hijackers have slain during the weeklong ordeal.

The hijackers have demanded that Kuwait release 17 pro-Iranian terrorists convicted in 1984 for bombing the U.S. and French embassies in December 1983.

Sources close to the negotiations said, however, that the hijackers on Monday demanded freedom only for the three men among the 17 who have been sentenced to death. Kuwait apparently rejected the modified demand.

In Kuwait, Foreign Minister Sheik Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah said his country is prepared to lose more hostages rather than give in to terrorism.

"We will try our utmost to protect our dear ones aboard the plane, but we will not surrender to any blackmail, even if we lose more of them," he told a news conference.

There are 52 people aboard the Boeing 747, including three members of the Kuwaiti royal family, as well as the hijackers.