

Mobley to be new A&M president

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The Texas A&M Board of Regents Monday selected Dr. William H. Mobley, executive deputy chancellor of A&M, to succeed University President Frank Vandiver effective Aug. 1.

As the 20th president of A&M, Mobley, 46, will be one of the youngest to hold the office in the school's 112-year history.

In a prepared speech, Mobley told the Board that external monetary resources must be developed with decreasing funds coming from the state.

"Enhanced external resources are essential if we are to take full advantage of the intellectual and creative human capital represented in the faculty, students and staff of this University," he said. "Only with enhanced resource development can we further push back the frontiers of knowledge and infuse this knowledge into the economic, technological, cultural and social fabric of our state and nation."

In addition, Mobley offered 10 areas that he would work to promote and improve, including putting research and teaching on an equal level, stressing traditions, a supportive student environment and student leadership development opportunities, expanding the University's emphasis on minority recruitment and im-

proving the quality of the faculty.

David Eller, chairman of the Board and the Presidential Selection Committee, said Mobley was selected unanimously by the seven-member and "fared extremely well" in evaluations by the Search Advisory Committee, which compiled the list of candidates for the position. Mobley's experience with A&M and his "familiarity with state government and the business community in Texas and nationally" played a large part in his selection, Eller said.

Chancellor Perry Adkisson said Mobley was a "magnificent" choice.

"He was the best qualified candidate for the position," he said. "He brings with him a great deal of academic experience along with energy, vigor and an existing knowledge of how the System works."

Vandiver said Mobley is an excellent choice and besides money for the school, he didn't foresee any problems for the new president.

"This is an interesting time in A&M's history because we are at a crossroads where we have all types of problems, not the least of which is money," he said. "The Board is already interested in and moving toward raising money from the outside. This (raising outside money) will be one of his main prerogatives, I'm sure."

"Aside from that, I don't see any problems that will wake him with chills in the night."

At a post announcement news conference, Mobley reiterated his commitment to work to increase funds for the school and said he would work to continue programs initiated by Vandiver.

"I look forward to nurturing the many seeds that he has planted, and to planting new seeds in the richer intellectual and cultural environment that he has helped create," he said.

Mobley was born Nov. 15, 1941 in Akron, Ohio and received bachelor's degrees in psychology and economics from Denison University in Granville, Ohio in 1963. He later received a Ph.D. in industrial organizational psychology from the University of Maryland in 1971. He worked for PPG Industries in Pittsburgh from 1964 to 1967 and 1971 to 1973 after receiving his Ph.D. From 1973 to 1980 he served in the College of Business Administration as an assistant professor, associate professor and professor.

In 1980, Mobley began his career at A&M as professor and head of the department of management. He has since served as associate dean and dean of the CBA, founding director of the Center for International Business Studies, deputy chancellor and executive deputy chancellor.



Photo by Jay Janner

Frank Vandiver shakes hands with William H. Mobley, the new president of Texas A&M, Monday at the press conference in the Memorial Student Center.

Regents reconsider making garage on part of golf course

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The Texas A&M Board of Regents changed their minds Monday and are again considering the north-west corner of the Texas A&M Golf Course as a possible site for the proposed southside parking garage.

Vice Chairman of the Board Joe H. Reynolds of Houston is against building the garage on the golf course site and regent William A. McKenzie of Dallas is in agreement.

"It was pretty much unanimous that we wanted to build the parking garage without infringing on any green space," McKenzie said.

Regent Royce Wisenbaker of Tyler said, however, that A&M is running out of room for parking

and the golf course is a good solution to the problem.

"It's true that we have painted ourselves into a corner, but it wasn't intentional and we do have a few ways out," Wisenbaker said.

The Board rejected the site earlier because they preferred to keep new construction west of Bizzell Street.

Regent Douglas R. DeCluitt of Waco objects to the golf course site for the same reason.

"I object to it based on aesthetics," DeCluitt said. "I don't think we should be building beyond a line from the System Administration Building."

Board member William A. McKenzie of Dallas said the matter should not have been brought up since it was not on the agenda for

this weekend's meeting and it should not be approved based on that fact.

The Board did not come to any final decisions concerning the location of the southside parking garage. The golf course site is still under consideration.

If the golf course site is approved the garage will be built on the site of the golf course club house, parking lot and the first tee, Wisenbaker said.

As a result, the first tee will be moved and a new club house will be built in one corner of the proposed garage, he said.

The garage will primarily serve about 1,200 students living in the new five-dorm complex in Parking Annex 24.

Richards: Workers have been forgotten

ATLANTA (AP) — Texas Treasurer Ann Richards, in a highly personal keynote address, told the Democratic National Convention on Monday night that the Reagan administration had turned America's working class into the forgotten class. "We can do better," she said.

Richards recounted a letter from a Lorena, Tx. mother of three who said her family income of \$50,000 a year makes life a constant fiscal challenge.

"We're the people you see every day in the grocery store," Richards said, quoting from the unidentified woman's letter. "We obey the laws, pay our taxes and fly our flag on holidays."

"We plod along, trying to make it better for ourselves and our children and our parents. We aren't vocal anymore. I think maybe we're too tired. I believe people like us have been forgotten in America."

Richards said the woman was right.

"Of course you believe you're forgotten," Richards said. "Because you have been. This Republican administration treats us as if we were pieces of a puzzle that can't fit together. They've tried to put us in compartments and separate us from each other. Their political theory is divide and conquer."

"No wonder we feel isolated, confused. We want answers and their response is that something is wrong with you. Well nothing's wrong with you... that you can't fix in November."

"When it comes right down to it, this election is a contest between those who are satisfied with what they have — and those who know we can do better. That's what this election is all about."

Using her trademark rapier wit, she singled out Vice President George Bush, the probable GOP presidential nominee.

"For eight straight years George Bush hasn't displayed the slightest interest in anything we care about,"

she said. "And now that he is after a job that he can't get appointed to, he's like Columbus discovering America. He's found child care. He's found education."

"Poor George, he can't help it. He was born with a silver foot in his mouth."

She received a big laugh with her opening line, when she chided Bush's claim that he is a Texan. He claims a Houston hotel suite as his legal residence.

"I am delighted to be here with you this evening because after listening to George Bush all these years, I figured you needed to know what a real Texas accent sounds like," said the Waco, Tx. native who speaks with a sure-enough Texas drawl.

"I want to announce to this nation that in a little more than 100 days, the Reagan-Meese-Deaver-Nofziger-Poindexter-North-Weinberger-Watt-Corsuch-Lavelle-Stockman-Haig-Bork-Noriega-George Bush-era will be over," she said to sustained applause from the Democrats.

Richards had high praise for Michael Dukakis, to whom she is committed, and for runner-up Jesse Jackson.

She said Jackson "can open our hearts and our minds and stir our very souls. He's taught us that we are as good as our capacity for caring."

She touted Dukakis as a man "who knows that this country is on the edge of a great new era."

"Behind his calm there's an impatience to unify this country and get on with the future," Richards said.

And she praised Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Dukakis' designated running mate, as someone who "understands America from the barrio to the board room."

Richards also carried through on her promise to note the importance of letting a woman make the keynote address. She noted that former U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan, another Texan, was the keynote speaker in 1976.

Kremlin says region is part of Azerbaijan

MOSCOW (AP) — The Kremlin decreed on Monday that the small Caucasus Mountain region at the center of a bitter and sometimes violent ethnic dispute will remain part of Azerbaijan.

The action is likely to fuel more unrest among Armenians, who want the region of Nagorno-Karabakh to be made part of their republic, since most of the region's people are Armenians. One Armenian activist said the decision was "awful."

The decision by the 30-plus members of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet was unanimous, according to the Tass news agency. It was announced after the parliament's executive body had spent about eight hours in extraordinary session.

Nagorno-Karabakh has been part of the republic of Azerbaijan since 1923, although it had once been part of neighboring Armenia.

The parliament of the disputed region voted July 12 for annexation by Armenia, although they have no common borders. The Azerbaijan leadership quickly rejected the decision, setting the stage for Monday's resolution of the deadlock by the executive body of the national parliament.

"The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR confirmed today that Nagorno-Karabakh belongs to Azerbaijan," Tass announced after the special session.

"Vremya," the national nightly television news program, read the four-paragraph Tass report early in its broadcast, but added no commentary. A later film clip from Yerevan, the Armenian capital, showed workers saying that the area was calm, but the comments were apparently made before the annexation decision was announced.

Iran accepts U.N. resolution for truce to end war with Iraq

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran said Monday it accepts a U.N. resolution for a truce in the war with Iraq, which has cost an estimated 1 million lives, but its military command said soldiers would stay at the front in case.

Hashemi Rafsanjani, parliament speaker and acting commander-in-chief, said the decision was made by the 88-year-old revolutionary patriarch, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who had set Iran's original policy of rejecting a truce.

Security Council Resolution 598 of July 20, 1987, calls for a cease-fire, withdrawal of military forces to recognized borders, prisoner exchange and an investigation to determine who started the nearly 8-year-old war.

Javier Perez de Cuellar, the U.N. secretary-general, said he was beginning consultations with both sides and a cease-fire could take effect within a week.

Iraq agreed to the Security Council resolution long ago, on condition Iran also accepted it, but until Monday the Iraqis had said there could be no truce until Iraq was condemned as the aggressor. The Iraqis invaded Iran in September 1980 after several border skirmishes.

On Sunday, President Saddam Hussein of Iraq urged Iranian leaders to accept an "honorable" end to the conflict.

Rafsanjani said in an interview on Iranian television Monday: "Since the people of Iran believe in Imam Khomeini's decisions and rely on him and the people in charge, we hereby announce the decision to accept U.N. Security Council Resolution 598."

He said the decision was made "for the benefit of the Iranian nation and there is no sign of weakness in it."

As Iran's acceptance of the resolution was conveyed Monday in a message to Perez de Cuellar, a statement

by Rafsanjani's new military General Command said: "We once again urge the Iranian people to man the war fronts to confront the enemies' aggressive nature and foil their criminal acts."

It praised the Khomeini's "great leadership" and, in a reference to the United States, said the "arrogant worlds" sought to portray Iraq as a "peace-loving regime" because it had accepted Resolution 598.

A dispatch carried by Baghdad's official Iraqi News Agency said the Iranian announcement was made for "tactical reasons" and not from a desire for "real and just peace."

The Reagan administration said it welcomed Iran's willingness to accept the U.N. resolution.

In Santa Barbara, Calif., Presi-

dent Reagan's spokesman Marlin Fitzwater also said, "I think we have to be cautious" because U.S. officials are unsure what Iran's intentions are.

Fitzwater also refused to say how Iran's move would affect the American military presence in the Persian Gulf, although he did say the United States has been prepared to end tanker escorts if peace came to the region.

A government spokesman in Syria, the only major Arab backer of Iran in the war, said his nation "expresses its satisfaction and welcomes the wise decision of the Iranian leadership."

Iran's military position has deteriorated. In three months, Iraq has recaptured nearly all the territory it lost to Iran in six years.

Provost: A&M enrollment plan working

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Texas A&M University's enrollment management plan is working as planned, Provost Donald McDonald told the Texas A&M Board of Regents Monday.

Enrollment, however, will still pass the 40,000 mark this fall for the first time, McDonald said.

McDonald anticipated a fall enrollment of 40,280.

The plan, he said, calls for limiting the size of the incoming freshman class to 6,600.

At this time 14,818 applications have been received for the fall semester, he said. Of the 14,818 applicants, 8,588 were automatically admitted based on their high school ranks and Scholastic Aptitude Test scores, he said.

One thousand, eight hundred and seventy-one of the nearly 15,000 applicants are under special review and the 3,320 remaining

applications were either late or denied.

McDonald projected that only 5,140 of the 8,588 applicants that were automatically admitted will actually attend A&M. He also anticipated that 1,085 of the special review applicants will be accepted and 345 provisional applicants will be accepted.

About 30 applications are still being processed, he said.

Total A&M enrollment is expected to peak at 43,185 in 1991 and then drop back to the goal of 41,000 by 1993, McDonald said.

A policy giving some kind of preferential treatment to children of former students was also briefly discussed and will be considered at the September board meeting.

The Board also heard an overview of the Corps of Cadets past and present grades, enrollment and goals given by Corps Commandant Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Darling.

Darling reported that the average corps grade-point ratio for the last 10 years is 2.35

and the average university for the last 10 years is 2.48. Darling said the variance between the two is insignificant.

He told the Board that 23 of the 35 corps units have GPR's above 2.5 and 5 of the 35 units have GPR's above 2.6.

Darling also told the regents that grades are taken very seriously in the corps.

"We still consider grades our number one priority and all other things come after them," Darling said.

One problem that Darling mentioned was the 31 percent loss of the corps' freshman class last year. The average is 30 percent.

The 30 percent loss, he said, is comparable to that at service academies and other military schools.

Darling said that the loss of freshman is attributed to grade related problems, financial difficulties, personal problems and adaptability factors. Most of the freshman that leave

the corps, however, do not leave the university, he said.

Short-term Corps objectives for 1988-89, Darling said, are as follows:

- An overall average of 2.4 in the fall and 2.6 in the spring.
- 25 more Sul Ross Scholarships.
- Build the recruiting endowment to \$175,000.
- Reduce loss of freshman to 20 percent.
- Develop professional recruiting program.
- Provide increased staff presence and oversight.
- Provide each cadet's four basic rights of eating, sleeping, studying and going to class.
- Long-term Corps objectives are:
 - 2,500 enrollment in the Corps.
 - Reduce loss of freshman to 18 percent.