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Mobley announces plans as University's president

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William Mobley

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The Frank Vandiver era at Texas A&M came to an end during the summer with the selection of a new president.

The A&M Board of Regents named Dr. William Mobley to be the 20th president of the University July 18.

Mobley assumed the office Aug. 1, leaving his post as executive deputy chancellor of the Texas A&M University System.

Vandiver had said he would stay in office until Sept. 1, or until a new president was ready to take over the office.

After leaving office Vandiver became director of the Mosher Institute of Defense Studies.

Mobley takes over in an "interesting time in A&M's history," Vandiver said, "because the school is at a crossroads where we have all types of problems, not the least of which is money."

In his acceptance speech, Mobley said external monetary sources must be developed to expand in the shadow of decreasing funds 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.

Mobley also offered 10 areas that he would work to promote and improve.

Included were placing teaching and research on an equal level, stressing A&M's traditions, a supportive student environment and student leadership development opportunities and expanding the University's emphasis on minority recruitment.

Mobley also hopes to improve the quality of the faculty.

Mobley came to A&M in 1980 from the University of South Car-

olina where he served for seven years.

In addition to serving as A&M's executive deputy chancellor, Mobley has served as professor and head of the department of management, associate dean and dean of the College of Business Administration and deputy chancellor for academic and resource development.

Although Mobley has said he does not know how long he will hold office, he has said a 10-year term should be enough to accomplish the goals he holds for the office.

Mobley, 46, received bachelor's degrees in psychology and economics from Denison University in Granville, Ohio and a Ph.D. in industrial organizational psychol-

ogy from the University of Maryland in 1971.

He married in 1964 and has two daughters: Michele, a law student at Duke University and Jennifer, a sophomore political science major at A&M.

Mobley has chaired several committees at the University.

He founded the Center for International Business Studies in 1986.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce from 1984-1985.

He was appointed this year to chair the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Advisory Committee on International Issues.

Board of Regents considers building expansion, parking

By Ashley A. Bailey
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While a large part of Texas A&M's student body was basking in the sun and relaxing this summer, the University System Board of Regents was hard at work.

On July 13 the Board gave the go ahead for the initial planning of the MSC Complex expansion.

MSC Complex

Pat Spillman and Anita Moran of the Fisher and Spillman architectural firm of Dallas developed 19 concepts schemes, narrowed those down to four and then presented the Regents with the number one choice, the master plan called Scheme Q.

Ten sites were originally considered for expansion, but the number was reduced and set at five, Spillman said. The master plan includes all five of the sites, he said.

The five areas for tentative expansion are: the north side of Rudder Tower, the east face of the Memorial Student Center, two sides of the future garage in Parking Annex 60 (the visitors lot) and the area between Rudder and the MSC, Spillman said.

Renovations being considered are a 500-seat expansion of Rudder Theater and a high-tech meeting room, a new art gallery in the MSC and an enclosed bridge between the MSC and Rudder Tower that would house meeting rooms, he said.

Spillman said the estimated cost for remodeling 39,000 square feet and for constructing 176,500 square feet is \$16,467,000. Without the theater expansion and a new development foundation the cost would be \$12,957,000, he said.

Robert Smith, vice president for fiscal affairs, said the funds for the expansion are coming from building fee reserves, donations, bookstore reserves, food service reserves, University expansion reserves and others.

Wesley Peel, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction

said the Fisher and Spillman firm is under contract to finish preliminary design and it will be reviewed and decided upon then.

Board member, Royce E. Weisenbaker of Tyler, said the project will take about two years to complete.

"Reconstruction always takes longer than just building new things and we do have the problem of closing some parts of the MSC down while they're being worked on," he said. "So, all considered, it'll take about two years."

Parking garage

The Board also decided to reconsider the advantages of building the southside garage on the northwest corner of the A&M Golf Course.

Vice Chairman of the Board Joe C. Reynolds of Houston told the Board on July 19 that he is against building on the golf course site and regent William A. McKenzie of Dallas was in agreement.

"It was pretty unanimous that we

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In Advance

Local club hosts annual Howdy Dance

By Juliette Rizzo
Staff Writer

The senior class of '89 is sponsoring the annual Howdy Dance from 8-12 p.m. tonight at the Texas Hall of Fame.

Liz Hudson, special events chairman for the class of '89, said the Howdy Dance is held every year to welcome A&M students back to school.

"The dance is becoming a tra-

dition in itself," Hudson said. "It's a great way for everyone to have a good time and see people they haven't seen since last semester. It's definitely a good experience for freshmen."

The Velvets will be playing a mixture of live country and rock music.

Tickets are \$3.00 and the door and all ages are welcome with a student ID card.

'Who's Who' applications available

Applications for "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" will be available at eight Texas A&M campus locations from 8 a.m. Sept. 5 through 5 p.m. Sept. 23.

From the qualified applicants, 60 students will be selected to "Who's Who" by a committee comprised of faculty, staff and students.

Applications can be obtained from boxes in the Commandant's Office, Memorial Student Center, Student Activities Office (Pavilion), Zachry Engineering Center, Sterling C. Evans Library, Kle-

berg Center, the office of the dean of veterinary medicine and the office of the vice president for student services.

Chosen students will be notified of their selection by the vice president for student services and will be contacted by the national "Who's Who" office for biographical data.

Questions concerning eligibility for "Who's Who" or other matters should be directed to Nancy Elliott in the office of the vice president for student services at 845-4728 or in Room 110 YMCA.

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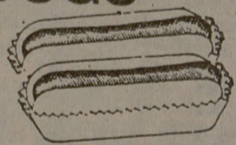
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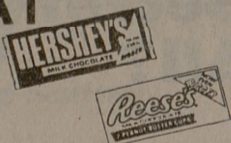
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