



WEATHER

FORECAST for THURSDAY:
Decreasing clouds and cooler.

HIGH:73

LOW:52

Regents approve Spence Park as location for Corps Center

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Texas A&M's Board of Regents Tuesday finalized the site of the Corps of Cadets Center.

The Board's Planning and Building Committee approved the Spence Park South site Monday, pending approval by the full Board.

The Board previously allotted \$2 million for the proposed 10,000-square-foot center, which would include a Corps recruiting office, a Hall of Honor and offices for Corps staff.

After landscaping, the center will occupy about 18,000 square feet.

The site was selected from several locations, each rated by Austin architect Charlier Newton, one of two architects studying the different selections.

Newton rated several different qualities for each site on a scale of zero to 10.

Under the rating system, the Spence Park South scored a 105 and the site at the north end of the park rated a 102. The third possible site, the northwest corner of Duncan Field, rated a 73.

Regents said they preferred the southern park site because it allows for a park area that likely will be a lone "green space" when construction in the area is completed.

Planned construction for the area includes a 1,500-car parking garage to the west, the center to the south, renovations to the campus utilities plant to the north, and Corps residence halls to the east.

The committee postponed any de-

A&M Board increases student fees

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Texas A&M Regents Tuesday increased several student-related fees, including the student service fee and housing fees, for the 1989-90 school year.

In response to a question posed by regent Bill Clayton, Robert Smith, vice president for finance and administration, said the fee increases would produce about \$20 million in revenues, which would be used to pay debt service on bonds issued for new residence halls and the expansion of the Commons Dining Center.

The student service fee increase from \$67 to \$73 stems from a resolution adopted at the March 8 Student Senate meeting.

The Senate's recommendation was based on a comprehensive study compiled by its Finance Committee. Student senators say the increase is necessary to compensate for inflation and, even after the increase, A&M's fee is still one of the lowest in the state.

Chairman William McKenzie expressed concern Monday that no signs of lowering fees are in sight.

"We need to make some kind of effort to bring fees down," McKenzie said.

But University President William Mobley said at Monday's meeting the fee increases are necessary.

Other fee increases approved by the Board were a 5 percent across-the-board increase of both housing fees and costs for all board plans, a 3 percent increase for monthly rental rates at student apartments and a \$4 increase in the shuttle-bus fee.

Residence-hall fees continue the trend of increasing annually, with rates for halls without air conditioning increasing from 03504602\$366 to \$384 per semester. Rates for Corps-style dorms will go up \$30 per semester to \$620 and the cost of rooms in Legett Hall will increase from \$680 to \$714. Rates for balcony-style halls will be raised from \$649 to \$681. The cost of modular and Commons-area halls will go up from \$909 to \$954.

A decrease in fees was approved by the Board for student identification cards. Under the present system, students are charged \$5 per year for a new card while replacements cost \$8. Beginning in the fall, students will be issued a permanent ID card for \$5 and will pay a \$4 annual maintenance fee to have the card updated. Replacement cards will cost \$12.

decision on the center at the January meeting. Instead, the regents asked Newton and Gene Shrickle of Arlington, an architect responsible for A&M's master plan, to select the best location for the center.

In other action Tuesday, the Board:

- Appropriated \$265,000 to design Phase IV of the Corps-style residence hall renovations. The renovations are for Corps dorms 1 through

- 4. The project includes four phases of renovating four residence halls. The first phase was Corps dorms 6, 8, 10 and 12. The second phase, now in progress, began with the renovation of Crocker and Moore halls on the north side of campus in September 1988. Phase II is expected to be completed before Fall 1989. Phase III will be the renovation of Corps dorms 5, 7, 9 and 11.
- Granted University President

William Mobley authorization to begin negotiations and enter an agreement with the city of Koriyama, Japan, for the A&M-Koriyama Pilot Program. The program, ten weeks of English language instruction, is scheduled to begin in late May, Mobley said Monday.

In non-voting action, the Board heard two reports from student groups.



Photo by Dean Saito

Umbrellas were out in force on campus Tuesday, as light to heavy rainfall covered the Bryan-College Station area most of the day. This shot was taken by Rudder Fountain.

Mosbacher: First priority for U.S. must be to produce quality goods

By Sherri Roberts

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Increased exporting of high-quality products is the key to helping the United States remain industrially competitive with other countries, U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher said Tuesday.

"The country's number one goal should be quality — it's not optional," Mosbacher said in a luncheon at the College Station Hilton sponsored by the Republican Party of Brazos County.

The manufacturing of high-quality products is necessary to bridge the gap between the level of exporting and importing in the United States, he said.

That goal is slowly being achieved, he said, as government officials are working closely with Japan and other Pacific countries to broaden the market for American-manufactured goods.

Mosbacher quoted President Bush as saying, "We must see that, although the United States has been the world's market for all these years, the world must also be the United States' market."

Mosbacher said he wants the

commerce department to have more contact with small and middle-sized businesses, to help them better target their sales to the countries most interested in their products.

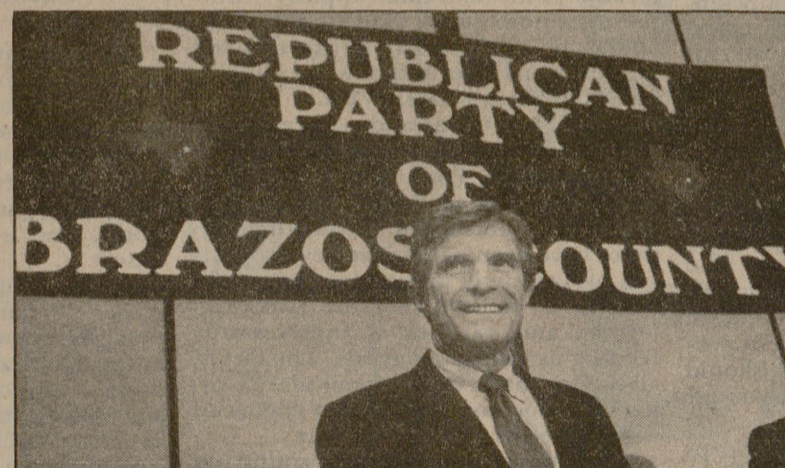
"We have to be the engine for business," he said. "It's up to us to make sure we're there to help keep a level playing field — a competitive background and foreground for you so you can compete."

Noting that Texas is second only to California in the quantity of exports to manufacturers, Mosbacher urged Texas to continue expanding its export base.

However, increased manufacturing shouldn't occur at the costly destruction of the environment, he said.

"As business people, we haven't been in the forefront of taking care of our environment," said Mosbacher, who was an independent oil and gas producer in Houston before his appointment to President Bush's Cabinet in December.

Mosbacher praised DuPont, a chemical-manufacturing company, for its efforts in environmental protection, noting the company voluntarily stopped producing environmentally-



Robert Mosbacher

Photo by Fredrick D. Joe

harmful chlorofluorocarbons.

Representatives from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which is operated by the commerce department, are working with Texas A&M officials to further prevent pollution, he said.

NOAA administers A&M's Sea Grant Program, which was established in 1966 to monitor ocean, coastal and fisheries resources through marine research, educa-

tion, and advisory services.

Mosbacher declined to comment on the oil and gas industry, saying Washington officials had advised him to avoid discussing the issue at the luncheon.

"It's against the first law of Washington — that is, of course, if you know anything about the problem, you're precluded from being any part of the answer," he said, drawing laughs from the audience.

Regents may include non-voting student

By Alan Sembera

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Texas A&M students could gain a voice on the Board of Regents if a bill to put a non-voting student member on university-governing bodies passes the state Legislature.

The bill, authored by Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan, would create one advisory student-regent position for each university system.

Representatives from the student governments at A&M and the University of Texas went to Austin last week to lobby for the bill, saying it would increase representation of student interests and perspectives at governing board meetings.

Ty Clevenger, a member of the A&M Student Government's Legislative Study Group, said that under the current system there is a lack of communication between students and the Board.

"There's no student input into some of Board's decisions that have a significant impact on the student body," Clevenger said.

One of the major instances of this, he said, was in 1987 when the regents implemented a computer-use fee of \$3 per credit-hour without the knowledge of most students.

Students had no warning about the new fee, Clevenger said, and many were angry because they had

no way to prepare for or argue against it.

Jerry Hadickan, president-elect of the UT student body, said his school has experienced similar problems.

"Three days before their meeting," Hadickan said, "the (UT System) regents announced they would raise law school tuition by 90 percent, and would raise tuition for the graduate school of business by 100 percent."

This action took place during law school exams, he added, and students had no way to argue against it.

Students need a representative on the regent board to act as a filter, he said, to make sure their most important concerns are heard. The student regent also could inform students about how regent decisions affect them, he added.

Texas is one of only 11 states that do not have at least one student on a university-governing board.

But most regents in the state don't like the idea.

A&M regent John Mobley, of

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Student dies in car wreck on Saturday

By Richard Tijerina

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A Texas A&M student was killed Easter weekend in a traffic accident on Highway 21.

Dale Hastings, a freshman aerospace engineering major from San Antonio, was pronounced dead on the scene by the Bastrop justice of the peace at 6 a.m. March 25.

Bastrop Department of Public Safety officials said Hastings died of massive head and chest injuries from hitting the steering column and dashboard.

DPS officials said evidence indicated Hastings fell asleep at the wheel.

Hastings was driving his 1985 Oldsmobile northbound on State Highway 21 toward Highway 71 when his car ran off the road into a ditch and struck a large tree.

DPS officials said Hastings was wearing a seat belt and no evasive action was taken. The car was travelling at about 60 miles per hour at the time of impact.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Brewer Funeral Home in Lake Luzerne, N.Y.

A&M football player charged with assault

By Richard Tijerina

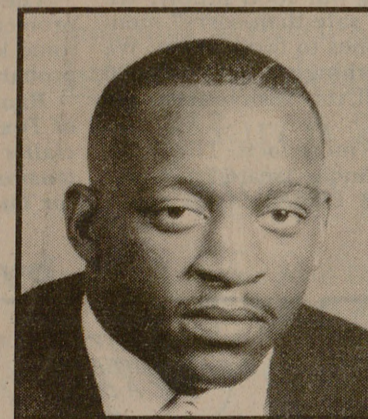
STAFF WRITER

Police charged a Texas A&M football player with three counts of assault and one count of criminal mischief because of an incident involving three intramural referees at a basketball game March 21.

Tight end Mike Jones, a junior from Bridgeport, Conn., was charged Friday with three counts of assault, a Class C misdemeanor carrying a possible fine of \$20-\$200, and one count of criminal mischief, a Class B misdemeanor with a possible fine of \$20-\$200.

Bob Wiatt, director of campus security and University Police, said all of the charges were filed in the Justice of the Peace office. The criminal mischief charge was filed the same day in the county attorney's office.

The charges were filed by Chad Whitacre, a senior geophysics major from Capon Bridge, W.Va.; Emilio Viera, a senior marketing major from San Antonio; and Michael



Battalion file photo

Mike Jones

Bowles, a senior geography major from Austin.

The assault charges stem from incidents at an intramural basketball game March 21 in the men's independent A division involving Easy Money, Jones' team, and the Pummellers.

Whitacre and Viera said more than 100 fans were watching the game.

Whitacre, one of two referees for the game, said Jones gradually became abusive toward the referees as the game progressed and his team was losing.

He said Jones' team was disqualified from the game because it had four technical fouls called against it.

Whitacre said the trouble began in the second half when Jones tackled an opposing player who was driving to the basket for a layup shot. Whitacre assessed an intentional foul on Jones and gave the Pummellers two points.

He said Jones was penalized again for pushing an opponent with a forearm. Whitacre called a player-control foul on Jones.

The first technical foul was called when the Easy Money bench disputed the second foul called on Jones. The Pummellers were given two more points because of the technical foul.

The second technical foul was called on Jones by Viera, when Jones verbally assaulted him with profan-

ity while arguing an out-of-bounds call, Whitacre said.

The third technical foul was called on Jones with 10 seconds remaining in the game. Whitacre said that while the Pummellers were shooting foul shots, the 6-foot-3-inch, 220-pound Jones approached Whitacre to dispute a call, and pushed his forearm into Whitacre's chin and shoved him back two feet.

Whitacre ejected Jones after calling the technical foul and said he was prepared to disqualify Easy Money because the game had gotten out of control.

But, he said, before he could call the game, an Easy Money player on the court began to yell profanities at Whitacre. Whitacre called the fourth technical foul of the game and ejected the player. Whitacre then ended the game because under intramural rules a team automatically is disqualified after being called for four technical fouls.

Whitacre said he was prepared to end the game after Jones' attack on him because he felt the officials had lost control of the situation.

"As I was leaving (the scene),

Jones came up behind me and said, 'I'll close this whole gym down,'" Whitacre said. "The game was over, but the festivities weren't."

Whitacre said he left the gym after the game to collect his thoughts but, he said, Jones continued to verbally assault Viera and Bowles, the game's scorekeeper.

Whitacre said it is virtually impossible for the officials to control a situation such as this. He said intramural referees often have to rely on the team to control their own play but that Easy Money did not try to stop Jones.

"None of their players moved an inch to help me in any way, to control (Jones) in any way or to stop him," he said. "We can't control somebody like that on the court. We have to rely on his team to control him, and his team didn't. None of them did a thing."

"I can't really blame them, because I don't think any one of them could have done anything either."

Viera said, "We don't get paid enough to take that. There's a point where you have to call a technical."

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