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Mobley to resign as A&M system chancellor

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Dr. William Mobley announced Monday his plan to resign as Texas A&M University System chancellor and return to teaching.

"After 14 years in administration, I am ready to recharge my academic batteries and return to the classroom," he said. "I also would like to have more time to spend with my family and especially with my new granddaughter."

"With a talented group of new vice chancellors in place in the System offices, an outstanding new president in place at A&M and new leadership on the Board of Regents, I believe this is the time to consider a fresh, fully energized chancellor for the A&M System," he said.

"I think the administration will be in good shape; my resignation will not have an effect on it."

Mobley will step down Aug. 31 and take a faculty development leave during the fall semester. He has served as



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chancellor since Sept. 1.

Mobley will begin teaching next spring in the College of Business Administration and the Graduate School of Business. He has requested a salary reduction to a level appropriate to his peers in the college.

Dr. Ray Bowen, A&M president, said Mobley's decision caught him by surprise, but he understands it.

"My impression is he felt like he had achieved many goals," he said. "He felt like we were in a good position to begin the legislative session with our new

leadership."

Mary Nan West, chairman of the Board of Regents, said she can understand Mobley's desire to spend more time with his family.

"What Dr. Mobley has been doing for the last 14 years has been time consuming," she said. "I've heard him say several times that he'd like to go back into teaching. It's his first love."

"I know I speak for the entire Board when I say we will miss his guidance, insight and superb understanding of higher education in Texas and national-

Career leads Mobley back to Business

In Spring 1995, Dr. William Mobley will return to teaching in the College of Business, where he began his 14 years of administrative service to Texas A&M.

Mobley, 52, became chancellor Sept. 1, leaving his five-year post as A&M's 20th president. He replaced Dr. Herbert Richardson, who stepped down as chancellor to return to faculty duties in A&M's College of Engineering.

Mobley joined Texas A&M in 1973 as head of the department of management in the College of Business Administration. He was appointed dean of the college in 1983, where he served until he became deputy chancellor for academic and resource development for the System in 1986. He served as executive deputy chancellor from 1987 until 1988 when he became president.

Mobley holds a B.A. degree in psychology and economics from Denison University in Granville, Ohio, and a Ph.D. in industrial-organizational psychology from the University of Maryland.

ly," she said.

Margaret Freedman, former president of the Aggie Mother's Club, said she will miss Mobley's open-door policy.

"We are sorry to see him go. We have enjoyed the close contact we have with him," she said. "His door has always been open."

Dr. Mark Weichold, Faculty Senate

speaker, said he doesn't think Mobley is quitting because of any negative publicity the University has received.

"I don't think Mobley's resigning because of the heat from the press," he said. "Dr. Mobley is not the kind of person to give in to that kind of pressure."

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High and dry

A&M diving team member Jason Aguirre practices at the Wofford Cain Pool last Wednesday. Aguirre, a junior biomedical engineering major, said he dives every day not only for the training but to relax from his studies.

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Library to store Bush's public documents

By Sara Israwi
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The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum Center, opening in 1997, will have a collection of documents, photographs and memorabilia available to anyone interested in the former president's life.

Dr. David Alsobrook, acting director of the Bush Presidential Materials Project, said the library will keep all records and documents from Bush's public life.

There will be 3 million papers, 40,000 museum objects and 1 million photographs at the

library.

The documents are primarily from Bush's presidency and vice presidency.

Unofficial and personal papers dealing with other political positions he occupied including director of the CIA, United States congressman and ambassador to the United Nations will also be included.

The presidential library will be available to writers, researchers and other scholars interested in events during the Bush administration.

Videotape documents include those of Bush's baby years, his baseball years at Yale and his

World War II years, including the time when he was shot down in a plane.

Besides select items Bush will give to his children, the majority of his belongings will go to the library and museum. Under federal law, anything worth more than \$180 given to Bush while he was in office became federal property.

Patricia Birchfield, curator of the library and museum, said the presidential museum will keep the public interested and involved with what is going on at the library.

There will be a 3,000-square-foot area intended for traveling

exhibits from other presidential libraries and rotating exhibits.

"It will keep the public involved," she said. "The community will see something new every time they come."

Birchfield said the museum will have a theme, but it hasn't been decided on.

"An exhibit designer will be hired some time in the next year and come up with an exhibit storyline," she said.

Alsobrook said the museum will be versatile so people of all ages can relate to it.

"The museum must be flexible," she said.
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Terrorist claims responsibility for 1988 Lockerbie airliner explosion

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A Palestinian terrorist being tried in the assassination of a Jordanian diplomat stunned a Beirut courtroom Monday when he claimed he blew up Pan Am Flight 103 in 1988.

The investigating magistrate quickly cast doubt on the claim. Parents of Flight 103 victims also expressed skepticism, speculating it could be an attempt to take international heat off Libya over the bombing that killed 270 people.

The bombing of the jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, was first linked to Iran and

then Syria. But U.S. and British authorities later charged two alleged Libyan intelligence agents, and the U.N. Security Council has imposed sanctions on Libya in an attempt to force their extradition for trial.

Youssef Shaaban, 29, is a follower of the Fatah-Revolutionary Council, which is headed by terrorist Abu Nidal, who is believed living in Libya. Shaaban offered no details to substantiate his claim to have staged the Pan Am bombing.

"I personally blew up the Lockerbie plane," Shaaban told the six-person Judicial Council, the highest trial court in Lebanon. "I've told the investigating magistrate about it before, but my confession wasn't documented. I say it again now."

The court, presided over by Judge Philip Khairallah, admitted the confession into the minutes without comment. The trial later recessed for a week.

Examining Magistrate Saeed Mirza, who

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Faculty Senate fails to make quorum

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The Faculty Senate was unable to take action on any scheduled agenda items Monday because the group did not have enough members present at its monthly meeting.

A quorum, more than half of the number of members, is required for the Senate to take action on any voting matters.

Dr. Mark Weichold, Senate speaker, said it is not unusual for the Senate to have low attendance at summer meetings.

"The summer meetings are always rather slow," Weichold said. "It's not a big surprise to me that we did not have a quorum."

Although the group was unable to take any action, the Senate discussed a proposed amendment to the Senate bylaws.

The amendment would create a Budget Information Committee to

study the University budget and meet with University officials to help prepare the budget.

Stan Carpenter, a senator from the College of Education and a member of the Executive Committee, said he is against the amendment.

"I believe it would be better located as a sub-committee of the Planning Committee," Carpenter said. "It does not deserve the status of a standing committee."

Dr. James Morgan, a senator from the College of Engineering, said he is also concerned with the proposed amendment.

Morgan suggested creating an ad hoc committee to accommodate the proposed group.

"This would serve as an easier mechanism to bring in expertise from individuals who are not senators," Morgan said.

The Senate was not able to make any final decisions on the proposed

amendment due to the absence of a quorum.

Weichold said it would not be appropriate to vote on the measure Monday.

"I felt it would not be a good idea to vote on an amendment to the bylaws without a quorum present," he said. "Had I not questioned whether we had a quorum, we would have proceeded with the vote."

At the conclusion of Monday's meeting, Weichold read a press release announcing the resignation of A&M System Chancellor Dr. William Mobley.

Dr. James Wild, a senator from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, suggested the Senate's Executive Committee discuss the issue of faculty governance now that a new chancellor will have to be chosen.

"Faculty governance is something that is used only when it is needed, otherwise it is not," Wild said.

UNDER OATH: Federal investigators question Clintons on Whitewater affair

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, were put under oath by federal investigators and questioned in separate interviews about the Whitewater affair and the suicide of deputy counsel Vincent Foster.

The president was questioned for 90 minutes Sunday by Whitewater special counsel Robert Fiske and an assistant. Later, Mrs. Clinton was interviewed for an hour. Both sessions took place in the White House residence.

It wasn't the first time a president was questioned under oath. Ronald Reagan and then-Vice President George Bush gave sworn testimony about the Iran-Contra affair. Jimmy Carter also gave sworn testimony in investigations.

The Clintons were questioned by Fiske about events surrounding the death of Foster, a close friend who once was a law partner with the first lady.

They also were interviewed about White House contacts with Treasury regulators about the status of an investigation into a failed Arkansas thrift owned by the Clintons' Whitewater business partner. A dozen administration officials were subpoenaed to testify before a federal grand jury on that matter and White House counsel Bernard Nussbaum was forced to resign.

Clinton's special counsel, Lloyd Cutler, indicated in a statement that the Clintons were not asked about the first lady's trading in the commodities market, where she made a \$100,000 profit, or other business

dealings in Arkansas that are known to be part of Fiske's investigation.

White House aides expect Fiske to interview the Clintons again when his investigation turns to specifics of their Whitewater land dealings.

"That's up to Mr. Fiske, and the Clintons have said if he has additional questions, they'll cooperate," Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said.

She said she did not think the Clintons refused to answer any questions. "They have chosen not to claim any privileges," she said.

Looking into Foster's death, Fiske investigated whether White House officials impeded the investigation of the apparent suicide. Foster had done personal legal work for the Clintons on their Whitewater land investment.

A rambling note found after his death said, among other things, "The public will never believe the innocence of the Clintons and their loyal staff." The note did not mention Whitewater.

Further, although police ruled Foster's death a suicide, enough questions were raised to prompt Fiske to look into it. Sources close to Fiske have said he has concluded that the death, indeed, was a suicide.

Cutler said Fiske was in the process of concluding the Washington phase of his inquiry.

That would open the way for Congress to hold its own Whitewater hearings.

The lawyer said the Clintons were cooperating fully with Fiske and voluntarily agreed meet with him when the interviews were requested.

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