

What's up

Monday

AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: will meet from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. for class and 8:30 p.m.-10 p.m. for club at the Pavilion.
AGGIE TOASTMASTERS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 153 Blocker.
ALPHA KAPPA PSI: will meet at 8 p.m. in 120 Blocker. Business attire is requested.
CO-OP STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder. Dr. Kurt Ritter of the english department will speak on interview techniques.
STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE: will meet at 7 p.m. in 203 MSC.
TAU BETA PI: will meet at 7 p.m. in 103 Zachry for pledge test and bent inspection.

Tuesday

AGGIE ALLIANCE: will meet at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder. Frank Thomas will speak.
AGRONOMY SOCIETY: will meet at 7:15 p.m. in 103 Soil and Crop Sciences. Dr. Fambrough will speak on surface usage in an oil and gas lease.
ALPHA PI MU: will meet at 7 p.m. in 137A MSC.
MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder. This is a mandatory meeting for workers of AggieCon 16.
SIERRA CLUB: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 401 Rudder. A slide show will be shown on the environmental view of the nuclear arms race.
STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICE: will hold a dual-career workshop 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. on decision making. Locations vary. Interested couples call 845-1651.
STUDENT Y PR COMMITTEE: will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 209 Pavilion. Anyone interested is welcome.
WOMEN IN COMMUNICATIONS: will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 014 Reed McDonald. Jane Brust will speak on the search for a first job in public relations.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to *The Battalion*, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three days prior to desired publication date.

Can a city keep them out?

Homes for the retarded

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court will hear arguments today to determine whether a Cleburne, Texas ordinance that excludes a residential facility for the mentally retarded is discriminatory.

In accepting the case last fall, the court agreed for the first time to consider the rights of the mentally retarded to live in a group facility, and a city's authority to keep them out.

At stake is a modest four-bedroom home that Jan Hannah and Bobbie Northrop, longtime Johnson County residents, bought in Cleburne for \$59,000 in July 1980 with the intention of providing 24-hour care for 13 mildly and moderately retarded people.

Following protests from residents in the neighborhood, the Cleburne City Council refused three months later to grant a special use permit required by the city ordinance for homes for "the insane or feeble minded." The state had approved the facility.

Two women who planned to operate the facility filed suit in Dallas federal court, where U.S. District Judge Robert Porter ruled against them in 1982.

However, a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans ruled last year that Cleburne's action violated the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution.

The full appeals court refused by an 8-7 vote to review the ruling, and Cleburne appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"There was not any desire on our part to keep the mentally retarded out of Cleburne," City Manager Lloyd Moss said. "This case deals with the sanctity of a city's zoning ordinance. It's our contention all along there's basically no discriminating intention, period. Never was and never will be."

Among the reasons the council cited in refusing to allow the facility at the proposed location four blocks from the town square was opposition from neighbors. The council said the facility was a safety hazard because it was situated in a 500-year flood plain.

Council members also said they opposed the facility because it was across the street from a junior high school, which has about 100 special education students, many of whom are mentally retarded.

"They decided what they wanted and then tried to back that up with arguments, rather than the other way around," said Hannah, who said she has worked with the retarded for 18 years.

She and Northrop operate three smaller homes serving a total of 24 mentally retarded adults in neighboring towns.

Elliott W. Atkinson Jr., a Baton Rouge, La., attorney, represents 66 Louisiana subdivisions involved in similar cases. He calls the issue "a nationwide problem that is beyond everyone's comprehension in magnitude."

Experts say hundreds of neighborhoods across the nation have

faced similar disputes since mental health institutions and state schools have come under pressure from courts to return mildly or moderately retarded people to communities.

Joe Marchbanks, who lives three doors away from the proposed facility in Cleburne, is one of the residents opposed to the home.

"With retarded people, you don't ever know when they're going to do something," he said. "The older women are fearful of this thing. There are a lot of older women in this neighborhood, and they don't want these people around."

Hannah said the type of people who would live at the home would have no violent tendencies. The residence would have no curfew or security system, she said.

Frank Hyde, principal of the junior high school across the street, said he accepted Hannah's assurances, but was worried about the reaction of some students.

"Seventh- and eighth-grade kids might not always be the kindest people," Hyde said.

Jim McKenna, director of administration for the Association of Retarded Citizens, said the case is crucial to efforts to move patients out of institutions and into communities.

If the court rules against Hannah, he said, "it could have a serious impact on our efforts."

New pesos a problem for vendors

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Laundromats along the Texas-Mexico border are getting taken to the cleaners by a new Mexican peso that is the same size and weight as a U.S. quarter but only worth a half-cent, says U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen.

Bentsen, D-Texas, says the pesos could become a serious problem along the border and spread into the rest of the state.

In Washington, where the coins have already appeared, they so far are only "an irritation," said D.C. Vending Co. vice president Bill Deourdes.

"I have pocketfuls of them," he said. "We get them in cigarette machines. Laundry machines take them, too. But we find them mainly in cigarette machines."

Bentsen said, "Some of the machines can discriminate between the new Mexican peso and our quarter, but others like this laundromat cannot do so."

Deourdes said only more sophisticated machines, such as coin changers, can tell the difference, but most vending machines are fooled by the peso.

Bentsen said the border, already in a depression because of peso devaluations, "doesn't need this kind of problem."

He wrote last week to Secretary of State George Schultz, asking him to negotiate with the Mexican government about minting a new coin.

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