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### Student employees get new pay raise Friday

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The good news and bad news for the student employees of Texas A&M. First the good news: Friday the student employee pay scale as a whole will be raised. Now, the bad news: moving up the pay scale will be more difficult than in the past. Student pay will no longer be based on the classification of the employee or the length of employment. A raise must be justified by an increase in the duties and responsibilities of the employee, an official of the Student Financial Aid Office said.

The Student Financial Aid Office, on the second floor of the YMCA building, provides current information both on and off-campus jobs. It also processes applications of newly hired on-campus workers. Because many students hunt jobs at the end of August, the financial aid office is especially busy right now. During August and September 1977, the office processed 846 new workers.

The university has about 2,600 jobs for students. Over the course of a year, some 5,000 students will fill those jobs. These students are divided into levels according to experience and skill.

Student workers I, defined as those with little or no previous experience or skill, have been making \$2.30 to \$2.83 an hour. Under the new pay scale, they will make from \$2.50 to \$3.08 an hour, as stated in the Policy and Procedures Manual of Texas A&M.

The pay for Student Workers II will increase from a range of \$2.40 to \$2.94 to a range of \$2.60 to \$3.19.

Student Workers III will make a minimum of \$2.70 instead of \$2.50, with a maximum possible pay of \$3.31 instead of \$3.06.

Student Workers IV will be paid from \$2.80 to \$3.42 instead of \$2.60 to \$3.17.

Student Technicians, the most skilled and experienced student workers, will receive \$3.14 to \$5.55, instead of \$2.94 to \$5.20.

This new basic rate for student employees was determined last December by H. Ray Smith, director of

personnel and Howard Vestal, vice-president for business affairs. President Jarvis Miller approved the pay increase.

The raise takes effect Friday, which is the beginning of the state fiscal year, Smith said. All scheduled salary increases are made as part of the annual operating budget, which becomes effective on that date.

Another 3.4 percent pay increase is scheduled for Friday for all state employees making less than \$12,000 annually. All University employees in that pay range who were working on Aug. 31 will receive at least a 3.4 percent raise, Smith said.

University employees that qualify for both raises, Smith said, will receive only the one providing the greater increase.

"Some will get larger increases (than scheduled) due to promotions to positions of greater responsibility," Smith said.

Others will get larger increases in recognition of meritorious job performance. Some student workers will get higher than scheduled raises for the same reasons.



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#### Sign of the times

University traffic officials are using street signs like this as a lighter approach to controlling campus traffic this fall. Eugene Ray, director of grounds maintenance, conceived the idea for the signs, which officials say they hope will receive more attention than more conventional "No Parking" signs. The new signs were installed along Ross Street last week.

### New charges revive Davis trial

#### District Attorney 'sick of the name'

United Press International

FORT WORTH — No matter what the outcome of accusations T. Cullen Davis made the murder of his divorcee, the new charges have revived prosecution interest in bringing the millionaire to trial for murder and attempted murder charges dating to August 1976. District Attorney Jim Curry said.

"The fact is, all of this happened and we received all this new information and it makes imperative that we try to get some justice, whether on this or the other murder," Curry said in an interview during the bond hearing for Davis scheduled to come today.

"We probably will try this case (solicita-

tion of murder) next," Curry said. "This simply is a pretty good case, (but) had they announced ready for trial the last time, we would have tried the (murder) cases."

"I'm not going to allow them to be dismissed. We'll try them and lose if worst comes to worst."

"Our theory on the remaining charges has not been that there is a lack of interest. We wanted to see the divorce and at least one damage suit tried to see if anything new could be developed in them."

Earlier this year Curry announced his office was ready to try Davis on the charge he shot and killed Stan Farr, Mrs. Davis' companion after she and her husband separated in 1974. But the defense asked

for a delay to study a legal doctrine known as collateral estoppel, a form of double jeopardy discouraging trial on related charges if the same evidence and witnesses resulted in an initial acquittal.

Curry denied he rejected his staff's suggestions to drop the remaining charges. He said it was his chief prosecutor's opinion that the legal doctrine did not apply.

Curry said he could not explain widespread unfavorable reaction to Davis' latest arrest.

"I don't know why other than it's a tribute to such a magnificent propaganda job done by the defense in this thing and I don't mean that facetiously," he said. "I can't conceive a thinking person thinking the FBI, U.S. attorney, Texas Rangers and us would enter any conspiracy."

Curry admitted a frustration resulting from Davis' acquittal in Amarillo last year on the first of the murder charges alleging he killed his wife's 12-year-old stepdaughter. But he denied he was "out to get" Davis.

### Surplus leaves men without dorm rooms

By ANDY WILLIAMS  
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The Corps of Cadets may share its dormitory space with Texas A&M University civilians this fall if other housing can't be found for the non-regs.

Faced with an overflow of 350 men in dormitories, the University Housing Office has assigned students to various types of temporary quarters including dormitory lounges and study areas.

Dr. John J. Koldus III, vice president for student services, says that the over-assignment was planned with the expectation that students would cancel their room reservations.

"We've got fewer people who canceled than usual, and also, we scheduled more men for the same space than we usually

do," said Ron Sasse, assistant director of student affairs. "It's kind of like playing the stock market. Last year we used about the same system and came up with vacancies."

Koldus said he expects enough space to be available at 5 p.m. Monday, "when we'll claim our no-shows."

Otherwise, "We have a number of rooms in the Corps area in which we'll probably do some consolidation, if we need to. The Commandant's office has graciously provided these," Koldus said.

No overcrowding has occurred in dorms used by the Corps or by women.

Sasse said Thursday he was uncertain of the exact number of men who would room in the temporary quarters because the cancellation process was continuing.

### Female-to-male ratio increasing

By DOUG GRAHAM  
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The ratio of women to men in this year's freshman class has leveled off at about 2 to 1, but the overall ratio of women to men at Texas A&M University is increasing.

Dean of Admissions and Records Edwin Cooper said the school has accepted 4,900 men and 2,900 women as of Aug. 1. Of those numbers, approximately 30 percent will be no-shows, he said.

Cooper said he estimates the total freshman class will be 5,200.

Approximately 62.8 percent will be men and 37.2 will be women.

Cooper said this year's freshman class will raise the University's overall ratio to 66 percent men and 34 percent women.

That ratio is lower than the national av-

erage, Cooper said. For example, he said, Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos has a ratio of six women per four men.

There are two causes for the lower-than-average ratio, he said. One is that women did not attend Texas A&M until recently, the school was an all-male university until 1971 when it became co-educational. The other reason is that Texas A&M has a science-oriented curriculum, Cooper said.

Women tend to go into education or liberal arts, he said.

The Class of '53 graduate said he feels the addition of women to the campus has been good for Texas A&M.

"It is a plus factor to have women here," Cooper said, "and we have a happy and wholesome student body."

### Postal talks collapse; court order sought

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Talks aimed at averting a nationwide postal strike have collapsed and the Postal Service may try again for a court order banning walkouts that could occur today.

Talks between the quasi-governmental U.S. Postal Service and the two largest postal unions broke off early Saturday, with federal mediator Wayne Horvitz saying he was trying to persuade the management representatives "to get into discussions."

A spokesman for the Postal Service, which wants the dispute submitted to binding arbitration, said, "We are not meeting with the (mediators) nor the unions."

He said no new sessions were scheduled despite the mounting threat of strikes that could throw the postal system into chaos. He did say that a spur-of-the-moment decision to meet again was "a possibility."

Postal strikes are illegal and, in the event one should occur this week, federal troops would be pressed into service to deliver the mail.

Troops performed that service briefly in 1970 and when 200,000 postal workers struck, mostly in East Coast cities.

The two sides had been called together by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

The service went to court Friday seeking a temporary injunction against a strike, but federal judge John Pratt said he would not issue one yet.

The 280,000-member American Postal

Workers Union and the 180,000-member National Association of Letter Carriers have rejected a hard-fought wage contract settlement proposal that would provide a 19.5 percent wage and cost-of-living increase over three years.

The unions are demanding that the Postal Service reopen negotiations on the contract.

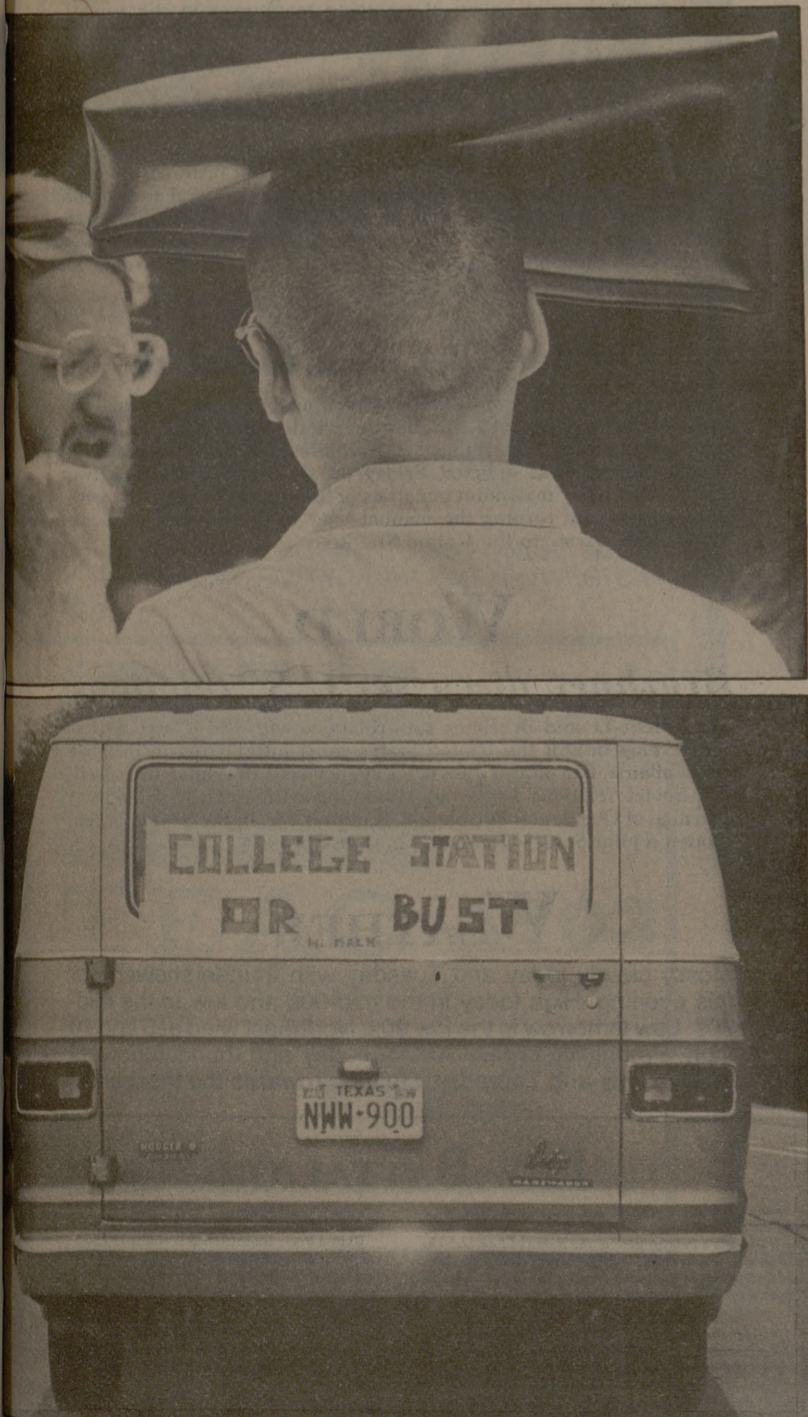
### Speaker wants end to tenure

United Press International

AUSTIN — Speaker Bill Clayton is drafting a proposal abolishing tenure for faculty members at state universities. But a member of the speaker's staff says that does not mean Clayton will push the proposal when the Legislature convenes in January.

The plan would replace tenure with a 10-year renewable contract for college and university faculty members, but would not affect professors who already have tenure.

The State College Coordinating Board has been working for three years on a revision of its policy regarding tenure, academic freedom and responsibility and is scheduled to present the proposed new policy at its October meeting.



Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

#### Back in town

Thousands of Texas A&M University students returned to Aggieland over the weekend to find plenty of long lines waiting. This cadet (top) used a briefcase to shield his newly-shaved head from the sun Saturday morning while waiting to pick up his student ID card. But at least a few Aggies (bottom) were eager to display their determination to return for the fall.

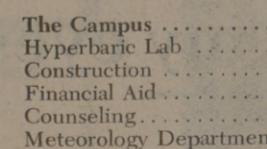
### BACK-TO-SCHOOL EDITION

Welcome to Texas A&M University. For those of you returning for another year and especially for freshmen, The Battalion attempts to give you a taste of what Texas A&M will be like this fall. A few things have changed, but for the most part A&M remains as it always has been. This Back-To-School Edition consists of 82 pages in six sections, the largest in the history of The Battalion.



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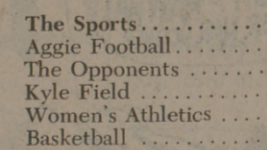
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