

# Proposed dorm plan—freshmen get first priority

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Blatchley, director of student affairs at Texas A&M University, and Ron Sasse, associate director of student affairs, have developed a proposal that would eventually guarantee all freshmen a room on campus.

Under their plan, upperclassmen currently living on campus would not be allowed off campus. Sasse said each year all available space would go to freshmen so eventually all freshmen who wanted to live on campus.

Sasse said all freshmen who accepted a room on campus would do so with the knowledge that they would only be guaranteed a room for one year.

Sasse emphasized their proposal is not a fixed plan. He said they are suggesting a policy change for freshmen housing. If the policy is accepted, then the means of implementing the change would be flexible.

Sasse said current policy neglects the needs of freshmen. He said freshmen who wish to live on campus.

He said many freshmen have a difficult time making the transition from high school to college, and that living on campus makes the change easier, because they do not have to worry about such things as apartment leases and shuttle bus routes.

In memorandum to Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for student services, and Residence Hall Association members,

Blatchley said, "Indications are that if more freshmen were able to live on campus, the spirit of Texas A&M could carry deeper in their lives."

Sasse said this change would also eliminate the poor image the University has with parents because of a lack of freshmen housing.

This fall, 1,800 of 5,300 freshmen received rooms on campus. Sasse estimated that at most 4,500 wanted rooms, of whom about 700 are in the Corps of Cadets. He said if the 3,800 remaining freshmen got rooms it would still leave room for 3,000 upperclassmen.

Sasse said he realized this change could cause enrollment to rise. But, he said, "I

don't think it will lead to all freshmen halls."

Koldus said Blatchley and Sasse have presented their proposal to both the Faculty Advisory Committee and the Academic Programs Council. The Faculty Advisory Committee is composed of one faculty member for each college and the Academic Programs Council is made up of the deans.

Koldus said reaction from the groups was mixed. He said they could see there was need for more freshmen housing, but believed there were also other needs to be considered.

Some were concerned about the effect it would have on enrollment, he said. Others said a study of grade point ratios and

drop-out rates for on-campus and off-campus freshmen should be conducted.

Koldus said he was concerned about upperclassmen who lived on campus because they could not afford to live off campus.

"I realize their concerns," Koldus said. He said he has not taken sides and has instructed Blatchley and Sasse to resubmit their proposal after they have opinions from faculty and students.

Student Body President Bobby Tucker said that no presentation has been made to the student senate. He said he could see a need for freshmen to be exposed to more campus activities.

"If they lived on campus a year they

might be more likely to become involved," he said.

Residence Hall Association President Lynne Andrus said Blatchley and Sasse will present their proposal to her group Thursday.

"I agree something needs to be done for freshmen, but I'm not in favor of kicking people off campus," Andrus said. She expressed concern that predominantly freshmen halls could mean a loss of student leaders among on-campus students. She said something could possibly be done to encourage more students to move off campus voluntarily.

The final decision on the proposed change will be made by President Jarvis E. Miller and the Board of Regents.

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**Inside:**

A pouch containing more than \$30,000 in University funds was reported stolen over the weekend. Football coupon books and a \$1,000 bike, later recovered, also were snatched. See page 5.

What's happening on campus this week? Check "What's Up" on page 6.

Four-hundred pounds of applications may turn into an offshore oil import terminal for Texas. See page 8.

## State approves new deck cost

Work to increase the seating capacity of Kyle Field to 71,600 seats will begin Nov. 27, two days after Texas A&M University's last home game this fall.

The \$22,858,600 contract, awarded by the Board of Regents to H.B. Zachry Co. of San Antonio, Saturday, was approved by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System. The work is scheduled for completion by the 1979 season.

The project had to be approved by the board because it will cost several million dollars more than originally estimated.

The work will involve building a third deck of seats on each side of the stadium, a new press box, and two four-story buildings.

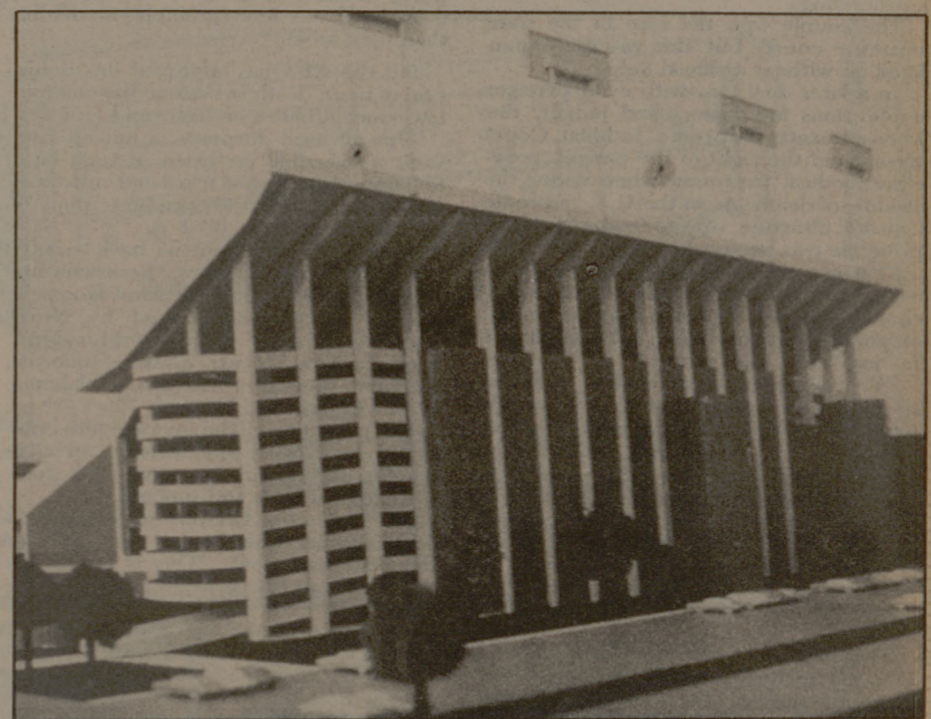
One building will be on the west side and one on the east side of the stadium. The building on the west will provide the

superstructure for the third deck and the pressbox and will house the Athletic Department facilities. The one on the east will be connected to G. Rollie White Coliseum and will house health and physical education offices.

University facilities planning manager Paul Stephens told the board that total cost of the expansion is expected to be \$27 million.

The regents cut \$770,000 from the budget for the project in Saturday's meeting by changing the finish to be used of the exteriors of the addition to the Coliseum and the concrete columns. Changes were also made in the public address system for the system.

The only bidder aside from the Zachry Co. was Temple Associates Inc. of Diboll, which offered to take the project for \$23,734,850.



This is a model of Kyle Field as it will look when renovations on it are finished.

## Senate to vote on ERA extension

WASHINGTON — Should states that have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment have the right to change their minds?

The Senate answers that fateful question Wednesday in a vote overshadowing the much publicized — yet anticlimactic — roll call two days later on giving states more time to ratify the amendment.

Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, set the stage for the confrontation by introducing an amendment to let states rescind approval of the proposed constitutional amendment.

How important is Wednesday's vote? Some key ERA supporters in the House and Senate say privately it's so important they'd rather let the extension — and in turn the rights amendment itself — die rather than accept Garn's proposal.

The amendment would add a single sentence to the Constitution: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be abridged or denied by the United States or any state on account of sex."

The ERA is technically alive until March 1979, but even its most vocal supporters concede there's not enough time left to add the three more states necessary to achieve the required 38 ratifications.

Supporters say the only hope of saving the amendment is for Congress to pass

legislation extending the ratification period for three years and three months — to June 30, 1982.

The House has already approved the extension and the Senate has set a final vote on the measure for Friday.

Sponsors have lined up about 55 votes, more than enough to pass the extension proposal, so the final roll call is likely to be an anticlimax.

The real test comes Wednesday when the Senate votes on the Garn amendment.

The House rejected such a move by a substantial margin. Senate approval would force a conference committee battle that could be fatal to the ERA.

Congressional approval of the Garn proposal would leave pro-ERA groups fighting a frustrating, two-front battle — to get more states to approve the amendment and to keep others from changing their minds.

Garn issued a statement last week claiming to have more than 51 of the 100 senators lined up behind his proposal. But ERA supporters were quick to brand his estimate "extremely misleading and premature."

"Neither side has more than a majority at this point," one legislative source said.

Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., a driving force behind ERA extension, estimated

neither side has more than 46 firm votes apiece and the fate of the proposal is in the hands of "eight to 10" undecided senators.

A procedural amendment requiring a two-thirds — rather than simple majority — vote in the Senate for the extending the

period of ratification is expected to be defeated handily.

Cranston said there's no question the Garn proposal is the key issue in the ERA battle. "It's the only one where I'm sure we don't have the votes yet," he said.

## Carrels permanent

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Ninety-three men are still living in study carrels, lounges, office space and other makeshift residences as a result of this fall's over-assignment of dormitory rooms at Texas A&M University.

Ron Sasse, associate director of student affairs, says most will stay where they are until the end of the semester, although they are moved into dorms whenever space is available.

Fifteen of the students are living in married student apartments, 22 in Corps dorms and 26 in various "alternate rooming" situations in dorms on the north side of the campus.

Fifteen men are living three-to-a-room, of whom six are in Dunn Hall, two in Aston and seven in dorms on the north side.

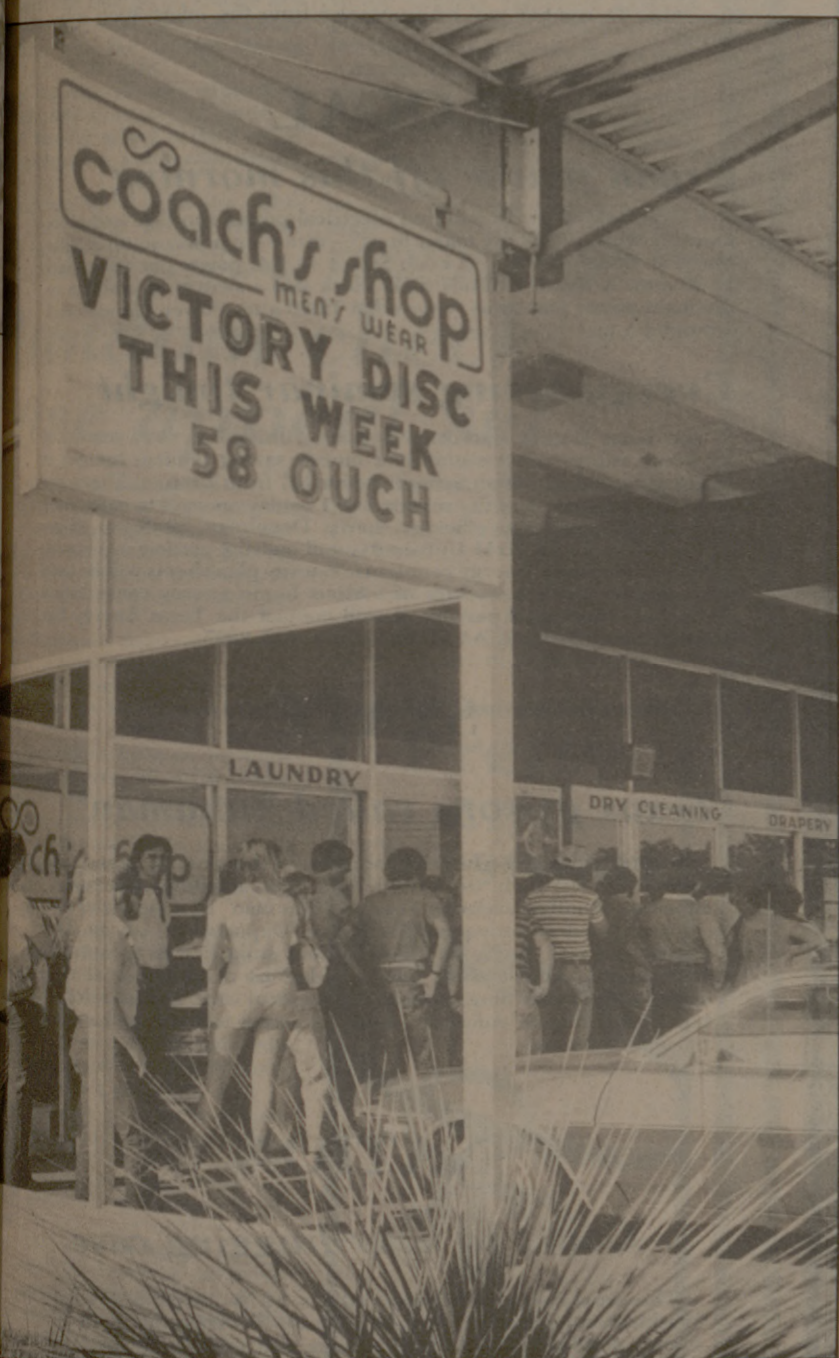
Sasse said students living in these situa-

tions will pay rent at the next cheaper rate of dormitory housing. Thus, men living three-to-a-room or in study carrels in Aston and Dunn will pay \$334 for the semester instead of the usual \$468.

Twelve of the 20 study carrels in Aston have people living in them. Lan Tucker, Aston head resident, said initially there were a number of complaints from residents because of the loss of study space. He said that although residents are still not happy over it, they are tolerating the loss of the carrels.

Aston resident Jamey Burchett said, "They should give us a discount. We pay \$130 more than they do in other dorms, and one reason is the study carrels."

Sasse said there is no plan to compensate Aston residents for the loss of the carrels. He said the music room in the Commons area has been converted to a study room.



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### 'OUCH!'

The Coach's Shop in Bryan, a men's clothing store and cleaning service, routinely holds a sale the week after an Aggie football victory. The percentage off the regular price is based upon the margin of victory of the Aggie game, which this week is 58 percent! A long line formed outside the establishment as early as 7 a.m. Monday. Commenting about the line outside, owner and manager Ron Vandiver said, "I expected to see them. The same thing happened two years ago when the margin was 49."

## Sadat says Carter to join signing treaty with Israel

United Press International

CAIRO, Egypt — President Anwar Sadat said Monday that President Carter has accepted an invitation to visit Egypt and join in signing an Israeli-Egyptian treaty which the two sides will start negotiating later this month.

Sadat announced his invitation to Carter in a parliamentary speech in which he urged all Arab parties directly involved in the conflict with Israel to negotiate directly with it in accordance with two Camp David peace agreements signed by Egypt, Israel and the United States Sept. 17.

He appealed to the other Arabs to show understanding for the accords, which he described as "positive steps paving the way to an overall solution."

"From this rostrum, I invite President Carter to visit Egypt and sign the peace treaty," Sadat said. "I do not doubt for a moment that every Egyptian man and woman will look forward to this visit to express great esteem for a great man."

After the parliamentary session Sadat told reports that Carter had accepted the invitation.

But the Palestine Liberation Organization promptly rejected Sadat's call for his Arab opponents to join in current peace moves.

In Beirut PLO spokesman Mahmoud Labady said the PLO "refused to come in, deal or participate in those conspiracies against the Palestinian people and the Arab world."

Sadat spoke after Egyptian government

officials in Cairo said Egypt and Israel have agreed to start peace negotiations, with full U.S. participation, in Washington on Oct. 12.

Sadat attacked the Soviet Union and Arab hard-liners who have denounced the Camp David agreements as a betrayal of the Arab cause. The hardline "rejectionists" include Syria, Libya, Algeria, Iraq, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"This is what Egypt has been able to achieve at this stage," he said of the framework agreements that call for total Israeli withdrawal from Egypt's Sinai peninsula two to three years after the signing of the treaty.

The accords also provide for a five-year transition period for the Jordan West Bank and the Gaza sector during which the Palestinian inhabitants would enjoy full autonomy and then participate in the determination of their future status.

"If the rejectionists, in their alliance with the Soviet Union, can do better, we shall support, applaud and thank them," Sadat said. "If any Arab leadership can lead us to the realization of all our hopes, we shall be the first to say yes," he added.

The implication was that the Camp David agreements represent the maximum possible at this point and not what Egypt would have liked ideally.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin vowed earlier that Israel will prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip.

If the early bird catches the worm, then what does some guy get who strings his hammock in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum?

Well, he's hoping for a set of 50-yard tickets, according to Donnie Scott, a fifth-year Recreation and Parks senior.

Scott set up his hammock Sunday around 10:30 p.m. so he would be first in line for the Texas Tech game football tickets. Despite this, Scott was not sure he would get the six tickets he wanted for two friends and their dates.

He said he does not like the new system of random distribution of tickets, but said he hopes to get good seats anyway. "If I don't get 50-yard-line seats, you're gonna hear somethin'," he said.

Scott said he stayed up all night until the ticket window opened. He said others started showing up around 2 a.m.

He said people who arrive early to stand in the lines get to know each other.

And although the random system prevents all the good seats going at once — Scott says the tickets go from good to worse, good to worse, good to worse, in a pattern — Scott was vindicated. He got six 50-yardline tickets.

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