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## Weather

Partly cloudy with a chance of thundershowers. High in the mid 90's and the low in the mid 70's. 30% chance of rain. Winds will be Southerly at 5-10 m.p.h.

## Senior women get their boots after five years

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While many say that traditions at Texas A&M University are being broken, forgotten, and even ridiculed, one tradition has recently been extended. This fall, for the first time, senior girls in the Corps will be wearing boots.

The wearing of riding boots has been a privilege for Corps of Cadets seniors since the 1920's. Although there have been women in the corps since 1974, they have not been allowed to wear boots.

The decision was made by Colonel James Woodall, Commandant of Cadets, after receiving a report from a special corps committee.

"After spending three years in the corps," Woodall said, "we felt that they (the senior women) were entitled to this distinctive uniform."

The committee did not actually recommend the boots, he said, but recommended forming another committee to study the question.

"I felt by doing that, it would delay the decision too long," Woodall said. He made the decision himself, he said, in order to give the women time to order and buy their boots before the fall semester begins.

The boot is a female riding boot, similar to the men's, and will be worn with riding pants or a skirt.

The boots do not have to be custom-made and can be bought in local stores or in Houston.

This breaks another tradition at Texas A&M. The men's boots must be custom-made and cost around \$200. The women's boots will cost only \$80.

Woodall said there will be nine senior girls in the corps this fall and they seem "very happy" to have the privilege of wearing boots.

However not all of the women are pleased with the boots.

Sandra Francis, a senior Biology major in the corps, said she will not wear the boots and "they're a waste of time, money and effort."

Georgia Hughes, a senior aerospace engineering major, said she has mixed emotions about the boots.

"At first I was really scared," she said, but "I want to wear them, I'm very proud, I'm a senior."

Hughes said she has received some ridicule from male corps members already but will not really know how others will react until the fall semester.



Battalion photo by Clay Cockrill

Georgia Hughes proudly struts across the quad in the boots she earned by making it to her senior year. Hughes, an aerospace engineering major, is the first person at A&M to own the new women's uniform. She is executive officer for Squadron 14, W-1 of the Corps of Cadets.

## Somoza resigns to bring peace

United Press International

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Anastasio Somoza Debayle resigned as president of Nicaragua Tuesday and fled to exile in the United States, leaving the country his family ruled for 43 years to guerrilla forces who fought for more than a decade to depose him.

A private Lear jet streaked out of Nicaragua carrying the West Point-educated Somoza, his son Anastasio and half-brother Gen. Jose R. Somoza to Homestead Air Force Base near Miami.

The State Department said the plane touched down shortly before 10 a.m. at Homestead, which was sealed off to reporters and photographers.

It is expected that Somoza, whose wife is an American citizen and who owns extensive property in the Miami area, will remain in Florida.

"I am presenting my resignation to bring peace to my people," Somoza said in a message to a weary Nicaraguan Congress called to order just before dawn, "and history will say I'm right because I fought against communism all my life."

Dr. Francisco Urcuyo Maliano, 55, president of the Chamber of deputies, the lower house of Congress, was elected as interim head of state and was to turn the government over to the Sandinista-backed provisional junta.

Sergio Ramirez Mercado, leader of the five-member junta, said in Costa Rica that

the new rulers would make a triumphant entry in Managua later Tuesday, accompanied by eight Latin American foreign ministers.

The radio station of the Sandinista National Liberation Front, a broad-based coalition led by avowed Marxists, announced Somoza's departure early Tuesday.

"The genocidal dictatorship of Somoza has been overthrown and the people of Nicaragua are free," the clandestine broadcast said. "The national guard has been annihilated."

The Sandinistas, formed in 1963, have waged a sporadic guerrilla war against Somoza with help from Cuba, which trained many of their guerrillas, and the leftist regime in Panama.

They are also believed to have received aid from the Palestine Liberation Organization, which last week diverted a U.S. cargo plane bound from Beirut to Costa Rica — which openly supported the Sandinistas — and loaded it with arms apparently for the guerrillas. The arms were never delivered.

Since January 1978 an estimated 15,000 persons — mostly civilians — have been killed in fighting between Somoza's national guard and the Sandinistas. Tens of thousands of others were left homeless.

The capital of Managua, the only city not controlled by the Sandinistas when Somoza resigned, was quiet Tuesday, and when the 4 a.m. curfew was lifted, national guardsmen who have been patrolling the streets disappeared.

## World's first elected parliament hopes to bring a united Europe

United Press International

STRASBURG, France — Delegates to history's first elected international parliament gathered for the first time Tuesday, forming an embryo congress some hope will lead to a future United States of Europe.

The 410 members represent 180 million voters in the nine nations of the European Economic Community, better known as the Common Market, their constituencies extending from French possessions in the Caribbean to the ice-bound island of Greenland.

The meeting place is the ornate, modern Palace of Europe in Strasbourg, which long has been at the crossroads of Germanic and Latin cultures — and of wars.

With its six languages and spectrum of political views ranging from communist to extreme right, the Parliament could, in the view of its critics, become another talking shop, powerless against the will of national

governments.

But its defenders hope the Parliament will give a new impetus to the ideal of a united Europe.

With the establishment of a common monetary system earlier this year, eight of the EEC members took what may prove to be another step toward that ideal.

Many of the parliamentarians themselves come determined to make the new institution independent and effective.

"You can't mobilize 180 million voters and then have such a Parliament do nothing, achieve nothing or (you can) prove that something has changed," said former Belgian Premier Leo Tindemans, himself a member.

Nonetheless, the assembly started life under a tight French rein that could lead to friction as the parliamentarians try to assert their independence.

Former French health minister Simone Veil seemed the likeliest candidate to become the Parliament's president.

## Investigation committee postpones NTSU violation recommendations

United Press International

AUSTIN — The House General Investigating Committee Tuesday decided to postpone recommendations on possible state violations by North Texas State University and its educational foundation until district attorneys in Austin and Denton have had an opportunity to study possible criminal matters.

Rep. Richard Slack, D-Pecos and committee chairman, held a short executive session and then announced that an investigation of alleged misappropriation of state funds at North Texas conducted by the Department of Public Safety would be turned over to the district attorneys in Travis County and in Denton County.

Slack then excused the committee until Aug. 6.

Sack and other committee members, however, indicated that legislative action was imminent, despite whatever the district attorneys finally decide to do.

"Whatever they do, we'll still go ahead with our (legislative) program," he said.

A review by the state auditor indicated many donation checks deposited in the North Texas State University Educational Foundation Inc. were made out to North Texas State University and the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth and various other departments and activities of the university and medical school.

"Most expenditures lack sufficient supporting data for clear determination of the purpose of the expenditures," the auditor's report said.

Mike Ferguson, a member of the state auditor's office, said "restricted gifts" to the university had been used for other purposes, and that university funds had been used to pay the operating expenses of the foundation.

"They were probably using the monies for something other than the donor intended," he said.

Ferguson also indicated that there was a conflict of interest problem caused by members of the NTSU Board of Regents and administrative university officials also serving in decision-making positions with the foundation.

Denton County District Attorney Jerry Cobb said he would examine the DPS report and the testimony submitted to the House General Investigating Committee

before deciding whether to pursue criminal charges.

The district attorney said his office also would have to closely examine legal documents to find clear definition of how the donated funds should be spent. Cobb also said he would have to confer with the Travis County district attorney but indicated that he would have a determination by Aug. 6 of what action he would take.

## May face a tough Congress

## Senate members criticize Carter

United Press International

NEW ORLEANS — Members of the Senate Finance Committee returning from a tour of a billion-dollar offshore drilling rig blasted President Carter Tuesday for blaming

## Dorms should be ready for fall semester

Construction on the Academic and Agency Building may be running behind, but the modular dorms will be ready to move into on schedule.

John Merchant, Manager of the Construction Division of Systems Facilities, said the women's dorms are coming along "very well" and they will be completed the first or second week of August.

Construction workers are "putting finishing touches on the carpet and painting in building A," Merchant said. Construction on building B is running about one week behind building A.

Merchant predicted the completion date for building A will be August 6, and for building B August 13.

Rain did not delay construction of the dorms because the buildings were prefabricated in San Antonio.

No names for the dorms have been chosen yet, however the Residence Hall Association suggested in May that they be named after Emory Bellard and Jack Williams.

ing the energy shortage on the domestic oil industry.

Committee members indicated President Carter's proposals to establish federal programs to foster energy development will face tough scrutiny by Congress.

The senators, who return to Washington to deliberate Carter's proposed 50 percent tax on the windfall profits oil companies expect when domestic price restrictions are removed, criticized Carter's attack on the oil and gas industry in his speeches outlining a new energy policy.

"You are not going to do it (achieve energy independence) by jumping on the back of one industry; not by accusing one industry of cheating and profiteering and turning around and asking the same industry to go to work for the country — it's just not going to work," said Sen. Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo.

Committee chairman Sen. Russell Long, D-La accompanied five other senators Monday on a tour of the Shell Oil Co. rig Cognac, the world's largest offshore platform, standing in 1,025 feet of water in the Gulf of Mexico 15 miles from the mouth of the Mississippi.

He said he wanted to demonstrate the huge investments energy producers must make to find new sources of oil and gas.

"We gained an impression of what the future is in this industry," Long said. "It's a hostile environment and it cost a great deal of money to explore for energy out there. They make big investments and take a big risk."

Long refused to predict what changes if any the Senate would make in the windfall profits tax proposal.

"I am in no position to pass judgment at this point. Each person (on the committee) will let his conscience be his guide," Long said. "But there is no substitute for knowledge. The truth will make you free."

More than \$1 billion has been invested in Cognac, which has yet to pump its first barrel of oil or gas.

"It is a magnificent achievement of private enterprise," said Sen. David Boren, D-Okla. "Private enterprise is going to get more energy per dollar than any government agency we have or any government agency we'll ever think of."

"We are setting the stage for a rip off by giving them (the public) more taxes for more bureaucracy instead of more energy."

He said 40 percent of the expected revenues from a windfall profits tax would be spent financing Carter's proposals for federal projects to funnel funds back to oil companies for research and development of new energy sources.

"I sure would like to see more that capital invested by private enterprise rather than a bureaucracy," he said.

"I don't see any point in having people pay more money for energy and having the companies sending the money to Washington and having Washington send it back to the companies. It's better to give the companies the incentive (by eliminating the tax) and shortcircuit the bureaucracy."

Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., — who is not a member of the Finance Committee, but invited by Long to fill an empty spot on the trip — said the Cognac tour showed "what American ingenuity can do, what American ingenuity has to do" to find more energy.



Eyes don't tell lies

Carlos Madero, a graduate student in Seafood Technology shows a group of restaurant managers how to determine if fish is fresh or has been frozen by looking at the lens of the eye of the fish. The Seafood Technology Department at Texas A&M hosted a seafood, meat, poultry and vegetable seminar last week for restaurant managers.

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