

# Hot water re-appears in dorms

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The girls in the Keathley-Fowler-Hughes dorm complex took a lot of cold showers last week — but not by choice.

The pump that circulated hot water to the complex developed a leak Oct. 10 that led to a six-day fast without hot water for the girls.

Girls in the dorm said they resorted to solutions ranging from showering in friends' dorms, to taking two-minute showers, to just not showering at all.

Debbie Dean, second floor resident advisor for Fowler, said most of the girls coped with the situation well.

"I did have a lot of girls calling and asking when the hot water would be back on, but all I could do was tell them to be patient. It wasn't that bad, though," Dean said. "We survived, anyway."

Signs along the doors of the dorm rooms lamented the lost hot water with sayings like "Heat the hell outta cold water," and "Where has all the hot water gone; long time passing."

Gene Oates, resident hall safety and maintenance supervisor, explained why the girls were without hot water for so long.

"A leak in one of the pipes leading to the pump was discovered and repaired by 2:30 that same afternoon. But after the repair was made, moisture was found condensed in the electrical system and the pump had to be removed and taken to Brenham to be rewired."

"By 3:30 p.m. Friday the pump was ready to be re-installed when the repair crew found that the housing on the pump was cracked. There is no way of knowing if the housing was already damaged or if it was cracked in transit from Brenham," Oates said.

Oates said no comparable pump could be found in Houston but they finally found one in Dallas Tuesday. A temporary patch on the old pump had returned the hot water to the dorms that afternoon.

Oates said that the old pump will remain in place for now and when the new pump is installed the hot water should only be off a few hours.

Oates estimated the temperature of the water the girls had to use during the time the hot water was off at 83 degrees.

Kim Payne, a junior who lives in Fowler, said there is "no way" the water was that warm. "The water was freezing!" Payne said. "Whoever told you that (it was 83 degrees) should come over here and see if it feels that warm to them."

# what's up at Texas A&M

Friday

**MSC RECREATION:** Gromets will have open tournaments in popular multi-player game (including Diplomacy, Kingmaker and Railbaron) at 8 p.m. in Rooms 140 and 141, MSC. Everyone invited.

**"THE GODFATHER":** Marlon Brando, Al Pacino and James Caan star in this Academy Award-winning film about a Sicilian family's rise in America. Will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. (R)

**BONFIRE CUTTING CLASSES:** Will be held at 5:15 p.m. at the Animal Science Pavilion. People wishing to work on the Aggie Bonfire must attend at least one class.

**MSC BASEMENT COMMITTEE:** Local performers including Jeff Clark, Carlos Mata and Ray Johnson, will perform at 8 p.m. in the Basement Coffeehouse.

**INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS:** Will have a party with a variety of beers, whiskey sour punch, pretzels and cheese at 8 p.m. in the Arbor Square party room.

**COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CONVOCATION:** Professor Walter Rosenblith of MIT will discuss "Technology and Medicine, The Evolving Partnership" at 3 p.m. in Rudder Theater. The public is invited.

**"WHO IS KILLING THE GREAT CHEFS OF EUROPE?":** George Segal stars as a fast food tycoon who wants Jacqueline Bisset, his ex-wife and a pastry maker, to endorse his new food chain. This murder mystery will be shown tonight and Saturday at midnight in Rudder Theater. (PG)

Saturday

**PABLO CRUISE:** Will appear in concert at 8 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Reserve tickets are still available from the MSC Box Office.

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**MSC BASEMENT COMMITTEE:** Presents local performers (including Kathy Gibson and Liz Jambor, Kevin Matheny and Valorie Bogucki) at 8 p.m. in the Basement Coffeehouse.

**"GODFATHER II":** The continuing story of the Corleone family will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Stars Al Pacino and Diane Keaton. (R)

**A&M WHEELMEN:** Will have the Daniel F. Harrison Half-Fast Memorial Hundred, a one hundred-mile bicycle race. A trophy will go to the finisher whose elapsed time is closest to the average of the fastest and slowest finishers. Registration at 7:30 a.m., Rudder Fountain.

**SPORTS CAR CLUB:** Will hold AGGIECROSS VII, a high-speed autocross, on the Road Race Course of Texas World Speedway all day today.

**DOMINO TOURNAMENT:** The All-University "42" Domino Tournament will be held at 9 a.m. in Room 601, Rudder. You can sign up through Friday afternoon in the MSC, and a \$3 entry fee (per team) will be collected. Sponsored by the Collegiate FFA.

Sunday

**"VOICES":** Michael Ontkean and Amy Irving star in this story of a deaf woman's romance with a handsome singer.

**STUDENT "Y":** Will have a prayer breakfast at 8 a.m. in the reserve room of the MSC Cafeteria. Ron Blatchley, director of student affairs, will speak.

Monday

**BIG BROTHER AND BIG SISTER:** An organizational meeting for the Big Brother and Big Sister Program will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Room 138, MSC.

**DELTA "Y":** Will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Room 302, Rudder. All freshmen welcome.

**OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES:** Will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Room 207, HECC. Aggieland pictures will be taken after the meeting.

**MEDINA COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB:** All Medina County residents are invited to meet at 7 p.m. in the Village Green party room.

**"THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY":** Directed by Ingmar Bergman, this film describes 24 hours in the life of a family on an island. Will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

**ORANGE HOMETOWN CLUB:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 109, Military Science Bldg.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Will be held at 9 p.m. in the Meditation Room, All Faiths Chapel. Sponsored by Student "Y."

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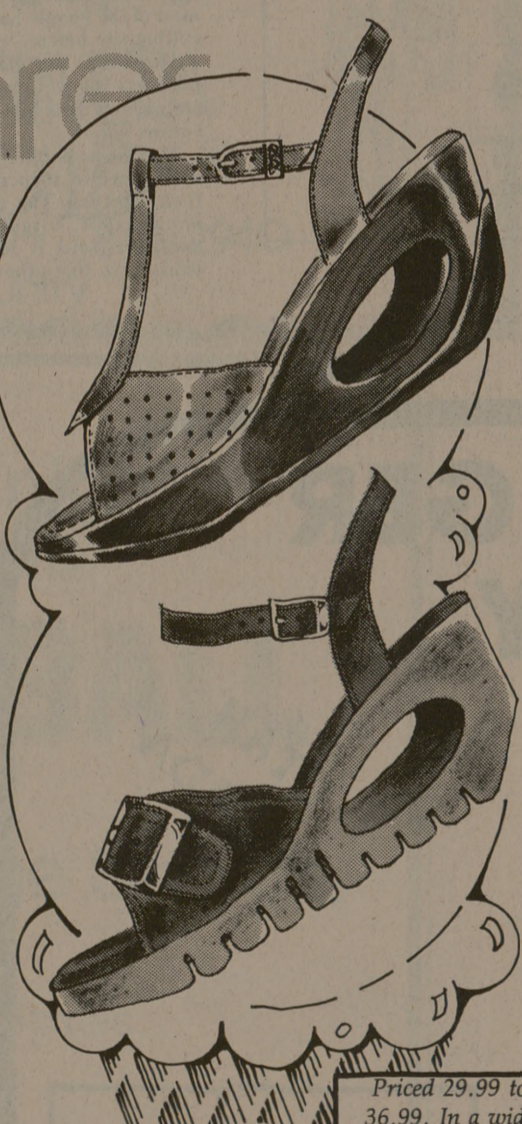
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