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## The Weather

Yesterday	Today
High . . . . . 93	High . . . . . 93
Low . . . . . 72	Low . . . . . 71
Humidity . . . . . 57%	Humidity . . . . . 60%
Rain . . . . . 0.0 inches	Chance of rain . . . . . none



Photo by John West

### A dog's life

Reville IV, Texas A&M's mascot finds time to take a nap during chemistry lecture. Reville accompanies her handler, mascot corporal Greg Zachary of Company E-2, to all Zachary's classes.

## Senate OKs change in football seating

By NANCY ANDERSEN  
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After much debate the student senate passed a bill to recommend that the Athletic Department set aside 588 seats for graduate students wishing to sit during Texas A&M football games. The senate's Wednesday meeting was its first of the academic year.

The seats are located on the first six rows of the third deck and range from the 10-yard line to the goal line. The bill originally provided for any remaining seats to be given to seniors, but it was amended to read that these seats would revert to standing room.

Supporters of the bill argued that the "Twelfth Man" tradition of standing during football games should not be legislated or forced on people.

"Traditions are fine," said Aubrey Johnson, president of the Graduate Student Council. "But they are finer still when they come from the heart."

Eric Langford, vice president for student services, said "you can't categorize graduate students as one of us. The majority are 25 years old, some in their forties. Some are from other universities and don't understand our traditions." Seniors opposing the bill said such a move would threaten the Twelfth Man tradition, divide the student body and encourage freshmen to sit during games.

In other action, College of Agriculture sophomore senator Jeff

Anthony defeated College of Business sophomore Blaine Edwards 36-21 for speaker pro tempore. Anthony replaces George Pappas, former senator from Aston and Dunn Halls and speaker pro tempore, who resigned upon his acceptance to law school.

In legislative action, the senate sent the evaluation of the Silver Taps change back to the student services committee. The senate voted last year to have the ceremony for deceased students no more frequently than once a month. Silver Taps previously had been held on the Tuesday immediately following a student's death.

Tracy Cox, vice president for finance, presented the student government budget. The budget proposes the following allocations from student service fees: administrative expenses \$15,980; executive branch \$6,290; legislative branch \$6,082 and communications \$5,110 for a total of \$39,412. The budget will not be acted on until the next senate meeting, Sept. 24.

Cox said budget changes will be made before the next meeting. Senators also heard a bill to commend Dr. Jarvis Miller, former president of Texas A&M University, for serving "with integrity and dedication for many years."

The bill would also appropriate \$125 for a plaque to be presented to Miller at a senate meeting. It, too should be voted on at the Sept. 24 meeting.

## No Carter in first debate

United Press International  
Ronald Reagan is "sorry and angry." President Carter is adamant. John Anderson says it's all the fault of Carter aides. The upshot: There will be a debate between Reagan and Anderson Sept. 21 in Baltimore, sponsored by the League of Women Voters. An empty chair will symbolize Carter's refusal to participate.

An unsuccessful final effort was made Wednesday to find a format all three candidates could embrace. When the meeting broke up, Reagan and Anderson had accepted the invitation; Carter had formally rejected it.

"I am sorry and I am angry and the American people also will be," said Reagan.

"Let the American people see who is willing to discuss the grave issues that confront our nation," he said, "and let them see whose chair will be empty."

Carter said: "My position has been clear, consistent and I do not intend to change it. We still are eager to have as many debates as we can schedule between myself and Governor Reagan first and then to debate Governor Reagan, Congressman Anderson and any others the sponsors of the debate might bring together."

In Los Angeles, Anderson blamed Carter's aides for scuttling the plans.

Anderson was given several opportunities at a news conference to criticize Carter personally for refusing to debate, but turned aside the questions.

"I find it difficult to think the president would make that decision, but is relying on the advice of campaign managers who are looking at this as a purely political thing," he said.

"I want to leave it to others to assess his motives," he said. "I don't have any difficulty assessing Mr. (Robert) Strauss' motives."

Strauss, Carter's campaign chairman, said both sides have selfish interests at heart.

Anderson will take votes from Carter Nov. 4, he explained, and this knowledge affects the position of both major party candidates.

"We have our selfish reasons. Reagan has his selfish interests," Strauss said. "Let's don't kid ourselves."

"We know that that (Anderson) candidacy... takes a great many more votes from us than it does from Reagan. Reagan wants him on there for that very reason," he said.

ABC News asked Democratic and Republican state chairmen whether they think Carter will be hurt by his debate

decision. Of the Democrats, 28 thought he would be hurt, 16 thought he would not and seven had no opinion. Forty-seven of the Republican chairmen thought he would be hurt.

Late Wednesday, Reagan and Carter exchanged some genteel name-calling on the energy question.

Reagan charged Carter with misleading the public by claiming there is an acute shortage of energy resources, while "the truth is America has an abundance of energy."

"When Mr. Carter says we don't have enough energy at home, what he really means is his policies won't let Americans find and produce the energy they need," Reagan said.

Carter, in his Oval Office, promptly demanded "one shred of evidence" that administration policies have discouraged discovery and production of energy in America.

"Governor Reagan is wrong," Carter said in a statement in the Oval Office. "Again he has made accusations without checking the facts. I do not intend to let my Republican opponent misrepresent facts about this administration."

## White: Aid needed to ease burden of schooling illegals

United Press International  
Attorney General Mark White is urging the state's senators to sponsor legislation guaranteeing additional federal aid to pay for the schooling of children of illegal aliens.

The Justice Department, said White, "is in charge of immigration laws and its failure to enforce these laws has resulted in (illegal aliens) being here in the first place. Now, they're asking us to make up for their failure."

White said thousands of children have crossed the border from Mexico into Texas to obtain a free public education because of the U.S. Justice Department's failure to enforce immigration laws.

White said he personally agrees with a federal court decision requiring the state to educate children of illegal aliens, but as attorney general he must defend state statutes until the courts determine their constitutionality.

"I personally believe that every child in Texas ought to be educated in our public schools regardless of their nationality," White said in a telegram to Sens. Lloyd

Bentsen, Jr., D-Texas, and John Tower, R-Texas.

White told about 160 delegates at a South Plains Association of Governments meeting Tuesday that the federal govern-

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ment should enforce immigration laws to "fit the facts."

If the Justice Department wants the children of illegal aliens educated, the federal government should pay the cost, he said.

White said if the program should be implemented at the expense of state bilingual programs already in existence, not only taxpayers but alien children will suffer because already strapped bilingual programs will be stretched even further.

The state is appealing the federal court decision requiring schools to admit illegal alien children without charge. In 1975 the Legislature passed a state law prohibiting children of undocumented aliens from attending public schools unless they paid tuition.

"This caused overcrowding and diluted the quality of education for border district students, the majority of which were Mexican-Americans," he said.

White said Rep. Jim Mattox, D-Texas, has introduced legislation providing federal impact funds for school districts adversely affected by a recent ruling on the case by Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell.

"I would appreciate it if you would sponsor similar legislation in the Senate to help us alleviate this problem," White told the senators. "This would resolve the situation much quicker and more effectively than through protracted litigation."

"Although I agree that we ought to educate these children," he said, "I do not think the state of Texas should bear the financial burden alone for what is essentially a national problem that was brought about because the Justice Department failed to enforce their own immigration laws."

## Hotard discovers 'girls next door'

By CINDY GEE  
Battalion Reporter

Some people might compare Hotard Hilton to "Animal House," but in the movie John Belushi needed a ladder to spy on girls; in Hotard all you need is a room that faces Neeley Hall.

Hotard is a men's dormitory about 20 yards directly across from Neeley, a women's dormitory. Windows in each room are on the same level, and as one Neeley resident said, "You can see everything."

Every night about 11, when everyone's tired of studying, some girl opens her blinds and waves," said David Dartez, who has lived in Hotard three years. "That gets the guys started. They just wave and yell at their name and number. It's an interesting way to meet people."

Amy Polk, a Neeley freshman, said the first night she heard a lot of yelling, opened her window and saw about four men armed with binoculars, megaphones and flashlights hanging out every window.

Most of girls in Neeley don't seem to mind being courted this way. Lisa Neal, a resident adviser in Neeley, said the girls appreciate the way Hotard has included them in the dorm's activities.

Hotard men are making a big effort to change their image — that of being animals, she said. When Neeley residents were moving in, Neal said the men spent all day and evening moving furniture and carrying boxes for them.

"Last year when you told girls you lived in Hotard they would say, 'Oh, Hotard' and walk off. Now it's great; they like Hotard," said Dan O'Neal, a senior on the third floor of Hotard.

One reason women may be visiting Hotard more is because of its summer renovation. In years past, the main reason many men chose to live there was because

it was so rundown they didn't have to worry about damaging it.

That made the Hotard Hilton unique. "We used to have massive water fights in the halls. It got so bad that one time the cleaning ladies refused to come in," said Jay Caton, a junior on the second floor.

Although Hotard's new face lift might appeal to the women, it does not appeal to most of the men who live there.

"We'd like to keep the girls dorms there, but have Hotard the way it used to be," James Smith said, a senior on the third floor.

"We could swing on the lights and drill holes in the doors and nobody cared," he said. "We just did what we wanted to."

O'Neal attributed Hotard's new attention to the fact that 80 percent of the new modular dorm residents are freshmen and they think this is what college is all about. He said they like having party raids and jock raids and getting attention.

One Hotard resident indicated that "jock raids" may soon become "sock raids."

"I only have one jock," he said, "and it's too expensive to throw out the window, so I threw a sock."

All of Hotard's attention has not been through the lenses of a binocular. Hotard invited Neeley women over for ice cream and watermelon and held a "practice" yell practice for their freshmen neighbors. Several times Hotard escorted the young women to dinner, and of course afterward several freshmen were introduced to the fish pond.

Many Hotard residents were upset when bulldozers began tearing up their field, but now if someone were to give them the opportunity to choose between keeping their field or building a women's dorm they would probably say, "Build the dorm and we'll play the field!"



Photo by Bob Sebrene

Hotard Hall residents say having some new "scenery" in their back yard with the opening of two women's dorms. Jon Cook, Joe Bill Thompson,

Carl Husman, Gary Valenting, Ron Richards, Kenneth Hicks and Brad Brady eye Neeley Hall and their new female neighbors Wednesday.