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## The Weather

Yesterday	Today
High . . . . . 82	High . . . . . 86
Low . . . . . 66	Low . . . . . 58
Humidity . . . . . 79%	Humidity . . . . . 90%
Rain . . . . . 0.0 inches	Chance of rain . . . . . none

## Carter, 56 today, celebrates on trail

United Press International  
Today is President Carter's 56th birthday, and he appears certain to cut as many decorated cakes and hear at least as many "Happy Birthday to You" renditions as his opponent, Ronald Reagan, did on a similar occasion during the primaries. Carter scheduled a trip to the Detroit area to see the new American economy cars on the assembly lines and on parade, attend a town meeting in Flint, Mich., and address a local union in Niagara Falls, N.Y., before a private celebration with his family at the White House tonight. Reagan used his own birthday to defuse the age issue in the primary campaign, with considerable success. Reagan, who held a big "Prelude to Victory" dinner in New York Tuesday night — complete with closed-circuit hook-ups to parade and similar events with Gerald Ford and vice presidential candidate George Bush — planned new appeals today to workers in blue-collar areas of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Independent candidate John Anderson received a setback Tuesday in his effort to borrow badly needed campaign funds against a federal payment he will receive after the election if he gets at least 5 percent of the vote. Two staff reports recommended the Federal Election Commission not give its approval to the loan efforts. The commission won't meet on it until Thursday, but the recommendations could be decisive.

Anderson could get the loans anyway, but he hoped to use the FEC approval to help convince bankers of his application's merits. Both Anderson and Bush reacted late Tuesday to a comment attributed to Vice President Walter Mondale earlier in the day, calling on Anderson to drop out of the race. Anderson rejected the suggestion, and said, "I'm not about to take the vice president's advice and get out of the race." And Bush agreed Anderson should hang in there. "I guess Mr. Mondale thinks Mr. Anderson is hurting them and he's trying to crowd Anderson out," Bush told reporters in Los Angeles. Anderson said that suggestion — plus word from Carter campaign director Robert Strauss the campaign soon will air commercials saying a vote for Anderson is a vote for Reagan — proves his effort "is having an impact." "A vote for Anderson is a vote for Anderson," he said on his arrival in Miami. Reagan met with some farmers in Nevada, Iowa, before flying to New York Tuesday. He said Carter's embargo on grain sales to the Soviets had been a political ploy at their expense, and applauded the Senate's vote last week to withhold funds for the embargo's implementation.

... war is a good thing'

## Khomeini spurns mediation

United Press International  
BAGHDAD, Iraq — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini turned down mediation to end the 10-day conflict with Iraq, saying "war is good thing," and sent fighter-bombers on Iran's deadliest raid against Baghdad that left hundreds wounded and killed.

Iran's Abadan Radio broadcast orders civilians to "prepare trenches in the streets, make Molotov cocktails" and ready themselves for hand-to-hand combat "against the enemies of God and the masses."

In Baghdad, Iraq said its forces tightened the siege of Dizful north of the Iranian city of Ahwaz, saying they will "control the city at any moment" but were giving the enemy the opportunity to surrender before "they are crushed."

Their 10-day drive, the Iraqis have swept with relative ease over much of the 136-square-mile Shatt al-Arab waterway, established a zone of security 10 miles deep inside Iran along the central and southern border, and pushed up to 65 miles into Iranian territory.

"We shall fight against them right to the end," Khomeini said late Tuesday, appealing to his countrymen in the embattled cities of Abadan, Khurrumshahr and Ahwaz — an oil-rich Khuzistan province to "remain steadfast and not leave their towns."

In the deadliest Iranian air raids of the war against the Iraqi capital, an Iranian bomb or rocket hit a fuel depot on the southwestern fringes of the city, turning the depot into an inferno in seconds. A blast at the same time rolled into civilian residential areas.

"From one point of view, war is a very good thing, because it reveals the courage hidden in man and stirs man out of his inactivity," Khomeini said in seeking to rouse the residents of the three key towns in the south to stand and fight.

The raid, in which Iranian U.S.-built Phantom fighter bombers swooped 500 feet above the ground, caught Baghdad by surprise.

Some 90 miles southwest of Ahwaz on the Shatt al-Arab waterway, Iraqi infantry, artillery and tanks tightened their siege of Abadan.

Hospitals were jammed with hundreds of wounded and dying. Authorities said at least half were children. Flames licked hundreds of feet into the night sky more than eight hours later.

A French-built nuclear research center also was hit and partly destroyed, although French officials said the reactor was undamaged with no danger of radioactive leakage.

Both Baghdad and Tehran warned the United States against any move to protect oil traffic in the Strait of Hormuz. Iran said it would turn the Persian Gulf into "a vast hell" if there is any Western intervention. Addressing Iranians on nationwide radio and television, Khomeini scoffed at President Saddam Hussein's acceptance of a U.N. cease-fire call and his offer to talk peace with Tehran.

In Tehran, the Iranian parliament resumed its debate on the fate of the 52 American hostages now in their 333rd day of captivity. It heard more demands the hostages be tried as spies before adjourning the debate until Sunday, Tehran Radio said.

In New York, Secretary of State Edmund Muskie met unexpectedly with Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi. Hammadi later said he told Muskie, "The best thing the United States can do to ease the situation is not to interfere in any way."



Battalion photo by Pamela Eades

### Want a kiss?

Boomer, a 7 1/2-foot Redtailed Boa Constrictor, found the weather a tad too chilly for his liking Tuesday. So,

owner Roger Terrel, brought the snake to visit McFadden Hall residents while warming up.

## Clayton barbecue postponed

A fund-raiser scheduled here Saturday for Bill Clayton — the Texas House speaker on trial for bribery — has been postponed, says the Texas A&M University student who's organizing it. Irene Little, a graduate student in English, said the barbecue has been indefinitely postponed because Clayton can't come Saturday.

Little said the barbecue was planned to show support for Clayton, who graduated from Texas A&M in 1950.

"He can't be here because the budget board chairman insists he attend budget hearings in Austin on the weekends," Little said. During the week Clayton and two other men are on trial in federal court in Houston.

"I really know he's an honest person, and it seemed to me the time to say that," she said. Little met Clayton when she was working for another legislator in Austin in 1969.

"We feel like if we have a party for him, he should be here," she said. Profits from the barbecue will help pay Clayton's legal fees.

Students she's talked to, she said, are willing to help with the barbecue.

"Even the students understand he's done more for A&M than just about anybody," she said. Neither the University nor the System is involved, she said, although some employees are helping with it.

None of the \$10 tickets (\$5 for students) were sold, she said.

## Aggie bucks created for students

By NANCY ANDERSEN  
Battalion Staff

A common student reaction to the phrase Student Government is "What does it do for me?"

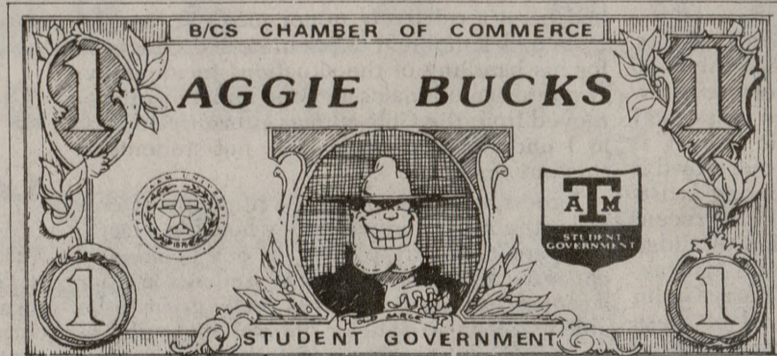
Two things Student Government does for the students are going on right now.

The external affairs committee has two projects which every student can use — Aggie Bucks and Discovering Aggieland.

Aggie Bucks is the Old Student Purchase Program with a new twist. The name is new, and committee member Sue Vito said the reason for the change is to get better name recognition. SPP wasn't too catchy, Vito said.

On each coupon include dollar-bill type artwork on either coupon and an index of the coupons.

Aggie Bucks is a booklet of coupons good



for discounts at 29 local businesses. To receive a discount from food purchases to hair cuts. Any student must present his Texas A&M Uni-

versity I.D. card and the appropriate coupon. There is a limit of only one coupon per book.

The book was produced in conjunction

with the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce and distributed by Student Government. Vito said a coupon book was included in the Survival Kits distributed to dormitory rooms. Off-campus students can pick up a copy at 216 Memorial Student Center, or at most of the major apartment complex offices this week.

Discovering Aggieland is another old program that received a face lift. Formerly the Consumer Guide, this handbook is a concise guide to services and businesses available in the Bryan-College Station area.

Besides consumer tips, church listings and emergency numbers, Discovering Aggieland with a key indicating price estimates of a dinner for two and whether liquor is served.

## Ingram to appear again before hearing board

A Texas A&M University football player who was asked to return Tuesday for an additional Student Affairs hearing was asked to return again today for another hearing. The reason was undisclosed.

Three of his teammates were cleared on Monday.

Kenny Ingram, a sophomore defensive lineman from Corpus Christi, will meet with the hearing board again today at 1 p.m.

Aggies Doug Carr, Leandrew Brown, Jay Dale and Stuart Clark were cleared Monday after a letter by dismissed teammate Cal Peveto implicated them in an investigation of drug use.

Texas A&M players Peveto and Elroy Steen were kicked off the team last week after a Student Affairs board upheld their initial dismissal by Head Coach Tom Wilson.

Wilson dismissed Steen Tuesday after University police found a substance believed to be marijuana in his car.

Peveto was dismissed after an amphetamine pill was found in his room in a search of Cain Hall.

The University Student Affairs offices are now running the entire investigation.

But overcrowding causes problems for some

## 'Triplets' find three-to-a-room life not so bad

By TRACY L. FENTON  
Battalion Reporter

The two new women's dormitories, Hobby and Neeley Halls, have what head resident Hadley Hoff calls "triplets." Triplets are three people living in one dorm room.

Ron Hilton, coordinator of housing services, said fewer students than expected canceled their dorm agreements and more upperclassmen decided to stay on campus this fall, resulting in the crowding.

The three-to-a-room situations are met with mixed feelings by many students.

For freshmen Lynn Kurtz, Patricia Benner and Linda Sampson, things are going just great.

Benner is a petroleum engineering major from McAllen. Sampson, a psychology major, and Kurtz, a marketing major, are both from Houston.

"One of the reasons we all get along so well is we're three completely different people," Benner said.

The women said they seldom argue or fight.

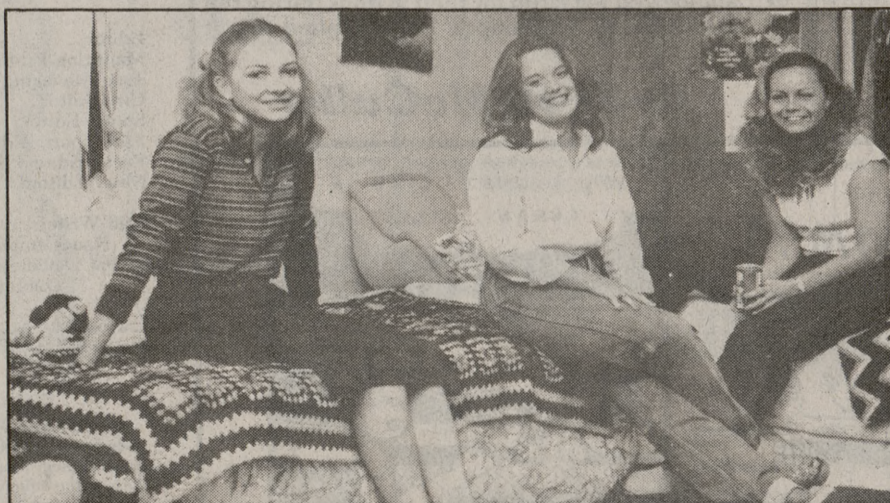
Kurtz said the only real problem that ever comes up is when one of them is expecting a phone call and one of the others is on the phone. She said they just tell the other roommate they're expecting a call and they get the phone back as soon as they're through.

The women take turns buying the snacks and drinks, and compromise on what kind of music to listen to and try not to slam the door when one of the others is taking a nap.

They have no space or storage problems. "We have tons of room," she said.

Sampson said she and Kurtz share a desk and leave the other one to Benner so she can have space to do her engineering homework. They each have a closet, a set of drawers and a bookshelf.

They also store things in Sampson's roll-away bed.



(l-r) Linda Sampson, Lynn Kurtz, Patricia Benner

Benner said the women have no "house" rules. "It's just common courtesy," said Sampson.

Benner said one of the main reasons the roommates don't fight is because they talk out any problems that come up.

"I don't think it's the size of the room or the space," Sampson said. She said she thinks it depends on how well the people get along and if they are willing to compromise.

The women said they are just as glad there are three of them because this way they've gotten to meet more new people.

Not all of the new residents of Hobby and Neeley agree with Benner, however.

Hadley Hoff, head resident for the two dorms, said most of the complaints she gets are about one roommate wanting to study while the other two are listening to music or entertaining friends.

Another problem, she said, is upperclassmen that have freshmen or sophomore

roommates. She said sometimes the underclassmen carry lighter schedules and do not have to study as much.

Sometimes there's just a personality clash that is not made any better by living three-to-a-room, Hoff said.

Occasionally, if two roommates are close, the third feels left out or rejected, Hoff said.

Hoff said many of the girls had problems in the beginning of the semester, but didn't talk things out because they thought one roommate would eventually be moved.

But Kurtz, Sampson and Benner said when they found out about two weeks after school started that Sampson, their "temporary," would be with them the rest of the semester, they were glad she was staying.

As far as room plans for next spring, Sampson said she didn't want to leave. The three women said they would be just as happy to stay a triple.