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Students have campus rooms for 4 years, Blatchley says

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Battalion Staff
Additional light was shed on the ongoing dispute over the on-campus housing of fifth-year seniors and graduate students when members of the Residence Halls Association were told at their meeting Thursday night that all students will be allowed to live in a residence hall eight semesters from the date of their original application.

"We're just not going to guarantee space," Director of Student Affairs Ron Blatchley said. But if space is available, there's a chance it might go to a fifth-year senior, he said.

According to the policy effective next fall, a student is entitled to only eight semesters of on-campus residence. That student may, however, go before an appeals board made up of six students and a Student Affairs representative in an attempt to regain

the privilege of on-campus housing.

RHA President Sherrie Balcar cited veterinary, medical, and handicapped students as possibilities for such appeals.

Members of the RHA's Executive Committee and resident advisers would be exempt from the rule as long as they held their positions which require them to live on-campus.

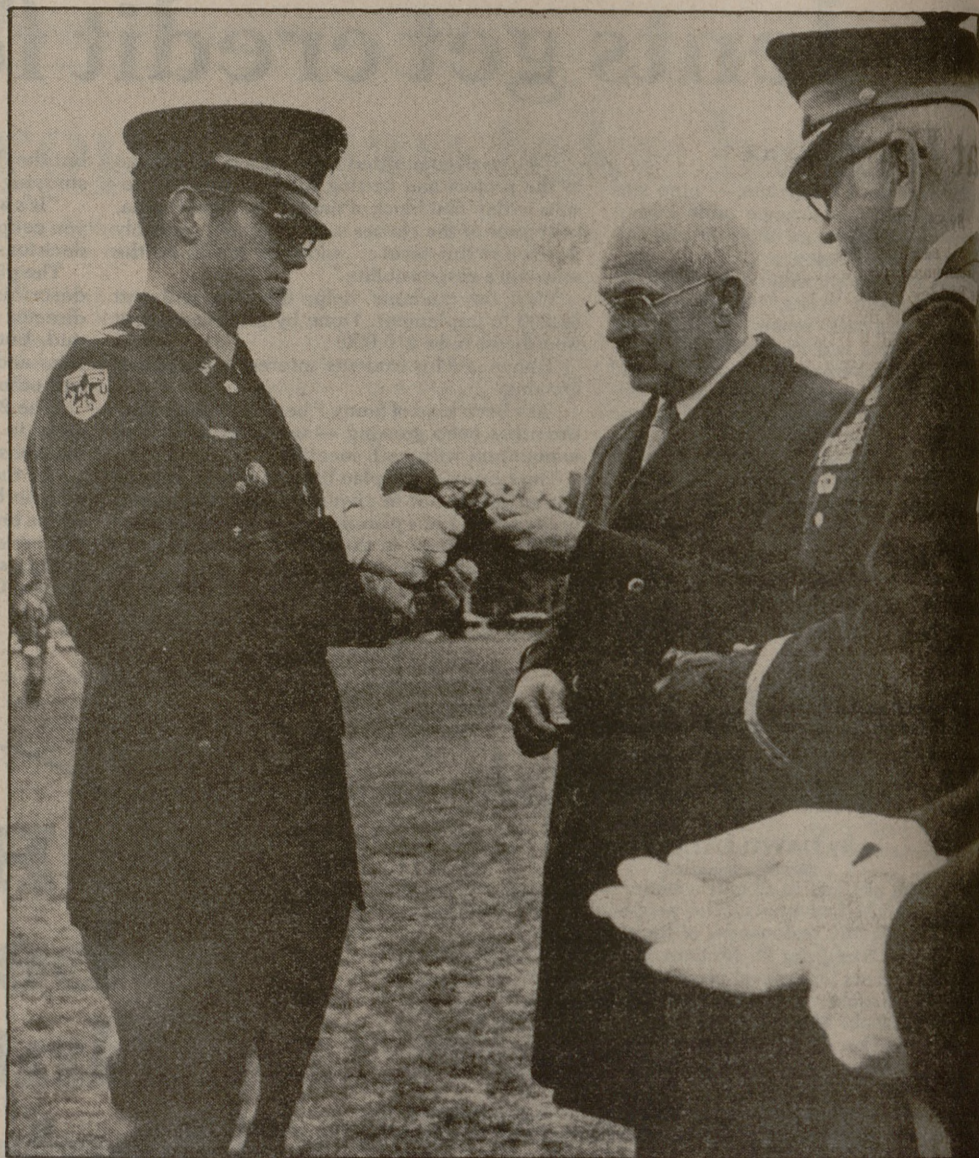
On a related subject, RHA Adviser Nolen Mears said that under the bill currently faced by the Student Senate, 80 percent of on-campus dorm space would be allocated to incoming freshmen and the remaining 20 percent would be given to upperclassmen on a lottery basis. "For you to go through four years living on campus, you'd have to win in the lot-

tery every year," Mears said.

Many of the members said that with such a policy it would be very difficult to elect a dorm council when the students didn't even know if they would be living in the dorm the following year.

Balcar announced that the Quonset Huts are being turned over from the Department of Student Affairs to the Department of Student Activities and that they would soon receive a "overhaul." In addition to general improvements, plans are being made to add a football field, basketball court, and a pavilion.

Blatchley said the cost of the project would be one-quarter to one-half million dollars. "I think we'll be able to secure some funds from former students," he said.



Staff photo by Chuck Chapman

Cadet of the Year

Bryan Foy accepts the Douglas MacArthur award from Acting President Charles Samson. The award goes to a cadet at each of 40 military colleges and schools. Foy, an Aggie Band member

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Irish Setter needs owner to pay for bill

The search is on for the owner of an Irish Setter that broke his leg when he jumped off a wall at Memorial Student Center Thursday.

The dog had no identifying collar, so when the campus police arrived, two students took the dog to the small animal clinic.

The veterinarian at the clinic

said the dog couldn't be treated until someone guaranteed they would pay the bill.

One of the students, Diane Bell, decided to take responsibility for the \$150 bill.

The dog is in good condition at the veterinary clinic. Anyone with information about the dog's owner should call Bell at 696-7291.

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AUSTIN — The Rev. Gerald Mann, chaplain of the Senate, often manages to comment on current issues in his one-line invocations at the opening of each session.

Today, Mann mentioned a protest by reporters concerning stringent enforcement of a Senate dress code banning blue jeans and requiring men to wear a suit and tie.

"Our father, if you decide to appear to us today, I hope you wear a tie and no jeans," Mann said in his invocation.

Six reporters showed up at Monday's Senate session in Texas to protest the tightened dress code in effect for the 1981 session.

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