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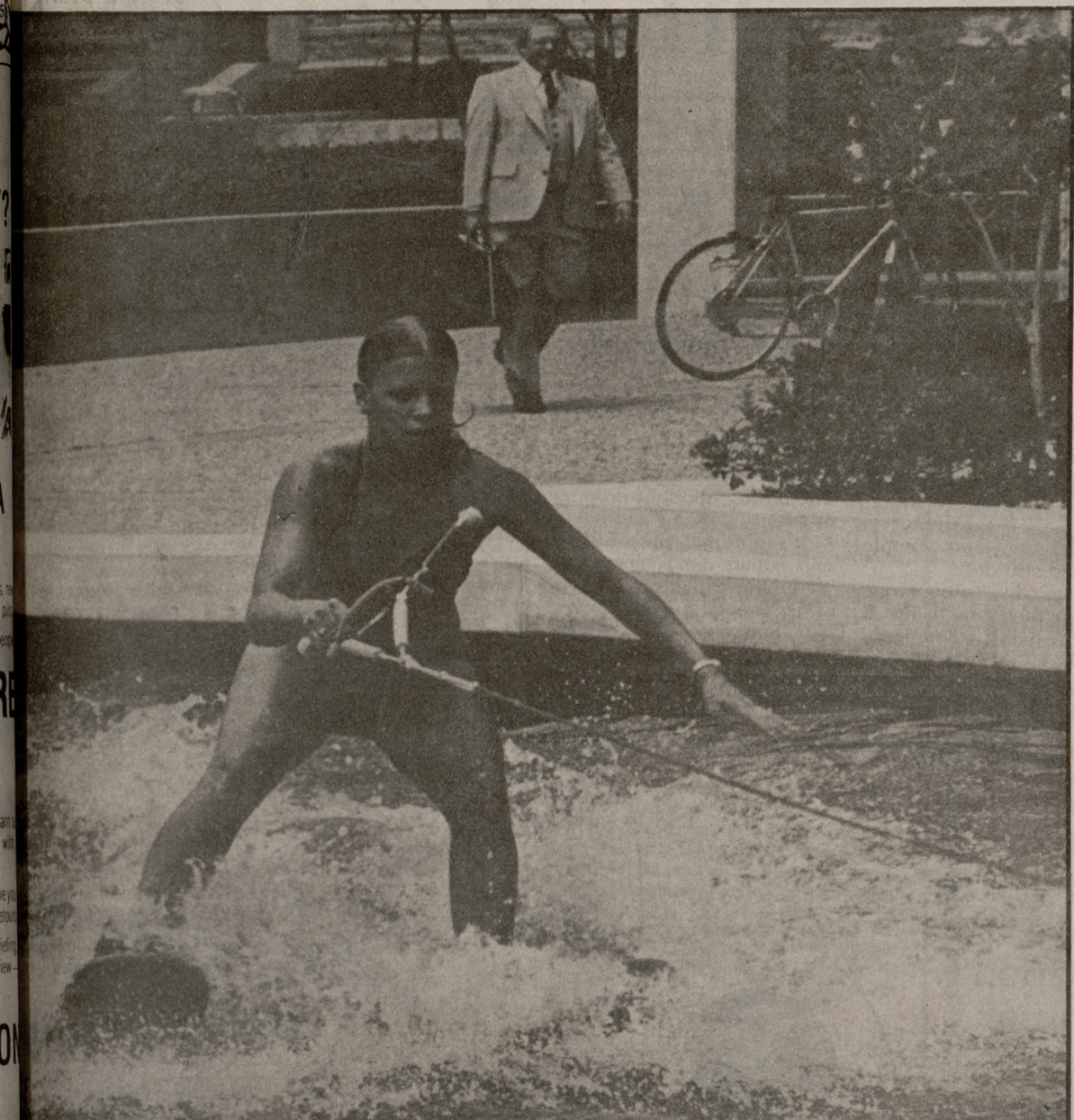
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## The Weather

Today	Tomorrow
High . . . . . 83	High . . . . . 84
Low . . . . . 64	Low . . . . . 66
Chance of rain . . . . . 30%	Chance of rain . . . . . 20%



**The Skiing's fine on 'Lake Rudder'**

Photo by Steve Kennedy

Edie Snow, a chemical engineering student from Angleton, tries some short but interesting stunts in Rudder fountain Tuesday. Snow was there

with the A&M Water Skiing Club demonstrating some of the equipment the team uses as she is "man-powered" across the fountain.

## Another striker edges upon death

**United Press International**  
BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Another IRA convict slipped closer to death today on a fast for political status, but Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher vowed no concessions "no matter how much hunger striking there may be."  
"Mr. Sands was a common criminal," Mrs. Thatcher told Parliament referring to Bobby Sands, 27, whose death Tuesday on the 66th day of a hunger strike touched off a night and day of rioting and battles at barricades between police and Catholics.  
At least 22 other people were injured, four seriously, in the street fighting in the Catholic section of the capital of the country, which is ruled directly by London to keep peace between ex-

trémists of the majority Protestants and minority Catholics.  
As pillars of smoke trailed above Belfast from torched cars today, two boys and two girls dressed in the uniform of the Irish Republican Army stood in an honor guard vigil at Sands' coffin draped in the orange, white and green flag of the IRA.  
But at Maze Prison from where Sands' emaciated body was borne home in the rain, convicted murderer Francis Hughes entered his 53rd day of a hunger strike and was reported having problems with his vision. During the weekend, Hughes was reported "three days behind Bobby."  
Two other hunger strikers persevered for a 48th day — Raymond

McCreech, 24, serving 14 years for arms possession and attempted murder, and Patrick O'Hara who has an eight-year sentence for possession of explosives.  
Sands, who was serving 14 years for possession of firearms and was elected to Britain's Parliament during his fast, maintained he was a "prisoner of war" and demanded IRA prisoners be allowed to wear civilian clothes and be excused from prison work.  
"We have paid the price," Catholic militant and former British Parliament member Bernadette Devlin McCaless said.  
She said the three remaining strikers were determined to continue their fast despite their "increased sufferings at Bobby's death."

## Weekend spells excitement ahead

**By PHYLLIS HENDERSON**  
Battalion Staff  
Excitement and ceremony will be the watchwords Friday and Saturday as more than 5,000 Texas A&M University students participate in commencement exercises, commissioning and Final Review.

Three separate graduation ceremonies will be held Friday and Saturday in C. Rollie White Coliseum.  
Graduates of the College of Agriculture, College of Science, College of Veterinary Medicine and Graduate College, will be awarded their degrees 2 p.m. Friday. Commencement speaker will be Arthur Levitt, Jr., president of the American Stock Exchange.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, degrees will be presented to graduates of the College of Engineering, the College of Geosciences and the College of Liberal Arts. William Teague, vice president of Kerr-McGee Corp., will speak at this ceremony.  
Dr. Virginia Trotter, vice president of academic affairs at the University of Georgia, will speak at Saturday's 9 a.m. ceremony, during which graduates of the College of Architecture, College of Business, College of Education and Texas A&M University at Galveston will receive their degrees.  
The commissioning ceremony will take place at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. This ceremony will induct all senior cadets,

on contract, into the armed forces. At this time, they will officially receive their rank of 2nd lieutenant into one of the branches of the armed forces.  
Also Saturday, the Corps of Cadets will participate in Final Review at 3:30 p.m. on the main drill field. This ceremony symbolizes the turnover of command by senior members of the Corps to the juniors. Two reviews are held, the first with seniors participating and the second with juniors taking over the senior positions.  
At the beginning of Final Review, eight Texas A&M former students from Randolph Air Force Base will perform a flyover.

## White avoids talk of governorship, praises A&M

**By LIZ NEULIN**  
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You'd think somebody was running for governor. Framed between challenges to students to enter government service, Attorney General Mark White presented what would be a campaign speech at Texas A&M University Tuesday night.  
He talked about his department's role in litigation concerning prison reform and the federal challenge to Texas public schools.  
White addressed a banquet to initiate 350 new members of Phi Kappa Phi, Texas A&M's academic honor society. The society also named three students "outstanding juniors" of the entire University, an award that carries a \$500 scholarship.  
Before the banquet, White wouldn't comment on the honors he aspires to be governor.  
He would only say, smiling, "I have aspirations to be a goodorney general."  
In his speech he told the young scholars that they should broaden their perspective and become experts in other fields to solve problems. Bright people are needed to join an American renaissance "to increase government effectiveness," he said.  
He also praised Texas A&M for its leadership in developing a plan to remedy any remainders of racial segregation in higher education.  
Texas A&M's plan calls for minority recruiting and counseling as well as improvements to facilities at Prairie View A&M, the predominantly black school in the System.  
They did it first," White said after the speech. "They came with the program faster than anyone else, and they got it adopted (by their regents) before anyone else."  
He said the program, which emphasizes minority recruitment and retention, has become a model for the nation.  
"It's a sound plan, and it's one that's accomplishable," he said. "That's the important thing."  
Texas A&M regents outlined the policy last December. Since then it has been adopted statewide and was submitted to the Office of Civil Rights in Washington.

Dr. Frank W.R. Hubert, chancellor of the System, introduced White, praising him for originally suggesting that Texas voluntarily submit a plan before it faced government censure. Last August White called Hubert and system leaders from the University of Houston, University of Texas and Texas Tech to Austin to suggest they develop the plans.  
Texas A&M turned in its suggestion first.  
"They (the other systems) were developing their own plans," White said, "but they didn't get them done as quickly as the University here did."  
While White is still monitoring the state's plan, a committee established by Gov. Bill Clements will actually submit the complete plan.  
"The governor has taken responsibility to move on the compliance issue," White said. The governor's committee includes Dr. Jarvis Miller, former president of Texas A&M.  
"This was the first time the system named three students as "the outstanding junior" for the University. Last year two students received the top award.  
Since 1975 the dean from each of the University's 11 colleges, including Moody College and the medical school, has selected one student as the outstanding junior in that college. A committee interviews the 11 and selects the outstanding junior for the whole university.  
Each of Tuesday's three winners will receive a \$500 scholarship. The three are Jonathan Ben Fadely from Moody College, Theresa Adair Lawrence from the College of Education, and Joe Neely Gregg Jr. from the College of Science.  
The other outstanding students and their college are Susan J. Woodroof, business administration; Claire P. Engelhart, agriculture; David Lee Davis, architecture; John W. Bradbury, engineering; Jay N. Vogt, geosciences; Robin O'Day, liberal arts; Alan William Martin, medicine, and Robert Edward Rose, veterinary medicine.  
The 350 new members include 310 undergraduates, 37 graduate students and three faculty. Juniors must have a 3.75 grade point ratio and be in the upper 5 percent of their college class and seniors must have a 3.5 GPR and be in the upper 10 percent of their college class.



Texas Attorney General Mark White (right) greets Dr. J.M. Prescott (left), Texas A&M vice president for academic affairs, at a banquet Tuesday night. Dr. Bill Clayton (center), president of Moody College in Galveston, looks on.

## Man held for murder refuses exam

**By PHYLLIS HENDERSON**  
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In a hearing Tuesday, the Texas A&M student charged with the murder of another Texas A&M student was ordered by Judge Brad Smith to undergo a psychiatric examination to determine if he is mentally competent to stand trial.  
Joel Quintans, 19, a pre-medicine major, is charged with the April 22 stabbing death of Frederick Axel Youngberg IV.  
The request for the psychiatric examination was made by District Attorney Travis Bryan III.  
Smith did advise Quintans, however, that under the Fifth Amendment, he would not have to answer any of the psychiatrist's questions and could decline being interviewed altogether. Quintans accepted this option, refusing to undergo the examination.  
Quintans is awaiting a hearing to be held Tuesday on a writ of habeas corpus. If granted, such a petition would require officials to justify detaining the suspect.  
Quintans is being held on capital murder charges in Brazos County Jail without bond. He is from Irving.

## A&M Medical School receives five-year accreditation

**By COLETTE HUTCHINGS**  
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To top off this year in which the first class of Texas A&M medical students will graduate, the University's College of Medicine has been granted a five-year accreditation.  
The accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the national organization authorized to approve medical schools, adds one more year to the four years a national accreditation survey team originally recommended for the medical school in February.  
Dr. Robert E. Stone, dean of the College of Medicine, said it is unique and unusual for new schools, such as Texas A&M, to receive so soon a five-year accreditation — the maximum term granted new schools.  
Even established medical schools are

often granted only a five-year accreditation.  
To become accredited a medical school is first visited by a site survey team which evaluates faculty, financing, physical facilities and student accomplishments at the school.  
Such recognition is highly sought by schools because once accredited, they may receive federal funding and are more likely to establish a favorable reputation.  
Texas A&M will graduate its first physicians June 6. The 32 new doctors will join the ranks of other new physicians by taking residencies in hospitals to gain professional experience.  
Currently in their fourth year at the University, the students are also unique because they are younger than most graduating medical students. Most of these students were accepted after their

sophomore year of undergraduate study at Texas A&M.  
Texas A&M's medical school is the only one in Texas that has an early acceptance policy. In the early 1970s the medical school originally planned to begin accepting students after their sophomore year. But, Dr. Elvin E. Smith, assistant dean of the medical school, said the policy was changed because of its impracticality.  
"At that point, most students aren't sure whether they are ready for medicine or not," he said. And he said in screening applicants, "We not only look for the exceptional student, but one who is emotionally mature as well."  
Smith said one advantage of the early acceptance program was that it gave the students a two-year head start in their physician practice time. But one disadvantage is the narrow undergraduate

education base in the humanities courses or "people courses" as Smith called them.  
No quotas are set for accepting sophomore students, but currently four to five sophomore students are accepted to each of the 32-member classes.  
Students of the charter class began their first two years of basic science training on the Texas A&M campus. Dr. William Ward, associate dean for student affairs in the College of Medicine, said, "These students were strong academically as a class and were involved in the evolution of the curriculum."  
Smith said because the school seeks accreditation, it must follow a traditional curriculum and as a result any experimentation is frequently stifled. A school must be able to prove ahead of

time that it compares with others, he said.  
Presently, the only scale by which the College of Medicine can compare itself to the curriculum of other schools is the National Board Shelf Examinations. These quantitative exams are used by the departments in the college as a part of the students' final examinations. About 134 schools in the country take the National Boards.  
The average mean score of Texas A&M's third- and fourth-year classes is 500. This score is higher than the total national mean of 465.  
"This shows that the students are receiving and absorbing a large amount of education which exceeds the national average," Ward said.  
Comparisons of the students' clinical knowledge about actual patient contact,

however, cannot be shown through test scores.  
The third- and fourth-year clinical programs are held at Temple's Scott and White Clinic and Hospital and the Olin E. Teague Veterans' Center. These programs consist of traditional clerkships, as well as a mixed rotation of ambulatory care experiences.  
The faculty and administration at Texas A&M say they are pleased with the recent residency results of the students.  
Out of the 32-member class, 21 (65 percent) received their first choice of residencies. Eight of these residencies were out of Texas, including two at Duke Medical School in Durham, N.C., and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.