

Photo by Tommy Keith

The face of finals week

Rawhide, a 7-week-old bulldog puppy owned by Andrew Pawelek, doesn't seem too happy about spending his summer fenced gin a week of final examinations Monday.

in. His appearance could reflect the mood of Texas A&M University students who be-

On-the-job death rate in Texas leads country

United Press International DALLAS — Government neg-

et and industry's concern for oductivity have combined to se Texas' on-the-job death rate to three times the national average, state safety officials say.

Statistics compiled by the state alth department indicate Texas led the country with 1,034 deaths estimated to have occurred on the job in 1980. Only 813 on-the-job eaths were reported in California luring the period and 671 in New

The state's industrial accident ate is an estimate, since the state stopped keeping records on occu-pational accidents in 1975. "Lack of statistics has helped to

sguise the extent of tragedies relting from occupational injuries and diseases in Texas," says for-mer state AFL-CIO chief Roy

State safety officials blame Texas' high worker death rate both on the lack of effective safety programs and the state's booming business climate

"We don't have effective safety programs in Texas," said Bill Tracey, executive director of the lexas Industrial Accident Board. "We've tried to get some funds makes it so hard is knowing that a leath could have been avoided if re had been a (safety) program. With no effective government ontrols, the burden of industrial safety falls on industry, which has mixed record.

"We're in the middle of a construction boom in Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth," Tracey said.
"Because of that, the skilled labor

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force is very busy and that leaves the unskilled labor to fulfill the rest of the construction.

"There are a lot of subcontractors out there using unsafe equipment and following unsafe practices. They're trying to compete and safety takes money

effort - which was costing about 9.1 nationwide

\$1.2 million a year — in 1975 to the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration and quit monitoring health hazards in the workplace.

In its 1974 report, the state cited 11.4 workers per 100 were Texas ceded occupational safety injured on the job, compared to

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Prison serves cheeseburgers to lure convicts to mess hall

United Press International TEXARKANA — Federal pris-on officials said Thursday they hoped to end a four-day mess hall boycott by coaxing the convicts back to the table with cheesebur-

Officials also received an anonymous list of demands most dealing with the chow — but prison spokesman Ray Farrow said no action could be taken on them until the demands were

made through proper channels. Farrow said 58 inmates at the Federal Correctional Institution ate breakfast at the dining hall Thursday, while the balance of the prison's 534 inmates continued

"We have cheeseburgers out the line for lunch," Farrow

said. "We're crossing our fingers."
"We had an anonymous list of demands laid on a supervisor's desk," he said. "They were speaking to the preparation and quality and variety of food. Some of them were kind of silly — they wanted more pastries during the week,

more bacon, more eggs."

He said nothing could be done until the inmates made their de-

mands through proper channels.
"We can't deal with it since we don't know if this is what all the inmates want or it's just one man, what," he said.

prison's 534 inmates continued their boycott, subsisting on junk food from the prison commissary.

An inmate who contacted UPI said the foodstrike was "a peaceful way of getting in touch with the

staff, which we feel is far out of touch with the inmates.

The inmate, who declined to allow his name be used for fear of retaliation, said the basic complaint was with food preparation, and with "generally being treated like children.

"So far nothing seems to have changed," the inmate Rumor has it that a work strike is imminent.

The inmate said the prisoners' demands had not been formally presented because of fear of re-

"Here's how they do: if some-one were fool enough to put them-selves in that position, he would be moved from institution to institution every two weeks, and no

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one would catch up with him for months, because he'd never touch down long enough to collect mail

and pick up personal belongings."
Inmates began the protest
Monday, when only 34 prisoners showed up for breakfast.

Farrow said protestors were buying potato chips, candy bars and other small food items at the prison's commissary. He said prison officials have

been able to provide nutritious meals, but were limited by an allocation of \$1.30 per man per day, so they weren't able to provide the kind of food the inmates apparent-

FCI-Texarkana is a medium security prison with inmates serving an average sentence of 8 years.

Air Force will not retaliate for dismissed sex bias suit

FORT WORTH — The Air Force has agreed not to retaliate against an officer who sued, claiming she was the target of sex discri-

mination for complaining about an

Air Force-sponsored "rent-a-girl"

program in the Philippines.
U.S. District Judge Eldon
Mahon dismissed the suit by Capt. Phoebe Spinrad Wednesday, after the Air Force pledged not to retaliate. Air Force officials did not admit to sponsoring the program that permitted airmen to buy the companionship of Filipino

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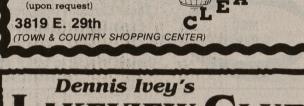
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Capt. Spinrad said she was assigned in 1974 as equal opportunity officer at Clark AFB in the Philippines, where she said she found the airmen's dining hall sponsored a program that allowed them to contract for Filipino women to act as "receptionists."

She said she complained about the program, which resulted in humiliating remarks by male officers, pressure to seek reassign-ment, and low efficiency ratings she said hurt her career.



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