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## The Weather

Today	Tomorrow
High . . . . . 88	High . . . . . 92
Low . . . . . 72	Low . . . . . 75
Chance of rain . . . . . 40%	Chance of rain . . . . . 20%

## Judge blocks Texas drug law

**United Press International**  
FORT WORTH — A temporary restraining order blocking the implementation of Texas' new drug paraphernalia law is keeping Dallas and Fort Worth authorities away from two "head shop" operators.

The law was put on hold Tuesday, within hours of going into effect, when U.S. District Judge David O. Belew Jr. issued the order in a suit against it filed by Freak Imports of Fort Worth and the Gaspipe of Dallas. The head shop operators contend the law inflicts irreparable economic harm on the stores.

The restraining order protects only the two plaintiffs until the law's constitutionality has been determined, said Elton Hyder III, a clerk in Belew's chambers.

"Only those parties (the plaintiffs) are protected under the order," Hyder said. "Unless there are similar cases in other courts, there is no protection to others who are selling this kind of material."

The state law is in effect except for these two parties and there may be other court actions.

Another hearing is scheduled for Sept. 9 at which Belew will determine whether he will issue a preliminary injunction against the law. The constitutionality would be determined either on that date or 30 days later, Hyder said.

Belew issued the order after a lengthy hearing to give officials of Texas Attorney General Mark White and law enforcement officials a chance to state their respective positions on the law.

The attorney for shop owners Tom Atkins of Freak Imports and Jerry Schults of the Gaspipe said he was happy with the decision. "We sought a temporary restraining order and we got it. The judge saw it fit to grant the order which implied that there are constitutional uncertainties (governing the law)."

White was out of town and was not available for comment.

Dallas police officials have said the law would not be very helpful in prosecuting cases because of its wording.

Officials said the problem was that to successfully prosecute a head shop case, the state must prove not only that a head shop operator sold the paraphernalia but also knew the buyer had the intention of using the paraphernalia for storing or consuming drugs.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs said because of the vagueness of the law people could be subjected to possible prosecution for having guessed wrong at what the law meant.



Staff Photo by Dave Einsel

### Three's Company? Maybe not.

Junior Anna Henderson and freshmen Leah Goeden and Dena Anderson are a few of many Clements Hall dwellers living three to a room as the result of a routine overlooking by the

Housing Office. Many of the students hope to move to less crowded quarters this week as rooms of those who forfeited their rooms are being reassigned to three-to-a-room residents.

## Five die in floods

## Texas rains persist

**United Press International**  
South Texas residents drenched by heavy rainfall and flooding since the beginning of the week are hoping for a break in the weather, but have little chance of getting it.

For yet another day today the weather service called for downpours of 1 to 4 inches in areas where rivers already are 20 feet over their banks and thousands have been chased from their low-lying homes into high-ground shelters.

Five already have been killed and damage is running in the millions from the 19 inch rains that have hit since Sunday — the result of a collision between a tropical depression blown in from the gulf and a northern cold front drifting down across the Panhandle.

Even as the weather service posted its forecast Tuesday, several cities began a monumental clean-up effort as river waters at least temporarily drained from homes, businesses and highways.

Officials said it could take a week before life is back to normal in the Guadalupe and Lavaca River towns.

Hardest hit was Hallettsville, on the Lavaca River, where waters pounded 15 blocks of the town's business district.

While unable to place a dollar figure on the damage, state trooper David Dodge said the damage easily was in the millions of dollars.

Dodge said the National Guard was activated Monday night with 19 guardsmen and seven highway patrolmen on duty to prevent looting.

He said downtown Hallettsville was inundated with 5 to 6 feet of water and some people living in rural areas were

evacuated with helicopters.

"I'm crossing my fingers and hoping it doesn't rain more," said Shiner police chief John Ideus. "We're watching the weather and will be a bit more prepared for it than we were last night."

Ideus said flooding on the south side of the city not only killed three teenagers but did millions of dollars worth of damage to homes and businesses, including the Spoetzle Brewery where Shiner Beer is made.

Ideus said the brewery was flooded with about 5 feet of water, engulfing some of the equipment and forcing the company to stop production until Tuesday afternoon.

Killed in flood related accidents were three brothers — Glenn Hights, 17, Johnny, 15, and Bradford, 13 — who drowned Monday as rescuers tried to reach them.

The bodies of two other men, Herman Reyna of Yoakum and Sam Goode Jr. of Hallettsville were recovered Tuesday a few hundred feet from the Rocky Creek Bridge where their vehicles washed away.

The U.S. Geological Survey reported Tuesday the floods set new record high stream flows on the Guadalupe River at Cuero and the Lavaca River at Hallettsville.

Before floods damaged the USGS stream flow gauge at Hallettsville, it registered a stream flow of more than 100,000 cubic feet per second. The average flow on the river at Hallettsville is only 48.1 cfs, said Lynn Harmsen, San Antonio sub-district chief of the water resources division.

## Hitler's 'war machine' dies in London

**United Press International**  
LONDON — Albert Speer, Adolf Hitler's right-hand man who ran the German war machine in World War II, collapsed and died Tuesday — the 42nd anniversary of the Nazi invasion of Poland. He was 76.

"If Hitler had a friend, I was it," he once said.

But Speer, who served 20 years at Berlin's Spandau Prison, also was the only German leader to admit his guilt for war crimes and later said he tried to assassinate Hitler when he realized the

war was lost.

Ironically, Speer had arrived to record a television program in London — site of some of the most ruthless bombing by Hitler's Luftwaffe — when he collapsed at his hotel. He died in a hospital four hours later, 42 years to the day after the Nazi invasion of Poland on Sept. 1, 1939.

"It's believed he died of a cerebral hemorrhage," said Angus Macdonald, hospital administrator.

As Nazi minister of war production,

Speer directed one of the greatest industrial war machines the world has ever known. At the peak of the war, he controlled 14 million workers from the Urals to the Pyrenees and considered himself second only to Hitler in the Nazi hierarchy.

His brilliance, energy and devotion to Nazi Germany kept the armament factories running despite massive Allied bombing until Hitler killed himself in the Berlin chancellery bunker as Russian troops were moving in.

Speer was the only Nazi close enough to Hitler to be able to tell him the war was lost. He did so several times to no avail. Speer said he planned to kill Hitler by dropping poison gas into the ventilation shaft of the Berlin bunker in February 1945, but Hitler foiled the attempt by building a 10-foot chimney.

Born in Mannheim on March 19, 1905, Speer was teaching architecture at Berlin's Technological Institute in 1931 when he first heard Hitler speak at a rally.

## Freshmen elections nearing, 12 positions open

By DENISE RICHTER  
Battalion Staff

In most high schools if you wanted to run in a student body election, all you had to do was sign up to run, distribute campaign literature and wait for the election.

But, as freshmen who wish to run for a student position at Texas A&M University will soon learn, the election procedure here is more complex.

Freshmen are eligible to run for 12 positions including seven freshman at-large positions and officers for the Class of '85 (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and social secretary).

Students who wish to run for an office are required to abide by the following guidelines and election regulations set forth in the University general election regulations handbook.

All first semester freshmen are eligible to run during the fall freshman elections, but they must post a mini-

mum grade point ratio of 2.25 at the end of the semester or they will automatically be removed from office.

Filing for freshman elections opens Oct. 6 at 8 a.m. in 216 Memorial Student Center and closes Oct. 9 at 5 p.m. Elections will be held Oct. 27.

Each candidate is required to pay a \$1 filing fee at the time of the filing.

A student may not file for more than one student government office.

No candidate may withdraw after the close of filing.

Every candidate must attend a mandatory meeting to be held after the filing period. If a candidate is not able to attend a meeting because of illness, a scheduled class conflict or a University-excused absence, he must contact the election commission chairman and make arrangements to have a personal representative present. If a candidate fails to do this, he will be disqualified.

A candidate may not formally campaign until after he or his personal representative has attended this mandatory meeting.

Each candidate may spend no more than \$65 on his campaign.

Each candidate is responsible for removing all campaign posters or other literature bearing his name from bulletin boards, doors, and other public places within two class days following the election. Candidates who violate this regulation will be fined \$25.

Freshmen who want to get involved with student government but who don't want to run for office have another option — they can become freshman aides.

Freshmen who are interested in becoming student government aides should attend the meeting for aides held during the first two weeks of school. At that time 40 to 60 aides are chosen through an interview process.

Aides are allowed to choose the sen-

ate committee with which they wish to work. They are required to work at least four hours a week at the student government office, running errands and helping officers, committee members and senators.

In addition, aides serve as pages at the bi-weekly senate meetings and may be asked to take minutes at committee meetings.

Student Body President Ken Johnson said, "Because we have elected positions, there's a very limited opportunity for freshmen to get involved. By becoming student government aides, those interested people have a chance to learn about student government and, in a sense, pay their dues."

"After they spend a year as aides, they're ready to move up through the ranks. Most of this year's vice presidents and most of our executive people started out as freshman aides and have moved up."

## Foreign students confront obstacle course

By TOM SOLOMON  
Battalion Reporter

Imagine yourself in a foreign country. You are on your own to find food and housing, and you are about to enter college to study new subjects in a language of which you know very little.

Sounds scary? Thousands of young people experience this every year, as they come from countries all over the world to study at American universities.

They know it will be difficult, but they want the benefits of the education an American university offers.

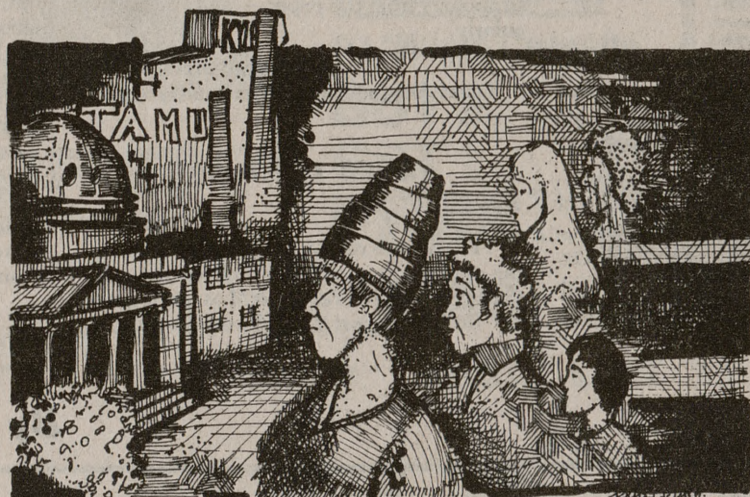
Roberto Perdomo, a plant and soil science major at Texas A&M University said he came to the United States and Texas A&M from Guatemala because of the University's agriculture program.

"It is prestigious among (all universities) in the United States," Perdomo said.

But, international students who wish to study in the United States are not merely at home one day and here the next.

They spend almost a year in preparation. The students have to obtain passports and visas, which American embassies won't issue until applicants have confirmation from a university saying the students meet admission requirements.

Many universities have programs to aid international students as they begin



a college education in a new country. Texas A&M has the International Services Office, located in Bizzell Hall.

That office offers foreign students an orientation program at the beginning of each semester to explain cultural differences and practical matters such as the ins and outs of signing an apartment lease, how to get a shuttle bus pass and how the American banking system operates.

"International Services helps 90 percent of the foreign students that come to

Texas A&M," said Tina Watkins, international student services adviser.

Texas A&M has about 1,700 international students, representing 66 countries. The country outside the United States with the most students at the University is Taiwan, with 212 students attending. Second is Mexico, with 141, and El Salvador is third with 82. Canada is fourth with 73, and Venezuela has the fifth highest number of students at Texas A&M with 72.

Perhaps the biggest problem facing

international students is breaking the language barrier that separates them from their fellow classmates and makes textbooks and lectures harder to understand.

Perdomo said he would turn on the radio or television, but when he first arrived in the United States he couldn't understand the rapid-fire English broadcasts.

International students are expected to know some English before coming to the United States, and most take the Test of English as a Foreign Language, which establishes a student's proficiency in written and oral English.

Texas A&M requires prospective non-English speaking students to score 550 on the test before admitting them, a higher score requirement than some universities.

Those who score less than 550 on the test but who still want to be admitted enter the English Language Institute located on the University campus. The institute, however, is an entity separate from the University.

Students enrolled in the English Language Institute take intensive training in a number of courses equivalent to 32 regular college semester hours, a far greater course load than the average load of no more than 21 or 22 hours, said Jean Erb, coordinator of the institute.

## A&M Corps to honor Samson

The Texas A&M Corps of Cadets will honor Dr. Charles H. Samson with a special presentation tonight.

Samson, a civil engineering professor who Tuesday stepped down from the University president's office, has served one year as acting president of Texas A&M.

Dr. Frank E. Vandiver, who was formerly president of North Texas State University in Denton, took office Tuesday.

Samson will meet with the cadets and then lead the Corps' evening passy across the quadrangle and into Duncan Dining Hall where the cadets eat their meals.

Inside the east wing of the dining hall, Corps Commander Kelly Castleberry will present Samson with a saber recognizing his service to the University. Samson will then join the cadets for dinner.

Vandiver's appointment was announced Aug. 26 by the Texas A&M Board of Regents following a year-long search for a president.

Samson has returned to the classroom to teach a graduate course in systems engineering at Texas A&M.