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## The Weather

Today		Tomorrow	
High .....	78	High .....	80
Low .....	58	Low .....	62
Chance of rain .....	20%	Chance of rain .....	30%



### Ironwork in the light

Staff photo by Brian Tate

The intricate ironwork over the inside of the windows and doors in the first floor foyer of the Systems Administration Building provides a

detailed outline as the sun shows through the stained glass that it covers. The waxed floors also caught the reflection of the design.

## Poland, Solidarity attempt to end strikes

**United Press International**  
**WARSAW, Poland** — Poland's government, ordered by Moscow to end unrest, sought an agreement with Solidarity today to halt an eruption of wild-cat strikes and strike threats by workers defying the union and authorities.

In Paris, Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said Monday the unprecedented concentration of powers in Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski may help solve the crisis and pledged "we always are ready to sit down" with the new Communist Party chief.

But Walesa's leading adviser, Bronislaw Gieremek, warned "the dramatic decision to give all the powers to Jaruzelski may be a last-chance solution."

Solidarity and government officials met into the night Monday trying to stop a weeklong strike by 12,000 textile and garment workers in Zyrardow, a town outside Warsaw.

Other talks in Bydgoszcz, in north-central Poland, sought to avert a strike in 17 major chemical plants around the

country by workers demanding longer vacations, access to better health facilities and extra pay for dangerous work.

Local Solidarity chapters defied appeals by both union leaders and the Communist Party to end strikes and threats of strikes — most over dwindling food supplies.

"We checked the shops and there was no improvement. There still was nothing there," a Solidarity member in Zyrardow said Monday.

In Moscow, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev promised "understanding and support" for Jaruzelski, who Sunday became Communist Party chief in addition to prime minister and defense minister.

But the five-paragraph message also told him to lead "against encroachments by counterrevolution" and to overcome "the political and economic crisis of the country."

A Western diplomat said it left no doubt the Kremlin expects him to reverse the disarray.

"He would have a hard time missing the point," the diplomat said.

Other Western diplomats suggested Poland is near martial law. Jaruzelski held a meeting Monday of the Military Council, which only meets in times of tension.

But in the province of Piotrkow Trybunalski, the local union chapter extended the deadline for today's general strike until Friday to await the outcome of a crucial meeting of Solidarity's leaders Thursday.

Walesa, on a visit ending today, told reporters he would cooperate completely with Jaruzelski but Solidarity will always oppose an "exported government," apparently one imposed by a foreign power.

Walesa said he was not prepared to renegotiate all of last year's Gdansk accords with the government as demanded, but agreed some parts might need revision.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said he hoped the government and union would use the "conciliation, compromise and peaceful measures" shown in the past.

## Ring time rolls around for Texas A&M seniors

By **BARBIE WOELFEL**

**Battalion Staff**

It's mid-term and students fulfilling the correct requirements can soon begin ordering their senior rings.

To qualify for a Texas A&M senior ring, an undergraduate student must have a minimum of 92 semester hours of which 30 hours were completed at Texas A&M University. He also must be in good standing with the University.

And at least one week before ordering, the student must leave his name and identification number with the ring clerk in Heaton Hall so his eligibility can be verified.

Or, the student may present his mid-semester grade report to the ring clerk proving that he has completed or is passing 92 hours.

Graduate students may order rings at the beginning of their last semester after certain requirements are met and formal application for a degree is made.

Oct. 26 has been tentatively set as the day students who meet the requirements can begin ordering their rings. However, this date will not be definite until the manufacturer has agreed to begin receiving orders, Carolyn Swanzky, ring clerk, said.

The cost of a senior ring varies from month to month because of the fluctuating price of gold. However, the ring manufacturer guarantees the price of the ring through a certain day of each month.

And orders must arrive at the factory by a designated date to assure the price

at which the ring was sold.

All orders are sent in at the same time, which keeps the price lower because of less paperwork by the ring clerk and the manufacturer. This also allows for same-day delivery of all rings.

Contrary to what some students may have believed in the past, Swanzky said, senior rings are not funded in part by the Association of Former Students. The Association has never paid any money toward the cost of the ring, she said.

However, limited financial assistance is available through the Student Financial Aid Office in the YMCA Building.

Trade-ins of old high school rings are also allowed, but full payment is required when the order is placed. The trade-ins are sent to the manufacturer and refunds usually are received within six weeks.

Requirements for qualifying for a senior ring are established by the Senior Ring Committee and the ring clerk.

The committee consists of members representing various departments on campus, class presidents and staff representatives from the Association of Former Students.

The committee was formed to standardize the design of the ring and control its manufacture and distribution in order to preserve the tradition and integrity of the ring.

The oldest known Aggie ring is from the class of 1889 which featured the letters AMC intertwined on the crest.

But, records indicate the current

Aggie ring was designed by E.C. Jones, class of 1894.

Insignia on the ring were supposedly designed to symbolize virtues of Texas A&M graduates.

The shield on the top stands for protection of the good reputation of the alma mater.

The 13 stripes inside the shield represent the 13 original states and symbolize the intense patriotism of graduates and undergraduates at Texas A&M.

The five stars in the shield refer to the phase of development of the student: mind and intellect, body, spiritual attainment, emotional poise and integrity of character.

The eagle typifies agility and power to reach great heights of ambitions.

The right side of the ring bears the state seal of Texas authorized by the Texas Constitution in 1845. And the five points on the star are encircled with a wreath of laurel leaves which symbolize achievement and a desire for peace. The live-oak leaves symbolize the strength to fight.

Engraved on the left side of the ring is an ancient cannon, saber and rifle. These three symbols are intended to remind Aggies that men of Texas fought for their land and are determined to defend their homeland.

The saber stands for valor and confidence, while the rifle and cannon symbolize preparedness and defense.

The crossed flags of the United States and Texas beneath the cannon, saber and rifle recognize the dual allegiance to nation and state.

## Talese to speak at 8 p.m. in theater on 'Sex in these United States'

Sex is Gay Talese's latest literary interest, and he'll be in Rudder Theater at 8 p.m. tonight to talk about it.

His speech, entitled "Sex in These United States," will be sponsored by the MSC Great Issues Committee.

Talese is the author of "Thy Neighbor's Wife," a book about sexual attitudes among middle-aged American men — what they seek, how business caters to their desires and what forces he believes denies them sexual satisfaction. Lack of sexual information as a child

inspired Talese's interest in America's sexual attitudes, he said in a New York Times Magazine interview.

"It was all fire and brimstone," he said. "Sex was dirty, filth. I remember sermons in my parish denouncing books, lists of movies you should not see. It was all right and wrong, angels and devils."

"Thy Neighbor's Wife" is Talese's third best-seller. Since 1969 he's written a book about mafia involvement, "Honor Thy Father," and one on The New York Times dynasty, "The King-

dom and the Power."

Talese graduated from the University of Alabama in 1953 and went to work as a copy boy and sports reporter for the New York Times. He then moved up to the paper's city staff and, in the early 1960s, began writing profiles for Esquire Magazine.

He describes his writing style as "an attempt to write about people in dramatic situations without influencing that situation, without altering it, without distorting it."

## To increase rural income, production

### Peruvians want ag research system

By **NANCY WEATHERLEY**

**Battalion Staff**

Representatives from Peru are at Texas A&M University today, discussing the possibility of Texas A&M assisting the country in a \$14 million effort to establish a national Agricultural Research, Extension and Education System in Peru.

Loren Schulze, project officer and rural development officer of Agency for International Development, and Raul Figueroa, executive director of research with the National Agrarian Research and Promotion Institute, are looking at the capabilities of Texas A&M to assist in the venture, Bill Ross, assistant director of international programs, said.

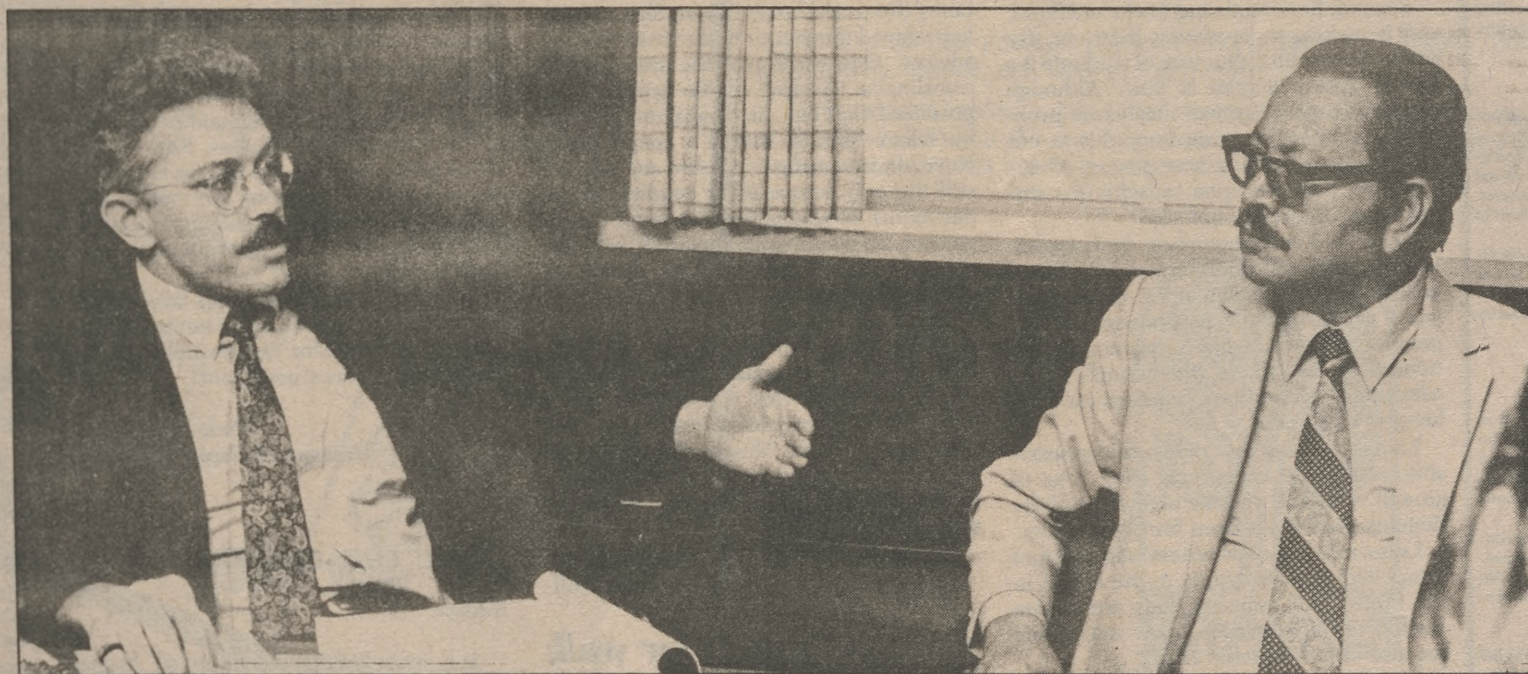
The main goal of the project is to "further the socio-economic development of the Peruvian small farmers so as to increase the production and income of the rural population of Peru," according to a news release by the Office of International Affairs at Texas A&M.

The project was implemented in August 1980 when the government of Peru and the Agency for International Development signed an agreement and it will last for approximately four years.

Ross said the project is extremely large and will allow many individuals the chance to work abroad.

"This project will give international experience to professors working in Peru, but will allow them to remain linked with Texas A&M," he said.

A decision should be made in about



Loren Schulze and Raul Figueroa of Lima, Peru discuss potential plans to establish an Agricultural Research, Extension and Educational System in Peru. Texas A&M may assist the country in the \$14 million effort to further the socio-economic development of Peruvian farmers.

Staff photo by Dave Einsel

three weeks between Texas A&M and the University of North Carolina, Ross said. The two universities were selected

from an original group of 11 institutions. "I think the visits have gone very well," Ross said. "It will be a very diffi-

cult decision to make.

"North Carolina has had long involvement in the area, and they will have to

decide whether to go with an established friend or go with someone who might offer something else."

## Students to vote today on ERA

Texas A&M students can voice an opinion for or against the Equal Rights Amendment in a mock referendum scheduled today.

The MSC Political Forum Committee is sponsoring the project which was to have begun at 10 a.m. Students with Texas A&M ID cards can cast ballots until 2 p.m. at these polling locations: Sbis Dining Hall, Memorial Student Center, Academic and Agency Building, Zachry Engineering Center and at the Corps Quadrangle.

Cindy Tannert, administrative assistant for Political Forum, said the project is intended to generate interest in a Political Forum debate scheduled for Oct. 27 in Rudder Theater at 8 p.m.

Phyllis Schafly, national chairman of Stop ERA, and ERA advocate Kathrine Brady will debate in the program entitled, "Perverted Hoax or Fundamental Freedom: The ERA."

The proposed Equal Rights Amendment reads as follows:

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

"The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article."

"This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification."