

Housing

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dorms, modular dorms and Commons area dorms total estimated costs are \$2,957,112.
Other residence hall expenses include supplies and materials, such as cleaning fluids which custodial people use in the dorms. Money also is set aside for repairs and alterations in the dormitories. Increases in these expenses this year ranged from 8 percent to 10 percent.
Although vacant rooms affect the amount of revenue brought in by the residence halls, Blatchley said this does not cause an increase in dorm rates in the long run because the budget is figured on the overall occupancy rate.
At the beginning of each semester, the occupancy rate of residence halls is frequently more than 100 percent because of temporary housing and tripling in modular dorms.
Tripling and overassignments are made routinely because many students who have room spaces reserved decide not to attend Texas A&M.

"We take a stab in the dark," he said, and hope that over-assignments equal the number of no-show students.
Vacancies and over-assignments offset each other, so 90 to 95 percent of the dorms rooms are occupied, Blatchley said.
The dorm deposit also has been doubled, from \$100 to \$200. Blatchley said this should keep a student from forgetting to notify the housing office if they decide not to attend Texas A&M.

But this higher deposit won't affect anyone currently here, he said.
Blatchley said in the summer, the dorms are used to help offset the cost of dorm rent. Visitors at special events on campus require a place to stay.
Ferguson's office checked with other universities to find out their dorm rate increases. Figures were only available for the University of Texas and Sam Houston State University.

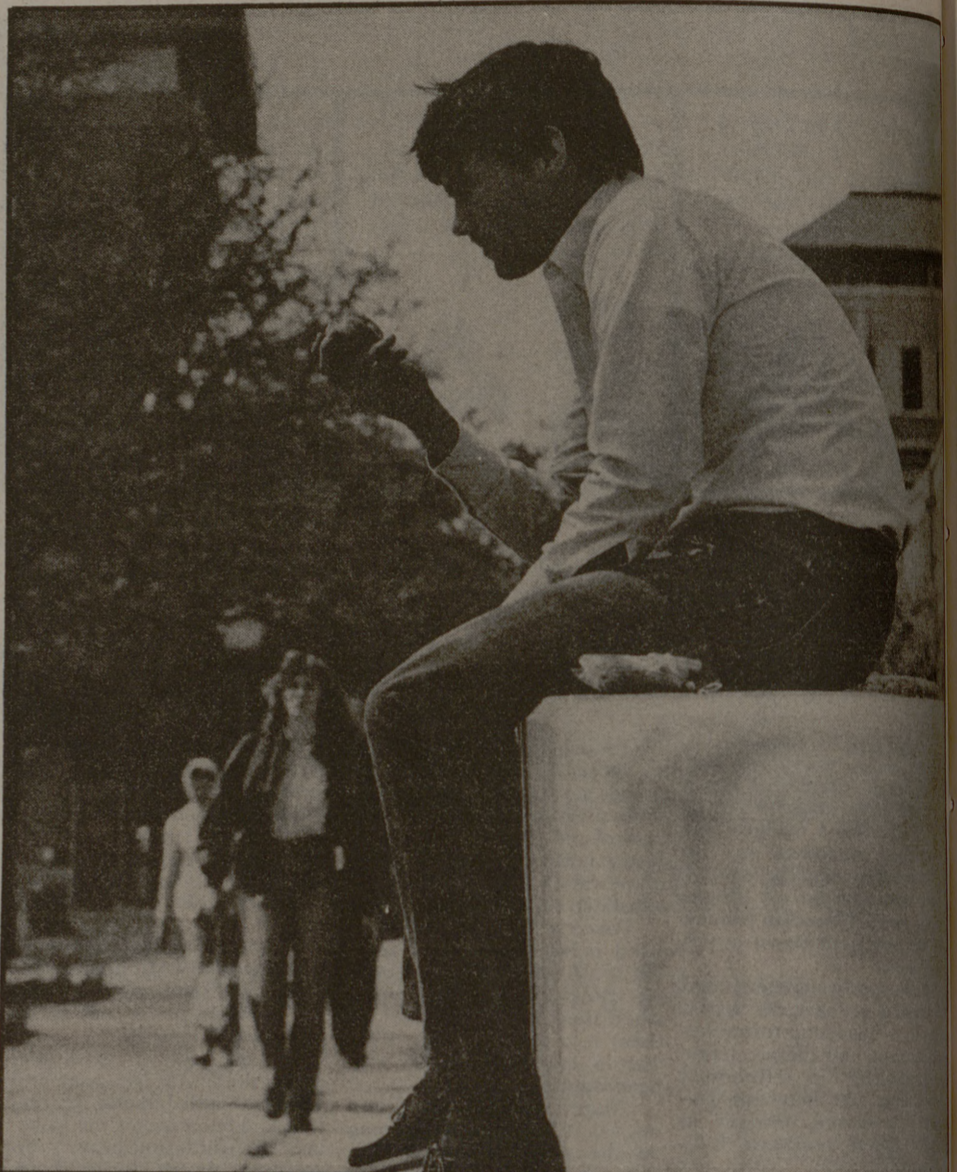
shutdown of all non-essential government operations, the cost of which was estimated by a congressional committee at \$85 million a day.
The bill before the Senate would extend through Sept. 30 funding for the departments of Labor, Education, Health and Human Services, Treasury, Justice, Commerce and State, as well as several independent agencies.
Any amendments to the bill, which cleared the House 299-103 last week, would send it to a joint Senate-House conference committee and all but end chances of passage by the midnight deadline.
An amendment by Sen. William Armstrong, R-Colo., to repeal a tax break Congress voted

Senate working to pass emergency funding bill

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker Wednesday threatened to keep the Senate in session all night if necessary to win passage of an emergency funding bill needed to prevent a partial government shutdown.
With money for seven Cabinet departments and several independent agencies set to run out at midnight, Baker pressed for action on a resolution to continue funding at current levels until the end of the fiscal year.
Baker told the Senate it was essential and mandatory that we work our way through this.
When an earlier continuing resolution expired in November, President Reagan ordered a

for itself last year stood in the way of Senate passage and threatened to open the floodgates for other time-consuming riders, including anti-busing language sought by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.
Baker and Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd, who said members of his own party were acting in a restrained manner by not offering amendments, conceded the Armstrong amendment had a good chance of passage.
"I think (the tax break) should be repealed and I think it will be, but not necessarily on this bill," Byrd said.
Baker warned approval of the Armstrong proposal could lead to "an avalanche of amend-

ments."
On Tuesday, the Senate rejected 77-20 a move by Baker to kill the amendment and went on to spend much of the night debating Armstrong's proposal and related amendments.
After several hours of sometimes heated debate Tuesday night, the Senate tentatively approved only one amendment that would take effect only if Armstrong's tax break repeal was passed.
The amendment, offered by Sen. Paul Tsongas, D-Mass., would require all senators and representatives to publicly disclose their income tax returns by June 15 each year.
The amendment passed, 55-23.



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Jim Quirk, a graduate student in urban planning from Knoxville, Tenn., takes a lunch break in front of the Architecture Building.

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No surgery considered Brady in good condition

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WASHINGTON — White House press secretary James Brady was in good condition Wednesday at the hospital to which he was readmitted Tuesday — exactly one year after being wounded by a bullet meant for President Reagan.
Brady, 41, checked into George Washington University Hospital for treatment of an inflamed vein in his left leg. A spokesman said he may remain hospitalized for a week or longer.
"He is doing fine," the spokesman, Irene Haske, said. "He is alert. He is in good condi-

tion."
She said his condition, thrombophlebitis, is being treated with medication.
"Surgery is not being considered at this time," she said.
Dr. Dennis O'Leary, chief hospital spokesman, said people who cannot walk often develop the problem. Brady has been largely dependent on a wheelchair to get around since he checked out of the hospital at Thanksgiving.
Brady was shot in the head and suffered brain damage in the attack on Reagan on March 30, 1981, outside the Washing-

ton Hilton Hotel.
He spent eight months in the hospital and underwent a series of operations for the wound and its complications, which included a severe seizure.
When Brady arrived at the hospital a year ago, doctors did not expect him to survive. But he has demonstrated a remarkable tenacity in his recovery and his doctors have been saying he could get back to work at the White House in some capacity within a year.
He has been in public often lately, attending two major press gatherings within a week.

The press secretary also has given a series of newspaper and television interviews in which he has shown his memory and intellectual capacity are returning — and he still has the same sense of humor that set him apart from most past presidential spokesmen.
In an interview broadcast on the CBS Morning News early Tuesday, Brady said he is eager to return to his White House job, which has been held open for him indefinitely.
"I'll start right now," Brady said. "I'm ready to go. Sooner the better."

Ogallala water use to get ruling in Supreme Court

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Ogallala Aquifer is a vast ground water system that has played a key role in the nation's agricultural development including large areas of Texas since settlers descended upon the Great Plains more than a century ago.
But the bountiful liquid harvest is now threatened by over-

use, and the Supreme Court is about to settle a major water rights controversy that could have far-reaching implications for the future of the aquifer.
Tuesday the justices listened to debate in the case, which tests a Nebraska law that bars people from transporting ground water outside the state for commercial purposes.
Nebraska Assistant Attorney

General G. Roderick Anderson told the court that his state enacted the prohibition in order to protect its share of the Ogallala Aquifer.
"Water is different than other natural resources," Anderson said. "The state is attempting to maintain a static (stable) water table."
Challenging the law are two farmers who spent \$45,000 on a pipeline to irrigate 140 acres they own in Colorado, drawing on a well "a few feet" inside the Nebraska state line.

Farmers Joy Sporshase and Delmer Moss charge the Nebraska law, which stops them from using the pipeline, im-

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