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Up, up, and away

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Ballooning and parachuters prepare for takeoff as Channel 3 photographers and others catch the action at an airstrip near Independence. The parachute club enlisted the aid of local ballooning for a jump before the Baylor football game.

## Dow hits all-time high in post-election rally

**United Press International**  
NEW YORK — The Dow Jones average climbed to an all-time high in a post-election rally that pushed Wall Street into a new era and set off shouts of "God bless America" and "Reaganomics works" on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Traders were bracing for another possible historic trading session today.

Wall Street entered a new generation of high prices and heavy trading Wednesday as the Reagan administration came out of the congressional elections with mixed results that should produce a period of political compromise.

The Dow average of 30 bluechip industrial stocks climbed a record 43.41 points Wednesday to 1,065.49, an all-time high that might not last too long. The previous peak was 1,051.70 set on Jan. 11, 1973.

The single-day gain Wednesday,

which erased the old mark of 38.81 points on Aug. 17 at the outset of this bull market, is expected to launch a frenzy of buying that could drive prices to heretofore unknown heights.

Wednesday's volume of 137.01 million shares, up from the 104.77 million traded Tuesday, was the fifth heaviest in history and not far from the record 147 million traded Oct. 7.

"God bless America," a broker screamed across the trading room of Kidder Peabody. "Things are going to get better. We're getting our act together."

"Reaganomics works," several specialists cried out on the computerized floor of the New York Stock Exchange as the market soared into the highest grounds in its 190-year history.

Through Wednesday, the Dow average had climbed 288.57 points since the rally began on Aug. 13 after fall-

ing to 776.92. The closely watched average soared a phenomenal 73.77 points in just three sessions.

"With the Dow hitting a new high, the public is likely to swarm into this market," said Ralph Acampora, Kidder Peabody vice president. "It's the most exciting time I've ever seen."

A stampede developed in the final hour as institutional investors bought furiously to get in on the rally that signaled Wall Street was convinced the Federal Reserve would heed Americans' calls for lower interest rates and a better economy.

The bond market also staged a rally on investor belief that the election results would not crush President Reagan's economic policies and would prod the Fed to cut its discount rate.

In the view of dozens of analysts, Wall Street is betting on a better economy several months down the road. But several others have pointed out the market made a similar surge in 1932.

## Self-study program pinpointing problems

by Rebecca Zimmermann

Battalion Staff

Texas A&M University has completed the first stage of its self-study program for accreditation and is well into the second and third stages, the program's coordinator says.

The self-study is required every 10 years for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, one of five regional accreditation bodies in the United States.

The first stage of the program — reports from each of the almost 90 departments at Texas A&M — is complete, Dr. R.J.Q. Adams said.

The second stage — reports from each college — is almost complete, he said.

After college reports are approved, 12 University-wide committees will issue reports in the third stage of the study. Those reports are being worked on and should be complete by the end of the year, Adams said.

A final, overall report, which goes to the association, probably will be completed and adopted by a nine-member steering committee in February or March.

Then, 25 to 30 people from the association will visit the University in April to judge the accuracy of the final report. The group will make suggestions and recommend whether or not Texas A&M should receive accreditation.

Accreditation is important to students, Adams said, because a student who graduates from an unaccredited university may not be accepted into an accredited graduate school. A degree from an accredited university also means the institution offers quality programs.

Adams said he didn't anticipate any surprises. Withholding of accreditation usually means the association believes an institution isn't qualified to offer the programs it has.

"I don't think there's much chance we'll be denied accreditation," he said.

Dr. R. William Barzak, editor for the self-study program, said the visiting team will make some recommendations that the University must respond to immediately.

"They could say a part of the program is weak and could post a warning and expect some response," Barzak said.

A follow-up progress report will be submitted to the association in 1983, he said.

Adams called the study a "state of the university" document that pools opinions and suggestions about the University's strong points and problems from the viewpoint of faculty, staff and students.

The association says an institution's self-study must be produced by faculty, staff and students — not the administration or a consulting firm, he said.

"We've got all kinds of different viewpoints," Adams said.

He estimated that more than 400 faculty, staff and students will participate in the study by the time it is finished.

Accreditation is an "academic seal of good housekeeping," Adams said, and is awarded by association members on the visiting team from other accredited universities.

"It is in fact an evaluation by your peers who give it this seal of approval," he said.

Experts in various fields will review the University's report.

"It (the report) is produced to justify reaccreditation," Adams said. "However, we want it to be beneficial."

Already, corroboration for some frequently voiced complaints at Texas A&M has emerged from the department reports, he said.

"It's patently clear inflation is eating up departments on a day-to-day basis," Adams said.

The cost of postage, paper, telephone bills and other office supplies have gone up, and departments need relief, he said.

Another common perception is the losing battle for student-faculty ratio, Adams said.

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## Provisional program helps students with low SAT

by David Johnson

Battalion Staff

Prospective students who do not meet Texas A&M's recently upgraded entrance requirements may be able to enter the University through the summer provisional entrance program.

The program is designed for students who do not make the minimum Scholastic Aptitude Test score required for admission, Bill Lay, director of admissions, said.

The program was pioneered at Texas A&M, but now major universities across the nation have similar programs, Edwin H. Cooper, dean of admissions and records, said.

Students in the provisional program must maintain a 2.0 grade point ratio in such basic courses as math, history and government. Educational Psychology 101 and English 111 also are required, but credit towards a degree isn't given for the two classes.

About 50 percent of the students in the program are able to continue at Texas A&M in the fall, Lay said. Last summer, 81 out of 176 students in the summer program met the minimum requirements to stay at the University. Cooper said he expects up to 300 students to enroll in the provisional program next summer.

New students who have been out of school for one or two years and have not earned a college degree also are eligible for the program, Lay said. Transfer students are not eligible for the program.

The admission standards were raised in the fall semester this year to help limit enrollment.

The standards for incoming freshmen who graduated in the top quarter of their high school class is a minimum SAT score of 800. For students in the second quarter, a minimum SAT score of 950 is required and third quarter students must score

1,100. Students in the fourth quarter must have a 1,200 SAT score. Students who graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school class do not have to take the SAT.

Out-of-state students in the top quarter of their class must score 1,000. Out-of-state students not in the top quarter of their class are not accepted.

Requirements for transfer students who are Texas residents vary according to the number of hours the student has completed at another institution. Students with 30 hours or less must meet admission requirements for all entering freshmen and have a 3.0 GPR overall during their last two semesters. Students with 31 to 45 hours must have a 3.0 GPR overall and during their last two semesters. Students with 46 to 60 hours must have a 2.5 GPR overall and in their last two semesters.

## Cards ready for grad students

Graduate students who completed an application form for a new library card for the new circulation system, can pick up their new library cards at the circulation desk on the first floor of the Evans Library.

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## forecast

Today's forecast: Clear and cool with a high of 65. Warming trend with continued clear skies through the weekend.

## Owner says seeing eye dog takes care of her

by Dawson Clark

Battalion Reporter

Ziti is no fetch-the-stick and lie around dog. She's a highly trained seeing eye dog that helps Belinda Johnson find her way around campus.

Johnson, a junior Spanish major from San Antonio, for two years used a cane to help get around campus. Now Ziti has taken over for the cane.

"There are advantages to using both a dog and a cane," Johnson said. "The dog is fun to play with, but you don't have to take a cane outside four times a day to go to the bathroom."

Johnson bought Ziti from The Seeing Eye Inc. in Morristown, N.J. She spent four weeks, all expense paid, at the school learning how to

care for and work with Ziti. Johnson said she has heard estimates that about \$8,000 is spent to train a guide dog and match it with a master. The cost to the blind person is \$150.

Johnson said she doesn't have many problems getting around the campus. Some of the ramps confuse Ziti because she was trained to stop at

curbs. When there is a street, but no curb, Ziti doesn't know what to do, she said.

"The main thing that I have to remember is that she's just a dog," Johnson said. "She's going to make mistakes. Last week she led me right

into this guy. I was so startled that I didn't know what to say to the guy. All-in-all she does a great job though."

Ziti is 19 months old and sometimes Johnson said she has a little trouble getting the animal to act like a mature guide dog.

"When I put her harness on she knows it's time to grow up and go to work, but she still gets distracted by other dogs and the squirrels on campus," Johnson said.

Johnson doesn't allow anyone to pet Ziti when she is in her harness. When in harness, Ziti's only job is to lead Johnson around any obstacles that might endanger her.

Having a dog in the dorm caused a little confusion at first, but now that all of the workers in the Commons have been alerted, Johnson doesn't have any trouble.

"The first time that we went downstairs to the cafeteria, they wouldn't let us in until the manager came out and told the ladies who were checking I.D.'s that it was OK," she said. "Guide

dogs cannot be restricted from any restaurant, hotel, theater or other public place."

Johnson says her roommate and the other women in Krueger Hall love Ziti.

"People always come up to me and tell me that Ziti reminds them of their dog back home," she said. "Or they tell me all about their dog and how much they miss it. Basically, I spend a lot of time talking about dogs."

The only real problem in the dorm is that Ziti sometimes seems to feel too confined in the small room, Johnson said.

Johnson and Ziti go everywhere together.

"I take her to all of my classes," she said. "Ziti is just like many of the students in class. She makes herself comfortable and goes to sleep."

Ziti is not only Johnson's guide, but she is becoming more and more of a protector.

"She usually barks when someone comes to the door," Johnson said. "A couple of weeks ago, as we were walking into the Commons, a bicycle fell over in front of us. It scared her, and she raised the hair on her back and growled. She takes good care of me."



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Belinda Johnson crosses the street with the aid of her seeing eye dog Ziti.