

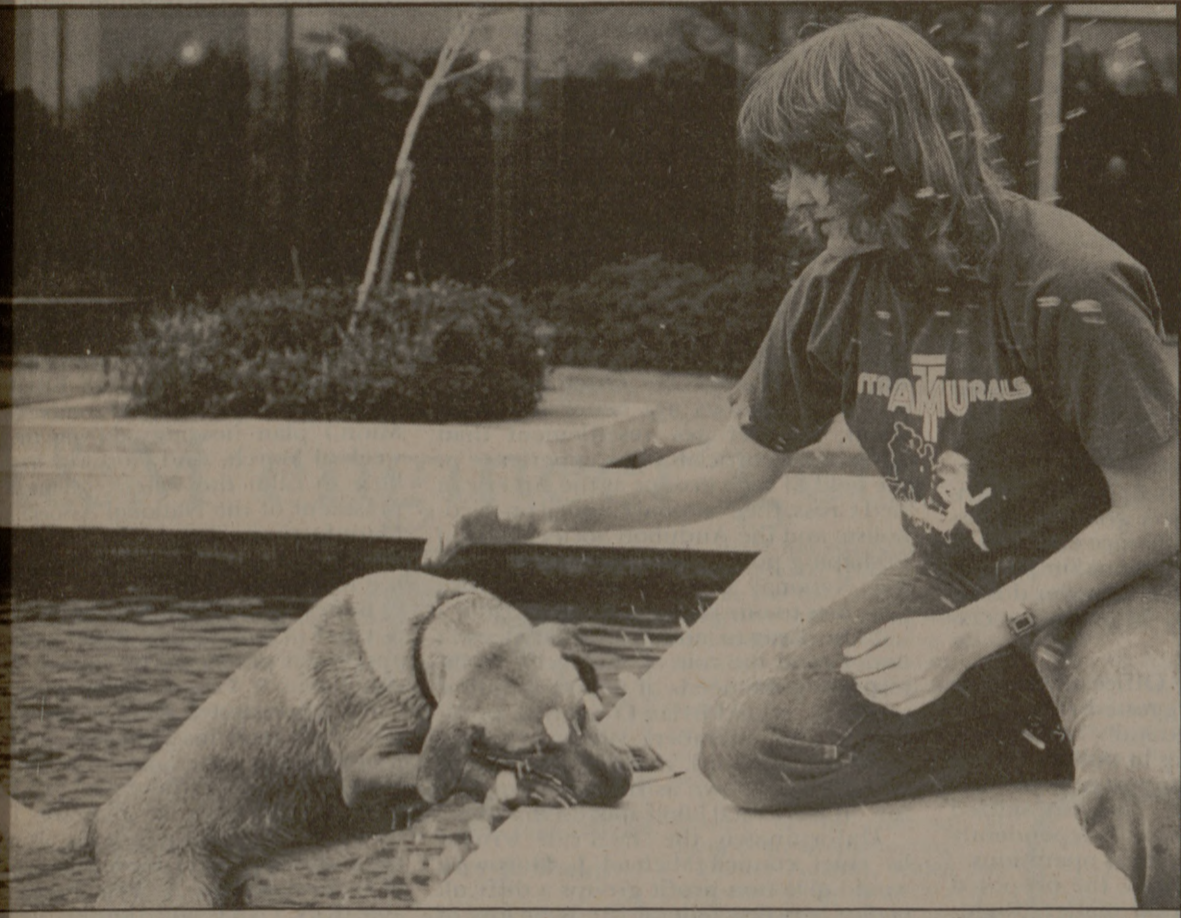
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When you're already wet...

rain doesn't stop Goldie, a full-blooded Labrador retriever registered as "Golden Graham of Aggieland," from retrieving pencils, pens and Pepsi cans from Rudder fountain. Owner

Janalie Graham, a senior wildlife and fisheries major from Houston, says that Goldie likes the campus, especially the fountains.

New A&M regents approved, sworn in

Gov. Mark White's appointments to the Texas A&M Board of Regents were approved Thursday by the Texas Senate. The regent appointees are Dr. John Coleman, David G. Eller and Joseph H. Reynolds, all of Houston.

The regents were sworn into office Thursday afternoon in White's office. Reynolds, an attorney, and Coleman, a physician, previously have served on the board. Eller, a Houston businessman, graduated from Texas A&M in 1959.

Reynolds said among the highlights of his previous term as a regent

was the controversy surrounding the possible admission of women to the Aggie Band. Keeping the band all male is important, he said.

"I love A&M and regret that I didn't get to go to school there," Reynolds said.

Reynolds also said it is important to bring Prairie View A&M University, Tarleton State University and Texas A&M University at Galveston to the highest possible level of excellence.

Priorities for Texas A&M should be the continuation of research, seeking out better faculty and being the best in specific areas, he said.

"I would like to see A&M have the best veterinary school, agriculture department and engineering school in the nation," he said.

The two other new regents were unavailable for comment.

In other action Thursday, the Senate delayed action on the appointment of Sam Barshop to the University of Texas Board of Regents.

Barshop, of San Antonio, was named to the post by former Gov. Bill Clements. Eleven senators, enough to block the nomination, have opposed Barshop's appointment.

Affirmative action plan at SMU to be reviewed

Southern Methodist University is moving fast to update its affirmative action plan because the federal government is checking to see whether the school is in compliance with regulations — and school officials say it's not.

Everett Winters, SMU affirmative action officer, said the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs has notified SMU that it will be one of several institutions to be reviewed this year.

Institutions that receive federal contracts of \$50,000 or more are required to have an affirmative action plan. Federal law also requires the plan to be updated annually. SMU has not updated its plan for several years.

Affirmative action is a program

designed to prohibit discrimination due to race, sex or religion.

Officials here say Texas A&M has an acceptable affirmative action plan. Margaret Dean, University affirmative action officer, said the plan is updated annually.

Winters said the SMU Affirmative Action Office is working on its plan and hopes to have a new plan in operation before April. The federal compliance office has not set a date for the review.

"It's my belief that funds will not be taken away," Winters said.

If SMU's plan is considered unacceptable, the federal group could direct the office to do better or revoke funding that SMU is to receive this year. SMU has received \$2.8 million in federal contracts and grants since June and expects to receive an additional \$500,000 this year.

SMU's affirmative action plan includes policies for changing the SMU minority situation, responsibilities for various administration levels, ethnic and sex makeup of employees and specific goals for one-, three-, and five-year ranges.

Currently, 93 percent of the upper-level administrative positions at SMU are held by whites and 84 percent of service and maintenance positions are held by minorities.

Whites hold 94 percent of faculty positions, blacks hold 2 percent, Hispanics hold 1 percent and other nationalities hold 3 percent.

Women hold 22 percent of faculty positions and 22 percent of upper-level administrative positions.

Nationally, 11 percent of professors holding doctorate degrees are minorities, while at SMU the number is 6 percent.

Corps officials complete marijuana-use investigation

An investigation into allegations of marijuana use in an outfit of the Corps of Cadets has been completed, Corps Commandant Donald L. Burton said Thursday.

Burton added, however, that action on the results of the investigation has not been taken.

"There was evidence that four cadets had been involved in the usage of marijuana in a company in the Corps," Burton said. "The investigation, up to this point, has indicated that the allegation is correct."

At first, Corps officials were investigating a specific incident of marijuana use, but no evidence was uncovered to support the charge, Burton said.

"We have little evidence to support the fact that the incident occurred at a specific time and specific place, which

is what we thought had happened in the beginning," he said. "But the evidence indicates these four cadets have been involved in marijuana usage at least in the past."

"Two of the cadets apparently have not been involved recently. Two we suspect have been involved very recently. Because some of the cadets are on military contract, their cases will go before a board of officers for a review. The purpose of that board is to make a recommendation as to whether their contracts should be terminated."

Cadets under contract are those who have signed an agreement to serve in the military upon graduation. Length and type of service vary from service to service.

In an earlier interview, Burton explained the Corps' view of illegal drug use.

"It's not going to be tolerated," he

said. Regulations concerning drug use are specific, he said. Cadets who only have experimented — but not recently — with illegal drugs may receive a waiver and be allowed to enter the military. But cadets who are drug-dependent or who have sold illegal drugs will be denied a commission.

He said the military's — and thus the Corps' — position on drug use is for legal and not philosophical reasons.

First, while use of marijuana may or may not be worse than alcohol use, it is illegal, he said. Second, many military officers are required to have exacting security clearances and are in positions of grave responsibility. Drug use is not compatible with that, Burton said.

A board of officers will reach a decision concerning the cadets sometime this week, Burton said.

Guatemalan executions overshadow papal visit

United Press International
SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — Pope John Paul II held to the original schedule for his Central American peace pilgrimage despite six executions by Guatemalan authorities who ignored a papal appeal for mercy, a spokesman said.

The pope today was visiting Nicaragua, ruled by the leftist Sandinista National Liberation Front and a theater of controversy between a conservative church hierarchy and activists espousing the "liberation theology."

The visit to Nicaragua — where Catholic churchmen continue to lobby a Vatican request to step down government posts — is viewed with particular interest because the Sandinistas as well as their foes are seeking papal support.

John Paul's eight-day peace mission to Central America and Haiti was overshadowed Thursday by Guatemala's firing squad execution of six men despite a Vatican appeal they be pardoned or their sentences reduced.

Three of the men were convicted by a secret military court for rape and kidnapping and the other three were condemned for political terrorism.

Sources said Vatican officials advised the pope to cancel the trip Monday to Guatemala because of potential danger in the nation where bitter divisions pit Roman Catholics against fundamentalist Protestants.

But Vatican spokesman Rev. Romeo Panciroli said "there have been no changes" in the itinerary, indicating the pope would make the trip to Guatemala as planned.

A Vatican official described the shootings — seen as a direct rebuff of John Paul's pleas for peace in the strife-torn region — as an "insult to the pope."

Guatemalan President Efraim Rios Montt, a "born-again" Christian who abandoned the Roman Catholic Church, said in a statement issued in Guatemala City that the six were executed because "nobody is above the law."

Rev. Panciroli, however, called the

executions "a serious setback for diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Guatemala."

In Costa Rica, the pope made no direct mention of the executions but exhorted 500,000 people at an outdoor mass in San Jose's Sabana park to help the church "eliminate injustice, hatred and violence."

"This church, by doctrine and example, exhorts us to attend not only to the things of the spirit, but also to the realities of this world," the pope said. "It exhorts us to promote the dignity of man."

At the mass, police arrested an unidentified man shouting "death to the pope," but he was out of John Paul's earshot and apparently carried no weapon.

Addressing hundreds of Costa Rican nuns in San Jose's central cathedral, the pope bade the "less content" to "wait for an opportune moment" for change, repeating his stand that nuns and priests not participate in revolutionary politics.

Adam Ant concert date uncertain

Ticket sales for the March 20 Adam Ant concert have been suspended because the new wave performer has postponed his tour to recover from a knee injury.

MSC Town Hall adviser Suzanne Becker said Town Hall is trying to reschedule the concert. She said she hopes to have a new concert date set by later today.

If the concert is not rescheduled, refunds will be given for tickets that already have been sold. If the concert is rescheduled, the tickets that have been sold will be valid. Refunds also will be given to ticketholders who do not want to attend the rescheduled concert.

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forecast

Mainly overcast skies today with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Today's high near 71, with winds from the south at 12 to 25 mph. For tonight, mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms and a low of around 58. Cloudy to partly cloudy skies for Saturday with a 25 percent chance of showers and a high near 69.

EPA prosecutor plan suggested

United Press International
WASHINGTON — A Democratic congressman is calling for a special prosecutor to investigate Environmental Protection Agency officials, including agency chief Anne Burford.

Though calls for her resignation or firing are continuing, Mrs. Burford told reporters Thursday, "I have no plans to resign."

Sources say Rep. James Florio, D-N.J., chairman of one of six House subcommittees investigating EPA, planned to call for amending federal law today to allow for appointment of a special prosecutor to independently look into the agency.

Congressional sources said Florio plans to send a letter to Rep. Peter Rodino, D-N.J., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, suggesting there is justification to amend the Special Prosecutor's Act to cover Mrs. Burford.

The act, a post-Watergate reform, triggers appointment of special prosecutors where there are allegations of wrongdoing against Cabinet-level officials or other specific executive branch officials, but does not apply to the EPA.

Mrs. Burford testified Thursday before a House appropriations subcommittee on EPA's \$948.6 million fiscal 1984 budget and said, "The agency is in a very difficult situation at the present time," and added that she hopes to provide the leadership that will enable it to carry out its mission.

But Sen. Rudy Boschwitz and Rep. Vin Weber, both Minnesota Republi-

cans, urged President Reagan Thursday to replace her.

A congressional source quoted a House Republican as saying, "Her days (with the EPA) may be in single digits."

Two EPA employees involved in the agency's controversial toxic-waste dump cleanup program were summoned to testify today at a hearing before a House Public Works oversight subcommittee headed by Rep. Elliott Levitas, D-Ga. Other unidentified employees were asked to testify in private before a House Energy and Commerce oversight panel headed by Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich.

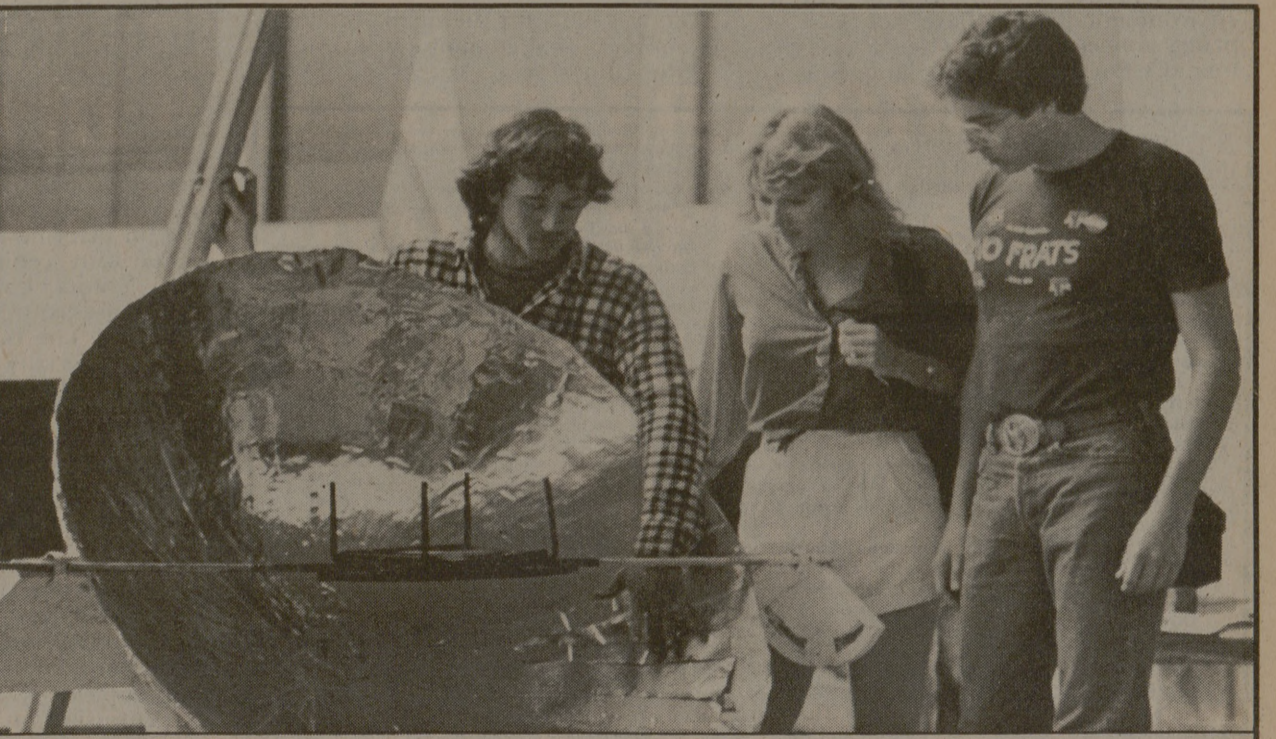
The Washington Post reported today White House officials consider Mrs. Burford a political liability, regardless of her ability to run the agency, and are pushing for her ouster.

"The people at the White House whose business it is to look after Ronald Reagan now believe she has to go," the newspaper quoted an unidentified official as saying.

But White House political adviser Ed Rollins said today he has not been "privy to any discussions on that."

Reagan has steadfastly backed Mrs. Burford in the face continuing calls for her resignation.

Several congressional committees have requested documents on the Superfund toxic waste cleanup program. They have been granted partial access by the White House to the material, but some congressmen say it is not enough.



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No hot dogs today — too cloudy

Lyndon Felps, left, shows a parabolic solar cooker to Carla Hampel, a freshman journalism major from Waco, and Eric Bechler, a nuclear engineering major from Biloxi, Miss.,

at Rudder fountain. The cooker heats up to 600 degrees in 30 minutes. Hampel's only question: "Is it legal in the dorm?"