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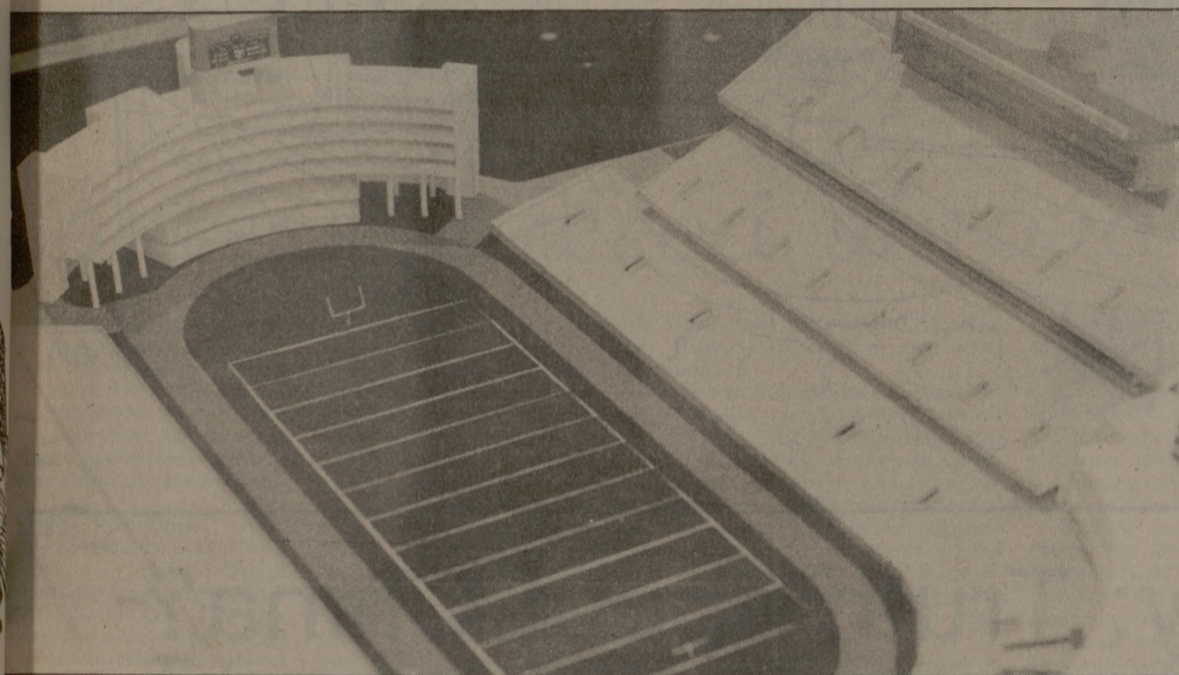
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This model shows the proposed 48 additional prestige boxes at Kyle Field, scheduled to be discussed by Texas A&M regents at 8:30 a.m. today.

## European governments halt currency exchange

**United Press International**  
BRUSSELS, Belgium — European finance ministers called an unprecedented suspension in currency exchange by their governments today as they worked to reset currency values and maintain stability in the European Monetary System.

The ministers scheduled another session of talks today after two abortive attempts during the weekend to control exchange rates and avoid disrupting the fixed-rate system that has financed trade among Common Market nations.

Today's new round of talks was set for 10 hours before European Community heads of government and finance were to meet on the major problems facing its 10 members, with the economy a chief topic.

"Everybody felt the position of the negotiations justified continuation of the talks," said West German Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg as his counterparts returned to their capitals Sunday for consultations.

Stoltenberg refused comment on a French warning it might pull out of EMS, but indications from Paris Sunday were that the threat had receded.

The ministers said there would be no official fixing of rates on exchange markets today by the eight EMS governments, the first such suspension in the system's four-year history.

Officials said specifics might differ in the EMS nations — France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Ireland, Denmark and Luxembourg — and that private transactions might not be affected.

Such a hands-off approach could leave the currency markets free to carry out a de facto realignment of the currencies, probably leading to a weakening of the French franc and a strengthening of the West German mark.

The crisis began when France, trying to forestall a third devaluation of the franc, demanded West Germany revalue its mark. But Stoltenberg warned a break of fixed rates could hurt all EMS nations. Britain and Greece are not members.

EMS nations keep the fluctuations of their currencies within narrow margins linked to those of other members. But in recent weeks heavy speculation has sent the mark up and the franc down, forcing France to prop up its currency.

## Cancer cures may be near

**United Press International**  
SAN DIEGO — Some scientists expect to conquer cancer by the year 2000 and half of all malignancies can now be cured, the head of the American Cancer Society says.

"We in the cancer community are increasingly optimistic because many of us think our goal of cancer control is in sight," Dr. Willis J. Taylor said Sunday at the 25th annual Science Writers Seminar.

"In fact, some cancer experts predict control of cancer by the year 2000 — which is only 17 years away!"

The ACS president stressed that when we speak of cancer conquest or control we refer to successful management of the problem rather than to its total elimination."

Taylor said he based his optimism on progress in cancer research involving tumor virology, immunology, genetic engineering, interferon and oncogenes, which function in early fetal life, become dormant and are activated later into cancer development by viruses, chemicals, radiation or other causes.

He also cited the discovery that certain chemical and food substances — including substances found in cabbages, Brussels sprouts and orange oil — can protect against cancer.

About half of all cancer patients suffering from at least 14 types of cancer can now be cured, he said, and "substantial improvement of survival" has been achieved in seven of the 10 major forms of cancer, including

breast, uterine cervix, colon, rectum, urinary bladder and prostate gland.

"Very significant declines have come about in cancer deaths between 1968 and 1979," said Taylor, citing figures from the Biometry Branch of the National Cancer Institute, which show decreases of up to 56 percent in deaths due to nine types of cancer.

The only increase in deaths was noted among female lung cancer patients, with a 16 percent rise during the 11-year period.

Taylor attributed the increase to more women smoking, a habit persistent despite widespread publicity about its deadly effects and expected to account for approximately 40 percent of this year's projected 450,000 cancer deaths.

## Regents' committee OKs dorm fee hikes

by Angel Stokes  
Battalion Staff

A 10 percent increase in dormitory fees and a 7 percent increase in board plans were approved by a committee of the Texas A&M Board of Regents on Sunday.

Fees for Hart, Law, Puryear and Walton would increase from \$284 to \$313 per semester. The Corps of Cadets dormitories 1-12 and Crocker, Davis-Gary, Moore, Moses, Hotard, Fowler, Hughes, Keathley, McInnis and Schuhmacher hall fees would increase from \$529 to \$582 a semester.

Legett Hall would increase from \$529 to \$582 a semester. The modular dormitories would increase from \$678 to \$764 a semester and the Commons would increase from \$707 to \$778 a semester.

A comparison among Texas A&M housing costs and housing costs at the University of Texas and the University of Houston showed that Texas A&M has overall lower rates. A comparison of board plan costs to those at UT, Southern Methodist University and Sam Houston State University showed that Texas A&M also has lower rates.

The five-day board plan would increase from \$534 to \$571 a semester and the seven-day board plan would increase from \$597 to \$639 a semester.

University President Frank E. Vandiver said the cost of housing has increased during the past few years.

Dorms	Proposed Fee Increases	
	1982-83	1983-84
Hart, Law, Puryear, Walton	\$284	\$313
Corps dorms (1-12), Crocker, Davis-Gary, Moore, Moses, Hotard	\$458	\$504
Fowler, Hughes, Keathley, McInnis, Schuhmacher	\$504	\$555
Legett	\$529	\$582
Haas, McFadden, Neeley, Hobby, Clements, Underwood	\$678	\$746
Commons	\$707	\$778
Board Plan	1982-83	1983-84
Five-day plan	\$534	\$571
Seven-day plan	\$597	\$639

The increases are needed to cover utilities and labor costs, not to make a profit, he said.

The full board, which must approve all committee action, will vote on the dormitory and board plan fee increases Tuesday.

In other business, plans for a new chancellor's residence were considered by the planning and building committee.

The proposed 7,291-square-foot house, located on a 13-acre site, would cost about \$1.2 million. The architect's plan incorporated post oak trees already on the land as landscaping aids. The back of the house faces a

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## Lawmakers milk cows, debate

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — As the Texas legislative session enters its 11th week, members of the House and Senate will stray a bit from routine work to mark Texas Agriculture Week with an event on the front steps of the State Capitol today.

A trio of senators was scheduled to take on a trio of House members in a cowmilking contest with Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower judging the event.

When the barnyard antics are done, the House faces debate on a battleship bill and a Senate committee hears testimony on a measure dealing with drunken driving.

A Senate committee will consider one of the session's most controversial driving-while-intoxicated measures: a bill to ban open containers of alcoholic beverages in automobiles.

Sen. Bill Sarpalis, D-Amarillo, succeeded in winning Senate approval last week of a package of bills toughening DWI penalties. He also sponsored the open container law, which will be heard in the Senate State Affairs Committee.

The House planned to consider a bill to abolish the Battleship Texas Commission, which oversees operation of the tourist attraction berthed in the Houston Ship Channel.

A House committee earlier this month unanimously approved the bill after hearing testimony from battleship employees who complained the commission wasted money on "frivolous things" like a ski boat and German Shepherd puppy instead of financing needed repairs on the ship.

The employees said the ship, which has been moored in the channel since 1948, is a health and safety hazard because of poor maintenance.

The bill up for House consideration would abolish the commission and transfer administration of the battleship to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.



staff photo by Bill Schulz

### Spring break pranks

Buz Stiner, a senior English major from Dallas, gives a Gig 'em after playing a prank on Scott Hoskins, a student at the University of Texas. While Hoskins sleeps, Stiner covers him with beer cans and shaves his legs to provide some entertainment during spring break at South Padre Island.

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### forecast

Clear skies today with a high of 60. Winds from the north at 10 to 15 mph. Clear tonight with the low near 34 and a chance of frost. Mostly clear skies Tuesday with a high near 64.

### 'Aggie Rag' appears briefly

Inserted upside-down in the middle of today's Battalion is a humor supplement called "The Aggie Rag." Some members of The Battalion staff produced the six-page issue during spring break.

On Page 2 of today's Battalion is an editorial explaining the purpose of The Aggie Rag.

Other college newspapers, including the University of Houston and the University of Texas, have produced similar issues in the past, but it has not been done at Texas A&M in several years.

The Aggie Rag is not necessarily intended to be an annual issue. Opinions expressed in The Aggie Rag are those of the authors and are not intended to represent the opinions of Texas A&M University administrators or faculty members.

### Area code changes

Approximately 90,000 General Telephone customers formerly in the 713 telephone area code service area, including Bryan-College Station residents, switched to a new area code Saturday afternoon.

For a three-month grace period, customers in the 409 area will receive calls if the caller dials the 409 area code or the former 713 area code.

The grace period is intended to give customers time to alert friends, business associates and others of the area code change.

At the end of the grace period, a recording will answer calls from persons outside the 409 area code who are attempting to call a number in the 409 area. The recording will explain the change which has taken place and advise the caller to use the 409 area code.