



Kayaking at A&M

staff photo by Guy Hood

John Hopewell leads Wayne Helton down some Aggie "rapids" behind the Texas A&M president's house. Hopewell, a senior

geography major from Wolfeboro, N.H., is a member of the MSC Outdoor Recreation Committee and Helton advises the group.

Senate to appoint head of arms control

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WASHINGTON — Supporters of Kenneth Adelman, President Reagan's controversial choice to head the nation's arms control agency, predict Adelman will be approved by the Senate, but only by a few votes.

"I have a feeling he will be confirmed," Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Charles Percy said Wednesday.

Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker said he also expected confirmation today "by a small margin." The Senate's vote comes more than three months after Reagan chose Adelman to replace Eugene Rostow, 69, who was fired as the head of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency by the president following a series of policy differences with other administration officials.

Today's vote was preceded by a generally lackluster debate that began Tuesday. Adelman's critics said he lacks the experience and stature for the important arms control post and

is not genuinely committed to arms negotiations with the Soviet Union.

Adelman's supporters defended him as a bright and capable member of the administration who has performed well in several previous government posts.

And they said Reagan should have the man of his choice as director of the arms control agency.

During Wednesday's debate, Adelman's critics compared him to Interior Secretary James Watt, another controversial administration member.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said Adelman is not qualified for the arms post and Reagan "might as well have named James Watt to be director of ACDA."

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., said, "The real question is the prerogative of the president to select people who share his ideas and approaches to foreign policy."

"The president wants him. He is qualified. Why shouldn't he have the job?" Thurmond said.

Percy, R-Ill., an Adelman supporter, warned against any effort to send the nomination back to committee, as some senators have suggested.

Percy said the committee already has held three long hearings on Adelman's nomination and committee members have run out of questions to ask the nominee.

The Foreign Relations Committee voted, 9-8, against the nomination Feb. 24, but then voted, 14-3, to send it to the Senate with an unfavorable recommendation.

The arms control agency, which operates under the guidance of the State Department, supplies logistic support for U.S. arms negotiating teams, verifies existing arms agreements, studies arms policies and oversees international arms transfers.

In the last 25 years, the Senate has rejected only three nominations submitted by a president. But only 13 nominations, like Adelman's, have been reported to the Senate this century with committee recommendations for rejection.

Program aids recruiting for A&M grad school

by Connie Edelman
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The number of applications processed in the Graduate College is up 40 percent from last year, a Texas A&M graduate recruiter says.

"That is one of the biggest increases of any school in the country," recruiter Jack Ivins said. Much of the credit is due to active recruitment of new students, he said.

Before 1979, there was no central point for a coordinated effort on graduate student recruiting as there is for undergraduate students.

Ivins' position was created in the graduate school to coordinate the efforts of all the University's departments. Ivins, along with representatives from various departments, visits schools in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico each year. Last year the group visited more than 60 schools.

The visits serve two purposes, Ivins said. In addition to talking with prospective students, Texas A&M professors visit with professors at other schools to explain graduate programs offered by Texas A&M.

"People in the Southwest realize that A&M has grown tremendously in size and number, but they haven't realized the growth of the academic programs, particularly at the graduate level," Ivins said.

Although the number of applica-

tions processed has increased 40 percent, actual enrollment for fall 1982 was 5,677, only a 6 percent increase over fall 1981. Ivins said he has to work hard to convince students to enroll here.

The largest graduate programs are agriculture, with 1,456 enrolled; education, 1,052; and engineering, 975.

In another recruiting program, Ivins uses graduate entrance examination scores. When a student takes the Graduate Record Examinations, his scores are sent to at least three schools. The GRE is offered five times a year. Ivins said he receives about 1,500 scores after each test.

After receiving the scores, Ivins adds them to applications already in the office and sends those applications to the proper departments.

Some of the scores are from people who don't intend to apply at Texas A&M. Ivins said he sends a letter and an application to those who score at least 1,000 on the GRE but have not applied to Texas A&M.

"We get tremendous results from this," he said. "We've talked to a lot of these students who have registered (with A&M), and they say (the reason they came here) is 'the personal touch.'"

Ivins said he tries to send the letters within 48 hours of receiving the scores. Students receive the scores the same day the office does, and Ivins

said many of the students are impressed by being contacted so soon.

Many students say Texas A&M is the only school that contacts them and shows interest, he said.

Another recruiting program involves a minority report, made by the Educational Testing Service every year. The report is a listing of minority students with their school, major, grade point ratio and graduate interest. The recruiting office sends letters to prospective students and notifies the proper departments here.

Almost all graduate students are on some type of financial aid, Ivins said. Assistantships and fellowships also are used to draw graduate students to Texas A&M, he said. This year, each department was allotted \$1,200 a month for assistantships in teaching and research, Ivins said. Salary levels are determined by each department.

"It's the only way most people come to school," Ivins said. Most of the departments offer different types of fellowships, including dean's awards, scholarships and awards from corporations and businesses.

The advantages of having a large graduate school are mainly in research, Ivins said. However, it is the University that should decide how large the graduate programs should be.

"If they tell us to stop recruiting, See RECRUIT, page 14

Walesa silent during a five-hour interrogation

United Press International
GDANSK, Poland — Former Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said he gave no information to Polish authorities during a five-hour interrogation he called a "neat trick" to divide the ranks of Poles loyal to the banned union.

The 39-year-old former chairman of the union complained after he was released from custody Wednesday that government misrepresentation of his statements in an attempt to weaken standing with union activists.

Walesa was taken to Gdansk militia headquarters under threat of force by three armed policemen.

They wanted to know more about his disclosure this week that he held three days of talks with leaders of the solidarity underground to plan future strategy. "From start to finish I

refused to give any answers," Walesa said.

"They asked me eight or 10 questions," he said, ticking off his police interrogator's attempts to discover which of the underground leaders was involved with Walesa.

"Did the meeting take place? Who took part in the meeting? Where was the meeting held?"

Walesa said "as a free man" he had the right to meet with anyone he pleased, "as long as the meeting has no criminal intent."

Eventually, after a threat to summon his wife, Danuta, for separate questioning, Walesa was released. He was held for five hours.

Then he heard Polish television and radio announcing to the nation he had been released only "after (an) explanation," and an official report

he "did not confirm" his meetings with the underground.

To Walesa, that sounded like he had been cooperating with the authorities.

"Of course I neither confirmed nor denied" the reports he had met with the underground, he fumed. "I didn't answer at all."

"It was cunning, tactical, they used a neat trick," he conceded.

The clandestine meeting he joined last weekend was Walesa's own neat trick on the authorities, however — a gamble that they would not retaliate by arresting him.

Poland's Communist government is anxious to show the rest of the world it is returning to normal after upheavals of the past 16 months of military rule, mass arrests and economic chaos.

Man is killed from fall off oilrig in Bryan

A man was killed Wednesday about 2 p.m., when he fell from an oilrig located at Dodge Street in Bryan. Ronald Thomas fell approximately 60 feet onto the platform of the rig.

Thomas, 28, was taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. He had received two broken arms, a broken leg, a ruptured lung and head and chest injuries.

The rig Thomas was working on is owned by McMurray Petroleum of Bryan.

Candidates protest election

by Robert McGlothin
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Two candidates in the recently ended student elections plan to meet with the vice president of student services today to protest the way the elections were run.

The elections were beset with difficulties, including the omission of three names from the ballot, a four-day delay in posting the results, poor voter turnout, long lines at the polls, poorly marked polling places and too few polling places.

Junior yell leader candidates Tom

King and Russell McCaskill plan to present that list of complaints to Dr. John Koldus, Texas A&M vice president for student services.

Election Commissioner Les Asel said most of those problems came down to a lack of workers and funds, but said he did make mistakes.

King and McCaskill complained that there were not enough candidate lists at each poll, causing long lines and discouraging voters.

Asel agreed, but said he corrected that problem in time for the run-off elections.

King and McCaskill said there were not enough polls open — most notably, the polls planned for the MSC bus stop and Sterling C. Evans Library and a poll at the Commons.

Asel disagreed with King and McCaskill about the poll in the Commons.

McCaskill said that while there was a poll in the Quad, available for easy access by the Corps of Cadets, there was no similar poll in the Commons and said that the students living there had to go elsewhere to vote.

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Off-campus housing outlook good; dorm situation same

by Stephanie M. Ross
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While the on-campus housing situation for the fall semester is not significantly different from last year, lower rents and increased availability of off-campus housing are making the outlook for students more promising, housing officials say.

In the past few weeks, students in residence halls have been signing up for dormitory rooms, requesting room or hall changes, or deciding not to stay on campus.

"The total numbers (of student spaces in residence halls) aren't significantly different than last year," said Ron Sasse, associate director of student affairs.

The number of incoming freshmen who applied for the space has increased over last year, Sasse said.

Spaces given to returning students and transfer students are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The number of available spaces may increase, Sasse said, because the final cancellation deadline for all reserved spaces is June 1. Many students sign up for their rooms until they decide what to do and several decide to move off campus, Sasse said.

He said the number of students who initially sign up to move off campus increased this year.

Louann Schulze, coordinator of the Off-Campus Housing Center, said the outlook for fall off-campus housing is promising because of lower rental rates and the increasing number of apartments and condominiums.

Thirty of the 120 complexes that

list their rates with the off-campus center have lowered their fall rates, Schulze said. Figures for other complexes will be available in a few weeks.

The increased number of apartments and condominiums also is an advantage for students, Schulze said.

In addition to greater selection, she said, the surplus has caused managers and owners to be more competitive with rental rates.

Many management offices are more flexible in the length of leases, offer extra benefits to students and now allow children and pets.

In the past, the center recommended that students have their plans made and leases signed for the fall semester by June 1. Now students can wait until the end of the summer to decide, Schulze said. But to be safe, she added, students should make plans by the middle of July.



photo by Ken Dorsey

What's up duck?

Amber Thessen, 18 months, sneaks a peak at baby ducklings that were at the Reveille Oaks Child Development Center in Bryan.

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forecast

Clear to partly cloudy today with a high near 70. Winds from the northwest at 12 to 20 mph. Becoming cold tonight with the low reaching 37. Mostly clear skies Friday with a high near 69.