



### Up, Up and Away!

Chris Masi, a sophomore biology major, and Joyce O'Leary, a junior elementary education major,

decorate The Grove in preparation for Off-Campus Aggies Spirit Day Monday night.

Photo by Anthony S. Casper

## Anti-porn rally becomes free speech free-for-all

Associated Press

DALLAS — An anti-pornography rally turned a normally quiet East Dallas park into a free speech free-for-all Monday where critics of the Rev. Jerry Falwell, anti-anti-porn demonstrators, foes of apartheid and gay activists vied for space.

While the pornography protesters in Cole Park shouted, "We love Jerry Falwell," another group across the street shouted, "Jerry Falwell is a phony."

Falwell recently returned from South Africa voicing support of its white regime, which maintains a strict and controversial policy of racial segregation.

Some of the anti-apartheid demonstrators said they also oppose pornography, but could not join the rally because of Falwell's statements.

"We are Christians too, we deplore pornography," said the Rev. Daryll Coleman, of Kirkwood Christian Methodist Episcopal Temple in Dallas as anti-apartheid protesters sang "We Shall Overcome."

"We also feel it's just as immoral whenever someone can condone a nation that deprives a person of their own destiny," he said.

James Hardwick, 55, mingled through the Falwell supporters car-

rying a sign reading "Falwell is the phony."

"I resent very much Falwell calling (Bishop Desmond) Tutu 'the phony,'" Hardwick said. "Psychologists have something called projectionism. When he called Tutu the phony, that projected his own vice and weakness."

Meanwhile, Tom Conway and friends sat beneath a multicolored banner, representing the international gay community, munching doughnuts and sipping coffee while they formulated their own mini-protest.

"We're protesting the bigotry of people with such a narrow attitude," said Richard Rogers, 33, who said he is active in gay rights groups in Dallas.

The National Federation For Democracy staged the Labor Day rally as a protest against Southland Corp., parent firm of 7-Eleven. The group has mounted a nationwide campaign against the firm because 7-Eleven stores sell adult magazines.

The pornography protesters said their support of Falwell didn't mean they support his statements about South Africa and Nobel Peace Prize

winner Bishop Desmond Tutu.

"We're standing for America, not South Africa," said Bill Powell, Dallas mechanic who joined in the anti-porn protest.

Andrew Davis, 36, said, "I don't agree with everything Jerry Falwell stated. But that has nothing to do with the issue. I came here to protest the sale of pornography, and this rally that was planned for pornography. If I came to oppose apartheid, would be with them."

For Kathy Schertz, a Dallas computer programmer, the occasion was simply an ideal time to have a party.

Wearing paper party hats and drinking 7-Eleven slurpees, she and several friends stood on a corner watching the anti-pornography anti-apartheid protests.

"We came to have a good time," Schertz said. "This is a confused rally. We just wanted to create a little more confusion."

And while others played, 13-year-old David Day said the event was perfect business opportunity. The young entrepreneur set up a snow cone and drink stand selling the items to hot and thirsty protesters for 75 cents.

## Koldus: A&M will recognize GSS despite recent ruling

By MICHAEL CRAWFORD  
Senior Staff Writer

Last week's decision by the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to resurrect Texas' anti-sodomy law probably won't affect University recognition of the Gay Student Services organization, University officials said Monday.

John Koldus, vice president for student services, said, "We have an order by the courts to do a certain thing and that order has not been changed. So at this particular point — no change."

The GSS was denied recognition by Texas A&M in 1976 because ho-

mosexual acts were illegal, and the University said it therefore would be inappropriate to recognize an organization likely to "incite, promote and result in" homosexual activity. But in 1982, a Dallas court struck down the anti-sodomy law, stripping A&M of its main basis for denying the GSS recognition.

The see-saw series of legal battles apparently ended earlier this year when A&M was ordered by the same New Orleans court to recognize the GSS and the University was unsuccessful in getting the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn the decision. Recognition was granted on June 12, 1985.

Ted Hajovsky, A&M University System general counsel, said the New Orleans ruling did not deal with issues identical to A&M's case so an immediate effect is unlikely. But the higher court's acceptance of the anti-sodomy statute may indicate that the court system is becoming more conservative, Hajovsky said, and better A&M's chances for a peeling the recognition case in the future.

"Until I have a chance to read (the court's decision), I don't think we will do anything," Hajovsky said.

## Ship continues trek despite Elena

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The 230-foot research ship Farnella, which is mapping the floor of the Gulf of Mexico, headed toward the mouth of the Mississippi River on Friday after riding out two hurricanes.

The Farnella, carrying 13 American and British scientists plus an equal number of crewmen, left Miami on Aug. 7 to produce maritime road maps to aid future development of deep-water resources in

the Gulf and to help protect resources already being used.

Mapping the Gulf, for instance, might reveal undiscovered oil reserves or find landslide potentials that could jeopardize drilling.

The mapping project is one implementation of President Reagan's declaration of an Exclusive Economic Zone extending 200 miles off the United States' entire coastline.

The Farnella first encountered Hurricane Danny with winds barely

topping the 72 mph threshold for being called a hurricane.

"They rode out Danny," Don Kelly, a spokesman for the U.S. Geological Survey who is based at USGS headquarters in Reston, Va., said.

Hurricane Elena's 125 mph winds sent the Farnella fleeing westward in the Gulf to the Texas-Louisiana border.

"The eye of Danny went over them and they ducked west on Elena, to the Texas line," Kelly said.

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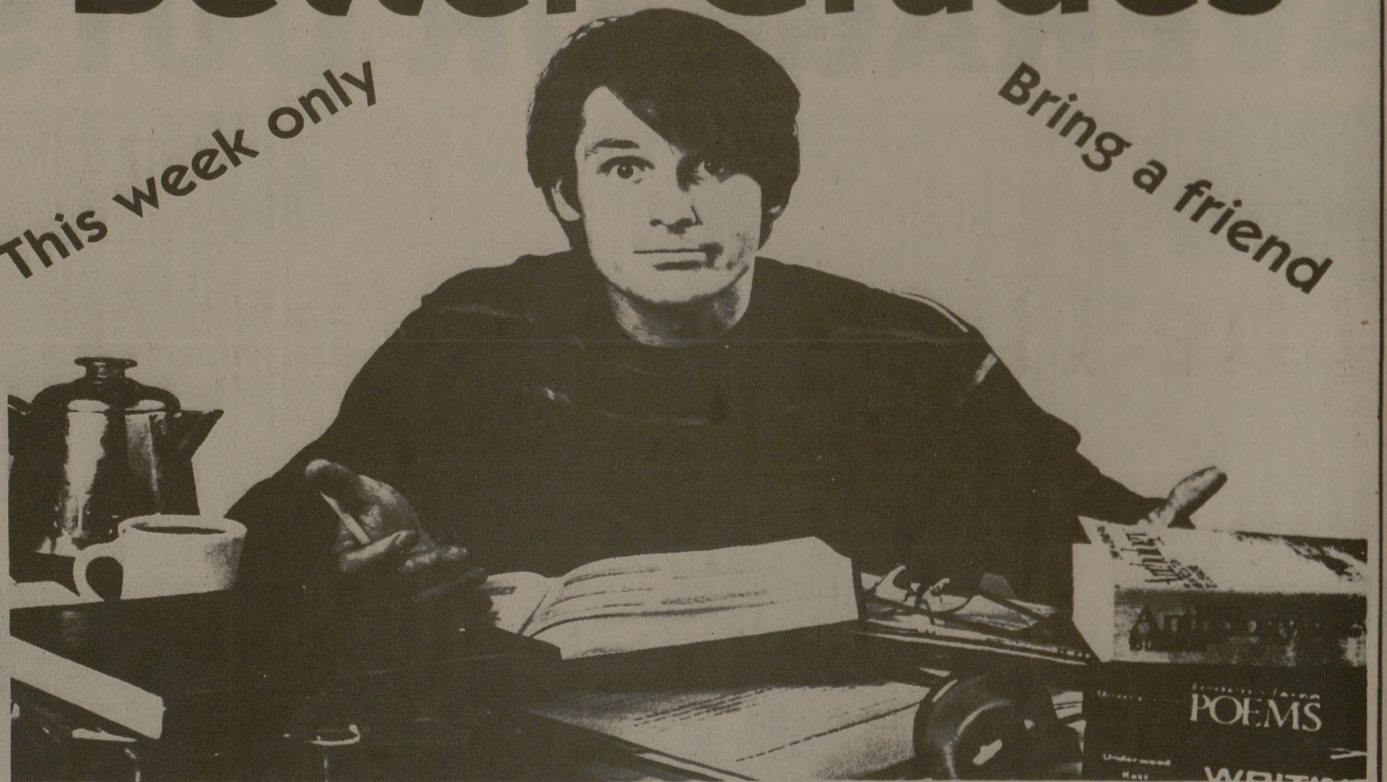
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