



Residence hall campaigning begins today

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Residence hall campaigning begins today and will last until Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. in most of the Texas A&M residence halls.

Halls that will allow campaigning for tomorrow and Tuesday are on the north side of campus. These halls are Clements, Davis-Gary, Haas, Hobby, Hughes, Keathley, Law, Lechner, Legett, McFadden, Moore, Neeley and Schumacher. Campaigning will not be in Puryear or Walton halls.

Campaigning for halls on the south side is planned for Wednesday and Thursday in Appelt, Aston, Dunn, Hart, Krueger, Rudder, Spence, Underwood, and Wells. Mosher Hall will allow campaigning from 7 to 9 p.m. only.

Hart Hall will hold a forum on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Any interested candidates are welcome to give the public relations representative materials to be distributed to the hall.

Campaigning in the Corps dorms will be held on Friday from 5 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Campaigning policies for this year mostly follow those from previous years. However, with the new 24-hour locked door policy, campaigners must now check in at each hall, leave their names, arrival times, and student identification cards with a designated hall monitor.

Campaigners may distribute up to two informative items to each room not displaying a red "Stop" sign. These signs, which will be made available to all residents, indicate to candidates that those particular rooms are not open for campaigning.

"The signs are just for the people who don't want to be bothered," Kyle Jacobson, Residence Hall Association vice president, said. "It will allow people to study."

So far in the election, there is only one candidate each for the offices of president, vice president of operations, secretary and treasurer. There are three candidates for vice president for student development.

Voting will take place on March 29 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Academic Plaza, Blocker, Kleberg, and the Memorial Student Center. Election results will be announced later that night at the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue.

Out on a limb

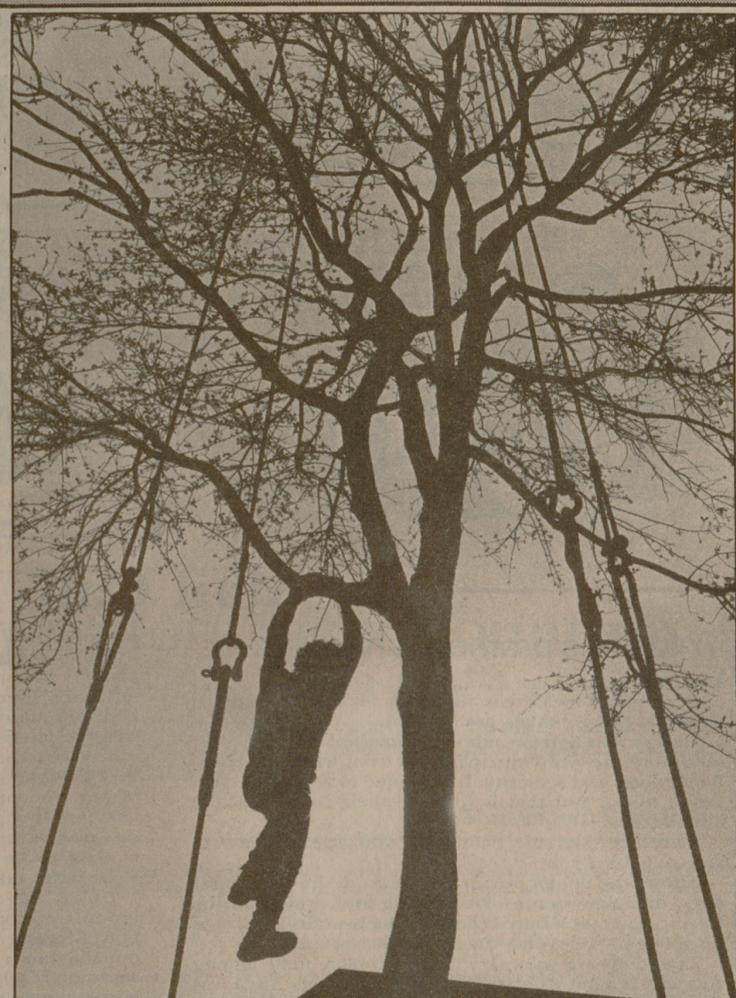


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An employee of Instant Shade Trees Inc. jumps down from one of the former MSC trees Friday afternoon in front of Cain Hall.

Four men arrested for woman's rape

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Four local men, including three Texas A&M students, were charged Saturday with sexual assault in connection with a sexual assault of a College Station woman last Thursday.

Ahmad Hussein Aldirawi, 29, 806-C Oran Circle in Bryan; Hussein Kassem Khalil, 27, 402 Nagle St. #214 in College Station; Ahmad Youssef Noubani, 27, 1301 Harvey Road #352 in College Station; and Kassem Said, 29, 804-C Oran Circle in Bryan were each charged with sexual assault.

Aldirawi, Khalil and Noubani are A&M students.

The four men were released from the

Brazos County Jail Saturday on \$10,000 bond. All four were arrested Friday without incident, police said.

The criminal charges are a result of a sexual assault which occurred between 12:30 and 4 a.m. Thursday. The woman told police she left a College Station nightclub with a man who drove her to an apartment complex. The police report said that she and the man were joined by three other men in the apartment.

The report states that the woman was held down by two men and sexually assaulted by two other men. The woman was returned to her home by the man she met at the nightclub, the report states.

The woman was taken to St. Joseph Hospital at approximately 4:30 a.m. Thursday, where hospital personnel called the police.

Vacationers kidnapped Mexican police rescue Okla. students

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Mexican police rescued three Oklahoma college students and a friend, reportedly kidnapped during spring break, while four other vacationers have died in accidents at South Padre Island.

Three Matamoros, Mexico, residents face a judge Monday on charges of deprivation of freedom. The three Oklahomans and a woman were held against their will for about three hours in a car after they accepted a ride to the Gateway International Bridge, police said.

A Matamoros police officer, about to go off duty, spotted the Americans as he drove by a warehouse where they had been taken by the assailants.

Darren Crabtree, 19, of Oklahoma City, said the Americans feared for their lives. He said the abductors ordered them to go into the vacant warehouse.

"At that point we thought they were going to kill us because last year those people got killed during Spring Break," his 25-year-old brother, Marland Crabtree, said. "They were telling us that we better go in because they had a gun."

Darren Crabtree said, "I was not going in. I was ready to fight them. They were trying to make us enter the warehouse when the police just happened to drive by and saved us."

"There is no telling what they wanted to do to us inside the warehouse."

One year ago, University of Texas student Mark Kilroy was kidnapped in Matamoros and was one of 15 people killed at a nearby ranch by members of a drug cult.

Matamoros police officer Ruben Morales Gonzalez said he spotted two of the Oklahomans emerging from a car while he was driving toward the police station about 3:30 a.m. Friday, near the end of his shift.

"I saw them there, and I thought it was strange for them to be at that side of town at those hours," said Gonzalez. "When I stopped, one of them raced toward the car, and told me they were taken against their will. Then I called for reinforcement."

Police said it was unlikely they would have spotted the Oklahomans if they had been in the car, since its windows were tinted black.

Renumbering ordinance causes address confusion

By JILL BUTLER
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Many people came home last week to find that they lived at new addresses — same places, but different addresses.

Because of a College Station city ordinance, some apartments were renumbered. On March 5, however, part of the ordinance was revoked.

College Station City Ordinance 1790, passed in December 1988, was designed to improve police and emergency services for all College Station businesses and residences.

Part of the ordinance was revoked because of the problems it caused apartment managers and residents.

The ordinance stated that addresses of all businesses and residences in College Station had to be clearly marked with a certain size letter or number to assist policemen, firemen and ambulance drivers.

Coy Perry, a College Station building official, said there was a suggestion in the ordinance for managers to renumber apartments and apartment buildings.

Perry said no managers were required to renumber the apartments.

He said it was suggested to managers they assign a number to every apartment building. Also, every individual apartment number would begin with the building number and end with a number that would indicate if the apartment was upstairs or downstairs. Upstairs apartments would end with odd numbers and downstairs apartments would end with even numbers.

For example, Apartment 1011 would be upstairs, the eleventh apartment in the tenth building.

Numbers on apartment buildings had to be four inches tall and apartment numbers had to be two inches tall.

The changes had to be made by Dec. 31, 1989. As stated in the ordinance, anyone failing or refusing to comply with the ordinance is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and will be fined no less than \$20 and no more than \$200 per day of violation.

However, March 5, the ordinance was partially revoked after three members of the city staff met with three members of the Bryan-College Station Apartment Association.

"After listening to the apartment association's complaints, we decided to relax the ordinance," Perry said.

He said apartment complexes are no longer urged to renumber, but the number size and location requirement remains.

Rosemarie Lindsay, associate executive of the Bryan-College Station Apartment Association, said there were too many prob-

lems associated with renumbering apartments.

"There is too much confusion and expense to change the numbers," Lindsay said.

She said the biggest problems associated with renumbering are mail service and students having to change information on checks and insurance policies. Also, apartment managers would have to change leases and mailbox keys.

Lindsay said emergency service problems are still a concern and will be dealt with.

"We will submit maps of every complex to Coy Perry and he will give these to dispatchers," Lindsay said.

Debra Warren, manager of Huntington Apartments, said maps will help, but not solve emergency problems.

"Lives could be lost," Warren, whose husband is a fireman, said. "Emergency teams waste time searching for apartments."

"The addresses are very confusing," she said. "It's pretty rough to find some apartments."

Warren is in favor of renumbering complexes, but did not renumber Huntington because the complex's original numbering system complied with the ordinance.

"I back the ordinance 100 percent," Warren said. "However, other people might not be happy with my opinion because I did not have to renumber."

She said the city should have studied the situation more thoroughly before revoking the ordinance.

"Some people spent thousands of dollars changing numbers," Warren said. "It's unfair."

Perry said out of more than 100 apartment complexes, 11 were renumbered.

Josephine Hancock, manager of Peppertree Apartments, renumbered the complex three weeks ago.

"I didn't even know about the ordinance until February," Hancock said. "I found out about it (the ordinance) when another manager showed me a copy."

Perry said there was a public hearing about the ordinance and the apartment association included information about the ordinance in their newsletter.

Hancock said she renumbered the complex because she was required to.

"Coy Perry said we had to renumber," she said. "I had no choice."

Hancock said the complex paid \$1,400 for materials and labor needed to renumber.

"There was a lot more involved than just physically changing the numbers," Hancock said.

She said the mailboxes had to be

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'... We all want the same result' Future commander discusses Corps role

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Anyone traveling from Northwestern United States to College Station may have seen next year's Corps of Cadets commander with bugs in his teeth, the wind in his face and half his belongings strapped to his motorcycle.

Jonathan Whittles, who will be the highest ranking cadet in the Corps, spent five days on his motorcycle traveling from his hometown of Sand Lake, Ore., to College Station a week before last fall semester started.

Whittles, a junior biomedical science major, also surfs, sails, rock climbs, hang glides and plays the guitar. However, he said, he has had little time to do any of these since he was named Corps sergeant major, the highest ranking junior, last year.

His new position, commanding more than 2,100 cadets, has brought even more responsibility.

"I can't believe all the work," Whittles said. "Every night I get phone calls almost every 20 minutes."

Whittles, a member of the outfit D-1 Company, said the most difficult thing about being Corps commander is going from the role of a friend and peer to a role of a commander.

"The hardest part is having to tell one of my buddies what to do," Whittles said.

Despite all the work and worry, Whittles enjoys his new job.

"I'm really excited," Whittles said. "The job is rewarding and fun. I like to see positive change taking place in the Corps."

The job of Corps commander is not easy to describe, Whittles said.

Whittles will oversee the Corps staff, work with military staff to make Corps policy and serve on numerous committees throughout the University.

"A lot of what I do is public relations-related," Whittles said. At the All Night Fair this semester, Whittles took place in a pig-kissing contest against Miss Texas A&M University.

Although he does not officially take command until he puts on his senior boots at Final Review in May, Whittles said he has been handling all 1990-1991 Corps policy decisions since he was chosen as commander three weeks ago.

Five cadets were chosen to interview for the position of Corps commander.

"We went through a very rigorous nomination and interview process," Whittles said.

All five nominees were interviewed by a selected group of commissioned officers in the School of Military Science.

Whittles said all nominees were equally qualified, but he happened to be in a better position for the job as commander because he was chosen as Corps sergeant major last year.

"Serving as sergeant major this year has given me a lot of practice for my position as Corps commander," Whittles said.

He said working on the Corps staff his junior year taught him a lot about the Corps and will make the transition to commander easier.

"I learned that everyone in the Corps wants the Corps to survive," Whittles said. "Not everyone agrees on how it should survive, but we all want the same result."

Whittles said without the Corps, A&M would lose a lot of the spirit at football games and traditions like Silver Taps. He said the Aggie Band is especially important.

"The band is an extremely important part of the University and the Corps," Whittles said. "The band is our pulse, and without it, the Corps would dissolve."

Whittles said he became an Aggie because of the spirit and friendliness at A&M.

"I had a Marine Corps scholarship and I started looking at all



Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

Freshman Chris Blackley of D-1 "whips out" to Jonathan Whittles, the new Corps commander for 1990-91.

the academies," said Whittles, who was born and raised in Oregon. "I had friends in Houston and came to visit A&M. I didn't apply anywhere else. I knew this was the place."

Whittles plans to graduate in December 1991 and then will serve at least four years as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marines Corps. He also is interested in becoming a pilot for the Marines.

"I've always thought everyone should do their time in the military," Whittles said. "But I'm not sure if I will make a career out of it. I've never really seen myself doing one thing for a long amount of time."

His possible plans after military duty include going to medical

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