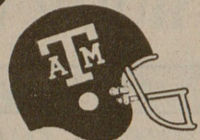


Mostly cloudy with lows in the 50s and highs in the 80s.

"Apparently there are a lot of people out there who think that just because it's easy to get a pet it's easy to keep one." columnist Ellen Hobbs, on pet owner's responsibilities.

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A&M could have provided higher pay raises, official says

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The Texas Faculty Association's director charges that Texas A&M professors are being "bamboozled" into believing the University cannot provide them a higher raise than the 2 percent increase approved by the state.

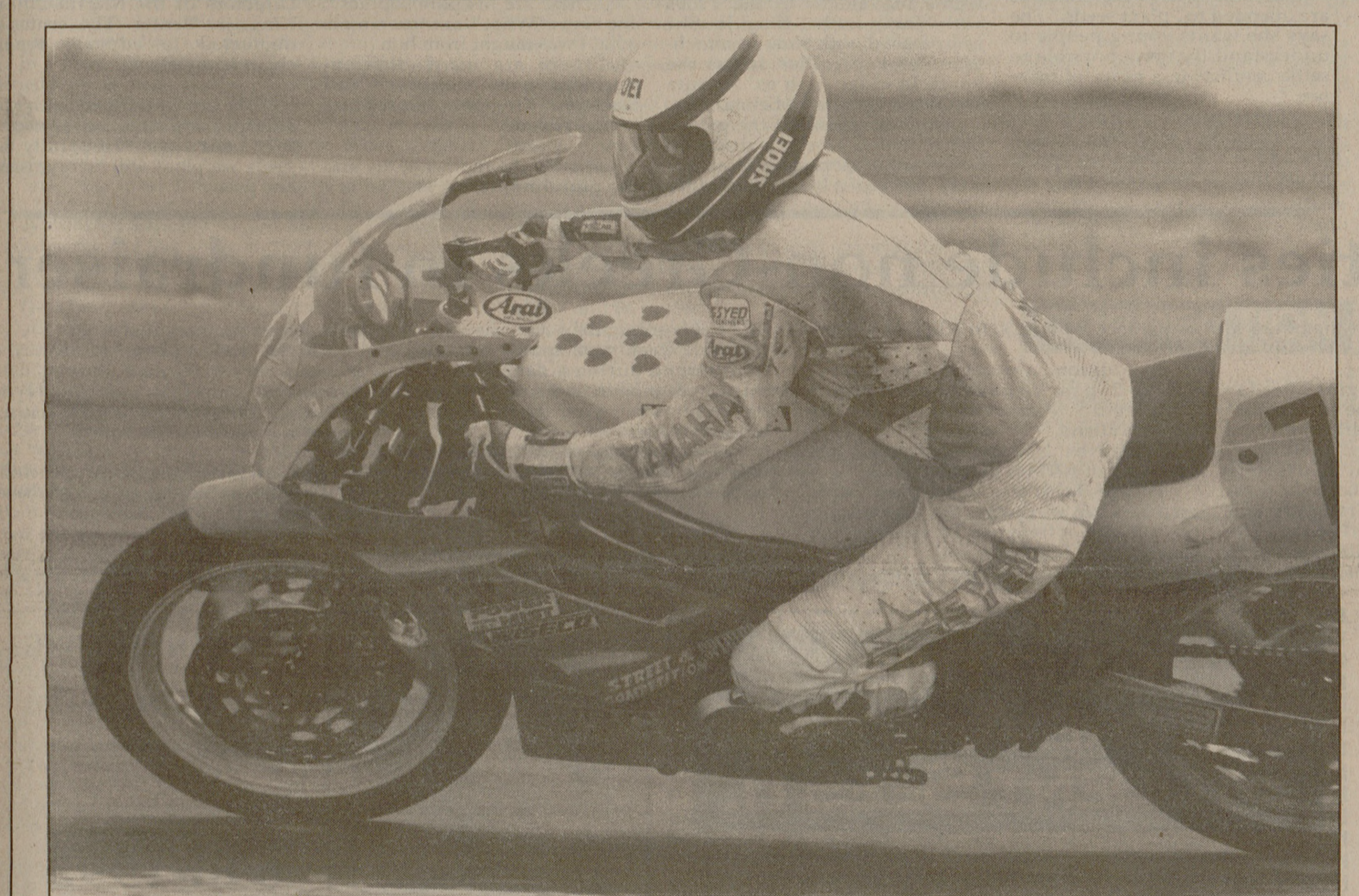
"A&M's faculty should not be bamboozled into thinking that the University doesn't have the money to do this," Zucker says. The figures Zucker quotes are from State Comptroller John Sharp's audit released in June. The \$148 million is from fiscal year 1990, which ended Sept. 1, but Zucker says the numbers probably have not changed.

The TFA recently released a statewide faculty advisory calling for professors to insist on a 3 percent additional raise because of the nearly \$1 billion in unreserved funds in public universities. Sharp's report states that A&M's \$148 million unreserved balance is equal to about 36 percent of its total operational budget. It also states that the University of Texas at Austin has \$91 million unreserved, which is equal to 24 percent of its operational budget.

Quality education has become a major issue in the state as Texas falls behind in several categories. For example, college professors in Texas are paid an average of 12 percent less than their counterparts in the 10 most populous states. Texas universities also employ fewer tenure-track professors and more lecturers than the

other 10 largest states. But Dr. Pat Alexander, speaker of the A&M Faculty Senate, says it should not be up to the University to cover the state's neglect. "What if they spent that money on faculty salaries?" Alexander says. "They would have no money left for crises. To ask the University to compensate for the lack of state appropriations is not fair. We deserve more, but it is up to the Legislature and the public, not the University."

Zucker says the TFA recommendation See Raise/Page 6



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Lean into it

Jennifer Appel, a senior at Texas A&M, leans into turn eight on the road course at Texas World Speedway on Saturday. Appel was competing in the

American Motorcyclist Association EBC Brakes Endurance race with two other woman riders. Profile of Appel/Page 10. Summary of races/Page 7.

Mobley changes committee

President appoints local psychologist to co-chair panel investigating Corps

By Karen Praslicka
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Texas A&M President William Mobley has appointed a College Station resident with no University affiliation to co-chair the fact-finding committee which will review the discrimination and harassment charges made by several female members of the Corps of Cadets. Mobley named Dr. Sara Jones, a practicing psychologist, and Dr. Kenneth Dirks, director of the A.P. Beutel Student Health Center, as co-chairs of the committee.



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dean of the College of Geosciences; Mary Elizabeth Herring, assistant to the dean of the College of Medicine; Dr. Betty Unterberger, professor of history; and Stephen Weber, a junior biochemistry major, and Tricia Heithecker, a senior business analysis major. Weber and Heithecker are executive vice presidents for A&M's student government. In a press release by the Office of Public Information, Mobley listed four objectives for the committee: -to evaluate the validity of the allegations and recommend further action. -to propose steps to eliminate any harassment and discrimination in the Corps. -to recommend any changes necessary to ensure that proper disciplinary or criminal action is taken regarding the allegations. The committee selected by

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'Students are at risk'

Health center offers influenza immunization

By Alysia Woods
The Battalion

Students who do not want to spend time in bed with influenza this fall should stop by Texas A&M's A.P. Beutel Health Center for a quick and inexpensive immunization. Dr. Kenneth Dirks, director of the health center, says students are at risk each fall from influenza, commonly known as the "flu," and they should protect themselves. "The cost for the shot is minimal, yet only a handful of students come in," he says. The flu shot is available for \$5 and is administered from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

No appointment is necessary. The immunization is administered through the arm and is virtually painless, he says. "The flu can make people very sick," Dirks says. "But the immunization is hardly noticed." He says to decrease the chances of getting the flu, □ Officials expect severe flu season/Page 3

all students should be immunized by the end of October every year. People who are allergic to eggs, however, cannot receive the shot because the vaccine is formulated in egg solutions.

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Pollution violators received tax breaks, newspaper reports

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County has awarded nearly \$1 billion in property tax abatements to corporations that have received numerous citations for violating air and water pollution standards, a newspaper reported. The tax breaks, used by state and local governments as incentives for corporations to locate or expand here, have been questioned both on whether they are an effective way to bring jobs to the community and for their impact on the environment. The

Houston Post reports. The abatements will allow 10 petrochemical and paper companies — Quantum, Arco, Chevron, Lyondell, Champion International Paper, Shell, Himont, Georgia Gulf, Du Pont and Ethyl — to save \$5.3 million in 1991 taxes on abated plant expansions or improvements while promising only 507 new jobs. In addition, Phillips Petroleum alone received a \$270,000 tax break in 1991 on its project to rebuild what it lost in a 1989 explo-

sion that killed 23 workers. "I don't see any harm in using abatements to get companies to come into the community, but for the purpose of enlarging or remodeling, I don't think that's appropriate," said Athalea Curry, head of the Taxpayers' Coalition of Houston. "They should go get a loan," she said. "That's what I have to do." The abatements started five

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Leaders try to stop 'nuclear renegades'

MOSCOW (AP) — Pledges of sweeping arms cuts by the U.S. and Soviet presidents reflect their belief that the superpowers now face less threat from each other than from renegades with nuclear weapons. George Bush and Mikhail S. Gorbachev have moved beyond the arduous negotiations that



Gorbachev characterized

decades of U.S.-Soviet arms control and are instead announcing unilateral steps. Significantly, they made their promises before either side had ratified the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, which was negotiated very painfully over nearly a decade and was signed at the Moscow summit in July. A member of a delegation headed by U.S. Undersecretary of State Reginald Bartholomew that arrived in Moscow on Saturday to discuss the nuclear cuts said both sides had accomplished more in one week than in five years of ne-

gotiations. The official spoke on condition of anonymity. Behind the good intent of the gestures, both leaders have their own barely hidden agendas, which mostly overlap but in some cases contradict each other. Bush, while acting unilaterally to scrap and mothball some American nuclear weapons, also wants to dismantle Iraq's atomic potential. Gorbachev also is backing U.N. efforts to deny Iraq the bomb. Gorbachev, for his part, wants to reduce the chances of Soviet extremists seizing nuclear arms for

use in domestic turmoil. Bush shares that goal and paved the way for Gorbachev by announcing unilateral U.S. steps a week ago. Although the leaders are united in their major objectives, each tilted their promises to favor his country. Bush sought to defuse Soviet demands for talks on naval arms control by announcing that he was pulling tactical nuclear weapons off many American vessels but not destroying all of them.

Gorbachev speaks out against anti-Semitism

MOSCOW (AP) — Breaking decades of silence by Soviet leaders, President Mikhail S. Gorbachev on Sunday sharply denounced hatred for Jews and bemoaned their exodus from the Soviet Union. Gorbachev's statement was carried by the Tass news agency on Sunday and read the night before at a ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the Nazi massacre of thousands of Jews at Babi

Yar, in a suburb of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev. Gorbachev said persecution of Jews did not end in the Nazi era. In Soviet society today, he said, "Social expressions of anti-Semitism have not been surmounted and certain reactionary circles are exploiting this fact." Soviet and foreign Jewish leaders have been pressing Gorbachev for several years to speak out against anti-Semitism.