



Carrie Thompson/The Battalion

The dying of Spring

The last flower in Lemontree Park finally gives in to the heat as it begins to wither.

Property Rights

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producers have had about the warbler is only one part of a bigger problem.

"The last few years, the government has come in and regulated what farmers and ranchers do," Arnold said. "Many people are still upset about losing water rights and are looking for an outlet. The warbler concern surfaced at a bad time, and it was the issue that finally broke the camel's back."

Arnold said many people have been misinformed about what will happen if the warbler goes on the critical list.

"The warbler has been considered an endangered species since 1990," Arnold said. "The critical habitat list will just protect something that is already being protected. "With-

in the 33 counties under consideration, there are 20 million acres of land," he said. "Less than 800,000 acres would be affected if government sanctions are passed. This is really a small percent when you look at the whole."

Arnold said house developers will be more affected than agriculture because the warblers' main habitat is in the hill country around Austin.

"The hill country is a prime place to build houses, so I think the real fight will be with the builders," he said.

Jeff Koch, a Texas A&M junior animal science major, said environmental laws are needed to an extent.

"If it hurts the farmers and ranchers, then they should be avoided or at least limited," Koch said. "Agriculture produces the food we eat and limiting their production could be detrimental to agriculture and society as well."

Law/Purveyor

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underway for construction of additional halls after Law and Puryear are torn down.

If the recommendation passes, the halls will be torn down this summer, and grass will be planted over the area for the following semester.

Sasse said that residents of Law and Puryear who wish to remain on campus next year will be given first priority to move to another hall.

He said overcrowding should not be a problem since there are currently vacancies in the dorms anyway.

"The only problem would be if all 400 residents wanted to live in a non-air next year," Sasse said.

He said that although this would not happen, the residents could still be accommodated if it did. Some residents would not be able to live in non-air conditioned dorms, but all would have an on-campus residence available.

Owen Ross, president of the Residence Hall Association, said the absence of Law and Puryear

will be felt.

"Law and Puryear have a long tradition of involvement," Ross said. "Their presence will be missed next year because they always put out leaders, are involved with Bonfire, RHA, hall councils, and have been really good halls."

Kevin Niemann, Puryear Hall's resident director, said he is disappointed that a hall with such outstanding traditions is being torn down. But at the same time, he can understand why the University cannot keep Puryear.

"Looking at the evidence and the University's position from a business perspective, I can see how it is necessary," Niemann said. "But it is disappointing because there is a lot of tradition here, and the guys here are a family... It's like having your house destroyed."

Joe Sifferman, Law Hall's resident director, said the two dorms' hall councils formed a committee to try to alleviate the problems students will face after the dorms are torn down.

Niemann said the committee is working with the administration on options favorable to the University and the residents. The committee wants to try to

keep the residents together if possible.

Law Hall President Heath Taylor, a junior construction science major, said many residents are concerned about what they will do next year.

He said that many students cannot afford to move off campus or a more expensive dorm. Only two other dorms on campus, Hart and Walton, are also non-air conditioned.

Law Hall Resident Advisor Will Johnson agreed that moving will be a difficulty.

"Students in non-air often can't afford air," Johnson said. "The next cheapest, corridors, are \$650 a semester, and non-air are \$400 a semester. That's a \$250 difference. Some can't afford that."

Taylor said the freshmen were very disappointed about the recommendation because they were looking forward to being in the dorm.

He said over 20 freshmen in Law have already moved after they found out the dorm would be torn down.

However, Taylor said the upperclassmen are planning on to make the last year a memorable one for the hall.

Niemann said the experience has brought the residents of Puryear closer together.

"It is sad going, but it's been unifying for the hall. We want to make this the best year Puryear's had," he said.

Ross said Law and Puryear have traditionally been two of the most active halls. Casino Night, for example, began in Puryear.

In addition, whenever RHA put on a hall challenge for an athletic event, Law always had more participants than the others, Ross said. This was especially significant because Law is a smaller dorm, he said.

Last year, Ross said, a Law resident was a member of the Residence Hall Association Board of Directors. This year two RHA executives are from Puryear.

Ross said he hopes the residents of Law and Puryear will continue their tradition of involvement once they move to other dorms.

"Right now we do not know where the residents will move," Ross said. "I hope they will take their talents to the other halls and continue their involvement in the RHA."

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