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torn down.
The destruction of the asbestos-laced Puryear and Law residence halls has created controversy as well as nostalgia.

Demolition of the halls, which are some of the oldest on campus, began in August.

Jesse Czelusta, Resident Hall Association president and a senior agricultural economics major, said RHA is planning a memorial after the dorms' demolition.

"There will be a memorial," Czelusta said. "We wanted to come up with a way to commemorate the buildings."

A date for the commemoration has not been set, Czelusta said. No decisions have been made concerning how the acreage will be used after the halls are gone.

The inconveniences of construction will continue on campus for several years to come. Some, however, are looking on the bright side.

Adele Marshall, whose daughter is a freshman journalism major at A&M, said the construction's long-term benefits outweigh the short-term inconveniences.

"Of course the construction is an eyesore and an inconvenience," she said. "But it will pay off for the students in the end."

4th Court of Appeals not to be decided in November election

AUSTIN (AP) — A San Antonio appeals court race is being jettisoned from the November ballot after a Texas Supreme Court ruling that a special election would infringe on the governor's appointment powers.

A lawyer in the case predicted Tuesday the move will trigger a federal court challenge under the U.S. Voting Rights Act.

"The voters lost," said Buck Wood, lawyer for Judge Phil Hardberger.

The secretary of state's office is writing to tell county officials that the 4th Court of Appeals post currently held by Hardberger will not be on the ballot due to the court decision, said Elizabeth Hanshaw of the agency's elections division.

Hardberger, a Democrat, is running unopposed to become the 4th Court's chief justice. That means he will take the higher office in January, and his position as associate justice will become vacant.

Hardberger on June 20 told Republican Gov. George W. Bush that he would resign his current spot effective Jan. 1. He said he wanted to make clear that he

wouldn't serve the remaining four years of his associate justice term and thus allow an election to be held in November to replace him.

But Bush had contended state law allowed him to appoint Hardberger's replacement after eight days, even if Hardberger didn't intend to resign right away.

So Bush appointed Republican San Antonio attorney Karen

The court also said requiring a special election to Hardberger's seat before he actually resigns would unconstitutionally infringe on the governor's appointment powers.

The ruling allows the governor to appoint Hardberger's replacement in January, to serve in the 1998 general election according to a court opinion.

"They have ruled that a vacancy has not taken place because the person has vacated the office," Hanshaw said. "We are moving forward with that decision, so we are instructing the county that that office will not appear on their general election ballot."

Becky Pestana, also of the secretary of state's office, said the ruling directly affects 36 counties in the appeals court's jurisdiction. She said the secretary of state is informing all county clerks in Texas of the ruling.

"If the same type of situation happens in another county, the court's decision could have an impact. County clerks need to know what the court decided she said.

"The voters have lost."

Buck Wood
Lawyer for Judge Phil Hardberger

Angelini to replace Hardberger pending the election. In November, Angelini was to face Democrat James Branton to keep the spot.

Because Hardberger refused to leave his seat until January, the state asked the Supreme Court to declare his post vacant. The Supreme Court refused, saying Hardberger stays in office until his resignation is effective.

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communication with the students is not there.

"I can have all the goals I want, but if it is not what the students want, than I'm not really doing my job."

The love that Reed has for A&M is apparent in his efforts to help the school through Student Government. However, his perception of A&M does not fit the stereotypical mold.

"I participate in all of the traditions at A&M, but I wouldn't call myself a die-hard Aggie," he said.

"There are a lot of students who are here to get an education, to be students and not be Aggies. And I feel bad for those people who are here to be students because they get a lot of harassment they don't deserve."

Reed holds high regard for education and feels some students are prioritizing incorrectly.

"We have to find a balance between tradition and enhancing our education," he said. Reed will pursue law after graduation and said his goals will be reached only if "I am true to myself and stand up for what I believe in."

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the humanities he had taken, especially Latin and Greek.

His interest in the classics, along with a "lack of success in pre-med," pushed him toward a bachelor's in Latin education from UM. A university fellowship kept him there to earn a master's degree and a doctorate.

Postdoctorate work took Oberhelman to the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece. While there, he was part of an archaeological dig in the ancient city of Corinth and a survey of the island of Crete.

His interest in research and teaching brought him to Aggieland in 1987 as an assistant professor. His success brought him tenure a year later and earned him a

full professorship in 1992.

Well accomplished in Latin and German, Oberhelman also reads French, Italian, modern Greek and Russian.

Among his favorite fields to teach is beginning language, epic poetry and New Testament Greek, which fills most of his remaining time.

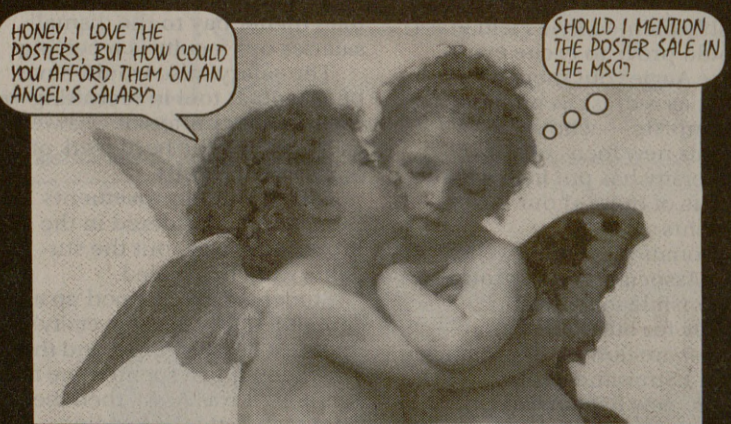
Academics and family, though, are the only time-consuming activities Oberhelman's life.

A deacon at First Baptist Church College Station, he also teaches Sunday School, leads a Sunday evening Bible study and keeps church computer records.

But the classics professor also looks forward to some quiet fishing.

One of his future goals includes catching an ever-elusive, 25-to-30-pound, yellow catfish from Navasota and Brazos Rivers.

"Normally," he said, "all I get are



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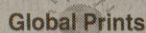
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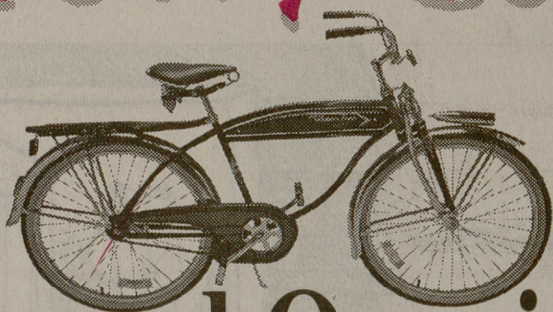
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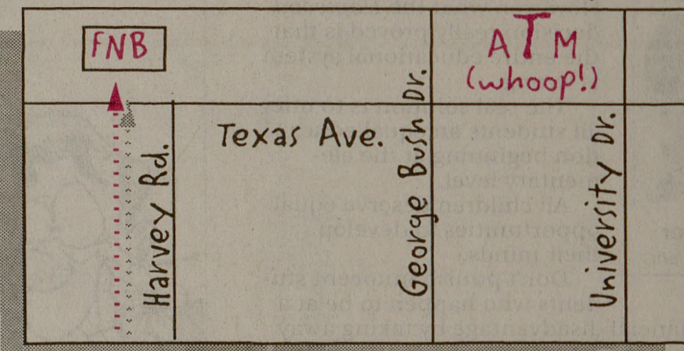
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