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Northgate racism story goes here

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The External Affairs committee of the Student Senate held a follow-up meeting addressing the issue of alleged racially-motivated assaults in the Northgate area. The committee agreed to begin planning various events, such as forums and celebrations of diversity to raise awareness of this issue. Tatsuki Ohashi, president of the International Student Association and a senior international studies and history major, urged students not to focus on the negative events that have happened to recognize various international culture events that have recently occurred. Amy Magee, Speaker of the Student Senate and a senior psy-

chology major; Suzanne Drolesky, director of international student activities and Ohashi all met Friday to discuss issues that they felt needed to be targeted.

The three said one of the major problems was the students' relationship with businesses in the Northgate area.

Many international students have complained of being treated rudely or unfairly by some businesses in the area.

Magee suggested having international students go to local schools and work with children to improve community relations.

"Elementary age children will see students and incorporate them into their knowledge base, which will foster a growing knowledge and respect for people of other

cultures," Magee said.

Drolesky said the responsibility of dealing with the racism in Northgate lies with students.

Michael "Hoy" Haughey, president of Residence Hall Association and a senior mathematics major, recommended a forum be held, discussing racial issues. Haughey cited the success of the NAACP's "Say What You Want to Say" forum Monday as an example.

Lt. Chris Farris of the Bryan Police Department attended the meeting.

He said that a lack of reporting is the primary reason the BPD has not played an active role in the patrolling the Northgate area.

He also said he thought BPD had not been notified of the alleged racial incidents.

Talk of air-conditioning addition concerns some Walton residents

BY AMANDA SMITH
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Residents living in Walton Hall expressed concerns about the cost of adding air conditioning to Walton Hall, one of the last two non air conditioned halls on campus.

Representatives from the Department of Residence Life presented a report outlining the possible renovations and considerations for Hart Hall, based on a report from Smith Seckman Reid, a consultant engineering firm.

Ron Sasse, director of the Department of Residence Life, said the expected renovations will only

be carried out with the consent of the residents.

"We are here to listen to you," Sasse said. "No decisions have been made. But Walton is a large hall and we could use that hall for air conditioning."

Sasse said the influx of 7,200 freshmen, the second-largest freshman class in the University's history, increased the demand for on-campus housing.

"More people accepted offers for admission and more people accepted offers for housing," Sasse said. "There is less desire for non-air conditioned halls (among incoming residents)."

Walton Hall can hold 336 resi-

dents but currently has only 314 students.

Of those, 42 were assigned to the hall as a result of over assignments.

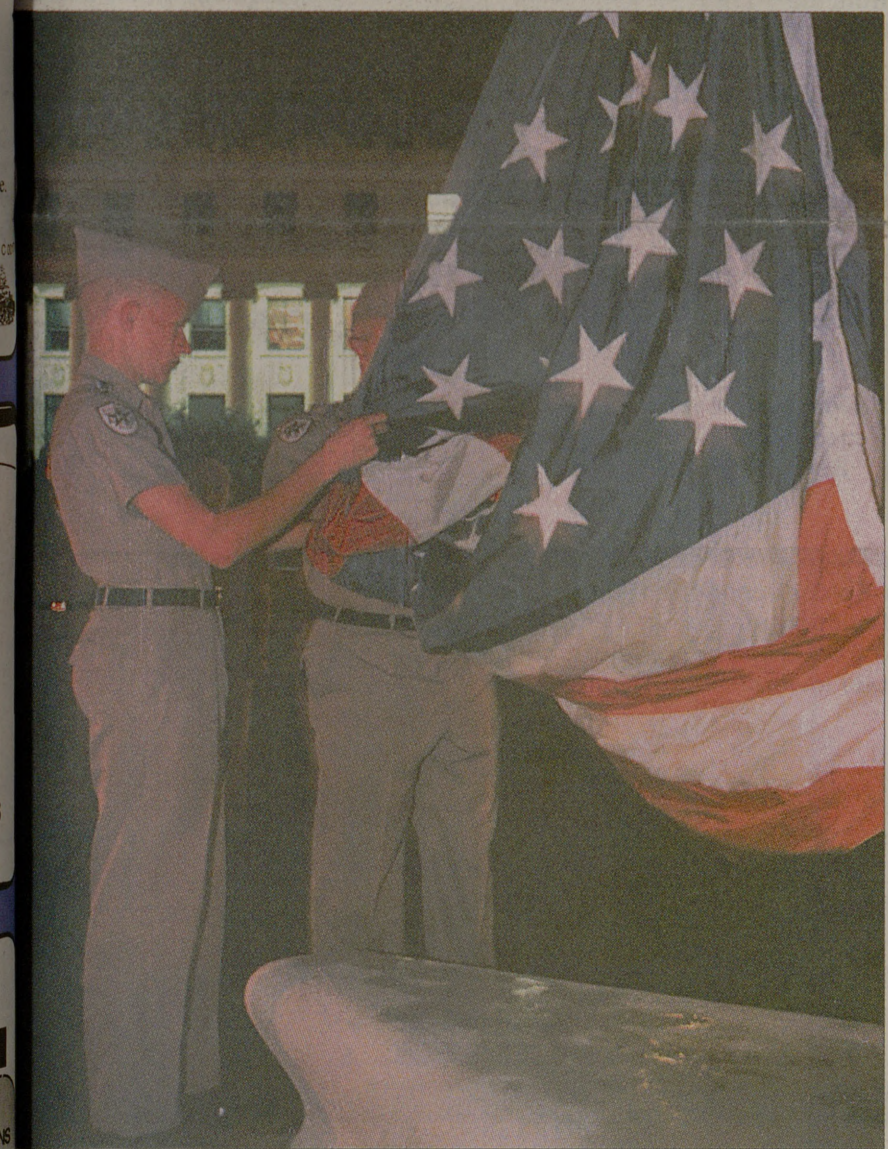
Hart Hall, the only other non-air conditioned hall on campus, currently houses only 259 residents, less than its capacity of 274 residents.

"We have the demand for housing," Sasse said. "We want to make an option that is attractive."

Jeremy Nelson, a fifth-year resident of Walton Hall and a senior computer science major, said he was over assigned as a freshman and considered leaving.

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Symbol of freedom



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Jeremy Rogerson, a freshman biomedical sciences major, takes down a flag in front of the Jack K. Williams Administration Building.

Water damage, fallen concrete plague Architecture Building

BY JOE SCHUMACHER
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The Langford Architecture Building roof has been under a constant state of repair ever since the building was first erected.

This is due mostly to faulty work around the skylights. Although work was performed on the sky lights as recently as last year, the leaky roof has been called a longstanding problem by Walter Wendler, the interim dean of the architecture department.

Wendler said that the intense heat this summer is part-

ly responsible for the damage to the skylight.

"The heat caused a lot of movement in the building, which in turn caused the seals around the windows to crack, and wherever there is a crack, water can get in," Wendler said.

Mike Goldwater, associate director of Grounds Maintenance, said that the skylights are in fact still leaking and are under warranty. The contractor was being contacted to repair them. He said that most of the damage is aesthetic.

Water damage is apparent in



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A concrete beam in a fourth-floor studio of the Langford Architecture Building A shows visible signs of shifting.

Langford, as well as spawling — where concrete has disintegrated and fallen off in large chunks. A specific example is on the fourth floor stairway leading up to the fifth floor. The stairway is not climate controlled and is

susceptible to spawling. Wendler said the spawling may also be a result of past repairs causing certain areas to dry out, and thus disintegrate.

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PTTS to fund new bike racks

BY MEGAN WRIGHT
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The Department of Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services has allocated \$10,000 for new bike racks to be placed at various locations on campus.

Tom Williams, director of PTTS, said the completion and increased traffic at the library annex prompted the purchase

of the additional racks.

"We saw that the contractors had finished the new annex and decided that the extra units were necessary," Williams said.

Williams said a committee consisting of representatives from PTTS, the Physical Plant, Ground Maintenance Crews and the A&M Safety Office is considering different locations

to place these additional racks.

"The first group of racks will be put outside the new computing center in the library annex," Williams said.

The new racks will be installed on campus in the next few weeks.

A decision about where to put additional units arriving is still being discussed by the committee.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Freshmen elections wrap up today

Elections for the freshman class officers concludes today.

The polling places open at 9 a.m. and will close at 5 p.m.

Votes can be cast at the Commons, the MSC, Evans Library, Duncan Dining Hall, Underground, Student Recreation Center, Kleberg Building, Wehner Building, Blocker Building and Zachry.

Election results will be announced tonight at 10 p.m. at the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue in the Academic Plaza.

If necessary, runoff elections will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Program to benefit China flood victims

The China Club will sponsor a program for Chinese flood victims tonight at 7:30 in Rudder Theater.

"Drive Away the Waters" flood relief will help support the millions of victims of China's greatest flood in 50 years. All proceeds will go to the Yangtze Flood Relief Fund.

The program will include Oriental dances and performances, an Asian costume show, a martial arts and Kung Fu exhibition and an orchestra performance.

The China Club, the Chinese Students Association and the A&M Consolidated High School Orchestra will be among the performers.

Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased from committee members of the China Club and the Chinese Student Association or by calling, 862-9010, 862-9041 or 862-9057. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the night of the program.

Student reaction to bus prototype largely positive

BY MEGAN WRIGHT
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Over the past week, Texas A&M Bus Operations has run a prototype bus through various routes, both on and off campus, to test student reactions to the bus and its capabilities.

The bus, on loan from the Blue Bird bus company, features inward-facing seats, a more powerful air conditioner, a more efficient engine and a more advanced para-transit lift.

Gary Jackson, a Bus Ops manager, said student reactions have been, for the most part, positive.

"We've had very few complaints," Jackson said. "Those that we have had ranged from the air conditioning being too cold to students not liking the fact that the seats face inward."

Brian Robertson, a junior psychology major, rides both on and off campus buses everyday and said he prefers the new bus.

"I like this new bus better," Robertson said. "Sometimes I think that the seats themselves aren't as comfortable, but this air conditioning is much better."

Laurie Nickels, student body president, rode



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Bus Operations is borrowing a bus from the Blue Bird bus company to test student reactions.

the prototype on a complete off-campus cycle yesterday.

"It is a lot more spacious and an overall better environment," Nickels said. "All we need now is for the financial end to come through and to explain to the student body the details of the choices we have. We can concentrate on our bus system and let up on parking or vice versa. It is really difficult to do both within a budget."

When the prototype is returned to Blue Bird later this week, Bus Ops will be looking at previewing more models of busses from different companies.

"We will still be previewing into the spring semester," Jackson said. "A final decision will be made by Bus Ops administration sometime in April or May."

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Greeks work out seating issues

BY MELISSA JORDAN
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The first attempt at Greek bloc seating Saturday's football game against the University of North Texas proved to be easier said than done.

The Greek organizations planned to sit in a bloc comparable to that of the Corps of Cadets. The bloc-style seating was actually dispersed, though, with individual organizations scattered throughout the third deck.

Scott Lovejoy, president of the Internship Council and a senior management information systems major, said the problems were caused by miscommunication within the Athletics Department and between the individual fraternities and sororities.

"The main problem was this is the first time we have done it," Lovejoy said.

Individual Greek organizations were able to sit together in support of the 12th Man, but the goal of creating interaction between

the groups was not completely attained.

Kristen Kirby, president of the Panhellenic Council and a senior accounting major, said sitting together at the game did promote some interaction within the different organizations.

"It really fostered unity because we were there with a common goal," Kirby said.

Lovejoy said the bloc-style seating will provide more interaction between individual Greek organizations and expects an increased participation from the groups during the next home football game.

Faculty in the Athletics Department said 19 organizations, Greek and other A&M organizations, pulled an average of 30 tickets per organization for Saturday's game.

Lovejoy said he feels certain the problems will be worked out and the Athletics Department has assured him a solid bloc of seats will be provided for all of the participating Greek organizations to sit together at the next home game.

"I think it's all stuff that will be worked out," Lovejoy said.