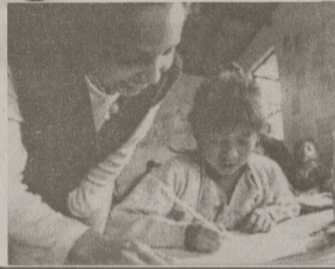


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## Faculty

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night classes and incentive to attend summer school.

Manual Pina, associate professor of Agricultural Education at A&M, said the school is creating diverse faculty to achieve diverse student body. He said he believes A&M should create research bridges to other campuses to help with student recruitment, and programs that promote student leadership in the students' field study and future work.

"We have got to have faculty involvement to achieve diversity, and have an institutionalized, accountable process for improving diversity," Pina said.

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— Manual Pina, A&M associate professor of Agricultural Education

Dean of Undergraduate Programs and Associate Professor for Academic Services at A&M Mark H. Weichold said scholarships were being set up or have been set up to help and encourage minority students and students with hardships to attend A&M.

He also said the use of regional recruiting centers assists in the recruiting process by providing prospective students with information about A&M, financial assistance and keeps them informed of deadlines for various applications.

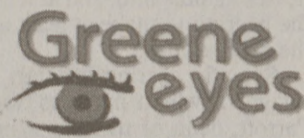
A&M and UT have taken separate paths in dealing with diversity during admissions processes, Weichold said. He hopes of promoting diversity. A&M has based its admissions policy on a merit based system, whereas UT will be using a race-based admissions policy in future admissions considerations, Weichold said.

"Though we have taken two different paths on diversity concerning admissions, we both want to achieve the same goal: a diverse campus," Weichold said.

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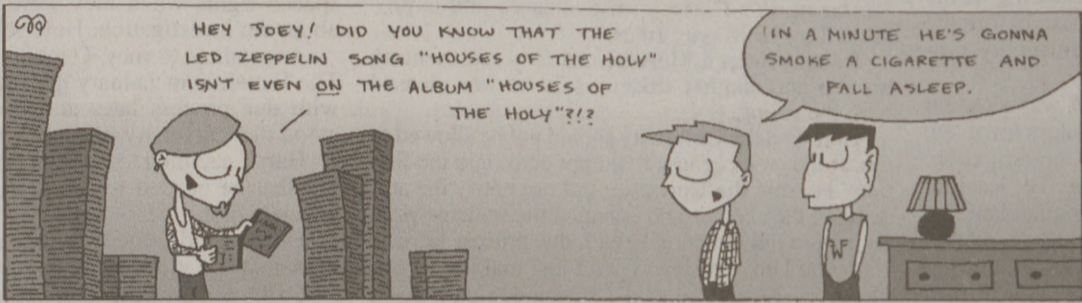
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## Hotard

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year, said Shaun Shaikh, Hotard hall council president.

"What we've been told is (that the University) needs room for all the faculty they are hiring," Main said. "They just passed out letters and didn't tell us anything except that we had to find other housing."

This news comes just a week after the University announced that Cain Hall would be turned into offices 14 days before on-campus residents have to make their next housing decision for next year, Main said.

March 1 is "Decision 2004," the day on-campus residents decide whether they will be staying on campus or moving off campus and where they would like to reside, said sophomore journalism major Emily Allen, director of public relations for the Residence Hall Association.

"I'm an electrical engineering major and my dorm (Hotard) is right by Blocker and Zachry," Shaikh said. "I don't really want

to move." Hotard residents are put in a bad place by not having much time to decide where to live, Main said.

"We are not very happy," said Main, who has lived in Hotard for two years. "There were a lot of us planning on living here next year."

If the Hotard residents would like to stay on campus, they are being given priority in picking their residence halls, Sasse said.

"We are giving them a discount for corridor halls," Sasse said. "They will pay the Hotard rate, which will save them about \$300. We are trying to help them out a little bit."

Marshall said he sees the campus as becoming more sterile with the closing of Hotard, a dorm deeply rooted in tradition.

"I do truly believe it's important to preserve long standing traditions on campus," Marshall said. "I am afraid that with newer dorms this doesn't exist. This sense of pride is gone."

Not many answers have been given to the residents and no one asked them what they thought, Main said.

The RHA passed a resolution

stating that it does not approve of the administration's decision to close Hotard Hall and with such short notice to residents, Allen said.

"We are going to post the resolution on the Web site and let everyone know our opinion on this," Allen said.

There is a possibility that Legett Hall faces the same demise as Cain and Hotard, Allen said. Though this has not officially been pursued, she said there is some concern about it.

Hotard Hall is known for programs such as Hotard from Hell, an annual haunted house used to collect canned goods for local food pantries, Marshall said.

"Hotard Hall is active in giving back," Marshall said. "If that kind of thing leaves campus, what will be the reason to live on campus?"

Gates is holding a forum Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater to address those concerned with the closure of Hotard Hall on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater where students can learn more information and ask questions.

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