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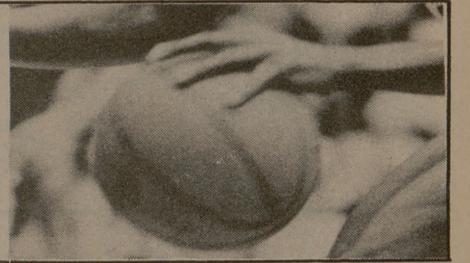
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Cager revisited

Basketball player Karl Godine, once in the limelight for the Aggies, now plays for Stephen F. Austin State College in Nacogdoches. Recently, Godine reflected on his past, present and future. Battalion sports writer Sean Petty has the story on page 10.



Farmers meet police in capital

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Police using teargas and billy-clubs clashed with angry farmers in a massive traffic jam Monday as the demonstrators trundled into town in 2,000 tractors and pickup trucks to press Congress for higher crop prices.

The American Agriculture Movement protest was mostly peaceful, but a half dozen arrests and minor injuries resulted. Some farmers parked their tractors at intersections and some rammed police cars.

Rush-hour commuter traffic from the Maryland and Virginia suburbs was backed up more than 10 miles on some roads and frustrated commuters exchanged shouted curses with farmers mounted high on their cumbersome diesel tractors.

Eye-watering teargas and diesel fumes hung heavy in the air around the Agriculture Department where police fought some unruly demonstrators with fists and Mace.

Those arrested were jailed on charges ranging from assaulting a police officer to disorderly conduct.

The tractor drivers converged on the Agriculture Department and Congress and joined thousands of other AAM members in town to demand higher federal crop price supports — a move which would certainly raise food prices at grocery stores.

Movement leaders estimated the numbers would be greater than the 30,000 who came to protest last year. But congressional sources said the new Congress is still in a purse-pinching mind and is unlikely to grant small farmers much relief in the face of a possible recession.

At a news conference, Joyce Robinson of Choteau, Mont., said she did not believe they would lose support for their cause by tying up traffic.

"How else can we present our case to the American public?" she said. The farmers promised that some would stay in Washington until they achieved their goal: a congressional requirement that Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland implement fully the 1977 farm law to raise crop loans to 90 percent of parity.

Their demands translate into a minimum wheat price of \$5.05 a bushel and a minimum corn price of \$3.53 a bushel, compared with \$3.02 and \$2.10 last month, representing 54 percent of parity.

Parity is a measure of farm income based on farm costs and living standards just before World War I.

Joyce Robinson, a Choteau, Mont., producer, said demands would add 2.5 cents to the nearly 3 cents worth of wheat in a loaf of bread.

Farmers came away from last year's first tractorcade with higher supports for wheat and cotton, but claim the increases were

insufficient to keep up with expenses and they were deeper in debt this year.

Jim Kramer of Hugoton, Kan., said, "There are some who quite frankly feel they must stay because their farm is on the line and if they don't get something done here, there's no reason for them to return home."

Derel Fillingim, a Hico, Texas, farmer, said: "We came up here last year and we talked and talked, and wore the white hat, and tried to do the best we could to convey our message to the people, and they didn't pay us any mind, so we've come back and we're going to get a little tougher each time."

But Rep. Peter Peyser, D-N.Y., said "I can think of few demonstrations as inappropriate and as counterproductive as the game currently being played on the streets of our nation's capital."

Rep. John Myers, R-Ind., told a House Appropriations subcommittee the strikers drove "\$50,000 vehicles with expensive tires and consumed barrels of fuel (on their trip to Washington) which they claim they cannot afford."

Subcommittee chairman Tom Bevill, D-Ala., about one hour late for the hearing, said he was so tied up in traffic he missed a meeting he had scheduled with the protesters.

28,452 Aggies on main campus

A spring semester record of 28,452 students are enrolled on the main campus of Texas A&M University, for an increase of more than 1,300 over the same period last year.

Registrar Robert A. Lacey said an additional 589 students are enrolled at Moody College in Galveston.

Lacey said the previous spring semester record was established last year when 27,089 registered on the main campus and 540 at Galveston.

Spring enrollment is traditionally lower than that of fall, the registrar added. The major reason for the second semester drop is midterm graduation.

The registration figures represent enrollments as of Jan. 30, the 12th class day of the current semester and the official reporting period for the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

Khomeini names top minister

United Press International
TEHRAN, Iran — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini Monday appointed elder statesman Mehdi Bazargan as prime minister of his new provisional government charged with ultimately establishing a "pure" Islamic state in Iran.

The ayatollah told a news conference the 73-year-old Bazargan, former director of the National Iranian Oil Co., will announce other members of his new provisional government shortly.

Bazargan has been the "honest broker" of Iranian politics for the past few weeks, acting as intermediary between Khomeini

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and Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar and trying to arrange a compromise between the two men to head off a threatened civil war.

The former university lecturer, respected by both sides as well as army generals, had been widely tipped for the post for many weeks.

Bazargan was trained as a businessman and a university professor after receiving an engineering degree in Paris and early in his political life he became a member of the opposition National Front. He was also for a time director of the prestigious National Iranian Oil Co.

A dedicated and deeply religious man, he ran afoul of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi in 1962 and was arrested for his activities against the regime.

Bazargan became deeply involved in the latest political crisis facing Iran several weeks ago when, on Khomeini's instructions, he held talks with striking oil workers and persuaded them to restart limited production to satisfy the country's domestic needs.

Since that time he has been involved in highly delicate and secret talks between Khomeini, Bakhtiar and army generals trying to find a peaceful solution to the current crisis.

Only hours before Bazargan's appointment was announced, Bakhtiar warned he would not tolerate "two governments in Iran."

But in a conciliatory gesture, the prime minister said he would not interfere if the ayatollah established a "shadow provisional government" similar to Britain's opposition parties to debate government programs and put forward opposition ideas.



Minor accident on rain-slicked streets

A wrecker hauls a damaged Mercury Monarch from the scene of a three-vehicle collision Monday night. The Monarch, driven by University student Annette Louise Capers, collided with another car and smashed into a University shuttle bus, a police report said. No one was reported

injured in the collision, which occurred at the intersection of University Drive and Ireland Street. Capers was issued a traffic citation for disregarding a stop light.

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Illegally lenient' sentences upheld

Justice appeal denied in Torres case

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — A federal appeals court Monday refused to alter the light sentences given three Houston policemen who violated the civil rights of a black-American who drowned in their pool, despite saying the district court went beyond its authority in suspending sentences.

A 2-1 majority of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the Justice Department's request to issue a "writ of mandamus" ordering the district court to stiffen penalties against former officers Terry Denison, Stephen Orlando and John James Janish. The court said such a writ was an "extraordinary remedy available only in rare cases."

The officers were charged after a prisoner, Joe Torres, 23, drowned in Buffalo Bayou in Houston after they arrested him while he was drunk. Dissenting appeals court judge Irving L. Goldberg called the sus-

pending sentences "illegally lenient."

"Our duty is only to issue the writ of mandamus where a statutorily illegal sentence was imposed," Goldberg said. "Such a sentence has been imposed here, for a crime that is singularly offensive to a free society — a flagrant and violent breach of the law by those charged with enforcing it."

The majority, Judges James C. Hill and Robert A. Ainsworth Jr., admitted U.S. District Judge Ross N. Sterling of Houston exceeded his authority to suspend the sentences. They also said the error of the district court was reversible by issuing the writ, but they refused to do so.

"When we examine the facts in the instant case, we do not feel the compelling need for the writ," the court said in its 25-page opinion. "Indeed, we find a more compelling case for declining to exercise our discretion over the issuance of the writ."

Sterling imposed one-year sentences for misdemeanor "wrongful death" violations and suspended 10-year sentences, in lieu of five years probation, for a felony count. The three officers faced possible life sentences on the federal charges.

Federal law allows a judge to suspend a sentence in civil rights cases only when the maximum penalty is less than death or life imprisonment, the Justice Department said.

"(The policemen) have adjusted their lives to the punishment assessed," the appeals court said. "They have sought and secured employment opportunities consistent with the term of incarceration imposed."

"To withdraw the probation granted for which the defendants and their families have prepared themselves would work hardship on the defendants and their families."

Resentment among Texas Hispanics over the sentences, which they consider too light, resulted in a riot at Moody Park in Houston last May.

Torres was arrested May 5, 1977, and was found beaten and drowned in the bayou three days later. A state court jury previously sentenced Denison and Orlando to one year's probation for misdemeanor negligent homicide. Five officers were fired as a result of the Torres case. Glenn Brinkmeyer pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor federal violation and testified for the prosecution.

Louis Glenn Kinney's case was severed from that of Denison, Orlando and Janish and he awaits prosecution.

Energy shortage generates seminars beginning tonight

By LORI SHULER
Battalion Reporter
A series of free seminars on energy conservation begins tonight at 7 at A&M Consolidated High School.

Growing concern over electrical bills and petroleum shortages have prompted the Texas Energy Extension Service to sponsor the Home Energy Conservation Seminars with the A&M Consolidated Community Education Program.

The programs are a refinement of seminars originally held last fall, which generated interest about the subject in the College Station community, said

Charlene Clark, Energy Information Specialist with TEES.

The series will be at A&M Consolidated High School, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. It begins today and will end Feb. 15.

Clark said the extension service had assumed people would want information on energy conservation to learn how to save money, but found after the fall seminars that many people were even more interested in the energy-saving aspect.

"Generally people have equated energy saving with money saving, but lots of people are concerned with the energy problem and as a group, they are quite

knowledgeable," Clark said.

Tonight's program, "Solar Energy in the Home," will include a lecture by Peter Jenkins, associate professor of mechanical engineering at Texas A&M University. Jenkins is a member of the Texas Solar Energy Society.

Jenkins said he will go through the basics of solar energy and give instructions on the use of solar water heaters. He will focus on the active, or mechanical, aspect of solar energy.

Gary Sorenson, a civil engineering lecturer at Texas A&M, will lead the program, "Passive Solar Energy," on Thursday.

Clark defined passive solar energy as "non-mechanical use of solar energy, such as locating a house in the right direction and placement and use of windows — just taking advantage of sun coming into the house."

Sorenson will talk about the role of landscaping in energy conservation and the earth-home concept, which is a partial or total underground dwelling.

Next Tuesday, local builder Tom Borski will speak on "Energy Efficient Design in New Homes" and tell how to incorporate energy-saving devices into the home from the start.

Borski, who has used energy-saving concepts in improvements in his own home as well as in others, said he will talk about the Arkansas Plan of house design.

An Arkansas Plan home has a specially designed roof structure, added insulation and less glass than a conventionally designed home, Borski said. He will discuss these and other features during his program.

Clark and Lee Phillips, assistant director for engineering studies in TEES, will lead the final seminar, "How to Do an Energy Analysis of Your Present Home," next Thursday, Feb. 15.

Clark said the final program will deal with "retrofit," the idea of making an existing home energy efficient.

Shanklin recommended for new head yell leader

Battalion staff report
Ben Shanklin has been recommended for the head yell leader position to replace Jeff Hancock, who resigned last week.

Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, said he will consider the recommendation today.

The Yell Leader Committee recommended Shanklin in a meeting Monday evening, said Col. Thomas R. Parsons, chairman of the committee and director of safety and traffic.

Hancock gave no reason for his resignation other than it would be in his and the University's best interest.

"That's all I want to say about it," he said Friday.

Monday afternoon Hancock said that he terminated his Air Force ROTC contract as of Feb. 1 and has resigned from the Corps of Cadets.

He's out of the Corps, he said, on his own, not because he was forced out. Now he's looking for a place to live

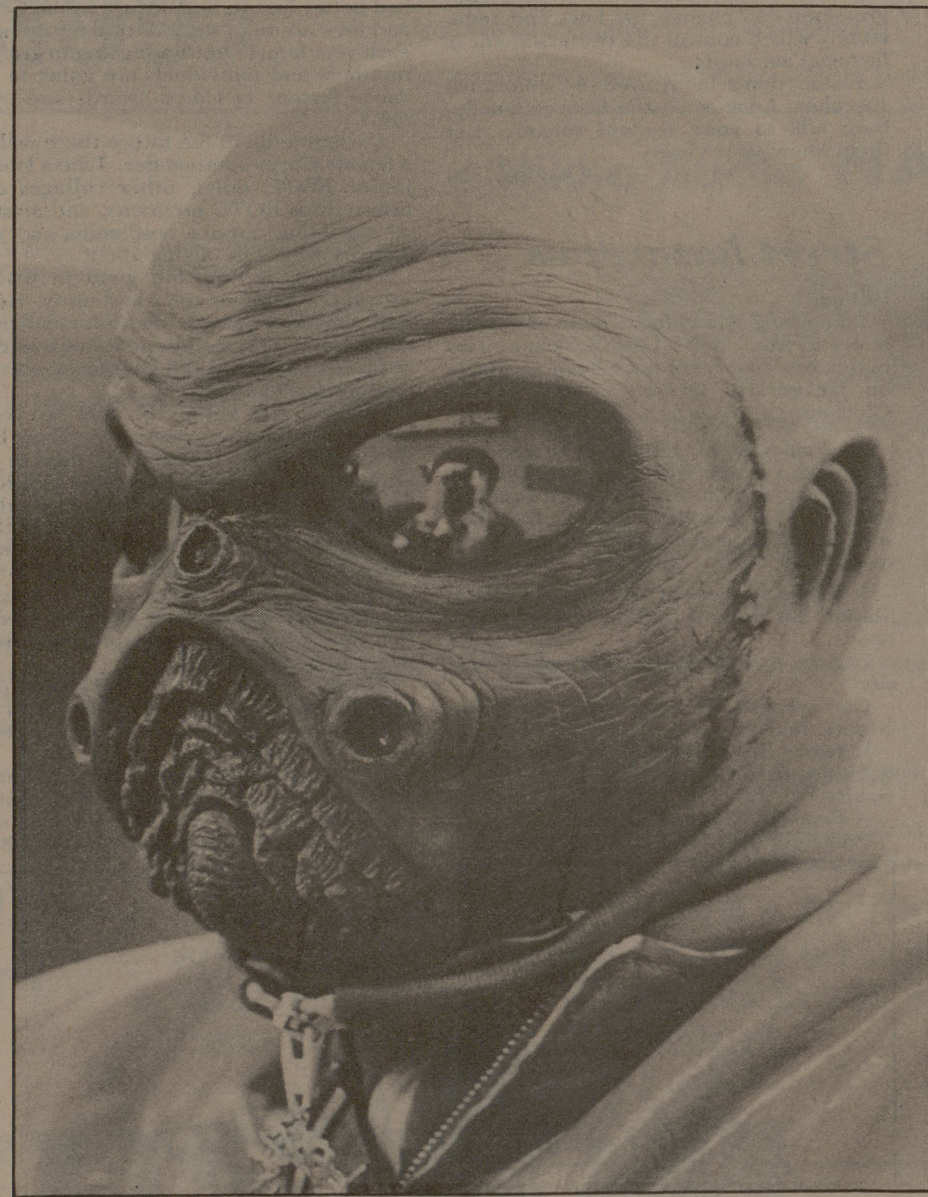
off-campus, he said. Hancock, a management major, plans to graduate in August 1979.

Shanklin, an engineering technology major, missed the meeting of the Yell Leader Committee Monday, but he said he will accept the position.

He said he was surprised at Hancock's resignation, adding that he has not talked with the former yell leader lately.

Not much work is left for the yell leaders before spring elections, Shanklin said. The remaining yell leaders, two juniors and two seniors, will be able to lead yells at the basketball and baseball games before they are replaced or re-elected in April, he said.

The other candidate for head yell leader, senior Joe Wright, did not want the position because of other responsibilities, he said. He also said he didn't know any reasons for Hancock's resignation.



"Sigzlughsi!"

Zeldron — for lowest of the low, and most despicable of the despised — is softly uttered from the proboscis of this alien, cursing another photographer snapping his picture at last weekend's Warcon. Beneath it all is Mel Henshaw of Houston, who dropped in to participate in the Recreation Committee's convention of games of war, battle, strategy and fantasy. Please see related story page 7

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