

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Confidently, I think you'll all be gone when this cartoon is printed, but happy holidays anyway!"

14 Dead In Crash Of Golden Knights

SILK HOPE, N. C. (AP)—At least 14 persons died Thursday when an Army transport plane carrying members of the Golden Knights precision parachute team crashed in a muddy cornfield near this rural crossroads.

An Army spokesman at the scene said 14 bodies had been recovered, but rescue workers said they had counted 15. An Army spokesman at Ft. Bragg, N.C., where the flight originated, said it was possible a 15th person was on board.

It had not yet been determined whether the dead were part of the unit which jumped at A&M two weeks ago for Military weekend activities.

There was no word on a possible cause of the crash, which occurred near Greensboro in foggy weather.

The victims included 11 members of the elite team, which was on a recruiting tour. Also on board were two pilots and a crew chief.

The Army withheld identifications pending notification of next of kin. A spokesman at Ft. Bragg did say the victims were members of the Gold Team, one of three teams in the unit.

The bodies were scattered as far as 200 yards from the wreckage of the twin-engine, propeller-driven craft.

The C47 transport, which the Army said was en route from Ft. Bragg to Overland Park, Kan., crashed shortly before 9 a.m., according to Hadley Harris, a farmer who lives about a half-mile from the site of the wreck.

"I heard it flying over, and it sounded normal except it seemed awfully low," Harris said. "Then there was the sound of kind of a small explosion. A few seconds later, the whole house started to shake. I guess that's when the plane hit the ground."

Applications Still Being Taken For 'Summer School at Sea'

GALVESTON — Applications are still being accepted for Texas A&M's "Summer School at Sea," which this year includes visits to Spain and Italy as well as three island stops.

The June 6-Aug. 12 cruises, offering students an opportunity to earn six hours of freshman-level academic credit, is conducted in conjunction with the annual summer training session for the Texas Maritime Academy.

"Summer School at Sea" students have a choice of English, American history, algebra, analytic geometry or calculus, noted Rear Adm. John W. Smith, TMA superintendent.

The academy is part of TAMU's Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources.

Ports of call for the 15,000-ton "Texas Clipper" are Tenerife, Canary Islands; Barcelona, Spain; Naples, Italy; Funchal, Madeira Islands, and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Optional guided overland tours are planned in Spain and Italy, with the latter including two days in Rome.

Tuition, fees, room and board total \$690 for Texas residents and \$850 for non-residents.

Inquiries and requests for applications should be directed to: Superintendent, Texas Maritime Academy, Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources, P. O. Box 1675, Galveston, Texas 77550.

Bill Passes With Whoops And Yells

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a co-sponsor of the bill, and Rep. Fred Agnich, R.-Dallas, discussed a compromise and Agnich prepared an amendment that would have brought at least recent sales and purchases of property and securities into the open.

Sources of income, gifts and attorneys' retainer fees would have remained sealed in the envelopes, however.

Agnich withdrew his support from the amendment, however, when Daniel's forces began working for a delay of further debate until Monday.

A motion to postpone failed, 67-70.

Then four motions to adjourn failed.

"They want to substitute a whole new bill. That's what they were after," Agnich grumbled to a newsman.

All chances of taking up the compromise ended when the House voted 84-31 to cut off further debate, with Nugent voting "aye."

Nugent said Agnich had broken his agreement to co-sponsor the compromise amendment with him, but Agnich indicated he felt betrayed when Nugent and others started working for more time.

"It was him and his people who made the motion to adjourn. I can't do that. I said, 'If you won't move to adjourn we can take it up and pass it right away,'" Agnich said.

Agnich said he supported the compromise "all the way" and would offer it when the bill came up for final passage.

When the original Agnich amendment passed—removing financial disclosure statements from public scrutiny—a group of representatives in one corner of the house gave a rebel yell.

Rep. Bill Prenal (D.-Bryan) was among the 71 approving the amendment.

Home For Woodworking Shops

A&M Fire House Has Different Use

By BARRY DONNELLY

Ireland street on the A&M campus has lost a tenant and gained a new one. The building that once housed the University Fire Department is now a wood working shop.

Where have all the fire trucks gone? Who will put out the fires on campus?

The job of providing fire protection to the A&M campus now lies with the City of College Station. The city has been provid-

ing fire protection to the university since 1969, according to College Station Fire Chief Woody Sevison. Until 1969, the university had provided the fire protection for itself and the city. The Texas Legislature passed a law requiring the city closest to a state institution of learning to provide fire protection for it. In 1969 the College Station Fire Department came into being.

The fire department is housed in one of two buildings in the

College Station administration complex, which it shares with the police department. The department has nine full-time firemen plus volunteers. It has two modern pumper trucks. The twin American LaFrance pumpers cost more than \$37,000 each.

The fire trucks housed in the old University Fire Department building have been moved to new facilities at the university's Brayton Firemen's Training School. The trucks belong to the Engineering Extension Service. The service owns seven trucks which vary in age and type. They are used to train firemen.

In the days before city fire protection, if the trucks were being used at the training center, they had to return to the city or school if there was a fire. This took about five minutes and was considered a bad situation. With the advent of city protection, this situation has greatly improved, Sevison said.

The men that manned the university's fire department now have different duties. Usually they conduct fire safety inspections of the campus and check the thousands of fire extinguishers. Some assist the College Station Fire Department as volunteers.

The duties of the College Station firemen are numerous. In addition to providing protection for the university, they must protect the suburban area and fight grass fires in the county. They also conduct fire safety checks throughout the community.

Chief Sevison helps out at the training school when he is not busy with other duties. He said there will be a need for additional protection in the future but for now, the fire protection for the area is in good shape.

Senate Backs Rights Bill

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academic rules of the university," said William Wade (S. Campus Dorms) in reference to his being approached in order to write a paper for an athlete for money. "The fee should be made totally optional."

"In view of the Athletic Department's past performance," said Lindsey, "some people think we're giving them too much money as it is."

In other action, senators spent over 15 minutes in debate on the topic of whether a point of information was legal during the discussion of the Constitutional amendments.

communication purposes within the Senate and would increase the competitiveness for the Senate positions, thereby possibly increasing the Senate's quality."

Kruse made nine more appointments to Senate positions, making over one-fourth of the Senate appointed by the Student Government president this year.

These appointments are Lucy Stearman, corresponding secretary; Wade Seidel, senior corps of cadets; Shannon Turner, senior liberal arts; Gill Chancey, sophomore education; Don Adams, graduate engineering; Mark Boerger, junior science; Mike Lindsey, at-large science; Bob Franke, at-large agriculture, and Carol Moore, at-large liberal arts.

After rehashing wording changes and clarifications over and over, senators finally accepted the proposed changes. These amendments will be presented to the student body for a referendum during the spring elections.

Texas Senate Bill 123, concerning the granting of persons in the 18 to 21 age bracket the legal rights and privileges of adults, was endorsed by the Senate.

This bill, presented to the Senate by External Affairs Chairman Barb Sears, concerns the present voting, drafting, jury duty, contract responsibilities, drinking privileges and other age-defined rights which are inconsistent.

"Because of his religious beliefs, Sen. Bill Moore does not believe in drinking," said Sears. "He said he would probably go along with the bill if the drinking privilege for 18-year-olds was removed."

"As far as I can tell, drinking is the only privilege listed," said Lindsey. "The others are definite responsibilities. If we have all these other important responsibilities placed on us then we should be able to make up our own mind concerning our religious beliefs and whether or not we want to drink or not."

A copy of the Senate's endorsement will be sent to all Texas legislators.

Student Government President Layne Kruse, Academic Affairs Chairman Bill Hartsfield and Rules and Regulations Committee Chairman Fred Campbell brought before the Senate a proposal concerning the representation in the Senate.

"Basically this would cut the Senate in half," said Kruse. "This would be more advantageous for

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