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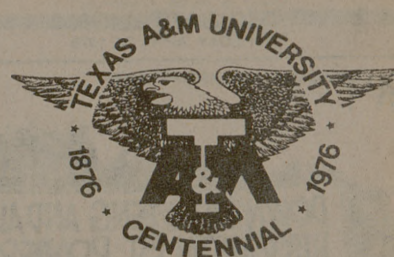
Partly cloudy and warm today with a high in the lower 80s. Low tonight in the upper 60s. Mostly cloudy tomorrow morning, clearer by afternoon. High tomorrow in the mid-80s. Chances of precipitation are 20 per cent tomorrow afternoon.

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## 90-day ultimatum given

# Moslem leftists threaten Lebanese president

By HARRY DUNPHY

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The left-wing Muslim Alliance today gave Christian President Suleiman Franjeh 10 days to resign and threatened to establish a revolutionary government by force if he refused.

If a solution is not found to the crisis, Lebanese nationalist movements will be organized to form a revolutionary government to handle control of areas under its control and other areas," the Alliance said in a statement broadcast by Beirut radio.

The Alliance, a grouping of leftist forces including the right-wing Christian Phalange, also threatened to establish a nonsectarian assembly to draw up a new constitution. Franjeh warned that if he stalled any longer over quitting it would mean he was going to internationalize the crisis and thereby partition Lebanon.

Lebanon's parliament has passed a constitutional amendment allowing Franjeh, a symbol of Christian resistance, to step down, but so far he has not.

Lebanon's year-long civil war, which has claimed more than 16,500 lives including 10,000 Christians, is over. The Muslim majority for more political and economic control. But the Christians refuse to grant reforms until the communist clamps down on the Palestinian guerrillas.

Firing in the Beirut area slowed down for the second time Wednesday night after armored units of the Palestine Liberation Army moved in to try to enforce Lebanon's 35th anniversary ceasefire. But the lull did not last through the night.

The police reported at least 86 persons killed and 111 wounded in the past 24 hours.

Beirut's international airport was shelled before dawn, a Boeing 707 jet owned by a Lebanese freight line was hit and airport sources said 11 persons were wounded.

One report said the firing came from Christian troops in the Lebanese army.

Wafa, the Palestinian news agency, claimed that Israeli gunboats shelled the Rashidiya Palestinian refugee camp south

of Tyre and tried to land troops, but it said shore batteries drove them off. There was no confirmation from any other source.

The Palestine Liberation Army troops in Beirut cleared several areas of gunmen, and the cease-fire appears holding in a higher degree than before, one military source said early Wednesday night.

But during the day Wednesday, there were heavy rocket, mortar and artillery ex-

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## Bomb blast in Boston hurts 8 in courthouse

By DICK BRAUDE

BOSTON — A bomb exploded today in the probation office on the second floor of the Boston Municipal Courthouse, injuring at least eight persons, authorities said.

The blast ripped away a 20-foot section of wall separating the office from a corridor and blew a hole through the floor into the lobby below.

One man lost a leg in the explosion, police said.

The blast occurred in the ornate, Victorian courthouse about 8 a.m. CST.

Some of those carried on stretchers from the building appeared to be unconscious. One woman was screaming, and a man was holding his head.

Most of the victims were taken by ambulance to nearby Massachusetts General Hospital.

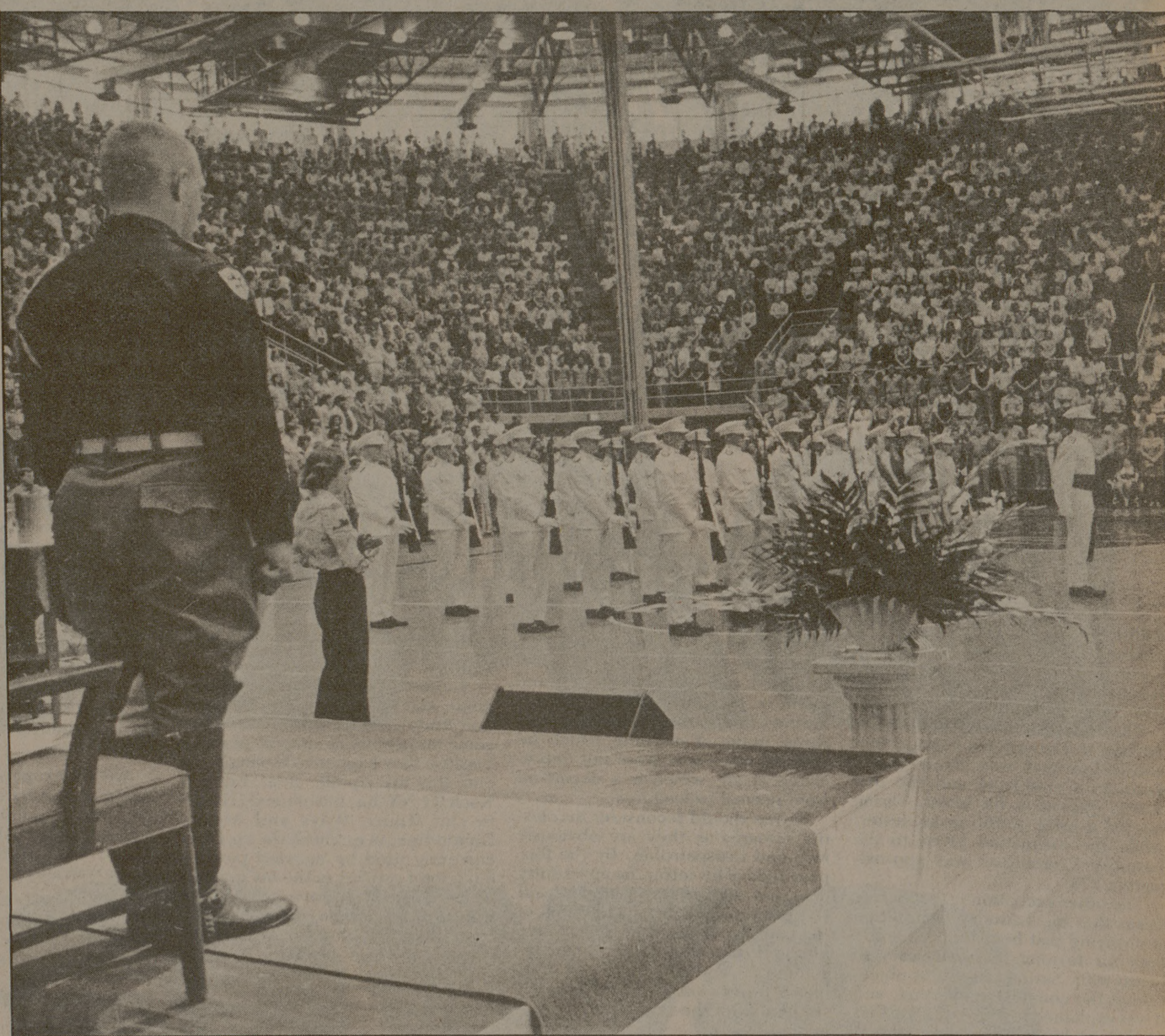
The second-floor area, where the blast occurred, was a mass of tangled rubble and broken light fixtures. The lobby below was strewn with debris blown down through an eight-inch wide hole in the ceiling.

The courthouse, in the downtown Government Center complex, was built in the mid-1800s.

The building was evacuated as police searched to see whether other explosives were planted in the structure.

One witness, Walter Murphy, deputy probation commissioner, said there was no warning before the blast.

"I saw smoke and glass, debris and blood all over the place," he said. "Doors were being blown off everywhere."



Staff photo by Jim Hendrickson

Head Yell Leader Jim Bob Mickler watches as the Ross Volunteers prepare to fire the traditional 21 gun salute at yesterday's observance of Muster.

Aggies and friends of Aggies gathered in G. Rollie White Coliseum to remember those Aggies who have died.

## Searcy challenged

# Two Bryan attorneys run for county position

By CATHY CUMMINGS

The race for county attorney in the May 1 Democratic primary is being contested by two Bryan attorneys.

Incumbent Roland Searcy, 37, is a member of the State Bar Association, Brazos County Bar Association and was appointed by the governor as a member of the Board of Directors of the Texas State Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agents.

Searcy has practiced law for 11 years; eight years as district attorney and three years as county attorney.

He said that insuring justice is a major concern for the county attorney.

To insure that justice is done involves determining of which cases should be taken through the judicial system, and that punishment should be recommended to the court for the cases that do go through," Searcy said.

He said that the punishment should be used to deter a repetition of the offense and to rehabilitate the offender.

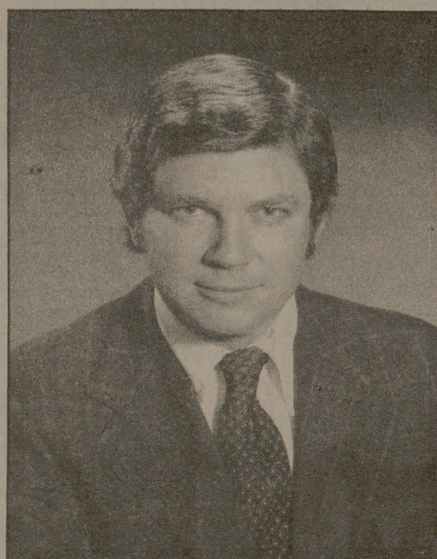
Searcy said he plans to streamline the procedure of processing and handling hot checks.

"I'm making available to businesses a list of persons who that week have hot checks or criminal offenses," Searcy said. "This will help businesses from the standpoint that they will know more quickly who is giving hot checks."

"I feel like I have served the people, and in a manner which has brought dignity to the office," he said. "The person holding the office must have obtained judgement



JOHN BARRON JR.



ROLAND SEARCY

through experience and maturity. I feel I possess these qualities."

Searcy's opponent, John Barron Jr., 27, is a 1971 A&M graduate, and has been practicing law for nearly two years with Barron and Barron.

He is a member of the Texas Bar Association and the Bryan-College Station Jaycees.

Barron said that more leniency should be

given to first time offenders.

"I feel that Searcy has been too harsh on young, first time offenders," he said. "I think they should be handled with dignity and understanding. I'm not running on an issue of leniency, but sometimes leniency is deserved."

Barron said he advocates cracking down on hot check writers and favors using personal bonds more often with minor crimes.

Barron is single and lives at 2522 Willowbend in Bryan.

If you know how . . .

## Preregistration can be fast, easy

By MARK WILLIS

Preregistration can be fast and easy. The preregistration period begins at 8 a.m. Monday, April 26 and ends next Friday, April 30, at 5 p.m., but check individual departments for special listings. This period is only for students currently enrolled this spring semester. New freshmen, transfer students, graduate students and those who choose to wait will register Aug. 23-27.

To register next week, students must first report to their department heads and get a registration card packet. Student identification cards will be required to receive the packet.

Students should then report to their departmental advisors, who will register them for all fall courses. If there is an error

of the most painful decisions ever contemplated by man and the decision may have to be made as to who will be fed and who won't," Scruggs said.

"You may have to face the problem—not of saving the lives of an isolated 10,000 people, but of millions or perhaps tens of millions."

Scruggs compared the Aggie Muster to other important calls to muster in America's past. He said as examples of such calls he listed the men at the Alamo who crossed the line and vowed to stay and fight,

American colonists who fought for their new nation, and students at Texas A&M, including Scruggs, who enlisted in the Army during World War II.

Scruggs said these calls were easy to answer because they were clear-cut decisions.

"Those of us here today are going to have to answer calls that are going to be much less clear," he said. "I challenge young people to answer this muster call of opportunity."

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## In Precinct 3

# 4 persons enter race for commissioner

By SAM HILL

Four persons have entered the May 1 race for county commissioner of Precinct 3.

Incumbent Randy Sims, 36, is a former student of Texas A&M with a degree in business administration. He opened Randy Sims Bar-B-Cue House in Bryan in 1964. Sims and his wife Brenda have two children.

Sims said more sanitary landfills, a senior citizens' facility and expanded recreational facilities would help the county. He said he would work to "practice economy in county government, keep taxes low and still provide the services that are needed for the people in Brazos County."

H.L. "Bud" Cargill, 48, is a native of Brazos County. He attended Bryan public schools and Texas A&M. He and his wife, Betsy, have three children. Cargill has been a dairyman, rancher and farmer for 25 years.

Cargill said he wants to hold taxes as low as possible. He said he would like to see a landfill in each precinct and favors bringing the county jail up to federal standards. He said that for a salary in excess of \$15,000, the county should get a "full-time commissioner with no other job to interfere." He said he would establish a regular schedule

at the courthouse in order to be available to the public.

Louis Gray has been a resident of Brazos County since 1927. He and his wife, Cora Mae, have seven children. Gray is a rancher and Brazos County employee currently on leave of absence. Gray said the roads and bridges of Brazos county are not in the condition they should be and should be improved. "Some of the bridges are so narrow you have to shut one eye to get on them," he added.

Gray promises to "be a full time commissioner and treat everyone equally."

W.W. "Woody" Gilpin has lived in Brazos County for 30 years. He is a graduate of Texas A&M and has worked 20 years as employee of The Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation. He and his wife, Lucille, have two sons.

Gilpin said he is running for commissioner on his own and is not backed by a special interest group. He said he will do his best to improve the roads of the county and help the taxpayers get their money's worth.

"I believe I can do the county a service and will a day's work for a day's pay," Gilpin said.

## Aggie artist gets toasted with a round of soft drinks

Release of Buck Schiwetz' portfolio of Aggeland scenes Wednesday was toasted with a round of "Big Red." The artist was guest of honor at a campus luncheon and was presented the remains of two 64-ounce bottles of the drink, reportedly his favorite beverage.

Schiwetz, who called himself Texas A&M University's "artist-in-residence and at large," took the ribbing in good grace. It was his day.

Muster Day release of Buck Schiwetz' Aggeland: A Portfolio of Eight Scenes from Texas A&M University was a three-year project for the 1921 Texas A&M graduate. He also carries the designation of "distinguished alumnus" along with the artist-in-residence title.

Schiwetz was described as "a man with God-given talent and great wit" by Buck Weirus, executive director of Texas A&M's Association of Former Students. Weirus was instrumental in encouraging Schiwetz to take on the project of painting and drawing past and present campus scenes.

The \$37.50 portfolio was published by the Texas A&M University Press as part of the alumni association's centennial series.

"This portfolio is something that no other school has done for its centennial," Weirus said. "Some have tried, but they didn't have Buck Schiwetz."

Frank Wardlaw, Texas A&M University Press director who hosted the luncheon, also praised Schiwetz and his art. "These pictures will serve as a link be-

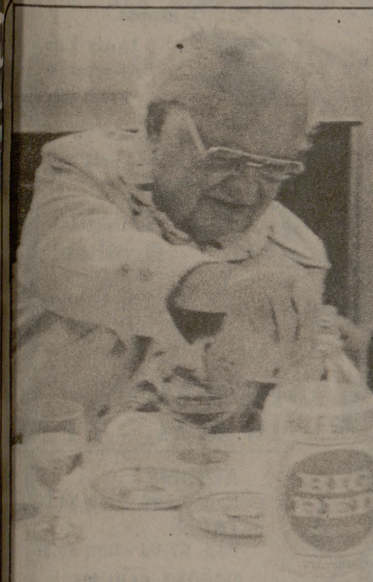
tween those Aggies who have gone on and Aggies of the future," Wardlaw said.

Jack K. Williams, Texas A&M president also spoke about the man often called "Texas' best-known and best-loved artist."

"I love to see the students who are here now stopping for long looks at your paintings," Williams told Schiwetz. "That's the greatest compliment."

The originals for the portfolio and many earlier Schiwetz works are on display in the Memorial Student Center.

Dr. Williams said that Schiwetz' art, the scholarly and pictorial versions of the University's history by Dr. Henry Dethloff and wood carvings being done by Prof. and Mrs. Rodney Hill give Texas A&M a unique mechanism for celebrating its centennial.



BUCK SCHIWETZ  
A&M's artist-in-residence