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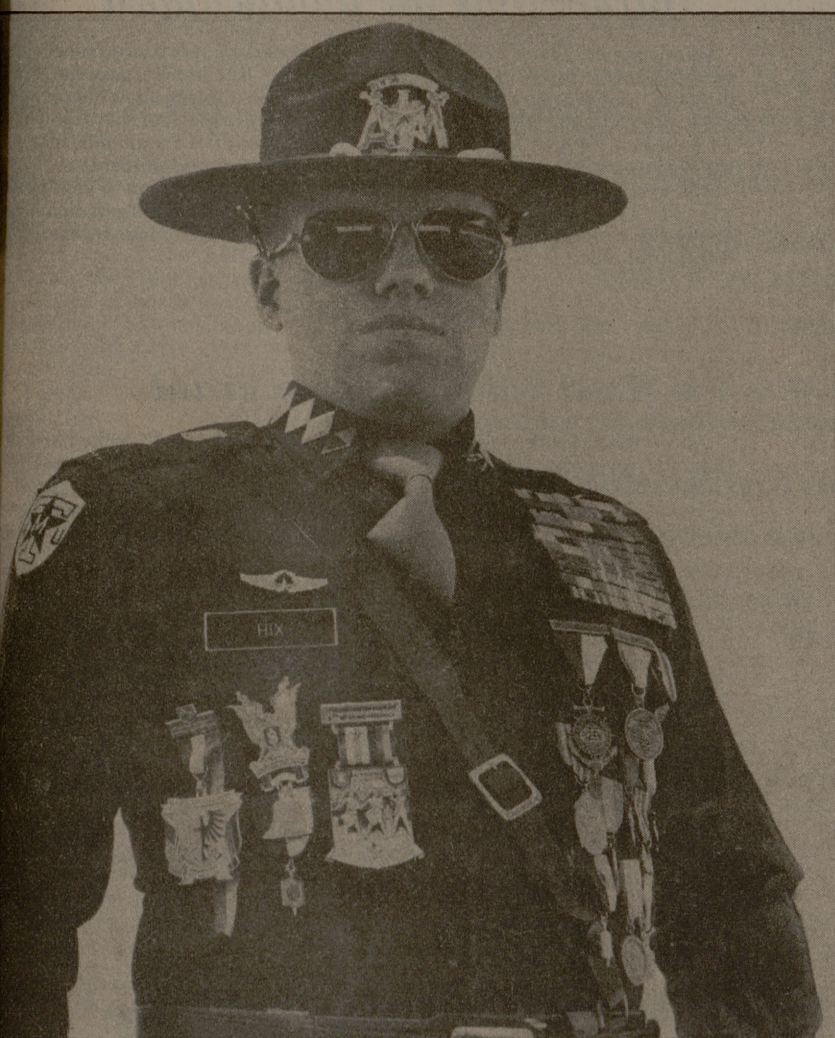
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Battalion photo by Ken Herrera

Freshman Tom Hix of Squadron Nine wears the medals and diamonds of a Corps senior — but only for a day. Hix was one of 20 "fish" who were officers of the day for Saturday's Elephant Bowl. Elephant refers to Texas A&M University seniors during their final semester in school.

## Elephant Bowl raises \$12,000

### Army defeats Air Force 27-20

By AVA KING

The weather was perfect for football Saturday as the "Crunchies" defeated the "Air Craps" 27-20 in the Seventh Annual Elephant Bowl Classic held in Kyle Field.

In Corps jargon "Crunchies" stands for Army cadets and "Air Craps" refers to Air Force cadets.

The Elephant Bowl, a project of the Wings and Saber Society, pits seniors from Army, Navy, and Marine units of the Corps of Cadets against seniors from the Air Force and the Texas Aggie Band. The game is played on the last weekend of February or the first weekend of March each year.

Admission to the game is \$1 and proceeds go to local charities. The \$12,000 plus that was raised from ticket sales will be donated to the Brazos Valley United Fund.

Rumors were circulating that the bowl game may be discontinued because not enough money was being raised for the charity. Terry Stanislav, president of the Wings and Saber Society, said that this is not the case.

"Financially we're doing great," he said.

"Over \$15,000 was donated to the Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center last year," Stanislav said. "That's more than the past three years combined."

One hundred and sixty seniors tried out for the teams. The number of prospects had to be cut in half, and there were only 40 players on each team. Uniforms and pads were provided by the Texas A&M athletic department and helmets were borrowed from A&M Consolidated High School.

## Strike continues

### Carter ready to force miners back to work

United Press International

WASHINGTON—The United Mine Workers' overwhelming vote against a contract to end their 91-day strike appeared to be forcing President Carter to invoke the Taft-Hartley Act today to order them back to work.

Carter planned to discuss his decision with his Cabinet first, then brief congressional leaders before going on television to announce his decision. Time is running

out. Administration officials say millions of people could be put out of work within weeks if the coal strike continues.

One source suggested Carter would invoke the labor law in an effort to send 160,000 coal miners back to work temporarily while making preparation for additional action, such as asking Congress for authority to seize the mines.

Chairman Frank Thompson, D-N.J., of the House labor-management subcommittee

has a bill ready for action. Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill said over the weekend the House could vote in a week.

Senate GOP leader Howard Baker said: "I will support him (Carter) in any reasonable request that he makes to try to get coal back into production."

Frank Moore, Carter's chief lobbyist, said "I don't think we're going to have to ask for new legislation," indicating at least the first step would be Taft-Hartley.

Either seizure or enforced mediation would require congressional action.

Energy Secretary James Schlesinger said Sunday, "If we cannot get a national agreement I believe that we will have regional or company by company bargaining that will get the miners back to work."

But most officials feared the angry and divided UMW would force new confrontations.

They began voting Friday, 28 years to the day after Harry Truman ordered federal seizure of the nation's coal mines in a similar standoff. The actual seizure in that case, however, was averted.

The UMW has 794 locals and 693 of them sent results to Washington by midnight Sunday. A total of 79,753 (69.7 percent) voted against ratification and 34,689 (30.3 percent) voted for the contract.

Under Taft-Hartley, Carter must declare the strike "a threat to the national health and safety" and get a court injunction ordering the miners back to work for 80 days.

During that period, negotiations with the Bituminous Coal Operators Association would reopen under government supervision and with a government committee studying the issues. After two months, the miners vote again on the owners' last offer and the National Labor Relations Board counts the votes.

If the miners do not accept it, the attorney general must ask the court to lift the injunction and the strike would be on again.

## Insufficient funds: major setback for women's dorm

By LINDA SULLIVAN

It's an 'all talk and no action' situation with the proposed Texas A&M University women's athletic dorm, and lack of money seems to be the major setback.

About a year ago, former student Don Morris of Houston donated \$400,000 to be used for the advancement of the women's athletic program. Previously, the University athletic council had considered the construction of a women's athletic dormitory with the significant increase of women athletes. With Morris' contribution, the talking stage of planning began. Athletic Council Chairman Charles Samson says the council is now ready for "phase two: finding the extra money." Council members have not yet approached the University Board of Regents with an official proposal; but Kay Don, assistant athletic director for women, anticipates the program of requirements to be submitted within the next two board meetings, which should occur before the end of the present semester.

"We are still checking for other possible sources of income," says Samson. While the University might be in a position to support conventional dorm housing, the added expenditures required to make the dorm comparable to Wofford Cain Hall, the men's athletic dorm, might not be readily justified.

"Rather than trim down the quality of what we want, we'd like the additional funds to add some embellishments we think would be assets to our women's program," Samson said.

The old Texas A&M University presi-

dents' home-site, directly across the street from the All Faith's Chapel, is the planned construction area for the dorm. Plans exclude dining facilities due to the proximity to Sbsa dining hall.

"The absence of a dining hall within the dormitory is not considered a shortcoming," says Samson. Kay Don agrees, adding that the cost per girl would be too expensive to justify a separate dining hall.

The new dorm capacity will be 125 beds with specialized rooms for training and tutoring. A game room and study area is also under consideration similar to those of Krueger Hall in the Commons dormitory complex.

"It's supposed to be just as nice as Cain, but with a feminine touch," says senior physical education major Susan Smerick.

Administrators tend to pass the buck when queried over the project, but waiting for those bucks is a reason they commonly give for the delay.

"Nobody knows where the rest of the money is coming from. That's why it hasn't been built," says Wally Groff, assistant athletic director for business affairs.

"It's all in the hands of the project coordinator, Marvin Tate," says Paul Stephens, director of facilities in the planning division.

Co-project coordinators are Marvin Tate and Kay Don. Tate says the planning stages are too crude at this point for any specific comments. Don terms the entire project as in a "holding pattern" until sufficient funding can be obtained.

"The plans are certainly no secret," says Samson, "we're just at a very fuzzy stage."

Samson says the athletic council has acted in a logical progression of steps concerning the project. First, the type of facility desired was identified. Then, the location was specified. The next step involves seeking approval from the Board of Regents to solicit outside financial aid. "We haven't

wanted to get on the agenda for the Board of Regents until we are prepared with the exact facts," Samson said. "Our only hope would be to contact interested individuals for contributions, such as the former students."

Don says ground breaking should take place within a year, but "that's being very optimistic," she says. No bids have been taken for the architecture. All preliminary planning has been undertaken by University architects based upon standard rules of thumb for cost and design.

Once completed, a women's athletic dormitory on the Texas A&M University campus will be the first of its kind in the nation and women athletes are anxious.

"I know it will be a big recruiting factor — both the dorm and Ms. Don," says Smerick. "A&M is one of the few schools that really shows a lot by the way they treat their women athletes."

## California digs out of destruction

United Press International

LOS ANGELES — Another devastating storm that killed at least 28 persons in Southern California and Mexican border towns was gone today, but seaside residents in Malibu still contended with raging seas in front of them and mudslides in back.

Forecasters predicted high seas up to six feet that could still carve away foundations of expensive homes in the Malibu Colony owned by such celebrities as Linda Ronstadt and Burgess Meredith.

At least eight persons were reported dead in Southern California and 20 more in Baja California, Mexico. At least four others were missing.

More than 600 homes in Los Angeles and Ventura counties were damaged, many severely.

Hardest hit were houses in the suburban San Fernando Valley, where severe flooding and mudslides caused most problems, and in Fillmore where the usually tame Sespe Creek roared through a housing tract.

The National Guard helped Malibu residents fight tides of 5.7 feet and swells up to eight feet. Seas destroyed the porch of Meredith's home and washed away eight feet of Miss Ronstadt's property, although no damage was reported to her house.

Comedian Flip Wilson helped colony residents, many of them entertainment figures.

"I expect to be here today and tomorrow to do whatever I can to help these people save their homes," Wilson said.

Many roads were closed, especially in the mountain canyons of Los Angeles, and several communities throughout Southern California were completely isolated. Many people had to be rescued by helicopters.

The storm poured 3.30 inches of rain at

the Los Angeles Civic Center, bringing the season's total to 30.02 inches, almost three times normal. Measurements were higher in the mountains and foothills.

But the outlook was brighter today. The National Weather Service predicted a few scattered showers in the mountains but said "the likelihood of any heavy showers seems to be over."

## Regents request railroads to consider moving tracks

Officials of Southern Pacific and Missouri Pacific Railroads are being formally asked by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents to initiate a study of the feasibility of moving the tracks which now split the campus.

The board, acting on the suggestion of Texas A&M Chancellor Jack Williams, authorized preparation of a resolution requesting the two railroads explore possibilities for moving the tracks to "some less hazardous location" and pledges the regents' cooperation in such an endeavor.

The resolution cites traffic and noise problems, as well as the aspects of dangerous cargos and possibility of accidents.

"Steadily increasing traffic of long freight trains constitutes a hazard to vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and a noise problem detrimental to teaching and re-

search processes," the document notes, "and dangerous cargos and possibility of derailments and other accidents, however remote, create a risk to life and property in the University area."

Texas A&M officials point out that planned development of the campus west of the center of the campus, rather than on the periphery, as was the case when they were installed. Even under present conditions, dormitories and classroom and laboratory buildings are in "immediate proximity" to the tracks, they note.

Copies of the resolution are being sent to the chairmen of the boards of Southern Pacific Co. and the Missouri Pacific Corp., B.F. Biagini and D.B. Jenks respectively, and to appropriate governmental groups on the state and national levels.

## Crystal Gayle: 'best of both pop and country'

By LIZ NEULIN

Battalion Staff

Crystal Gayle was told that Aggie audiences like to make "weird noises," but the main sounds she'll remember from Friday's performance are applause and whoops.

Some have called Brenda Gail Webb Gatzimos the "next female superstar in country music," and she proved in G. Rollie White Coliseum that she may be one of the best female singers in both pop and country.

Standing, stomping ovations called her back for three encores — one when even her band had left the stage.

She sang what the audience expected, changing the mood by mixing sad heart-breaking country songs with upbeat rock. Crystal's well-trained voice sounded fresh and she seemed to feel each song anew, especially her hits. The band, professional but enthusiastic, matched her well, and their combination on her most recent hit, "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue," sounded much better than the studio recording.

The warm-up act was perfect — priming the 7,000-plus audience with well-executed rock.

Gene Cotton, a young writer-singer who has "almost made it" several times, invested much energy in love ballads and social-commentary songs. He played well to the college audience, identifying himself as a political science major and recalling common experiences in a funny monologue on the differences between the ways mothers and fathers paddled their offspring during the "child-beating era."

Crystal began nervously, but soon she warmed to the audience and relaxed — entertaining herself, the band and the audience with her singing.

The Town Hall performance was Crystal's first before a college crowd, and the singer appeared pleased with the outcome during an



Crystal Gayle

Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

interview given after signing autographs.

"It was great," she said. Crystal sat primly on a folding metal chair in the bright dressing room, which was decorated only by nine red roses in

a vase sent with a dozen before the concert.

"The South is certainly different from the North," she said, noting the audience's enthusiastic re-

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## Flu may strike older adults, scientists say

United Press International

ATLANTA — Although the Russian flu apparently has struck only young people under 25 since it hit the United States, federal health experts think it may eventually attack adults over that age.

That theory stems from past behavior of the Russian strain — which caused worldwide epidemics between 1947-57 — and the pattern followed by other flu epidemics, officials said Saturday.

Meanwhile, the National Center For Disease Control in Atlanta has said research indicates that persons who received swine flu shots in the 1976 national immunization program may have some added protection against the A-U.S.S.R. strain.

The CDC studies have demonstrated the swine flu vaccine gives a "booster" effect to an individual's antibody defense against Russian flu, a distant "cousin" antigenically to the swine flu virus.

The Russian flu was first detected in the United States during the second week of January. The CDC has had no reports of anyone over 25 being infected with the A-U.S.S.R. virus.

The virus was first reported surfacing last year in the Soviet Union where an epidemic peaked in about five or six weeks. People under 23 were the primary targets.

The CDC researchers speculate the Russian strain may be following a pattern similar to two other epidemics in the last 20 years.

But CDC researchers, basing their theories on past behavior, believe the A-U.S.S.R. will replace current flu strains and remain the principal influenza culprit for the next 8-10 years. And in that time, it will single out older Americans as victims.

Because of exposure to the A-U.S.S.R. virus 20-30 years ago, many people over 25 have natural antibody protection against the Russian flu, with the degree of protection waning in the older age brackets.