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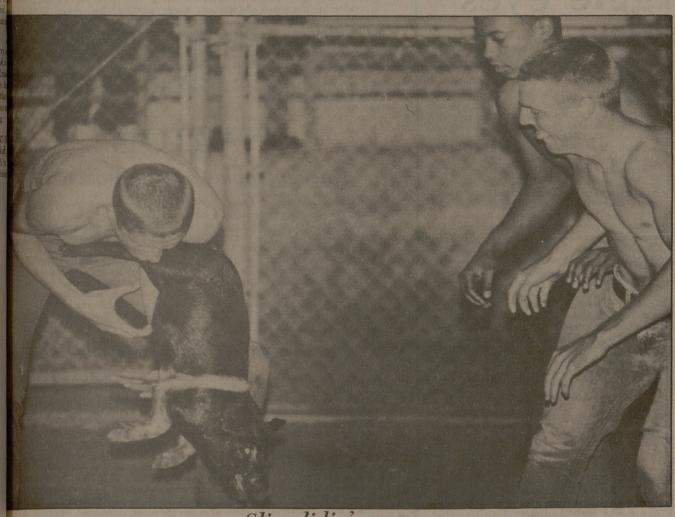
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### Cagers are back!

The 1978-79 basketball team has made its debut and Coach Metcalf says they are looking good. For details see page 10.



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### Slip-slidin' away

These members of the Corps seem to be having trouble getting a good grasp on this pig at the greased pig race which took place at 8 p.m. Thurs-

peted and Outfit D-2 took first place. Photo by Paige Beasley

# **Inflation uncertainty:** farmers greatest risk

United Press International WASHINGTON — Farmers are surviving the nation's surging inflation better than the large food processing and retailing companies, an agricultural economist said Thursday.

The real risk for farmers lies in the uncertainty about whether the inflation spiral will go up or down, Bruce Gardner, a professor at Texas A&M University, told the Food and Agriculture Outlook Conference.

Gardner said the large food firms are not necessarily better protected from inflation by their ability to manipulate prices in their search for profits.

'Even the giants face constraints from budget-conscious consumers and the com-petition of rival giants," he said.

Moreover, one would expect whatever market power these corporations can exercise would be used year-in and year-out inflation or not.

Gardner said he reviewed the pre-tax net earnings of 18 large food processors and retailers from 1948-1977. His analysis indi-cates that "in fact these corporations have been worse off in inflation periods in real terms.

A review of farm income however, shows that farmers "have done fairly well in the recent inflationary environment," he said. "Of course, there have been both good and bad years; the point here is that the rate of inflation does not appear to be a strong influence on which are which. If anything, the farm sector seems to have done rela-tively better in years when inflation has accelerated

Gardner said the situation is nothing

In the late 19th century, farm spokesmen saw deflation as the chief economic evil facing farmers. Between 1865 and 1895, the cost of living indexes de-clined by one-third, while the prices of farm products fell by over one-half.

"The point of William Jennings Bryan's 'cross of gold' was that cheaper money would help farmers," he explained. Increases in costs — such as prices for energy supplies — are a problem for farm-

ers, but post-war data indicates the periods of increases in farming costs do not coincide

with the periods of general inflation. Gardner said the ups and downs of inflation are hardest on farmers

Interest rates paid for large land pur-chases may be bargains if inflation sets in, but if inflation is curbed "the increases in land prices, as other prices, will tend to decelerate. The interest costs will not. The resulting net losses can easily be large,"he said.

"The overall result is an extraordinary element of risk imposed by an inflationary environment. Farmers, like the rest of us, simply have no way of forecasting whether inflation will accelerate or decelerate in the years immediately ahead. But the economic uncertainty they face in this environment is much greater than for most of us," he said.



Battalion photo by Michelle Scudder

"Mosher mafia" kidnaps yell leader for ransom

## lotline needs volunteers to train **Counselors aid people with problems**

day night in the Animal Pavilion. Forty teams com-

#### **By CHARLES HARPER Battalion Reporter**

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depressed, and experiencing hawal from the drugs she's been takteenage girl is driven to taking her fe. There's no one she can call, no one n turn to. She accepts the seemingly

e case of the girl here is fictitious, but ldhave been real. This situation could bly be avoided with the help of a ed volunteer on the "hotline" at the county Mental Health-Mental Re-

nevolunteer, trained in crisis interventechniques, could have helped the nof drug abuse or alchoholic addiction regain their perspective, understand rproblems and to deal with them. The s of a trained volunteer telephone also learns how to refer a caller to one of the several types of psychiatric help available

According to Ralla Spotts, intervention resource coordinator at MHMR, the center needs at least 20 volunteers to work the hotline at least four hours each week.

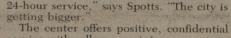
"People will volunteer for different periods of time. On the average, they want to work only about four hours a week. We want to require that our volunteers work a minimum 12 hours a month," she says.

Spotts says that almost anybody can be a volunteer telephone worker. "The only restriction is a person who might fall apart under pressure. People with bad problems of their own are unacceptable." There is, however, a minimum age of 16 to volun-teer. The center would like to have a large number of trained volunteers available, Spotts says. As soon as we get 20 trained, we'll get 20 new volunteers and start a new training course. We'd like to have about 60 volunteers altogether.

hours, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The service will become 24-hour after volunteers have completed the training course. Volunteers will be allowed to answer calls with a staff member present after partial completion of training, thereby obtaining practical experience handling crisis call

The line was started to aid in the preven-tion of drug and alchohol abuse, and providing a way to educate callers about the dangers of drug and alchohol abuse. The line also provides a telephone crisis counseling service

'The need existed in the community for a



service with callers remaining anonymous if they wish.

Any persons wishing to volunteer may call the MHMR center at 779-2000. Those persons who are interested, but can't vol-unteer for work, can help in other ways. "People could help, even if they didn't volunteer, by simply telling us of new facil-tics wijchla to people who orall us "At ties available to people who call us." At present, there are no volunteers to fill the positions open at the center.

> **By MARK BEATTY** Jeff Hancock, head yell leader, was kidnapped by the "Mosher Mafia" Thursday

lor are designed to help such persevere depressions and save s. The MHMR center is seeking volunto man their crisis hotline. Volunteers trained in crisis intervention techs, which aid the counselor in handling nal-problem type calls. The counselor

### farmers plan irst nationwide tractorcade'

United Press International IOUX FALLS, S.D. — American Ag-ture Movement (AAM) delegates from tates are planning a massive tractorcade Washington to "dramatize the plight of armer," an AAM leader said Thursday. ayne Peterson, a Holabird rancher, in a telephone interview that deles, meeting this week in Oklahoma decided the demonstration would natize the plight of the farmer and the mic effects farm income has on the

recise details and times for the planned onwide protest have yet to be made,

We don't like to use numbers about how y people will participate," he said. can't even project that at this time. replanning to make the drive to Washin last 18 days from several tentative

ting points." Peterson said American Ag Movement nbers plan on beginning their trip with tors and other farm vehicles on inte systems stretching from North ota to Texas.

Reople in South Dakota will probably use Interstate 90 while others in North ota will use I-94," he said.

e're trying to get all starting points to el about 100 miles a day and reach ngton at the same time, coming in to rom all roads," Peterson said.

legates in Oklahoma City also ized President Carter's action on two related measures, he said.

Ve feel his action on the set-aside proand Meat Import Act reinforces our of that the goal of this adminstration is stroy the family farm as we know it,' rson said.

he administration with its vetoes has fect come right out and told us that. we must convince people in rural s of America that this is Carter's goal."

Training sessions for the volunteers are scheduled to start Nov. 29, running through Dec. 9. Sessions will be held Wednesday and Thursday for 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9a.m. to noon. Make-up sessions for latecomers will be available but as yet remain unplanned.

At present, the hotline is being operated by the seven-member staff during regular

## No warm-up show before Leon Russell

m Hall presents Leon and Mary Russell tonight at 8 p.m. There will be no warm-up acts before the main act. Those who wish to see the beginning of the performance should be at G. Rollie White Coliseum at 8 p.m.

The next Town Hall presentation will be David Gates and Bread with Ian Matthews

as the warm-up act, on Nov. 30 at 9 p.m., immediately after the Bonfire, in G. Rollie White Coliseum

Some of Bread's more popular songs in-clude "If," "Lost Without Your Love," "Baby I'm A-Want You" and "Diary."

Tickets may be bought at the MSC Box Office, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. General admission is \$4 for TAMU students and \$5 for the general public. Reserved seat tickets are \$6. For more information on tickets, call the MSC Box Office at 845-2916.

as he was leaving his class in Francis Hall.

His reaction and first comment as four girls from Mosher, dressed as gangsters and carrying toy machine guns, approached him ... well, let's just say he was surprised

The kidnapping was an effort made by Mosher dorm to collect as many canned goods as students could muster, for his ransom. The canned goods will go to six to 10 needy families in Bryan for Thanksgiving.

The girls, Pam Freeman, Andrea Montgomery, Michelle Rowland and Joanne Xaveir, took Hancock to the Commons, Sbisa, the Quad and then over to the Memorial Student Center, where stations were set up to collect canned goods and money donations

Contributions for the cause were taken at all four stations until 5:30 p.m. Thursday. For those students who did not have a chance to contribute, a station will be set up at the Commons reception desk today.

Hancock was released in time to go to the 5 p.m. yell practice at Kyle Field.

This was Mosher's first attempt at a service project. Pam Freeman, treasurer for Mosher, said they are pleased with the response from the kidnap. Fifty-five canned goods and \$200 were collected.

## **Delay in reporting rapes makes** prosecution extremely difficult

#### **By DIANE BLAKE**

Editor's note: This is the second of a three-part series discussing the medical and legal aspects of rape.

Immediate medical attention followed by a report to police should be the first concerns of a rape victim, said James W. Locke, assistant students' legal adviser.

"A long delay in reporting a rape makes it extremely difficult to prosecute," Locke said. "Since it is such a serious crime, a claim of rape after all evidence is gone, raises serious questions about consent and the rights of the defendant." "It must be established that a crime has

been committed," he said. This is virtually impossible, say, a week after the rape.

According to Texas law, a rape has been committed if a person "has sexual intercourse with a female, not his wife, without the female's consent."

A woman can be charged with rape only if she aids a man in raping another woman. A man cannot file criminal charges against a woman for rape in Texas.

There are seven circumstances under which the intercourse could be defined as being without the woman's consent.

The first is if the man compels the woman to submit by force. Another is if he compels her by any threat that would prevent her resisting.

Rape has occurred if the woman has not consented and the man knows she is uncon-scious or physically unable to resist. It is also rape if the man knows that due to mental disease or defect the woman does not realize the nature of what she is doing.

The intercourse is without the female's consent if the man knows that she submits because she erroneously believes that he is her husband. This can result either from a fake marriage ceremony arranged by the male or if the male enters her bedroom and pretends to be her husband.

A rape has occurred if a the woman has not consented and he knows that she is unaware that sexual intercourse is occurring. This definition concerns intercourse performed under the pretense of making a medical examination or performing an operation.

Intercourse can be defined as rape if the man has intentionally impaired the woman's control over her control conduct by giving her any substance without her knowledge.

Rape is a second degree felony and is punishable by two to 20 years imprison-ment and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Aggravated rape is committed if a person' causes serious injury, attempts to kill, or threatens to kill the victim or causes her to submit by threat of death or bodily harm in

the course of the rape. It is a first degree felony, punishable by five to 99 years of life imprisonment.

Statutory rape is committed when a person has sexual intercourse with a female not his wife and she is under 17 years old.

There are two defenses for statutory rape. One is if the defendent was not more than two years older than the victim.

The other defense for statutory rape is if the female was 14 years old or older and had previously engaged promiscuously in sexual intercourse.

'Promiscuity is defined as a variety of consentual sexual conduct with a variety of partners," Locke said. "This clearly excludes a single prior act of sexual intercourse

Locke said that women would probably always have to give evidence in trial concerning the circumstance of the rape. "The state has to prove lack of consent," he said. "As a good defense, the defendant will try to disprove part of the state's case. If he can't prove that intercourse has not taken place, he will try consent," he said.

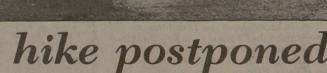
A woman can also file suit in civil court against the rapist for assault and battery charges. "However, there aren't many rapists who can pay the judgement," Locke said

If there is a case, though, it is usually settled out of court.

Fine hike postponed

The Texas A&M University Traffic Panel further at the next meeting, but he said it is discussed the possibility of raising the fine for parking violations from \$5 to \$10 in a meeting Wednesday afternoon.

W. G. Ferris, chairman of the Traffic Panel, said the proposal will be discussed



their assigned lots.

unlikely that fines will be raised because

Ferris said the proposal was raised in an

effort to persuade more people to park in

there is so much opposition to the idea.

