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Entertainment in Aggieland

Entertainment abounded this weekend with two great performances by Leon and Mary Russell in G. Rollie White Coliseum and folksinger Nanci Griffith, who entertained in the Basement Coffeehouse. For reviews of these performances, see page 5.



In the Texas A&M locker room after Saturday's loss to Arkansas, Coy Collinsworth extends an invitation to the Aggies to play in the second annual Hall of Fame Bowl in Birmingham, Ala. on Dec. 20. Head coach Tom Wilson accepted the bid on behalf of his

staff and his players, while Texas A&M University President Jarvis Miller and Interim Athletic Director Marvin Tate look on. See related story on page 9.

Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

Mass suicides reported after Guyana killings

United Press International
GEORGETOWN, Guyana - In a bizarre followup of a raid and shooting Friday of a United States congressman and several members of his party, it was reported today that some 300 members of the religious commune which the United States group was investigating have committed suicide both by gunshot and poisoning.

The congressman, Rep. Leo Ryan, D-Calif., was reported killed. So were at least a half-dozen other members of his party including several journalists and at least one woman who were accompanying him on the mission to see whether the cult, reportedly headed by a former California man, was holding American prisoners in the jungles of this small South American country.

The raid took place on a remote landing strip in Port Kaituma, about 150 miles north of here as the party was gathering to return to the United States.

The religious group, based in San Francisco and known as the People's Temple, reportedly numbers about 1,000. The

mass suicide reports have not been confirmed.

In Washington, the State Department said one of the two pilots involved said about 25 members of the party had been hit by gunfire, and as many as 10 might be dead.

"We have an eyewitness report of Ryan being hit by gunfire and some members of an NBC crew and others being hit," the spokesman said.

"This report comes from the pilot of the second plane, which took off. The first plane was damaged so badly it couldn't take off. There's a further report that a member of the People's Temple, an American, in Georgetown, murdered her children and killed herself."

The mass suicide reports were heard on Guyana radio but unconfirmed early today.

Ryan arrived Nov. 14 in the tiny South American country formerly known as British Guyana and went to the commune with a party of about 25 people, including several U.S. Embassy staffers, two personal aides and eight American journalists including a four-member NBC News camera crew.

Ryan was reportedly escorting some Americans from the religious settlement who had decided to return to the United States.

Suddenly one of the party pulled a pistol and opened fire as they boarded two light planes, the pilot said. The State Department said. Then a tractor-trailer pulled up near the planes and gunmen in the trailer opened fire.

The pilot said the first pistol shots apparently were a signal for attack by the group of armed men on the truck.

Ryan was checking reports that some of the 1,100 Americans at the People's Temple were being kept in "a jail" in Jonestown, named after the self-styled Rev. Jim Jones of San Francisco.

Nine or 10 of the religious converts had decided to return with Ryan to Georgetown and then to the United States. The entire party of about 25 people was boarding the planes at the time of the attack.

Coded data: setback for SALT pact

United Press International
MOSCOW — Former astronaut Sen. John Glenn says Soviet insistence on sending coded data from its outer space tests prevents adequate monitoring and could prevent completion of a new SALT treaty.

Glenn, part of a Senate delegation that toured the Soviet Union for a week, told his colleagues the coding of telemetry data from space goes to the very heart of verifying compliance in any new Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty.

Glenn, the first American to orbit the earth Feb. 20, 1962, said the Soviets were increasing their coding during test flights and called the issue a "very major sticky point" in current SALT-2 talks.

Glenn said he told Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin that any agreement would have to be equal for both parties "and as long as one hand says, no, we're going to encrypt and keep the information from you, it is not an even-handed agreement."

"I told the prime minister that it could very well be that if there is no give on that particular point, the Senate will never get the vote on SALT," he said. "I think it's that serious."

The issue involves the testing of Soviet SS18 missiles armed with multiple warheads, each of which can be independently programmed to hit a different target.

Recount shows small change in Nov. 7 results

Friday's recount of Brazos County ballots has shown only a small change from the Nov. 7 results.

Dr. Bruce Robeck, appointed recount judge, reported that Democratic gubernatorial candidate John Hill picked up one additional vote in the recount. Hill led Republican Bill Clements in Brazos County by 324 votes when the ballots were counted on election night.

U.S. Senator John Tower, who led Democratic challenger Bob Krueger in Brazos County by 208 votes Nov. 7, gained three more votes in the recount.

The recount came after representatives of Hill and Krueger filed for a check of local precinct boxes. District Judge W.T. McDonald Jr. ordered the recount last week, and appointed Robeck to supervise the activity.

A spokesman with the Secretary of State's election division said Friday that the 42 county recounts are not expected to differ greatly from the original results. He said the recounts should be finished by the end of the week.

Pentagon accused of 'apparent illegal act' in canal construction

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Despite a top-level determination that U.S. national security is involved, three legislators are accusing the Pentagon of committing "an apparent

illegal act" in releasing \$10.9 million for construction in the Panama Canal Zone.

Rep. George Hansen, R-Idaho, said at a news conference Friday: "I am calling on (Defense) Secretary (Harold) Brown to revoke this decision or I am calling for (his) resignation."

"The president is spending money without the approval of the House. It is not appropriate for a single dime to be spent until the House can vote on the issue," he said.

The money is destined for construction and consolidation of certain U.S. military facilities in connection with the gradual turnover of the canal to Panama.

President Carter certified to Brown on Oct. 3 the construction was in U.S. national interests, and Brown concurred.

"Before we went ahead on this matter, we looked into it thoroughly and we're convinced we're in compliance with the law," a Pentagon spokesman said.

The spokesman said the military construction authorization act gives Brown power to build facilities if he decides it is vital to U.S. security.

Reps. Hansen, Tom Kindness, R-Ohio, and Steven Symms, R-Idaho, are raising the issue as part of an effort to complicate — and possibly block — the implementation of the Panama canal treaties.

"The canal fight is not over yet. We are not going to allow millions of taxpayer dollars to be spent in implementing these treaties without a fight. And that fight will take place on the floor of the House of Representatives when Congress reconvenes," Symms said.

The three legislators said the construction violated the express wish of Congress that no public funds be spent for the canal turnover until both House and Senate have debated the detailed legislation for implementing the canal treaties.

That debate is expected sometime next year. The Senate ratified the two Panama canal treaties last spring. They provide for the defense of the canal and turnover of the waterway to Panama's control at the end of the 20th century.

The gradual turnover process requires relocation of some U.S. facilities located in the Canal Zone. The first of these are to be ready by Oct. 1, 1979.

The Pentagon argues it must begin construction immediately to take advantage of the dry season, which lasts from December until April. The Pentagon further argues it is authorized to do so under congressionally authorized provisions for emergency construction.

Grain dust fire prevention discussed

By BECKY DOBSON
Battalion Reporter

Last year grain dust explosions killed 61 people and cost grain elevator owners an estimated \$46 million in damages says Gary S. Nelson, a safety engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A researcher has found that grain elevator fires and explosions rank first in number of occurrences, people injured, and amount of property damaged in all of the recorded history of agricultural dust explosions in the United States.

"Once a person understands the four basic elements that are needed to create a grain dust explosion — dust, oxygen, ignition and confined space — he can take steps to see to it that these four are never at the same place at the same time," says Nelson.

Texas Agricultural Extension Service presented a short course last week on the cause and prevention of grain elevator fires and explosions. An estimated 175 people participated including grain elevator owners, salesmen and inspectors.

"I came to get a better handle on what we can do to make them (grain elevators) more safe," said one participant, Gary Curlee, marketing manager for Burgess Power Equipment. Curlee sells grain elevators and equipment to individual owners.

The explosions are not a real problem for the elevators he deals with, Curlee says.

"Most of my business is with country elevators, and explosions are not as big a problem as with city elevators," Curlee said. He said there have been two explosions in his area this year with two injuries.

"The large amounts of grain handled at terminal elevators in the city, along with the increased operating time, wear and maintenance, make the chance for an explosion greater at a terminal elevator than at a county or farm grain-handling unit," says Nelson, "but the essential conditions for explosions can be found at any grainhandling unit."

The dust created by the storage and transport of most grains is highly combustible. The actual hazards of various dusts is listed by the Bureau of Mines. An index number between 1 and 10 is considered a strong explosion. Anything above 10 is considered severe: Pittsburgh coal dust 1.0, corn dust 8.4, sugar dust 13.2, wheat flour 3.8, cornstarch 35.6, and wheat starch, 49.8.

When the dust is dispersed in the air in a dust cloud and the mixture is within its "explosive range" it requires only two

more ingredients to explode. It must be ignited (spark) and it must be confined to a closed space (pressure).

The short course attempted to present the most recent technology available that may be employed to prevent grain dust fires and explosions said Nelson. Speakers from Ohio and Massachusetts traveled to Texas A&M University to explain new systems and designs that may be built to prevent explosions. Preventive maintenance and electronic monitoring systems were also presented.

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Classes will meet the following Monday, however, regardless of the outcome of the game—putting a slight dent in the time-honored Aggie tradition of taking the next class day off for prolonged celebration of a victory over the University of Texas.

"We choose to think of taking Friday off as a sign of confidence—or at least supreme optimism," noted Texas A&M President Jarvis E. Miller in announcing the holiday.

College of Veterinary Medicine students, who operate on a rigid trimester basis, will be dismissed from classes at the direction of Dean George C. Shelton. He indicated most of his students could be Austin-bound by noon.

Friday will be a regular work day for faculty and staff.

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Counseling is vital to life of rape victim

By DIANE BLAKE
Battalion Staff

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

Rape crisis counseling is necessary after rape has occurred to give the victim a sense of order and normalcy in her life.

"Although different persons react differently, virtually every victim experiences some period of severe trauma," said Judith Wooten, a graduate student in counseling psychology.

Rape is typically a traumatic, life-threatening experience," Wooten said. "It is a crime of violence, not just a sexual encounter."

"Therefore the victim is often left with a fear for his or her life. A lot of how this affects a person has to do with her own attitudes, values, feelings of self-worth and general ability to cope."

Wooten will hold a seminar for those interested in crisis counseling Dec. 3 at the Growing Center, 101 Lake St.

The seminar's purpose will be to coordinate the various counseling efforts already existing in the Bryan-College Station area. Persons interested in answering the crisis hotline should also attend this seminar, Wooten said.

"Rape prevention takes a community effort," the graduate student said. "I am most interested in getting the whole community involved."

Wooten said persons wanting to be crisis counselors need not have had prior training. "But a counselor must be able to think fast and not get carried away by his or her emotions."

"Most of all he must be willing to do his or her homework, to learn all the necessary information," she said.

Wooten said there are two types of counseling for rape victims: crisis counseling and long-term counseling.

Crisis counseling is needed soon after the rape has occurred. It involves accompanying the victim to the hospital and police station, helping her make the proper reports and giving her support immediately after the rape.

Long-term counseling deals with all aspects of the person's life. "Although the rape may be the particular problem, the victim's entire lifestyle is disrupted," Wooten said.

The first reaction a rape victim has is often fear, Wooten said. Then a common response is humiliation followed by guilt. Finally some women become angry.

"But often anger is the hardest thing to work out," Wooten said.

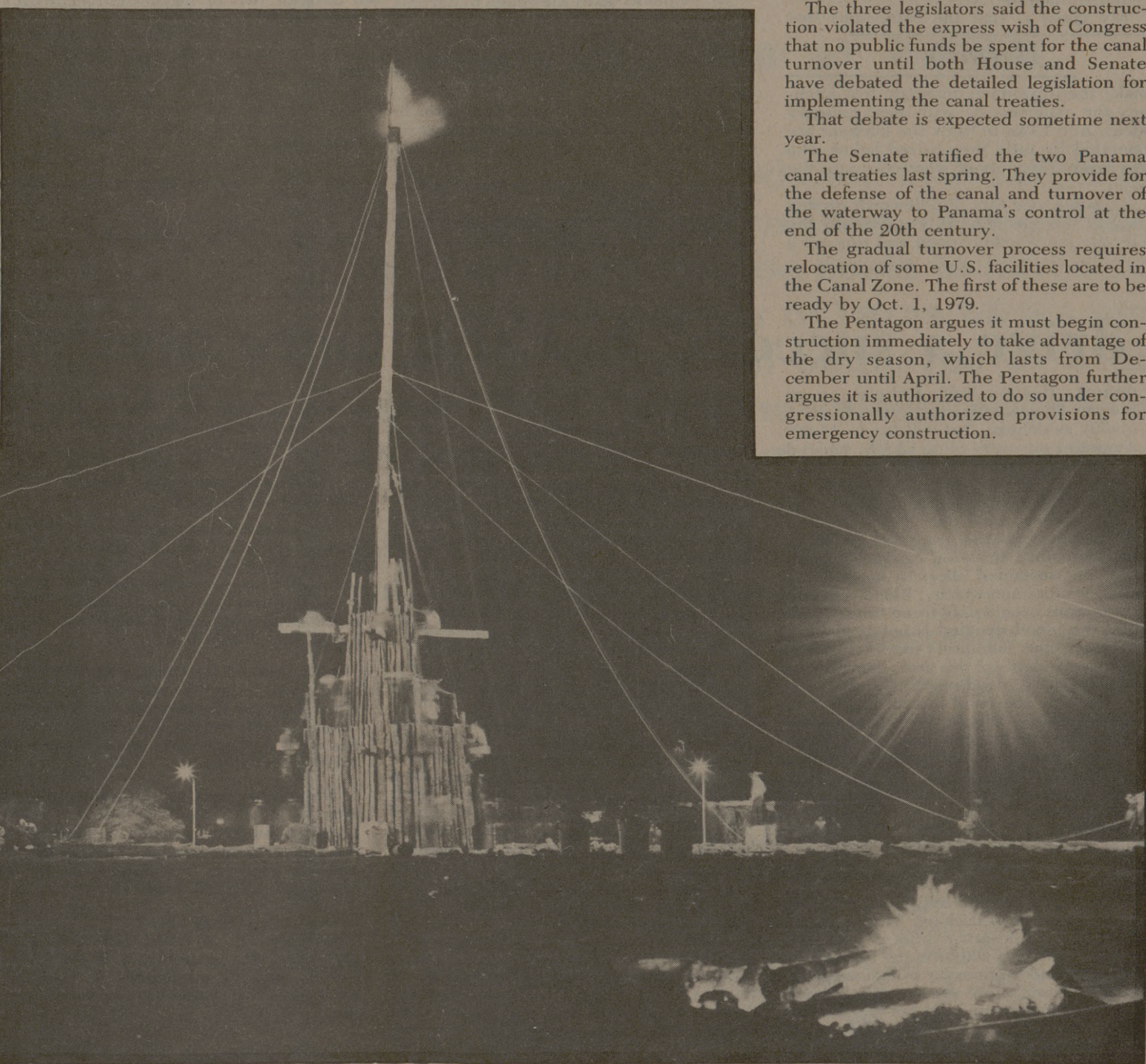
"Some women never realize that they have a right to be angry. They never allow themselves to be outraged."

"Trauma like any life threat lingers for years. The idea that you don't have control over your own body is a devastating feeling — that's why it's so traumatic."

"None of us wants to accept that there might be some time when we don't own our own body. When someone else takes possession, it is an assault on the person's own essence."

Wooten said counseling was not only to help those who have been raped, but is a two-fold process.

"Counseling should help you learn about things before they happen, to prevent things from happening. It is education."



Getting ready for the big show

While some Aggies were partying, a number of others spent their Saturday night building the bonfire for the deadline, now less than two weeks away. The flood lights enabled them to work through the night and the

camp fires continued burning to keep them warm when the cold rains swept the Bryan-College Station area, a few hours later.

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