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Flying Queen

Cherri Rapp, formerly of North Texas State University, is the new women's basketball coach. In her college days she was a Flying Queen at Wayland Baptist College. See page 10.



New A&M policy bars Iranian entry

By KEITH TAYLOR
Battalion Staff

An "official, but unwritten," Texas A&M University policy that denies admission to students from Iran has been confirmed by Admissions and Records Dean Edwin H. Cooper.

The policy has been adopted because of the recent turmoil in that country, Cooper said in an interview Thursday.

A memorandum from the Office of Admissions and Records and signed by Cooper says, "At present, we cannot, in most cases, be certain as to the validity of credentials which we receive from that country; thus we must proceed with unusual caution."

Earlier this semester a University official said about 70 Iranians are on campus.

Normally, to be admitted to Texas A&M, according to the memorandum, a foreign student must have an above-average record in secondary school in their home country, a minimum of a B average at any college attended in the United

States, and a minimum score of 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language. The student must also show authentic evidence of good health and be able to demonstrate the ability to finance his education in the United States.

However, the confusion in Iran has caused the admissions office to doubt the validity of records from that country, Cooper said.

The policy was revealed March 7 after an Iranian student was denied re-admission after he was withdrawn from the University. The student was taking a course in physics plus courses from the English Language Institute, which do not carry college credit. The student dropped the physics course, causing him to be dropped from University rolls.

Dr. Gilbert Schroeter, associate professor of biology and the student's adviser, said an admissions employee told him the student's application for the summer term would not be accepted because of the policy barring Iranian students. The em-

ployee did not want to be identified. Schroeter, after learning of the policy, took the case to the Brazos Civil Liberties Union.

Merrill Whitburn, president of the BCLU, said the organization has agreed to investigate the policy, but that the investigation has not progressed far enough to comment on it.

Cooper said the Office of Admissions will resume normal admissions of Iranian students when "we feel the credentials from that country are reliable."

Cooper also said that if the records of an Iranian can be verified through a reliable source in that country, the student would be admitted.

"We're not trying to be prejudiced against a particular group of people. I cannot be responsible for admitting students without proper records," he said.

Cooper said he consulted with his staff and with Dr. J.M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs, before putting the policy into effect.

MSC budget request sees \$45,000 cut

By TRACEY WILLIAMS
Battalion Reporter

The Memorial Student Center Council will have \$573,347 to spend on its programs during the next school year. This is almost \$45,000 less than was requested, but Ray Daniels, president of the MSC Council, said Thursday he is not concerned.

"I think the primary rationale behind the funding was that some of our programs can continue with less money, whereas something like the on-campus shuttle bus program needs more funds to operate," Daniels said.

The money received by the MSC Council is allocated by the student government, and it comes from student service fees paid at the beginning of each semester.

This fee is charged at the rate of \$1.67 per semester credit hour, and at the present time it cannot exceed \$20 per semester.

Besides funding the committees of the MSC Council, the fee also helps to pay for intramurals, student publications and the on-campus shuttle bus.

Daniels said there are four major sections in the MSC Council. These sections are the Great Issues Committee, Political Forum, Town Hall and the Opera and Performing Arts Society (OPAS), and a section that covers all the other MSC committees and the administration of the MSC Council.

"The Political Forum and Great Issues committees will receive an increase that should allow them to continue at the same level as last year with the same quality and quantity of speakers," Daniels said.

According to a student government listing of allocations, the Great Issues Committee will receive \$19,834, which is a 9 percent increase over this year.

Political Forum will receive \$15,763, which is an increase of 10.5 percent.

The Town Hall and OPAS section, on the other hand, will receive almost a 33 percent cut in funding. The MSC Council requested \$75,000 for the two programs but was only allotted \$54,500.

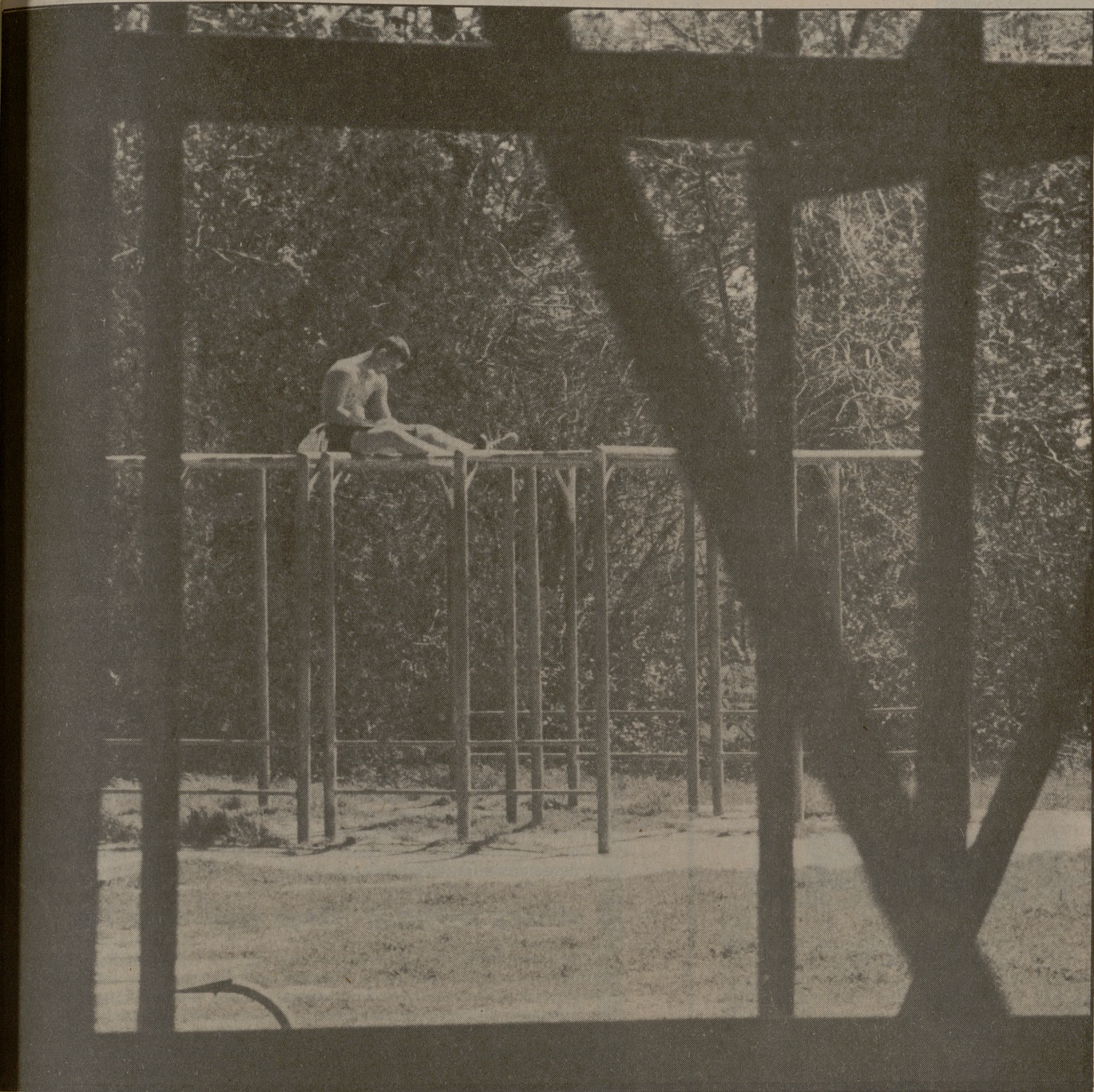
"We're not concerned that we didn't get what we requested," Daniels said. "We usually give about five free general admission concerts a year, and we've had a long range plan of charging \$1 per concert. I guess we'll just start doing that now."

Of the \$54,500 allotted, Town Hall will receive \$44,500 and OPAS will receive \$10,000. These amounts represent a 33 percent cut in funding for Town Hall and no change in funding for OPAS.

"The money that Town Hall won't get will probably go to the on-campus shuttle bus program. I think that Town Hall is probably one of the few areas where the cut can be made without affecting the quality of the program," Daniels said.

The fourth section of the MSC Council covers the other MSC committees and the administration of the MSC Council. This section will receive \$463,250, which is an increase in funding of 20.2 percent.

Committees in this section include the Arts Committee, Basement Committee, Black Awareness Committee, Hospitality Committee and the Travel Committee.



High-level studies?

Freshman David Staehlin decided the "monkey bars" alongside Texas A&M's aerobic running track made a perfect quiet place to study. The agricul-

tural economics major was perched high atop the bars enjoying a recent day's sunshine.

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

'Last stand' against invasion expected

Amin flees from Tanzanian forces

United Press International
DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania — Idi Amin left his capital of Kampala ahead of a fast-advancing Tanzanian invasion force and headed into northern Uganda, with a convoy of loyal troops, the country's new government-in-exile said Thursday.

In a statement, the Uganda National Liberation Front said guerrillas and supporting Tanzanian troops would occupy the capital soon and had the neighboring town of Entebbe "at their mercy."

The statement said Amin had "left for the north," apparently headed toward his hometown of Arua in the extreme northwest of the country where many diplomats predicted he would make a "last stand" against the invasion force.

The statement said Amin was accompanied by soldiers still loyal to him.

Diplomatic reports said for the last few weeks Amin has been sending truckloads of military supplies, weapons and "goodies" — such as whisky — to Arua for his last stand.

"Fascist Idi Amin has now decided to leave southern Uganda and go to northern Uganda," the front statement said. "He is

moving towards the north with convoys of his mercenaries."

The statement added, "The liberation forces have overrun Mityana, Mpigi and are holding Entebbe at their mercy."

"Kampala would, and will, fall into our hands at our will. We are giving enough time for innocent citizens and foreigners to leave Kampala."

Forward elements of the 4,000-strong Tanzanian invasion force rushed to within "spitting distance" of the capital and thousands of civilians joined a growing exodus from the city.

Diplomatic sources said the entire western and southern sections of Kampala were deserted with some people running in panic through the streets away from the approaching invasion force.

Diplomatic sources said Libya, since delivering an ultimatum to Tanzania to halt the invasion of Uganda, had stepped up shipments of military hardware to Amin's army and had also sent in fresh troops.

Libya already had some 1,000 soldiers in Uganda but since Monday had sent in a further 500, the sources said.

They added the Libyans were also mov-

ing in artillery, light weapons and even light armored cars.

They were apparently using both Entebbe International Airport and Gulu Airport in the north of the country.

The renewed Libyan airbridge was a last effort to save Amin's eight-year dictatorship in which an estimated 300,000 persons were murdered by supporters of his regime or simply disappeared, according to an independent judicial report.

"The Tanzanians are within spitting distance now of Kampala," one highly placed diplomatic source said. "They are close. They are very close."

He added, "Idi Amin's position is very, very shaky. It looks as if nothing can save him."

In ground action, after a night of confusion in Kampala with huge explosions ripping through the deserted city, some diplomatic sources reported firing on the outskirts again during the day with "some tank fire."

There also was heavy firing during part of the day at Entebbe, sight of Amin's colonial statehouse and the former British colonial administrative capital.

Researchers to get last drops of blood as flu study winds up

By JULIE SMILEY
Battalion Reporter

Researchers from Baylor College of Medicine will be on campus next Tuesday through Thursday to collect the final round of blood samples from volunteers in the Russian flu vaccine field trial.

Blood will be collected in the Beutel Health Center from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and in the Commons from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. all three days.

The field trial began in November and participants have continued helping re-

searchers by returning health report cards each week during the flu season for a total of 10 weeks.

Dr. John Quarles, assistant professor of medicine at Texas A&M University, said the final blood samples will give researchers the information they need to determine the effectiveness of the vaccines in preventing Russian flu.

The study started with 2,112 volunteers from Texas A&M who were given drops of either of two types of vaccine or a dummy vaccine. Participants receive \$10 for every

blood sample they give and \$3 for returning each health report card.

Quarles said when participants come to give blood next week they will be told whether they were given a vaccine or dummy in November.

Quarles said the researchers believe more cases of flu were reported by students who didn't participate in the study than by those who did, but the final blood samples are needed before conclusive results can be determined.

Judge predicts Davis trial end

United Press International
FORT WORTH — An active rather than a retired judge was chosen to hear the Frisella and T. Cullen Davis divorce trial so the languishing proceedings could be concluded more quickly, says Administrative Judge Charles Murray.

The Davis' attorneys agreed Wednesday to have District Judge Clyde Ashworth hear the remainder of the complicated,

five-year divorce trial, which Murray says could conclude Thursday.

Murray, who had originally said he probably would have to find a retired judge to hear the case, explained Wednesday he recommended Ashworth because under state law an active judge is allowed to use the transcript from the first portion of the trial as the official court record and to continue from that point.

The trial had only about two more days to go when retired Judge John M. Barron declared a mistrial, saying media reports of meetings in his hotel room with Davis had impugned his credibility.

The trial is expected to resume Tuesday and Murray said it could end by Thursday. He said Ashworth would render a decision after several days of studying the record.



Battalion photo by Phil Reyes

Time out for time in

Homer Sanchez, junior range science major, and Matt Singley, freshman environmental design

major, take time outside the "demanding" life of academia to shoot a few hoops.