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Seniors sponsor projects to pay for Class of '80 gift

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The Class of 1980's gift to the Texas A&M University, a bronze, life-size statue of the King Gill, the original Twelfth Man, will be presented March 1 as part of Military Weekend, project chairman Paul Gulig said.

The statue will be placed on the plot and the Aggie Club Building near the Field gates.

Lette Nicholas, Gill's niece, will be present for the ceremony.

University Grounds and Maintenance is constructing two criss-crossing sidewalks where they meet the statue will be placed," Gulig said.

They are doing a little landscaping in the area and will also take care of putting the base and the sculpture in place."

George E. "Pat" Foley, an independent sculptor from Houston, is making the statue.

"We looked at a lot of different names, resumes and work," Gulig said, "and we decided on Mr. Foley." He said a Texas A&M student who had Foley as an art teacher in high school recommended the sculptor.

Gulig said the cost of the statue, including all construction and maintenance, is about \$14,000. He said the class has already paid \$6,000 on it — \$5,000 from its treasury and \$1,000 from its annual donation by the Association of Former Students.

That leaves a balance of \$8,000. The class currently has \$6,000 in its treasury and has two plans set up to take care of the final \$2,000.

One plan involves the sale of miniature bronze statues of King Gill, also created by Foley. They will be sold for \$200 apiece. The replicas of the actual statue stand 1 foot tall and will be limited, since they will be made when ordered.

"Two are already on the way here from Foley and will be put on display in the Association of Former Students lounge," Gulig said. The class is already taking orders for the mini-statues and the delivery will be after the main dedication, he said.

Gulig said Nicholas will be given a mini-statue at the dedication.

Another way Gulig said the class hopes to raise the money is through donations by seniors of their room deposits.

"Everyone has to pay a room deposit when they come to A&M in case they just pack up and leave one day while owing money on their room or if they cause damage to their room," Gulig said. "It's refundable upon graduation and we're hoping seniors will sign a release form and donate it to their class."

Gulig said the Class of 1979 did the same thing and was very successful. Forms for the donations will be available at all Class of '80s functions the remainder of the year. He said the class will probably have to take a temporary loan since they won't get the deposit money until after school is out.

Legislators don't have to know law; Some Texas lawmakers failed bar exam

United Press International
AUSTIN — It may take less of an understanding of law to write it than to interpret it, the scores of five lawmakers on the first Bar exam are any indication.

Three representatives and one former state member failed the exam; one former lawmaker, Tom Schieffer of Fort Worth, passed.

Officials of the State Board of Law Examiners said failure rate on the exam was 15 percent, of the 1,599 applicants who took a two-day test 1,350 passed.

Three of the lawmakers who failed — Rep. Leroy J. Wieting, D-Portland, and Sen. H. Whitmire, D-Houston, and former Rep. Joe Hubenak of Rosenberg — had a special provision in state law allowing certain legislators to take the Bar exam without finishing law school.

The fourth unsuccessful lawmaker, Rep. Ware, R-Fort Worth, graduated from the University of Houston law school in 1975 but said he was unable to spend sufficient time studying for the examination.

The special law passed in 1965 exempts legislators from normal schooling prerequisites for taking the test. The privilege was granted to legislators with eight years or more service if they also had a bachelor's degree or with four years of service if they attended law school for two years. No educational degree was required for any legislator with 12 years or more service.

The special privilege was partially repealed in 1973 by making the statute apply only to lawmakers who were elected before January, 1975.

Wieting, a personnel representative for Reynolds Metal Co., has been a House member for 16 years.

Schieffer had served only six years before his loss to Ware last year, but went back to law school to qualify for the special permit to take the bar exam.

Whitmire, currently a part time sales representative for a Houston oil drilling company, has served six years and attended the University of Houston law school for two years.

Hubenak was a legislator for 10 years before his unsuccessful race for state agriculture commissioner last year. He is now employed as an administrator at the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Gov. Bill Clements' veto from the state appropriations bill of a \$35,800 item intended to pay Hubenak as the commission's deputy executive director stirred the former Rosenberg accountant's interest in a law license.

"When Gov. (Dolph) Briscoe asked me to come on board here at the Animal Health Commission I turned him down twice. But when I accepted I sold my accounting practice back home and I signed a five-year noncompetitive agreement. Gov. Clements kind of put me in a spot."

Hubenak said he has stayed on at the Animal Health Commission at a \$5,000 salary but believes he might qualify for a post as legal adviser with a law license. "I believe I know quite a bit of law," Hubenak said and indicated he plans to try

his hand at the bar exam again in February.

Whitmire already has taken the test twice but also says he plans to try again in February.

Whitmire said passing the test to become a lawyer has little relation to serving as a legislator.

"I'm sure there's a lot of folks that think there's a close correlation but there's really not," Whitmire said. "When you pass that legislation it is not a multiple choice question."

Wieting said he believed his legislative experience helped him on the test and believes he knew enough law to pass, but "just probably didn't get it to them in the right lingo language."

Ware also said he plans to retake the test and will spend more time studying next time.

Ware said he was only three points short of the 75 grade needed to pass.

Hubenak said he scored 66; Wieting said his grade was 69.

Stabbing by beneficiary doesn't shake priest's faith

United Press International
DENVER — The Rev. Donald Paul Coffin, recovering from stab wounds inflicted on a beneficiary of his kindness, said the attack and earlier ones like it had not dimmed his faith.

"It did, what kind of Christian would I be?" Coffin said Saturday from his bed in

Denver General Hospital. The stab wounds sliced open his intestine and he cannot eat until the wound heals.

Coffin, the auxiliary bishop of the St. Francis Apostolic Catholic Cathedral, was wearing his black clerical robes last week while walking his dog. A man came out of the bushes and demanded his money and

rings.

"I heard the voice from behind me and was just turning to see who it was. I turned, but it was too late. The knife was already in," said Coffin, who stumbled back to the church.

Eli Chavez, 46, was arrested based on Coffin's description. The wounds required

five hours of surgery to close. Coffin said he was stabbed while working for a church in Boston and was beaten several times while in Indiana.

"They've done this to me before and it doesn't change a thing. This is my work," he said, but admitted confusion about what motivated the attack.

Iranian students on campus keep low profile during crisis

By CAROL HANCOCK
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While 60 Americans remain hostage in the American embassy in Tehran, Iranian students at Texas A&M University are keeping a relatively low profile.

The Iranian students on campus have been instructed to be inconspicuous and apparently are, said Dr. Syed Naqi, advisor to the Iranian Students Association.

Naqi said there are about 75 Iranian students on campus.

Although he has not been in touch with any of the students since last week, Naqi said he knows of no planned

protests by the students and has heard no reports of students being harassed.

"I'm hoping and trusting the local community will not harass an unfortunate group of students who have nothing to do with the situation in Iran," he said.

Naqi did not know if President Carter's order for all Iranian students to report to federal immigration services would affect any students at Texas A&M.

"I have not really looked into the students' legal status," he said. "I look at them from an adviser's point of view."

Naqi said he has been keeping in touch with Charles Hornstein, an advisor on international student affairs at Texas A&M. Hornstein has been kept posted on any ISA activities.

Hornstein said he did not foresee any problems with the students having to report to the immigration offices.

He said they are not being asked to do anything unusual. The students often have to report their present location and status, he said.

Hornstein said he has not talked to any Iranian students since last week and has not discussed the current situation with any of them.

Local anti-Iranian protest flops when organizers fail to show up

By RHONDA WATTERS
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An anti-Iranian demonstration scheduled for Saturday at the Brazos County Courthouse fell through when whoever organized it failed to show up.

The demonstration, which had been publicized on local radio station KTAM, drew a somewhat small crowd — three Texas A&M University students and two reporters.

A disc jockey at KTAM said an unidentified woman called the station Saturday morning and asked him to tell listeners the demonstration would be held at the courthouse at 4 p.m. The station made the announcement throughout the day and

even warned motorists to avoid the area because large crowds were expected.

Though several cars drove through the courthouse parking lot, only the three students and the reporters waited to see if an organizer was going to show up. They waited till 5 p.m., then left.

A woman at the Bryan police station said she drove past the courthouse about 3:45 p.m. and saw two women carrying anti-Iranian signs marching in the courthouse parking lot. She said there were no other people around other than passing motorists.

A dispatcher at the police station said the police had heard rumors about the demonstration, but did not send any patrol cars to

check on it.

According to signs on the Texas A&M campus, a student-sponsored, anti-Iranian demonstration is to take place Wednesday at 2 p.m. by Rudder Tower. It is being organized by a group calling itself Aggies Against Iran.

At a weekly news conference in Austin Friday, Gov. Bill Clements said the situation in Iran has reached crisis proportions and anti-Iranian demonstrations do not help.

"One provokes the other," he said. He also suggested that Iranians in Texas would be "best-served by being out of sight and out of mind."

Carter orders deportation of illegal Iranian aliens

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Carter Saturday ordered that all Iranian students report to the federal immigration service at once and said deportation proceedings will be started against those who are in America illegally.

The order was the toughest the White House has issued since Iranian students in Tehran took American diplomats hostage a week ago.

White House press secretary Jody Powell announced that Carter has directed Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti to take the necessary steps to commence deportation proceedings against those who have violated applicable immigration laws and regulations.

Powell said that means the Immigration and Naturalization Service — which is part of the Justice Department — "will issue a notice requiring all Iranian students to report their present location and status im-

mediately to the nearest INS office and will take additional steps to locate and identify such students to determine their status."

He said the order will be issued shortly. The National Association for Foreign Student Affairs said there are 45,239 Iranian students in the United States this year.

A White House official said a "substantial" number of the Iranian students are in the United States illegally.

A Justice Department spokesman said the president's order probably will lift a moratorium on the departure of Iranian students imposed last April because of the turmoil in Iran. He said at that time some of the students whose visas had run out had asked to remain in the United States because they feared to return home and their requests were granted.

Powell said if a student is found to be in America illegally, deportation proceedings "will be undertaken in accordance with con-

stitutional due process requirements."

It was learned that Carter acted mainly to discourage further demonstrations by Iranian students in the United States, since they have provoked violent counteractions by Americans. The president feels pictures of such violence transmitted to Iran could jeopardize the 60 to 65 American hostages being held in the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

Powell said the deportation order has been under consideration since last weekend. The embassy has been occupied by the Iranians since last Sunday.

It appeared the president decided to make the move Friday after watching TV films on Iranian demonstrations and counter demonstrations in several American cities.

The president has directed the attorney general to identify any Iranian students in the United States who are not in compliance with the terms of their entry visas,"

Powell said.

"I think there is good reason to believe that there are many students here in violation of the requirements of their visas."

Powell said several hundred Iranian students have been subject to deportation since Carter ordered last January that their visas be scrutinized. That order followed violent demonstrations against the family of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi in California.

"I think the activities past, and planned for the future here, are not in the best interest of our principle goal here (safety of the hostages)," Powell said. "Of course there is an obligation to enforce the law."

Under U.S. immigration law, a person may be deported only for violating terms of his or her visa or for committing a crime "involving moral turpitude."

Powell said the White House "carefully considered" whether the deportation proceedings might lead to retaliation in Iran

but concluded, "This step is a perfectly legal and legitimate step which might be helpful."

Aside from requiring Iranian students to report to the immigration service, immigration authorities were expected to work through colleges and universities to find those who are in the United States illegally.

Sources at the Justice Department said Friday that Civiletti earlier this week had asked U.S. attorney's offices around the country for an update "on Iranians subject to grand jury investigations and people subject to deportation."

Before Carter issued the order on deportation proceedings, he received a report from the four foreign diplomats who visited the American hostages and was told there was no sign of physical abuse.

But Powell said the diplomats who were allowed into the embassy did not get to talk with the hostages. He said there still is no immediate prospect for release of the 60 to

65 Americans. Powell also made clear that Carter continues to reject use of military force to free the hostages and has no plans to return Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi to his homeland for trial and execution as Iran is demanding.

"We are certainly pleased about the growing support for the safety of the Americans by the international community, by the United Nations, private organizations and countries around the world," Powell said. "We are also pleased by some independent access to hostages."

He said the diplomats — from France, Sweden, Algeria and Syria — "did see the hostages, but they were not able to talk to them. They did count them and their count was consistent with our count."



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Veterans Day

Today is the official recognition of Veterans Day. On this national holiday American flags, such as this one seen through the trees in front of the Academic Building at Texas A&M University, are flown in honor of all Americans who have fought in wars for their country.