

Congressman's speech canceled

A U.S. representative scheduled to speak at Texas A&M University Monday night had to cancel due to illness, said Chuck Mullins, a chairman for Political Forum.
Rep. Toby Moffet was to speak on "Energy Policy: A Liberal's Viewpoint" at 8 p.m.
Mullins said there is no rescheduling set for this semester and he was not sure whether Moffet will speak next semester.

Students' reactions mixed to Iran hostage situation

By KEITH TAYLOR

Battalion Staff
Texas A&M University has remained relatively calm while protests against Iran erupt across the state, but a demonstration on campus is planned for later this week.
Monday afternoon reaction on campus among American students seemed mixed, while one Iranian student here said a series of misunderstandings led to a "big mess" — the takeover of the U.S. embassy in Tehran and the reactions it prompted.

John Elorriaga, a junior in civil engineering, has received a permit from the Office of the Vice President for Student Services to hold a peaceful demonstration on campus Wednesday at noon.

"The protest is not against Iranians per se, but against supporters of Khomeini," Elorriaga said. "We are upset with the way Khomeini is backing the terrorists."

"We are supporting President Carter's decision to suspend oil trade with Iran. We also support the deportation of Iranians in the U.S. who knowingly demonstrate against the U.S. We support a policy to prevent this type of government terrorism. We want to show other governments that they can't blackmail the United States."

Other students' opinions of the situation are mixed, but most agree something should be done quickly.

"The Iranians should let the hostages go or kill them," said Rob Ballinger, a junior animal science major. "The PLO ought to go in. I like them. They're radicals. About the only thing Carter can do is wait and negotiate."

Stacy Wright, another animal science major, said, "If they kill the hostages, we should get the Iranians out of here. But I don't know if we can do that or not."

"There are some Iranians in my outfit," said John Davis, a sophomore building construction major in the Corps of Cadets. "I think of them as my buddies. I know they're pretty upset about this. I feel helpless. I hope nothing drastic happens."

David Scott, a sophomore in finance, said, "Carter should do something in a hurry. Some kind of arrangements should be made. I don't know what, but something quick."

"If they kill those hostages then there should be war. They don't have any business doing that to Americans."

However, one Iranian student here, who did not want to be identified, said Americans and Iranians may not be looking deep enough into the crisis.

"So many little things have come together to make a big mess," he said. "I think it is terrible. It is nonsense to take over an embassy."

The Iranian said the people in his coun-

try are angry because the United States has allowed the shah to be treated for cancer in a New York hospital. He said some do not believe the shah has cancer.

"The Iranian people are angry over 30 years of being in prison during the shah's reign," he said. He said Iranians think all Americans support the shah, but that actually only the U.S. government did.

He said another problem that led to the crisis was that the U.S. news media did not realize how strongly the Iranian people feel about Khomeini. He said the media condemned the ayatollah as a murderer because of the executions he ordered after he be-

came the head of the Iranian state.

He also said the Iranian students who took over the embassy underestimated the emotion of the American people.

"I think they thought this would make the world realize the U.S. is helping dictators — people like the shah. Now the whole world is against them."

"There is no government in Iran. It (the embassy takeover) is not Iran. It is just the people who follow Khomeini. They are kids — uneducated people."

"Khomeini is a religious man. I think he doesn't know about politics. He can be a good adviser, but not a good leader."

Iranians students here urged to report status

Iranians students having any questions about reporting to immigration authorities as ordered by President Carter should talk to Charles Hornstein in the office of the Vice President for International Affairs.

Hornstein is the immigration and employment counselor. He said the

Immigration and Naturalization Service had not yet contacted him about the presidential order, but he should hear from the agency soon.

He said any foreign students who have not reported their working and college status to him this semester should do so as soon as possible.

Iran wants U.N. to ask U.S. to return shah

United Press International
TEHRAN, Iran — Iran today called for a meeting of the U.N. Security Council and requested that U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim personally intervene to persuade the United States to return the deposed shah to Iran.

Acting Foreign Minister Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr made the request in an "open letter" to Waldheim, who already has offered to go to Iran to help resolve the deepening Iranian crisis.

Moslem students have held some 90 hostages, including 65 Americans, in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran since Nov. 4 to press their demand for the shah's extradition.

The deposed leader is undergoing cancer treatment in New York.

Bani-Sadr repeated Iran's stand that the shah "must be tried in Tehran."

Furthermore, he said, "the United States must at least accept that the shah is a criminal" and it must "return the wealth transferred to the United States by him (the shah), his family and leaders of the former regime."

The newly appointed foreign minister said, "In view of the fact that the United States government is pushing the world to the brink of war and Iran's Islamic government sees peace and security of its own (land), the region and the world in danger, (the crisis) demands convening of the Security Council."

Bani-Sadr told Waldheim, "If only the United States government accepts the basic right of a nation and compensates for

the humiliating attitude, then the problem will automatically be solved."

Waldheim met with Iranian Charge d'Affaires Jamal Shemirani at the United Nations Monday, but U.N. sources were tight-lipped about the one-hour meeting.

Meanwhile, state television chief Sadeq Qotbzadeh, a member of the Revolutionary Council, told reporters Iran would

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accept an international commission to inquire into the shah's crimes, but that the shah must be returned to Iran in any event.

Iran Monday ordered an immediate halt of oil supplies to the United States, hours after President Carter announced a ban on the import of Iranian oil in a response to the unresolved crisis at the U.S. Embassy.

Carter went on national television to

announce the boycott, which is not expected to effect oil supplies in the United States. But any longterm cutoff could drive up the price of gasoline at service station pumps.

The United States would have to make up the shortfall of oil from Iran — which supplies 10 percent of daily U.S. petroleum imports — by purchasing at least some of that oil on the spot market.

"The lives of our people in Iran are at stake. I must continue to emphasize the gravity of the situation. We must refuse to allow terrorism" to dictate U.S. policy, he said.

Being extremely careful in his language, Carter thanked angry Americans and officials in this country for using restraint in their reaction to the volatile situation until the release of the hostages can be worked out.



A horseman is born

Marty Lovelace-Chandler doesn't leave any doubt he's enjoying himself during his first ride on a horse. Marty, 8, was one of 36 local youngsters participating in this year's Special Students' Riding School. This very special school for very special students will be featured in the Focus supplement to Thursday's Battalion.

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Oldest living U.S. veteran, 107, explains age: 'I just never died'

United Press International
ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — The nation's oldest war veteran, 107-year-old Norman Hobgood, was the star at Veteran's Day ceremonies.

Asked his secret to longevity Monday, the Spanish-American War veteran simply replied, "I just never died."
Hobgood enlisted in the U.S. Army at his hometown of Madisonville, Ky., when he was 26.

He spent three months in Cuba, but they were months spent in the interior of the island near a settlement called Montanza and not with Teddy Roosevelt at San Juan Hill.

Hobgood recalled in an interview several years ago that his closest call came during a Sunday morning inspection of the American troops.

During the inspection, an American soldier on the back row was adjusting his rifle

when it went off accidentally and struck a soldier standing in the front row next to Hobgood. The soldier's leg had to be amputated and he died the following week.

After the war, Hobgood returned to Kentucky as a school teacher and then went to Arizona as a copper miner before moving to Arkansas, where he was twice elected to the state Legislature.

He tried to re-enlist for World War I, but was considered too old.

'Tail' of Two Campuses

UH mascot miffed by theft

By LOUIE ARTHUR

Battalion Staff
Pranks at intercollegiate football games are usually quite harmless and taken in good humor by both sides, but the folks at the University of Houston aren't laughing about what happened at Kyle Field Oct. 13.

Susan Fairweather, the Houston mascot who dresses in a cougar costume for the games, had more than her share of trouble that day. Not only was she bitten by Reveille, the Texas A&M University mascot, but the tail to her costume was torn off and stolen by some zealous cadets.

"It was like rubbing salt in the wound," Fairweather said. "I was about to do a handstand when the guy pushed me down. I fell face-first and he grabbed my tail and ran. We ran after him, but he got lost in the crowd."

One of the cheerleaders' megaphones was also missing after the game. The University of Houston requested the return of the missing items because they were needed for the next week's homecoming game.

But when Fairweather and Ed Watt, UH student body president, went to pick up the package at the bus station they weren't entirely pleased with its contents.

"The megaphone was okay, but it wasn't the same tail," Fairweather said.

She said the tail was so much like hers that she knew whoever made it had the real one.

"This thing they sent me was made out of a coat hanger with a T-shirt wrapped around it and a sock over all of that," Fairweather said. "I made mine with theatrical wiring and polyester filling. Theirs looked like it took them about five minutes to construct."

She said that she had to make a new tail for the homecoming game in the few days that followed and had to miss some mid-

terms because of it.

Steve Wehmeyer and Jean Mercier, freshmen in Company M-2, said they were responsible for the "borrowing" of the tail and the megaphone, but that they had returned the real tail.

"We sent it back," Wehmeyer said. "We gave it to the upperclassmen (in their outfit) when they asked us for it. We didn't mean anything by it — we just did it for a joke."

Mercier said the tail was not a fake and suggested UH is "playing some kind of game" with A&M.

"I'm not really sorry," Mercier said. "I'd really just like to forget about it. It was fun when it happened, but now everybody's mad."

"I guess I'll bring it up when I'm an upperclassman and tell my fish about the 'tail' incident."

Mercier said he had not been disciplined for his actions, but the seniors were "kind of riled" about it.

"We supposedly didn't know any better," Mercier said. "They kind of cut us some slack."

Earlier in the day, Fairweather said, she was bitten by Reveille, who was on a leash at the time. She said the bite was bad enough to break the skin.

Fairweather said the cadets handling Reveille could have controlled the dog, but they did not. She said several UH alumni called her and said they saw the incident and believed the handlers siced the dog on her.

Watt said he was "not certain at this point" what, if any, legal action the school would take.

"At the very least, we will file a complaint with the Southwest Conference," Watt said. "But we haven't ruled out legal action. We want to wait until emotions die down a little."

Watt said that he could understand

school pranks but not physical assault, and that the whole affair was "an unforgivable series of actions."

Watt said the school could have had Reveille impounded for three weeks to watch for rabies, but they realized this action would not serve any purposes.

"The actions, attitudes and reactions since the incident are what really bothered me," Watt said, "mostly the condoning attitude by Corps leaders and spirit leaders."

"We do not hold it against A&M per se," he said. "Any complaint will name individuals. I hope this does not represent the start of any continuing rivalry."

A&M Student Body President Ronnie Kapavik said he viewed the whole incident seriously and felt it shouldn't be treated as a joke.

"We have to show good sportsmanship in order to expect it from others," Kapavik said.

Both Larry Manuel, M-2 commander, and Dillard Stone, deputy corps commander, said that, to the best of their knowledge, the real tail had been returned to Houston.

Mercier and Wehmeyer said that they were also responsible for a prank in Houston that has been quite controversial lately.

Wehmeyer said that he and two other Corps members were riding around Houston in a pickup truck when they passed two members of the Rice University band, one male and one female.

Wehmeyer and another Aggie riding in the back of the truck jumped out and grabbed the denim hats off the band members' heads, he said.

"We did not touch them," Wehmeyer said. "They even waved at us when we drove off. We were not in our uniforms or in our underwear."

Wehmeyer said they had no pranks planned for the school's game.



Senior privilege

Freshmen from Corps of Cadets company F-1 give Tommy Albright, their commanding officer, a ride back to the log loading area at the Aggie Bonfire

cutting site Saturday. Freshmen must carry the logs to the loading area after the upperclassmen cut down the trees.

Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley