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Midnight yell in Kyle Field

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Perhaps it is a sign that the football stadium confusion is almost over...

Midnight yell practice will be held at Kyle Field Friday night for the first time this season.

Head yell leader Pete Greaves said extra precautions will be taken because of the construction.

Greaves said students should enter through the tunnel and the ramps on the east side (on the right as you face the tunnel). Bathrooms will also be open on the east side.

"The whole south end is going to be locked," he said. "Everyone should enter and exit at the north end."

"No one will be permitted on the second or third deck," he added, "and everyone needs to stay away from the construction."

The University Police and the "greenpots" (Corps of Cadets juniors) will handle the security Friday night.

Ken Cross, Corps sergeant major, and the person in charge of the greenpots, said he's glad yell practice will be at Kyle Field.

"It will be a lot better," Cross said. "There are only 400 juniors in the Corps. That made it hard to maintain a perimeter around the field at Duncan and around the band. It's tough for 400 to combat several thousand."

Cross said the greenpots would also protect the construction areas and keep people off the second and third decks.

"At least people won't be tripping over the logs for Bonfire," he said.

Greaves said there will be a small variation in Friday night's yell practice. It's an Aggie tradition to kiss your date when the lights are turned out after the senior story, but any kissing at this yell practice will have to be done with the lights on.

"We can't shut the lights out after the senior story," he explained. "The lights are wired with hand-wiring — it's not safe to turn them on and off."

"Everybody can just pretend we turned them off. I don't think it's going to make a lot of difference to anybody," Greaves said, laughing. "We just really want everybody to cooperate with the K.K.'s and stay away from the construction."



Battalion photos by Pat O'Malley

Ags take to sky in Marine chopper

Texas A&M University Marine Corps contract cadets and potential Marine Corps recruits were given rides on this Sikorsky CH-53 Sea Stallion throughout the day Tuesday (above). Two Aggies, Capt. W.M. Moore, '69, and Capt. Chuck Savage, '72, piloted the helicopter. Each ride lasted about 15 minutes, during which realistic flight maneuvers and landings were demonstrated, including airspeeds of 145 mph about 5 to 10 feet above the tree tops. Passengers were provided with a breathtaking aerial view of the A&M campus (left).



Hostages allowed to receive mail

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The State Department said Tuesday a communication system has been set up between U.S. hostages in the Tehran embassy and their families in the United States, using as a link the Iranian students who captured the embassy.

A State Department spokesman said that the Iran Task Force has been talking by telephone to the students inside the U.S. embassy in Tehran and that the students have now agreed to receive incoming mail from the hostages' families.

The spokesman said the students have been willing to pass some personal messages to some of the hostages from their families, and that the students offered to

pass on incoming personal mail, which will be sent through the State Department. The hostages will not be able to send mail out.

The spokesman said the students also warned that they would screen the incoming mail.

The spokesman said that the department called the embassy "just as a number of radio stations did" and set up the continuing contact with the student leaders.

U.S. officials said the telephone communications have dealt only with humanitarian issues concerning the hostages, and that no substantive negotiations about the release of the hostages have been conducted with the student leaders.

Halt of oil imports to 'take card out of Iran's hand'

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Carter's halting of oil imports from Iran is described by the White House as a move to prevent Iranians from turning oil into a lever for getting more than 60 Americans hostage. This should eliminate any thought they might have that economic pressure could be used in any way to affect our decision on

this matter of fundamental principle," said a top administration official. The same official acknowledged, however, the United States is still no closer to securing release of the hostages than it was when the embassy was seized in Tehran eleven days ago.

Looking worn and answering no questions, Carter personally announced the oil

decision before television cameras. Later, the White House provided several top-level administration officials to talk to reporters.

From their comments, and those of others, this view of White House thinking on the oil cutoff emerged:

— The halting of Iranian oil imports "takes that card out their hand" as some-

thing the Iranian students might have used in demanding extradition of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi.

— Whether the United States would be willing to resume oil imports from Iran if the hostages were freed is not certain, partly because of a White House attempt to use oil as its own lever in dealing with Iran.

— The loss of Iranian oil could result in

"substantially more" costs for Americans, but these costs could be diminished if the people conserve more.

— The loss is not likely to cause as much shortage and gasoline lines as the total shutdown of Iranian oil production caused earlier this year.

— The defiant "let's do anything" mood among the people and some politicians has

waned considerably in recent days.

Carter decided Sunday night to stop the imports, after several days of consideration.

One official said worldwide petroleum inventories are at a near high, and U.S. consumption is 8 percent less than a year ago. About 4 percent of the U.S. oil supply has come from Iran.

Attorney General publishes guidelines for Iranian students to report status

United Press International
Many Iranian students are willing to be deported in support of their government, but other Iranians are expressing fear of both growing hostility in the United States and possible retaliation in Iran against deported students who oppose the mullah Khomeini.

There have been no problems at Texas A&M University where officials have said there are about 75 Iranian students on campus in College Station. Students have indicated a protest against the hostage situation is planned today.

Officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service have been ordered by President Carter to screen Iranians to see if

they comply with federal regulations, and an Iranian student in Dallas — an opponent of the Khomeini regime — said deportation to Iran would endanger his life.

"I am scared to report to INS because I might be deported," said the student, who would not identify himself.

Iranian students who do not report to the INS within 30 days to prove they are taking 12 credit hours and meet other requirements can be deported.

At the University of Texas Austin campus, where heated anti-Iran protests were held last week, Ali Jafarzadeh, 24, a graduate engineering student, said Iranians were not hiding.

"I don't think what's going on is anything serious as far as the American people are

concerned," he said.

"Even if they deport everybody that doesn't solve anything. I guess the true end of this situation is meeting the demands of the students back in Iran, which is the return of the shah and the relationship cut between the U.S. and Iran. I'm ready to be deported."

"We will go (to the INS) because we have been told we must," said an Iranian student in San Antonio. "We will not violate the laws of the United States. Our papers are in order and we have nothing to be afraid of."

Another student said San Antonio Iranians would participate in a five-day hunger strike to protest the shah's presence in the United States.

"We love the American people but do

not agree with the government," said Mehdi Jadjian, a graduate student at St. Mary's University. "It should be a dishonor and a disgrace to the American people for the government to aid a criminal."

Abbas Bagheri, 41, a naturalized American whose two Dallas restaurants were damaged by vandals, said the brewing anti-Iranian sentiment has disturbed his family.

"I feel like I'm an American," the Esfahan, Iran, native said. "I've been here 18 years and have businesses."

"There are some emotional people in Dallas doing the wrong thing, disturbing innocent Iranian people in their homes."

Vandals wrote "Kill the Iranians" and "The place is gonna burn" on Bagheri's two luxurious restaurants.

Terminal to put out information in braille

Grad student designs computer for blind

By CAROL HANCOCK
Battalion Reporter

With the help of a Texas A&M University student, blind people may soon have easier access to computers.

Kerry Glover, a graduate student working on his doctorate in engineering, has been working on an idea to put an inexpensive computer terminal for the blind on the market.

A blind person would be able to communicate with a computer through a terminal that puts out information in braille, Glover said. Braille is a system of writing that uses various arrangements of six raised dots representing letters and numerals identified by touch.

Glover said he started working on the idea in a graduate course in engineering entrepreneurship. Teams composed of marketing and engineering students had to

take an idea through design, research and engineering phases to the market place.

Glover, teamed with two former marketing students, Susan Jenkins and David Tucker, initialized the idea of a braille computer, made a basic drawing, then did library research.

The team contacted companies and organizations across the nation to see if anything like it was available. They decided it was a fairly open market, Glover said. Although he does not have a working prototype built, Glover has a design drawn and most of the electrical details worked out.

A computer terminal, which resembles a typewriter with a video screen, transfers information back and forth through a cable connected to a master computer.

The basic component of the braille terminal would be a microcomputer inside the terminal which would receive and translate

output into braille, he said. In place of the video screen, there would be a curved trough where the raised dots would appear for the person to feel.

Since the course, Glover said, he has come across a problem he had not originally foreseen. The raised dots have to be vibrating for a blind person to be able to read them without having to move his fingers back and forth over the dots.

Glover plans to vibrate the dots to solve the problem and keep the basic structure of the terminal the same.

The major obstacle facing Glover is finding materials to use for the raised dots. He has considered using wires under a piece of rubber-type plastic, but now is looking for something smaller and more lightweight.

Glover said he has gotten tremendous response since first inquiring into the terminal's availability.



Battalion photo by Ken Herrera

Fairy tale comes to life

Suzanne Longley, playing the title role of Giselle, is about to meet Count Allbrecht, played by William Pizzuto, posing as a commoner. The ballet was presented Tuesday night in Rudder Auditorium as an Opera and Performing Arts (OPAS) production. See review, page 3.