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Town Hall still seeking after-Bonfire performer

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As wood is cut and logs are stacked on one end of the Texas A&M University campus, calls are made and fingers are crossed at the other end. In the next two weeks, the MSC Town Hall committee will put forth its last efforts to insure that the Aggie Band is not the only source of musical entertainment on campus the night of Aggie Bonfire.

College concerts this fall semester appear to be on the decline as many schools are finding fewer acts touring, according to an article in Billboard magazine's September issue.

Texas A&M is no exception, as Town Hall is feeling the crunch of this trend in its continuing search for performers to headline this year's show following Bonfire Nov. 30.

The committee received final word Wednesday that Tanya Tucker's agency had decided not to accept Town Hall's offer because the agency could not arrange other concerts in this area around the same time.

"We have decided to continue our pur-

suit of a Bonfire show until it is absolutely no longer humanly feasible to carry out the necessary preparations related to concert production," said Michelle Scudder, Town Hall chairman. She defined the "necessary preparations" as ticket printing, adequate advertising, and adequate time to sell tickets.

As of late Wednesday, no final deadline for booking an act had been set.

"We feel that it is important to the student body of Texas A&M to have a Bonfire show, and therefore it is important to the Town Hall Committee that we do everything we can possibly do," Scudder said.

"We are recalling other agencies and groups we have contacted about this date already, in hopes that there have been some new developments. We don't want people to think that we have given up."

The search for a Bonfire act began last April. A selection committee, composed of student leaders and faculty members, evaluated a Town Hall student preference survey. The selection committee then made specific recommendations to Town Hall,

which began contacting promotional agencies.

Acts considered were Tucker, Foreigner, Seals and Crofts, Ann Murray, Dan Fogelberg and The Marshall Tucker Band.

"The economic crunch has really affected the concert tour business this year," said James Randolph, Town Hall advisor. "Overall record sales are down, and the record companies are not subsidizing the tours as they have in the past."

Randolph and Scudder agreed that, without these subsidies, finding a group that can be booked for a specific date coinciding with its tour provides a major obstacle to booking performers for the Bonfire concert.

"Arranging concerts outside their touring area proves to be a financial risk that these groups are not willing to take these days," Randolph said. "And then we have groups like The Marshall Tucker Band who are coming close to Texas around Bonfire time, but they are not willing to shift dates to perform at A&M."

'Phased' release is possible

Students reject mediation

United Press International

TEHRAN, Iran — Highly placed official sources in Iran are considering the "phased" release of some of the hostages held by Moslem students at the U.S. Embassy, but the student captors Thursday rejected any government attempts to intervene in the standoff.

The sources, in the Iranian cities of Qom and Tehran, said talks for the "phased" release of some of the estimated 100 hostages were being pushed by acting Foreign Minister Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr.

But a spokesman for the students said: "We shall accept the word of Imam Khomeini, since he reflects the will of our nation and will reflect the will of our nation whenever he speaks."

The spokesman, based inside the diplomatic compound, was asked to comment on reports that some of the women and non-American hostages might be released soon through a government mediation effort to end the crisis, now in its 13th day.

"We do not agree with any such attempts," the spokesman told UPI in a telephone interview. "Our stand is the stand taken by Imam."

Women and Asian hostages were targeted for release earlier than the "white, male Americans," the sources said. There are 62 American hostages, including about half a dozen women, and about 40 non-Americans, mostly Asians.

Bani-Sadr said he would ask the student captors at the embassy to investigate the cases of the non-American hostages, mostly Asians, and release them if they were found to be "innocent."

He reiterated that the American hostages would not be set free until the shah is returned to Iran for trial.

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini summoned the ruling Islamic Revolutionary Council to Qom for a meeting on the crisis and other Iranian state matters, the official Pars News Agency said.

Outside the U.S. Embassy, hundreds of Iranians gathered Thursday in support of the Moslem students inside. Religious leaders opposed to any compromise promised a larger demonstration.

The developments followed President Carter's declaration Wednesday of a "national emergency" and his ordering the freezing of all Iranian assets in U.S. banks.

The president's action came swiftly after Iran announced it would withdraw \$12 billion in reserves from American banks. Washington said the Iranians' figure was exaggerated and the true figure was no more than \$6 billion.

Carter Monday banned the import of Iranian oil and several hours later Iran

announced a halt of its oil shipments to the United States.

A spokesman for the Revolutionary Council told Pars: "This action (Carter's freezing of assets) is a moral defeat for America and has not impressed us and will not have any effect upon us."

"By doing this, the United States wants to create an international crisis," he added.

Carter also recalled his two special envoys from Istanbul, Turkey, where they had awaited Iran's approval to come to Tehran for negotiations on freeing the hostages.

In Istanbul, U.S. envoy Ramsey Clark said Thursday before leaving for the United States, "I am returning to Washington for consultations with the State Department."

U.S. risks enraging Iran with naval maneuvers

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Carter has rejected suggestions of military intervention in Iran or blockading its oil exports — either now or later — as ways to win the release of U.S. hostages.

But he decided to take the calculated risk of enraging Iranian authorities by proceeding with previously scheduled naval maneuvers off Iran's coast in the Arabian Sea.

Officials said Thursday the administration felt it was important to exercise its right to hold exercises on the high seas as well as airborne assault practice in Texas despite the delicacy of the situation.

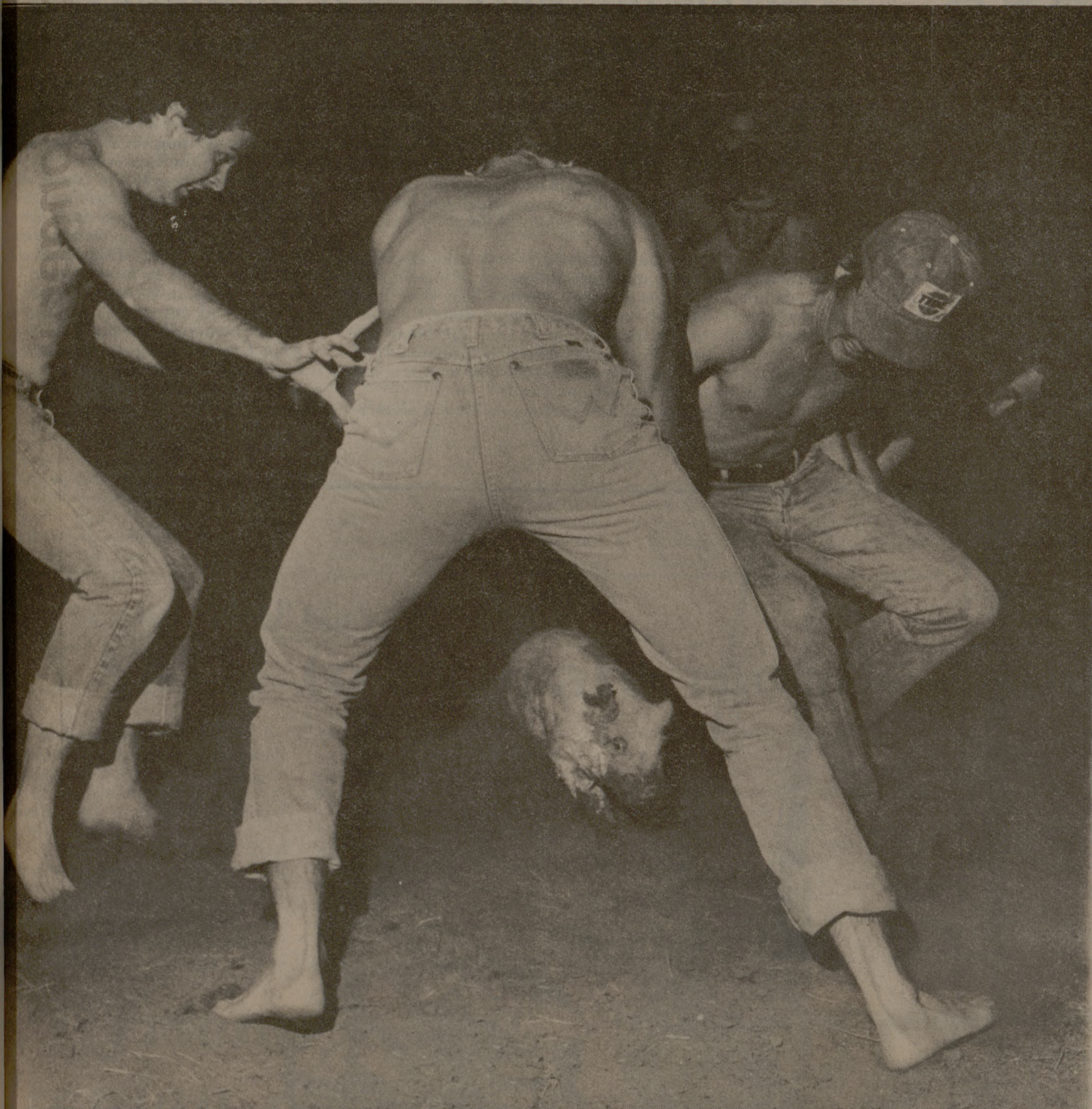
To do otherwise would have suggested weakness or lack of resolve on the part of the United States, officials said. Defense

and State Department officials were instructed to emphasize that the war games posed no threat to Iran.

White House officials, meanwhile, say the United States is not preparing military contingency plans, including a plan to blockade the Straits of Hormuz to bottle up Iranian oil exports.

A report in the Baltimore News American said Wednesday a blockade was an option under active consideration should the hostages be harmed.

Some defense officials said such a plan would infuriate America's friends in Western Europe and Japan who are heavy importers of Iranian oil and who are, presumably, quietly trying to persuade Iran to free the hostages.



"Stop that pig!" was the rule Thursday night as the MSC Recreation Committee sponsored Greased Pig Chase in the Animal Science Pavilion. The contest

was held to promote spirit before Saturday's Texas A&M-Arkansas game.

Battalion photo by Clay B. Cockrill

Oink oink here'

Aggies chase greased pigs to promote school spirit for weekend's ball game

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In an effort to promote school spirit for the upcoming Aggie-Razorback football game, 200 Ags tackled hogs of the greasy domesticated variety Thursday night when Texas A&M University's MSC Recreation Committee sponsored the fifth annual Greased Pig Chase in the Animal Science Pavilion.

Special Projects Chairman Jimmy Crawford said 50 teams of four members each paid the \$4 entry fee to match skill and sheer determination against the semi-wild and totally confused porkers.

The event went something like this: A team started at one end of the pavilion, the

unsuspecting pigs at the other. The team members ran to the pigs' end; if and when a team member captured the pig, he carried it back and forth once the length of the pavilion, passing the squealing animal among all four members of the team before depositing it safely back in its pen.

It may sound simple, but when the pigs are smeared with a pound of shortening before being turned loose, things get complicated.

A local tavern got into the spirit by donating a keg of beer to the winning team: David Miller, Chuck Kiker, Mark Hempel and Pete Dallas. The team finished the course in only 18.4 seconds, slightly less than a second in front of the second place

finishers.

A&M football was represented by two teams, including the third place team of Douner Honeycutt, Paul Pender, Dain Mahan and Temple Aday.

The other football players, who didn't fare as well, were Arlis James, Mike Mosley, Scott Hays and Tim Ward.

At the end of the evening, it was evident that everyone was in the "Beat the hell outta the hogs" mood — much to the dismay of the six little pigs who were totally exhausted.

The Recreation Committee will sponsor another spirit-boosting contest: "Sip the Hell Outta t.u.," the week before the Texas A&M-University of Texas game.

Bass-pointing duck is best fishing pal

United Press International

SPINDALE, N.C. — Fudge appeared to be an ordinary duck when Hubert and Rose Greene found him at Lake Lure two years ago, but since then the family pet has turned into Greene's best fishing buddy.

Fudge doesn't catch the fish, he merely points to their location. He is so good at this sport he has been barred from the national Bass Trail, a series of fishing tournaments.

"One day he was watching Hubert fish when suddenly he laid it (his neck) out straight and pointed towards a bush on the side of the lake," Mrs. Greene said.

Greene threw his fishing line in the water where Fudge was pointing and caught a 4-pound bass.

"Soon it became a regular thing," Mrs. Greene said. "A pattern developed. Wherever Fudge pointed, Hubert would catch a fish."

Although Fudge has never assisted Greene in a tournament, his antics have made him a celebrity at boat shows and seminars and gained him at least one television appearance. His picture is even painted on the couple's van.

"Hubert is always speaking at different bass clubs and he usually takes Fudge with him," Mrs. Greene said. "One day he got a call from Atlanta about doing a bass seminar. But they said they wanted him to go on one condition — he brought the duck."

At one boat show in Charlotte, the duck's popularity was so overwhelming one exhibitor asked if he could borrow him for awhile to draw people to his display. The Greenses, however, declined.

"One man in Charlotte offered us \$1,000 cash for him," she added. "My answer was, 'Could you sell your own child?' His final offer was \$4,000."

Green said the 2-year-old duck's fishing sense usually is accurate but he still questions his pet's reliability at times.

"We were at a lake in Florida and Hubert was fishing at the front of the boat. Fudge pointed behind the boat and held it," Mrs. Greene said. "I said 'duck's on point.'"

Greene told his wife he had already fished at the rear of the boat and it was useless to try again. Mrs. Greene said she finally convinced her husband to try fishing at the back of the boat again.

After casting his line several times, Greene netted a 12-pound bass — Fudge's largest prize.

Greene said Fudge has pointed to other fish, but the majority of his catches have been bass.

"When he sees a bass over six pounds he bobs his head up and down while his neck is outstretched and makes an excited type quack," Mrs. Greene said. "In other cases, he'll point at a fish until it's caught or we leave the area."



Battalion photo by Ken Herrera

Presidential Assistant Sarah Weddington spoke to a Rudder Forum audience Thursday night on "The Changing Status of Women."

Presidential adviser speaks here on women's role in work force

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During the last 30 years women have entered the labor force in great numbers, but by 1980, about 67 percent of all women will be working outside the home, a senior presidential advisor said in Rudder Forum Thursday night.

Sarah Weddington, speaking on "The Changing Status of Women" for the MSC Great Issues Committee, said two-thirds of working women are either heads of households, single or working because their husbands don't make enough money. The main reason many women work is the money, she said.

Weddington, chairwoman of President Carter's Interdepartmental Task Force on Women, said very few women are a part of this country's governmental power structure.

"It was only 50 years ago that we adopted a constitutional amendment allowing women to vote," she said. Since that time a lot has changed, she added. "Women are no longer an afterthought in Texas law," Weddington said.

Women should have a choice in how they want to live their lives, Weddington said. Women who want to work should be allowed to do it, and those who want to take care of households should do that, she said. Another goal for women Weddington spoke of is to

move into the mainstream of business, science, and government.

Weddington, a native Texan and former Texas legislator, said that today women earn 59 cents to every dollar a man earns. In some parts of the country secretaries receive lower pay than maintenance workers, and nurses less than plumbers, Weddington said.

She suggested that universities can help solve the problem by filtering more qualified women into non-traditional occupations such as science and engineering.

Weddington said that in the future women are likely to be working and will earn less, but because of some of the changes, they are more likely to be in elected politics. The United States is likely to be a country to put women on an equal basis with men by adopting the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution, she said.

"We are now looking at a variety of changes," Weddington said. Many companies are including maternity and paternity leave in their policies, allowing new parents to spend time at home.

Weddington said women's hopes should not be limited by stereotypes of the past; they should question why it's been that way. She suggested women care about issues of social concern, prepare themselves to perform at their best and to support each other.