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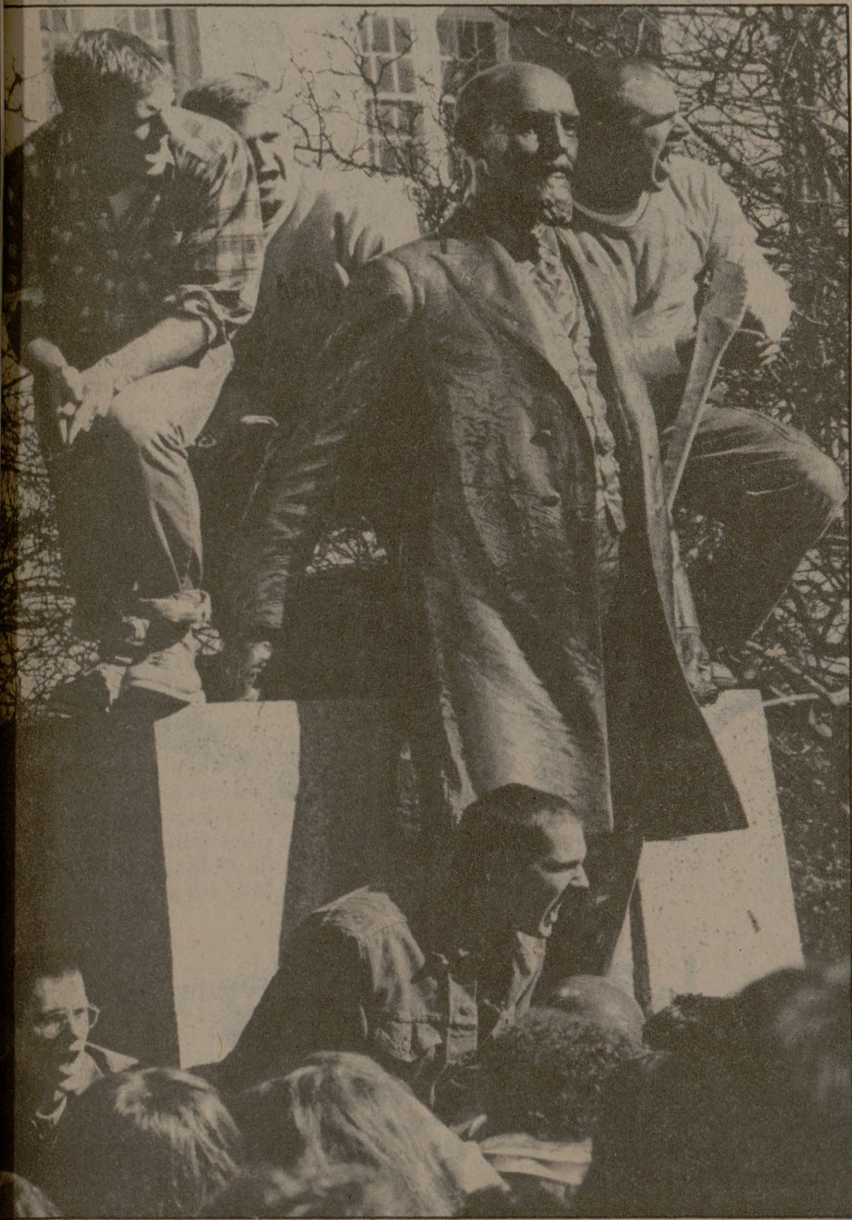
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## Immigration service to meet Iranian students next week

The Immigration and Naturalization Service will be on campus Wednesday to meet with Iranian students. INS officials will be in the International Center, Room 251 of Bizzell Hall, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students need to bring their passports and Form I-94.



### Rest in peace, elephants

Elephant Walk, a tradition for graduating seniors at Texas A&M University, began Wednesday afternoon in front of the Academic Building and ended on Duncan Intramural Field. Seniors wandered aimlessly around campus, imitating elephants looking for a place to die. Senior yell leaders (left) stand by "Sully" to lead the Class of '80 yell before the walk. Elephant walk also included a walk through a "graveyard" for the "dying elephant" seniors (right).

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

## CS police deny mutilation rumor

By RICHARD OLIVER

Battalion Staff  
Once again rumors have surfaced concerning the investigation of the killing of LeShan Muhlinghaus, and once again police have denied they are true.

An unidentified source in the district attorney's office Wednesday told The Battalion that the body of LeShan Muhlinghaus was disfigured in addition to the numerous stab wounds reported by police.

Edgar Feldman, College Station assistant police chief, said the rumor was not true.

"No, the body just had numerous stab wounds, and that's all," he said. "There was no mutilation."

The police originally reported there was a single stab wound on the body, then later reported there were two dozen.

The Battalion also was told a suspect in the case had refused to take a polygraph test, but Feldman denied this.

He said the investigation is still under way, and nothing new has surfaced.

"Our detectives have had meetings with the University police to compare notes,"

he said. "We're still checking out leads."

Feldman would not say whether any connection had been found between the Muhlinghaus murder and a murder investigation in Amarillo.

A police officer, who preferred to remain anonymous, said the investigation had turned up many suspects, but he would not confirm or deny any of the rumors reported to The Battalion.

The officer said all information was part of the investigative process, and any release of information would be detrimental.

"There are just a whole lot of people involved in this," he said. "The news media already know more than we want them to know. By letting the media know anything, we're letting the murderer know everything we know."

The officer also said he thought the media had made a mistake by printing the composite sketch of the murderer.

"They (the media) don't realize just how important this is," he said. "By printing the sketch, the murderer can change his appearance in any way to do what he wants."

## Woman injures one in Kennedy's office

WASHINGTON — An incoherent woman armed with a hunting knife burst into Sen. Edward Kennedy's reception office Wednesday and slightly wounded a Secret Service agent before she was subdued and arrested.

The Democratic presidential candidate from Massachusetts was in his private office at the time of the incident, which occurred in an outer reception room.

The woman, identified as Susan Osgood, 38, of Boston, was arrested by Kennedy's Secret Service detail and Capitol Police after she entered the small reception room, let out a loud yell and was asked to leave.

Instead, she brandished a 6-inch hunting knife and scuffled with agents, who took it away.

Agent Joseph Meusburger, 26, received a nick on the hand in the scuffle, but returned to work after receiving first aid at the scene. He is a member of Kennedy's protection team — one is assigned to each presidential candidate.

"It was fine. The Secret Service handled it," Kennedy was quoted by aide Rick Burke. Burke said Kennedy did not see the woman.

The woman was scheduled for arraignment in federal court later in the day.

"She didn't get anywhere near the senator," said Melody Miller, a spokeswoman for the Kennedy campaign. "We have no idea what she wanted to see the senator about. No one could understand what she was saying."

"She was incoherent and the agent tried to take care of the situation. The Secret Service asked her to leave," said Miller.

"It was then she pulled the knife."

"Most of the people are people who just need to be listened to," said Miller, who served for 11 years as a receptionist for Kennedy. She is now a Kennedy campaign press assistant.

Miller's successor, Mary Ann Mikulich, and another woman aide reacted swiftly when the attack occurred, according to a plan arranged for such an emergency.

"The two of us went to lock the other doors (in the suite)," said the Secret Service agent sitting at her left wrestled the assailant to the floor.

Kennedy, campaigning later in the day in Mason City, Iowa, commended the Secret Service for the manner in which they handled the incident.

Since Kennedy began publicly talking of a presidential campaign, Secret Service agents have guarded him around the clock.

### Students call council 'Carter's loudspeaker'

## Iran plans boycott of U.N. meeting

United Press International  
TEHRAN, Iran — Moslem militant students holding 49 American hostages said Wednesday Iran would boycott the "satellite" United Nations Security Council meeting on the embassy crisis.

The students' declaration, broadcast by the state radio, appeared designed to influence the government decision on whether to send Acting Foreign Minister Abolhasan Bani-Sadr to the meeting in New York.

Reports from New York said Bani-Sadr will arrive at the United Nations Saturday after a countrywide referendum on Iran's new Islamic constitution and Shiite morning ceremonies. The Security Council meeting was postponed until at least Saturday night.

"What is the Security Council? Is it anything except Carter's own loudspeaker?" the students' declaration said.

It said the Islamic Revolutionary Council "of course will not send any representative to the so-called American Security Council, which is ridiculing our revolution."

In another move Wednesday, the official Pars news agency said the Iranian government has converted all its dollar-denominated letters of credit into major European and Asian currencies.

Morteza Movahedizadeh, head of the State Trading Company, said the letters of credit had been converted into British pounds, West German marks and the Japanese yen. He also said "there is no need for alarm" about Iran's food reserves

in the wake of the current Iran-American crisis.

U.S. Congressman George Hansen, R-Idaho, left Tehran Wednesday after a controversial week-long visit. Before boarding a British Airways flight for London, Hansen told reporters he hoped to set in motion the process for the release of the hostages.

Officials in Washington, from the White House to Congress, criticized Hansen's unofficial mission, saying it blocked U.S. diplomatic efforts to free the Americans. Hansen, who spoke with the militants holding the hostages, has angrily accused U.S. officials of covering up their "tragic decision" to admit the shah into the United States.

In Washington Tuesday, Carter said the treatment of the Americans was reprehensible and "a disgrace to everyone who believes in civilization."

Khomeini, in a statement Tuesday from his headquarters in Qom, a city whose airspace was declared off-limits to all commercial airliners, said the hostages, whose "act of espionage has been proven to the Iranian nation," would be put on trial as spies, but he did not specify when.

## Carter says 'grave consequences' will result if hostages are harmed

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — A grim President Carter has sent Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini an unmistakable message: Let my people go — or else.

Carter, the burdens of power written in the lines on his brow, said he spends every waking hour worrying about the American hostages in Iran. He stopped short of setting a deadline or revealing his military options lest he spark reprisals.

In an opening statement televised nationally Wednesday night the president named of "the grave consequences which will result if harm comes to any of the hostages."

Carter indicated he considers the hostages already harmed — at least psychologi-

cally — by their "inhuman and degrading" treatment in Tehran.

The president made an indirect threat of military action as a last resort by saying "a peaceful solution is preferable" to the other remedies available to the United States.

But he repeatedly refused to explain exactly what options would be considered if a peaceful solution does not come about.

Carter said America's patience is being sorely tested but "it would not be an even or even advisable for me to set a deadline about when or if I would take certain action in the future."

He described the embassy takeover as an "unprecedented and unique occurrence," not a sign of "any sort of cold war with Islamic countries."

Carter declined to comment on former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's criticism of his Iranian policies, and denied reports Kissinger had influenced Carter to allow the shah to come to New York to receive medical attention.

Carter also said he did not regret his decision to allow the shah to enter the U.S. and would not pressure the shah to leave.

He only managed one light note during the news conference — in response to a question about whether the United States intends to let more Iranian students into the country.

"It's very difficult for an Iranian student to get a visa at the American Embassy in Tehran now," he replied with a faint smile.

## Professor studies ancient fecal remains to learn prehistoric man's eating habits

By MARJORIE McLAUGHLIN  
Battalion Reporter  
An anthropology professor at Texas A&M University is unraveling the mysteries of prehistoric man's diet using very unusual research material. He examines ancient fecal remains called coprolites.

"With coprolite research, we can get an accurate picture of the precise foods that prehistoric man ate," said Dr. Vaughn M. Bryant Jr. in a Wednesday night speech sponsored by the Faculty Lecture Series.

Coprolite analysis is painstaking work, Bryant said. It often takes three years to complete testing on 100 samples.

The first step in the analysis process is to determine chemically whether the samples

are human or animal, Bryant said. The samples are then prepared for analysis.

"It is smelly work," Bryant said. "My first lab was in the condemned part of the geology building."

Bryant uses electron-scanning and light microscopes to analyze the samples. Pollen grains and fibers found in the samples show what types of plants were eaten by early man.

Bryant said that a wide range of animal materials found in the coprolites, such as fish scales, animal hairs and bones, are used to identify the types of animals eaten.

His research has shown that prehistoric man had a primarily high fiber, low fat and salt diet.

Even the individual's health can be determined by examining the coprolites, which often contain the eggs of parasites that plagued early man, he said.

Although his research reveals facts about man in the past, Bryant said this information can also aid man today.

"We don't have to go back to the cave to profit from this information," he said.

Bryant said that over 80 million people in the United States are overweight and that statistics show that six out of 10 major diseases are caused by dietary problems.

"If we adopt some of the criteria of prehistoric man's diet, we would lose weight and feel healthier," Bryant said.

## Bonfire stack on schedule

By CYNTHIA THOMAS

Battalion Reporter  
The rise of the 1979 Aggie Bonfire has been a slow and steady process, but no slower than usual, redpots said. Redpots are students who coordinate the building of Bonfire.

Sterling Price, head civilian redpot, said the stack is about as far along as it usually is at this time of Bonfire week. The stack will probably be about the same size as last year's, he said.

Redpot Arthur Wolfskill said that the 60-foot center pole went up in October and that they have been

working on the stack for almost a month.

"We have two different shifts that work at night," Price said, "one from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and the other from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m., each with about 300 people." Price said very few people work during the day.

"We like to have people to come out at all times during the day so we can run all the time, but they don't come out very often," Wolfskill said. He said when shifts do work during the day, there are few people on them.

"We'll be working on it right up until it burns," Wolfskill said. "The last thing we'll do is put the out house on, fuel it and then burn it."

Price said that no matter how far along Bonfire is, it will be lit at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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Bonfire redpots attach the top cross-member, which will support logs on the 60-foot Bonfire stack. The fire will be ignited at 7:30 p.m. Friday.