## **Contact** reported

### **United Press International**

HREVEPORT, La. — The crew a Pan American World Airways eceived emergency radiotrans-ions last week from the doomed e carrying Louisiana State Unisity football coach Robert "Bo" The Shreveport Times reted today.

the Times quoted a spokesman the Federal Aviation Administrain Fort Worth, Texas, as saying nearby Pan Am flight reported weak radio contact on an airemergency frequency with the na Conquest turboprop carry-Rein and pilot Lewis Benscot-

the plane wandered 1,500 miles course without explanation and shed in the Atlantic Ocean off inia as Air Force chase pilots

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day night. resenting A&M will be Randy a 17-6 pole vaulter; Leslie r, a 48.2 runner in the 400 ers and Jimmy Howard, a 7-3 h jumper. Curtis Dickey, a l-class springer, will be in the eter dash but will be competn an unattached basis, pending pletion of a make-up in a fall s before becoming eligible to esent A&M. Coach Ted Nelson accompany the group. The highlights of the meet will be

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The nature of the bizarre crash has led to official speculation that, Rein and the pilot blacked out from a lack of oxygen due to their high altitude and the plane flew east on autopilot until it ran out of fuel and crashed.

The report of the Pan Am radio contact with the Cessna was the first indication Benscotter or Rein knew plane

contact the Cessna. Its last radio contact with Fort Worth traffic con-The plane was at 29,600 feet at trol was at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, when Benscotter was given and acknowledged a new altitude assign-

#### lers tried unsuccessfully to contact the plane when they observed it climbing above its assigned altitude.

At the controllers' request, the Pan Am flight tried to call the Cessna on normal frequencies at 9:42 p.m. but received no response, Burlage said. Just after 9:45 p.m., the Pan Am crew reported contact on an emergency frequency with the plane, which was supposed to something was wrong in the light return to regular frequencies. Four minutes later, just before

9:49 p.m., the Pan Am crewmen Burlage said FAA controllers again reported they could still hear asked the Pan Am jet to attempt to weak transmissions from the Cessna

the time, nearly 5,000 feet above its assigned altitude A Pan Am spokesman said the

ment. Eight minutes later, control-crew members were out of the country and no report on the incident was filed with Pan Am operations officials. Brad Dunbar, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety

Board in Washington, said an NTSB investigator would compile records of the accident but the study would probably take a long time. "We investigate 4,500 civil air ac-Cindy Bartlett: 60-yard dash, 60-

cidents a year but very few are as yard hurdles, 300-yard dash. Sandra bizarre or as difficult as this one, Brown: 880 and mile. Jan Chesbro: Dunbar said.

Aggie football stars Curtis Dickey and Jacob Green were honored by participation in the Shrine East-West game over the holidays. Green was named "Defensive Player of the Game" in that one then ventured to Japan to play in the Japan Bowl. Dickey is training for 60-yard dash competition at the indoor track meets to be held in Philadelphia on Jan. 18 and Madi-son Square Garden on Jan. 19. Head football coach Tom Wilson has awarded 60 letters for the 1979 season. Forty of those earning them will be in uniform come spring train-

ing which opens March 25. The annual football banquet is scheduled for March 22 and the speaker will be A&M grad Jack Parlee. All Aggie basketball games are carried on the A&M basketball network. Participating stations are KTAM, Bryan; KSIX, Corpus Christi; WFAA, Dallas; KPRC, Houston; KMAC, San Antonio; KIVY, Crockett; KTSM, El Paso; KIUN, Pecos. The A&M track team will forego the Drake Relays this year to enter the Florida State In-vitational at Tallahassee. The meet is set for the weekend of 26 April

and included will be teams from Alabama, Florida, Tennessee and Auburn. A&M will host the SWC baseball tournament the weekend of May 16-17

Aggies Dave Elmendorf and Pat Thomas will have Aggies (at least a few) pulling for the Los Angeles Rams come Saturday's Super Bowl. The Thomas-Lynn Śwann matchup has been billed as the best in Pro FB this year.

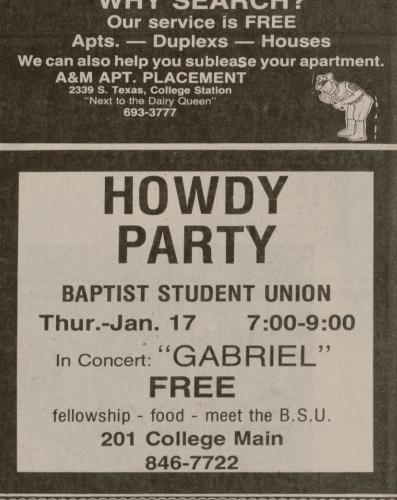
The women's basketball team plays at Sam Houston State University tonight in hopes of upping their record to 9-7. They return for a Saturday evening date with North Texas State at G. Rollie White. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Non-conference football opponents for 1980 are Ole Miss, Geor gia and Penn State. A&M's 1955 SWC championship baseball team will be honored between games on April 25 when the Aggies host Rice in a SWC doubleheader. Although the Aggies were rained out of 13 home games last year, this year it shouldn't happen. A&M has purchased a 160 square foot maroon tarpaulin to cover the infield.

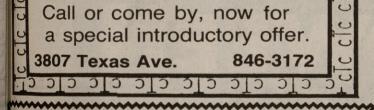


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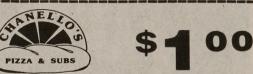
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