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## Brian Hill, 3 others, quit posts

Texas A&M University senior yell leader Brian Hill has resigned his position as commander of the First Regiment in the Corps of Cadets. The three other seniors on the staff, including head yell leader Pete Leves, who was Hill's executive officer, resigned with him.

The resignations were handed in last week. Corps Commander Bill Dugat said some controversy erupted over Hill at the end of last semester when some of his subordinate commanders expressed discontent over their working relationship with Hill. They said they could not work well with Hill, and after discussing it with them in a meeting, Hill decided to resign.

Dugat said he did not think Hill's performance as a commander was bad either academically or militarily.

Hill had no comment on the matter, other than to say that it was a personal matter.

Tim Ferree and Kevin Udell, Hill's two battalion commanders, also would not comment. No one would specify what the specific problems were in working with Hill.

Ken McGuire, a Navy scholarship cadet from Houston, is the new regiment commander. McGuire was the Operations Officer on Corps Staff last semester.

## Gold prices begin to fall

LONDON — Gold opened today at \$825 an ounce on Zurich exchanges, down \$15 from Friday's close, and a record \$840 in London, up \$5. The dollar closed marginally up on most European exchanges.

Following Friday's panic spree of gold buying, speculators eased back somewhat. Market sources said no new international developments occurred during the weekend to influence today's session.

In Hong Kong, gold closed at \$827 an ounce in steady trading.

In Zurich, dealers said there was no special reason for the downward opening, with some profit taking and a quiet market. After opening, however, the metal started to rise steadily to the \$840 mark.

The dollar opened up on all markets but Frankfurt and London. In Frankfurt, it opened at 1.728 marks to the dollar against Friday's close of 1.732, and in London at 2.29 to the pound against \$2.2825 Friday.

## Olympic tug-of-war gives plenty of rocko-socko action

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — It isn't come equipped with the glamour of the Super Bowl, this tug-of-war over the Olympics.

Hordes of media did not surround the Olympic Committee on Boulder Street this week with the same zeal that they gathered around Joe Greene or Lynn Swann in Los Angeles.

But the continuing fight over the Olympics could well provide more drama, more action and intrigue than the Steelers and Oilers could ever have hoped to produce Sunday.

In the days to come, President Carter may order American athletes to stay away from the Moscow Olympics. The athletes and their official sponsor, the U.S.O.C., say they tell Carter they are going anyway.

Whatever happens, the people who run the American Olympic movement feel that nothing other than the entire future of the Olympics is at stake during the next few weeks.

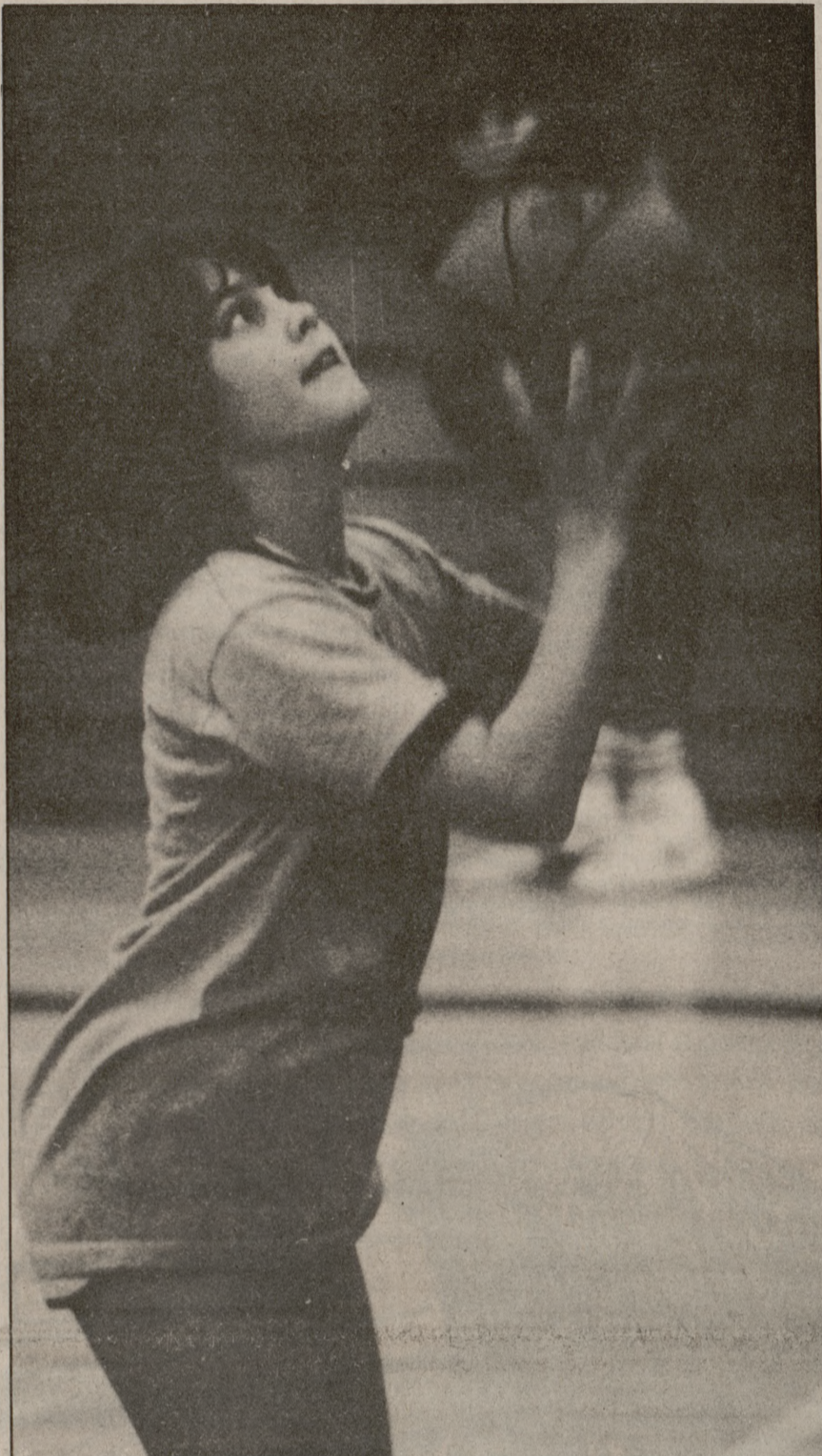
If the Olympics are, indeed, on the verge of going down the drain, the man trying to save them is a resolute, granite-faced gentleman who looks as if he spent a career in the Army. Which he did.

"I spent 27 years serving and protecting my country," said F. Don Miller, executive director of the U.S.O.C., "and now people are calling me anti-American."

On one side there is Miller, U.S.O.C. president Robert Kane, a multi-million dollar entrepreneur devoted to amateur sport and thousands of hours a month working toward the goal of representing their nation, and themselves, in the quadrennial extravaganza.

On the other side is President Carter, wanting to punish the Soviet Union for its invasion of Afghanistan and viewing American involvement in the Olympics as a potential weapon.

It's a heavyweight struggle. And even though it might be somewhat dramatic to say that if the Olympics are to be preserved, Miller and Kane are the ones who



Shooting for seats

Photo by Terry Roche

One of several students from local public schools takes aim during the Basketball Shoot-Out sponsored by the Evening Optimists Club of Bryan-College Station. The winners will get to sit on the Aggie bench during the basketball game against Rice on Feb. 9. See related story, page 3.

## Carter continues attack on Soviet movements

WASHINGTON — Saying the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan is like an arrow aimed at the world's oil supplies, President Carter has warned Kremlin leaders that they have "seriously misjudged" U.S. temper and resolve.

Carter was at Camp David today, in the mountains of western Maryland, where aides said he was drafting his State of the Union address to be delivered before a joint session of Congress Wednesday night. The address will stress an emerging "Carter doctrine," which reflects a hardened public policy toward the Kremlin because of the Soviet invasion.

"The Soviets have seriously misjudged our own nation's strength and resolve and unity and determination," the president said Sunday, in a glimpse of what he will say to Congress and the nation. Carter also said if the Soviets do not withdraw from Afghanistan within a month, U.S. athletes

should not participate in the summer Olympics in Moscow.

"Times change and circumstances change," Carter said on NBC's "Meet the Press" program. "I am still committed to peace, but peace through strength." The Soviet Union "cannot invade an innocent country with impunity," Carter said, vowing that the Russians will "suffer the consequences" of their incursion into Afghanistan.

He said Afghanistan had served as a buffer "between the Soviet Union and Iran and the world's oil supplies," and that Soviet actions "have now become kind of an arrow aiming at those crucial strategic regions of the world."

"So this is a major departure by the Soviet Union from their previous actions," Carter said.

"There is a threat to a vital area of the world... where our interests and those of

our allies are deeply embedded," he said. Carter said the administration also has been looking into establishing new facilities for U.S. military personnel in the northern Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf region. The president lacks authority to order a boycott of the Olympics, but U.S. Olympic Committee officials have promised to poll potential team members about a possible boycott.

Carter sent a lengthy letter to U.S. Olympic Committee President Robert Kane Sunday and said a boycott "is necessary to secure the peace of the world at this critical time."

The president said he was not optimistic that the 50 Americans being held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran will soon be freed.

"I can't predict the early end of that situation," he said. "The concern that I feel about the hostages today is just as great as it was a month ago or two months ago," he said.

## Congress changes focus from home to overseas

WASHINGTON — The Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan has changed the immediate emphasis of the 96th Congress from politically potent domestic issues to foreign and military affairs.

When Congress recessed in December, the new session promised lots of politics with much talk on energy, the economy and taxes.

Now, when the 96th begins its second session Tuesday, such issues as military aid to Pakistan and increased spending for new weapons may receive more attention than some usually important domestic issues.

With congressional deliberation on SALT II postponed, plans already are under way in Congress for a searching look at U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf and

southwest Asia, an area that has never received much attention in the Senate and House.

Hearings are set to begin almost immediately after Congress convenes on foreign policy and military aspects of the new situation. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and military leaders have been summoned to Capitol Hill.

Major increases in spending for new weaponry — highly unpopular in Congress since the Vietnam war — are certain to have a better chance now.

Congress could well vote for a supersonic bomber such as the previously rejected D-1, or a more advanced model, and go for a rapid deployment force and order more ships, with less concern for cost than any time in the past 15 years.

A push for renewal of the draft, or possibly for draft registration, should get stronger.

Congress also may become more receptive to military aid for Pakistan, which was cut off because of that country's refusal to abide by the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, and Turkey, which until last year was denied arms aid because of its adventures on Cyprus.

International events also will affect domestic debates.

Agriculture committees in the House and Senate plan immediate hearings on Carter's embargo of grain shipments to the Soviet Union. In addition, there may emerge a major debate on whether a grain embargo is an acceptable and workable sanction in an Afghanistan-type situation.

## Renting New law makes landlords do repairs

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Does a puddle form in the middle of your bedroom floor every time it rains? Do roaches rule in your kitchen? Does your hot morning shower leave you cold?

If you rent your property, then you are in luck. The Warrant of Habitability made effective in September by the Texas legislature assures tenants that conditions like these must be repaired by the landlord of the property.

Jeff Bartow, a spokesman for the Texas Tenants Union, said the law covers any problem that may affect the "health and safety" of an individual. Areas covered by this are leaking roofs, insects, rodents, plumbing, wiring, lack of heating and lack of hot water.

The tenant must give a written notice to the landlord that the repairs need to be made. He must not be late in rent payment at the time of the notice.

If the repairs are not made after a reasonable period of time, one of two steps can be taken. Bartow said "reasonable period of time is determined for each individual case on the basis of how urgently the repairs are needed."

The tenant should then turn in another written notice stating the two options — termination of the lease if the repairs are not made in seven days or bringing suit in county court.

The court may order the landlord to repair the premises or reduce rent. The tenant may be awarded damages in the amount of one month's rent, plus \$100, actual damages and attorney's fees.

The Warrant of Habitability also

provides for protection from retaliation by the landlord. He may not evict the tenant or decrease any services for six months from the date of the first repair notice, unless there is a breach of lease by the tenant.

The law does not automatically exempt the tenant from paying rent if repairs are

made. If rent is not paid, the landlord has reason to evict the tenant for non-payment. Tenants are urged to continue to pay rent and use the remedies provided by law to get conditions repaired.

Bartow said that a written lease is not required to enforce the law.

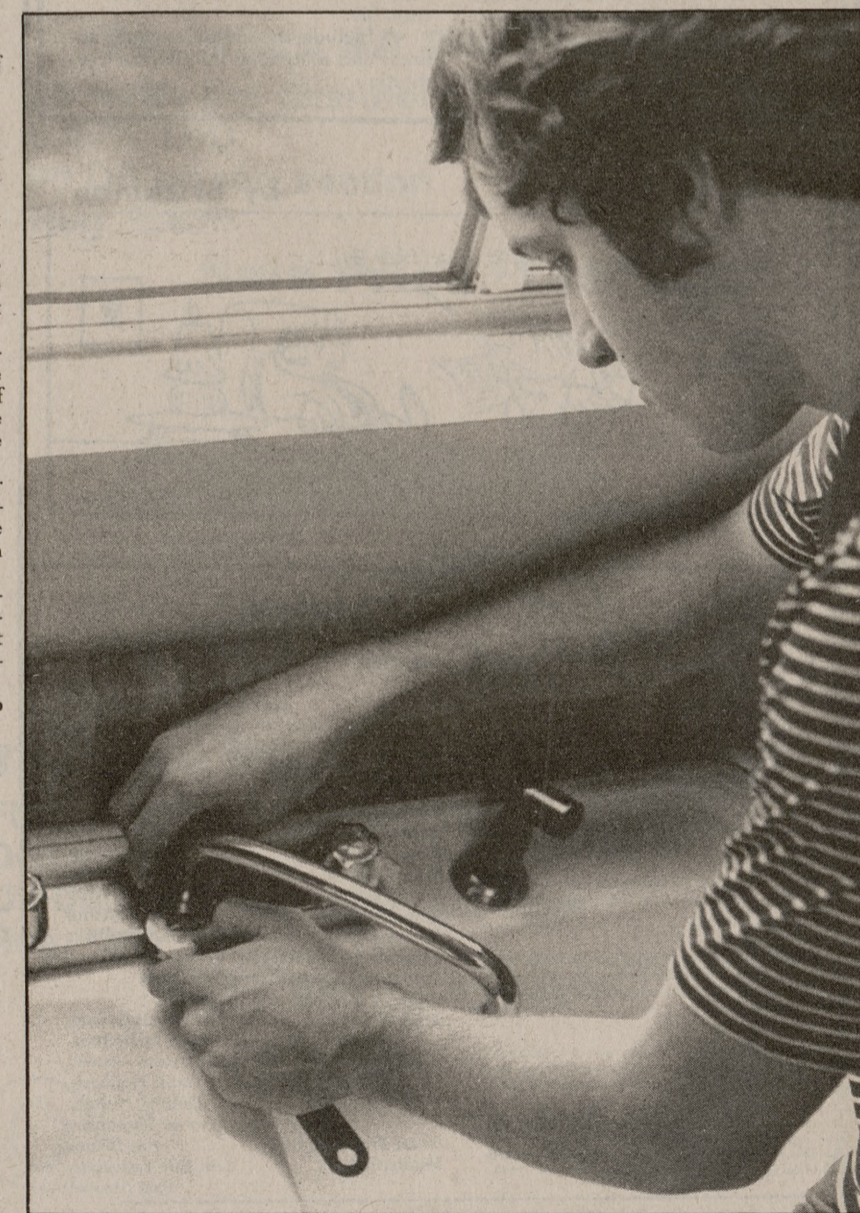


photo by Lynn Blanco

By law, the landlord is responsible for repairs, not the tenant.

## The almanac

Today is Monday, Jan. 21, the 21st day of 1980 with 345 to follow.

The moon is moving into its first quarter. The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Mercury and Venus.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Aquarius.

Civil War Gen. Thomas Jonathan Jackson — a Southern Confederate commander known as "Stonewall Jackson" — was born Jan. 21, 1824.

On this day in history:

In 1861, Jefferson Davis resigned from the United States Senate, 12 days before Mississippi seceded from the Union.

In 1954, the world's first atomic-powered submarine, the "Nautilus" was

launched at Groton, Conn.

In 1977, President Carter pardoned American draft evaders and ordered a case-by-case study of deserters.

A thought for the day: President Harry Truman said, "A president cannot always be popular."

Tickets for the men's and women's basketball games Tuesday night at C. Rollie White will go on sale Tuesday at 5 p.m. The women take on Sam Houston at 5:30 p.m. and the men will play Arkansas at 8:00 p.m. Students with all-sports passes will be admitted at the door after showing the pass. Tickets are \$1.00 for students and \$2.00 for non-students.

Funeral services for former Texas A&M football coach Dana X. Bible will be held today in Austin. Bible, 88, died Saturday. Please see related story, page 10.