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he was visiting. Another man in the house, Albino Vena, 66, escaped with a minor in-jury to his forehead.

A few miles to the west of Round Rock at rural Lund, in northwest Travis County, three people were injured when a twister cut a swath 2-3 miles long and 11/2 miles wide. None of the three was injured se-

riously, officials said.

Collier said he watched the tornado take the roof from a Round Rock plant nursery, auto supply building and a feedstore, and then hit the house where Ortega was killed.

in all different directions," the police chief said. "I kept watching it and if it came down

in a funnel, I was going to notify everyone.
"Just about that time, it took the top off
Murphy's Nursery, and by the time I got on the radio, it was across town.

Officials said the twister that hit Lund from the southwest did extensive property

"We counted 32 houses that were pretty heavily damaged before it got too dark to count," said Dale Owen, president of the

Travis County Emergency Unit. Travis County Sheriff Raymond Frank said he estimated damage would be high even though the tornado had hit in a rural

"I would think we're looking at \$1 million plus in damage, but it's hard to assess it all," Frank said. "There was one residence where it did about \$200,000 damage."

Frank said the storm caused an estimated \$200,000 damage to outbuildings and the home on the Fred Lundgren farm, where winds destroyed an implement shed containing tractors and \$20,000 worth of

"They opened the windows and that's what saved the house," the sheriff said.

He said the family left home before the storm hit and, "When they came back,

their dog and a stray dog were in the house, In another part of the community, the twister picked up a large, white church and moved it about 6 feet so the steps led up to the corner of the building. One home was ripped from its foundation, leaving behind only a door-less refrigerator on a concrete

Funnel clouds also were reported in Lee, Hopkins, Wood and Morris counties,

but no damage or injuries were reported. Scattered thunderstorms, some severe, were located from southwest of Waco to east of Dallas. Golf ball-size hail was reported in southeast Dallas County, Burnet, Briggs, Florence, Lampasas and near Pittsburg, Texas. Hail up to the size of base-balls was reported in the line of thunder-storms from Lufkin to Austin to Waco.



#### House warming

Brad Burgess, Jim Kaufman and Frank Jones (l-r) joined other residents of McInnis Hall in protesting the high temperatures in their rooms. indays Heaters in their rooms were running Monday and the students couldn't

turn them off. So the residents of the men's dormitory moved onto the

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United Press International
The United States severed diplomatic
ations with Iran to retaliate for the holdof the 50 American hostages in Iran and

ned other tougher steps would be taken ess the 157-day-old crisis was quickly Tehran, the Revolutionary Council

two emergency meetings to discuss sanctions ordered Monday by Presi-

ehran Radio said the council met late

the purpose of fighting the decisions of the American government.

The radio, monitored by the BBC in London, did not say what the council decided and only reported Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr attended, forcing him to cancel a visit to Khuzestan province.

Carter announced the sanctions hours after Ayatollah Ruholleh Khomeini ruled the hostages would remain in the custody of the militants holding the U.S. Embassy in Tehran until the captives' fate was decided by new parliament, which may not meet until midsummer following runoff elec-

In abandoning hope a conciliatory, diplomatic approach could diffuse the crisis, the president warned: "Other actions may become necessary if these steps do not produce the prompt release of the hostages.

Carter made no mention of military force, but the government has said such action has not been ruled out.

Carter had been set to announce a series

of sanctions last week but held off when Bani-Sadr appeared to be working out an arrangement to have the hostages transferred to the custody of the Revolutionary

But in-fighting between Bani-Sadr and the council's religious faction severely damaged the chances of a transfer and Khomeini's statement Monday finally put the question to rest.

Sen. George McGovern, who ran for president in 1972 as a liberal, anti-(Continued on page 8)

### University library

False alarm empties

By BECKY SWANSON

City Staff
The Sterling C. Evans Library on the
Texas A&M University campus was evacuated for 30 minutes Monday night after a fire alarm was pulled, but firefighters found no signs of fire or smoke

Over 2,500 students and faculty were left standing on the mall in front of the entrance for about 30 minutes after the building was ordered evacuated at 8:30 p.m. when one of the hand-operated alarms was activated. Library workers said the evacuation was

the third since the alarm system was activated, and many students did not leave the library after the evacuation was ordered.

James Hough, a student library worker,

described the evacuation as "apathetic." Hough said, "No one really cares. People are used to them being set off when nothing

really happened."
Two College Station fire trucks were sent to the library, a fire department spokesman

Several library workers expressed concern that the false alarms were causing students to become apathetic and uncon-

cerned when the alarms sound. "It's just like the ones in the dorms," one student said, "they go off so much that everyone just says, 'turn off that stupid alarm,' and no one thinks about leaving the

A library clerk who asked not to be identified said, "It really is an interruption to

He said many of the students on the fourth and fifth floors did not leave when the building was being evacuated.

"One of these days there's really going to be a fire and all those people that are up-stairs will get wiped out." Nan Dubbelde, a library assistant, said

the alarm had gone off at least three times in the past. She said she was upset that anyone would set off the alarm as a prank.

"It's really unfair because one of these times it's not going to be just a joke," Dubbelde said. The building has to be evacuated each time the alarm goes off, and the fire department must give clearance before anyone is

allowed back in the building. "You just cannot take a chance with people's lives," Dubbelde said. "The people

who work here are responsible.

Another problem faced by the library is

that the system to detect books that have not been checked out must be shut down during an emergency evacuation, and many students leave through fire exits in other parts of the building, making it possible for library materials to be stolen.

'Most of the students are honest and put their books on the check-out desk on their way out, but it is a great possibility that books can be stolen during the evacuation,"

a librarian said. Hough said, "If someone wants to play a prank or steal a book, all they have to do is

#### Runoff election today

The polls open today from 9 to 6 p.m. for the run-off election of four Texas A&M Uni-

versity student body positions. Brad Smith will face Rip Van Winkle for

student body president and Bubba Correa and Gary Branch vie for Class of '82 president. Also to be decided are two Class of '83 positions. Mike Plank and Dale Whitaker

Ackles and Diana Horadam are running for secretary-treasurer.

Polls are at the Memorial Student Center, the Commons, the Corps Guard Room, Zachry Engineering Center, the Kleberg Center, the Veterinary Medical Administration building, at the Rudder bus stop and between Harrington Center and

#### CS murder still without any suspects

By RICHARD OLIVER Staff Writer The murder investigation surround-

the stabbing death of LaShan uhlinghaus has now reached its sixth onth, but so far College Station police e still without a suspect. Although police in Amarillo have

en a 17-year-old man into custody in nnection with a "similar" stabbing nurder, College Station Assistant lice Chief Edgar Feldman said there no connection between the two mur-

Sarah Donn Lawrence was brutally abbed to death Oct. 26 in her Amarillo me, and police there say they have ested a "likely" suspect.

Feldman said the College Station olice department spoke to Amarillo olice officials last Wednesday, but no Veight real comparisons were found.

DeWar "They did talk to them (Amarillo ndoor hypolice) last week," he said. "But there's

DeWare not any connection between the two ASC Lammurders. I don't expect anything will come out of it.

Muhlinghaus, 20, was found stabbed to death Oct. 20 of last year in her Travis House apartment. She was stabbed over wo dozen times. The murder touched several rumors and increased prower calls in the area, but these have sub-

The murder investigation has turned nothing.

"It's frustrating as hell," Feldman said. "We have investigated several angles, but nothing's turning up. There ave been a few murders similar to this, and if we see that it looks like it could possibly be him (the Muhlinghaus mur-

inually run into dead ends. Feldman said the investigators will imply keep alert for clues.

erer), we look into it. We just con-

#### Official tells Iran what it is

United Press International WASHINGTON — A State Department official says he did not curse or insult Iranian Embassy officials, but merely told them in a forthright, folksy manner that one of their statements was animal manure.

Iranian Charge d'Affaires Ali Agah and Hossein Lavassani, a counselor at the Iranian Embassy, were summoned to the State Department Monday to be told they were being expelled from the United Agah stormed out of the department and

angrily told reporters the head of the de-partment's Iranian Task Force, Henry Precht, cursed them and treated them "disrespectfully."

"This is the third time they are disre-

specting and using bad language against one of my brothers who is coming with me," Agah said, referring to Lavassani.
"I'm not going to stay here," he added.

When told of Agah's allegations, Precht

said, "That is not true.
"We had a conversation. He advanced various propositions. He thought a number of the hostages would prefer to stay in Iran after the crisis is over, that the United States is an oppressive country, and that we

stole funds from Iran," Precht said.
"I reminded him (Agah) that he had sent
a note in which he had himself said the Iranian government assumed responsibility for the protection of the hostages.

Lavassani then said the hostages were under adequate protection.

### "I responded to him, in a businesslike and probably not a very diplomatic way —

#### Aggie Blood Drive starts with a fizzle

By TIM SAGER

Campus Staff
The spring semester Aggie Blood Drive kicked off yesterday with the usual low Monday turnout. By 6 p.m., fewer than 150 persons had given blood.

The Drive, conducted by Alpha Phi Omega (APO), Omega Phi Alpha (OPA), and Student Government, usually collects over 3,000 pints of blood, each donor giving one pint. The blood is taken by workers from Wadley Blood Bank of Dallas. In exchange for the blood, Wadley makes free blood available to the families of all A&M students in any hospital in the United

"If there is an abundance in our account, we can even cover friends," said Daniel Poland, a member of APO and chairman of this semester's Drive. "We've never de-

nied a request."

The blood is used by Wadley for a number of purposes, including research and the production of interferon, a chemical extracted from the blood's white cells, which is now being studied as an anti-cancer

Periodically A&M donates blood credits from its account to research projects on such diseases as hemophilia and leukemia.

The Blood Drive will continue through Thursday in MSC 212 from noon to 9 p.m., and at the mobile blood bank by Sbisa from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those giving blood may sign a logbook indicating a campus organization with which they are affiliated. Loupot has donated six kegs of beer to be given to the organizations whose members give the most blood.

The Blood Drive committee is also giving away rulers and "safety pumpers" to those who donate blood.

The safety pumpers are small plastic gizmos that attach to gasoline pump handles and lock them in the "on" position.

Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health, and may not be receiving certain types of medication.

Anyone wanting more information about donating or acceptability as a donor may call the Student Government office at 845-

#### Gramm critical of Carter

By LOUIE ARTHUR

City Editor Congressman Phil Gramm had harsh words of criticism for President Carter and former Congressman Olin "Tiger" Teague during a press conference in the Brazos Center Monday morning.

"Carter completely mishandled the Iran situation," he said. "I was ready to

impose sanctions 153 days ago."
Gramm said he was at the White
House when the crisis broke, but Carter did not follow his suggestion to impose an economic quarantine on Iran using a

"We needed to put pressure on them to negotiate with us," he said. "We should have told them we would kill them if our people were harmed. It would have been an act of war. Gramm said he had not heard about

plomats, but did comment: "I'm willing to support his sanctions, if he has any, but I'm not terribly excited about new Gramm also sharply criticized Teague's handling of the Millican Dam

My predecessor played political football with this project for 20 years, being for it here, and against it in Washington," he said.

Gramm said he has asked the Army Corps of Engineers to complete a cost benefit study on the project. He said he would oppose the project if the study

showed it would not pay for itself. He said that after the study was finished he would "look at it in terms of yield to the taxpayers, the cost of use and the benefits." He said he would also consider the "local impact.

Gramm was also asked what he thought of Carter's decision to boycott the Olympics.

"I was one of fifteen in Congress who voted no," he said. "I thought it was stupid. We should have kicked the Russians out of the winter games. This just hurts us and not them.

Gramm said he would not vote to re-

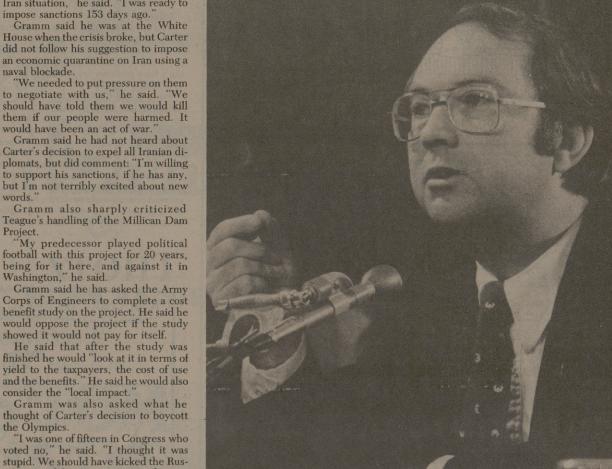
verse the decision because "we said we weren't going to go and we ought not

He would not say which presidential candidate could have handled the situa-

'The President has made a lot of mis-

takes. I don't know if others would have," he said. "It was a very foolish mistake and a tragedy for some of the best people in our country.

Gramm's press conference followed a "town hall" style meeting held Monday



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