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Tornadoes and hail batter central Texas

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One man was killed and four other people were injured when twisters snaked from a storm system as it moved across central Texas, battering some areas with ball-size hail.

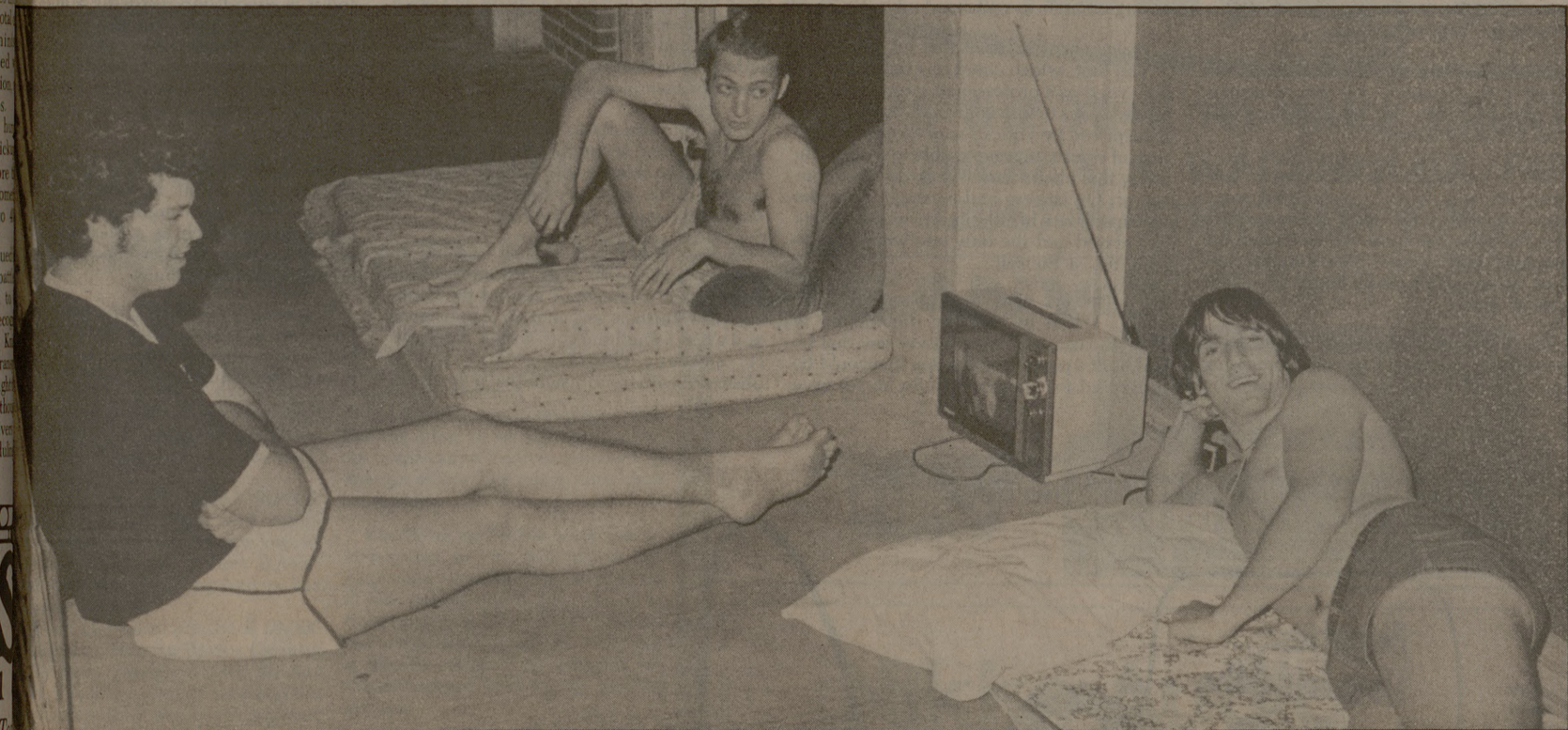
he was visiting. Another man in the house, Albino Vena, 66, escaped with a minor injury to his forehead.

"At first it was just clouds boiling, going 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."

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 area.

containing tractors and \$20,000 worth of seeds.
"They opened the windows and that's what saved the house," the sheriff said.

only a door-less refrigerator on a concrete foundation.
Funnel clouds also were reported in Lee, Hopkins, Wood and Morris counties, but no damage or injuries were reported.



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. 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 catwalks.

Photo by Dave Einsel

Carter severs relations with Iran

United Press International
The United States severed diplomatic relations with Iran to retaliate for the holding of the 50 American hostages in Iran and ordered other tougher steps would be taken less the 157-day-old crisis was quickly ended.

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.

by new parliament, which may not meet until midsummer following runoff elections.
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."

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 Council.
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.

Runoff election today
The polls open today from 9 to 6 p.m. for the run-off election of four Texas A&M University 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 are running for vice president, and Sherry

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 Evans Library.

CS murder still without any suspects

By RICHARD OLIVER
Staff Writer
The murder investigation surrounding the stabbing death of LaShan Muhlenghaus has now reached its sixth month, but so far College Station police are still without a suspect.
Although police in Amarillo have taken a 17-year-old man into custody in connection with a "similar" stabbing murder, College Station Assistant Police Chief Edgar Feldman said there is no connection between the two murders.
Sarah Donn Lawrence was brutally stabbed to death Oct. 26 in her Amarillo home, and police there say they have arrested a "likely" suspect.
Feldman said the College Station police department spoke to Amarillo police officials last Wednesday, but no real comparisons were found.
"They did talk to them (Amarillo police) last week," he said. "But there's not any connection between the two murders. I don't expect anything will come out of it."
Muhlenghaus, 20, was found stabbed to death Oct. 20 of last year in her Travis House apartment. She was stabbed over two dozen times. The murder touched off several rumors and increased prowler calls in the area, but these have subsided.
The murder investigation has turned up nothing.
"It's frustrating as hell," Feldman said. "We have investigated several angles, but nothing's turning up. There have been a few murders similar to this, and if we see that it looks like it could possibly be him (the Muhlenghaus murderer), we look into it. We just continually run into dead ends."
Feldman said the investigators will simply keep alert for clues.

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 States.
Agah stormed out of the department and angrily told reporters the head of the department's Iranian Task Force, Henry Precht, cursed them and treated them "disrespectfully."
"This is the third time they are disrespecting 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 — bullshit."

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 States.
"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 denied 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 agent.

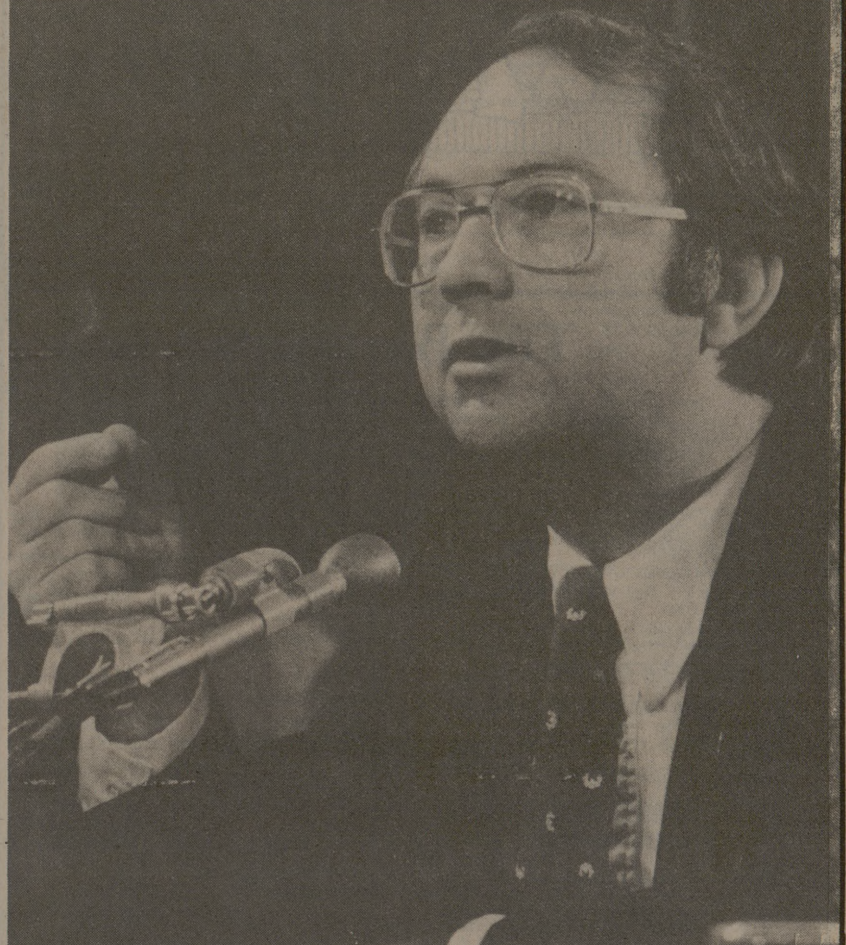
Periodically A&M donates blood credits from its account to research projects on such diseases as hemophilia and leukemia.
The Blood Drive will continue through Thursday in MSC 212 from noon to 9 p.m., and at the mobile blood bank by Sbis from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those giving blood may sign a logbook indicating 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 845-3051.

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 naval blockade.
"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 Carter's decision to expel all Iranian diplomats, but did comment: "I'm willing to support his sanctions, if he has any, but I'm not terribly excited about new words."
Gramm also sharply criticized Teague's handling of the Millican Dam Project.
"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 go."
He would not say which presidential candidate could have handled the situation better.
"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 morning.



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