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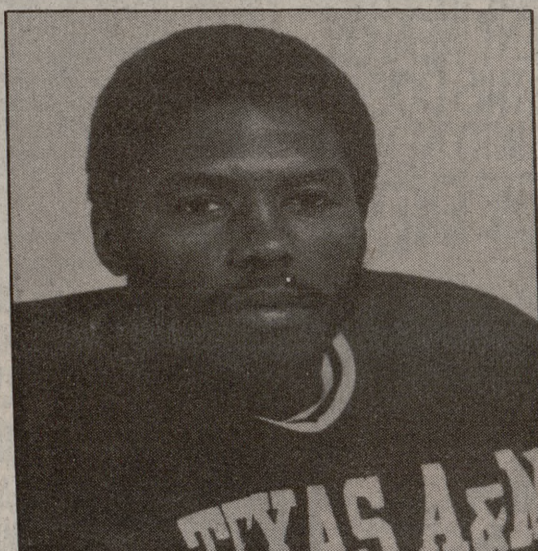
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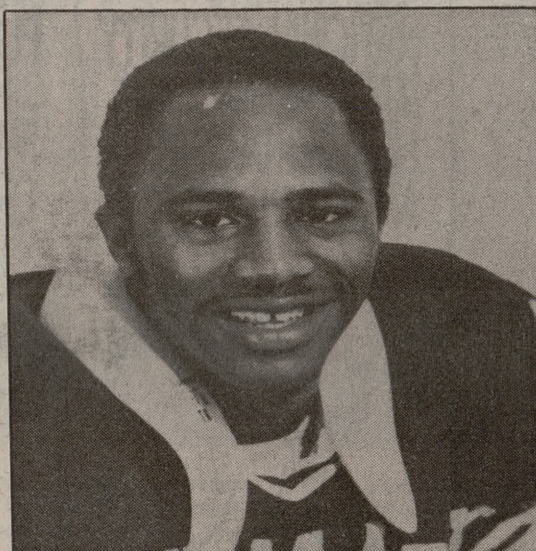
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# Wilson suspends three football players

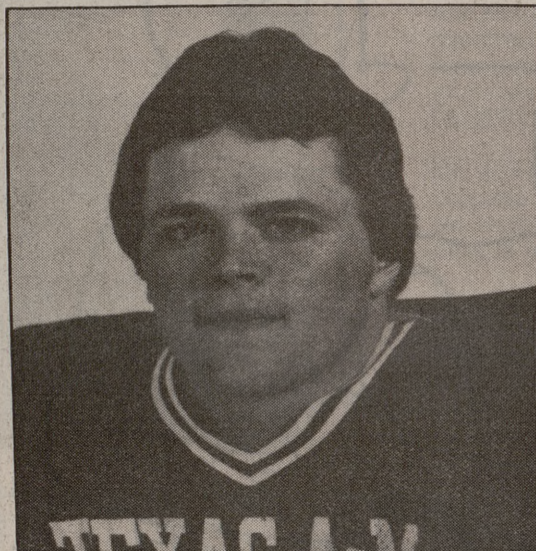
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Elroy Steen



Darrell Adams



Cal Peveto

Three Texas A&M University football players dismissed from the team after Athletic Department officials conducted a search for drugs in the athletic dormitory say they have hired attorneys and plan to seek reinstatement.

The players are defensive backs Elroy Steen and Darrell Adams, and linebacker Cal Peveto. Sources close to the team hinted that more dismissals may be coming, perhaps today.

No charges have been filed against the players. Under University regulations they have a right to appeal any disciplinary action.

The series of events that led to the dismissals began when University police towed away Steen's car because of excessive traffic tickets. A search of the car turned up what police and Athletic Department officials described as a "roach clip" and a controlled substance.

Other cars and several rooms in Cain Hall, the athletic dormitory, subsequently were searched. Talk about a possible drug problem among football players apparently had preceded the searches and dismissals.

"We suspected it, yes," said one Athletic Department official who asked not to be quoted by name. "We suspected it (at the beginning of the season), and it became obvious now."

The source said the room search was made after checking with the Department of Student Affairs on the legality of the action.

"It was our doing," he said. "As soon as we found anything, we turned it over to the Department of Student Affairs."

Other players are "under suspicion" of possessing drugs, the official said.

"We've got a problem, obviously," he said. "We found things in several rooms. The coaches could well be watching the game films that something was wrong. Three guys tried to tackle a player, and couldn't do it. I mean, we recruited those and guys did know what they can do."

The three dismissed players said Wednesday

they felt team officials designed the searches in an attempt to find an "excuse" for the Aggies' poor showing this season.

"They've trumped up the charges," Peveto said. "They only searched the rooms they wanted to search," said Steen. "All I want to hear is that I'm back on the team."

One player, not involved in the action, termed the events a ploy by Wilson to "save his skin."

After defeating Mississippi 23-20 in the opening game of the season, the Aggies were demolished 42-0 by Georgia, and defeated 25-9 by Penn State.

One player said the team is behind Wilson's actions.

"I don't know if they went through everyone's room," he said. "I don't mind them going through my stuff. They're trying to clean it up; they're putting their foot down and cutting some people no matter who it is."

He said he thought the rooms were searched randomly.

"That (drug use) may have contributed to our losses," he said. "You can't look back now and say 'if.' Now that things are going bad, he (Wilson) can do these things he knows he needs to be doing anyway. Everybody I've talked to on the team is behind him. Of course, those guys who are under suspicion are going to be upset."

Team members and coaches had been aware of drug use by team members, the player said.

"Definitely I knew," he said. "I knew, the coaches knew. That's why they're doing this. I knew it and they knew it."

Another Athletic Department official reported the department has a list of players who are under watch, and said the department sponsored the searches of the rooms to "clean it up."

With three players dismissed, the possibility of other dismissals is probable, he said.

Associate Athletic Director Wally Goff stressed his feelings that the discipline was necessary.

"We're sorry this type of thing has happened," he

said. "It's for the sake of the team, the coaches, the University, the former students and especially the student body. I think they're (the players) representing all of us, and if this kind of stuff is allegedly going on, it's up to us to stop it."

Athletic Department sources said the drug found in Peveto's room was a "Black Molly," or an amphetamine pill. Cain Hall dorm supervisor Leroy Sutherland made the room search, the source said.

"Yeah, it (the amphetamine) was there," Peveto said. "I wasn't going to take it until I was on my way home Friday."

Ron Blatchley, director of student affairs, noted University rules and regulations state that a University staff member may enter a dorm room when he has "reasonable cause to believe that a violation of University regulations or housing policies is occurring."

Blatchley added that he acted merely as a consultant to the team, not as a participant in the search.

He said the Athletic Department sent the alleged controlled substances to the student affairs office for inspection immediately upon their discovery.

Wilson received a report from student affairs Wednesday at 8 a.m., stating that drugs found in two of the searched rooms were illegal.

Adams denies that a substance found in his room was illegal, saying that it was a drug prescribed for his heart by the team doctor.

No University or legal action has been taken against the three, Blatchley said.

"This is strictly a University thing," he said. "In effect, they're notified in writing of an alleged offense. The person then has three school days to set up an appointment for a hearing with our office. Then, it's a matter of the student telling his side of the story. All the information is out on the table. We don't do any type of charging at all."

The three dismissed players said they have hired lawyers to represent them, and Peveto said his lawyer said the searches and dismissals could not stand up.

Blatchley disagrees.

"Attorneys are often not familiar with University regulations," he said. "Federal courts don't hold universities under the same rules as everything else."

He added that if outside forces had searched the rooms, they would have needed search warrants.

"I just have something against people looking around in other people's rooms," Adams said.

One coach confirmed the sequence of events surrounding the dismissals, and said the actions are probably "the best thing that has ever happened to this team."

Steen, a 6-2, 197-pound free safety, is a three-year letterman from Gonzales. Peveto, 6-2, 220 pounds, is a senior two-year letterman from Vidor. Adams, a sophomore cornerback from Houston, is a 5-10, 174-pound one-year letterman.

Steen is a regular starter for the Aggie defense. Peveto started at linebacker prior to a knee injury in the Georgia game; he was scheduled to start the Texas Tech game Oct. 4.

Asked if the three players would be allowed back on the team if they were cleared, one athletic official said, "Hell, no."

# U.S. workers missing in Iran blast

## Student senate OKs budget

By NANCY ANDERSEN  
Battalion Staff

The Texas A&M student senate Wednesday approved the 1980-81 Student Government budget and unanimously approved a bill to commend Dr. Jarvis E. Miller, former president of Texas A&M University.

The \$37,120 budget was allocated in the following way: administrative \$21,730; executive branch \$10,190; speaker of the senate \$1,810; external affairs committee \$1,785; student services committee \$750; rules and regulations committee \$250; academic affairs committee \$380 and finance committee \$225.

The budget is only 0.5 percent higher than the 1979-80 budget, and it is funded by a \$32,000 student service fee allocation and profits from Student Government refrigerator rentals.

In legislative action, the senate voted to express on behalf of the student body its "deepest and most profound regret concerning the removal of President Miller, commend and express our sincerest appreciation to him for his leadership and outstanding efforts for the University, and wish him the best in all his future endeavors."

Miller will be invited to a regular meeting for presentation of a plaque, the bill said.

The senate also approved the following appointments: Muster Chairman Thad Jarrett, Parents' Day Chairman Mike Bonin and Executive Assistant Larry Warnock.

Judicial Board appointments were also approved. They are graduates John Hardin and Maureen Kerrigan; seniors Mike Smiley and Amy Amstutz; juniors Lance Wright and GERALYN Bednarz; and sophomores Robert Mayfield and Jeff Royce.

J-Board duties include deciding questions concerning constitutional interpretation, legislation and elections.

The senate also heard two bills on first reading: documentation of an academic minor, and row indication of Texas A&M

parking lots. Bills on first reading cannot be acted on unless placed on emergency.

The first bill would require the registrar's office to record a student's minor on his official transcript. Currently there is no documentation if the minor is outside a student's major field of study, said Phil Hannah, senior liberal arts senator and bill sponsor.

Hannah is also sponsoring the second bill, which would recommend that the University Police put row indicators in nine of the larger parking lots. Hannah said students parking their cars for extended time periods have problems finding their cars.

## Deadline for announcements on Friday

The deadline for ordering announcements for December graduation ceremonies is 4 p.m. Friday. Students who plan to graduate at the end of this term may order announcements in 217 MSC.

## Titan vent refused

WASHINGTON — The Air Force accepted a contractor's urging to "do nothing" immediately to bleed off fuel fumes from the damaged Titan missile that blew up in Arkansas during the weekend, Air Force Secretary Hans Mark disclosed Wednesday.

Testifying before the House Armed Services Committee, Mark strenuously defended the safety record of the 17-year-old missiles and said the 52 remaining Titans remain essential to the nation's defense.

"The accident is unrelated to the age or state of this missile" Mark said. "The accident could have happened on the first day after deployment."

"The Titan system is required. It carries one-third of the destructive power we have and there is no near-term replacement."

But Mark startled committee members when he disclosed the Air Force Emergency team had differed with the Martin Co. over how to deal with the serious fuel leak caused by a falling wrench at the Titan silo in Damascus Ark. The Air Force team recommended "venting" fuel fumes into the atmosphere to avoid the buildup of a spontaneously combustible mixture of gaseous fuel and air in a confined space.

The missile contractor urged nothing be done immediately in the hopes the situation would stabilize by itself Mark said.

"The hazards control team" recommended we vent the tank. This means to open it and let fuel escape," Mark explained.

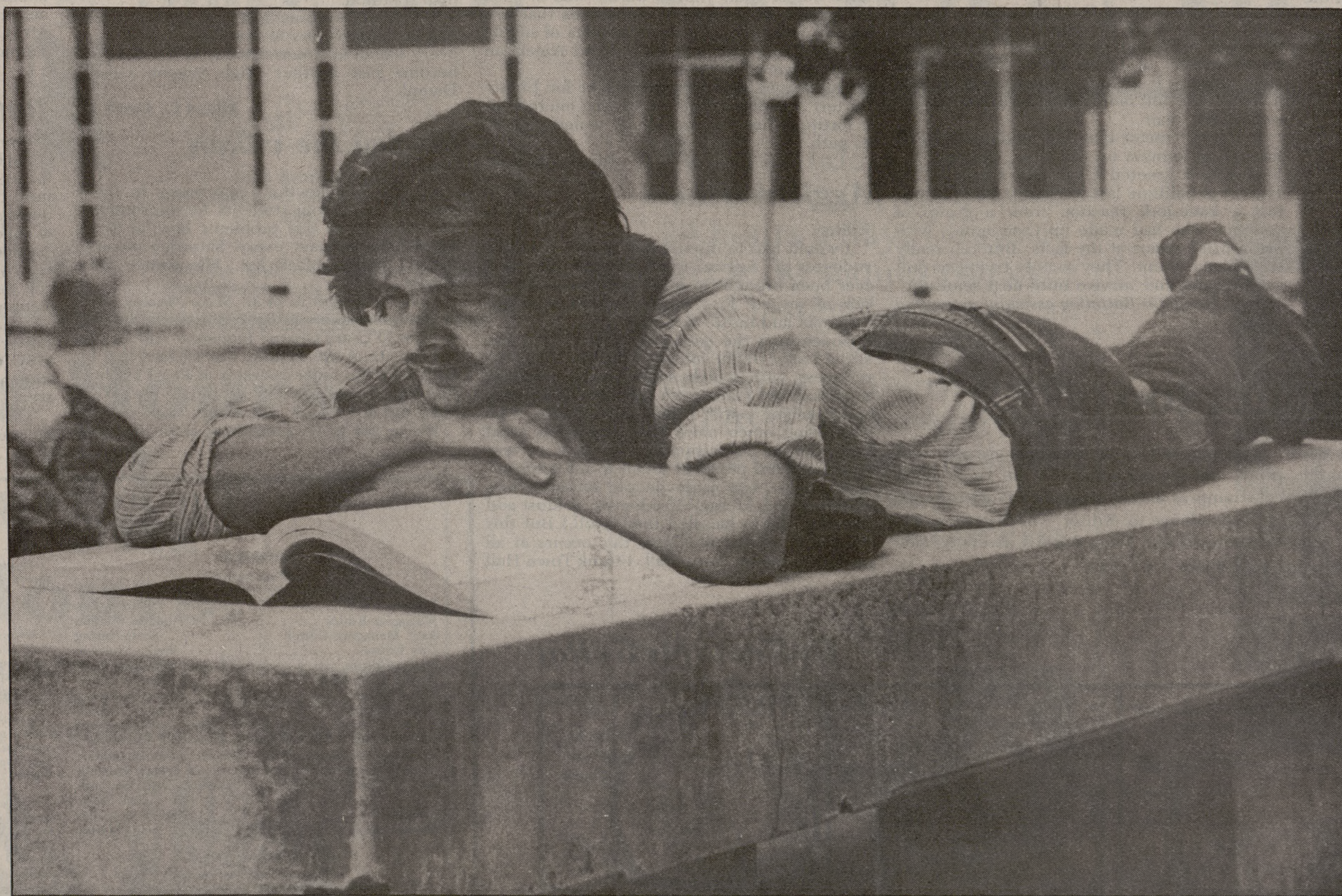
"For reasons we don't understand, the contractor the Martin Co. disagreed with that recommendation."

"Their recommendation was to do nothing and let it stabilize. That was done."

The decision to accept the contractor's recommendation was taken at Strategic Air Command headquarters in Omaha, Neb. hundreds of miles from the scene.

Rep. Jim Lloyd D-Calif. commented, "I'd have to say that was a bum recommendation coming out of that contractor."

Mark avoided placing the blame directly. He said it is still unclear whether it was technically feasible to bleed off the fumes as urged.



Relaxed studying

Kelley Yancey, a senior from Ft. Worth, studies in the quiet area surrounding the Biological Sciences Building.

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