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Reagan: into Capitol swing, but won't discuss cabinet

WASHINGTON — Ronald Reagan, promised a six-month "honeymoon" by the Democratic opposition, lunched with Republican members of Congress for a victory lunch, then pays a call on Chief Justice Warren Burger.

The president-elect, meantime, insisted he has not yet received Cabinet recommendations from his close coterie of California businessmen advisers and will not be discussing possible choices until he has the lists of top candidates to mull over.

He declined comment on press speculation Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, may be named secretary of defense. Tower, who is in line to be chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, has not ruled out taking the post if it offered, and has discussed it with the transition committee.

Spending a few days in Washington before heading

back to California for the Thanksgiving holiday, Reagan will lunch today with Senate and House members and dine later with GOP senators and their wives.

Accompanied by Vice President-elect George Bush, Reagan plunged into a round of visits Tuesday with Republican and Democratic leaders and happily found the loyal opposition ready to join in bipartisan cooperation — for a period at least.

Rep. Thomas O'Neill, the House's Democratic speaker, called his meeting with Reagan "excellent," and promised a "six months' honeymoon" from criticism, and to work with the president-elect to improve the economy.

"I like him," said O'Neill after his first meeting with Reagan.

But he cautioned Reagan his previous experience as governor of California was "minor league."

"This is the big leagues," O'Neill said, repeating his comment for reporters. "I think he was a little surprised I

said that."

Reagan has shied away from tipping his hand on future administration policy, but under questioning Tuesday he made it clear he favored the anti-busing rider on an appropriations bill approved by both houses of Congress, and would sign it if he were president.

President Carter is being urged by Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti and black civil rights leaders to veto the measure.

Tuesday night, Reagan hosted a dinner at the F Street Club, for area political and civic leaders including District of Columbia Mayor Marion Barry, and Govs. Harry Hughes of Maryland and John Dalton of Virginia.

"Simply, what we tried to do was have a dinner for representative people of Washington, D.C., as a city, to let them know that we're not only coming here as an officeholder on sort of detached service, but that we intended to be members of the community," Reagan said.

Tehran says conditions minimum

United Press International
A senior member of Iran's hostage commission, raising the possibility Tehran will make additional demands of the United States, said the release of the 52 captive Americans might still be a long way off.

Ali Novari, governor of Iran's central bank and a hostage commission member, said Sioux Falls, S.D. radio station KXRB within three days the group might complete its study of the U.S. response to Iran's terms for releasing the hostages, now in their 382nd day of captivity.

"If the U.S. government abides to the conditions that have been set forth by the Iranian parliament, then there is a good possibility of the release of the hostages," Novari said in Tehran in a telephone interview.

But many Iranian officials believe the conditions are a "bare minimum," Novari said. "If the U.S. government does not abide to them, then there would be another offer for extremism."

Iran's four conditions for the hostages' release are a pledge of non-interference in Iranian affairs — which the United States said is not a problem, and three demands involving complicated legal questions. Iran wants the late shah's wealth returned, Iran's assets in the United States frozen and all financial claims against Iran dropped.

The Washington Post reported today the position for the release of the hostages now lies with Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajavi, not with the Majlis, the Iranian parliament.

Quoting sources in Washington and Tehran, the Post said it appears there will be neither immediate rejection or acceptance of the American response to the Iranian demands, but further negotiations.

Novari, a confidant of President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, said it is unclear how much the U.S. government "wants to concede" to free the hostages.

Silver Taps bill up for vote

By NANCY ANDERSEN
Battalion Staff

All campus facilities may close from 10 to 11 p.m. on Tuesdays when Silver Taps is held if the student senate passes the Silver Taps Enhancement bill today.

Tracy Cox, vice president for finance and sponsor of the bill, said the facilities which are open during Silver Taps can disrupt the ceremony.

Cox also sponsored the Campus Beautification Bill which also will be voted on. This bill would recommend that appropriate action be taken to clean up the rut paths created by continuous pedestrian traffic. These paths degrade the beauty of the campus, Cox said, and the bill would recommend cleaning up two paths by the Fish Pond and one behind Zachry Engineering Center.

The senate will also hear three bills and a constitutional amendment on first reading. Unless placed on emergency, no action will be taken on these.

The "Is There a Doctor in the House Bill" would recommend increasing the student service fee of \$33.50 by \$3.75 effective Fall 1981. Bill sponsor Janet Golub said, "The A.P. Buettel Health Center is severely understaffed, with six doctors seeing between 400 and 500 patients per day. As a result of this staffing problem, students are required to wait in lines for two to three hours in order to see a doctor."

The written bill reads: "The quality of health care is substandard as a result of doctors rushing patients in and out in order to see everyone as quickly as possible. The cost per student to hire each additional doctor would be approximately 75 cents, and by hiring an additional five doctors, the operation of the health

center would be greatly facilitated, resulting in less waiting and better care at a cost of only \$3.75 per student per semester."

The Bibliotèque Bill would recommend changing the library hours to 8 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and 12 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Sunday, with the reserve room open for studying from 9 a.m. to noon.

Changing the hours would provide much needed late-night-study facilities, said John Varney, bill sponsor. He said the cost of keeping the main library open later is relatively small.

The COSGA Budget Appropriations Bill would grant the external affairs committee some funds for its first conference on Student Government associations in the spring.

The constitutional amendment would create an international student senate seat. Over 1,500 students from 86 different countries attend Texas A&M University, said Tim Cavell, amendment sponsor. Creating a special seat would be an effort to show a positive, active attempt at incorporating the international student body into the mainstream of life at Texas A&M.

The amendment will be handled like a bill by the senate and if it passes, the student body will vote on it during spring elections.

The Happy Hour Bill, which was on first reading at the last meeting, is being held in committee. It would recommend extending the hours students may run computer programs free from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday to 5:30 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The bill also recommends distributing printed information about the location and hours of all computer facilities available to computer-related classes.

Today's meeting is in 204 Harrington at 7:30 p.m.

Need for heat causes flood

By BOBBY SWANSON
Battalion Reporter

The Law Hall Flood did not last forty days and forty nights, but Greg Lord and Chris Romero may spend that much time trying to get their third-floor room back in order after a Monday accident.

Romero said he and Lord were bleeding the line on the radiator in their room to turn on the heater when a faucet blew off, sending hot water across the room.

Lord called University maintenance after his attempts to replace the faucet failed.

The men said they knew the heating in the dormitory would not be turned on until after Thanksgiving, so they decided to do it themselves like other students had done.

"We knew what we were doing, we've done it before," Romero said. "The guys next door were just cooking, but we were really freezing."

A supervisor from University maintenance came twenty minutes later, but the

water was not shut off for over an hour, Romero said.

"We had to wait until the pressure went down enough to get the petcock (faucet) back on, and the plumber said it would only take a few minutes but it took almost an hour," Romero said.

Many Law Hall residents began to help each other move carpet, furniture, stereo equipment and clothing after the water began to spill into other rooms.

"We only kept it in the room twenty minutes, max, and then it went in the hall and down the stairs to the first floor," Romero said. "Everyone lost something that lived on this side of the dorm."

A University maintenance worker said six inches of water was standing in spots. The water was vacuumed and mopped up. Most of the water from the 200- to 300-pound pressure line was removed by Tuesday afternoon, but several students' carpets and belongings were still outside to dry.

Monica Christen, assistant North Area

coordinator, said there is no way to estimate damage to the dormitory until the rest of the water is removed and examinations of the walls, floors and carpet can be made.

"Being an older building, the water may do a great deal of damage, but we really don't know right now," Christen said.

The carpet in the halls had been replaced this summer. All the halls on the south side of the dormitory were water soaked, Christen said.

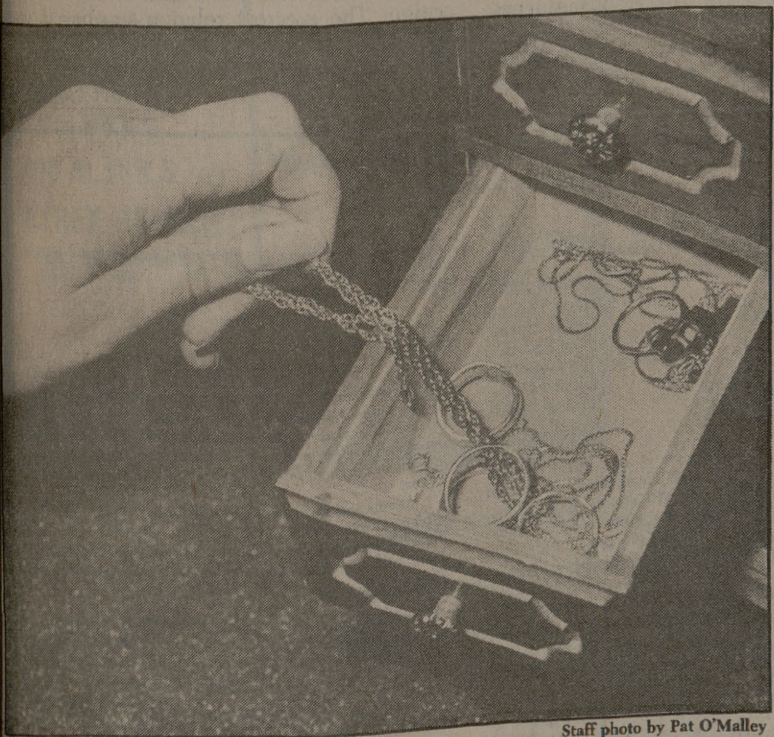
Fred Rogers, who lives next door to Romero and Lord, said he came back to the dormitory Monday afternoon to find "everyone scrambling around the dorm with wet legs."

"I couldn't figure out what was going on until some said there was a busted pipe up there."

"I was a little worried, but someone had already put my guitar and carpet up so I started helping out," Rogers said.

"I ran down the walls into the closets. Everyone lost something."

Thefts in Briggs Hall becoming habitual



Staff photo by Pat O'Malley

By BERNIE FETTE

More than \$300 in cash along with jewelry and clothes have been stolen from Briggs Hall residents in the past month, and both Head Resident Patty Johnson and Detective Ken Nicholas say they believe someone living in the dorm is responsible for the thefts.

"For the past month or month and a half, there has been a series of thefts at least once a week in Briggs Hall," Assistant Area Coordinator John White said.

Lt. Josie Hoelscher, who is in charge of investigations for the University Police Department, and Nicholas spoke to Briggs residents on security measures Monday night.

Nicholas stressed as the first and most important measure the need to lock doors at all times, especially "communal" dorm rooms used as frequent meeting places.

"In a college atmosphere where everybody's your friend and you're in close quarters, you have a tendency to begin to trust people," he said. "There's nothing wrong with trusting people as long as it's a valid trust."

Nicholas suggested engraving personal property with the student's driver's license number as a means of deterring theft.

After the number is engraved on the item, the student receives an "Operation ID" sticker which can be displayed on a door or window.

"When that thief sees that Operation ID

sticker, he's not going to touch that stuff because he knows it won't fence, it won't bring money on the street," Nicholas said.

The stickers can be picked up at the University Police Department where the engraving can also be done.

Although that solves the problem of identifying some property, jewelry — a lot of which cannot be engraved for easy identification — is another matter. All a thief has to do with jewelry is take it to a pawn shop.

Nicholas said most of the pawn shops in this area are somewhat wary of taking jewelry.

"But if he (the thief) goes to Houston with it, it's gone."

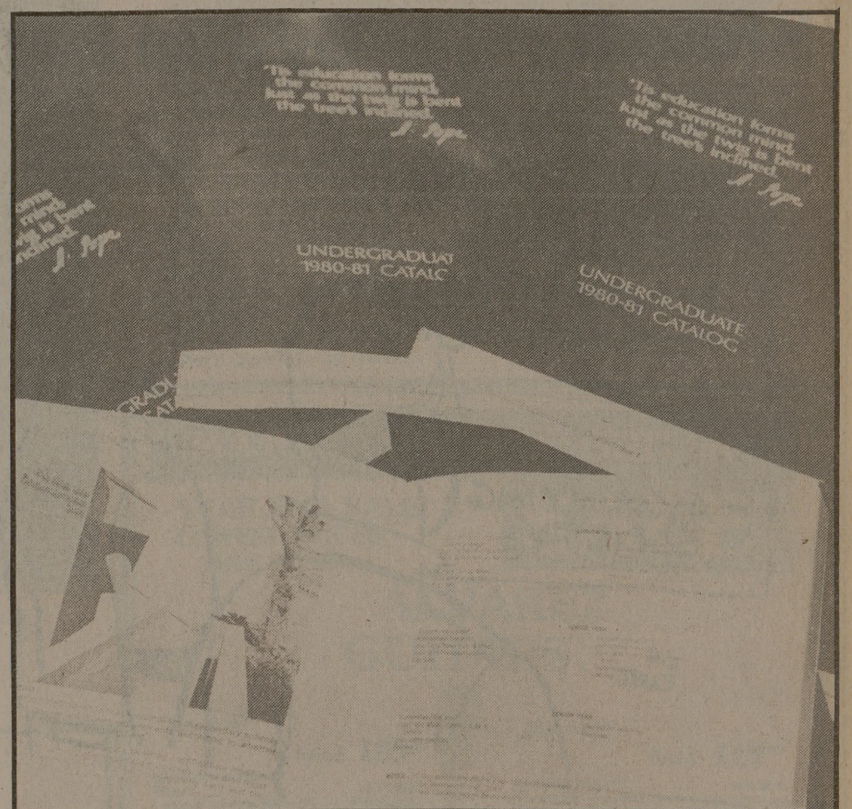
Photographing the jewelry and locking it in a safe place were suggested, but there are no such places for safekeeping in Briggs, as Nicholas pointed out.

Nicholas said the first step in fighting this problem is to develop active participation among the dorm residents.

"If you see something weird going on, call us," he said. "It's better to make a mistake than to let a crime go unreported."

The biggest problem experienced by the University Police in fighting thefts, Hoelscher said, is that "nobody reports them to us." However, she said, more thefts are reported in the area of the quad than on the north side of the campus.

Although there is no minimum dollar value needed to warrant an investigation, a theft of considerable loss will take priority



Staff photo by Jeff Kerber

1980-81 Undergraduate Catalogs are in short supply, especially since no more will be printed. 1980-82 Undergraduate Catalogs will be available in early January.

Catalogs in demand more than anticipated

The Texas A&M University registrar's office is asking students to hang on to their 1980-81 undergraduate catalogs. Of the 70,000 catalogs that arrived last January, few remain.

"We don't have any catalogs left to pass out at the desk or to mail," said Linda Busby, informational representative for admissions and records.

The 1981-82 catalogs will be available in early January, Busby said. In the meantime, faculty and students who don't need their catalogs any longer should send them to the registrar's office through campus mail or recycle them to a friend.

"There just wasn't any way to antici-

pate the demand," Busby said.

Plenty of 1979-80 catalogs were saved for student demand this year, but 1980-81 catalogs won't be available.

"I think we have a dozen saved for historical purposes," Busby said.

Often, students throw away their catalogs at the end of the semester and assume they can get another one from the registrar's office. Not so this year.

"We have very, very few," Busby said. "We're down to handing out rejects."

Students who need copies of curriculum plans from catalogs should request copies from the office of the dean of their college.

Victims of tax frauds include famous stars

United Press International

BOSTON — Federal authorities today sought eight people charged in a \$20 million fraud scheme involving the sale of tax shelters to such luminaries as the late Elvis Presley.

Five others surrendered before a U.S. magistrate Tuesday night. All 13 suspects — seven of them prominent tax attorneys — were due to be arraigned later in U.S. District Court.

Justice Department officials said Presley invested \$505,000 in the alleged scheme, in which investors were given limited partnership interests in a Wyoming coal mining venture — even though the coal was owned by the federal government.

Other alleged victims were identified as actress Margaux Hemingway, basketball star Spencer Haywood, "Candid Camera" originator Allen Funt, and former Maryland Attorney General Francis Burch.

Authorities issued 13 arrest warrants Friday when a federal grand jury returned the secret indictment, but the five who appeared in court surrendered voluntarily.

The indictment said the men used false documents to sell partnership interests in the coal mining venture. A civil suit filed earlier by the Securities and Exchange Commission says the partnerships collected \$20 million cash and sold \$112 million of allegedly unregistered securities.

Stripper haven being created by lady club owner

United Press International

BALTIMORE — Strip-teasers, go-go girls and other exotic performers need a place to retire just like anyone else.

With that in mind, the owner of the Two O'Clock Club wants to convert the faltering town of Navajo, Ariz., into a retirement haven for aging exotics who are ready to hang up their G-strings.

Elena Suhomlin, who bought the X-rated club two years ago from well-known stripper Blaze Star, said Tuesday Navajo would be the perfect retirement spot for such performers.

Miss Suhomlin read about Navajo being for sale Saturday in a Washington newspaper. Within hours, she sent a telegram to Frances Greer, whose family owns the town, asking for a price on the community.

Harry Van Valin, general manager of the Two O'Clock Club, agrees with Miss Suhomlin that strippers and those in similar pursuits are discriminated against by society, and need a place to seek refuge in later years.

"We feel the girls suffer a lot of social abuses while they work," he said. "They have trouble getting credit, have to live like nomads and are otherwise treated like second-class citizens. This would give them a place to live in peace. They wouldn't be ostracized."

Jewelry can be an easy-to-steal, easy-to-sell item because there is no way to mark most pieces. Briggs Hall residents have suffered losses of over \$300 in cash as well as jewelry and clothes due to thefts.