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Soviets to remain in Afghanistan

United Press International
NEW DELHI, India — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev was to meet today with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi amid Soviet assertions that its troops would remain in Afghanistan and calls by India for an early "political solution" to the year-long crisis.

The talks were the second held by the two leaders since Brezhnev's arrival Monday on a four-day state visit, and came at a time of heightened international tension over Soviet troop movements on the Polish border.

Poland was not discussed by the two leaders, but Soviet information chief Leonid Zamiatin, responding to questions by reporters, dismissed fears of a possible Soviet invasion of Poland as American hysteria.

"This is more White House hysteria which it has encouraged in almost every month for three years on one subject or another. It's time it came to a stop," Zamiatin said.

Turning to issues raised in talks between Brezhnev and Gandhi Tuesday, Zamiatin said Moscow had no intention of withdrawing

any of its 85,000 troops from Afghanistan — but neither would it send more troops to the embattled central Asian nation.

"The reasons for our coming to Afghanistan are not vanishing, but on the contrary are intensifying," Zamiatin said.

He singled out outside interference in Afghan affairs by the United States, Pakistan and China as the chief reason for the Soviet military presence in Kabul.

But later, in a rare briefing with a group of Western reporters, Zamiatin acknowledged that Afghanistan was "a difficult matter for us."

"The appearance on our southern border of a state that would be hostile to us and endanger our security — not thousands of miles away but right on our doorstep — herein lies the crux of the matter," he said.

In her talks with Brezhnev, Gandhi insisted on an "early, peaceful political solution to the Afghanistan situation which will ensure the sovereignty, independence and nonalignment of Afghanistan," an Indian foreign ministry spokesman said.

Carter's campaign chairman honored at the White House

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Carter and Vice President-elect George Bush led members of both parties Tuesday in needling Robert Strauss for his part in the 1980 election — but praising him as "a builder of America."

More than 1,000 persons paid \$1,000 each to attend a tribute to Strauss, Carter's campaign chairman who served the president during the past four years as inflation adviser, trade negotiator and Mideast negotiator.

The proceeds — \$1.2 million in all — went to the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs in Strauss' native Texas.

Carter said he wanted early in 1980 to win re-election and then go home to Plains, Ga. "Bob has helped me achieve half that goal," Carter said to laughter.

Carter quoted Johnson in praising Strauss: "The American people are tired of

wrecking crews, they want builders." Then Carter added: "Tonight we honor a builder, a man who knows how to bring people together, to see what united people."

Also present were Texans Bush and former first Lady Bird Johnson, along with California Gov. Edmund Brown Jr.

As the audience laughed and applauded, Carter kept up his string of one-liners.

"As you may know, Bob Strauss was involved in the presidential campaign this year," Carter said, while the audience laughed again, "despite what he would tell you now."

"He's done a lot of memorable things to me — I mean for me," Carter said.

Carter recalled President John F. Kennedy's statement after the Bay of Pigs, "Victory has a hundred fathers, but defeat is an orphan." Carter recalled what Strauss told a reporter recently.

"I understand he did a fair job as president, but of course, I never knew the man personally," Carter quoted Strauss as saying. The audience laughed again.

Strauss, who was Democratic national chairman during Carter's 1976 campaign, later served the president as inflation adviser, Middle East negotiator and international trade envoy.

Strauss, for once, was mellow. "For the first time in my life, I have nothing to say," he said.

"I know of nothing that could give anybody more pride than to be in the White House surrounded by family and good friends and to let the whole world see the warmth and friendship that exists between Helen (his wife) and myself and a splendid president and a gracious and lovely first lady," Strauss said.

ACADEMIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

A handbook entitled "Academic Rules and Regulations" is prepared each year for the benefit of the student body. This book is an official statement of the policies and procedures of the University of Texas at A&M and contains regulations in addition to those listed here. It is the responsibility of each individual student to read this handbook carefully and to use it as a ready reference. Copies are available through most departments and the Office of the Vice President for Student Services.

GRADING SYSTEM

Since students attend a college or university to extend their education, grades are usually taken as an indication of the proficiency of their work. The student's semester grade in a course is based upon performance in class, written exercises and tests, laboratory work, and the final examination. The proportionate weight assigned to each of these factors is determined by the department administering the course. The final grade is announced to the class during the first of the semester of achievement. There are four passing grades signifying various degrees of achievement, and grade points are awarded on the basis of these grades.

Grade	Description	Range (Inclusive)	Grade Points per Semester Hour
A	Excellent	90 - 100	4
B	Good	80 - 89	3
C	Satisfactory	70 - 79	2
D	Passing	60 - 69	1
F	Failing	Below 60	0

The lowest passing grade is 60. There is one failing grade, F, below 60, indicating work of unsatisfactory quality. Credit for a course failed may be obtained only by satisfactorily repeating the course in class, except that in a course including both theory and practice, the head of the department may award credit if in the judgment of the head of the department the repetition is warranted. The student must register for both theory and practice, how-

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Undergraduate students classified as "Satisfactory" with an overall grade point ratio of 2.5, based on all courses taken at the University, may be permitted to take a leave of absence for one semester as a part of the hours required for graduation. Students wanting to take a leave of absence should consult with the Registrar's Office.

A misprint in the 1980-81 Undergraduate catalog lists an F as being worth five grade points. Thirty thousand of the catalogs have been mailed out to people requesting them. The error was not noticed before it was printed.

Undergraduate catalog mistake makes an 'F' worth aiming for

By KATHY O'CONNELL
Battalion Reporter

With finals just around the corner, there's always a last minute panic by students to figure out their CPRs. What can they do when that dreaded "F" figures in the average?

But this semester, a misprint in the 1980-81 undergraduate catalog makes it look like getting an F could be a lucky thing. On page 22 of the catalog an F is listed as receiving five grade points per semester hour. If this were true, students could take 15 hours, flunk every course and still come out with over a 4.0.

Sue Matula, director of catalog publication, said she doesn't know how the misprint occurred.

"It's just one of those things that happens when the pages are printed," Matula said she received about 20 calls asking if she was aware of the mistake. Most of the calls were from professors at the University.

Matula and her co-worker Linda Busby said they took a personal tally on the number of calls that came in. "We got a kick out of the people who called," Matula said.

Busby said she was sure some students looked at the misprint with wishful thinking, but knew it wasn't true.

Matula said a few people xeroxed copies and sent them to her office. She said she even got a letter from Dr. J. M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs, who asked if they were aware of the mistake.

Probably the most humorous re-

sponse they got was from a professor who said he heard "people talking about grade inflation, but this is ridiculous."

Busby said 70,000 copies of the catalog were printed and approximately 30,000 were mailed to people who requested them, "so somewhere out there 30,000 people are noticing the mistake."

Matula said she noticed the mistake a week after the catalog was published, but there was nothing she could do about it, except make sure it doesn't happen again. She said it would have been a more believable mistake if the zero was changed to a nine but she has no idea how a five got there.

Matula added, "Just say we do it like they do in a golf game: the lower the score the better."

Council OK's final quizzes for seniors

By DEBBIE NELSON
Battalion Staff

Starting in Fall 1981, Texas A&M University instructors will have the option of giving final quizzes to graduating seniors, the Academic Council decided Tuesday.

The present policy of exempting graduating seniors from regularly scheduled final examinations will still be followed. However, if an instructor wishes to give degree candidates a final look-over, he can schedule an exam for graduating seniors only, as long as their grades are turned in by the Registrar's office deadline.

Much discussion on the issue still resulted in the acceptance of the Academic Programs Committee-recommended alternative.

Dr. J. M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs, said exemption from finals is not a gracious parting gift, it's administrative convenience. The registrar needs a little time to fill out the diploma to hand to the student when he walks across the stage.

Brad Smith, student body president, said, the student senate last week voted against the proposal, because it would give seniors one additional test before dead week.

"It's not so much that the policy is bad," Smith said, "but it does open up doors for abuse."

Smith said if instructors schedule their last major exam two or three weeks before the final, seniors to be given another test, (possibly equivalent to a comprehensive final), would have little time to study for it.

Other council members said that many seniors skip the last week or two of class because they will not be tested on that material.

In other action, the council formally approved a list of degree candidates expected to graduate December 12 and 13.

The council also awarded posthumous degrees to Robert W. Ellison and Gehrig D. Feuge, who would have received degrees at this semester's ceremonies.

Approval of an academic honors designation for College of Medicine Graduates with a 3.5 grade point average was also approved.

A new curriculum in marine fisheries was approved for Texas A&M University at Galveston. Before implementation, the proposal will be submitted to the Coordinating Board for approval.

After the meeting, council members heard a report from an Ad Hoc Computer Steering Committee on the progress of computing at Texas A&M.

The committee, set up last November, has examined Texas A&M and other Universities to determine this University's needs and deficiencies in computing.

The report recommends other committees of administrators and faculty be formed to set up a campus-level organizational structure.

Committees will then decide needs for computers, such as when and where computers will be placed.

Eventually, the committee hopes to have a networking project that could tie together computers all over the campus for better utilization. Significant graphics, word-processing and type-setting and computerized instruction would also be possible once a computer system is set up at Texas A&M.

Lennon's accused killer:

United Press International
NEW YORK — John Lennon's accused killer, held today under 24-hour suicide watch in a hospital psychiatric ward, was a pudgy security guard so obsessed with the former Beatle that he tried to end his last job as "John Lennon."

Mark David Chapman, 25, of Honolulu, stalked his idol for three days and got Lennon's autograph only hours before gunning him down Monday night "in a cool, calm, rational and intelligent manner," prosecutors charged at Tuesday's arraignment.

Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, mother of their 5-year-old son, Sean, said there would be no funeral service, but a "silent vigil" would be held later this week for friends and fans who wished to pray for his soul.

Hundreds of stunned rock fans, many crying, held a vigil in the snow outside the Dakota apartment building where Lennon lived. Beatle drummer Ringo Starr was mobbed, with fans frantically touching his hair, as he slipped through the crowds after visiting Ono.

Lennon's look-alike 17-year-old son by a previous marriage, Julian, arrived from London Tuesday night, but it was not known whether ex-Beatles Paul McCartney or George Harrison planned to come to New York.

In Manhattan Criminal Court Tuesday, Lennon's accused killer stood mute as he was charged with second-degree murder and ordered sent to Bellevue Hospital for 30 days' observation because of his history of mental problems and suicide attempts.

A former hospital print shop worker and security guard in Hawaii, he had no police record.

His attorney Herbert Adlerberg described his client as "a very confused individual," who was hospitalized for mental problems in Honolulu in 1977 after he rigged a rubber tube to the tailpipe of his car, ran it inside the car and rolled up the windows in an attempted suicide.

"This defendant is not fully cognizant of what is happening to him at this time," Adlerberg said.

Assistant District Attorney Kim Hogrefe said authorities had "a

very strong case" against Chapman for the "premeditated execution of John Lennon."

Witnesses told police that Chapman dropped a .38-caliber gun after shooting Lennon and stood quietly by, reading a copy of "Catcher in the Rye" until police arrived to arrest him.

Fans mourn ex-Beatle's death

United Press International

Hundreds of mourning fans lined sidewalks outside record stores Tuesday before the business day began to buy John Lennon's "Double Fantasy" album. Candlelight vigils and memorial services paid tribute to the slain musician.

Lennon's last album, recently released, was to be pivotal in his re-emergence into public life. One cut appropriately was titled "Starting Over." But the comeback ended quickly.

Lennon was shot to death Monday night in New York and a 25-year-old Beatles fan was charged with his slaying.

Radio stations, deluged by phone calls, played Beatles music back-to-back. It was little solace for a sleepless night. In San Francisco, the mecca that attracted thousands of disillusioned young people in the 1960s, disc jockeys wept on the air.

"The shock is unbelievable. It's the first rock 'n' roll assassination," said Ruth Whitmore, director of advertising for station WRIF in Detroit.

Lines formed even before some record stores opened Tuesday. Store managers reported albums by both Lennon and the Beatles were sold out.

A cold wind whipped at Howard Paul, 28, as he stood in a long line outside Tower Records in San Francisco to buy the "John Lennon-Plastic Ono Band" album.

Paul said he would "never be able to say 'Thank you, John Lennon.' It was like saying goodbye to an old friend."

In Chicago, downtown record stores reported the sale of Lennon and Beatles records made up 85 percent of their morning business. Record stores in Baltimore reported being sold out of "Double Fantasy" within three hours.

Customers in search of Lennon records were knocking on the door at Eli's records in Casper, Wyo., before the

store opened. A customer at another Casper record store ordered a full Beatles collection.

But even those making the money weren't happy. "It's the wrong way to sell records," said Bill Abbott, Chicago distribution manager for Capitol Records Inc.

Barbara Gesshel-Green, who was waiting in a line of Philadelphians to buy Lennon's album, said she and her family "sat in front of the TV last night and cried."

Baltimore station WIYY-FM provided a sympathy card for fans to sign, and later to be sent to Lennon's wife, Yoko Ono. About a thousand people signed Tuesday alone.

Candlelight vigils were held in Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio. One of the largest, in San Antonio, attracted 3,000 people dressed in everything from blue jeans to three-piece suits. They carried lighted candles as they walked along the river walk.

A man obsessed with John, who stalked the Beatle and even got his autograph just hours earlier

Asked if Chapman had committed the slaying, Adlerberg told reporters, "He did shoot him, yes."

Chapman's motive, however, remained a mystery. The stocky, dark-haired young man had been ecstatic when he got Lennon's autograph only hours before the shooting.

Friends who grew up with him in Decatur, Ga., described him as an ardent Beatles fan who "played records all the time" and learned to play the guitar in high school. Like his idol, Lennon, he married a woman of Japanese descent and reportedly had Beatles' music played at their wedding.

At the time of his arrest, he was wearing wire-rimmed glasses similar to Lennon's and was carrying dozens of Beatles tapes.

When he left his last job as a security guard-maintenance man at a Waikiki vacation apartment Oct. 23, he signed out on the logbook as "John Lennon" and told fellow workers he was going to London, said Mike Bird, who replaced Chapman.

Prosecutors claim Chapman borrowed a substantial sum of money — of which \$2,000 was found on him — "for the purpose of coming to New York City to do what he has done."

He stalked Lennon for three days in New York before getting the musician to autograph a record album as he left the Dakota Monday night to go to a recording studio, where he was finishing work on a new album.

Paul Goresch of North Arlington, N.J., who photographed the signing, said Chapman told him, "John Lennon signed my album. Nobody in Hawaii will believe me."

When Lennon left, however, Chapman urged him to stay and wait for the singer's return, Goresch said in a copyrighted New York Daily News story.

"He said: 'I'd wait. You never know if you'll see him again. It's possible he could go to Spain or somewhere tonight and you'll never get your album signed.'"

Hours later, police say, Chapman gunned down Lennon. The British rock star died in a police car before he reached the hospital.

The Chief Medical Examiner ruled Tuesday that Lennon was hit with four bullets, two of which entered the left back, passed through the left chest, striking the left lung and exited from the body.