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## The Weather

Today	Yesterday
High . . . . . 52	High . . . . . 50
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Chance of rain . . . . . 20%	Rain . . . . . none

# Hostage horror stories begin to emerge

For more on the hostages, please see page 9.

United Press International  
WIESBADEN, West Germany — The American hostages punished for the abortive rescue attempt in Iran and at least one captive faced a mock firing squad, the liberated hostages disclosed in mounting tales of torture about their 444-day imprisonment.

In Washington, the Reagan administration said it would take a look at the agreement to free the captives, and one congressman called for a congressional investigation of the deal struck in the waning days of Jimmy Carter's administration.

The Wall Street Journal called for an outright repudiation of the "worthless" accord "made with a kidnapper," and the father of a Marine captive urged the new Reagan administration to "punish" the Moslem nation.

Three of the hostages — Barry Rosen, William Royer and Bruce German — talked briefly with reporters at the gates to the hospital as they way to dental appointments today.

All three said they felt fine, but were anxious to get home. German said he still liked the Iranians as people, but added that Iran is "a renegade country and has a long way to go politically."

The tale of the mock firing squad, as punishment for the rescue attempt, emerged from a conversation Marine Sgt. William Gallegos, of Pueblo, Colo., had with visitors about his 14½-month

captivity. The raid took place in April, and eight servicemen were killed when a helicopter and an aircraft collided.

William Gallegos said he was actually put before a phony firing squad, a visitor said. "They were punished for the desert raid — mentally punished." The visitors said some of the hostages learned of the rescue attempt only through their punishment.

The hostages were then told "any time the Americans did something positive for them, they would be punished," the sources who talked with Gallegos said.

The sources also confirmed for the first time a number of the hostages were moved around after spending their first months in the U.S. Embassy, which was seized by the militants Nov. 4, 1979.

But the sources did not specify whether the Americans were moved after the April raid to foil further rescue efforts as the militants have claimed. At least one hostage has said he spent part of his captivity in a prison near the Caspian Sea.

It also was learned the hostages worked out a tapping code system to communicate from cell to cell.

Their diet often consisted of worm-infested greens, visitors said. "I think some people had it worse than others," said a visitor who talked with three hostages.

U.S. State Department officials said earlier some hostages were

given only 15-20 minutes notice before they were released this week, while others knew it for days.

In Krakow, Mo., Virgil Sickmann of Krakow, Mo., father of Marine Sgt. Rodney "Rocky" Sickmann, 23, said the United States should punish Iran for imprisoning his son.

"I think it should be a matter of a little get-tough game with Iran," he said. "I'd like to maybe see them suffer for what they've done."

The inhumane treatment, patched together from phone calls made by the hostages and interviews with earlier released captives, included playing Russian roulette with the Americans, solitary confinement in a windowless cell dubbed the "Mushroom Inn," beatings, telling hostages their parents died and tantalizing them about letters from home.

Former President Carter himself hinted at the mistreatment of the liberated Americans after he visited the two women and 50 male hostages at the Wiesbaden Air Force hospital, where they are recuperating from their 444-day imprisonment — in the words of one of the freed Americans, "the madness of Iran."

"One very serious fact is becoming evident and that is our Americans in Iran were mistreated much worse than had been previously revealed," said Carter, who broke into tears earlier when he embraced each of the freed captives.

Carter, who flew to Wiesbaden on his first day as a civilian, said the hostages had emerged from a "despicable act of savagery."

The liberated Americans, mainly diplomats and military personnel, have been officially designated as "returnees," but President Reagan said twice on Inauguration Day, "I refuse to call them hostages, they're prisoners of war."

And on its first day in power, the Reagan administration refused to commit itself to carry out the remaining provisions of the agreement that ended the hostage crisis by returning \$8 billion in frozen Iranian assets.

"The Reagan administration does not want to commit itself without having had a chance to study the documents," said State Department spokesman William Dyess.

"There are many financial and legal ramifications," Dyess said, adding secretary of State Alexander Haig and President Reagan will study it closely.

The bulk of the assets have been transferred to Iran but some provisions of the agreement still have to be carried out to complete the complex deal.

Rep. Peter Peyser, D-N.Y., called for an investigation of the executive agreements and urged Reagan "to carefully reconsider our agreement to lift the remaining economic and trade sanctions on Iran."

## Search committee narrows list today

The committee searching for a president of Texas A&M University will trim down its list of candidates today in what may be the final meeting.

The list presently contains the names of 22 candidates.

The committee will finalize a list that will then be presented to the Board of Regents.

The regents will interview those persons and make the final selection.

"We hope to narrow down the nominees and wrap it up this time," said Mike Lytle, coordinator of the committee meetings.

Lytle is staff associate in the office of the chancellor.

It is not known how many persons the board will interview, though it will probably be less than 10.

The committee comprised of 22 businessmen, faculty members, students and regents was organized in August after Dr. Jarvis Miller was fired by the Board of Regents in July. A personnel consulting firm has also been contracted to help the search.

Dr. Charles Samson, a former department head of civil engineering, has been acting president since July.

Regents Chairman Clyde Wells has not ruled Samson out as a possible permanent president. The committee will not release the names of those under consideration, but nominees for the job come from both inside and outside the Texas A&M System.

Since September the search committee has met five times to review 500 candidates, Lytle said.



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

### Park here or else ...

New signs have been put up at the Memorial Student Center concourse asking students to park their bikes in the new racks. Several racks have been added around the MSC-Rudder Tower complex to alleviate heavy pedestrian-bicycle congestion in the area.

## Honeymoon period begins for Reagan

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — President Reagan gave strict marching orders to his Cabinet members today, telling them to stick with his newly ordered federal hiring freeze and keep him out of the government budget.

Reagan witnessed the swearing-in of a number of White House staff members, then met with his Cabinet choices at mid-morning at a table dominated by a 1½-foot-high jar of jelly beans.

He gave his prospective Cabinet a quick pep talk on former President Jimmy Carter's mission to West Germany "to greet returning POWs."

Reagan, as he explained Tuesday night, said he just could not get used to calling the freed Americans "hostages," believing it was correct to call them "prisoners of war."

Carter, designated a special envoy by his predecessor, left for Germany on a presidential jet this morning accompanied by several members of his former administration.

The new president then settled into a

brief discussion of the economy, telling his advisers, "We've got to get control of the budget. It's out of control."

Reagan said they should start by enforcing the hiring freeze for federal employees, which he signed moments after being sworn in.

Reagan, flanked by Secretary of State nominee Alexander Haig, and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, conceded there may be some exceptions to his new order, but for the most part, "I urge all of you to stick with that."

Later today, Reagan arranged to have lunch in the Oval Office, and scheduled a National Security Council meeting and a reception for inaugural planners and backers.

Reagan's inauguration was dramatically entwined with freedom for the American hostages.

While their freedom was a belated triumph for his predecessor, Reagan said, "I am more pleased than anything I can say. It makes the whole day perfect now."

## Senators discuss organ bank, housing

By TERRY DURAN  
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No bills were voted on in Wednesday's student senate meeting, but senators discussed a registration drive for potential body part donors and a new Housing Office policy.

Eric Langford, vice president for student services, introduced the first bill, "The Eyes of Texas A&M," along with a representative from the Houston-headquartered Living Bank, an international clearing house for donated organs.

The representative, Joyce Cook, challenged 10,000 Aggies to sign up as potential organ donors. She stressed the total legality and reversability of the registration. "You can change your mind," she said, "and so can your kin."

The non-profit Living Bank does not store organs; instead, at the time of the donor's death, the Bank contacts the nearest appropriate facility and coordinates with eye banks, kidney transplant centers and hospitals.

Langford's bill was passed to the student services committee for study.

Student Affairs Director Ron Blatchley, appearing before the senate to discuss what his department does, was quizzed at length by the senate for background information on another first-time bill, that would reverse a Housing Office decision excluding unmarried fifth-year seniors and graduate students from University housing, effective in Fall 1981.

Blatchley said the University's present policy guarantees 80 percent of available on-campus spaces to incoming freshmen, 10 percent to transfer students and 10 percent to returning upperclassmen.

Blatchley defended the recent decision to exclude unmarried fifth-year seniors and graduate students from on-campus slots, saying many parents were "screaming" at him about their freshmen living off campus. He also cited weakening traditions as being caused by freshmen living off campus.

"I would like to capture them (freshmen) first and make

them aware of A&M traditions such as Silver Taps and Aggie Muster," he said.

The "Discrimination Against Old Folks" measure is actually four separate bills, all sponsored by senator Fred Seals.

The bills in the series would 1) censure the Department of Student Affairs for adopting the policy without input from those affected, 2) call on the Department of Student Affairs and Acting President Charles Samson to call a moratorium on the action and 3) request student affairs to, in the future, consult those affected by an action before reaching the decision.

The four bills listed under "Old Business" — a recommendation for an increase in the student service fee to hire new doctors for the A. P. Beutel Health Center, a bicycle parking bill, some recommended changes in the University Rules and Regulations, and a request for an official policy regarding whether or not classes are to be held if Texas A&M beats the University of Texas in football — were all held in committee.



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

Dan Quinn, a cadet and senior yell leader, adorns the cover of this month's Texas Monthly magazine. Many student leaders feel the accompanying article gives a distorted view of Texas A&M.

## Article makes some feel 'left out'

By MARCY BOYCE  
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Wrong, folks, it isn't a joke. The Aggies hit the big time this month, squeezing and yelling, pushing and kissing, puffing and grinning across ten glossy pages of Texas Monthly Magazine and its cover.

A brief article in the January issue accompanies 16 pictures which feature members of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets participating in what writer Al Reinert terms "important Aggie rituals or traditions."

And the cover promises to reveal what "Aggies are really like."

Highlighted are some basic University traditions ingrained in the minds of every Ag, like it or not, from the time he first enters College Station. You know, the kind of traditions University recruiters bill as the Spirit of Aggieland and the kind the so-called "two percenters" would just as soon ignore — bonfire, yell practices and after-touchdown kisses.

But alongside those pictures, also peering off the pages, are shots of cadets taking part in other not-quite-so-publicized rituals, certainly not the kind featured in freshman orientation guides.

And that's where a problem arises. Many of the pictures give the wrong impression of the Corps to people who aren't familiar with it, several Corps leaders say.

"People who are Aggies probably got a good laugh because they know that's not the whole way of Corps life, just part of the game," Doriot Mascarich, commander of the Third Battalion said.

"But those who know nothing about A&M or the Corps probably think, 'What is that? Some kind of a sadistic institution?'" she said.

One of the pictures featured Mascarich, with her saber drawn, making three juniors do push-ups for her. Although she had no objections to that picture, she

said she thought several others were "vulgar" and "tasteless."

Take for example the one of three grinning freshmen in sweatsuits squatting between toilets, arms extended from their bodies at right angles, clenching and opening their fists.

They're "catching butterflies," a physically exhausting punishment imposed by upperclassmen during a "crap-out," the caption informs readers.

A "crap-out?"

Right. That's a series of demanding exercises which is supposed to prepare cadets mentally and physically for

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whatever might lie ahead, Head Yell Leader Mark Outlaw said.

And then there is the shot of Yell Leaders Mike Thatcher, Ed Franza, Mark Outlaw and Dan Quinn "squeezing" for the Ags.

It's not so much the picture most object to, rather the caption underneath it which notes what the yell leaders are squeezing in order to "share pain with the team."

"I was kind of embarrassed," Outlaw said. "You know, I could just see older people ... and people outside A&M saying, 'Do y'all really do that?' But, I guess I'm not mad because it's really true," he said.

Reinert, himself a former Texas A&M student, obviously thought all the pictures were truly representative of students attending the University. He wrote

those pictured "are all being Aggies. None of them are faking it. Nobody can fake being an Aggie."

True or not true, however, Senior Yell Leader Dan Quinn, who is featured on the cover, mouth open wide, said he thought the article should not have just shown what the Corps does, but why it's done.

The Corps has reasons for doing all those rituals, reasons like promoting unity or creating discipline, he said, and he thinks those reasons should have been more fully explained.

Mascarich's sentiments about the article were a little more adamant.

"It makes the Corps look like one big crap-out. And it might have given people the wrong impression of what the Corps is all about," he said.

Student Body President Brad Smith also said he thought the article was somewhat unfair.

Specifically the pictures showed life at Texas A&M "only through the Corps and basically only the hazing aspects," he said.

Gordon Frutiger, Residence Halls Association vice president, cited what he thought was another problem with the article.

"I would have liked it to have some indication of the kinds of things non-regs at A&M do," he said. "Everyone will get the idea that A&M is still all Corps," he said.

Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, also mentioned the narrow view depicted in the article and said he thought some of the pictures were unfair. But, he said he didn't think the article's intent was to fairly represent the University's students body, per se, rather to "poke a little fun" at one dimension of it.

Agreeing with Frutiger, Aubrey Johnson, president of the Graduate Student Council, said he felt the article was very limited in scope.

"I felt left out, and I'm an Aggie too," he said. So, by the way, what are Aggies really like?