

# Kisses, keys, Cadillacs given to hostages

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America belonged to the hostages today.  
From San Diego to New York City and places in between like Krakow, Mo., Balch Springs, Texas, and Olyphant, Pa., the former captives were being lavished with heroes' tributes.  
There were kisses and keys to cities, yellow ribbons and yellow Cadillacs, champagne and cheering throngs.  
"I've kissed so many women today, I don't know if I could kiss more," laughed one hostage.  
Marine Sgt. Johnny McKeel Jr. — who joked earlier this week he couldn't wait to "get back to chasing women" — kissed them

A high-school band played "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again" as a Marine guard escorted McKeel, his parents, and younger brother Todd to the steps of their home.  
"There were times I didn't think I would be here," he told the crowd from the front porch. "The day they told us we were going home, the first thing I thought of were my family and my friends back in Balch Springs. You're beautiful."  
"It makes me proud to be an American."  
About 200 people braved a chilly afternoon to welcome Jerry Miele back to Youngwood, Pa., and broke into a spontaneous rendition of "God Bless America" that quelled any words he wanted to say.  
"I'm not much for words, but I just want to say thank you, thank you all," he said softly. "I don't know what to say."  
Walking through the crowd, the 18-year State Department employee shook hands. Young girls, wearing yellow ribbons or

carrying yellow balloons, lined up to receive kisses. Miele pecked each and every one of them on the cheek.  
In Houston, where they do things big, former hostage William Royer's homecoming was no exception.  
Royer, 49, his 79-year-old mother, and sister, arrived in suburban West University Place to find 1,000 well-wishers, chanting "Welcome Home" and singing "God Bless America." Someone had hung a sign on the front of the house that read "Welcome Home, Bill Royer. 444 days: Too damn' long."  
Parked in the driveway, wrapped in a huge yellow ribbon, was the yellow Cadillac given him earlier Wednesday at an airport welcoming ceremony. The \$17,540 car was a present from a group of private citizens who have refused to reveal their names.  
A local bank set up a \$444 savings account to provide diesel fuel for the auto.  
Royer — ill with the flu and a 103-degree fever he called "Mr.

Khomeini's parting gift" — grinned when he was given the keys, shook his head in amazement, and said in voice that was barely above a whisper:  
"I want to thank Houston, Texas, America. I'm proud to be an American. All I can say is thank you to everyone for the tremendous support. It's just really mind boggling how great this country is and how marvelous it is to be back home."  
By no means are the celebrations over.  
The small mining community of Globe, Ariz., 90 miles southeast of Phoenix, planned a parade today for Jimmy Lopez. A cheering crowd of 200 nudged its way through Arizona police lines at the Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix Wednesday to welcome him home. Twenty-four aunts, uncles and cousins from three states broke into tears and rushed to greet the former hostage when he stepped off the plane.

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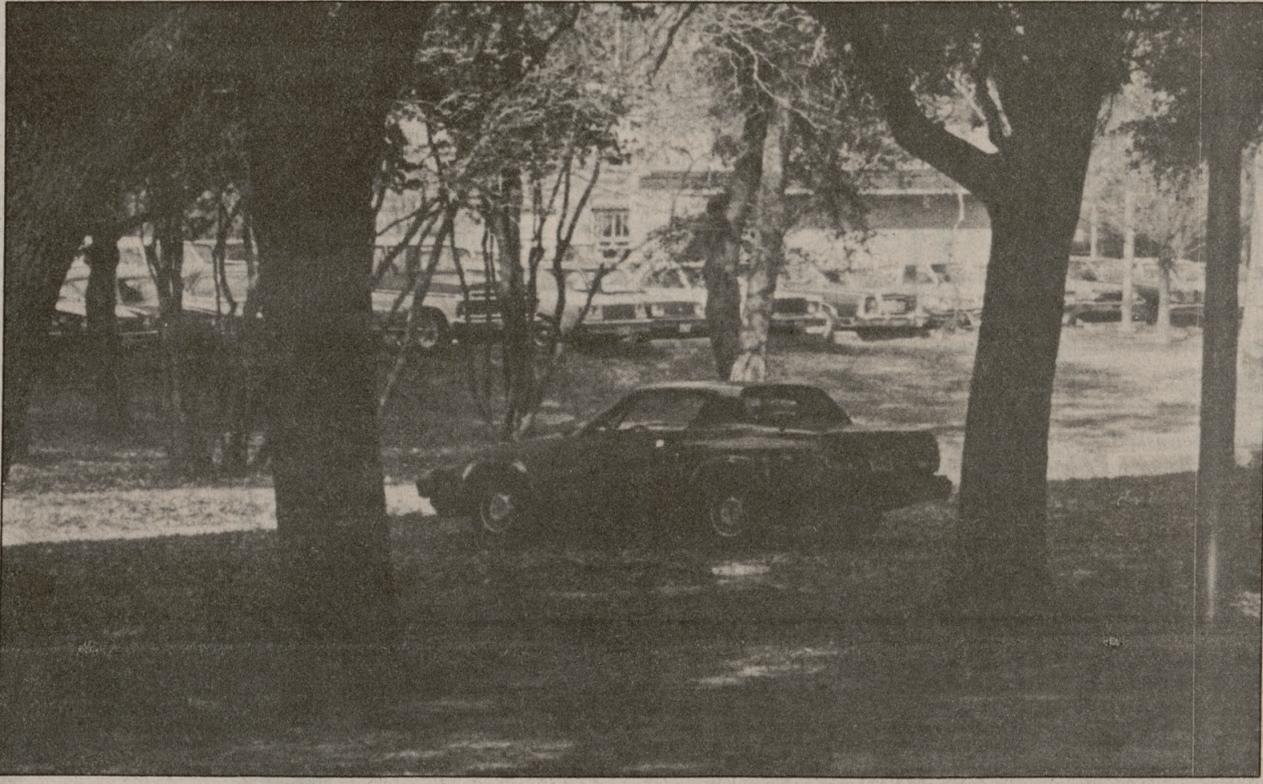
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## Daniel indictment returned

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LIBERTY, Texas — The wife of former Texas House Speaker Price Daniel Jr., indicted on murder charges in his shooting death, is expected to be arraigned sometime next week, authorities said today.  
Vickie Daniel, 33, has yet to be questioned by authorities and refused to appear before a Liberty County grand jury that returned the indictment late Wednesday, District Attorney Carroll Wilborn Jr. said.  
Defense lawyer Andrew Lannie said his client was being treated for emotional shock. Lannie submitted a letter to the district attorney's office Wednesday, stating he had advised his client not to appear before the grand jury.  
The grand jury, in session non-stop for almost 10 hours, interviewed 22 people before returning the indictment shortly before 11 p.m.  
He said there were indications the shooting followed an argument between the couple and there "was some premeditation."  
Among the final witnesses appearing before the grand jury was Kim Moore, 11, Mrs. Daniel's daughter by a previous marriage.  
Wilborn said he did not expect to call the girl as a prosecution witness.  
Lannie has stated the girl did not witness the shooting, but saw an altercation before the shooting. He has said Mrs. Daniel had bruises that might have resulted from a confrontation before the shooting.  
Sheriff Buck Eckols, who charged Mrs. Daniel with murder, was the grand jury's opening witness. He testified for an hour.  
Also testifying was deputy Marvin Powell, who headed the sheriff's department investigation.  
Others called by the grand jury included ambulance attendants who discovered Daniel's body and drove Mrs. Daniel to Christian Memorial Hospital where she was treated for shock, experts on fingerprints, trace metal tests and ballistics, medical examiners, and relatives and friends of the Daniels, including his brother, Houston. Former Texas Gov. Price Daniel Sr. did not appear.  
Mrs. Daniel had been invited by Wilborn to testify but not subpoenaed.  
Daniel, 39, was shot at the couple's ranch house Jan. 19.  
Eckols said the shooting, with a .22-caliber rifle found in a bedroom near the kitchen-carport hallway where Daniel's body was discovered, followed Mrs. Daniel's filing for divorce Dec. 31. He said the Daniels was packing to move out.  
Under terms of the indictment, a conviction could result in a penalty of no less than five years in prison and a maximum of 99 years.



Private parking

One Texas A&M dorm student found a shady solution to the campus parking headache which plagues most students. Finding the surrounding

parking lots full, the student settled for covered parking in the wooded area west of Fowler Hall.

Staff photo by Brian Tate

## Q-drop rules differ among colleges

By JERI JONES

Battalion Reporter  
Two deadlines occur in February for students wishing to drop classes from their schedules.  
Students may drop classes through Feb. 3 with no record. The student University will, as the term implies, have no record of the student having taken the course.  
Between Feb. 3-Feb. 20, with the approval of the dean of the college, a student may Q-drop a class.  
The Q-drop, formally known as dropping without penalty, allows a student to receive no grade in the course, though his transcript will reflect his having taken and dropped the class.  
There is no maximum number of Q-drops for students in the following colleges: agriculture, architecture, education, graduate, liberal arts, science, and also for biomedical science students in veterinary medicine.  
Students in the College of Business Administration are allowed two Q-drops.  
If a student transfers from one college to business administration and has had previous Q-drops, then the student is allowed one additional Q-drop.

After two Q-drops a student must have an unusual circumstance to drop.  
"Failing a course is no justification," Carlton Stolle, assistant dean of business, said.  
The College of Geosciences allows students to have one Q-drop per semester.  
Students in the colleges of engineering, veterinary medicine and medicine are not allowed to drop classes.  
Students wanting to Q-drop should follow this procedure:  
— Go to a departmental advisor for his approval.  
— Take the Q-drop slip to the college dean.

(Students in the College of Business Administration and the College of Science should go directly to the Dean's office to Q-drop.)  
Students receiving Basic Educational Opportunity Grants should notify the Financial Aid Office if Q-dropping classes, Bill McFarland, director of student financial aid, said.  
After the Q-drop deadline a student will receive an F if dropped from a class, unless unusual circumstances exist. Those circumstances would be determined on an individual basis by the dean of each college.

## Usselton to quit as free enterprise head

By KATHY O'CONNELL

Battalion Staff  
Dr. Gene C. Usselton, director of Texas A&M University's Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise, has notified University officials that he is resigning from his position as soon as a successor can be named.  
Usselton, who served as director for two years, said he resigned the position because he was appointed as a senior professor in the Department of Finance.  
The free enterprise center, funded entirely from private contributions, is involved mainly in helping public school teachers inform their students about free enterprise and economics.  
Usselton said the Texas Legislature passed a law requiring public schools to teach a course in free enterprise; however, guidelines on what to teach and how to

teach it were not given. Also, the Legislature did not allocate funds to finance the new requirement.  
This is where the free enterprise center comes in, Usselton said. The center holds summer programs for teachers on the Texas A&M campus and they are given five hours graduate credit for attending. He said the center explains some basic principles of economics and techniques on teaching.  
For example, he said, "How do you teach a third grader about inflation? These are the sort of things we concentrate on."  
He also said the free enterprise center holds a spring leadership program, also on the Texas A&M campus, for approximately 300 teachers and administrators. He said the spring program is similar to the summer one, but participants don't receive credit.

In-service programs are another area the center is involved in. Usselton said experts in economics are invited to state school districts to speak to social science teachers on their in-service day. Normally, students don't attend classes on this day, whereas the teachers do.  
The other main concern of the free enterprise center is to research and publish information about economic problems. He said the center commissions researchers to find out a particular problem and then the center writes them in laymen's terms. Usselton said the publications are distributed to all business decision-makers including state legislators, federal judges and even the president. Usselton said the center's Board of Consultants, at its Feb. 19 meeting, will appoint a search committee to look for a new director. Until then, Usselton will remain director.

# Money, minorities, growth highlight System goals

By JANE G. BRUST

Battalion Staff  
Recruiting minority students, planning for growth of the System and getting the 1982 budget through the Legislature are among the Texas A&M University System's 1981 priorities, says Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert.  
Hubert, 65, recently entered a Houston hospital after he detected a slight increase in his heart rate. He was back in his office five days later, and he now says he's in "good health."  
The chancellor's health is the subject of a great deal of speculation among administrators, students, faculty and former students, as it has been since Hubert assumed the job in 1979.  
Although he wears a pacemaker and had announced plans for retirement before he was named chancellor, Hubert said he is not considering quitting his current job.  
In an interview Monday, Hubert commented on several issues facing the System's administrators in the new year.  
**Minority recruitment**  
"We'll continue to give considerable emphasis to the recruitment of minority students without modifying or lowering standards anywhere within the System," Hubert said.  
"That's going to be a challenge in '81."  
The fact that the state-supported institutions in Texas compiled a minority recruitment plan that was acceptable to the Department of Education is a major accomplishment, Hubert said.  
In December, the Board of Regents adopted a resolution calling for an effort to increase the number of minority students at Texas A&M and Tarle-

## Hubert says no plans for resignation

ton State, and to increase the number of white students at Prairie View A&M.  
The Education Department said Texas' desegregation plan was provisionally acceptable, and it gave Texas six months to come up with a plan that satisfied all the requirements.  
"It means we can continue to plan our own recruitment program for minority students and the other facets associated with the Title VI program without being under federal mandate," he said.  
Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act calls for the desegregation of public institutions of higher learning. Institutions found in violation of Title VI must develop plans to correct the deficiencies; loss of federal funds is the penalty for noncompliance.

### System growth

While System administrators make minority recruitment plans, each of the four campuses within the System continues to experience rapid growth. Last semester the Texas A&M University campus had a record enrollment of 33,499 students.  
"The academic institutions which are part of this System are growing at a much more rapid rate than are institutions elsewhere in the state," Hubert said.  
The chancellor explained that the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System made some predictions last year for the enrollment at each state public institution for each year of the new decade.  
"We have reached, throughout the System, in

1981, the projections which they said we'd be at in 1985," Hubert said.  
The chancellor said limiting enrollment at the University has been discussed among administrators.  
"It has been a topic of discussion," he said, "but up till now we've made no plans to put a ceiling on enrollment."  
He added: "Trying to provide the physical facilities essential for a growing student population is one of our No. 1 priorities."  
Hubert said there are dormitories under construction on the Texas A&M campuses at College Station and Galveston, and renovation and repair programs are underway at Prairie View A&M University and Tarleton State University.

### Presidential search

The search for a permanent president for Texas A&M is another of the System's top priorities.  
Last week the presidential search committee finalized a list of 20 nominees whom they will recommend to the Board of Regents in February. The regents will then determine the remaining process and make the final selection themselves.  
Hubert said he does not feel the System reorganization will affect the appeal of the position, which has been open since the removal of Dr. Jarvis Miller last July.  
The reorganization plan implemented a year ago removed the extension services and experiment stations from the control of the University pres-

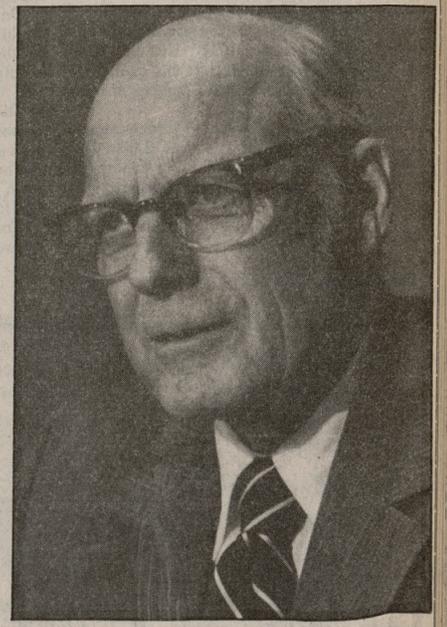
ident; their directors now report to the System chancellor. Thus, the Texas A&M president now controls the University alone.  
"We contemplate that this will be no deterrent whatsoever in attracting to that post a truly outstanding individual," Hubert said.  
"Obviously it must not have been a deterrent — over 500 nominations and applications were received."

### Budget approval

Seeking the Texas Legislature's approval of the 1982 budget is another top priority for the new year. Hubert explained that the draft approved by the Board of Regents last fall was sent to Austin, where it received the recommendations of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Budget Office.  
Hubert said he will be present when the legislators review the budget this spring.  
"I will participate in that along with the chief executive officer of each part of the System," he said.

### Teaching practices

The chancellor said there will also be a spotlight on the importance of quality teaching in 1981. Hubert organized the System Conference on Quality Teaching held on the Texas A&M campus earlier this month.  
He was unable to attend the conference himself due to a brief stay in the hospital. However, he said he has heard favorable comments about the conference, which featured speeches and panel discussions by educators as well as workshop sessions for participating teachers.



Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert