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Taking of hostages foreseen by experts

United Press International
WASHINGTON — A senior official says State Department experts warned in 1978 that the taking of hostages by Iran was foreseen by Iranian revolutionary militants. Harold Saunders, retiring as assistant secretary of state for the Near East, discussed in an interview with United Press International. "The professionals in the department were very concerned about the possible consequences and urged that he come here. Among the possibilities raised, Saunders said, was that Americans might be taken hostage. However, he said, "I have always respected the idea our senior political leadership has to make difficult decisions on a basis that is much broader than it is for us in the professional ranks." President Carter articulated the

reasons very well: that we should offer haven to people who need what this country has to offer," he said. In the interview, Saunders said, "If there was an error, it was possibly in not fully pressing the possibilities for alternative (medical) treatment (for the shah) in some other place." Saunders describes the breakdown of order in Iran as the greatest disappointment in his years as the department's top expert for the area. He said nobody accurately predicted the fall of the shah's regime because no one could foresee the shah himself—who overcame other political crises in the 1950s and '60s — losing the will to resist. "It may be an oversimplification, but the one thing that was missing in 1978 was the shah himself," he said. "Whether he was ill and we didn't know it, or emotionally drained and unable to rise to the challenge,

he was not able to turn things around." Saunders disputes the idea — put forward this week by President Reagan — there should have been no negotiations with the Iranians, and such situations should be dealt with by "swift and effective retribution." "Negotiation is the classic way to deal with kidnapers," said Saunders. "In private life or government, you try to open channels and communicate." On the value of the threat of retribution, Saunders said, "There was nobody to threaten with potentially decisive results. Retribution would not have affected the people holding our hostages." The hostages, he said, were released only when the political factions in Iran sorted themselves out and came to a consensus the political value of their American captives had been used up.



Photo by Steve Kennedy

Former U.S. Representative Frances "Sissy" Farenthold spoke of a lack of conflicting opinions in Texas

Tuesday in Rudder Tower.

Senate faces big agenda

By TERRY DURAN
Battalion Staff
Lively discussion is expected tonight as the student senate catches up on legislative action in its second meeting of the semester. Five bills that were held in committee two weeks ago will probably be acted on by the full senate: — an evaluation of holding Silver Taps only once a month when necessary, — a proposal that would suggest raising the health center fee to provide for hiring new personnel,

— a measure to suggest changing bicycle parking policies, — some suggested revisions in university rules and regulations, — a request to clarify whether or not classes would be held on the Monday following a football victory over the University of Texas, Three measures introduced to the body two weeks ago will also likely be acted upon: — a proposal for registration of potential

body part donors to run in tandem with the Aggie Blood Drive, — a series of four bills opposing the implementation in Fall 1981 of a Housing Department policy that would exclude fifth-year seniors and graduate students from on-campus housing, — a proposal to transfer funds from another Student Government account to support a summer job-finding program for Texas A&M students.

Director of Student Affairs Ron Blatchley met Monday night with staff members and student representatives to discuss the proposed exclusion of fifth-year and graduate students from on-campus housing, a decision made initially by then-President Jarvis Miller in the summer of 1980 to allow more freshmen to live on campus. Blatchley told the senate two weeks ago nothing could be done to stop eventual implementation of the policy. He said then the only points to be resolved were how and when the policy would be implemented. Two of the four bills titled "Discrimination Against Old Folks" would request postponing the policy's implementation; another would request consulting affected groups before similar decisions are made in the future; the fourth would censure the Student Affairs Office and request Acting President Charles Samson to review the policy before putting it into effect.

Sissy says Texas lacks conflicts

By RUTH M. DALY
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In hopes of having her audience "develop a more coherent perception of Texas politics," Frances "Sissy" Farenthold posed the question "How representative is Texas government" Tuesday night at Rudder Forum.

The former state legislator used John Madison's idea of majority rule — representation from all factions — as the basis of her statement that there is not representation from conflicting interests in Texas. She said her "own experiences have shaped perceptions of lack of divergence in society" and that this absence conflicts with Madison's theory. The Corpus Christi native said "the white male club is the most tenacious of institutions" and that from its inception, this "country has been a haven for white males compared to everyone else." She said that the U.S. Constitution approved of slavery and ignored women. Farenthold said that white men were not the problem for the lack of diversity in Texas politics, but that there was not equal representation of all factions. Farenthold added that the white-male majority was the same she saw in the legislature and the same that was in the faculty and administration at Texas A&M. Farenthold, 54, was the only woman in the House of Representatives from 1968-73. She said she began to realize the lack of diversity when she started collaborating with the handful of other minority legislators. Farenthold said she was bristled when she graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1949 and discovered she could practice law but not serve on the judiciary; she was also

bristled when she heard how few women were faculty members and how few had tenure at Texas A&M. Farenthold said that "minorities and women were studied as appendages" during her formal education and that the lack of diversity was not pointed out to her while she was in school. In MSC Political Forum Committee's first program of the semester, Farenthold didn't criticize Texas A&M as a violator of equal representation of minorities. She told the some 100 people to open their eyes, minds and hearts and look at the University and "compare yourselves to your siblings at Prairie View."

Farenthold retired from politics after placing second in the 1974 Texas Democratic gubernatorial race. She said the high cost of campaigning presented the biggest stumbling block for determining whether she would participate in politics again. Farenthold completed a four-year term as president of Wells College, in Aurora, N.Y., in 1980. At the college, she developed a dual-degree program with Texas A&M in petroleum engineering. The program involves three years of study in the petroleum engineering curriculum at Wells and one year of study at Texas A&M.

Farenthold said she insisted the program be with the University since she had heard its petroleum engineering department was the best in the country. She said she met with some controversy when she didn't choose her alma mater, the University of Texas. Farenthold explained her choice of Texas A&M over UT: "I didn't choose UT, because I was looking for the best."

Deadline for degrees Friday, Feb. 20 for announcements

Texas A&M University students who expect to graduate in May have until Friday to apply for a degree. Graduate and undergraduate students must apply by that deadline in order to be awarded degrees, Registrar Robert Lacey said. An \$11 graduation fee is required of all applicants and it can be paid in the Fiscal Office in the Richard Coke Building. Undergraduates should then present the receipt in the registrar's office, 105 Station Hall, and complete application forms.

Graduate students, however, apply at the Graduate College, 125 Teague Building. The deadline for ordering graduation announcements has been extended to Friday, Feb. 20. Faye Yeates of the Student Finance Center said the center had made arrangements with the supplier to extend the deadline two weeks. Announcements may be ordered in 217 MSC.

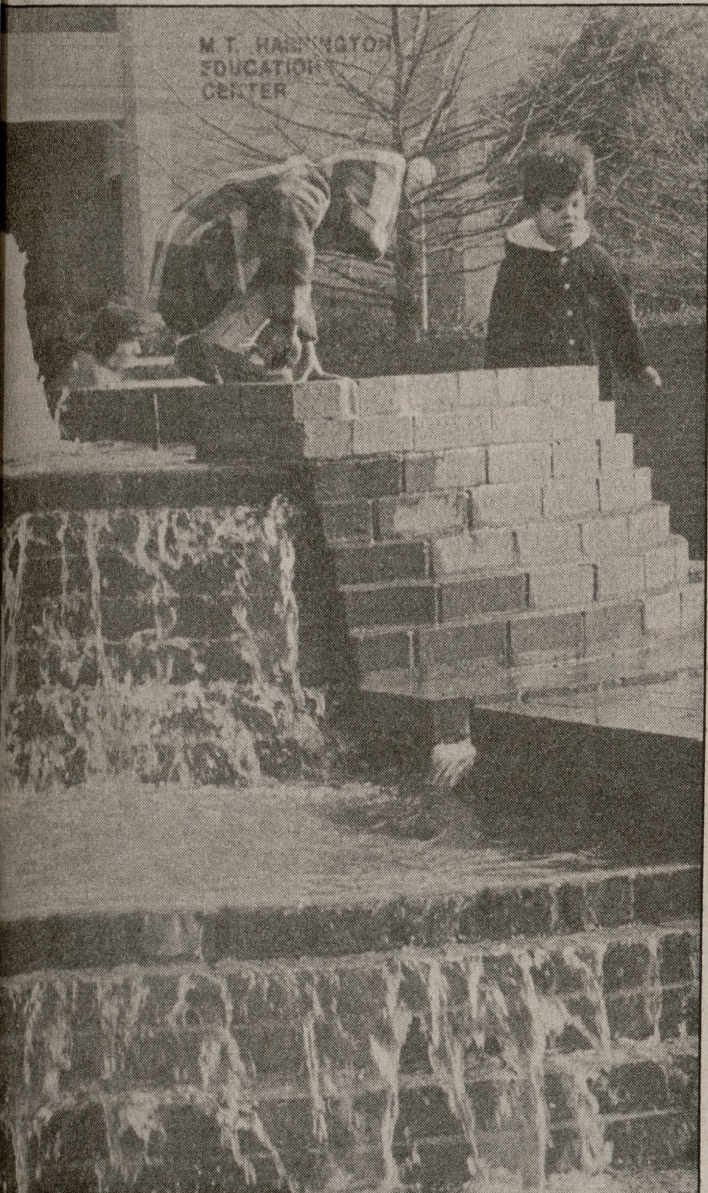
Dedeker's concern is larger council

By KATHY O'CONNELL
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Working effectively with the increased size of the council members and coordinating activities between the various committees is MSC Council president-elect Doug Dedeker's main goal.

Dedeker, a junior business major from Dallas, said, "It will be interesting to see how the new structure will work; however, I don't see that there will be that big of a difference." Dedeker said he was in favor of the restructuring from the beginning, even though he did raise some questions about it. "For instance," he said, "I was concerned about the size and whether the restructure will accommodate our (the Council's) needs." He also said he was concerned about filling the new positions. At a Jan. 26 meeting, the Council voted to approve reorganization of its structure. The number of members was increased from nine to 25.

After an analysis of the Council's needs, Dedeker said the reorganization would prove to be beneficial. Only 12 of the new officers are required to attend the Council meetings, he said, so it wouldn't be much different than working with the original nine. The 12 members include the six vice presidents, four coordinators of programs and two coordinators of projects. These officers are also voting members of the Council. As current vice president of administration, Dedeker said his job is to head the Building Studies Committee. This committee is in charge of all policies within the Memorial Student Center. One of the things he's done is work with Food Service to offer Directorate committees and other student groups a low-cost banquet and luncheon meal. Dedeker said this helps the smaller organizations which don't have much money in their budget. Dedeker said he's also working on a project to get students to park their bicycles in the racks instead of on the

MSC concourse. He said new bike racks won't be purchased unless the existing racks are filled. As president-elect, Dedeker said he'll be involved in the interviewing process of the other Council officers. Election of the president is always held in early February. "There are two reasons for this," he said. "First, the new president should be in on the selection of new officers and second, this gives the people who applied for the presidency a chance to run for the other offices." As far as the budget for the 1981-82 year, Dedeker said, "I don't imagine it will be any higher than this year's." He said the budget review committee goes over all the budgets for the coming year and submits its findings to the Council. He said the committee has been working on it since before Christmas. The current budget is approximately \$1.5 million. Dedeker will assume office at the MSC Awards Banquet on April 11.



Staff Photo by Brian Tate

Kids at play

Five-year-old Clover Sweeney, left, and her three-year-old brother Adam, use the fountains in front of the Chemistry Building to climb on while waiting for their father, Bill, who is the business manager for the Evans Library.

House addition plans on hold

Decision not yet made on \$90/square foot proposal

By DIANA SULTENFUSS
Battalion Reporter
A proposed addition to the president's home at Texas A&M University is in the works, but it is unknown when plans will move forward. Robert G. Cherry, assistant chancellor and secretary to the Board of Regents, said this week that one plan under consideration could cost \$367,500 but no final decision has been made. Cherry was the only System official who would comment on the issue; the architect also refused to make any statements on the house. The Board of Regents appropriated \$20,000 for design of the addition in November. That was the last action taken on the subject. Bryan architect D.D. Matthews, who designed the home, also designed one possible addition. Cherry said costs for this plan include: \$240,300 in construction costs, \$75,000 for furniture, \$40,700 for design, administration and contingencies, \$10,000 for landscaping, \$1,000 for surveying and \$500 to form a program of requirements, which is a list of all purposes and requirements for the addition.

At their Nov. 25 meeting, the regents reviewed the preliminary design for the addition calling for a 2,017-square-foot garden room with a storage area and two and a half bathrooms. The plans also included a 1,858 square-foot arbor area and patio and 234 square feet of covered walkways. These figures, although preliminary, indicate a cost of about \$90 a square foot. This compares with the new Academic and Agencies Building cost of \$51 a square foot or a new modular dormitory costs of \$42 a square foot. New houses in College Station cost about \$40 per square foot. At a party last fall, Dr. Charles Samson, acting president of the University, outlined the plans for the addition to a guest. According to preliminary drawings, the home's living room will be expanded to about twice its current size; the back wall of the remodeled house will be aligned with the garage's west wall. Cherry said this is only one possible plan. He said a structural defect would also be repaired if the project passes. The back porch and sidewalk were enclosed several years ago and are now pulling away from the house. Cherry said that the proposed work may take some time. Money to fund the project must come from gifts to the

University donated specifically for the project. "We were disappointed that the media previously made it seem that tax money was to be used for this addition," he said. Cherry said that the gift funds must be collected for the project first. Then the Board of Regents will authorize the construction. After that, bids will be accepted and a contract negotiated. No gift funds are currently reserved for construction on the house. The idea originated for two reasons, Cherry said. First, the house is vacant now. Samson lives in his own home in Bryan. Second, Cherry said, there is a desire to expand the home for entertainment purposes. The atmosphere of the home is important, he said. "Members of the Association of Former Students meet at the house after home football games," Cherry said. "Both faculty and student groups also use the house for entertainment purposes." "You feel like you've been invited to someone's home when you go there," Cherry said, speaking of the informal atmosphere.