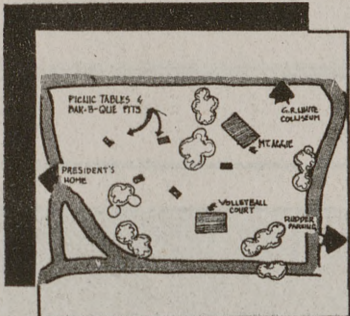


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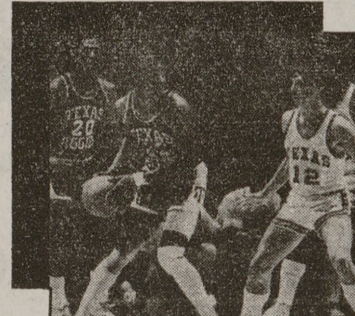
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U.S. transmits film supporting Solidarity

WASHINGTON — For 90 minutes Sunday, the United States sent a message around the world that the Polish people are not alone in their struggle for freedom.

The message came in the form of a radio and television program, "Let Poland be Poland." It featured statements of support for the Solidarity labor movement from President Reagan and the leaders of 14 other democracies.

Sponsored by the International Communication Agency, the program cost about \$350,000 to produce and \$150,000 to transmit via satellite. An ICA official said 48 countries agreed to accept Sunday's feed.

The ICA estimated the Sunday audience for the broadcast was 90 million. Of that number, the agency said the program was heard or viewed by 8 million in West Germany, 15 million in Italy, 11 million in France and 1 million in the Netherlands.

Substantial portions of the program were carried during prime time in those nations, an ICA spokesman said.

The Public Broadcasting Service also made the program available to its affiliates in this country.

The Soviet Union and Polish Communist officials have denounced the broadcast as propaganda interference from Washington. The film was not aired in the Soviet Union.

The Soviet news agency Tass said, "The 'prayer for freedom' (voiced in the American film) comes from those who encourage and feed the most reactionary, dictatorial and anti-national regimes, those who arm the Israeli aggressor and torpedo sanctions against the racist-ruled Republic of South Africa, the huge concentration camp."

The Kremlin also issued a rebuttal in the form of a 45-minute radio program stressing the flood of aid going from socialist capitals to Warsaw.

Poland's Deputy Foreign Minister Jozef Wicjacz said on Warsaw Radio that the film "was in bad taste. A harmful act that may contribute to the deterioration of East-West relations."

Actor Charlton Heston was host of the show, and there were appear-

ances by actress Glenda Jackson, actors Max Von Sydow, Kirk Douglas, Orson Welles, Henry Fonda, singer Frank Sinatra and comedian Bob Hope.

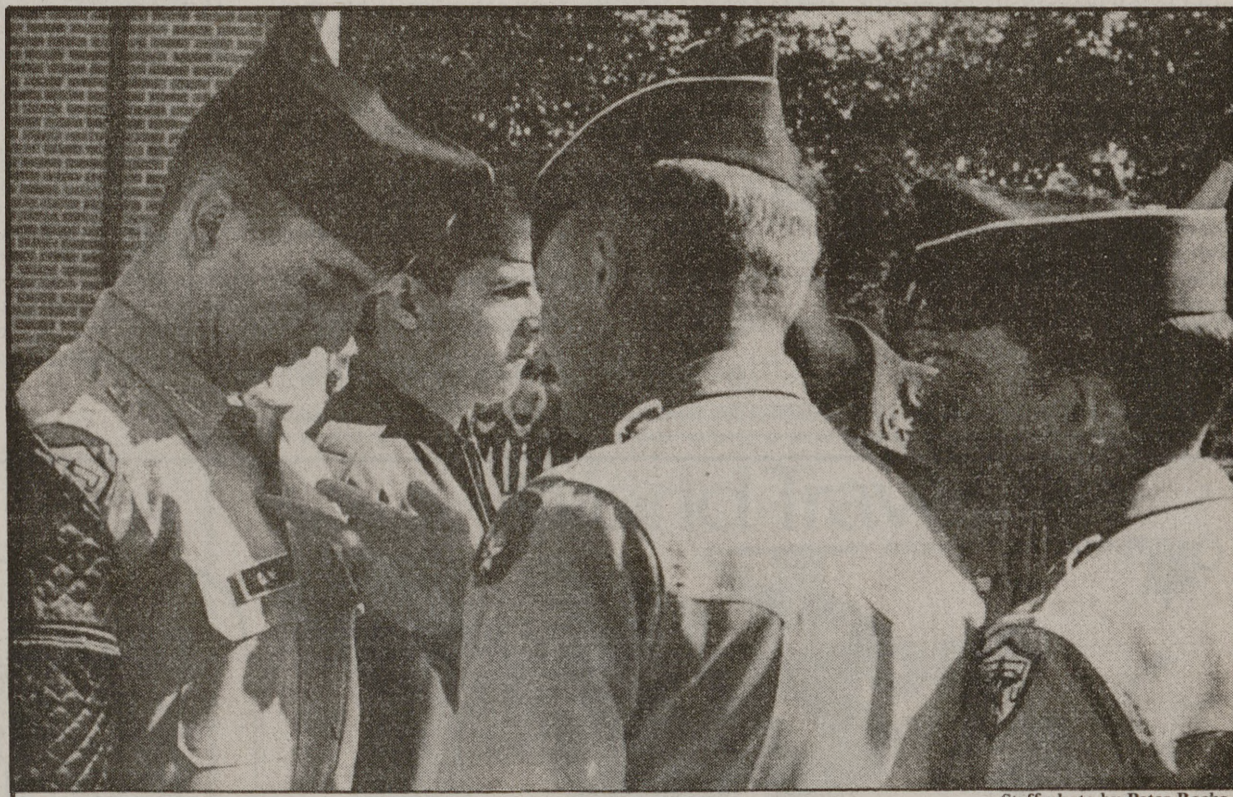
The program also employed two Polish diplomatic defectors and Soviet conductor Mstislav Rostropovich, who left his homeland for the United States years ago and is now directing the National Symphony.

Romuaid Spasowski, the former Polish ambassador to the United States said the spirit of the Polish people "has never been crushed."

"A war is now being waged in Poland," said the diplomat who was granted political asylum in the United States a few days after the Dec. 13 imposition of martial law in Poland.

"It is not a war of tanks, or guns or bombs," he said. "It is a war of ideas. An idea is stronger than any weapon. We must mobilize the moral force of freedom."

Reagan praised the "gallant" Poles and repeated his warning to Communist authorities in Warsaw and Moscow that, "If the events in Poland continue to deteriorate, we will take further steps."



Staff photo by Peter Rocha

You're in the military now

Junior cadets Ken Bordelon, left, and Robert Reese, right, inspect freshman Mark Cline in preparation for the best drilled freshman competition. Reese is a general studies major

from Houston, Bordelon, from Pearland, is a chemical engineering major and Cline is a petroleum engineering major from Richardson.

Vote of confidence' has twofold meaning

Vandiver offers resignation to Council

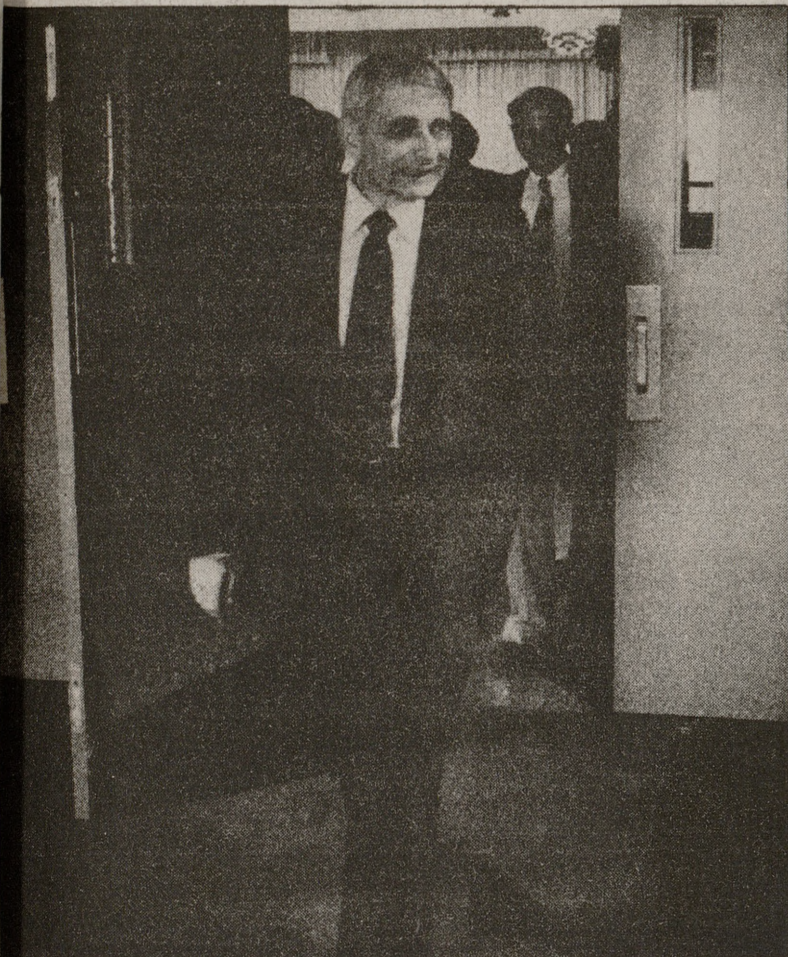


Photo by Janet Joyce

University president Frank E. Vandiver leaves Friday's closed Academic Council meeting.

by Angelique Copeland and Denise Richter
Battalion Staff

For the second time in two weeks, University President Frank E. Vandiver offered to resign his position because of events surrounding the hiring of new Head Coach and Athletic Director Jackie Sherrill.

Academic Council members, to whom Vandiver offered his resignation, have given mixed reactions.

In a closed Council meeting Friday, Vandiver offered to resign but Council members gave him an informal vote of confidence.

Vandiver originally offered to resign Jan. 18, after regents decided to hire Sherrill and instructed Vandiver to fire Head Coach Tom Wilson.

Friday's vote of confidence, however, represents disappointment in the Board of Regents as much as support for Vandiver, a member of the Council said.

Dr. John J. McDermott, distinguished professor of philosophy and

medical humanities, said: "The Academic Council offered its support for Dr. Vandiver, and I hope that it helps him. But, it (the vote of confidence) also represents disappointment in the activities of the Board."

Vandiver sent out confidential invitations Wednesday to Council members. As the first item of business, the president called for a motion to close the meeting for discussion of budget and personnel.

However, Dr. Alex McIntosh, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, said the issue was over the hiring of the athletic director.

During the meeting, Vandiver outlined the events that led up to the hiring of Sherrill. After detailing both his and the regents' roles in the episode, Vandiver said: "There's my side of the story ... I don't know all the answers. I think I told you all I can tell you."

He added, "I feel the credibility of my office has been threatened."

Vandiver then offered his resigna-

tion to the Council.

A member of the Academic Council, who has not been identified, called for a vote of confidence for Vandiver.

McIntosh said: "Basically, he was waiting for someone in the crowd to do that (call for a vote of confidence). The vote of confidence was initiated by the president. We were caught off guard and didn't know how to proceed. Finally, someone shook himself loose and made the move."

The Council responded with a round of applause. There was no discussion or dissension.

As he was leaving the meeting, Vandiver told reporters the Council discussed "people and money." When asked what the applause was about, he responded, "I told them there was a little more money than they thought."

In a phone interview Sunday, Vandiver refused to discuss the meeting or comment on his second resignation offer.

Dr. Hugh J. McCann Jr., head of the Department of Philosophy and Humanities, said: "The vote was by applause, not by count. I don't know whether it would be representative of the whole faculty."

"I think there's genuine sympathy for Dr. Vandiver on the point of the faculty. There was a sequence of events in which he was not the leading participant."

McCann added that he felt the purpose of the vote of confidence was to comment on how large a thing football is in the image of Texas A&M.

Dr. Henry C. Dethloff, head of the history department, said: "I suppose I'm pleased with the vote of confidence. I was saddened by past events as I'm sure Dr. Vandiver was."

"It would have been good if we could have had more discussion. But, I see this as a good point of departure from the whole thing. Maybe now we can move on to bigger and better things."

Street fights erupt in Poland

WARSAW, Poland — Poland's military government increased prices as much as 500 percent today and blamed U.S. "propaganda" for weekend street fighting in Gdansk that injured 14 people and brought the arrests of hundreds.

"February has started badly in the streets of Gdansk," the official Polish news agency PAP said Sunday in a commentary broadcast by Warsaw Radio.

The Gdansk disturbances on Saturday prompted the military council to order a stricter 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew in the Baltic port and suspend all public entertainment and sports. Private cars were banned.

"The more severe regulations which have now been introduced (in Gdansk) express the authorities' determination to maintain calm and order" during the introduction of new prices, the radio said.

The Interior Ministry accused de-

monstrators of "abusing the successive steps undertaken by the authorities to ease hardships of martial law and of acting against the interests and aspirations of the society longing for stability, calm and order."

Authorities specifically barred foreign correspondents from Gdansk, but said they could travel to other parts of the country for the first time since martial law was imposed Dec. 13 if they get prior permission

from the Foreign Ministry.

Even the Polish radio acknowledged prices had gone up drastically.

At one of Warsaw's largest supermarkets, shelves were filled mostly with grapefruit juice, bread, pickled vegetables, glucose and row after row of Chile powder.

A total of 214 people were arrested and 14 injured in violent weekend clashes with police in Gdansk on Saturday.

Cuts prompt students to enroll early

by Jennifer Carr
Battalion Reporter

High school dropouts don't usually quit school to enroll in college. However, this semester many high school seniors are doing just that to avoid losing thousands of dollars in Social Security benefits.

High school seniors across the country, including several in Bryan-College Station, are hurrying to enroll in colleges and other post-secondary schools before May 1.

Students not enrolled full-time in a post-secondary school, which includes college and technical, secretarial or business schools, by May 1 will not be eligible for student benefits because of President Reagan's government spending cuts.

Students enrolled by May 1 will be eligible to receive Social Security through May 1985 unless they turn 22 or obtain a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first. Even so, benefits will be reduced 25 percent each September and no longer will be paid May through August even if the student is attending school at that time.

Eleven students at Bryan High School contacted counselor Peggy White after she posted an article concerning the Social Security cuts. Of the 11, five decided to take their high school equivalency exams and enroll in Blinn Junior College.

Other than posting the article, White said she did not encourage the students to drop out and enroll in the junior college. Instead, she sent students and their parents to the local Social

Security offices or to Blinn to learn more about the options.

White said the five students who enrolled in Blinn plan to finish high school and get their diplomas either through night school, summer school or by correspondence. Three of those, White said, plan to attend Texas A&M University but want to get their high school diplomas first.

Gale Wood, associate director of admissions at Texas A&M, said although several students have contacted the University concerning early admission because of Social Security cuts, none of them met the requirements for the University's early admissions programs.

To enter Texas A&M before graduating from high school, a student must have a letter

from his high school principal, a Scholastic Aptitude Test score of 1,200 with at least a 600 verbal score and a high school average of 90.

Students who pass the high school equivalency exam are admitted if they meet the same University requirements as incoming freshmen.

Holly Rees, district manager for the Bryan Social Security office, said the office neither condones nor denounces students who try to beat the deadline, although he said the obvious intent of the legislation was that this year's high school seniors would not meet the cutoff.

A bulletin issued by the Bryan office said the logic behind the cuts in student benefits is that there are now several federally funded programs.

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forecast

Today's forecast: breezy and cool becoming mostly cloudy tonight with a 60 percent chance of rain; high near 60 with a low tonight in the mid-40s. Tuesday's forecast calls for a 50 percent chance of rain with cool temperatures.