

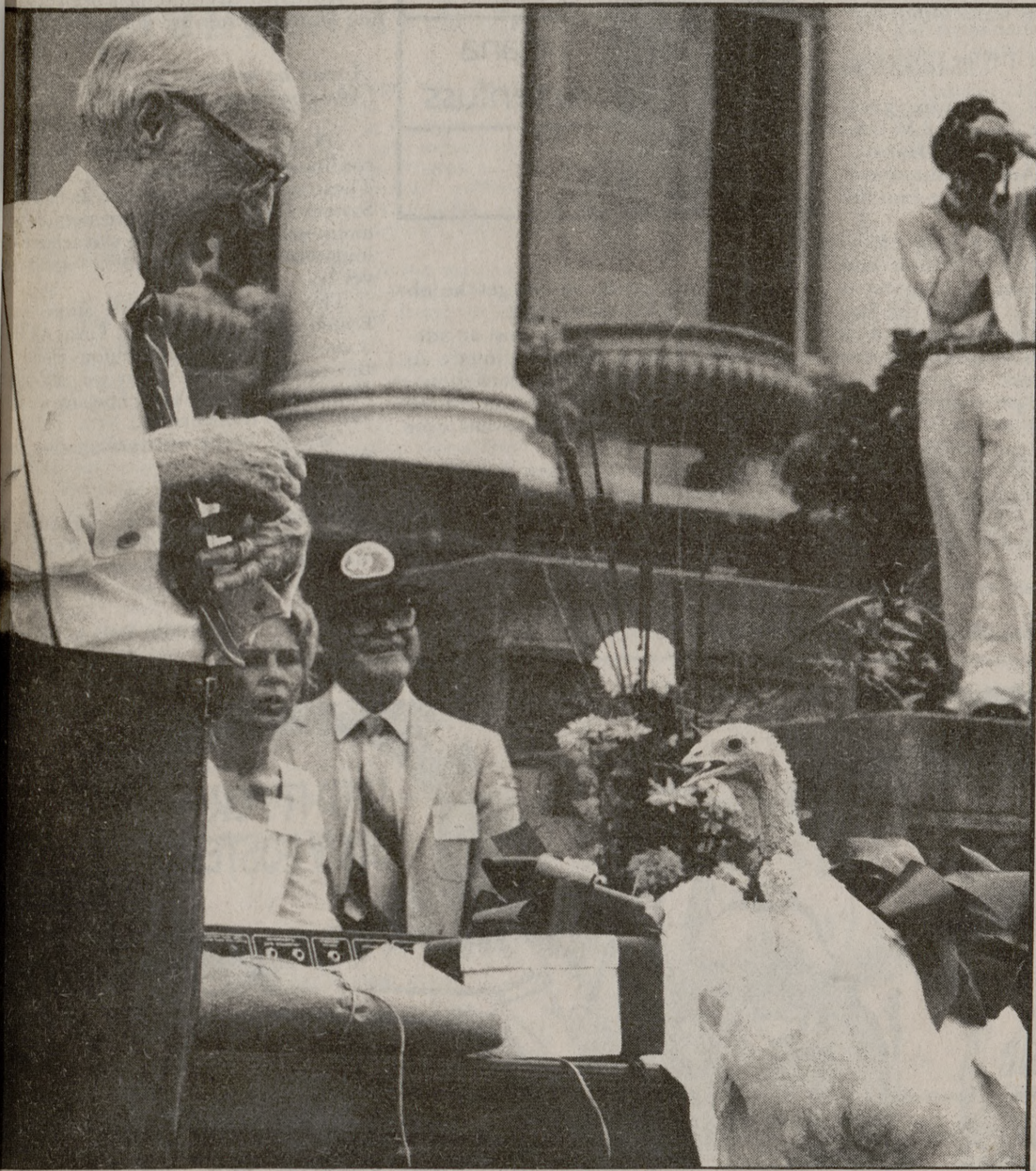
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Hubert meets turkey

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Dr. Frank W.R. Hubert receives a turkey from the College of Agriculture for his contribution as chancellor of the Texas A&M University System.

Administrators, former students and faculty gathered in front of the System Building for a lawn party honoring Hubert's last day.

Israeli official says time running out

United Press International
The PLO has agreed in principle to leave Beirut, sources say, but negotiations to solve the Lebanese crisis peacefully were bogged down and a senior Israeli official warned "we are running out of time."

In Washington, President Reagan added a note of urgency to the explosive situation Wednesday by denying a widely reported statement by his spokesman Larry Speakes that Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin had "promised" not to invade west Beirut. Reagan told a nationally televised news conference Speakes was not present at the discussion with Begin and the prime minister said only that Israel "didn't want" to move into the

capital's Moslem sector, where an estimated 6,000 Palestinian guerrillas are trapped.

The U.S.-endorsed negotiations to avert an all-out Israeli assault on west Beirut appeared bogged down in details Wednesday, the 26th day of Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

Sources close to the talks between Palestinian leaders and Lebanese officials said the Palestine Liberation Organization had agreed in principle to leave Beirut, but was seeking concessions refused by Israel and America.

Publicly, the PLO vowed it had no intention of leaving Lebanon, its last sanctuary.

In Jerusalem, after a meeting of

the Israeli Cabinet Wednesday, a senior Israeli official expressed hope the "problem can be resolved by political means."

"But we are running out of time," he told reporters.

Israel's state-run radio quoted military sources as saying the Syrians have reinforced their troops along the Damascus-Beirut highway. Israel controls an 18-mile section of the highway from Beirut eastward to Bhamdoun.

Some observers speculated the Palestinians were merely playing for time, hoping pressure in Israel and around the world would build to a point where an attack on Beirut was politically impossible.

Reagan wants secure border, strong Lebanon

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Reagan says the United States wants a strong Lebanon, including a secure border with Israel that the Palestine Liberation Organization and others could not use to "create acts of terror."

In a nationally broadcast news conference Wednesday, Reagan outlined for the first time U.S. goals for Lebanon — similar to those stated by Israel.

Reagan, however, refused to give details of continuing negotiations in the area, saying the situation was sensitive and he had to "walk a very narrow line" in discussing it.

In answer to a question, Reagan said the Israeli invasion of Lebanon could not be compared to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan because the

PLO had "pursued aggression" against Israel across the border.

And in a series of statements that avoided any criticism of Israel, Reagan said the United States did not know any more about the use of U.S. "cluster" bombs in Lebanon and denied Israeli Prime Minister Begin had promised not to invade Beirut.

On other topics, Reagan said: —The fight for the Equal Rights Amendment, which he opposed and which died today for lack of endorsement by three states, had not been wasted because it focused attention on the subject of women's rights. But, he said, those who talk of resubmitting ERA to the country could better spend their energies working for his program to eliminate discriminatory laws and regulations.

—His foreign policy is "progre-

ssing very well," despite the resignation of Secretary of State Alexander Haig. He denied Haig had attempted to submit his resignation more than once.

—All but announced his intention to run for re-election in 1984, saying it was "far too early" to make a decision, but that he had suggested to his staff "they shouldn't waste their time reading the help-wanted ads."

Reagan denied — as other officials have — the United States had any advance warning of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

He also surprised reporters by denying a widely reported statement by press spokesman Larry Speakes that Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin had "promised" not to invade Beirut.

Sex scandal on Capitol Hill

Officials investigating Congress

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Federal authorities are investigating allegations of homosexual activity between congressmen and teenage pages, focusing on whether sex was swapped for favors.

A Justice Department official confirmed the investigation Wednesday night, after two unidentified pages said on national television they and other pages had been the object of congressmen's advances.

In a copyright story today, the Arkansas Gazette quoted the Justice Department as saying one senator and nine or 10 House members, along with about a dozen pages, were involved.

Possible crimes involved would-be

sex with minors or exchanging favors for such sex, which might constitute bribery.

A Justice Department source said the FBI was attempting to determine whether there had been bribery, a federal offense. If agents conclude the crime was sex with a minor — a local offense — the matter would be turned over to city authorities, the source said.

Justice Department spokesman John Russell confirmed an investigation is under way, but refused to reveal details.

But a Justice Department official who declined to be identified told United Press International the FBI began a probe about two weeks ago, af-

ter receiving allegations from pages about homosexual activity and illicit drug use.

The Gazette also reported allegations, being investigated by the Justice Department, that a male member of the House administrative staff had arranged meetings between pages and House members and their staffers.

"The way the Hill works is you climb the ladder," said one of the pages interviewed by CBS News. "One favor deserves another... That's the way you're paid."

The allegations came from both male and female pages who work on Capitol Hill running errands for members of Congress.

CBS News aired interviews with two pages who said they knew of the illicit activity. Neither was identified, and they were backlit so their faces could not be seen clearly.

One of the pages, a 16-year-old boy, said he was not personally involved, but had been "homosexually harassed" and knew of other pages who had sex with members of Congress in return for jobs or promotions.

"I have been approached," he said. "I also knew of other people who were approached."

Asked if he was approached by male congressmen, he asserted: "By male congressmen who asked me — 'having a party tonight — show you some fun.'"

Blinn branches to College Station

by Rebeca Zimmermann

Battalion Staff
Students who take classes at Blinn College will soon be able to choose from three campus locations.

Blinn College has its main campus in Brenham and a branch campus in Bryan. This fall it will have a campus at College Station, too.

The new branch will be in the Woodstone Shopping Center on Highway 30.

"Our enrollment has gone up

astronomically and we've just run out of space," said Dr. Alec Pearson, assistant director of Blinn College's Bryan branch.

Since Blinn opened its Bryan branch in 1970, student demand for courses has increased with the growth of the Bryan/College Station area and Texas A&M University, Pearson said.

He said the new higher entrance requirements at Texas A&M may also increase Blinn's enrollment.

Half of the students at the Bryan

branch of Blinn live in College Station, Pearson said, so the new location in College Station would make attending Blinn much easier for those students.

Pearson said initially the branch will have an office wing and four classrooms. The classrooms will be in the second row of stores behind Monterey House, in an unfinished area of the shopping center.

The Bryan campus offers basic academic courses such as mathema-

tics, English, history and biology. The new College Station branch also will offer the same type of classes, but it will not have laboratory facilities, Pearson said.

"We primarily provide courses where there is a demand," he said. "This has worked very well."

He said some courses are offered at night for people who are unable to attend classes during the day.

Registration for fall courses will be conducted in the Bryan branch.

More indictments in IBM espionage

United Press International
SAN JOSE, Calif. — The Hitachi Co. of Japan, 14 of its employees and three people accused of being go-betweens in one of the largest industrial espionage conspiracies in history were indicted on charges of trying to steal secrets from IBM Corp.

More indictments may be issued later this month against five employees of the Mitsubishi Electric Corp. of Japan.

The indictments Wednesday named nine Hitachi employees in Japan and five who are free on bail in the United States. Federal Judge Robert P. Aguilar issued a summons for the defendants in Japan to appear in federal court in San Jose July 22.

All 17 were charged in two indictments with transporting stolen property.

Besides the Japanese businessmen, the indictments charged Dr. Barry Saffaie, an Iranian national free on \$200,000 bail, and a college student, Tabassom Ayazi, 22, free on \$25,000 bail. Both are suspected of stealing computer tapes and manuals from IBM and unwittingly passing them on to an FBI agent posing as an illegal buyer for the Japanese.

Also indicted was Raymond J. Cadet, identified by prosecutor Greg Ward of the U.S. attorney's office as a former IBM employee. It was the first time since the arrests were made a week ago anyone suspected in the scam was linked to IBM.

Remember these dates

Final examinations for the first summer session and registration for the second session will both be held next week.

Important dates and times to remember include:

July 5 — School holiday.
July 6 — Final exams from 7 to 9 p.m. for classes meeting 2 to 3:30 p.m.
July 7 — Final exams from 8 to 10

a.m. for classes meeting 8 to 9:30 a.m., final exams from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for classes meeting 10 to 11:30 a.m., and final exams from 3 to 5 p.m. for classes meeting 12 to 1:30 p.m.

July 8 — Registration for the second summer session.

July 9 — Beginning of second session classes.

Has everything — including kitchen sink

Condos billed as 'student oriented concept'

by Terry Duran

Battalion Staff
A \$3.7 million condominium complex two blocks north of campus will open the doors of its first finished unit to the public Monday.

The Northgate units are completely furnished and will include not only a washer and dryer and other major appliances, but also will come with dishes, pots and pans — right down to a can opener.

The complex is billed as "a totally student-oriented concept," but parents haven't been forgotten. The two- and three-bedroom units are being touted as an investment for pa-

rents of Aggies, complete with custom-made mortgage plans.

The prices start at \$58,500 for the two-bedroom units and \$83,000 for three bedrooms, but Houston architect and Northgate developer James M. Sink says parents who have the wherewithal will find it worth their while.

Sink said Monday a typical purchase will probably involve a first-year student enrolling at Texas A&M, "whose parents themselves recognize the advantage of condo ownership over rental and bring in another renter or two."

Three basic purchase plans are

available: a conventional 30-year mortgage at conventional interest rates, a 12½-year plan at lower interest and a cash purchase plan.

"There are a lot of very successful Aggies who will pay cash," Sink said. "They'd rather do that than pay the high interest payments."

If parents opt instead for the 12½-year mortgage, payments will run somewhere over \$400 a month for the two-bedroom condos and over \$600 for the three-bedroom units. The exact figure will depend on the interest rate secured and the size of the down payment.

Sink said the condos and the

accompanying finance plans are designed for resale after four years or so, although the buyers can keep the condo and rent it to other students or may save it for younger family members.

"One bedroom can be occupied by the student (whose parents are making the payments)," Sink said. "The other can be rented to a roommate. The buyers not only save the cost of renting student quarters, they also get a tax break on the deal. And they will usually be able to resell the property at a profit on their investment after their son or daughter graduates."

The condos are compact — 600

square feet for the two-bedroom units and 900 square feet for the three-bedroom units. The bedrooms are somewhat smaller than a campus dormitory room.

In order to maximize use of the one-acre site, 63 parking spaces are under the building, slightly below street level. Fifty-four additional spaces surround the site.

Sink said eight of the units have already been sold, sight unseen. He hopes to have all 54 sold by the time school starts in the fall. The modular project, located at the intersection of Cross and Nagle Streets, is slated to be completed by the end of July.

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Today's Forecast: 40 percent chance of thundershowers. High today of 93. Low tonight of 75.