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Lebanese leader killed

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — Lebanese president-elect Bashir Gemayel was assassinated Tuesday in a bomb explosion that demolished his Phalangist party headquarters, government sources said.

At least eight people, including senior Phalangist officials, were killed in the explosion, which carried force equivalent to 440 pounds of TNT. No one has claimed responsibility for the blast.

Government sources said the 34-year-old Christian leader, scheduled to be sworn in as president Sept. 23, died about 6 hours after the blast out-

side the East Beirut building where he was meeting senior officials of his party.

Gemayel was reported killed just as many believed the new government was about to take control of the nation after eight years of anarchy.

His death left the country in a void at a time when it faced some of the most critical problems of its history.

"This plunges half the country into despair and the other half into terror," said one university professor in West Beirut.

The government sources said Gemayel's body was taken to the

Hotel Dieu hospital in the Ashrafiyeh section of East Beirut, the same neighborhood where he died.

For more than an hour after his body was dug from the debris, official Beirut Radio played funeral music without interruption.

The Voice of Free Lebanon radio, operated by Gemayel's party, made no mention of his death but issued statements telling members of the Phalangist Lebanese Forces militia not to venture out in uniform or carry guns without specific orders.

The death was the first time in the history of Lebanon, which gained in-

dependence from French mandate in 1943, that a president or a president-elect had been assassinated.

A former commander of the Christian Phalangist militia, Gemayel has been the target of two previous assassination attempts. In one attempt in 1980, his infant daughter and a bodyguard were killed by a car bomb intended for Gemayel.

Gemayel was a fiercely controversial figure who was bitterly resented by Lebanese Moslems and other Christian groups both for his cooperation with Israel and for his ruthless military tactics.

Grace dies after auto crash

United Press International
MONTE CARLO, Monaco — Princess Grace, who gave up her near-winning movie career for a fairy-tale marriage to Prince Rainier of Monaco, died Tuesday night of injuries suffered in an auto accident Sunday.

Brake failure caused her sports car to careen off a scenic Alpine route and crash in flames, leaving her with multiple fractures and bruising her face, a royal spokesman said. After entering the hospital, Grace's health deteriorated.

The former American movie star's British-made Rover 3500 missed a turn on the snaking road in the Maritime Alps and plunged down a tree-

filled hill, flipping over and bursting into flames in a nursery garden 45 feet below.

Sesto Lequio, 62, the owner of the nursery, rushed to the garden, extinguished a fire in the motor, dragged Princess Stephanie from the car and called emergency aid to rescue Princess Grace.

Grace, 52, had been trapped behind the driver's wheel with multiple injuries and a blood-covered face.

A royal spokesman in Monaco said the former Grace Kelly of Philadelphia, who gave up a brilliant career in Hollywood to marry Prince Rainier III in 1956, suffered a fractured right thighbone, a broken rib and a shat-

tered collarbone.

He said the brakes failed and the car slid off the road.

Stephanie, 17, the younger of the royal couple's two daughters, was bruised and taken to the hospital with her mother and is still under observation.

Prince Rainier is the ruling monarch of the tiny coastal principality best known for its gambling casinos.

The couple's other daughter, Princess Caroline, 25, was attending a film festival in Deauville, France, during the weekend but the palace spokesman said she returned to be with her family.

Lequio rushed to put out the engine fire when he saw the crash. "You must notify my father," Stephanie, only semiconscious, told him.

"I don't know who your father is," he recalled having replied. "Then she told me," he said later.

The gardener said Grace, who won an Oscar for her performance in "The Country Girl" and whose classic beauty won her acclaim, had to be pried from behind the steering wheel and removed through the car's rear window.

The princesses were returning from a weekend at the royal family's country retreat at Rosagel when the accident occurred, the palace spokesman said.

Seniors advised to start search early

Jobs become harder to find

by Carol Smith

Battalion Reporter

Steve Niles is a 26-year-old graduate student in construction management. In Fall 1981, he was doing his thesis in wildlife and fisheries science and preparing to start work on his doctoral degree.

But Ronald Reagan was elected, federal programs were cut, the economy took a downturn and people with doctoral degrees in wildlife and fisheries were out of work. Private industry was unwilling to make an investment in the resources, Niles said, and consequently, when the federal resource budget was cut, a lot of jobs were cut as well.

"It was really discouraging," Niles said. "When I was getting out of undergraduate school, the wildlife people were telling me to go on and get my master's. So I went on and did that, but then they said that you practically had to have a doctorate to find a job. When Reagan was elected, even a doctorate wasn't enough."

So he changed to construction management and now is working on a master's degree.

Niles is lucky. He got into a discipline where he probably will find a job. But he's not the only student whose career plans have been altered by the current recession.

Because of the economy, an increasing number of students have entered their final semester at the University wondering whether or not they will have a job when they graduate.

Judy Vulliet, an assistant director at the Career Placement Center, said:

"The areas having the greatest impact on A&M are the energy fields. We get a large portion of our recruiting activity from that area."

Vulliet said the large oil firms and subsidiary firms have been hit hard by high interest rates and decreased gas prices.

"They are closing down some refineries, capping some wells and generally just sort of slowing down and grinding things to a halt," she said.

Because of high interest rates and low gas prices, firms have been hiring fewer people, and in many situations, Vulliet said, are laying off a large number of employees.

"We got calls all summer long from engineers in Houston, who had worked for a company for a year and a half or so and had been laid off," she said. "They were wondering what we could do for them as far as jobs were concerned."

She said the recruiting list for companies coming to interview students was booked totally and had a

long waiting list last March and April. But the center did not remain booked, she said.

"We began getting cancellations in the summer when it became apparent to these firms that they were not going to be in a position to make a lot of new hires," she said.

The center is still about 80 percent full, she said. "That means fewer schedules, more students wanting to sign on those schedules, and it makes sign-ups and job search more competitive," she said.

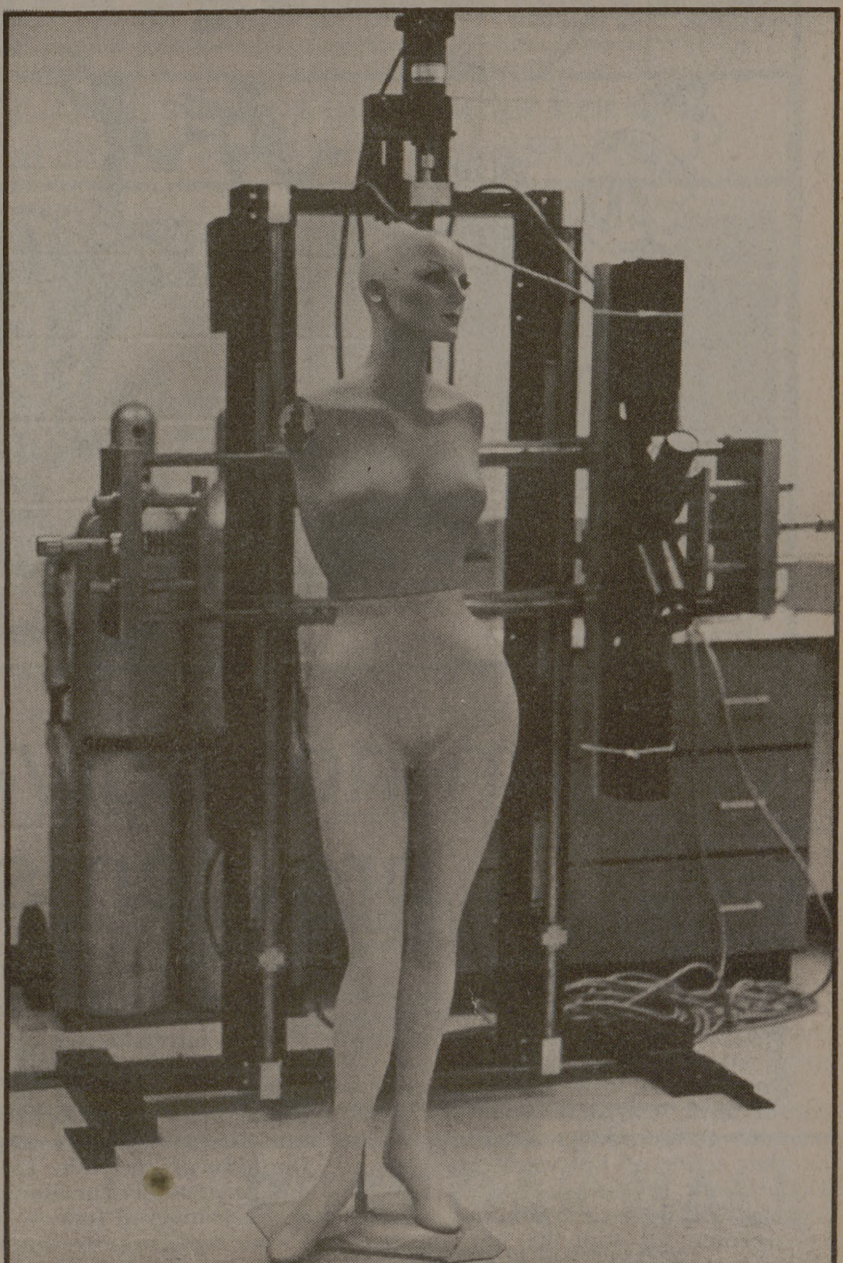
But Vulliet said the Placement Center and the students are both more prepared this fall.

She said engineering majors have been hit hardest by the crunch.

"It was a function of the fact that their disciplines have been in demand so consistently in the past, that they waited last year, through no fault of their own, until the spring of their senior year to begin interviewing," she said.

Vulliet said they expected one semester of interviewing would get them where they wanted to be. "Unfortunately," she said, "they happened to pick the semester where the bottom was falling out."

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staff photo by Jane Hollingsworth

Venus de Kyle

This mannequin is being tested by the Department of Health and Physical Education on its new biostereometrics machine. The research machine measures total body surface through the use of lasers.

Festivities to mark Mexican freedom

Traditional Mexican dances and a queen's crowning will be part of a Mexican independence celebration tonight and Thursday night at the LULAC grounds on Sandy Point, off Highway 21. The celebration is sponsored by the local chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

Although LULAC is commemorating Mexican independence tonight and Thursday, the celebration in

Mexico is held Sept. 14 through 16, said Linda Rosas, a member of the LULAC women's council.

Each night, the Association of Mexican Students at Texas A&M will perform traditional Mexican dances using authentic costumes.

The celebration also will include a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight. At about 9:30 p.m., a Queen of Fiestas will be crowned by District Judge W.T. McDonald Jr.

Drunk driving kills 26,000 a year; MADD is working to stamp it out

by Gary Barker

Battalion Staff

On a winter morning in January 1981, 18-year-old Curtis Timmons got into a Ford Pinto with two of his friends, James Martinez and Frank Davis. They left Timmons' house to pick up another friend and headed south on the Gulf Freeway in Houston.

They never arrived.

At 11:40 a.m., a car in front of them pulling a boat swerved suddenly and the Pinto was hit head-on by a car driving the wrong way on the six-lane, divided highway. Timmons was killed instantly; Martinez, who was riding in the back seat, was thrown onto the guard rail in the center of the freeway and also died instantly. Davis, the driver, was injured seriously.

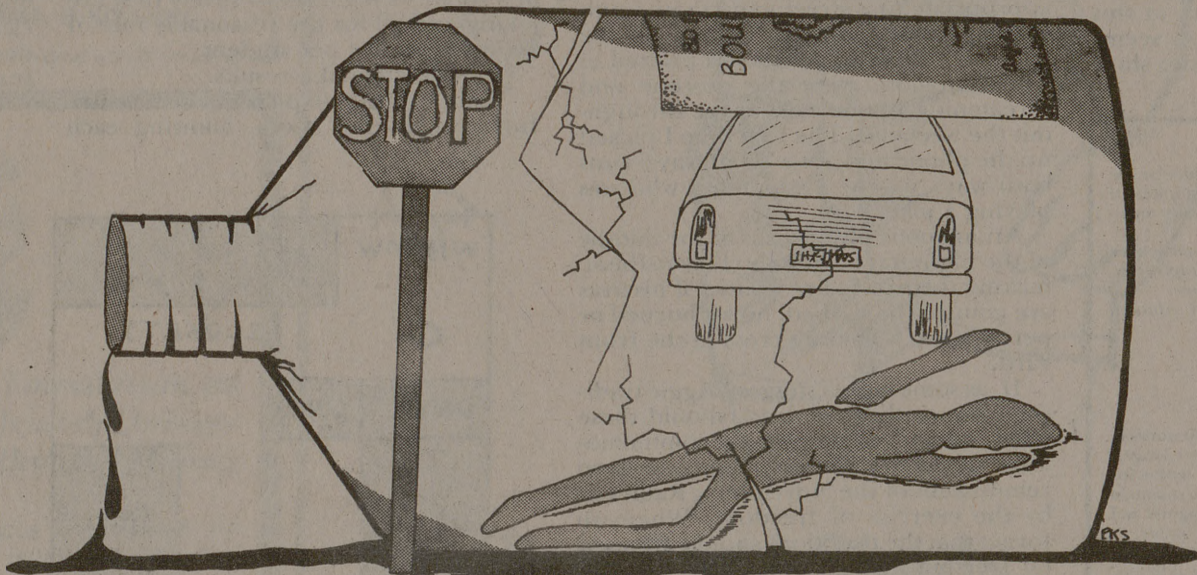
A Life Flight helicopter, which was passing over on its way to Hermann Hospital, was able to land on the freeway about five minutes after the crash and take Davis to Hermann where he later recovered.

The driver responsible for Timmons' death was drunk. He had one prior conviction for driving while intoxicated and had been arrested for public intoxication two months before the accident.

Timmons' mother, Marinelle, was outraged.

The drunk driver was charged with two counts of involuntary manslaughter and Timmons was told he would probably receive a probation sentence.

"It was because of that (the prob-



ated sentence) and because I felt that these two prior arrests had served as no warning to him, and because he had made a conscious decision to drink and drive, that I felt if that's the way the system works, then the system needed to be changed," Timmons said.

The driver responsible for her son's death eventually was sentenced to eight years in prison — though Timmons said he'll probably only serve a third of that — but Timmons attributes this, in part at

least, to group pressure.

In August 1981, she contacted Mothers Against Drunk Drivers in California and started the first Texas chapter in Houston. Timmons, formerly a secretary for Phillips Petroleum Co., became full-time Texas director of MADD. By the summer of 1982, Texas had more than 8,000 MADD members in six chapters, including Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, Austin, El Paso and the newest one in Brazos County. Chapter approval is

pending in several other Texas cities.

Brazos chapter president Dr. Kirk Brown said the new chapter has about 23 members and is growing rapidly. He also said the purpose of the group is not just to change laws.

"MADD is a movement at the local, national and state level to strengthen our (DWI) laws and help enforce them," Brown said. "I think we need to realize writing a law doesn't do it... we need some long-

term activity to get our statistics turned around."

Timmons agreed.

"We're not a crusade against the use of alcohol," she said, "only against the combination of drinking and driving. We ask that people be responsible and know their limits."

MADD was started in May 1980 by a mother, like Timmons, who had a child killed by a drunk driver. Candy Lightner joined with several of her friends and started MADD in Fair Oaks, Calif. Today MADD has 83 chapters in 29 states, and has chapter approval pending in all other states.

MADD is one of the key forces behind a current nationwide movement against drunk drivers. Community pressure, MADD and groups like MADD have led to tougher drunk driving laws in 27 states this year. Twenty states have raised their drinking age. And Congress is considering a bill that gives funds from the existing Highway Trust Fund to assist and reward states in trying to solve the drunk driving problem.

Even high school students have joined the push. In several eastern states chapters of Students Against Drunk Driving have formed in high schools.

In Texas, Timmons said MADD is working in three areas: commun-

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forecast

Today's Forecast: High in the low to mid 90s, low in the low 60s. Forty percent chance of afternoon showers.

almanac

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 15, the 258th day of 1982 with 107 to follow.

The moon is moving toward its new phase.

The morning star is Venus. The evening stars are Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Virgo. Republican William Howard Taft, 27th president of the United States, was born Sept. 15, 1857.

On this date in history: In 1942, armies of Nazi Germany began the siege of Stalingrad, Russia.

In 1963, four black girls were killed in the bombing of a church in Birmingham, Ala. Two black boys were shot to death that day as city-wide rioting broke out.

In 1966, Gemini 2 splashed down in the Atlantic Ocean after a then-record 3-day space flight.

In 1972, two former White House aides and five other men were indicted on charges of conspiracy in the break-in of Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington (Watergate).