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## Ex-first lady Bess Truman dead at 97

**United Press International**  
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bess Truman, the former first lady described by the late President Harry S. Truman as "The Boss," died today of congestive heart failure. She was 97.

Born Bess Wallace Truman, the widow of Harry S. Truman, the 33rd president of the United States, zealously guarded the privacy of her personal life in her final years at the 17-room mansion where she grew up in Independence, Mo.

Truman died on arrival at Research Medical Center. Her doctor said her condition was complicated by a bleeding ulcer which caused a recent hospitalization.

Following the death of her husband on Dec. 26, 1972, Truman rarely left the spacious frame house a few blocks from the Truman Library that friends said she always liked "a lot better than Pennsylvania Avenue" — the White House.

No family members were at the hospital when death came.

The oldest living former first lady maintained a quiet existence with the aid of a housekeeping staff of two women and a handyman and a Secret Service detail.

"She was dead on arrival," hospital spokesman Tom Peck said. "She was brought to the hospital early today and pronounced dead at 4:38 a.m."

A recurring case of arthritis and other ailments necessitated first that she use a cane, then a wheelchair, and finally those illnesses severely restricted her visits to the beauty shop and the Truman Library.

Dr. Wallace Graham, Truman's longtime physician, said the cause of death was congestive heart failure. He said no autopsy would be conducted, but a news conference was to be held at 9 a.m. CDT to discuss details of the death.

The only daughter in a family of four children, Truman was born Feb. 13, 1885. She was 18 when her father died and her widowed mother returned with the children to live with Bess' Grandmother Wallace.

Peck said the death was related to the bleeding ulcer that recently hospitalized Truman.

At the White House, a spokesman said, "The president was saddened to learn of her death this morning."



### Bike accident

staff photo by Diana Sultenfuss

Elizabeth Harnden, 24, a graduate student in English, is treated for head injuries by the University Emergency Medical Team. According to the University Police report, Harnden was turning south on her bicycle onto Ireland Street from Parking Lot 7, near the A&A Building,

Friday morning when she swerved to avoid another bicycle and collided with Alberto Livore, who was riding his bicycle south on Ireland. Harnden was treated for minor head injuries and released. Livore was not injured in the accident.

## Gemayel visits U.S.; Israel nearing agreement

**United Press International**  
President Amin Gemayel flew to the United States Sunday to seek aid for rebuilding Lebanon, leaving his army under orders to move into the mountains southeast of Beirut to halt fighting between Christian and Druze Muslim militias.

on the prospects of a trilateral agreement being reached soon with Washington and Beirut over security in south Lebanon.

Orders for the Lebanese army to replace Israeli troops in the rocky Shouf mountain region overlooking Beirut airport came after Gemayel conferred with leaders of the two rival factions before boarding a special Middle East Airlines flight for New York.

Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor indicated Israel may soften its opposition to an international peace-keeping force there, provided it plays only a secondary role in policing a 27-mile buffer zone north of the Israeli frontier.

In Jerusalem, the Israeli cabinet at its regular weekly meeting heard an optimistic report

Previously, Israel had said it was opposed to having any foreign forces in south Lebanon.

In Beirut, government sources said Gemayel and his nine-man team of top Lebanese officials would seek help in Washington for rebuilding Lebanon and its army, a key to the restoration of law and order in the country torn by seven years of warring.

Lebanese army would go into the Shouf mountains "after Israeli troops in the region complete their withdrawal." It said about 200 Israeli soldiers were gathering up their gear in the village of Kfar Shoum in preparation for their withdrawal.

Apparently preparing for the arrival of the Lebanese regulars, the Israelis moved lumbering Mack truck tank transporters into the foothills of the Shouf and closed off some of the narrower mountain roads to ordinary traffic.

Reagan was expected to announce a \$10 billion loan during the first official visit to the United States ever by a Lebanese president, the sources said.

Fighting between the right-wing Lebanese Christian Phalangists and leftist Druze has been going on in the mountains for months, but intensified last week into sustained artillery and mortar duels that reportedly killed 15 people.

But one Israeli officer said he had not yet received orders to withdraw his two American-made M-60 Patton tanks and two armored personnel carriers.



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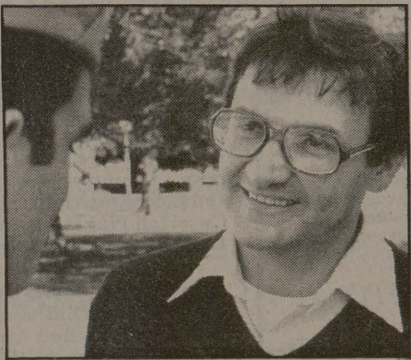
### Grin and bear it

Matt Batchelor, a senior computer science major from Orange, poses with the Baylor University mascot, a North American black bear cub named Judge Charles. Batchelor's sister, Mary, is a student at Baylor. For related stories, see pages 9 and 10.

## 'Bad news': campus priest to be moved from A&M

by Janet Joyce  
Battalion Reporter

Clad in beige slacks, a light-colored sport shirt and a maroon sweater, Bill Brooks walks briskly across the Texas A&M campus. Students, faculty and staff greet him as they pass. A few stop to chat.



Rev. William C. Brooks

But instead of the cheerful faces he usually sees, their expressions are sad. And their conversations begin with, "I heard the bad news."

students, well, anybody — they've just always counted on him as a friend and he's been there when they've needed him."

The "bad news" is that the Rev. William C. "Bill" Brooks — Catholic priest, campus minister to more than 12,000 Catholic students — has been transferred after four and a half years and will leave Tuesday for his new home in Luling.

Carol Lilley, a junior mechanical engineering major from Yoakum, worked with Brooks.

Brooks has been part of Aggie life during his years here. He has gone to Fish Camp each year, regularly visits the bonfire cutting site and is an honorary member of the Century Singers and Singing Cadets.

"When I first met Father Bill, I sometimes wondered if he ever stopped talking because he's such an outgoing person," Lilley said. "But when it comes to counseling, he always seems to know when to talk and when to listen and most of the time he listens. He can really help you get things back into perspective."

Brooks brought a variety of experiences to College Station.

He was born in Cincinnati in 1940. He began singing professionally in high school and has sung with the Buffalo and Cincinnati symphonies and the New York Metropolitan Opera.

He left the Franciscans in 1975, planning not to be a priest. Then a friend encouraged him to look at the Austin diocese. On Sept. 27, he was ordained a deacon and was ordained a priest seven months later.

Brooks came to St. Mary's on June 1, 1978, arriving at a parish that had minimal attendance on Sunday and was in such financial trouble that it was doubtful his \$250 a month salary would be paid. Today, he leaves a parish that is financially sound, and has standing-room-only crowds at four Sunday masses in a building that officially seats about 800 people.

He began singing professionally in high school and has sung with the Buffalo and Cincinnati symphonies and the New York Metropolitan Opera.

Selling insurance full time, Brooks went to school at night and received a bachelor's degree in economics in 1961. He was named the Outstanding Man of Cincinnati the same year.

"We're all going to miss him," Lilley said. "In fact, the Aggies will probably overload Luling's telephone lines as soon as Father Bill hits town."

As a parting gesture, a yell practice will be held for Brooks at noon Tuesday at St. Mary's.

## Cheap Trick ticket sales postponed

Tickets for Cheap Trick will not be on sale today. They will go on sale Wednesday morning at Rudder Box Office. Call MSC Town Hall at 845-1515 for further information.

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Today's Forecast: High of about 82, low in the upper 50s. Warming slightly with high haze.