

# Death of Malcolm X unanswered, activist says

by Leslie Barr  
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Americans need to take a closer look at their government for its role in the assassinations of important figures in history, said black activist Ron Wilkins in a lecture Tuesday.

"The unusual circumstances surrounding the death of Malcolm X, for example, gain meaning when you look at the fact that it took the ambulance over two hours to get to the Americana Hotel in New York, Wilkins said that following the death of his father, Malcolm was in and out of foster homes and finally was raised by his half-sister.

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assassinations, not to mention Watergate issues, have never been fully presented to the public — and they have a right to know.

Before his lecture, Wilkins presented an 18-minute film entitled "A Tribute To Malcolm X," which outlined Malcolm's life.

Following the film, Wilkins highlighted Malcolm's life from when he was six years old — when his father was lynched — until he was killed at the Americana Hotel in New York. Wilkins said that following the death of his father, Malcolm was in and out of foster homes and finally was raised by his half-sister.

After Malcolm X served a

prison sentence in 1946, he became a minister and ultimately became a spokesman for Mohammed, founder of the religion Islam. Wilkins also said that Malcolm X started the first U.S. Islamic newspaper, Mohammed Speaks.

"Malcolm helped to create a very assertive climate for black people in the United States, and was a major factor in the birth of the black movement during the 1960s," Wilkins said.

Wilkins, African American Education Commission, is lecturing on black history every Monday in February, and is sponsored by the Texas A&M Black Awareness Committee.

# Security cuts news delivery

by Joel Guzman  
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While the new modular dormitory security systems may be helping to keep out intruders, the systems also are keeping out something less threatening — newspapers.

Since the installation of the new security system two weeks ago, modular residents have had to either pick up papers outside their dormitories or wait for delivery after the dorms open at 8 a.m.

One problem with that procedure is that newspapers left unattended in front of the dorms in the mornings can be picked up by people who have not paid for the subscription. Also, most newspaper distributors promised early morning, front-door delivery as part of their service.

Ron E. Sasse, associate director of student affairs, said residents of the dorm are the only people who should have a key to the security lock. If a separate key was available for newspaper

delivery persons, it would be discriminatory to keep another concession — like pizza delivery — from having equal access to the dorms, he said.

Efforts by local distributors to change the policy to allow continued early delivery have not been successful.

Julian McMurrey, distributor of the Houston Chronicle in the area, has suggested that a key be kept at the University Police sta-

tion to be used on a check-out and return basis by the carrier. The lock system affects almost half of his on-campus subscribers.

Tom Russell, Bryan-College Station Eagle district circulation manager, is in a similar situation. His service can't fulfill the early delivery promise and the security system involves half of his on-campus subscribers. His company has suggested drop

boxes in neutral areas to prevent passers-by from picking up papers from the stack.

Margaret Coughran, head resident of Neeley Hall, said the girls would still prefer to get door service even if the papers are delivered late.

Susan Vaughn, head resident of Clements Hall said, "It was a hassle at first but I think the newspapers can work around our new system."

## Convenience store conflict

# CSISD looks at rezoning

by Maureen Carmody  
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The College Station Independent School District Board of Education Monday agreed to submit a request that College Station City Council take in account the proximity of A&M Consolidated High School when taking action on the rezoning of property adjacent to the school.

William D. Fitch, both a member of the board and the

developer of the land in question, suggested he be allowed to put a convenience center across the highway from the school. He also suggested that this space be rezoned to allow the sale of gasoline in this area.

The board deliberated over two hours on the conflict. Several citizens spoke out against the proposal saying a convenience center placed that close to the school would increase student

tardiness because there would be a possibility that video games would be placed in the center.

There were also concerns voiced that the center would attract the students to cross the highway, thereby increasing traffic safety risks.

Several board members said the matter belonged to City Council and should be resolved there. But there was an agreement to request to the Council

that it immediately take into consideration installation of traffic lights and other pedestrian and cyclist traffic safety devices.

In other business, the board approved a proposal to ask for necessary funds to receive the "Here's Looking at You" curriculum, an educational program put out by the Texas Commission on Alcoholism which includes increased counseling, screening by school nurses, and contraband detection dogs.

The board approved the Joint School Board/City Council Election to be held April 2.

# Traditions week gets support from dorms

by Melissa Adair  
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Texas A&M students have a way to continue the traditions that future students will see the importance of them, said yell leader Tom Joseph at a traditions awareness program Monday night.

The program, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, kicked off traditions week which started Monday and will continue through next Friday. Buck Weirus, retired executive director of the former students' association, and Joseph spoke at the importance of maintaining the traditions at Texas A&M.

"This year I've seen more interest in traditions than I have in long time," Joseph said.

Weirus, Class of '42, said, "I think traditions can make you a better person ... and we must remember that education is not just academics."

More and more, people are beginning to realize the importance of things other than acad-

emics ... like ethics, morality and building character."

Weirus said that even after graduating from Texas A&M, traditions have a lasting and positive effect on the students who make the most of them.

Gene Hawkins, chairman for traditions week, said tradition was chosen as the emphasis for the RHA awareness program because students need to learn

more about the various traditions here.

The program is a contest between the residence halls to see which can best promote traditions, Hawkins said. The winning men's hall and women's hall will get a free mixer.

Although the dormitories will be doing most of the programs for traditions week, RHA has declared Wednesday as "Maroon Day", Hawkins said.

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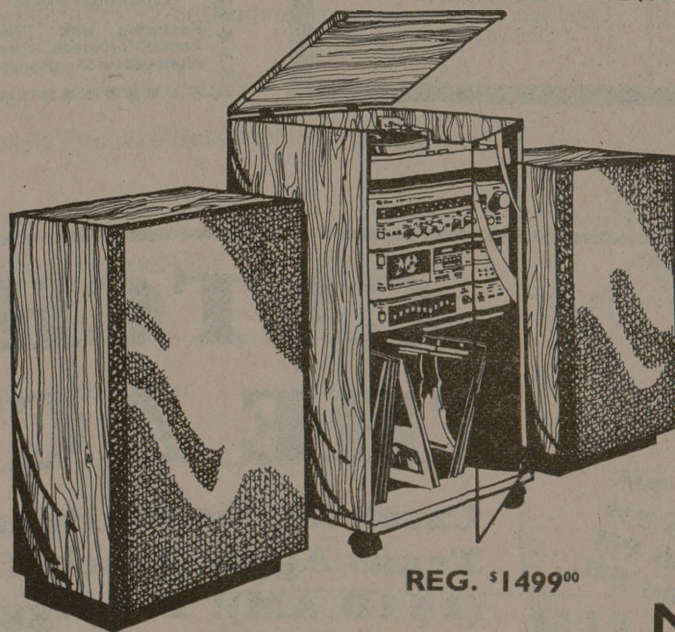
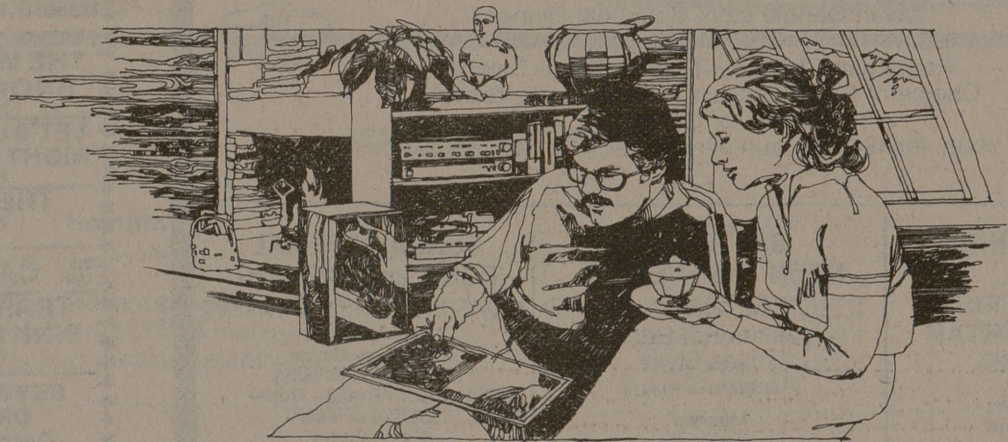
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