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## Reagan to speak on Central America

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — President Reagan's address on troubled Central America will stress the implications the situation has for United States security, a presidential aide says.

The aide said Reagan, in a speech on a rare joint session of Congress Wednesday night, will discuss the broad overall problem in Central America and what needs to be done. The speech will focus on El Salvador and Nicaragua.

Congress will be told, the aide added, that while it shares in the powers of foreign policy making, it "also must share in the responsibilities."

The forum of a special joint congressional session has been used only a few times since World War II — with the exception of state of the union addresses — and indicates the im-

portance Reagan attaches to the speech.

Reagan was prompted to speak on his administration's goals in the strife-ridden Caribbean when the House Foreign Affairs Committee rejected his request for an additional \$50 million in aid for El Salvador.

Reagan spent a relaxed Sunday in the White House after traveling to Andrews Air Force Base Saturday evening to meet the bodies of 16 Americans killed in the Beirut embassy bombing.

Aides are aware of the high risk involved in Reagan's bid for congressional support for his Central American policies, including bolstering the Salvadoran government against the insurgency and interdicting supply lines from Nicaragua.

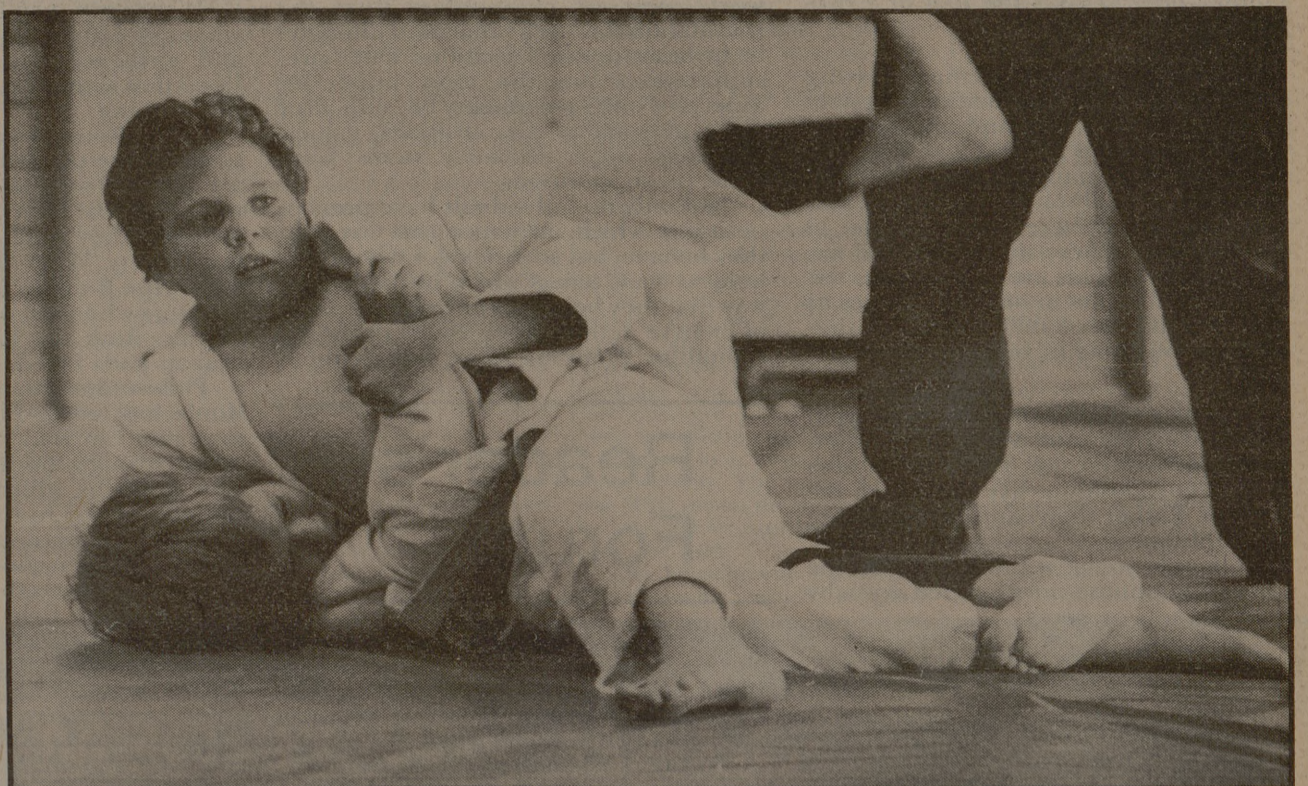
There were indications that he

would revive the "domino theory" for Latin America, contending that the Nicaraguan Sandinista government is aiding Salvador rebels who are trying to topple the government of El Salvador.

For some time, White House aides have insisted that anyone who has received full briefings on Central America — and particularly El Salvador — has supported the administration's plans in the area.

The House Appropriations subcommittee is scheduled to vote Tuesday on a request to switch \$60 million in military aid already approved for other countries to El Salvador.

Reagan made a major speech on March 10 tying U.S. hemispheric security interests to the Central America but did not have the live television coverage he wanted.



staff photo by Irene Mees

### Just call me Bruce

A judo tournament for 6-year-olds and older was held at G Rollie White Coliseum Saturday. Fighting like a little Bruce Lee is Joel Dixon, on bottom, who has been

learning judo for one month, and Troy Neuman, the winner of this clash, from Houston, who has been learning for one and one-half years.

## Vandiver warns council budget outlook 'gloomy'

by Robert McGlohon

Battalion Staff  
Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver painted a gloomy picture of the University budget, which now is being discussed by the Legislature, during a meeting of the Academic Council on Friday.

"I want you to know that the situation in Austin is not happy," Vandiver said. He told the assembled administrators, deans and department heads that he would not encourage a view of "halloping optimism."

Many of the budget increases Texas A&M has requested have been put on a "wish list" that is likely to be one of the longest in the state, Vandiver said.

Just a few of the items that probably will be eliminated or substantially reduced are equipment funding for the College of Engineering, pay raises for faculty and staff, funding for faculty development leaves and a boost in department operating expenses, Vandiver said.

"I urge you to keep a close eye on

what happens as we come down to the wire," he said. "All is not lost — it's just threatened."

But Vandiver also had good news to report.

Although faculty development leaves probably have been eliminated permanently from the Austin budget, Vandiver said, the University, with money from the Available Fund and private sources, will be able to finance 19 such leaves on its own.

He praised the work of Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen and the Association of Former Students in accomplishing that feat. Without their efforts, Vandiver said, Texas A&M would have been able to finance no more than four faculty development leaves next year.

During the meeting of the Academic Council, Dr. Charles McCandless, associate vice president for academic affairs, led the council through the agenda with almost no discussion. The two exceptions were the approval of candidates for graduation in May and the approval of the addition

of new courses.

One graduation candidate — Gary Wayne Gray — died after pre-registering for his final semester, McCandless said. Gray was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in English posthumously.

Dr. Helmut W. Sauer, head of the biology department, asked that Biochemistry 631 and Genetics 610 not be approved until the biology department has had a chance to review the two courses. Sauer's request was granted unanimously, as was every motion before the council.

Some of the motions included:

- changes in curricula for the departments of aerospace engineering, chemical engineering and forestry.
- changes in degree programs in the Department of Engineering Technology.
- redesignation of the Institute of Statistics as the Department of Statistics.
- changes in the admission policy of the Graduate College.

## Defense research costly

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — The Pentagon plans to spend more than \$7 billion in the next five years on research into futuristic "Star Wars" weapons and another \$1 billion on ways to counter chemical and biological warfare.

The proposed allocations for these defense systems is outlined in the Pentagon's budget for research and development in the fiscal years 1984 through 1988, a 53-page document classified confidential. The total projected spending for research and de-

velopment over the period is \$167 billion.

The substantial amounts proposed for these programs underscores the Pentagon's concern about Soviet intentions on the battlefield of the future.

The document, which sets forth spending goals for everything from MX missiles to undersea warfare systems, was made available to United Press International by sources familiar with defense issues.

The proposal, with a covering memorandum dated Jan. 25, was drawn up before President Reagan's directive March 23 for a crash program to develop space age weapons that could shield the United States from a missile attack.

Senior Pentagon officials have described the new generation of weapons as directed energy weapons — using lasers, particle beams or high power microwaves — that conceivably would not become operational until the turn of the century.

## Senate expected to approve pari-mutuel betting today

United Press International  
AUSTIN — A bill to legalize pari-mutuel betting on Texas horse races is on track, but the highest hurdle is still ahead.

The Texas Senate was expected to routinely give final approval to the bill today and send it to an uncertain fate in the House, which is apparently stacked against the proposal.

Meanwhile, the House and Senate finance committees will put the finishing touches this week on their versions of a \$29 million budget.

Teachers' union planned a march and mock funeral at the state Capitol tonight to protest the deletion of teacher merit pay raises from the two appropriation bills.

The Texas Federation of Teachers has billed its demonstration as a "march to mourn the demise of educational excellence for the kids of Texas."

After the two-block march, the teachers will conduct a rally, a funeral

oration and candlelight vigil.

The horseracing bill was tentatively approved by the Senate last Thursday.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Ike Harris, R-Dallas, is predicting House approval, but the lower chamber rejected a similar bill last year and has shown no inclination to change its mind this year.

Much of the bill's fate depends on which committee Speaker Gib Lewis assigns it to.

A House measure similar to Harris' has been lodged in the House Urban Affairs Committee since January. Eight of the 15 members have said they oppose any horseracing measure.

But Harris and House Speaker Pro Tem Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, House sponsor of the bill, have said they may try to have the Senate bill sent to another committee.

But Lewis, who has been criticized for having business links to the racing

lobby, said earlier he planned on sending the Senate bill to the same unfriendly committee.

House leaders have predicted even if the wagering bill reaches the House floor, it would be rejected by a 3-1 margin.

Also this week, a House committee is expected to approve a watered-down version of a controversial electronic surveillance bill.

Meanwhile, Rep. Terral Smith, R-Austin, says he will cast a key vote Tuesday to report from committee a Senate-passed bill to regulate pen registers — a device to tap telephones and secretly record numbers dialed.

Smith's support of the bill has drawn fire from the Texas Civil Liberties Union, which says the measure would actually encourage the use of pen registers, which are not regulated now.

"This bill appears to do one thing but really does something else," said John Duncan, director of the TCLU.

## Pioneer leaves solar system

United Press International  
MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — The Pioneer 10 spaceship launched 11 years ago headed past the orbit of the planet Pluto today, hurtling out of the solar system on a journey that could last a million years into galaxies unknown to man.

"The things we're learning will be seen 100 years from now in about the same way we view the early American covered wagon voyages to the West," said Richard Fimmel, Pioneer 10 project manager. "It's a time of exploration and new discovery."

The American spaceship, travel-

ing 30,000 mph, will be too far from Pluto to take photographs as it passes, National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman Peter Waller said.

Should the spaceship reach and be found by other life forms in another galaxy, they will find a plaque designed by astronomer Carl Sagan, identifying earthlings as the creators of the ship.

The accomplishments of the 570-pound spacecraft, which is shaped like a dish with compartments on the back and a boom sticking out, surprised even the NASA scientists who

planned it primarily for a trip to the space around Jupiter, which it visited nine years ago.

"Nobody knew whether it would survive beyond that," Fimmel said.

Because it has lasted this long, Fimmel said there is no reason to believe it will not keep flying into deep space for millions of years.

"There is no wind, no moisture, no pollution, nothing to mess things up," he said. "It's very unlikely the ship will ever collide with a star. The only limiting factor is the gradual aging of its components."

## Priest stops violence with sermon

United Press International  
SAN ANGELO — The violence-wracked neighborhood served by St. Mary's Catholic Church has had an unusually calm seven weeks since its priest, heartbroken at burying the fifth parishioner in a year, issued a call to turn in private handguns and other weapons.

Police in the city of 73,000 are not particularly optimistic that the Rev. Joseph Uecker's campaign will work, although police Capt. Ralph Englert called it a good idea.

The priest, 41, started his crusade in early March when yet another young man in his poor neighborhood in this west Texas city died in a park shooting incident spawned by family feuds and rivalries.

The result was a stirring sermon that called on the 400-member congregation to turn over its weapons. He also urged them to cut down on their drinking, which had been a factor in some of the violence, and persuaded the parish council to stop allowing the church gym to be used

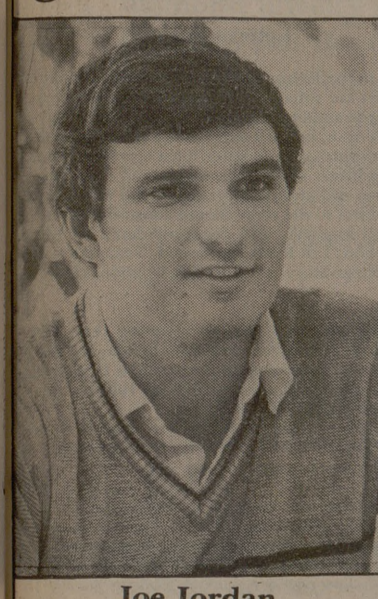
for public dances, because those sometimes attracted a rowdy crowd.

"The rest of the city of San Angelo looks at us and sees a violent people, a people who settle everything right on the spot with a knife or a gun," he said in that March sermon.

"And yet they see us as a people who settle absolutely nothing because one killing leads to another and to another," he said.

Since then, Uecker has heard of no shootings in his parish. It has been a seven-week period of unusual calm.

## Jordan stresses communication



Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series on 1983-84 Student Body President Joe Jordan and his goals for Student Government.

by Kelley Smith  
Battalion Staff  
Student Government has a problem communicating with Texas A&M students and representing them as well as it should, says Joe Jordan, 1983-84 student body president.

But Jordan said he is optimistic about the coming year and hopes the problems can be corrected.

"My major concern is opening communication," he said.

Jordan said he will try to solve the communication problem by being more visible to the student body and by working through student organizations. He said he will keep an open-door policy at his Student Government office and

hopes that students will feel free to go there and talk with him.

Student Government will try to work through the housing office to distribute minutes of Senate meetings, copies of proposed and approved bills and notices of upcoming Senate issues and Student Government activities, Jordan said.

"The Residence Hall Association has very good contact with the people they're living with and it's been pretty obvious in the last couple of years that Student Government representatives have not always had those kind of ties," Jordan said.

Representatives should attend meetings of their constituents to find out their concerns, Jordan said. In that way, senators can represent the students fairly and honestly, he said.

"I don't think it's done real

often," he said. "A lot of that is our attitude."

Although this year's Senate is young and inexperienced, it is enthusiastic and can work well for students, he said.

"We're here to represent the students that elected us and accepting that responsibility requires that you realize you're going to have to give up some of your time to do the job," he said. "I truly believe if people have enough faith in us to elect us, we should hold up our end of the bargain and do the job they intended us to do."

That job is to bring student's problems and views on important issues that might otherwise be overlooked to the administration, Jordan said.

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## Sally Struthers to speak tonight

Sally Struthers will speak about her work with the Christian Children's Fund at 8 tonight in Rudder Auditorium.

Struthers arrived in College Station Sunday evening, will spend the day on campus participating in various activities and will remain here until Tuesday.

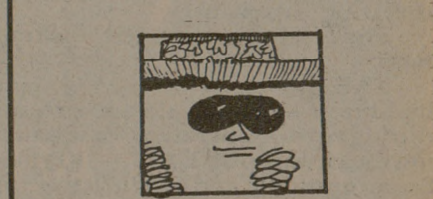
Struthers came to Texas A&M to thank the Corps of Cadets for its work in raising money to sponsor children through the Christian Children's Fund.

Activities scheduled for Struthers' visit include interviews with KAMU-FM and KAMU-TV, a luncheon with MSC Great Issues members, a press conference at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center and attendance at a Corps formation in the evening on Monday.

Struthers is scheduled to tour the Veterinary Medicine Complex before she returns to Los Angeles on Tuesday.

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forecast  
Clear skies today with a high of 81. Southeastern winds of around 10 mph. Clear tonight with a low near 56. Mainly sunny skies Tuesday with a high near 83.

Joe Jordan

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