

## Shultz helps Mideast talks

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — Negotiators reported little progress in talks on the withdrawal of Israeli troops, but Lebanon expressed hope the Middle East visit of Secretary of State George Shultz would help break the dead-  
Without reporting progress Monday on the key issue of security, the sides decided to cancel further sessions scheduled for this week, as Shultz prepared for high-level talks in Lebanon and Israel aimed at resolving differences.  
If no agreement is reached during his tour, we will resume the tripartite negotiations after his departure from the region," said Antoine Fattal, chief of the Lebanese delegation.  
Shultz will visit Lebanon Thurs-

day, and we hope it will help us achieve results," he said.  
The 33rd meeting of the U.S.-mediated talks, held in the coastal town of Khalde, a Beirut suburb, centered on a U.S. recounting of areas of agreement and disagreement between Israel and Lebanon after four months of discussion.  
Phalangist Radio quoted a Lebanese diplomatic source predicting Shultz' mission would produce no agreement to withdraw 30,000 Israeli troops left in the country after last year's invasion.  
Negotiators also hope to achieve agreement on the withdrawal of 40,000 Syrian and 10,000 Palestine Liberation Organization forces stationed on Lebanese soil.



Sharon Coulson, hostess of 15 Magazine for KAMU-TV, interviews Sally Struthers on Monday for an upcoming segment of the show. Struthers, sponsored by the Christian

Children's Fund and MSC Political Forum, was at Texas A&M to speak on world hunger. The show will air in three or four weeks.

## Court confronts execution case

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — Only four days after it permitted the Alabama execution of John Louis Evans III, the Supreme Court is confronting a major death-penalty case that will set the stage for executions nationwide.  
Eleven hours before Texas inmate Thomas "Andy" Barefoot was to be executed with a lethal injection Jan. 17, the high court halted his execution and agreed to hear arguments Monday on a precedent-setting death penalty issue.  
The justices are considering how federal appeals courts should handle requests for stays of executions from inmates who have almost run out of ways to put off their death sentences.

The procedural question has major repercussions for the 1,163 prisoners on death rows across the country. Many are about to exhaust the last of their appeals and are on the verge of a predicted tide of executions.  
Barefoot's lawyers are challenging a 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision that would have sent the former oilfield roughneck to his death without having his appeals fully argued and considered by the appeals court.  
His lawyers claim the procedure is a legal shortcut that, if condoned by the nation's highest court, could send condemned prisoners to their deaths more quickly — and perhaps by mistake.

## Student groups pledge \$25,000 to sponsor village of children

By Angel Stokes  
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"Compassion will end world hunger," says Sally Struthers, the National Chairperson for the Christian Children's Fund.  
Struthers, who spoke in Rudder Auditorium Monday night, came to Texas A&M on Sunday and will leave today after touring the Veterinary Medicine Complex.  
She said that as a little girl, her grandmother "planted the seeds of compassion in my heart" and that is why she became a CCF sponsor as an adult. Struthers said that her grandmother — one of the original CCF sponsors — had the pictures of her sponsored children framed on her desk.  
After "All in the Family" became a top-rated show, Struthers — who played Archie Bunker's daughter, Gloria — said she made more money in a week than she made in a month as a waitress or secretary and wanted to share it.  
"I decided to be like my grand-

mother and sponsor a child," she said.  
She was a sponsor for two years before becoming National Chairperson for CCF in 1976.  
On her first visit to a CCF project in 1977, Struthers went to Guatemala. Families of six or eight lived in one-room houses made of cardboard or corrugated steel with no bathrooms, just a ditch of raw sewage, she said.  
"It was a terrible emotional experience," she said. "I wasn't prepared for what I saw."  
She said that at first she cried and then got mad.  
"I'm determined to do everything I can to stop poverty," she said.  
Since her first visit to CCF projects, she has made two other visits during the past 12 months. She was in Thailand last year and recently returned from Africa.  
While in Thailand, Struthers filmed a commercial in a slum. She said the houses were built inches above a swamp, where the people dumped their trash and fecal matter.  
"I felt sure I was going to vomit ... I

felt sure I was going to run out of there ... but I didn't," she said, "because I had to do that commercial for my 'family.'"  
She said her latest trip to Africa "opened my eyes and my heart more than the others."  
Although there was a State Department advisory urging all Americans not to enter Uganda, Struthers flew there during her trip to Africa to visit one of her children.  
She said she arrived at the airport excited to see her sponsored child, Damiano Wanambwa, but uneasy to be in Uganda.  
He had one of the most severe forms of malnutrition when she began sponsoring him, she said.  
"Thousands of kids are permanently injured physically and mentally each year from malnutrition," she said. "Damiano was lucky."  
Struthers said she believes that world hunger can be stopped — one child at a time.  
"There may be times when you can't find help, but there is not a time

when you can't give help," she said.  
Struthers was presented with a special award from Texas A&M's College of Agriculture for her work to end world hunger. The award was presented by Dr. H.O. Kunkel, dean of the college.  
A pledge from the Interfraternity Council and the Catholic Students Association at Texas A&M to raise \$25,000 to sponsor a whole village was announced by Struthers at a press conference Monday afternoon in the Memorial Student Center.  
Struthers said that CCF will find a village of about 100 children in Columbia for the sponsors.  
She said she came to Texas A&M because it was an opportunity to share her experiences with an audience that already was enthusiastic and involved with CCF.  
"If I can convince a few young people, as they go out in life they will influence more ... and before you know it, your effort has quadrupled," she said.

## Water damages sorority house

Extensive water damage occurred during a fire at the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority house on Athens Drive this morning.  
The fire, which was reported to the College Station fire department at 10:17 a.m., started from an undetermined cause on the second floor of a three-story house.  
Fire officials said water pipes in the

house burst and caused extensive water damage to all three floors of the house. All the fire alarms in the three-year-old house worked properly.  
The 39 residents will have to move out of the house. Some of the residents plan to find motel rooms for the remainder of the semester, but most of the women plan to stay with friends.

## City Council to study alternate power source

by Robert McGlohon  
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The College Station City Council, after a special closed meeting Monday afternoon, voted unanimously to spend as much as \$80,000 to study supplementary sources of power.  
The city's only source of power now is Gulf States Utilities.  
The resolution authorizes the city manager to hire consultants to study participation in a joint municipal power agency, and either in connection (with) or independently to study alternative sources of electrical power supply.  
The resolution states that no actions shall be taken that are inconsistent with the city's contract with Gulf States Utilities. That contract

stipulates that the city must buy all its power from GSU, Mayor Gary Halter said after the meeting.  
However, the contract expires in 1997 and Halter said that until then — if the city does buy its own generating facilities — it can sell the power to someone else.  
Another option is to sell the power to GSU and then buy it back, saving money in the process, he said.  
Halter added that the city also could buy the generating facilities from GSU, perhaps as much as one-fourth of the generating capacity GSU uses to provide power to College Station currently.  
The decision to go ahead with the study was reached suddenly, he said. The council has discovered a potential source of alternative power and the potential needs

to be acted upon quickly, Halter said. He declined to say what the potential is.  
The Council is not dissatisfied with the services of GSU, Halter said, but is concerned that College Station is entirely dependent upon an outside agency for its power. The purpose of Monday's action is to prepare for the future, he said.  
"Our concern right now is that we don't have any generating capacity," Halter said. Not only would city-owned generating facilities make College Station more self-sufficient, he said, but it would also result in lower electricity bills in the future.  
"If I didn't think it would save some money — 10, 15, 20 years down the road — I wouldn't do it," he said.

## Jordan says A&M less conservative because of growth

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

by Kelley Smith  
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Conservatism has been a major weakness of Texas A&M, but the University has become more open-minded, says Joe Jordan, newly elected student body president.  
"I'm not saying that (the conservatism) is bad," Jordan said. "I think I'm pretty conservative myself, but I think there's a tendency to not be as innovative sometimes as we could — to be a little bit too pragmatic."  
But the University has become less conservative because of its rapid growth, he said.  
"The University as a whole had to be more open-minded and accept some things because of the influx of people," Jordan said.  
He said Target 2000 — a program that defines problems the Texas A&M System may face in the next 20 years and recommends solutions — is a positive step toward coping with the growth.  
The only way to handle the pressures is to define the problem and see what the pressures will be, Jordan said.  
"They're headed in the right direction by setting up that committee," Jordan said. "They realize the University is growing at a rate where they need to have planning 15 to 20 years in advance."  
To deal with the problem of a small minority student enrollment, the University must start by defining the problem, he said.  
Jordan said most of the minority students he has talked with say there

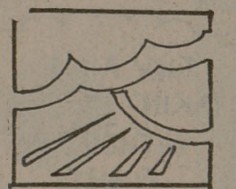
is nothing negative or derogatory about Texas A&M that discourages them from attending the University, but they don't feel that there is much for a minority student to do in College Station.  
"If that's the problem and not the atmosphere of the University itself, if the University is committed to enhancing the recruitment of minority students, then they need to take that into consideration," he said.  
Jordan said he would like students to be able to work with the administration on matters that concern the entire System.  
"What I would like to see, and I think we've headed in that direction this year, is more communication and input from the student level to the Texas A&M Board of Regents through the chancellor," he said.  
Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen on Thursday approved a student committee that will deal with such System-wide problems as minority recruitment and fee increases.  
Jordan will serve on the committee. The chancellor supported the committee because it will offer students an opportunity to have input into System issues that affect the University, Jordan said.  
A committee representative will attend regents' meetings and will be called on by Hansen when the committee wants to speak on an issue or make a proposal.  
Jordan said he believes regents will listen to the committee, and said the committee may be better than having a student on the board.

## Senior rings now available

Senior rings ordered through Feb. 4 are available at the ring clerk office.  
Students may pick up senior rings in 119 Pavilion between 8 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.  
To pick up their rings, students must have a Texas A&M student I.D. card and a receipt from the ring purchase.

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## forecast

Partly cloudy skies today with a high of 81. Southerly winds near 15 mph. Mild tonight with a low of 62. A 20 percent chance of showers Wednesday morning, turning partly cloudy in the afternoon with a high near 84.

## Betting bill sponsor needs opponent to 'take a walk'

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — A parliamentary rule triggered a preliminary vote on legalizing parimutuel betting in Texas, but the bill's sponsor said he may wait until a few of his opponents leave town before trying again.  
Last week the Senate gave tentative approval to a bill by Sen. Ike Harris, Dallas, that would legalize parimutuel betting on horse races if voters approve of the gambling in a statewide referendum.  
But Harris fell several votes short of the number needed to give the bill

final passage and forward it to the House.  
Harris was prepared to try again Monday, but he left the bill pending because he could not gather enough votes to suspend a parliamentary rule that governs when bills can be considered.  
The parliamentary rule stipulates that a two-thirds majority of the senators present — 21 if all are in attendance — must vote to consider a bill before a vote on final passage can be taken.  
Harris said only 20 senators were

willing to vote for consideration of the horseracing bill.  
However, Harris said if one of the measure's opponents is absent from the Senate later in the week, the 20 votes would be sufficient to suspend the parliamentary rule and bring the bill up for a final vote.  
Harris said he would either try to convince one of the bill's opponents to "take a walk" when the vote is conducted or would simply wait until one of the opponents is absent because of other business.