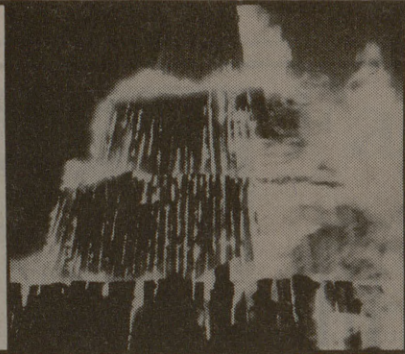


The date of bonfire has been moved to Friday, Nov. 25, but the cutting schedule is unchanged

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The first black woman to earn an MBA at Texas A&M will be given her degree Saturday

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## O'Connor leaves director's post

by Dena L. Brown

**Battalion Reporter**  
The resignation of Dr. Rod O'Connor as First Year Chemistry Program director was accepted Thursday afternoon by Chemistry department head Joseph B. Natowitz.

Although O'Connor submitted his resignation as director, he said he will remain on the faculty next year and teach what he is assigned. O'Connor is a tenured professor. O'Connor submitted his resignation Wednesday after controversy over a committee that is reviewing and suggesting changes in the First Year Chemistry Program.

The committee, composed of chemistry faculty members, was formed to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the present program and offer suggestions on improvement.

The committee surveyed sophomores who participated in the chemistry program, reviewed evaluation forms from classes this year and interviewed faculty members who have taught in the program during the past five years.

A draft report of the committee's findings was submitted to Natowitz on April 29. A finalized report will be submitted to Natowitz within a few days.

O'Connor said that when he was hired, he was assured no

changes would be made in the program he was starting unless he agreed with them. He said Natowitz has not assured him that this situation will remain the same in the future.

Natowitz said he doesn't know what changes will be made in the program, but the changes for the 1983-1984 school year will not be major.

Natowitz said the problem is that O'Connor feels that either he makes all the decisions himself or someone else should do the job.

John Fackler, dean of the College of Science, said that when O'Connor came to Texas A&M 10 years ago, the department needed someone with full authority. Now, Fackler said, the chemistry department needs to take responsibility of the program.

In earlier remarks, O'Connor said, "The day I want a job badly enough to agree to do something that will hurt students will be exactly two weeks after hell freezes over."

Natowitz said O'Connor has a sincere interest in the students, but so does the committee.

The first year program is based on written learning objectives that students are given at the beginning of the course and are later tested over.

O'Connor's resignation will be effective August 31.

## Reagan hopes to restore defense budget cut later

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — President Reagan is disappointed by the House Armed Services committee's decision to cut his defense budget by more than \$10.5 billion and hopes to restore the money in later legislative action, his spokesman says.

The committee Thursday approved a \$188 billion defense authorization bill for fiscal year 1984 — a real growth rate of 6 percent — after refusing to eliminate money for the MX missile or the proposed B1 bomber.

The committee also added \$1.2 billion to provide military and civilian personnel with a six-month pay raise. The administration requested an overall increase of 10.2 percent.

The committee made cuts in all the major categories — \$5 billion in procurement, \$2.8 billion in research and development, \$2.1 billion in operation and maintenance and \$53.5 million in civil defense — and cut the administration's request to beef up the military by 39,300, holding troop strength at current levels.

Traveling with Reagan in Phoenix, Ariz., Thursday night, deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said the administration was "disappointed" by the action and hoped later action in Congress would put back the money.

The vote was on the final package was 41-3. Those voting against the authorization were Reps. Ronald Dellums, D-Calif., Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., and Dennis Hertel, D-Mich.

Chairman Melvin Price, D-Ill., said in a statement, "The committee has attempted to tailor the authorization

bill to Congress' clearly expressed intent to cut defense spending."

The committee reduced money for MX research and development by \$1.4 billion from the request of \$3.4 billion and provided \$2.46 billion for 27 missiles and \$98 million for spares and repair parts, a reduction of \$310 million.

The committee said the reductions were in line with the recommendations of the Scowcroft report on the MX and the proposal to base the missiles in existing Minuteman silos.

## Unemployment down, lowest in 7 months

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — The nation's civilian unemployment rate declined slightly in April to 10.2 percent, the lowest in seven months, but joblessness among black workers returned to a record level, the Labor Department reported today.

The March unemployment rate, adjusted for seasonal factors, was 10.3 percent, a slight drop from the 10.4 percent level of both January and February. There were almost 11.4 million American listed as officially

unemployed, with 1.8 million others not counted, but listed as "discouraged workers" who have given up looking for a new job.

A Labor Department report Thursday, however, showed a massive increase in the number of long-term unemployed Americans receiving jobless benefits — up 352,000 over the previous week — even though there was a decrease in new claims under regular state programs for the second straight week.

## White dramatizes budget issue, says teacher pay raises needed

AUSTIN — In an effort to dramatize the need for teacher pay raises, Gov. Mark White conducted his weekly press briefing at the oldest continuously operating public school in the state Thursday.

Speaking at the 107-year-old Pease Elementary School, White chided legislators for being "short-sighted" about education and said he would offer them new alternatives to fund the raises.

White said he was preparing for an address to the Legislature next week which would include new ways to

fund the his proposed 24 percent teacher pay raise over the next two years.

In his budget message to the Legislature earlier this year, White said the raises could be financed by a "sin tax" on things like liquor, video games and cigarettes. Thursday White said his new proposals would include "additional alternatives in addition to those taxes."

White accused the Legislature of ignoring both his earlier proposals and pre-election promises they made to voters.

"I told them where we needed the

money and where they could go to get it," White said. "I guess they've forgotten what they promised in November."

White acknowledged many legislators also made campaign promises of no new taxes, but he said a change in the state's economic health merits a change in political thinking.

Since January, State Comptroller Bob Bullock has lowered the estimated state revenue available for appropriation for the next two years by \$3.3 billion, prompting legislators to pare teacher pay raises out of prop-

osed budgets to avoid a tax hike. "The needs are still there," White said. "The money isn't. We'll be telling them where they can get it."

White's news briefing came as the House prepared for a second day of debate on a budget bill that includes no money for teacher pay raises. The Senate already has approved its budget bill, which also is void of new pay raises for teachers.

White met with several House members Thursday to discuss ways of funding the 24 percent hike, which would cost \$964 million over the next two years.



staff photo by Barry Papke

### Stepping Stone

Karen Williams, a graduating senior from Baytown, helps sort clothes at a rummage sale sponsored by the Stepping Stone, a long term care facility for teenage boys and girls. Money from the sale will help fund the program. The rummage sale, located at 3219-A Texas Ave., will continue through Saturday. Students are urged to volunteer.

## Women, minorities more active in Corps of Cadets

**Editor's note: This is the final part of a two-part series on the future of the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M.**

by Diana Sultenfuss

**Battalion Staff**  
The six students who enrolled in the Corps of Cadets in the fall of 1976 became charter members of a group whose membership would exceed 8,000 before mandatory membership was abolished in the 1960s.

But like many traditions here, the Corps has been forced to change with the times. Women — once excluded from the Corps — gradually are becoming more active in the organization.

The number of women in the Corps peaked three years ago at about 80, and now fluctuates between 60 and 80, Corps Commandant Donald L. Burton said. The two women's units had about 70 members in the fall semester, and will end the year with 59 members.

"I think that as far as the women's units go, we're going to see some growth," Burton said. "I think that notable change in the attitude of the Corps of Cadets in acceptance of women is going to play a big role in that, but beyond that I see a growing popularity throughout the nation among

women about ROTC. It's just an option that women are beginning to recognize as a career opportunity.

"Since there's no military obligation, I think we'll see more and more women coming in to learn about the military as a career. ROTC is still one of the best ways to become an officer; it always has been. So I would guess that we're going to see an increase over this year for next year."

Bonnie Krumpotic, the first woman on Corps brigade staff, agreed that the Corps will grow because of the economic influence.

"With the economy the way it is, a higher percentage of college students are going into the Corps looking for a job," Krumpotic said. "We have a really strong recruiting program now. Also, female cadets are beginning to establish a strong rapport, and so more women are joining."

Krumpotic said that usually a high percentage of women take a military contract.

"The women, in order to stay in the Corps, usually have to have that ulterior motive as a motivating factor," Krumpotic said. "But, a lot of freshmen women are in the Corps simply because they enjoy it. I think there are two factors

changing it. First, there seems to be a stronger academic push within the Corps that makes it easier for someone who's not militarily committed to stay in the Corps and make good grades.

"The other thing is that we are a little bit more accepted now. The women are actually enjoying being in the Corps now."

But the acceptance of women in the Corps has been accompanied by problems. When female cadets were admitted in 1974, the change was greeted with resistance by some male cadets, who responded by harassing the new "Waggies." Women cadets were not allowed to join the Aggie Band, which still has no female members, or the Corps' honor organizations.

To protest this policy, Melanie Zentgraf, first sergeant of Squadron 14, filed a lawsuit alleging discrimination against women by the University and the Corps. The Justice Department intervened in her behalf, citing Title IX of the Civil Rights Act. This case, which has not been decided, was the first time the government tried to enforce Title IX.

"Changes as controversial as women in the Corps ... are hard to

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## Begin summons special session as Israeli army casualties mount

**United Press International**  
With Israeli army casualties mounting in Lebanon, Prime Minister Menachem Begin summoned his Cabinet into special session today to consider a U.S.-proposed agreement on the withdrawal of foreign forces from the country.

Secretary of State George Shultz, whose Jerusalem-Beirut shuttle produced the draft agreement, was flying to Amman today for talks with Jordan's King Hussein and then was heading for Damascus Saturday, U.S. sources said.

The Damascus visit will give Shultz a first-hand opportunity to gauge Syria's willingness to withdraw its 40,000 troops from Lebanon along with Israel's 30,000 soldiers and the Palestine Liberation Organization's 10,000 guerrillas.

Israel Television forecast just two negative votes on the agreement — from former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, the architect of last year's Israeli invasion of Lebanon, and Science Minister Yuval Ne'eman.

In Beirut, Lebanese President Amin Gemayel ordered his forces on alert today and demanded Syrian intervention to stop the heaviest fighting between rival militias in three months, official news reports said.

At least five people were killed and 20 wounded Thursday as right-wing Christians traded artillery and rocket-fire with Syrian-backed Moslem leftists in Lebanon's Shouf mountain region, controlled by Syria. One Israeli soldier was killed and

nine others wounded in the fighting, the Israeli military command said. Since the invasion, 481 Israelis have been killed in Lebanon. In the last three days, 21 Israelis have been wounded there.

In Amman, a Jordanian official said Thursday "there are no prospects for the resumption of a political

dialogue between Jordan and the PLO at present on formulating a joint stand to enter the peace process."

The statement delivered another blow to Reagan's Sept. 1 Middle East peace plan, which envisions a link between Jordan and a Palestinian entity in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip.

## Graduation to begin

Nearly 3,000 Texas A&M students are expected to graduate in three commencement ceremonies to be held today and Saturday in G. Rolie White Coliseum. The following is the schedule of graduation dates and times:

● 2 p.m. today — bachelor's, master's and doctoral candidates in agriculture, geosciences and liberal arts.

● 7:30 p.m. today — undergraduates in architecture and engineering.

● 9 a.m. Saturday — undergraduates in business, education, science, veterinary medicine and undergraduates at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

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### forecast

Partly cloudy skies today with a high of 86. Southerly winds of around 15 mph. A 20 percent chance of showers or thunder-showers tonight with a low near 63. Skies becoming clear Saturday with a high near 83.