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Getting it right

Kurt Ragas, a sophomore petroleum engineering student from Houston casts a line into the depths of the soccer fields next to Cain Hall Thursday.

Victim ignored threats

by Brigid Brockman and Michelle Powe
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Friends of Juan Garza say he wasn't afraid of his brother-in-law's threats and ignored their warnings to call police until Tuesday afternoon.

By late Tuesday Garza and his wife Esther were dead of gunshot wounds, and Eliseo Moreno was in police custody. Moreno was charged Wednesday with aggravated kidnapping and five counts of capital murder.

When Alejandro Veliz, a close friend and neighbor of the Garzas, visited the couple Monday evening, Juan Garza told him he was waiting for Moreno to come to his apartment so they could settle a tire slashing incident.

Garza believed Moreno had slashed his tires the previous weekend because Moreno was upset that his wife, Blanca — Garza's sister — had left him. Garza wanted Moreno to pay him for the tires, Veliz said Thursday.

According to Veliz, Moreno told Garza "if he were man enough" he would wait for Moreno Monday night at the Garza's Doux Chene apartment. But Moreno never showed up on Monday.

Garza's friend Hector Nieto urged him Monday afternoon to call the police and not to try to "handle this on his own." Garza told Nieto he would call the police Tuesday if Moreno still hadn't shown.

Garza did call police Tuesday — but too late.

Shortly afterwards, Garza and his wife were dead. Their two children ran to neighbor Zell Hodge's apartment for help saying there was a "crazy man over there trying to kill some people."

Jessica Garza, 6, and Juan Garza, 1, stayed at Hodge's apartment until

they were taken into custody by the state Department of Human Resources. They were later released into the custody of family members.

Nieto said Moreno told friends that if he and Blanca had another fight, he would kill her family — starting with Garza.

Both Veliz and Nieto said that although Garza wasn't afraid of Moreno, Esther Garza was afraid of him because she knew he had guns and knives and was afraid of what he might do.

After the shooting, Moreno drove to Hempstead where he is accused of shooting a DPS trooper, and three elderly people who would not let him park behind their house. The trooper and two of the elderly people died. One of the women in the house survived. Ann Bennett, 70, was in critical condition Thursday night at Hermann Hospital in Houston.

Moreno also is accused of taking a family of five hostage in Hempstead as he tried to flee police, but all were freed unharmed.

Moreno drove through Pasadena where he allegedly took a driver hostage and forced him to drive to Wharton, where he was finally apprehended and arrested.

Moreno is being held without bond in the Waller County Jail in Hempstead. He is charged with three counts of capital murder in Waller County for the death of the DPS trooper and two elderly people. He is also charged with two counts of capital murder in Brazos County for the Garza deaths.

Brazos County District Attorney Travis Bryan said he expects Moreno will face trial first in Waller County for the death of the state trooper. If he is convicted of capital murder, he could be sentenced to death.

Watt's successor nominated

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Reagan announced Thursday that he will nominate William Clark, his national security adviser and a longtime aide, to succeed the controversial James Watt as secretary of the interior.

"He is a God-fearing Westerner, fourth-generation rancher and a person I trust," Reagan said in springing the announcement at a meeting of evangelical Christian women. "And I think he will be a great secretary of the interior."

Reagan also paid a final tribute to

Watt, saying Clark would be "succeeding a very fine secretary of the interior." Watt announced his resignation Sunday after a swirl of controversy over his characterization of the members of an advisory panel as "a black, a woman, two Jews and a cripple."

Reagan said Clark, 51, was selected from "more than two dozen" candidates. His chief spokesman, Larry Speakes, said 28 names, including those of women, blacks and Hispanics, had been "under active consideration" by Reagan aides.

In the end, Reagan turned to a

trusted associate — a friend and political ally who served on his staff when he was governor of California and was plucked from the California Supreme Court to become deputy secretary of state in 1981.

Clark, in a written statement, said he was "pleased and honored" by the nomination. "As an American who believes in our society, I pledge that if confirmed I will do all that I can to preserve and enhance our natural heritage," he said.

Watt said in California, where he is on vacation, "Bill Clark is a fantastically fine guy, couldn't be a better

appointment. In my judgment, just a prince of a fellow. I just think the world of Bill."

White House officials said no timetable had been set for finding a successor to Clark, who joined the administration as a novice in foreign affairs and through his close ties with Reagan became one of the most powerful figures in the administration.

Speculation focused on Clark's deputy, Robert McFarlane, who has been serving as Reagan's special envoy to the Middle East. He is scheduled to meet with Reagan Friday morning.

ites for parking, bell tower considered

Regents approve \$21 million bond sale

by Karen Schrimsher and Hope E. Paasch

Battalion Staff

The Texas A&M Board of Regents approved Thursday the sale of \$21 million in permanent University Bonds to low-interest Prudential-Bache Securities, Inc. of New York.

The corporation's bid was 8.45 percent. Clyde Freeman, executive vice chancellor of administration, said, "In today's market, it's a good price."

He said the board was expecting an interest-rate bid of between 8.5 and 8.55 percent.

The Permanent University Fund is a permanent land endowment designed to provide a stable source of funding for permanent improvements and enhancement of the quality of education within the Texas A&M and the University of Texas systems.

One way the university systems benefit from the PUF is through bond sales. PUF funds are used as collateral for the bonds, and the bond proceeds may be used for construction and other permanent improvements.

Freeman said construction for next year will exceed the \$21 million mark, but that the difference will come from other sources, such as student building use fees.

In other business, the planning and building committee heard a report from Barton and Aschman Associates, Inc., a Houston consulting firm specializing in traffic-flow problems. The report outlined proposals for solving campus parking problems, including the possibility of raised parking structures and remote parking areas.

Possible sites for remote parking included the Hensel Park area, an area north of University Drive near College Avenue, an area between Avenue A and Texas Avenue and the proposed location of the special events center.

The proposed site of the special events center is immediately west of the Penberthy Intramural Center and Olsen Field.

The committee accepted the firm's recommendation that the remote parking area be constructed on the site of the planned special events center. An open area would be left in the center of the lot where the events center would be built.

The recommendation includes a proposal that buses be used to transport people from the new lot to the main campus. The proposed bus route would drop passengers at several locations on campus, including the northeast side near Zachry Engineering Center.

The planning and building committee recommendation will go before the board at its next regular meeting on Nov. 13.

Also during Thursday's meeting, the regents approved a \$975,000 appropriation for renovations to the College Avenue Apartments. The apartments, which were constructed in 1974, are in need of roof and balcony repairs.

During a 30-minute recess, the board toured the campus to look at and discuss three undisclosed possible sites for the Albritton Tower, a gift from former regent Ford D. Albritton. Albritton, a 1943 graduate of Texas A&M, attended the regents meeting to accompany them on the tour.

The 130-foot tower will have a clock on its four faces, and will contain a carillon — a group of 47 bells.

Prior to the meeting, possible alternate sites included the plaza on the west campus and the grassy area between the O&M Building and the Langford Architecture Center.

Although the regents said they would decide on a site after viewing an artist's rendition of the tower in each of the possible locations, Albritton and the regents seemed confident

which site would be selected.

"We're 98.6 percent certain as to where we are going to put this," Albritton said.

He said the project has his full attention, and the bells have been ordered from France.

Other action by the board included authorizing Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen to award construction repair contracts for Texas A&M at Galveston. Hansen must have board approval to award contracts totaling more than \$100,000. Almost \$500,000 is needed to repair damage from Hurricane Alicia at Pelican Island and Fort Crockett.

The board also approved the purchase of a five-acre tract of land near the Veterinary Medicine Complex at a cost of \$82,500.

Freeman said the purchase is part of an effort by the regents to acquire land in that area.

Service planned for former dean

by Elaine Engstrom

Battalion Reporter

A memorial service for Dr. Earl F. Cook, former dean of the College of Geosciences, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in 701 Rudder.

Four men will give eulogies for

Cook, who died Tuesday morning from a heart attack. Speaking will be Dr. Gordon P. Eaton, provost and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Campbell Pennington, geography professor; former student Michel T. Halbouty; and Dr. Melvin Friedman, dean of the College of Geosciences.

Cook, 63, came to Texas A&M in 1965 as associate dean of the newly-formed College of Geosciences. He became dean of the college in 1971.

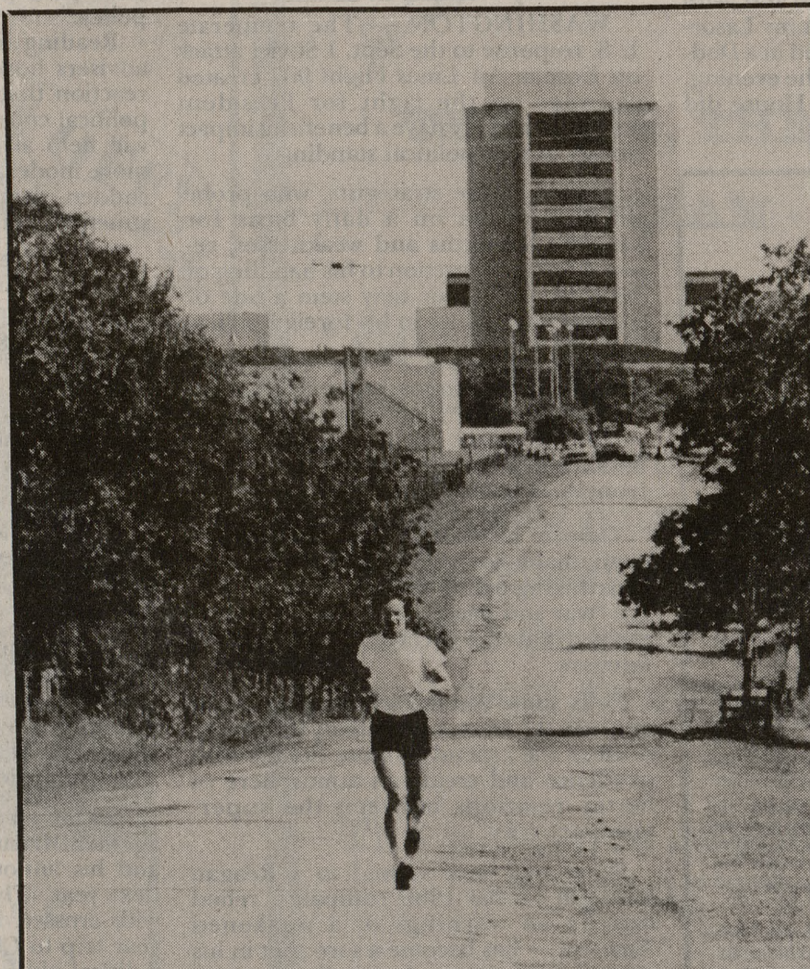
In 1981, he was named Harris Professor of Geosciences and Distinguished Professor of Geology and Geography, and was awarded the gold medal for distinguished achievement by Texas A&M's Geosciences and Earth Resources Advisory Council.

Cook taught geography courses dealing with man and his relationship with nature and energy. He also taught courses on resource depletion and human welfare. Among his published work is a book titled "Man, Energy, Society."

Cook was instrumental in developing a geography department here, said long-time associate Dr. Clarissa T. Kimber, professor of geography.

"Previously geography and geology were together in one department," Kimber said. "He (Cook) was associate dean during the time we put together the proposal for a separate geography department."

Cook made many contributions to his field and to the University, Kimber said.



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A test of strength

Cross country running is a test of both mind and body. This runner takes on the

challenge of the roads west of the Texas A&M campus.

Standards poor, say educators

by Christine Mallon

Battalion Staff

The president of one of the most prestigious educational foundations in the United States said Thursday that education is slipping on all levels, but especially on the high school level.

Dr. Ernest L. Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, said the quality of teaching on the secondary level has decreased drastically since the 1960s.

The main problem with teachers these days is that good teachers aren't rewarded enough, he said.

"They don't necessarily have to be rewarded financially," he said. "Sometimes the best reward a teacher can receive is gratitude from a parent or student."

Boyer addressed faculty members and several students as the keynote speaker in a System-wide symposium held in Rudder Theater. Most of his address was a response on the report of the National Commission on Excellence in Education.

Boyer criticized the strict curricula in public high schools.

"At least one-third of a student's high school curriculum should allow for electives," Boyer said. "This is the student's first chance to make a decision as

to what courses he is interested in taking."

Priorities are different in every school district, he said, but the most important part of an early education is the learning and understanding of language.

Boyer reminisced of his early school days when students were excited about learning. He said learning to read and write is not as much fun anymore because most students already have some background, which mainly comes from television.

"Education on the college level should prepare students for a world of high technology," he said. "I just don't feel elementary school is the place for computer teaching."

In order for universities to produce quality teachers, Boyer said, most colleges of education around the country need to be strengthened.

Following Boyer's remarks, a panel of Texas A&M System officials added additional comments.

Dr. Thomas Cleaver, acting executive vice president for academic affairs at Prairie View A&M, agreed with Boyer about the weaknesses in colleges of education in the United States.

"At most colleges around the country, the colleges of education are low on the totem pole," Cleaver said.

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Fair with clear skies — lows in the mid-forties.