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## Reagan discusses trade, economics

**United Press International**  
**TOKYO**—President Reagan, surrounded by pomp, ceremony and extraordinary security, prodded Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone Wednesday on the delicate issue of trade and economics. While U.S. officials discouraged expectations of major breakthroughs in the talks, they disclosed a joint agreement on the yen-dollar ratio—a source of economic tension between the two nations—would be reached while Reagan was in Tokyo. A statement congratulating the Japanese on steps toward opening capital markets to foreign investment and creating a joint commission to study the dollar-yen issue was expected Thursday. U.S. officials say an undervalued yen causes the trade imbalance which favors Japan.

Both Reagan and his Japanese counterpart stressed the close friendship between the two nations as the president began his first official visit to Asia.

Reagan, wearing a formal morning coat and striped trousers, received a red carpet welcome from Emperor Hirohito at the ornate Akasaka Palace as more than 1,300 American and Japanese school children cheered and waved paper Japanese and U.S. flags.

Joined by the 82-year-old Hirohito, Reagan was driven to the lush grounds of the moat-enclosed Imperial Palace, which provides a vivid reminder of feudal rule.

Immediately after the formal audience with the Emperor, Reagan and Nakasone began their initial round of wide-ranging private talks that lasted nearly twice as long as scheduled.

Protesting the visit, more than 4,600 Japanese radicals wearing face masks and shouting "use force to force Reagan out" snake-danced through the streets several miles from the presidential party.

The protesters said Reagan's trip was aimed at forging a military alliance that could drag Japan into a confrontation between the superpowers. Six demonstrators were arrested.

Further demonstrations were expected Thursday when Reagan visits the Meiji Shrine, a religious memorial that some Japanese associate with the nation's militaristic policy before World War II.

The 90,000-man security force mobilized for Reagan's visit was evident at every Tokyo street corner.

## Lucas convicted in killing

**United Press International**  
**DENTON**—Self-proclaimed mass slayer Henry Lee Lucas was convicted of murder Wednesday in the stabbing and dismemberment of his teenage common-law wife despite his tearful claim the killing was a reflex action. "Just what I expected," Lucas muttered to reporters as he was led away after the verdict.

Lucas sat motionless when the verdict was read in his first trial since he began telling authorities of killing more than 150 women in 17 states during the past seven years.

The one-eyed drifter, who served time in a Michigan prison for killing his mother in 1960, was convicted in the Aug. 24, 1982, slaying of 15-year-old Frieda "Becky" Powell, a Jacksonville, Fla., runaway Lucas referred to as his common-law wife.

The jury, which could have convicted Lucas of the lesser crime of voluntary manslaughter, deliberated an hour and 50 minutes before reaching the decision. State District Judge W.C. Boyd ordered the jurors to return at 9 a.m. Thursday to begin the punishment phase of Lucas' trial. The sentence could range from 5 to 99 years or life in prison.

Earlier Wednesday, Lucas took the witness stand and, amid sobs, confessed to the slaying, but said he stabbed Powell as a reflex when she struck him during an argument.

"I loved Becky. I've always loved Becky," Lucas testified. "She was raising Cain with me about going to Florida."

"I didn't want to go to Florida because I would be arrested and so would she."

He said after the stabbing he tried to bury her, but could not dig a ditch and tried to leave, but finally returned to her body.

"I went back and I sat beside her and I talked to her about what to do with her body," Lucas said.

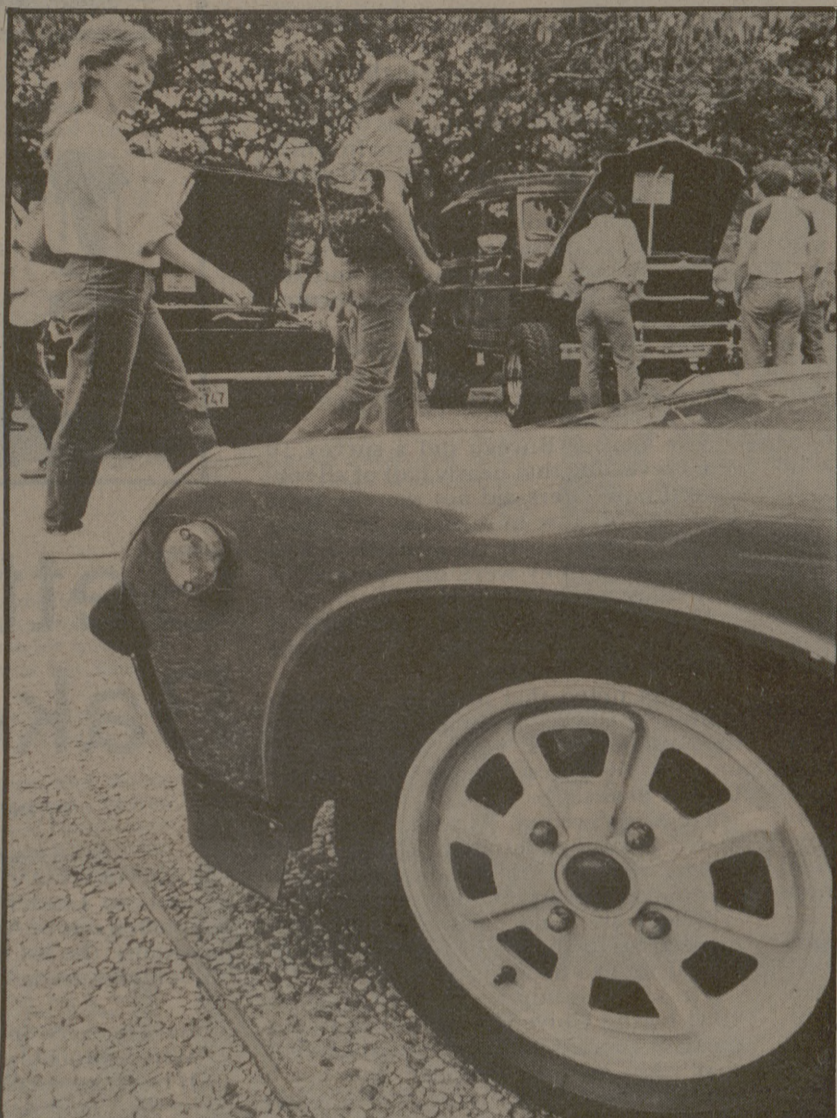
Lucas denied his earlier statement that he had sex with Powell's corpse. He said he cut the body into numerous pieces with a 10-inch kitchen knife, scattered them around the field and then fled by hitchhiking.

The bones were found 10 months later, last June 16, and in the ensuing investigation Lucas was arrested.

Defense attorney Tom Whitlock said Lucas' testimony and a videotaped confession he gave authorities last June probably keyed the jury verdict. In the videotaped confession, shown to jurors Tuesday, Lucas calmly recounted the crime and said he had sex with the body before dismembering it.

Lucas pleaded guilty Sept. 30 to the slaying of Kate Rich, 80, of Ringgold, and was sentenced to 75 years in prison. He still faces seven murder charges in Texas and one in Louisiana.

"I am very disappointed," Whitlock said. "The jury had ample evidence to find him not guilty or at the most guilty of voluntary manslaughter, but we have a jury system and we have to live with it."



John Makely, Battalion staff

### Classy wheels

Many students were attracted to The Texas A&M Sports Car Club's car show Wednesday in front of the Academic Building, and voted on best engine, best paint, best interior and favorite in show.

## Arafat vows to repel attacks on his forces

**United Press International**  
**TRIPOLI, Lebanon**—Yasser Arafat vowed Wednesday to repel Palestinian rebel attacks on his outnumbered forces as a new burst of artillery mortar fire engulfed the heart of Tripoli and set back efforts to reach a ceasefire.

Remnants of Arafat's force of 5,000 Palestine Liberation Organization fighters remained in the Beddawi refugee camp—his last outpost just north of Tripoli—and fought off waves of rebel tanks backed by artillery, Arafat's second-in-command, Abu Jihad, said.

Abu Jihad said the rebels lost 10 tanks and 14 personnel carriers in the battle, but continued to hold Mount Terbol, from which they poured down shells on the tin-roofed, cinder-

block structures that house 22,000 civilians in Beddawi.

The Syrian-backed rebels began their blitz seven days ago to oust Arafat from Beddawi and end his 14-year reign of the PLO, claiming he had grown corrupt and moderate and no longer strove for open confrontation with Israel.

Later, he told reporters there were no negotiations under way for him to abandon Tripoli to avert destruction of the city and its 150,000 inhabitants.

## Campaign urges more active role

# Nominations open for prof awards

by Debbie E. Warren  
 Battalion Reporter

An advertising campaign has been set to get more students to nominate their best professors for distinguished achievement awards.

Each year the Association of Faculty and Students presents outstanding faculty members with the awards. Nominations are made through Student Government and the Department of Academic Affairs.

Clinton Phillips, dean of faculties, says many students were left out of the nomination process because they didn't know they could make nominations. Student involvement primarily is limited to students in special organizations, because they were the only students informed of the awards.

Phillips says the amount of the stipend may change because several deans have suggested to the administration that the awards don't have to be as large to achieve the same effect.

To receive a college award, professors must have completed three years of service to the University and cannot have received another college level teaching award within the past

five years or any University level award within the same year.

To be eligible for University level awards, the recipient must have completed five years of service and cannot have received an award in the same category within the past four years.

Grant Swartzwelder, Student Government vice president for academic affairs, says students always have been able to nominate professors for the prestigious awards, but few students made nominations because they didn't know how to do it.

"It's just like so many other things that are open to students," Swartzwelder says. "They just don't know about them, so what good do they do them?"

The awards are presented for teaching and student relations. Teaching awards are chosen from two

categories—professors within the individual colleges and on the University-wide level. All student relations awards are on the University level.

Swartzwelder says it's important for students to submit nominations because they are best qualified to know which professors deserve the awards.

"Students should be involved," he says. "They would be the ones to know who has the best office hours, which one is always there to talk to them, and which one really cares about them when assigning grades or lecturing."

Swartzwelder also says he is aware of the need for faculty input when the final selection is made for the teaching awards.

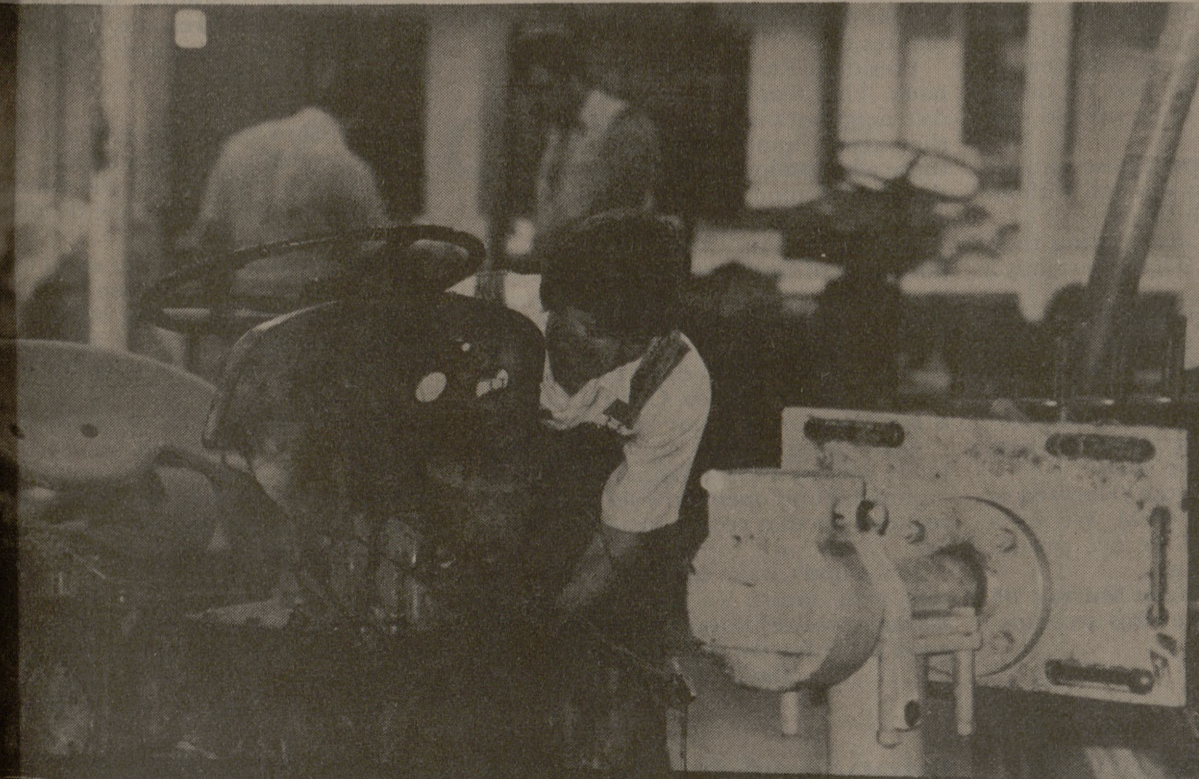
"We wouldn't want the teaching part of the awards to be like a popu-

larity contest," Swartzwelder says. "A lot of the time other professors are in a better position to see who really is the best in their field. Their input is important."

Swartzwelder says both student and faculty nominations will be treated the same.

"All nominations should be written as professionally as possible," he says. "When the Student Government and faculty look at the nomination forms, they're going to take your nomination a lot more seriously if you've taken the time to make it look professional."

All nominations should be turned into the Student Government office in 219 Pavilion no later than Nov. 22. Application forms also can be picked up there.



Jane Beach, Battalion Photo

### The lone woman...

Janis Balusek, a senior majoring in agricultural engineering, is the only woman taking the tractor mechanics course offered by the

Department of Mechanized Agriculture. Students must work in pairs to take apart and completely rebuild a tractor during the course.

## Active recruiting ups out-of-state MBAs here

by Bonnie Langford  
 Battalion Staff

Active recruiting by the College of Business Administration is the reason for the increasing number of out-of-state students enrolled here in the graduate business program, says the assistant dean of the masters program.

Dr. Ronald Johnson says 103 new Masters of Business Administration students enrolled this fall—a 63.5 percent increase over last fall. The number of out-of-state students enrolled is 47.5 percent, compared to 29 percent in 1981.

The M.B.A. program is reaching its goals is through national recruiting, Johnson said. The business college belongs to the M.B.A. Forum, which sponsors five national conferences during the fall.

Johnson said the M.B.A. program is gaining national recognition because of these forums.

Doris Hill, admissions supervisor, attended the last forum, which was held in New York City.

"A good number of quality students turned out for this forum," Hill said. "They want to know about the tuition, number of hours and job placement, but they also want to see

where A&M is on a map. They ask questions about the climate and the male-female ratio, because they're so far away they don't know anything about A&M."

The low tuition here impressed many of the students, Hill said.

The standards in the M.B.A. program have not suffered because of the increasing number either, he said.

"The average GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test) scores were 552 this fall, out of a possible 720 points," Johnson said. "There were also six students to receive graduate college fellowships, which is a University-wide competition."

Although Texas A&M has offered a Masters of Business Administration degree since 1947, the business college was not established here until the late 1960s.

The M.B.A. degree was first offered by the College of Arts and Sciences, Johnson said.

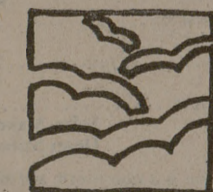
After the College of Business was established, he said, each department in the business college offered an M.B.A. In 1979 the graduate faculty began revising the program. Two years later the M.B.A. program was centralized. The redesigned program

stresses high quality and national recognition, Johnson said.

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