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Busey prepared for Bryant role

by Ronnie Crocker

Battalion Staff eteran actor Gary Busey has spent a of time preparing for his title role in upcoming movie, "Paul Bryant, The a movie about the former s A&M football coach who went on ecome the winningest coach in his-at the University of Alabama.

Busey, who was nominated for an ar for his role in "The Buddy Holley ' has spent a lot of time studying nous coach from film clips of old ant television shows while spending in Alabama studying the people atmosphere there.

Dallas Cowboys assistant coach Gene lings got Busey onto the sideline of last three Cowboys' games to watch he mannerisms of another famous such, Tom Landry.

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At a press conference at Texas A&M asday, Busey said that Stallings has an helpful in many other ways. Busey said he is going to all this trou-because he wants to portray the man

the screen as he was in real life. of how A native of Baytown, Busey said he dmired Bryant while growing up and aying football himself for 12 years.

lming for the movie, scheduled to running for the movie, scheduled to remiere next fall, began Friday night in the Texas A&M bonfire and stu-ent body providing the backdrop. Scenes for the movie also were filmed baturday's Texas A&M-University of four field and the field of xas football game in Kyle Field and onday night in the Grove.

Nonday's film segment featured the emembers of the Corps of Cadets used in uniforms similar to those

nested in uniforms similar to those orn by cadets in the 1950s when rant was here. It will feature the Aggie Band and yell aders, and re-enacts the introduction Bryant to A&M College from his one tote of Kentucky me state of Kentucky. Producer Larry Spangler said the

by Stephanie M. Ross

e one of thanksgiving.

Student killed in

holiday crash

cadets will give the movie a sense of authenticity that no Hollywood extras can

Director Richard C. Serafian said there is nothing better for an actor than to film in a real-life situation. Serafian and Spangler had their schedules arranged to accommodate bonfire and to avoid conflicting with the students' upcoming final exams.

As for the two scenes filmed over the weekend, Spangler said he felt the filming crew got enough usable footage but won't know exactly how much until Wednesday. Editing will dictate how much of the Texas A&M scenery will go into the movie

Spangler said film time centering on Bryant's tenure at Texas A&M could be as long as 15 or 20 minutes.

An important part of the film will be about Bryant's now famous training camp at Junction.

Before his first season at Texas A&M in 1954, Bryant took about 100 potential football players to a 10-day training ses-sion in Junction. Only 27 endured the entire camp. That group is now referred to as the "Junction Gang.

Filming for those scenes will be in California because there is no place for the production crew and cast to stay in Junction during deer season amd the fact that it is now too cool to get the true effect of that hot summer on the players. The idea for the movie began two years ago after Joe Namath, former New York Jets quarterback, convinced Spangler to talk to Bryant about the possibilities of producing the show. The movie is not intended to be a response to the coach's recent death, Spangler said

Spangler said he has found a distributor for the movie but declined to iden-tify it because he is still closing the deal. The movie crew is scheduled to go to Atlanta next to continue filming and will then use that city as its base



starts international research

United Press International CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The world's largest astronaut crew blasted into orbit Monday aboard the shuttle Columbia and began the European Spacelab experiments that comprise the boldest bid yet in international space research.

Despite last-minute concern about the weather, Columbia rocketed flawlessly off its launch pad on schedule at 11 a.m. EST to begin a nine-day mis-sion for five U.S. astronauts and a West German physicist.

Six hours later, MIT biomedical engineer Byron Lichtenberg activated an experiment in the \$1 billion Spacelab to study the effects of weightlessness on disease-fighting blood cells.

Lichtenberg, along with commander John Young, co-pilot Brewster Shaw, and scientists Robert Parker, Owen **Garriott and Ulf Merbold, will conduct** 72 separate experiments working 12hour shifts around the clock.

space crew and Merbold, a West Ger-man, is the first foreigner to be carried into orbit by an American rocket. Researchers in 14 nations already

were anticipating a rich return from the

Spacelab flight. "What a venture this is! Our goose bumps have goose bumps," Bill Bock told the astronauts from Marshall Space Center in Huntsville, Ala., where the NASA portion of the Spacelab project is being directed.

Lichtenberg, Carriott and Merbold entered Spacelab by floating feet first through the 18-foot-long tunnel that connects Columbia's living quarters with the 23-foot-long reusable research center tucked in the shuttle's cargo bay.

They exchanged congratulatory handshakes and started turning on

dies of the upper atmosphere, Earth observations, astronomy and solar phy-sics, biological sciences, materials pro-cessing and a 1 million-mph stream of electrified gases from the sun.

Columbia, outfitted with new and more powerful main engines since its last flight a year ago, thundered off the launch pad in a burst of yellow flame, just ahead of an approaching cold front that had given NASA forecasters some anxious moments.

In a plume of dirty white smoke, the shuttle punched through the thin clouds overhanging the Cape and streaked along the Eastern Seaboard to an orbit that reaches farther north and south than any previous manned Amer-ican space flight. Earth. "Our view doesn't change any. It's really something."

"That is really some ride. I want to tell you it hasn't changed a bit. It's the smoothest way to fly you ever saw," he later exulted to mission control as the shuttle circled the world at 17,500 mph.

The smooth countdown and successful launch was especially gratifying to NASA and the ESA because technical problems had caused a two-month delay in the flight.

"It was superb," launch director Alfred O'Hara said of Columbia's takeoff.

Spacelab was developed by ESA and donated to NASA as Western Europe's



with her father, grandfather and 19ar-old brother in a tragic plane accient in Louisana Saturday. Mailhos and r family were on their way to Louisaafter the University of Texas-Texas Auther the oniversity of the four-tak football game when the four-seater plane went down in a heavily wooded area 40 miles short of their desnation of Oakdale. She was on her way pick up a car that her father had ught for her to drive back to College

Mailhos, whose first name Iolie ans "happy" in french, transferred e after attending Wharton County unior College for two years. She was to

aduate next May. "She was involved in everything," Indent Body President Joe Jordan d. "I guess that's why so many people

The list of her involvements during er two and a half years at Texas A&M es on and on. This semester she was executive director of information for

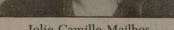
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Jolie Camille Mailhos

the Student Government. Before that she was a senator for the College of Business, vice president for academic affairs and she served on numerous committees. She was also a member of the College of Business Administration fellows program.

Last year Mailhos was the recepient of the Buck Weirus Spirit Award, an honor given to a few selected students for outstanding contributions to student life at Texas A&M.

Dr. Carolyn Adair, director of stu-dent services said she was to become a member of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges this semester, but didn't know it because the names have not been announced. At Wharton Co. Junior College she was in Who's Who Among Students in Amer-ican Junior Colleges and was active in student government there.

She never could say no to anything," Adair said shaking her head in almost disbelief of the news, adding that her death is a tragic loss. Jordan said that she was always in-

volved in many things, but never over-extended herself to the point of not doing a good job. He said doing the best she could was always important to her. When he learned of her death, Jor-

dan and others went to the Student Government office and began calling people to tell them what had happened. They didn't want people to learn the news after coming into the office Monday.

"You always think of people in terms of their potential — what they will be doing after they graduate - and it's such a shock that you'll never realize that," Jordan said. "Maybe we can learn something from this.

Memorial services have not yet been scheduled, but Jordan said that many members of the Student' Government plan to attend. In addition to Silver Taps, the Student Government would like to have some sort of service, but no

plans have been made, Jordan said. "She was successful," Jordan said. "People will remember her."

Lichtenberg and Merbold are the first non-NASA members of a U.S.

Spacelab's switches.

"It looks like Spacelab came through with flying colors," Young told mission control in Houston. The astronauts will use Spacelab -

Young, the only person to fly six space missions, reported the thrill of space flight never gets old.

'It's just super up here, just beautibuilt by the European Space Agency — to conduct experiments including stu-the first of 145 orbits 155 miles above

contribution to the U.S. space program.

The scientific instruments inside Spacelab and on an outside platform will provide information for researchers from 11 European countries, Japan, Canada and the United States.

Classes in architecture center cancelled Monday: bomb threat

by Edye Williams **Battalion Reporter**

A&M may have lost the game, but a few students got Monday off anyway when all classes meeting in Langford Architecture Center were cancelled.

Students attempting to attend class were greeted with locked doors and signs that read: Do Not Enter. Building

It had nothing to do with the football game, however, it was due to a bomb threat made by an unknown caller.

This is the second threat made against the architecture building this semester. The first, earlier in November, was made directly to the Department of Environmental Design, which

is within the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, did not lead to evacuation.

Monday's caller dialed 911 and told a member of the College Station Fire Department that a bomb was ready and would go off in the building at 10:30 a.m. The firemen quickly notified the University Police who then made the

decision to evacuate the building.

This type of prank is a Class A misde-meanor and is punishable by one year in jail and a \$2000 fine — even if it's just a hoax.

The police have no clues to the identity of the caller or the motive, and the matter is still under investigation.

Pope appeals for stay of execution for Florida murderer on death row

STARKE, Fla. — Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell was asked Mon-day night to block Tuesday's execution of condemned murderer Robert Sullivan, and Pope John Paul II asked Florida's governor to spare Sullivan's life. Sullivan, a Catholic, has spent more time on death row than any other in-

mate in the nation. Tom Horkan, director of the Florida

Catholic Conference in Tallahassee, said the pope authorized Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy of Miami to ask Gov. Bob Graham to stay the execution for humanitarian reasons. Horkan said the Catholic church opposes the death penalty.

There was no immediate word on Graham's response to the pope's plea, Horkan said.

New York attorney Eric Freedman filed the emergency appeal with Powell in Washington after the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta refused to stay the execution, scheduled for 7 a.m. Tuesday. Freedman asked Powell to halt the execution so Sullivan could continue to appeal.

A federal appeals court refused Mon-day to block Tuesday's scheduled ex-ecution of condemned murderer Robert Sullivan, who has spent more time on death row than other inmate in the nation

Attorneys for Sullivan immediatly

appealed to the Supreme Court. In another appeal, they asked for a new hearing by the 11th U.S. circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta.

In Washington, New York attorney Eric Freedman filed the emergency

appeal with Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell at 6:30 p.m..

"We just wait and see now, that's about it," Freedman said in the hallway of

the Supreme Court building. Earlier Monday, Judges Paul Roney and Gerald Tjoflat of the 11th U.S. Cir-cuit Court of Appeals voted to reject Sullivan's appeal, while Judge R. Lanier Anderson dissented.

Sullivan, 36, the adopted son of a Havard-educated surgeon, has spent more than a decade on Florida's death

Attorney Eric Freedman pleaded unsuccessfully with the appeals court to spare Sullivan on the same grounds the U.S. Supreme Court used recently to halt the execution of a Texas murderer 24 minutes before he was to die. Sullivan asked for an evidentiary hearing so his attorneys could argue that the condemned man's death sentence was not fair considering the crime he committed.

U.S. District Judge Jose A. Conzalez in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., last Wednes-day refused to hold such a hearing for Sullivan, who was convicted of the 1973 murder of a south Florida motelrestaurant clerk.

Sullivan and another man were found guilty of abducting Donald Schmidt, 39, from a Howard Johnson's Motor Inn at Homestead, Fla., and killing him ex-ecution-style. Schmidt was taken to a swamp and beaten with a tire iron, then shot in the back of the head.

Sullivan's co-defendant, Reid McLaughlin, pleaded guilty and testi-fied against him. McLaughlin has since been paroled.