Pope's request denied by Florida governor

STARKE, Fla. — Murderer

obert A. Sullivan, at "peace ith himself" after 10 years on leath row, ate his final meal oday and was given last rites in preparation for his execu-tion in Florida's electric chair. Gov. Bob Graham rejected n unprecedented clemency ppeal from Pope John Paul I and refused to consider a

prieve, a spokesman said. Sullivan, convicted of the execution-style killing of a motel clerk, was scheduled to ie at 10 a.m. in the 59-yearelectric chair that has kiled 197 inmates. He had to be xecuted by noon or the death

7 a.m. today. Prison spokes-man Vernon Bradford said Sullivan was "light-hearted and jovial when he ate breakfast this morning but when his priest left he was much more

Somber about the situation."
Sullivan ate a final meal of a two-pound sirloin steak, french fries and fresh strawberries at 6 a.m. Later, he was to have his head and legs shaved, take a shower and dress in a plain blue suit for the execution.

Early today, Sullivan's attorneys made another last-ditch effort with the Florida Supreme Court in Tallahassee to have the execution blocked on the grounds that electrocution is "cruel and un-

Such appeals, however, have failed in the past.

The Supreme Court handed down a 7-2 ruling with Chief Justice Warren Burger

writing a separate statement upholding the majority.

The burly, 36-year-old college dropout and adopted son of a Harvard-educated surgeon, was condemned for the 1973 execution-style murder of Homestead, Fla., motel manager Donald Schmidt, 39.

Shortly after dawn today, about a dozen anti-capital punishment protesters para-ded silently in front of the Florida State Prison, carrying signs which read "Stop Legal Murder" and "It's still lyn-

warrant would expire. Father Robert Boyle gave Sullivan his last rites and then

Ambassador: war possible Phillipines 'unstable

by Mary Macan

Battalion Reporter
William Sullivan, former U.S. bassador to both Iran and the ppines, says he fears a relution similar to the one in an could occur in the Philipes, but the United States can

now to prevent it. In a speech last night to about people, Sullivan said the ea is in an uneasy state of ilibrium that could become table. The country is in the dst of a severe economic cri-He said economic mismanement, corruption, a huge eign debt and the worldwide ession have contributed to

In addition, he pointed out at since 1965 the Philippine wernment has been in the nds of an authoritarian lead-President Marcos declared rtial law in 1972 and abohed the position of vice presi-ent. Marcos is now gravely ill d Sullivan said he is able to ork only three days a week.

He said the economic crisis d the fact that Marcos isn't as pular with the Filipino people more could precipitate a civil

Sullivan said the United tes can use its weight to help estore democratic processes in the Philippines and prevent a

Sullivan noted several simiities between the Philippine nd the Iranian situation. Both vernments are controlled by uthoritarian leaders, both ountries believe that the United ates can control the political mate of the region and both untries are strategically lo-

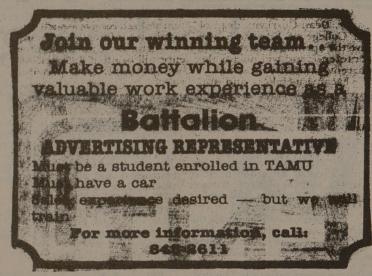
However, he also listed difrences between Iran and the hilippines. The United States' elationship with the Philippines as always been friendly, since e Philippines were once an merican colony. In addition, a democratic process of govnment. Another contrast is e economic situations of the vo countries. The Philippines is relatively poor country, while

Iran is sitting on a pool of oil.
Sullivan said the United
States could successfully intervene to prevent the Phillipine situation from turning ugly. He said a good example of how not to handle the situation is the way

former President Carter hand-

led the Iranian crisis.

Marcos has already agreed to which the auto manufacturer some changes, Sullivan said. He will invest nearly \$45 million in has decided to allow an election in 1986 to choose a vice president. However, Sullivan said this is not soon enough. The election needs to be held now, he said, to insure the succession if







Shuttle crew successf

SPACE CENTER — Space-lab's scientists hopped, dropped and were shocked in orbit Tuesday to test their adaptation to weightlessness, and officials on the ground were ecstatic about results so far from the space

shuttle science expedition.
"If you look at what's happened so far, you've got to be excited about what's coming," said chief scientist Charles

from the nine-day voyage.

"Now there's a new capability

available to us. It opens new

Young and the two scientists on his "red team," Robert Parker and Ulf Merbold of West Germany, completed their 12-hour shift at midday and handed operations over to co-pilot Brewster Shaw and scientists Chappell at mission control, Owen Garriott and Byron Lich-

Flight commander John

Young and Shaw were tending to operations of the shuttle Columbia in the cockpit while the scientists worked in the 23-foot-long Spacelab in the shut-tle's cargo bay. The flight deck and lab are linked by an 18-foot

The four scientist-astronauts served as guinea pigs much of day two of the nine-day mission in an effort to learn how weight-

cularly the intricate inner ear system that keeps us balanced on

They whirled about in a rotating chair; they donned strange headgear to let scientists see how their eyes responded to body moves, and they underwent the hop, drop and shock tests in the

name of science. The hop and drop experiments tested the effect of the lack of gravity on basic postural lessness affects the body, parti-reflexes.

GM gives A&M \$250,000 gift

COLLEGE STATION -General Motors Corp. has given Texas A&M a \$250,000 endowment to provide scholarships for

minorities and women. The gift, announced Monday by Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver, is part of an agree-ment reached in October between General Motors and the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission by

affirmative action efforts.

Of that total, \$15 million is to go for educational endowments

and scholarships. The University will receive \$50,000 each year for five years to create a perpetual endowment. The investment income from the gift will provide scholarships for minorities and women, with preference given to GM employees and their families, beginning with the 1984-85 school year.



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