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Marines, ships retaliate gunfire

United Press International

BEIRUT — U.S. Marines came under fire Sunday and the battleship USS New Jersey and destroyer USS Tattnell retaliated by unleashing their five-inch guns at Moslem militia positions east of Beirut, U.S. officials said.

Lt. Col. Charles Suits, a Pentagon spokesman in Washington, said the Marines retaliated with machine guns, howitzers and mortars before the war ships joined in.

"The rounds from those ships amounted to approximately 120 rounds total, all of which were 5-inch rounds," Suits said.

Druze Moslem militiamen raked the Beirut airport area, where the Marines are positioned, with sniper fire, forcing the facility to close at about 4:30 p.m., state Beirut radio said. The U.S. Marines were badly hit by round-aimed 23mm anti-aircraft shells, the radio network added.

President Reagan's Middle East envoy, Donald Rumsfeld, arrived late Sunday from Israel, and went straight to a meeting with Nabih Berri, chief of the Shiite Moslem militia Amal which controls some of the suburbs around the U.S. Marine base, Beirut radio said.

"They talked for two and a quarter hours about the security plan (for the disengagement of militia forces around Beirut) and the Israeli occupation of south Lebanon," said a spokesman for Berri.

The naval bombardment was the 11th time U.S. warships off the coast of Lebanon have fired during the Lebanese warfare since September. The last time was Dec. 19 when two gunboats bombarded Syrian positions after U.S. reconnaissance flights reportedly came under fire.

The United States has more than a dozen war ships off the Lebanese coast in two battle groups in support

of 1,200 Marines ashore in the peacekeeping force.

Later, unidentified gunmen fired a rocket-propelled grenade at the west Beirut headquarters of the French contingent in the multinational peace-keeping force but there were no casualties, said Lt. Col. Philippe de Longeaux, a French spokesman.

As flames rose from a Marine fuel dump at the airport, the facility was closed down for four hours and all traffic diverted to Cyprus. Airport workers dodged sniper fire and hid in the lower floors of the terminal.

Salim Salam, head of Lebanon's Middle East Airlines, denied an earlier Beirut radio report that one of his planes had been hit and was on fire. Salam said the flames came from a fuel dump near the U.S. Marines who surround the airport.

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Candidates' debate erupts into shouts

United Press International

HANOVER, N.H. — A debate among the eight Democratic presidential candidates erupted into a shouting match between the two front-runners Sunday, with John Glenn accusing Walter Mondale of engaging in "gobbledygook" and Mondale calling Glenn's charge "baldy."

There were no clear winners or losers in the three-hour, free-for-all which was broadcast nationally from Dartmouth College.

The Glenn-Mondale exchange,

following 2½ hours of gentlemanly discussion, became so heated for a few minutes that Jesse Jackson admonished the two. "We have to conduct the affairs of this business in a serious vein."

Former Florida Gov. Reubin Askew and Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., also jumped into the fray.

The exchange began after Mondale, former vice president and acknowledged front-runner for the Democratic nomination, outlined his program to cut federal deficits.

Glenn, the Ohio senator and Mondale's closest rival, said with disgust:

"That's the same big gobbledygook we've been hearing for years."

"Is this going to be a Democratic Party that promises everything to everybody and runs up a \$170 billion bill?" Glenn asked, using the figure he says Mondale's campaign promises would cost.

"I'm disgusted and tired of all the vague promises," Glenn said adding that Mondale would add to the deficits he has pledged to cut.

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Soldier feared kidnapped, located in farmyard

United Press International

STUTTGART, West Germany — An American soldier feared kidnapped by anti-nuclear activists was found asleep in a farmyard Sunday, 38 hours after disappearing from his Pershing-2 missile unit, police said.

A police spokesman said a farmer's wife found Army Cpl. Liam Fowler, 21, a member of the 56th Field Artillery Brigade, lying asleep in her farmyard near the town of Miesbach, 30 miles south of Munich, at 6:15 a.m.

He said police were investigating whether the Port Orange, Fla., soldier

was kidnapped by anti-nuclear activists who threatened to kill him, as he told his wife in a telephone call Saturday.

The circumstances surrounding the incident were not immediately clear, but a U.S. military spokesman said police were investigating it as a kidnapping.

"West German police are treating the incident as a kidnapping, and they are continuing their investigations," said Maj. Anthony Maravola.

Police said Fowler telephoned his wife twice Saturday to say he was in the hands of six Germans who

threatened to kill him unless she arranged to have U.S. news media carry within 72 hours a statement that West Germans do not want Pershing-2 and cruise nuclear missiles deployed in their country.

Maravola, a spokesman at Fowler's base in Schwaebisch-Gmuend, 150 miles northwest of where he was found, said that Fowler was returned by West German police to the base late Sunday.

"He is apparently in good condition, although somewhat tired by his ordeal," Maravola said. "He has been reunited with his wife and will be

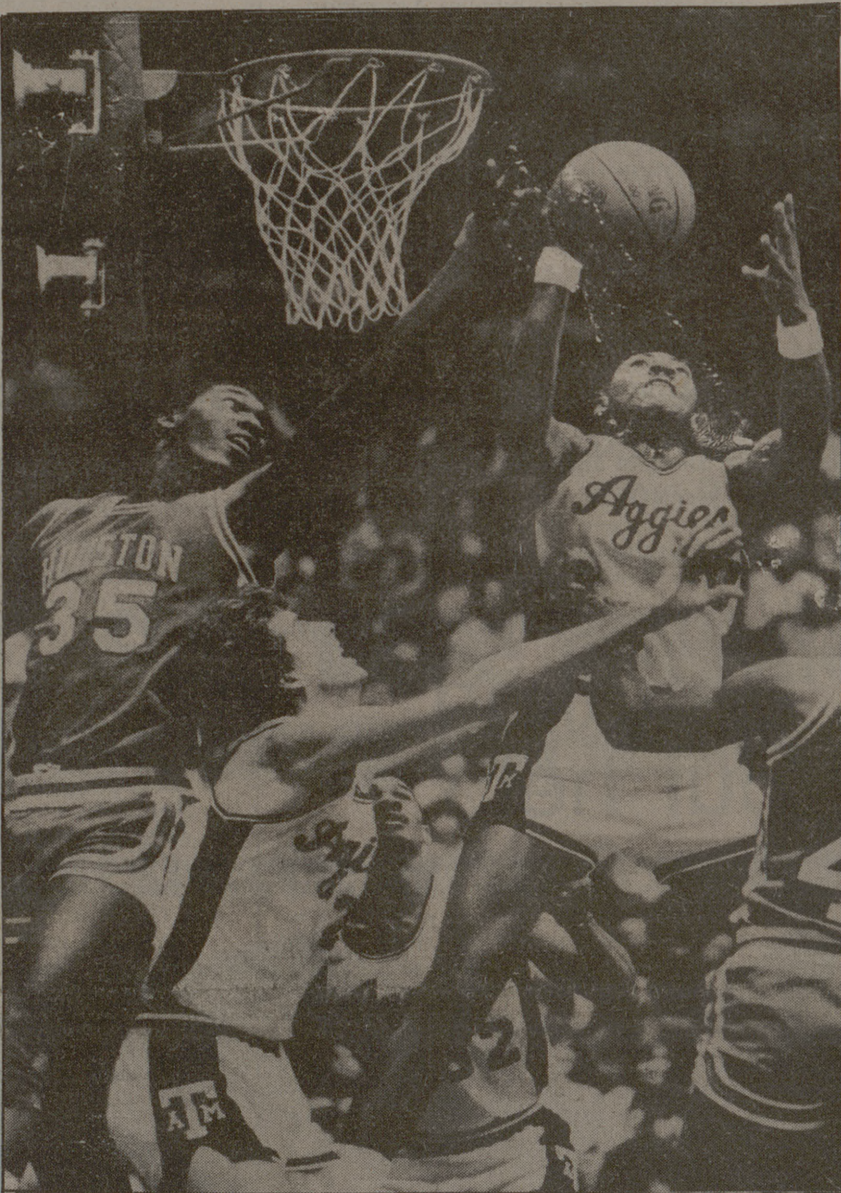


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University of Houston's Akeem Olajuwon and Texas A&M's Jimmie Gilbert go for a rebound after a missed shot Saturday. Gilbert came down with this rebound but UH went on to win 70-64. See related stories on page 15.

Finals up for vote today

By MICHELLE POWE
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The Faculty Senate will vote today on a resolution that would require graduating seniors to take final examinations.

If the Senate votes in favor of this policy change, it will recommend the change to the University Rules and Regulations Committee. The change would need final approval from President Frank E. Vandiver.

The resolution for the policy change, proposed by the Senate's ad hoc committee on academic standards, calls the practice of exempting degree candidates from final examinations "a serious compromise with fair and equitable academic standards."

The meeting will be at 3:15 p.m. in 601 Rudder. All students are welcome, although only student body representatives will be allowed to address the Senate. Faculty Senate Speaker John J. McDermott, distinguished professor of philosophy, has allotted 20 minutes for comments from the student representatives.

David Alders, speaker of the Student Senate and the Student Senate representative to the Faculty Senate, says he opposes the resolution. He said the current policy is not detrimental to academic standards.

The Student Senate passed a resolution last semester recommending that the current policy remain the same.

Alders, who will address the Faculty Senate today, said he feels certain the policy will be changed if the Faculty Senate approves such a change today.

The academic standards committee also recommended that the new policy, if adopted, should be put into effect before December 1985.

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Senior exam opinions gathered

Students, faculty don't agree

By BRIGID BROCKMAN
Staff Writer

Should graduating seniors have to take finals?

All the faculty who were questioned by The Battalion said they would like to see the current policy changed so that graduating seniors would have to take finals, and not surprisingly, all the students questioned said they thought they should not have to take finals.

The Battalion asked a few student leaders for their opinions.

Student Body President Joe Jordan said he liked the current policy, as he thought most students did, but he also said he didn't think most of the professors shared his opinion.

"You do not gain anything acade-

mically by making students take finals," he said.

Preston Abbott, Corps of Cadets commander, simply said he would go along with any decision the Faculty Senate made.

Greg Hawkins, president of the MSC council and directorate, said he really hadn't thought about the issue, and he wasn't concerned one way or the other.

Kelli Kiesling, Residence Hall Association president, also said seniors should remain exempt from finals.

A recent poll conducted by an assistant political science professor showed that 77 percent of the faculty at Texas A&M were opposed to the current policy.

Dr. Jon R. Bond said the poll had

three responses the faculty could choose if they were opposed to the policy, and the breakdown was as follows: 16 percent were opposed but could "live with it," 29 percent were opposed and would like to see it changed and 32 percent were totally opposed.

Responses were varied across the colleges. The ones which were most opposed to the current system were the liberal arts and science colleges with 88 percent of the faculty opposed.

The colleges of business and agriculture were close with 85 percent and 84 percent opposed, respectively.

Some of the ones least opposed were the colleges of engineering and education with 65 percent and 63

percent opposed, but the College of Veterinary Medicine was the lowest with only 45 percent opposed.

Bond said he was opposed to the current policy because it requires faculty to evaluate students in the same class with different standards.

He said he knows many students will say the current policy is a tradition that should not be changed, but Bond disagrees.

Most of the faculty recognizes the importance of traditions at Texas A&M, Bond said, but they are trying to make a distinction between those traditions which are functional and those which are not.

He said the functional ones are those which show "spirit, love and commitment-ones which contribute to the making of a great university."

In Today's Battalion

Local

• A court order has forced the release of a list of names of those considered for the University's presidency in 1981. It included some very interesting candidates. See story page 3.

• Late registration begins today. For a complete list of important deadlines, see page 12.

State

• The American Heart Association has released a study which says 1.5 million Americans will suffer heart attacks this year and an estimated 550,000 of them would die. See story page 5.

National

• Martin Luther King's birthday was remembered across the nation Sunday, even though it is not yet a national holiday. See story page 11.