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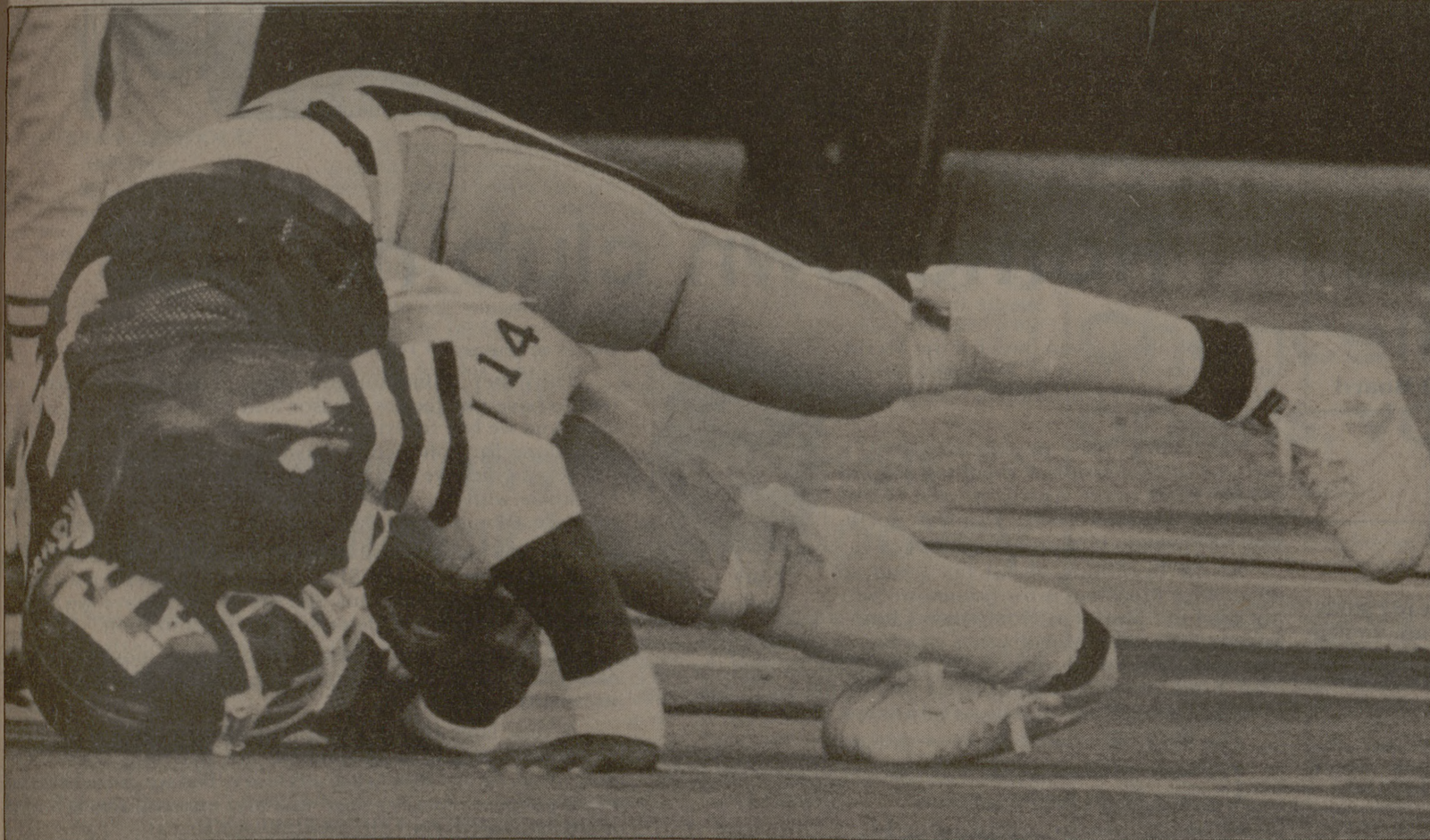
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'Bad break' for the Ags

Texas A&M quarterback Kevin Murray breaks his ankle after diving for a first down on the last play of the third quarter in

Saturday's 22-21 win over Arkansas State. Murray will wear a cast and be out of the Ags' lineup for seven to nine weeks.

Photo by PETER ROCHA

## Four students indicted by jury in cadet case

By DAINAH BULLARD  
Staff Writer

A Brazos County grand jury indicted four Texas A&M students Friday in connection with the Aug. 30 death of a cadet.

Three junior cadets, Anthony D'Alessandro and Jason Miles, of Houston, and Louis Fancher III of San Antonio, were indicted on charges of criminally negligent homicide and hazing. Criminally negligent homicide — causing a death through negligence — is a class A misdemeanor, with punishment of up to one year in prison and a fine of up to \$2,000. Hazing, also a misdemeanor, carries a jail term of 10 days to three months, and a fine of \$25 to \$200.

Gabriel Caudra, a former senior cadet from Houston, was indicted on charges of hazing and tampering with evidence, also a class A misdemeanor. Caudra, former personnel officer of Company F-1, is accused of destroying an exercise roster which recorded the 2:30 a.m. exercise session conducted Aug. 30.

Caudra resigned from the Corps after the death of Cadet Bruce Dean Goodrich, 20, a transfer student from Webster, N.Y.

The four were indicted following a two-day grand jury hearing into the circumstances surrounding the death of Goodrich.

According to police reports,

Goodrich collapsed while participating in a 2:30 a.m. exercise session conducted by three junior members of his outfit, Company F-1. Goodrich reportedly was urged to continue the exercises after he collapsed.

After returning to his dorm, Goodrich reportedly collapsed again. When attempts to revive Goodrich failed, University Police were summoned. One responding officer administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the scene, and Goodrich was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan, where he died after about 12 hours on life-support equipment.

The grand jury deliberated for almost four hours before announcing its decision at 10:10 p.m. Friday. The grand jury based the decision on testimony from 17 witnesses and information from a University Police investigation.

Among the witnesses appearing before the grand jury were four A&M officials: Col. Donald L. Burton, Corps commander; Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic at A&M; Will Scott, assistant special investigator at A&M and Bill Kibler, assistant director of student affairs.

Two area physicians also testified before the grand jury. Dr. J.C. Lee, who performed an autopsy on

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Regents discuss solutions for railroad intersection problem

## Board suggests moving tracks by airport

By ROBIN BLACK  
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Something must be done about the railroad situation around the Texas A&M campus, Regent William McKenzie said Friday at an emergency meeting of the Board of Regents' railroad committee.

McKenzie, who is chairman of the committee, led what he called a preliminary discussion of what has be-

come a serious threat to the A&M campus.

The meeting was called one week after the death of two A&M students and the injury of another in two separate car-train accidents at the same intersection.

The accidents happened where the railroad tracks crossed Luther Street just south of Jersey Street and the A&M campus.

McKenzie's main concern is with the stretch of tracks that runs parallel with Wellborn Road and intersects the A&M campus.

The regents have discussed the railroad's threat to the campus in the past, but have not been able to improve any of the conditions since the University alone cannot make decisions concerning the railroad and its course through the area.

McKenzie said the cooperation of the University, both cities, the county and the railroad is needed to change the current situation.

Dangers other than car-train collisions were discussed at the meeting. The possibility of a train derailment was brought up, and McKenzie pointed out such an incident that had happened.

Two years ago a train derailed

near the north corner of the A&M campus. Luckily, the cars were carrying nothing more dangerous than a shipment of beer.

But, McKenzie pointed out, although the incident was considered humorous, the consequences could have been considerably more serious.

If the train had been carrying any kind of toxic or explosive materials,

not only the people on the University campus but also area residents would have had to be evacuated.

Another concern expressed at the meeting was how fast trains travel through the city limits.

If it takes a train half a mile to brake to a stop going as fast as they

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## Second half of sales tax package to take effect

By ROBIN BLACK  
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Cornfields and toilet repairs are about the only things that won't be affected by the new Texas sales and use taxes that take effect Tuesday.

The new taxes are the second half of a tax package passed by the State Legislature last July. The revenue from the comprehensive tax package — which should bring the state about \$4.6 billion during the next three years — will be used to fund state education reforms and highway repairs.

The first phase of the tax package

was an increase in gasoline taxes and license plate fees that took effect Aug. 1.

Almost any service or product imaginable will be touched in some way by the various new or higher taxes.

The all-encompassing tax in the package is an increase in the state sales tax — it'll go up 1/8 of a cent for every dollar spent. The tax now is 4 cents for every dollar, but almost every city ups that tax by one cent per dollar.

Many products and services that were tax exempt before will be sub-

ject to a two-sided increase because not only will the items lose their tax exemption, but they also will be taxed under the higher rates.

Repair services such as appliance or furniture repairs will be taxed beginning Tuesday.

A handful of repair services including eyeglass, hearing aid, motor vehicle, aircraft and plumbing will remain tax-exempt, but parts used for those repairs will be taxed.

Some products will get a double tax-whammy, too. Tobacco and liquor taxes are increasing, so the goods are subject not only to the reg-

ular sales tax but also to sin taxes.

One cent per dollar will be added to the tax on cigarettes and other tobacco goods which are also subject for the first time to the regular sales tax.

This increase is a boon for cigarette vending machine owners, because many will have to install conversion kits on the machines to handle the increase in coins. The renovations on the machines that can handle only so much pocket change right now will cost the vending machine companies tens of thousands of dollars.

Cigarette vending machines aren't the only places consumers will feel the tax increase. Food sold in vending machines also will lose its tax-exempt status Tuesday.

A report by the state comptroller's office says that "sales of food which costs more than 17 cents per article are subject to state and local taxes beginning Oct. 2."

The tax on alcohol — beer, wine and liquor — will increase 20 percent and the gross receipts tax on mixed drinks in bars and restaurants will go from 10 percent to 12 percent.

One other item that remains com-

pletely tax-exempt is plants used for agricultural purposes (food) or annuals (plants that live for one year and then die and don't come back up).

Fertilizer, however will be subject to taxes unless it too is used for agricultural purposes.

Since almost every facet of everybody's life will be subject to state taxes beginning Tuesday, some now-taxable items that might not occur to the consumer as being taxable are:

• Fur cleaning and storage.

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## Iran, Syria, Libya control terror group

United Press International

TEL AVIV, Israel — Iran, Syria and Libya secretly control the Islamic Jihad terror organization that claimed responsibility for the recent suicide bombing of the U.S. Embassy annex in Beirut, an Israeli newspaper reported Sunday.

In a report attributed to unidentified intelligence sources in London, the Ha'aretz newspaper said two close advisers of Iran's leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, head Islamic Jihad.

Iranian, Syrian and Libyan officials meet in the Iranian embassy in Damascus as a "secret council" of the organization to plan terror attacks, the report said.

Islamic Jihad, or Holy War, claimed responsibility for the suicide bombing of the U.S. Embassy annex in East Beirut Sept. 20, the blasts that destroyed the headquarters of the U.S. Marine and French peacekeepers in the Lebanese capital last October and the April 1983 bombing of the U.S. Embassy in West Beirut.

The four suicide attacks killed a total of 387 people, including 260 Americans.

The report also claimed that the Islamic Jihad council ordered the October 1981 assassination in Cairo of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat,

the only Arab leader to sign a peace treaty with Israel.

The Ha'aretz report identified the two Islamic Jihad chiefs as Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazari — considered the likely successor to Khomeini as leader of Iran — and Ayatollah Musawi Khomeini, who could be a relative of the Iranian leader.

Members of the secret council reportedly include Mohsen Rafiqdust, the Iranian Cabinet minister responsible for Iran's Revolutionary Guards; Khomeini's military adviser Mohamed Salim; and Zaba Zankana, Tehran station chief of Libyan Intelligence.

Rafiqdust most recently visited

Damascus Sept. 9. The newspaper said his talks with Syrian officials "touched upon the activities of the terrorist groups — and the bombing of the American embassy should be seen against this backdrop."

The sources quoted by Ha'aretz warned of future terror attacks in the United States and Europe.

In a related development, the private Central News Agency in Beirut reported Saturday police had issued warrants for the arrest of four people, including a Palestinian and an Egyptian, in connection with the April 1983 suicide bombing of the U.S. embassy in the city.

## In Today's Battalion

### Local

• Bonfire cutting classes begin tonight at the Grove at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. See story page 3.

• Get friendly because this week is Howdy Week. See story page 3.

### National

• Jimmy Carter turns 60 today. See story page 8.