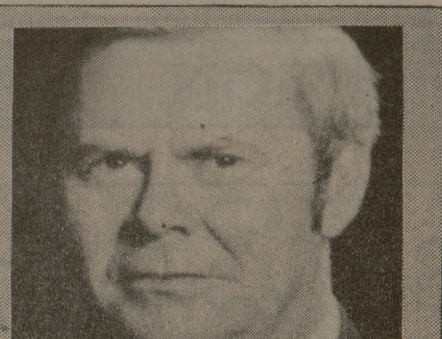




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TDC: High security cells necessary

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AUSTIN — The troubled Texas prisons need more maximum security cells, the director of the Department of Corrections told lawmakers Monday.

"Texas is under the misunderstanding that the whole system is maximum security," Ray Procnunier told a House subcommittee.

TDC needs maximum security units for 4 percent to 7 percent of the approximately 33,000 inmates, he said.

What passes for maximum security now is inadequate, Procnunier said. He wants units so secure prison officials "could issue hacksaw blades" to inmates because they still couldn't cut their way out.

"Texas has way too many dormitories (for inmates) already," he said. "Texas should never build another dormitory."

The director said TDC has implemented an inmate classification system aimed at "trying to keep the lightweights with the lightweights and the toughies with the toughies." The "troublemakers" now are in eight prison units.

"That results in some places that are very difficult to run," he said, acknowledging the violence in the prisons in recent months.

"We are having the minimum amount of violence we could possibly have under the circumstances," he said.

The subcommittee of the House Law Enforcement Committee will begin reviewing TDC's requested budget later this week. No numbers will be available until state officials are briefed Tuesday on a consultant's study of the prison system.

Texas' prisons are operating under a federal judge's 1980 reform order that calls for sweeping changes. Several issues are still being contested, and a special master is monitoring compliance with the judge's order.

While some state prison systems have been under court supervision for as long as 20 years, TDC lawyer Steve Martin told the subcommittee Texas could be out from under the special master in 18 months.

Martin offered that prediction after Rep. Dick Burnett, D-San Angelo, said, "We still do not see the light at the end of the tunnel."

But the TDC lawyer also cautioned failure to comply with the court order could lead to "increased monitoring" or federal court takeover of the state prisons.

The major problem — and expense — in enacting reforms is replacing inmate-guardians, known as building tenders, who used to keep order behind the walls, Martin said.

"The system was highly effective in the sense you were able to attain a high level of control," he said. "You like that in a prison system. You like it even better if you can do it constitutionally."

The building tender system was abused, said Martin. "There were very violent acts perpetrated by building tenders with the administration's knowledge," he said.

The violence resulted in "severe injuries," but no deaths, Martin said.



Don't Laugh!

Photo by WAYNE L. GRABEIN

Before giving blood Monday morning, Jesse Jackson, a range science graduate student from Abilene, has his temperature checked

as a health precaution. The Aggie Blood Drive, which ends Thursday, has a goal of 3,000 units of blood.

Cuadra gets one year's probation for tampering

Associated Press

Former cadet Gabriel Cuadra was given one year's probation for destroying evidence that police sought in their investigation of the hazing death last year of Bruce Dean Goodrich.

Brazos County Court-at-Law Judge Carolyn Ruffino announced the sentence Monday for Gabriel Cuadra, 21, of Key Biscayne, Fla.

Cuadra, who now attends Miami-Dade Community College in Florida, was convicted last month of tampering with evidence and fined \$500.

If Cuadra completes the probation, the fine will be dismissed. Hazing charges against him still are pending.

The charges stemmed from the investigation into the death of Goodrich, a 20-year-old transfer student from Webster, N.Y., who died of heat stroke after a pre-dawn exercise session last August.

Cuadra testified he ripped up and disposed of an exercise schedule outlining the regimen that Goodrich took part in the day he died. Cuadra said he had heard police wanted the schedule.

MSC Council announces new president

By CATHIE ANDERSON
Staff Writer

The Memorial Student Center Council announced the 1985-86 president and two of the council's executive vice president positions during its meeting Monday night.

The group also approved the 1985-86 budget and discussed the importance of the Rumours facility to students at Texas A&M. Rumours has been looked at as a possible site for a computer resource center.

Denise Davis, a senior agriculture economics major from Houston, became the second woman in the MSC's 30-year history to be selected president of the council. She is currently council executive vice president for marketing and personnel. Davis will take over the presidency from Pat Wood April 20.

"She is definitely an asset to this University," Wood said. "Her articulateness, her sensitivity to others and her ability to plan for the future are a few of her many strong points."

"The MSC will need all of her many talents to face a challenging future. We'll be fortunate to have a gal like Denise in the driver's seat; she's got the 'right stuff.'"

David Klosterboer became Davis' executive vice president for programs and Robert Hawkins received the position of executive vice president for administration. The position of executive vice president for marketing and personnel has not been filled.

Davis said she was confident of Hawkins' and Klosterboer's abilities

since both men have been active council members.

Davis, a third generation Aggie, said the MSC is working at its very best when the council acts as a facilitator of the Memorial Student Center's three goals. These goals are providing an enjoyable facility and quality service, providing campus-wide programming that enriches the community, and developing the skills of students who participate in the MSC.

Also the council heard a recommendation from the building operations committee, which was given by Mike Brunner, vice president for operations. The recommendation concerned the possible establishment of a microcomputer acquisition program in the MSC, which would allow students, faculty and adminis-

Levin pleads with terrorists to free others

Associated Press

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Declaring himself "a born-again American," journalist Jeremy Levin returned Monday to the United States and appealed to the Islamic terrorists who still hold four other Americans to "let my brothers go."

After 11 months in solitary confinement in eastern Lebanon where he "literally sat in darkness and deep gloom . . . in irons and misery," the 52-year-old television reporter emerged into crisp noon sunlight from a gleaming blue-and-white C-135 jet provided by the White House.

About 100 family members, friends and State Department officials cheered as he smiled broadly and walked down the red-carpeted steps waving a small American flag in his right hand and hugging his wife, Lucille, in his left.

"Boy, I missed you," he told the well-wishers, his voice heaving with emotion. "Now, I'm home, free at last . . . God has been good to me."

Levin, who was Cable News Network's Beirut bureau chief when he was kidnapped March 7, was welcomed by Acting Secretary of State Kenneth Dam, standing in for the vacationing George Shultz. Dam said Levin's "long and cruel captivity has aroused the nation's indignation and sympathy and your courageous escape to freedom has won our admiration."

But his return heightens the nation's awareness of the four other Americans "still held hostage by ter-

rorists in Lebanon," Dam said. "We will continue to make every effort to obtain their freedom as soon as possible. They should know they are not forgotten."

Americans missing and presumed kidnapped in Lebanon include: William Buckley, a political officer at the U.S. Embassy; the Rev. Benjamin Weir, a Presbyterian minister; Peter Kilburn, a librarian at the American University of Beirut; and the Rev. Lawrence Jenco, a Roman Catholic priest who worked at a relief agency in Beirut.

The Islamic Holy War, a shadowy group made up of fundamentalist Shiite Moslems loyal to Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, has said it was holding the four Americans.

Levin, who may have been held in the same house with the other four, appealed to the kidnappers: "Let my brothers go. Let your brothers go. In the name of our common lord, God and Allah, please let them go."

Levin thanked President Reagan "for all his help in getting me back home;" Syrian President Hafez Assad, "who has taken a personal interest in this present hostage crisis;" and "many officials whom you and I may never know (who) worked long, hard and anonymously to rescue me."

He also thanked the Syrian Army patrol that found him, shortly after he got away, "hiding in sheer terror" under a truck. Although he was dirty, shoeless and without identification papers, he was treated "gently, kindly and courteously" by those soldiers, he said.

Correction

A Monday article in The Battalion incorrectly reported a statement made by Michael Hachtman, the Student Senate's liaison with the College Station City Council.

The article stated that Hachtman said three places on the council will open on April 6, but none of the incumbents will run. However, Hachtman did not say none of the incumbents will run — only that he heard they would not.

None of the incumbents have announced yet whether they will run again or not.

The Battalion regrets the error.

Haydon adjusting well to new heart

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Doctors said Monday that Murray Haydon is adjusting so well to his artificial heart that they have turned up its speed, taken him off a respirator and expect soon to have him sipping clear fluids.

Meanwhile doctors painted the bleakest picture yet of William Schroeder's condition, saying the world's second artificial heart recipient is "withdrawn" and "discouraged" and may never leave the hospital unless his strength and spirits pick up.

"Mr. Haydon's condition is so good it's frightening," Dr. Allan M. Lansing, chairman of Humana Heart Institute International, said at an afternoon briefing. He said the 58-year-old retired autoworker "looks extremely bright," is attentive to his family and flashed his doctors a thumbs-up sign.

Dr. Robert Jarvik, the inventor of the artificial heart, said he was impressed with the ease of Haydon's surgery Sunday, completed in record time of 3½ hours.

Haydon, still listed in critical but stable con-

dition, was expected to get his first sip of clear fluids later Monday, Lansing said. During the day doctors took him off a respirator, allowing him to breathe on his own.

The mechanical heart now thumping in Haydon's chest was initially set to beat at 50

beats per minute. It was turned up to 60 beats per minute Sunday and was scheduled to be turned up again to a near-normal rate of 70 beats per minute late Monday, Lansing said.

The artificial heart had been started slowly to prevent damage to other organs that might be caused by a strong, sudden increase in blood flow following months or years of a weak blood flow produced by the patient's diseased natural heart.

Haydon's superb condition contrasted sharply with the current state of his predecessor, Schroeder.

Information about Schroeder's condition had been emerging from Humana officials in fragments, but more details started coming out after scores of reporters arrived here over

the weekend for Haydon's artificial heart implant.

Lansing said Monday morning that Schroeder is withdrawn. "At the present time he spends most of his time in bed," he said. "The quality of life is not good."

Any patient who, like Schroeder, begins to lose the will to live "may lose his strength or he may commit suicide," said Lansing. "The individual's spirit is a very important determinant of survival."

But at an afternoon briefing, Lansing said Schroeder appeared stronger than he had been for several days and had gotten out of bed. He said he was more optimistic about Schroeder's condition than he had been in the morning, based on his visit between briefings.

Part of the problem is that efforts to find the cause of a fever that has nagged Schroeder for two weeks have failed, Lansing said.

"He has had every known test for infection that we can think of, and we have found no sign of infection anywhere," Lansing said. "If he does not get stronger and does not get over

the fever, then he will remain discouraged."

Schroeder, a 53-year-old retired federal worker from Jasper, Ind., was nearly well enough to go home when the fever struck him, doctors said.

"This appeared to be a setback, as though he might never get out of the hospital," Lansing said. "I am not sure that he will go home."

Schroeder also is suffering from anemia, an abnormally low red blood cell count probably caused by the artificial heart he received on Nov. 25, Lansing said.

"He received one pint of blood at the time of the fever," partly because doctors were removing so much blood for tests, Lansing said, and has been getting about one pint of blood every three weeks. Lansing said Saturday that Dilantin, an anti-seizure drug being given to Schroeder, appeared to have been responsible for Schroeder's fever.

On Monday, however, Lansing said that Schroeder had been free of Dilantin for about seven to 10 days, the time it takes for traces of the drug to be eliminated from the body.