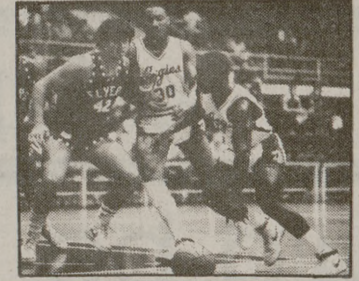


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 AMENDMENT I
 Religious establishment prohibited. Freedom of the press, and right to petition.
 Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise of religion, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.
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American hostages threatened with death

Associated Press
 BEIRUT, Lebanon — An anonymous caller said Islamic Jihad extremists planned to kill their half-dozen American hostages Thursday, and a second caller claimed they were dead. But no bodies were found in the designated spot.
 The captives were to be "executed" by firing squad because indirect negotiations with the United States had reached "a dead end," the

first man said in a call to a Western news agency.
 But in Washington a White House official said "contacts" in the Lebanon hostage case had not broken down. And President Reagan said of the death threat, "Evidently there is no substantiation of that at all."
 Since the calls could not be authenticated, it was impossible to determine whether they were a hoax or an attempt by the Shiite Moslem fac-

tion holding the hostages to pressure Washington into making a deal.
 Six Americans are missing in Lebanon. Islamic Jihad claimed Oct. 4 it killed one of them, but no body has turned up.
 Islamic Jihad had said it would release the Americans when Kuwait frees 17 Shiite comrades serving prison terms for the bombings of the U.S. and French embassies in Ku-

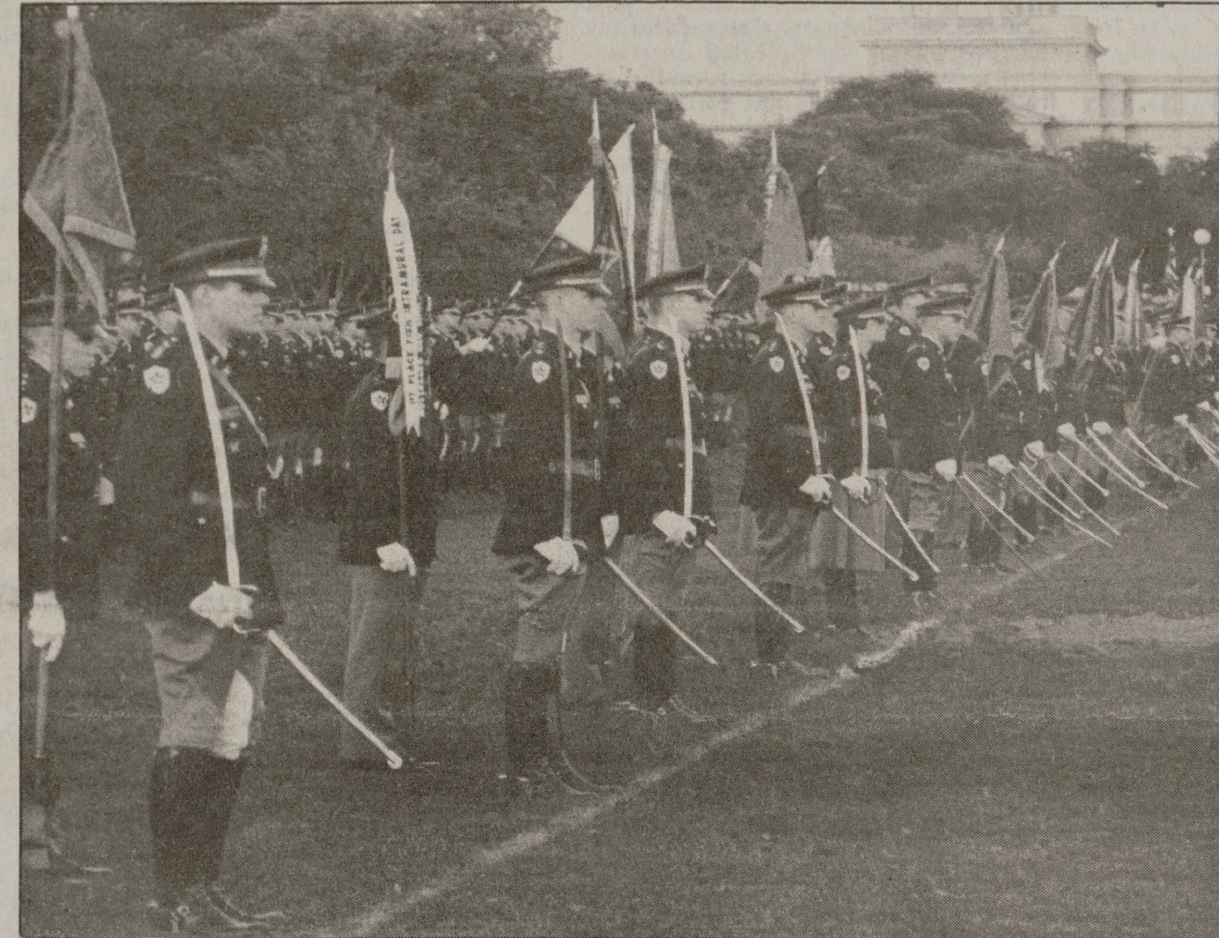
wait in December 1983. Kuwait refuses.
 Several threats were made earlier to try the hostages as spies and "execute" them if the demand was not met, but no deadlines were set.
 A representative of the news agency, which declined to be identified, said Thursday's first call came at 12:15 a.m. EST from a man who said the hostages would be shot by firing squad.

"We wish to tell America that the sad end of the American hostages will not be the last," the caller said. "We shall shake the earth at America's feet and the feet of its agents."
 He promised to call again at 1 p.m. local time to say where the bodies had been dumped but didn't. Another man called the agency at 10 a.m.
 He said that "all the bodies of the

Americans, including Buckley's," had been dumped in the basement of the derelict Coca-Cola factory in the Kola district of south Beirut.
 But policemen, reporters and Moslem militiamen found nothing after several hours of searching the rat-infested factory, surrounding buildings and nearby neighborhoods where bodies have been dumped before.

University police to get Ags to pay

By BRIAN PEARSON
 Senior Staff Writer
 University Police are practically up to their badges in unpaid parking tickets and have decided to do something about it starting with pre-registration Monday.
 Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic at Texas A&M, said students with three or more unpaid traffic tickets will not be able to pre-register for the spring semester.
 "This is something that we were going to do for the fall semester, but because of the computer foul ups, we were unable to," Wiatt said.
 He said students who have three or more unpaid tickets should not be surprised when they go the Pavilion and are blocked from pre-registration.
 "There are a lot of them out there thinking, 'Oh, nobody is going to get me,' and they're going to get zapped," Wiatt said.
 He said tickets can be paid at the University Police station.
 "If they clear up the tickets here (at the station), all we do is push a button on our computer, and it immediately lifts the block on the registrar's (computer)," Wiatt said.
 He said 6,000 students already are blocked, and "it's probably going to



Looking Impressive
 The Corps of Cadets lines up for Thursday's Fall Review. The Corps was reviewed by Harvey Walker, executive director of the Wofford Cain Foundation, and Col. Donald Burton, Corps Commandant. Walker also presented four Cain Foundation Awards to outstanding cadets.
 Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

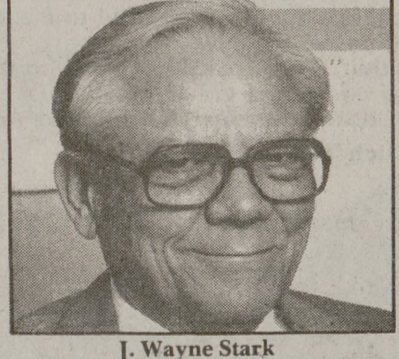
UT system audit discloses odd money deals

Associated Press
 FORT WORTH — A number of transactions have been questioned by the University of Texas System's 1984 audit, including payment of \$1.4 million to a Swiss bank account on the approval of a lone university official, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Thursday.
 The 95-page audit report criticizes a UT policy allowing one person to sign a payment voucher both for the university and for a "foreign vendor."
 The \$1.4 million was deposited into the Swiss account after a UT-Austin official signed a payment order on behalf of both the university and the recipient of the money, the Star-Telegram reported.
 In another case, the UT Health Science Center in Houston made fake lease payments to Hermann Hospital Estate to conceal excessive salary payments to physicians on the center's staff.
 At the same time, UT-Austin spent \$293,000 in state tax money on Social Security payments when it should have used "local" money such as tuition or fees.
 Despite the findings, State Auditor Lawrence Alwin certified the sys-

tem's financial statement, thus giving the books a good order standing.
 UT did furnish proof that the \$1.4 million diverted to the Swiss account had been approved by a special committee and that it went to a purchase the university received, said Ronnie Jung, director of higher education audits.
 The report also revealed "simulated lease payments" were made to Hermann Hospital.
 The move generates debt-service savings of \$52.9 million over the next 10 years and produces a net present-value savings of \$2.1 million, officials said.
 The sale of Permanent University Fund refunding bonds allows the retirement of currently outstanding Permanent University Fund bonds totaling \$162 million, thus reducing the total amount of bonds issued by the regents by nearly \$13.2 million.
 Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. of New York was selected to serve the managing underwriter for the project.
 "We received a highly favorable sale and especially in comparison to other recent sales," Morgan Guaranty representative Ken Hedrick told the regents. "It's a very successful sale."

A&M official to be honored this weekend

By MEG CADIGAN
 Staff Writer
 "Wayne Stark, we're going to throw you the biggest party you've ever seen," a former student of Texas A&M tells J. Wayne Stark, A&M's special assistant to the president in charge of cultural affairs.
 Jim Howell, senior vice president and chief executive officer of the Bank of Boston, is one of a committee of 21, which is planning the J. Wayne Stark Tribute. The committee includes San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros and Congressman Joe Barton.
 The festivities begin Saturday with a reception at the Hilton Hotel followed by a reception at Rudder Exhibit Hall.



J. Wayne Stark
 At 7 p.m. there will be a banquet in Stark's honor in the Memorial Student Center.
 The weekend's schedule of activ-

ities will conclude Sunday with an informal continental breakfast.
 Stark said many people are calling this his retirement party, but he discredits this rumor.
 "I've told everybody that's my secret," he said. "I may retire Monday or it may be in two years."
 Former MSC President Pat Wood said Stark deserves this tribute because "he's the reason we have a student center."
 Stark began working as MSC director three years before the student center was constructed. He was responsible for the planning and development for the student center building and MSC programs and activities.
 After three years of work at the MSC, Stark received an award from

The Battalion for outstanding service to the University.
 The award is one of many that cover a wall at his MSC office.
 Wood said Stark's thinking is 10 years ahead of everyone else, which makes him an excellent adviser.
 Jack Rains, Class of '60, also commented on Stark's vision in the 1980 March-April issue of Texas A&M Today.
 "We met in 1956, when he told me I was spending too much time in the MSC coffee lounge," he said, "and I've been taking advice from him ever since. . . . A&M is vastly different now from what it was then. It was a small, male institution then for boys from mostly rural backgrounds with limited horizons and visions. He took boys up on mountain tops

and showed them broader visions, encouraged them to climb larger mountains, scale larger heights, open doors they didn't know existed."
 Rains said time hasn't changed Stark's willingness to help students.
 "He was a cultural oasis in a khaki wasteland. . . . time and growth at Texas A&M haven't changed him," Rains said. "He's the very same today."
 Stark's counseling plan has three ingredients: being involved outside the classroom, going to any type of graduate school and going overseas. He encourages students to take advantage of the opportunities available at A&M and to set goals to broaden

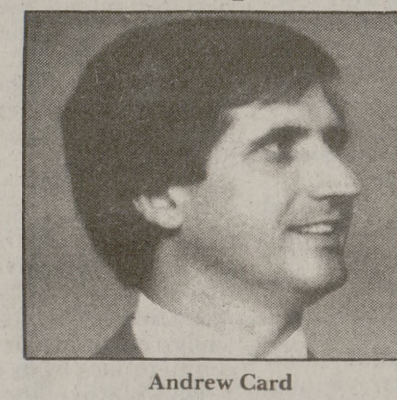
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Fish Camp to break from Student Y in 1986

By KELLYE MAYO
 Reporter
 Fish Camp, founded in 1954 by the Student Y Association at Texas A&M, will see a name change in 1986 as it breaks away from its founder. But, Chris Wallace, director of Fish Camp '86 says that's about all that will change.
 "Beginning in 1986, Fish Camp will no longer be associated with the Student Y at A&M," Wallace says. "All the programs will be the same, but the name will be changed to the Texas A&M University Fish Camp."
 Fish Camp was originally concerned with Christian programming, he says, but over the past 15 years it has become a traditions program.
 "There will still be Christian influences, but the main emphasis

Administration is conquering problems Reagan aid praises president's work

By SCOTT SUTHERLAND
 Staff Writer
 A White House official said Thursday at Texas A&M that President Reagan has conquered the major problems of his first term and will conquer the issues that lie ahead. Card also praised Texas A&M and Sen. Phil Gramm for their assistance to the administration and its policies.
 Andrew Card, Reagan's special assistant on intergovernmental affairs, said universities such as A&M are working with the National Science Foundation discovering ways to encourage states to expand their economies.
 He said states with more diverse economies suffer less from the slowdown in the economy. A&M's work will help other states widen their economic bases, Card said.
 He said Texans should be proud they elected Sen. Phil Gramm.



Andrew Card
 Gramm's deficit reduction plan, Card said, is a real accomplishment.
 "Phil Gramm has succeeded for the first time," Card said, "in focusing Congress' . . . attention on one issue, the reduction of the federal deficit."
 In October, Gramm introduced

the Gramm-Rudman bill, which will force Congress to balance the budget by 1991.
 Card reflected on the Reagan administration's accomplishments and predicted further success during the remainder of Reagan's second term.
 Card, a Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate in 1982, said the number one enemy in 1980 was inflation. High interest rates were a close second and a combination of the two led to a malaise that swept the country.
 Card said the president realized he couldn't strengthen the nation without a sturdy foundation.
 "The president realized he couldn't build a house by putting the roof on first and then slapping the walls up underneath it," Card said. "He realized the starting point had to begin with a stern foundation."
 But unfortunately, Card said, the

administration had to start with bad soil.
 "Inflation in 1980 was 10 percent, interest rates were 21.5 percent, and our military was at such a low point that our allies didn't even respect it, much less our adversaries," he said.
 Card said the country was experiencing a "malaise," a term President Carter had used to describe the nation's condition.
 But Card said Reagan's optimism and decision-making ability provided the leadership necessary to turn the tide.
 "People (in the Carter Administration) were afraid to make decisions because they didn't know what the consequences were," Card said. "But along comes Ronald Reagan, and he says 'the glass is half full, not empty.'"
 Reagan began to turn things
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