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## Stabilizing PUF may cause A&M to hit bond limits

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chancellor of Asset Management at the University of Texas.

But because of falling oil and gas revenues, and because the foundation of the PUF is extensive oil and gas-bearing lands in west Texas, the growth of the PUF has been decreasing year by year since the PUF's peak growth year of 1981, Patrick says.

In 1981, the book value of the PUF grew by \$260 million, Patrick says. He estimates that the PUF will grow by only \$85 million or \$90 million in fiscal year 1987.

That would allow A&M to issue about \$9 million in bonds for that fiscal year. A&M has not issued such a low amount in nearly 10 years.

If A&M sells the additional \$50 million in bonds backed by the Available University Fund, the impact of lower oil and gas prices would become more important because A&M's bonding capacity would be limited by the PUF's annual growth, Patrick says.

During the 1987 fiscal year, A&M plans to issue between \$25 million and \$30 million in new bonds, Vilagura says.

Bonds also may be issued during the remainder of the 1986 fiscal year, although no bonds have been issued so far this year.

In December of 1985 — when the federal government was consid-

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## Cyanide left in building hallway

Rules 'violated' by researcher

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A&M safety investigators say a university researcher violated University Policy when he left two boxes of hazardous chemicals in the hall of the Chemistry Annex.

The boxes, one containing a bottle of cyanide, contained about thirty bottles tagged for chemical waste disposal.

The A&M Policy and Procedures Manual says hazardous chemicals are to be stored in the lab or in a storeroom until physical plant employees pick them up.

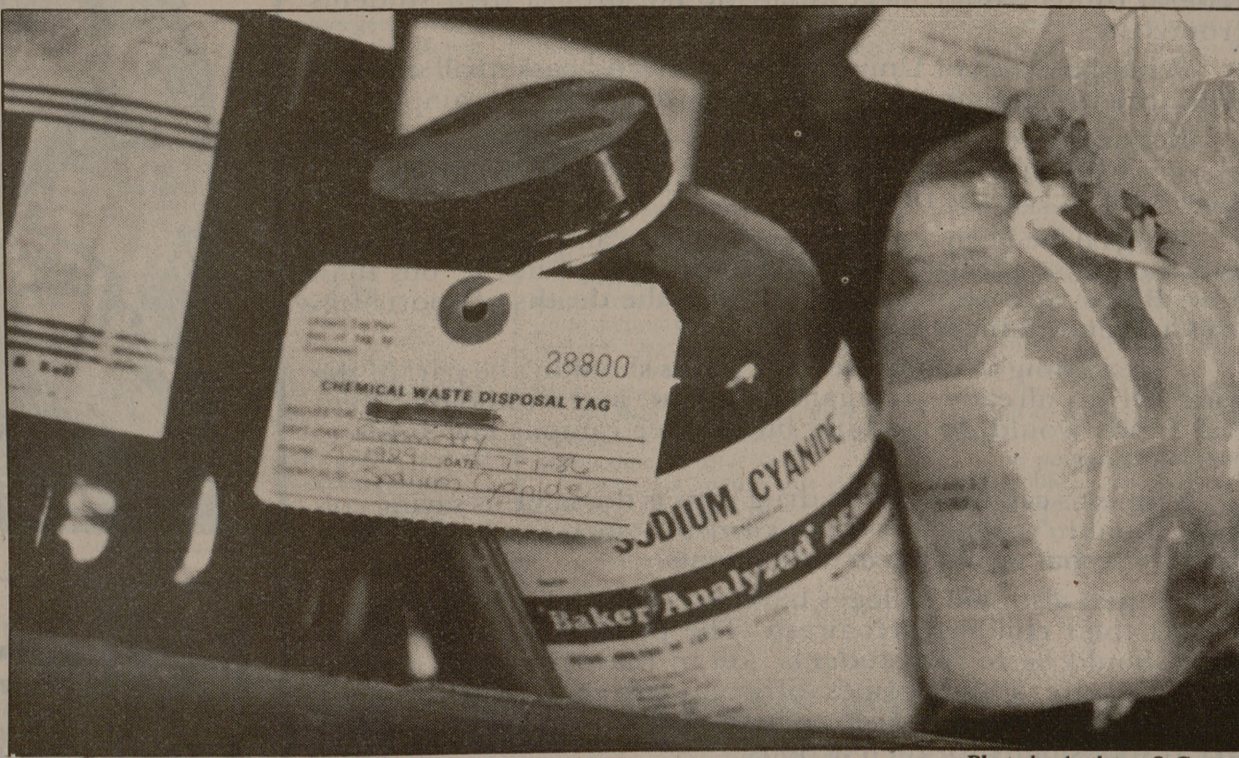
Dr. Kurt Irgolic, associate director of the Energy Resources Public Service Program, said he told students to place the boxes in a storeroom Wednesday.

But, he said, the students discovered a bottle of leaking detergent in the storeroom and decided not to place the boxes there. He said it was Thursday afternoon before he noticed the bottles were still in the hall and told students to put them away.

University Safety and Health Officer Harry Stitler said storing bottles in the corridor is a violation of University Policy. He said normally physical plant employees pick up such waste and transport it to a chemical storage site, where it is packaged and removed by a professional disposal company.

The incident is not the first involving handling of chemicals on campus.

In May a fire caused by dropping of a flammable chemical near the chemistry department's central storeroom, was called a



Bottle of cyanide that was found in the hall of the Chemistry Annex Thursday.

Photo by Anthony S. Casper

potential disaster by one professor. Department Head Ron Sawyer said then that the department's safety board was looking into policies.

A Battalion article Monday quoted a chemistry professor who said many toxic chemicals are available almost without restrictions to graduate students.

Ron Taylor, Physical Department safety investigator, said investigators would look into the latest incident but was unsure how it would be handled.

Taylor said he could not locate records of a Chemistry Building

safety investigation that had taken place in the last three years and said he wouldn't characterize the building's record as either good or bad.

"I think you may see higher instances of problems over there because they handle a greater number of chemicals than most departments," he said.

The Battalion became aware of the situation when an anonymous caller said he had seen the material intended in the hall of the Chemistry Building.

Battalion Photo Editor Tony

Casper went to the building and photographed the boxes in the hall. When he returned a second time, he took a picture of a student moving the boxes into a lab.

Casper said the student confronted him and demanded that he turn over the film. Casper said when he refused, the student grabbed him and attempted to take the camera from his neck and an altercation ensued.

Casper filed a complaint with University Police against Carlo Kos, a student worker in the building.

## Escaped convict, hostage remain at large

GILMER (AP) — Hundreds of officers, some on horseback and some in helicopters, scoured eastern Texas on Thursday for an armed convict known as "Animal" who took Deputy hostage when he escaped from jail where he was awaiting trial for murder.

A dragnet involving more than 200 state, local and federal officials searched Wood County for Jerry Walter McFadden, a convicted sex offender who attacked a sheriff's deputy at the Upshur County Jail, forced another into a cell and abducted a third officer on Tuesday.

McFadden, 38, was being taken to the lobby of the jail to make a telephone call when he struck Sgt. Kenneth Mayfield between the eyes with a sharp piece of metal believed torn from a jail cell window, said Sheriff Dale Jewkes.

He then forced another deputy,

Stacey Mullinix, into a cell and abducted Rosalie Williams, 24. The escapee took Mayfield's gun from a locked box outside the jail area, as well as an undetermined amount of cash, Jewkes said.

Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Department of Public Safety, said,

"We think he's headed west, at least we believe he was last night."

Williams' husband, Eddie, is a DPS trooper and the couple has a 4-year-old son, Jewkes said. Her husband was working at the manhunt's command center in Quitman.

McFadden, who calls himself "An-

imal," faced a July 28 trial on charges of aggravated assault and robbery. He also is charged with capital murder in the slaying of Suzanne Harrison, 18.

Harrison was one of three youths slain after they went on an outing at Lake Hawkins in May.



Photo by Anthony S. Casper

Paul Stirling, a senior building construction major, pauses during a candlelight vigil that marked the second anniversary of the bombing of the Greenpeace ship "Rainbow Warrior." The Thursday night vigil was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church and was coordinated by the Texas A&M Greenpeace Coalition.

## Abbas receives life sentence for hijacking of Achille Lauro

GENOA, Italy (AP) — Fugitive Palestinian guerrilla leader Mohammed Abbas and five followers were convicted Thursday of hijacking the Achille Lauro cruise ship and killing a wheelchair-bound American passenger.

Abbas and two fellow fugitives were given life sentences, but the hijacker accused of actually killing 69-year-old Leon Klinghoffer received a lesser sentence — 30 years in prison.

Five defendants were convicted of lesser charges in the hijacking, and four others, all fugitives, were acquitted.

Italian authorities acknowledged there was little chance that Abbas, said to have masterminded the hijacking, would ever serve his term.

Three of the hijackers, who were among the five defendants in custody, received prison terms ranging from 15 to 30 years. Prosecutor Luigi Francesco Meloni said he probably would appeal for stiffer sentences.

Klinghoffer's daughters and several Americans who were held hostage during the Oct. 7-9 hijacking

criticized the hijackers' sentences as too lenient.

"We had every hope that the Italian judicial system would impose the maximum penalty possible," Lisa and Ilsa Klinghoffer said in a joint statement issued in New York. "Sadly, we are greatly disillusioned and disappointed," they said.

The hijacking's aftermath severely strained U.S.-Italian relations and caused the government to fall briefly when Italian authorities refused to detain Abbas after a U.S. warplane forced an Egyptian jet carrying him and the hijackers to land in Sicily.

Despite a U.S. warrant for Abbas, leader of the Palestine Liberation Front faction of the PLO, Italian officials at first said they lacked evidence he had any role in the hijacking other than helping negotiate its end. They later issued a warrant for him but he had gone underground.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Bernard Kalb said, "The United States is pleased that persons responsible for the death of an American citizen and injury and

damages to others have been convicted."

But he added, "We regret that the murder of Leon Klinghoffer was not treated more severely."

Kalb also said the U.S. government "reserved its legal right to seek extradition of the hijackers once all Italian legal proceedings, including appeals, are ended."

Youssef Magied al-Molqi, 23, was the hijacker accused of Klinghoffer's killing. Investigators said he confessed, but al-Molqi retracted the statement during the trial.

Hijackers Ibrahim Fater Abdeltif, 20, and Ahmad Marrouf al-Asadi, 24, were sentenced respectively to 24 years and two months and 15 years and two months. Assadi cooperated with authorities and was not present when the verdict was read.

Another hijacker will be tried later in juvenile court.

The other convicted fugitives sentenced to life in prison were Ozzuddin Badrakkam, described as the Palestine Liberation Front's military chief, and Ziad el Omar, who bought the hijackers' cruise tickets.

## Cuadra will re-appeal conviction, lawyer says

By Mary Frances Scott  
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A former Texas A&M Corps of Cadet member will re-appeal his conviction for tampering with evidence in the hazing death of a fellow cadet, his attorney says.

Gabriel Cuadra appealed his probated sentence but was rejected Tuesday by the 14th Court of Appeals in Houston.

Cuadra was found guilty in January 1985 of destroying a list of early morning exercises scheduled for cadet Bruce Goodrich.

Goodrich collapsed while participating in exercises supervised by three junior cadets. He later died of heatstroke.

The three junior cadets, Anthony D'Allessandro, Jason Miles and Louis Fancher, pleaded guilty to hazing charges and were fined \$250 and given 90-day adjudicated probation.

"I don't feel I can share in the wisdom of the decision," defense attorney Luis Juarez said.

He said the appeal rested on three points of error in the original trial.

Juarez argued that the document was testimonial and therefore protected by the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination.

He also had contended that the statute governing tampering with evidence was unconstitutional.

Juarez said that a re-hearing is usually heard by the same panel of three judges who originally heard the case.

He said that if the re-hearing is unsuccessful, he might petition for a discretionary review from the highest appellate court in Texas, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

## Virginia inmates burn 13 buildings in riot

LORTON, Va. (AP) — Inmates set to an overcrowded prison operated by the District of Columbia in suburban Virginia on Thursday in what the mayor termed an ill-conceived attempt at freedom.

After more than 12 hours of raging fires and fighting among inmates — and between inmates and guards — more than 40 people had been injured and 13 buildings set ablaze, including three dormitories officials said were damaged beyond repair.

Authorities said all the facility's 100 prisoners had been accounted for. The prison, which has no air

conditioning, was designed to house about 3,500 inmates. District Mayor Marion Barry Jr. said there were 1,295 prisoners housed in the area where the trouble broke — about 200 over-capacity.

Barry said there had been indications of unrest the night before, which he said may have been heightened by news accounts Wednesday of a prison consultant's report on overcrowding at the Lorton Reformatory. A newspaper account of the report had been tacked up for prisoners to read.

"It wasn't spontaneous," Barry

said. "It was planned. We think the report and the way it was reported added to the prophecy of guys wanting to be free and burning their homes down."

City administrator Thomas Downs said some prisoners had put their belongings in garbage bags in anticipation of being let out of the dorms after the fires were set in a medium security section of the 2,970-acre prison complex.

"Nobody even approached the fence," said Downs. "It was an assumption that if they burned the

prison down and there was nowhere else to go, they would be freed."

He insisted that that would not happen.

About 120 firefighters battled the blazes until about 7 a.m. when all fires were brought under control. Hundreds of prisoners were displaced and corrections officials were taking at least 800 inmates to the city jail. Other felons were being placed in other parts of the minimum-maximum prison complex.

No dollar amount on the extensive damage was immediately available, but corrections spokesman Leo

Givis said only 10 of the buildings could be repaired.

Fighting broke out after prisoners were led away from the fires to a prison recreation field. Two prisoners were stabbed by other inmates and guards with birdshot and tear gas moved in to break up the fight.

In all, Givis said, 29 inmates and nine guards suffered minor injuries — from gunshots and tear gas and from wounds inflicted by other inmates, and one inmate was in serious condition with stabbing and gunshot wounds.