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American hostage released in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Shiite Moslem kidnapers freed American hospital administrator David Jacobsen on Sunday after holding him for 17 months and said recent U.S. moves might lead to release of other American captives in Lebanon.

Jacobsen, 55, of Huntington Beach, Calif., was turned over to U.S. officials on a street in Moslem west Beirut. A U.S. Embassy official, who insisted on anonymity, said Jacobsen was in good health and was at the embassy compound in Christian east Beirut.

Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite flew in from Cyprus, met with Jacobsen, and then told the Asso-

ciated Press in a telephone interview, "David is well. He and I had a conversation together for some hours. He is looking forward to seeing his family and friends."

Waite, an emissary of Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, reportedly has been shuttling among

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Lebanon, Syria and Cyprus since Thursday in an effort to free foreign hostages in Lebanon. It was not clear what role, if any, he had in Jacobsen's release.

Waite was seen Sunday boarding a U.S. military helicopter in Larnaca,

Cyprus, in his first public appearance since Friday.

Islamic Jihad, the underground extremist group that held Jacobsen, still holds two other Americans, journalist Terry A. Anderson and educator Thomas Sutherland. It said last year that it killed U.S. diplomat William Buckley, but no body was found.

Three other Americans were kidnapped — Frank Herbert Reed, Joseph James Cicippio and Edward Austin Tracy — and other groups claimed to be holding them. Christian radio stations and television reported over the previous two days that six kidnapped Americans and

two of eight French hostages would be let go. But in Washington, a State Department source said U.S. officials expected only one hostage to be released. The source spoke on condition of anonymity.

Islamic Jihad said in a statement issued after Jacobsen's release, "We hold the American government fully responsible for the consequences of any failure to take advantage of this opportunity and proceed with current approaches that could lead, if continued, to a solution of the hostages."

The typed statement, written in Arabic and delivered to a Western news agency in Beirut, did not say

what approaches the United States had made. It said if they were not continued, "we shall take a totally different attitude."

In Santa Barbara, Calif., President Reagan said he could not divulge details of what led to the release, but that "we have been working through a number of sensitive channels for a long time."

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said in Santa Barbara there was no change in the U.S. policy against "giving in to the demands of terrorists."

He said Jacobsen appeared to be in good health but would be taken to the U.S. military hospital in Wiesba-

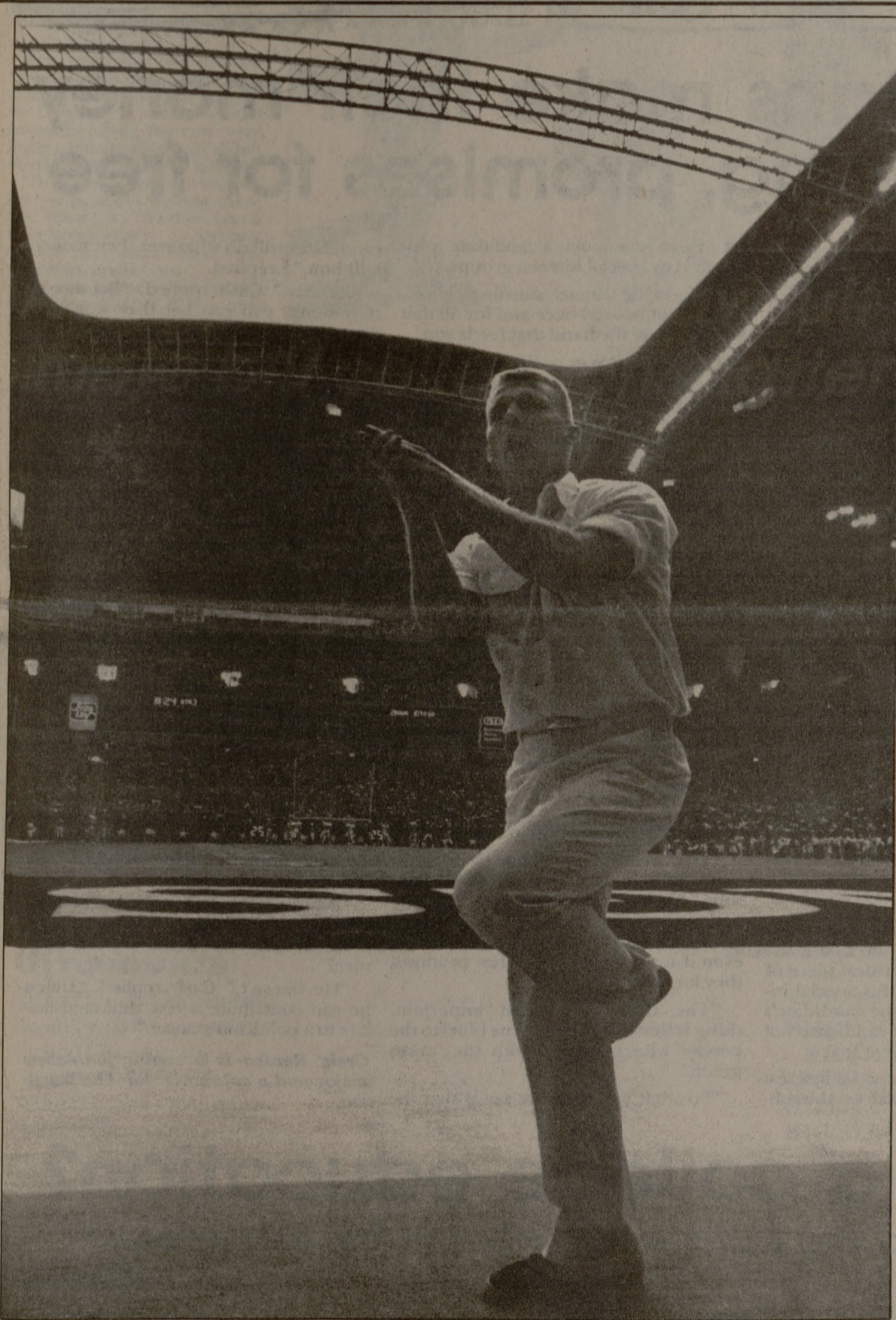
den, West Germany, for an extensive medical examination.

Asked about the remaining American hostages, Speakes said it was difficult to make predictions but "we remain hopeful."

In Paris, a Foreign Ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said "no new element" had emerged in efforts to free the French hostages.

Jacobsen's sister, Doris Fisher, in Glendora, Calif., said, "It's . . . all too good to be true. I'm just dying to see him, to see how he is."

Jacobsen was the third American hostage released by Islamic Jihad, or Islamic Holy War.



Get Horse, Aggies

Junior yell leader Doug Beall leads the Twelfth Man in a yell during Saturday's

A&M-SMU football game. The Aggies 39-35 win was their first on SMU turf since 1978.

Photo by Greg Bailey

A&M phone registration to replace waiting lines

By Mike Sullivan
Staff Writer

Waiting lines have been replaced with telephone lines by the registrar's office, and pre-registration for the spring semester will simply be a phone call away, says Don Carter, associate registrar.

The new phone registration system will be in full gear Nov. 10, and graduate students and seniors will get to make the first calls, Carter says.

He says students can call from their dorm rooms, the Dixie Chicken or just about anywhere in the United States if they have access to a touch-tone phone.

"Students will be able to call up from any touch-tone phone in the country and register," Carter says.

By following the step-by-step procedure that will be included in the spring class schedule and distributed around campus this week, students will be able to call the Student Information Management System (SIMS) and set up their schedules the way they want them, Carter says.

And, he says, students will be able to call at just about any time they

want. The 32 phone lines will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Convenient and efficient registration is the goal of the new system, but to reach that goal, students should be aware of the procedure changes that will come along with the new system, Carter says.

The phone system will allow students who are not blocked from registering to completely bypass the advising stage, he says.

"Academic advising is going to be the students' responsibility," Carter says. "If students aren't blocked, then they won't have to go to their department before registering."

But, he says all first-semester freshmen, first-semester transfer students and first-semester international students will have to see an adviser before they can register.

Students may be blocked from registering if they are on scholastic probation or have outstanding parking tickets, among other reasons, Carter says.

Deans also will be able to block

students from registering if they feel students need advising, Carter says.

He says students should plan their schedules carefully and sensibly because students still will be held accountable for meeting their curriculum requirements.

"If you take classes out of sequence, you could get kicked out of class," he says. "But you can't come up four years down the road and say 'Hey, nobody told me I couldn't do this.'"

The phone system will not be able to check whether a student has taken a prerequisite course when he registers for a course requiring one, Carter says.

But, he says, professors will be able to scan their enrollment sheets and find out if students have met the prerequisites or not.

If students have not taken the necessary courses or don't have enough hours to be in a course, the professors will be able to drop the students from class, Carter says.

He says the class schedule will include a disclaimer warning students

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Fires damage CS store, nightclub

By Jo Ann Able
Staff Writer

A nightclub and a store on Harvey Road in College Station were damaged in two separate fires Saturday morning.

Fari Estakhri, owner of MC2, 815 Harvey Road, said he received a phone call saying the club was on fire at about 6:45 a.m. He said he went to the club and was there for a few minutes when he heard that The Christmas Store, 504 Harvey Road, was on fire as well.

Estakhri estimated the cost of the damages to MC2 to be between \$50,000 and \$60,000. He said because the fire department was fighting the MC2 fire, it caught The Christmas Store fire so quickly that only the outside was damaged.

Estakhri said Sunday that he believes the cause of the fires was arson.

He said he thinks someone put gasoline or kerosene under the floor of the club to start the fire.

"I don't understand why people . . . do things like that," he said. "It surprises me."

Estakhri said the damage to the building was too extensive to open the club Saturday night, but the club will reopen Wednesday at its old location, 109 Walton Drive. Estakhri's present nightclub at this location, Eastgate Live, temporarily will be closed until the fire damage is repaired at the Harvey Road club.

Estakhri said these repairs should take a month or two, so he also plans to remodel before reopening the building in January.

An article in Sunday's *Eagle* said M.L. "Red" Cashion, owner of The Christmas Store, said Fire Marshal Harry Davis reported the fire at the store when he spotted smoke there while driving from the site of the first fire.

He said Davis put the fire out with a water hose before trucks arrived, and there was no serious damage.

Cashion said it looked like the fire was started by someone throwing something that was burning at the store.

College Station fire officials were not available Sunday to comment on the causes of the fires.

Polling sites listed for general election

The following are the names and locations of the polling precincts in Brazos County for Tuesday's general election. In bold are some of the precincts most heavily populated with students.

Voters' precinct numbers can be found on their voter registration cards.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The League of Women Voters will answer questions on election day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 846-4014.

1. Millican Community Center: downtown Millican.

2. Wellborn Community Center: **FM 2154 (Wellborn Road) first road past the post office, Greens Prairie Road.**

3. S.P.J.S.T. Hall of Smetana: Silver Hill Road, about six miles west of Bryan on the left side of Highway 21.

4. Carver School: West Martin Luther King Street.

5. Fellowship Hall (East): FM 974 (Tabor Road), about a quarter-mile north of East Bypass.

6. Edge Community Center: Edge.

7. Steep Hollow Community Center: Church at FM 1179 and Steep Hollow Road.

8. South Knoll School: Southwest Parkway between Langford and Lawyer streets.

9. College Station Community Center: 1300 Jersey St., College Station.

10. College Station Police Station: Texas Avenue South, across from K-Mart, behind Information Center.

11. Crockett School: Sulphur Springs Road and Cavitt.

12. Sul Ross School: Villa Maria Road and Parkway Terrace.

13. Henderson School: Sharon Drive and Matous Street.

14. Ben Milam School: Palasota Drive and Beck Street.

15. Fannin School: 501 S. Baker and 29th Street.

16. Bowie School: West 26th Street, five blocks west of Texas.

17. Travis School: East 25th and Pierce streets, three blocks east of Texas.

18. Bryan Central Fire Station: 19th and Bryan streets.

19. Arena Hall: Old Hearne Road.

20. **Texas A&M University: Memorial Student Center.**

21. **Hensel Park Apartments Portable Building: Avenue A, off University Drive.**

22. Army Reserve Center on Carson: Carson Street, two blocks west of College Avenue.

23. Brazos Center (east end): 3232 Briarcrest, Bryan.

24. College Hills Elementary School: Francis and St. James Street, College Station.

25. G.W. Williams Tabernacle: Waco Street, Bryan.

26. Brazos Center (west end): 3232 Briarcrest, Bryan.

27. Bright Light Baptist Church: Highway 30, about one mile past intersection of FM 158 and Highway 30 on right.

28. Peach Creek Community Center: Rock Prairie Road, about six miles east of Highway 6 South.

29. Brushy Community Center: west on Highway 60, right on Vincent Road.

30. Fellowship Hall (Portable Building): FM 974 (Tabor Road) about a quarter-mile north of East Bypass.

31. **A&M Consolidated High School: FM 2818 on north side of road.**

32. **College Station Fire Station #2: FM 2818 on south side of road.**

33. **College Station Lincoln Center: Holleman Street, corner of Eleanor and Holleman.**

34. **College Station Central Fire Station: Texas Avenue South, east side of road.**

35. **A&M Presbyterian Church: Church Street, one block east of Wellborn Road.**

36. First Freewill Baptist Church: Villa Maria Road, 1228 West Villa Maria.

37. College Heights Assembly of God: 4100 Old College Road.

38. Castle Heights Baptist Church: Highway 21 East, across from Gooseneck Trailer Co.

39. **Southwood Athletic Complex: Rock Prairie Road.**

40. **Aldersgate Methodist Church: 6501 East Highway 6 Bypass.**

TAMUS counsel calls lawsuit simple bill collection matter

By Bob Grube
Staff Writer

The associate general counsel for the Texas A&M University System said Friday that his countersuit against former System chancellor is simply a matter of trying to collect on a legal bill.

Jerry Cain said in a telephone interview Friday that he filed suit against former Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen in response to a suit Hansen filed Oct. 13. Cain filed a countersuit Oct. 14. Both suits were filed in Brazos County District Court.

Hansen was contacted by phone Friday in his hometown of Zionsville, Ind., but declined comment on the cases. Hansen's attorney, Stephen Rodgers, and Cain's attorney, Steve Haley, cited ethical consider-

ations in refusing to comment on the cases.

The men are disputing whether Cain represented Hansen in a lawsuit against the University of Texas System. Hansen had a hernia operation at M.D. Anderson Hospital and Cancer Institute, a part of the UT System, in November 1984. During the operation, a nerve leading to his right leg was damaged. No lawsuit was filed, but an out-of-court settlement was negotiated with UT lawyers for \$350,000.

Cain's suit says that he negotiated that settlement for the former chancellor, but Hansen's says he did not.

Cain is suing Hansen for legal fees and what he claims is "a reasonable, usual and customary fee for his services." The amount is one-third of the settlement, \$116,666.67.

In a telephone interview Friday, Cain said Hansen received and cashed the check in early July. Cain said that after several unsuccessful attempts to work out a payment with Hansen, the check was put into escrow in early August.

Hansen's lawsuit says that Cain never represented Hansen, ". . . entered into a course of conduct that was deceptive," and violated the Deceptive Trade Practices Act. The suit does not specify how the act was violated.

Cain said he violated no such law and that he filed the countersuit against Hansen in response to Hansen's suit. Cain said he didn't want to

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