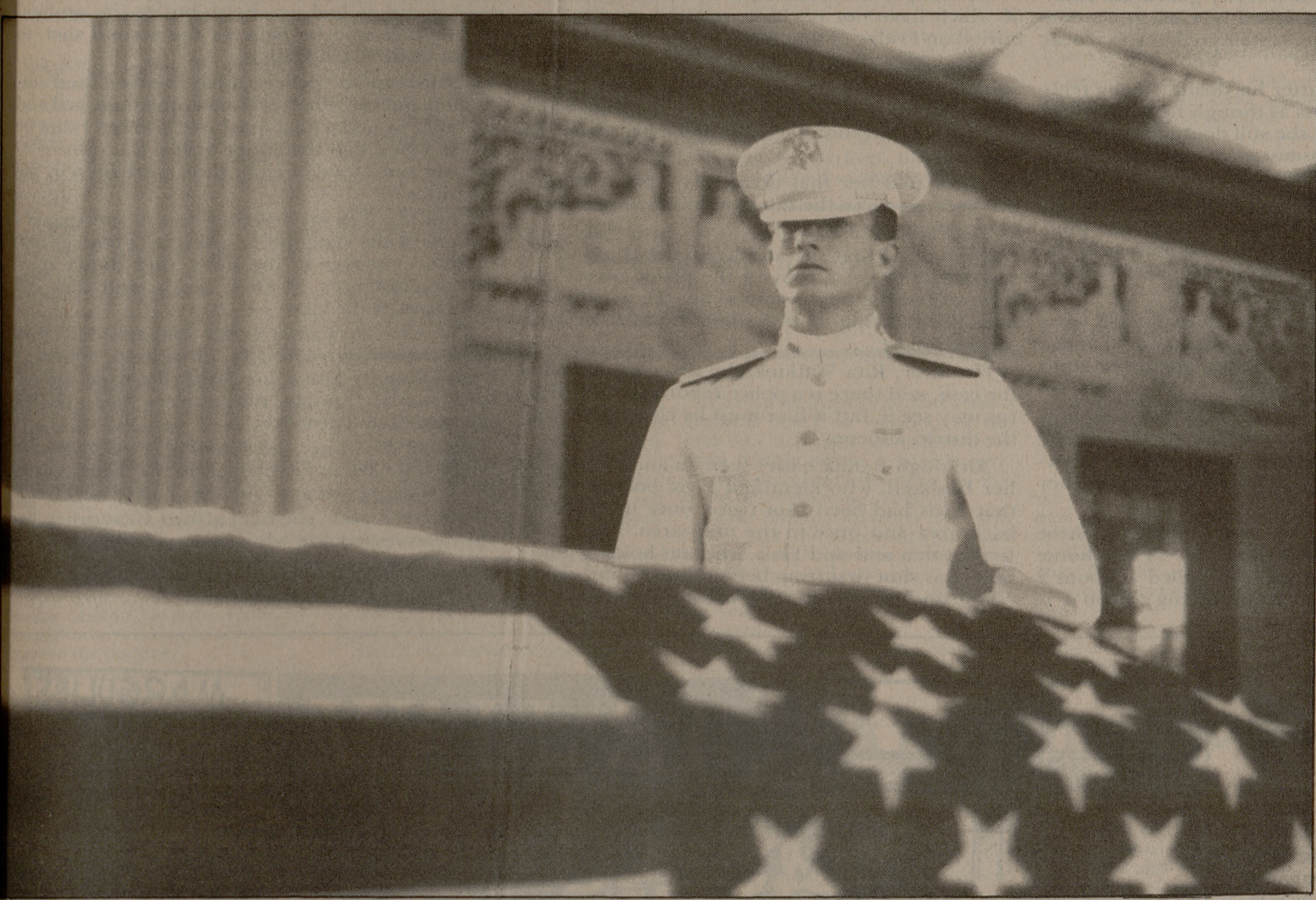


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A Ross Volunteer stands guard over the casket of Eli Whiteley Thursday in the Systems Administration Building. Photo by Tracy Staton

Man indicted in strangling of student, 34

By Mike Sullivan
Staff Writer

Malcolm Trent Primrose, 23, of College Station, was indicted by the Brazos County Grand Jury late Thursday in connection with the Nov. 25 strangling murder of a Texas A&M graduate student.

Brazos County Sheriff Ronnie Miller said Primrose, who was arrested early Wednesday in Arkansas, was brought back to College Station about 10 p.m. Wednesday, charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and taken to the Brazos County Jail. Primrose is being held without bond.

Later Thursday afternoon, Primrose was served with a warrant for capital murder issued by the district attorney, Miller said. He said Primrose's case was heard by the grand jury late Thursday.

Linden Kauffman-Linam, 34, was found strangled to death in her apartment outside College Station on Cain Road by a friend who also attends A&M.

"She was strangled to death in the bedroom," Miller said. "She was laying on the floor, her feet and hands were bound and there was a covering over her head."

Miller said some of Kauffman-Linam's credit cards, her student ID, driver's license, pistol and diver's watch were missing from the apartment.

"There was no forced entry, so we felt we had a burglary or a sexual assault on our hands," he said.

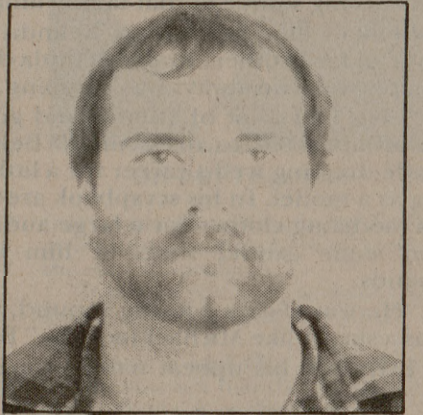
Miller said that on Nov. 26, a 1983 pick-up truck was reported stolen from a grocery store on Highway 60.

On Monday, police were notified that a man had been using one of Kauffman-Linam's credit cards in Dallas, Tyler and Mount Pleasant, Miller said.

"Tuesday morning, we got a call from the Benton, Ark., Police Department and they had arrested a man who was in the stolen truck," Miller said.

Miller said the man was found sleeping in the stolen truck at a rest stop on Interstate 30.

"While he was asleep, his brake lights were on, and an officer



Malcolm T. Primrose

stopped to talk to him and he noticed a pistol on the dash," he said.

The officer woke up the man, told him his brake lights were on and ran a check on the truck, Miller said. He said the truck was listed as stolen and the man was arrested without incident.

Miller said Kauffman-Linam's driver's license, credit cards, student ID, diving watch, pistol and some jewelry were found in the truck.

He said the man, identified as Primrose, was charged by Arkansas police with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and was jailed at about 3 a.m. Tuesday.

Miller and another officer drove to Arkansas Tuesday, and returned to College Station with Primrose on Wednesday, Miller said.

He said that on Wednesday, Primrose gave police a written statement confessing to the murder of Kauffman-Linam. He also orally confessed to the murder, Miller said.

Miller said that in the written statement, Primrose said he went into Kauffman-Linam's apartment through an unlocked screen window at about 6 a.m.

"As he was stealing some stuff from out of the living room area, she came out of the bedroom and she started yelling," Miller said. He said Primrose said he took a rope out of his pocket and started strangling

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Funeral, military procession set today for medal of honor recipient Whiteley

By Rodney Rather
Staff Writer

The funeral for Dr. Eli L. Whiteley, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient and Texas A&M professor emeritus of soil and crop sciences, will be held in Rudder Theater today at 10 a.m.

Whiteley, a 1942 A&M graduate, received the medal of honor for the courage he displayed in World War II and retired from A&M after 30 years of teaching in 1979.

After the funeral, the casket will be taken from Rudder Theater and placed on a World War

I-style artillery wagon, marking the beginning of a military honors funeral procession.

Whiteley lay in state Thursday in the rotunda of the System Administration Building with the U.S. flag draped over his casket and Ross Volunteers standing guard over it.

"(Whiteley) exemplified all the things we try to instill in the Cadet Corps," said Donald Simons, a friend of Whiteley's and assistant director of administration at A&M's Educational Broadcasting Services.

A&M President Frank E. Van-

diver said Gen. James Earl Rudder was the last person to lie in state here.

Rudder was president of A&M from 1959 until his death in 1970. He died March 23, 1970.

Both Vandiver and Simons said they don't believe anyone else has lain in state at A&M.

Permission for the funeral to be held on University grounds and for Whiteley to lie in state at A&M was granted upon requests from Whiteley's family, Simons said.

Vandiver said he's allowing the

funeral to take place at A&M because "Eli Whiteley was a very distinguished Aggie in both war and education."

The funeral procession for Whiteley will include a riderless horse and two riders from the Parsons' Mounted Cavalry, Simons said.

The procession will end at the east entrance of campus, where the coffin will be put into a hearse and driven to the College Station City Cemetery.

Whiteley will be given a full military burial, Simons said.

Speakes resigns post to take Wall Street job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes, who faced the daily grindiron of White House briefings longer than any of his recent predecessors, announced Thursday he is resigning to take an executive post with Merrill Lynch & Co., the Wall Street investment firm.

Speakes, 47, had been negotiating for the senior vice presidency, which sources have said pays about \$250,000 a year in salary and benefits for two months. He plans to begin his new job Feb. 1.

President Reagan, when asked how he felt about his chief spokesman leaving in the midst of the furor over his secret arms sales to Iran, smiled and told reporters: "Congratulations on getting a fine job."

Speakes, announcing his decision at his daily mid-day briefing, said nothing could ever match the \$75,000-a-year job he has unabashedly adored.

Administration sources, asking to remain anonymous, have said that Interior Undersecretary Ann Dore McLaughlin may be Speakes' most likely successor if White House chief of staff Donald T. Regan stays on. McLaughlin would be the first woman to run the White House press office.

Marlin Fitzwater, Vice President George Bush's press secretary, also has been mentioned as a prime candidate.

Speakes said he had been discussing the position with the brokerage house since early October.

It can't be a real scandal until it has a catchy name

WASHINGTON (AP) — How about "Iranamuk"? Or "Contradeptive"?

How can there be a real scandal without a catchy name?

While Washington goes about the serious business of sorting out who did what and who knew what in the complicated matter of U.S. arms sales to Iran, through Israel, with some of the payments diverted to Contra rebels in Nicaragua by way of a numbered Swiss bank account controlled by the CIA (whew), a lot of less serious folk are struggling to come up with a name for the thing.

It hasn't been easy. But people who live in the nation's capital, and have seen scandals in other years, are trying desperately to upgrade the Iranian arms affair.

"Transcam" was the winner in Thursday voting by several hundred listeners to radio station WCLY in Greenbelt, Md., just outside the city.

"Contrascam," "Contragate," "Armsgate" and other such derivatives were suggested by many callers to the station, suggesting imaginatives still are controlled by the Watergate scandal that forced Richard M. Nixon out of the White House and the Abscam scandal that jailed a senator and several congressmen.

Other nominees phoned in to the station were more original. Listeners, many of them presumably government workers, also came up with: "Contrafiction," for those who have trouble believing what officials are saying.

"Payatollah" or "Ayatollah-so" to get the Iranian leader's name in.

"Reagan-armies" or "Gipper's Gap" or even "Bonzo's Boo-Boo" for those who blame the president.

"Scantra-claus," suggested WCLY disc jockey Scott Woodside, combining "scam" and the Contras and a hint of the Christmas season.

Lawsuit filed in Bryan censorship case

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit Thursday, contending that high school students' rights to free speech and free press are violated by the Bryan Independent School District's policies.

TCLU legal director Jim Harrington charged that the BISD violated Karl Evans' rights by requiring him to submit material to school officials before publication. Harrington also charged that the material was censored by the district.

The lawsuit said Evans, who was a member of the official high school newspaper staff in 1984-85 and editor the following year, also distributed an alternative publication entitled "Twisted Times" once a month from October 1984 to March 1985 with the knowledge of Principal Jerry Kirby.

Evans was suspended for two days after the sixth issue of the alternative paper was released. That issue sponsored a contest to draw a likeness of the principal.

"We spend a lot of time teaching kids in high school how important the Bill of Rights is and how well we want them to function as Americans a year later when they're out of school," Harrington said. "But when they publish something in school that's critical of the principal, to think that in the United States or Texas you can suspend someone for two days of school and undermine the scholarship benefits — I think that's something we should not tolerate in society."

In a telephone interview with the Associated Press, Kirby said he hadn't seen the lawsuit and couldn't comment on its allegations.

However, he said the school's policy on censorship was proper.

Evans, now a freshman at the University of Southern California, appealed to the Bryan school board in 1985. It denied his appeal. He then took his case to the Texas Education Agency.

The TEA cleared Evans' record of the suspension, saying it had been illegally ordered under a state law that did not allow suspension of a student during an appeal, except in cases of continuing danger of physical harm.

However, the TEA refused to modify the Bryan district's censorship policy.

Items display international flavor

Arts institute to open at A&M

By Jo Ann Able
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A television viewing room in the Memorial Student Center's Browsing Library, once frequented by student soap opera addicts, has been converted, along with an adjoining game room, to display paintings, rugs and other valuables from around the world.

Leland T. Jordan, Class of '29, and his wife Jessie collected the items during his international business career that spanned over 30 years.

After Jordan died in 1976, his wife created the MSC Jordan Institute for International Awareness to foster his spirit of internationalism in the students.

Jordan began his career immediately after graduation from A&M as a production engineer for Gulf Oil Co. in the oil fields of Venezuela.

"When he was a senior at A&M he wrote to all the major oil companies and asked them for a job,"

Jessie Jordan said. "They all interviewed him and all of them wanted him as an employee, but Gulf happened to offer him \$5 more than anybody else did."

He worked in Venezuela for six years before returning to his hometown of Lufkin to marry Jessie Worth.

"We grew up together — he was 3 months old when I was born next door to him," she said. "And our fathers grew up together before us."

After 19 years with Gulf Oil, Jordan began managing and directing the Kuwait Oil Co., Ltd., jointly owned by Gulf and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., later known as British Petroleum.

For his service to British interests in Kuwait, Jordan was appointed an honorary commander and an honorary knight of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II.

After Jordan's retirement in 1962, the couple returned to Lufkin, and Jordan became active

with the Association of Former Students as a charter member of the Century Club.

Jordan said her husband started working on the creation of the institute in 1972, but it wasn't realized until she carried out his wishes after his death.

She said the project was started and abandoned several times for various reasons before it was completed during the '80s.

Jordan has been here since Tuesday making preparations for the display's opening on Saturday.

"I'll be glad when it's all cleaned up and ready to go," she said.

The items in the collection, which once filled the Jordans' home, come from Africa, South America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

"Everything here is a gift," Jordan said. "We didn't buy any of it."

Jordan pointed out some carved screens that were a gift from

the Indian government.

"I tried to bring a little bit of it all," she said.

The collection is only one facet of the institute, which is financed by a \$1 million endowment given to A&M by Jessie Jordan in honor of her husband.

The institute also presents programs on international topics to the student body and community and promotes a variety of international travel experiences for students.

About 50 A&M students make up a committee, which plans and implements all aspects of the institute.

A reception marking the opening of the Jordan Collection of International Art Objects will be held Saturday from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the Browsing Library. Jessie Jordan will be on hand to greet guests and give personal accounts on the history behind the items. For more information on the collection, please call Jon Lee or Michele Mobley at 845-1515.