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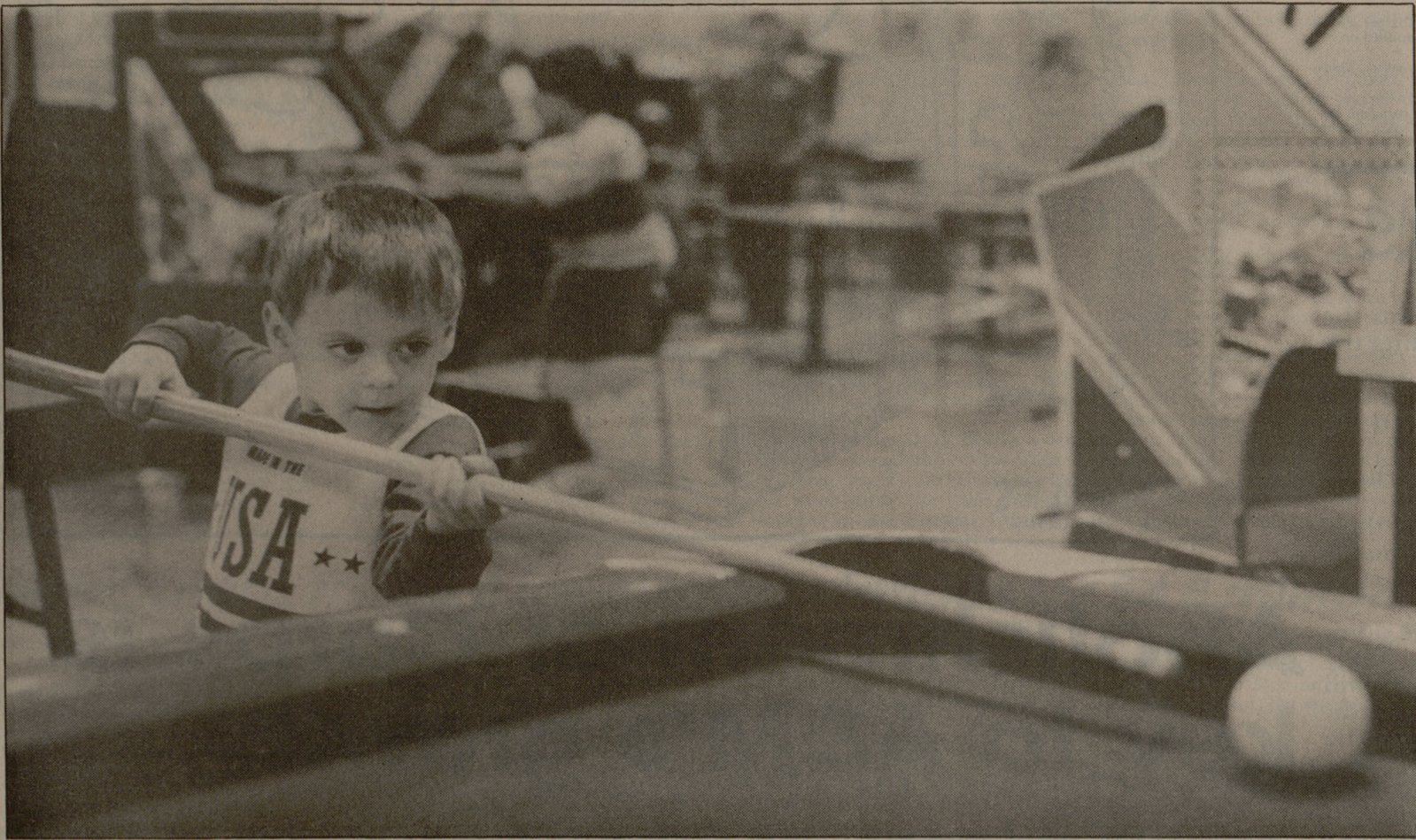


Photo by Doug La Rue

Lil' Hustler

Dusty Hamilton relaxes with a game of pool Tuesday night in the Memorial Student Center. Dusty's mother, Penny Hamilton, is an em-

ployee at the MSC Bowling and Games area. Dusty says he likes the white ball, or cue ball, because "it always comes back."

Rebels, troops clash in Manila near TV station

MANILA, Philippines — Government troops and supporters of Ferdinand E. Marcos clashed outside a walled television station where mutinous soldiers held out Tuesday after President Corazon Aquino announced she crushed their revolt.

The coup attempt was the most serious effort by disgruntled soldiers to grab power since Aquino became president in February.

More than 160 rebel soldiers, about 50 pro-Marcos civilians and a few police held the complex housing Channel 7 and radio station DZBB. It was taken over in a pre-dawn coup attempt that included attacks on five military garrisons in which one rebel was killed and 16 were wounded.

Defense Minister Rafael Ilete said 271 conspirators had been arrested and at least 70 remained at large.

Military chief Gen. Fidel V. Ramos said the mutineers were supporters of ex-president Marcos and wanted to destabilize the country before Monday's nationwide plebiscite on Aquino's proposed constitution, which guarantees her a six-year term.

About 300 Marcos supporters gathered on EDSA Boulevard late Tuesday near the broadcast center, where they built bonfires, hurled stones at police and shouted, "We want Marcos, we want Marcos."

Troops fired tear gas and smoke bombs at the crowd several times. The crowd fell back, only to regroup and continue taunting police and troops. Reporters saw at least six Marcos loyalists taken into custody.

Air Force Col. Oscar Canlas, the leader of rebels in the broadcast center, denied his group had links to Marcos. "We are fighting communism," he said in an interview with the Associated Press. "And we feel that the influence of communism has grown very fast" since Aquino came to power.

Aquino's government has negotiated a cease-fire with Communist rebels and has held peace talks to end the 18-year-old insurgency.

Deputy Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Eduardo Ermita negotiated with Canlas, but Aquino said "intensive military operations" might be needed to oust the rebels.

The rebels released 37 station employees late Tuesday, and one of them said no other employees remained inside.

In a televised news conference, Ramos appealed to Canlas to surrender. Ramos, who appeared wearing a T-shirt with the word "unity," said 18 roadblocks were set up around Manila to intercept possible rebel reinforcements.

Aquino said earlier in a nationwide television address the revolt had been crushed. "Their situation is hopeless," she said of the rebels at the broadcast center.

She said she ordered Ramos to arrest and court-martial those involved in "this act of rebellion" to the "fullest extent of the law."

In the pre-dawn coup attempt, one rebel was killed and 16 were wounded in an attack on Villamor Air Base near Manila International Airport. Another 52 rebels were captured after a four-hour gun-battle, Ramos said.

He said another force tried to seize weapons and aircraft at Sangley Point air station in Cavite City but surrendered.

Military officials said rebels also planned to take over three military camps in the Manila area — including Camp Aguinaldo that houses the Defense Ministry headquarters — but were intercepted by pro-government troops before they reached the gates. The mutineers came from several areas of Luzon island and included members of all military branches, officials said.

Aquino said she would not show the leniency she displayed against those in an abortive coup at the Manila Hotel last July and an alleged plot in November by officers linked to former Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile. Enrile, who was fired, denied any knowledge of a coup plot.

Reagan says he regrets Iran failure

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan told the nation Tuesday night that he now regrets his failed risk in selling arms to Iran but "will not sit idly by if our interests and our friends in the Middle East are threatened."

The president delivered his sixth State of the Union address as the Pentagon shifted its overseas naval forces in what one source described as a response to recent hostage-takings in Lebanon.

Reagan said little about the situation in Lebanon and used the bulk of his remarks to lay out the agenda for the last two years of his presidency.

Democratic congressional leaders, responding to the president in their own televised remarks, said they were willing to cooperate with Reagan, but that he must first answer questions about the sale of arms to Iran and whether he intended to swap arms for hostages.

"The administration's recent dealings with Iran have cast a long shadow over this country," Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia, said. "The sale of arms to Iran — in direct contradiction to our stated foreign policy — raises real questions about trust."

"The administration has the obligation to tell the American people exactly what led to the arms-for-hos-

Texas Republicans praise Reagan address

WASHINGTON (AP) — Echoing their leader, House Speaker Jim Wright, Texas Democrats in Congress reacted to President Reagan's State of the Union message Tuesday night with calls for action on the deficit, trade and an explanation for his dealings with Iran.

Republicans in the delegation, however, had high praise for the speech, saying the president had reaffirmed the goals he wants to achieve in the last two years of his presidency and dispelled fears that his vitality was waning.

"He was the picture of a president with a vision for America — facing the Iranian thing head-on, assuming responsibility for it, but most importantly, getting on with the job of run-

ning the nation," Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said.

Reagan reiterated his support for a balanced budget amendment, called for a line-item veto, and said he would continue supporting Nicaraguan rebels and a strengthened U.S. defense. He also said some mistakes had been made in his dealings with Iran, but didn't mention the arms sales for hostages.

Freshman Congressman Lamar Smith said, "The president has seized the reins, he's in the saddle and he's ready to ride. He's set out an agenda which includes a balanced budget, line item veto, welfare reform, and reduction in the cost of catastrophic health costs."

In the Democratic response,

Wright emphasized three bills dealing with clean water, highway construction and aid for the homeless, already passed by the 100th Congress, and said they represent a sample of legislation that will be produced by the new Democratic Congress.

Although Wright said the Democrats want to work with Reagan over the next two years, he and Sen. Robert Byrd singled out the sale of weapons to Iran in a deal to free American hostages as a major foreign policy blunder.

"For the moment, our allies and our friends are bewildered and question our motives," said Byrd, D-W.Va., the Senate majority leader.

While mentioning mistakes, Reagan did not say he, specifically, was guilty of any. Unlike his earlier statements on the subject, Reagan — in a single sentence — linked the effort to open contacts with Iran with trying to win the release of the hostages. The administration insisted previously that release of hostages was merely a by-product of establish-

ing a relationship with "moderate" elements in Iran.

While pledging to find out the facts and take any necessary action, Reagan said that "in debating the past, we must not deny ourselves successes of the future."

"Let it never be said of this generation of Americans," he said, "that we became so obsessed with failure that we refused to take risks that could further the cause of peace and freedom in the world."

"Much is at stake here and the nation and the world are watching — to see if we go forward together in the national interest, or if we let partisanship weaken us."

He added: "Let there be no mistake about American policy: we will not sit idly by if our interests or our friends in the Middle East are threatened, nor will we yield to terrorist blackmail."

Pledging anew to provide aid to rebels trying to topple the leftist government of Nicaragua, Reagan said, "Nicaraguan freedom fighters have never asked us to wage their battle, but I will fight any effort to shut off their lifeblood and consign them to death, defeat or a life without freedom. There must be no Soviet beachhead in Central America."

Frolicking frogs take state by storm

By Tom Hamiter
 Reporter

The dancing frogs atop Harrington Classroom Building have been a hub of attention since they were created by Bob Wade of Waco in 1982.

The three frogs visiting Texas A&M are owned by Carl Cornelius, 46, of Carl's Corner, Texas. There are six frogs altogether — the other

three adorn the top of Cornelius' truck stop in Carl's Corner.

The frogs, Cornelius said, were made for Shannon Wynne on top of Wynne's Dallas business, The Tango Club.

In 1982, Wynne said he "wanted something to represent the feeling of the new club. We had always been amused by the Mexican stuff, so we

came up with the idea for the mariachi frogs."

The dancing amphibians, however, conflicted with a Dallas city ordinance. Under the ordinance, the frogs' height and size exceeds the limits for commercial signs.

Wynne had said people from the Dallas Museum of Art and other critics testified before the Dallas City Council that the frogs were art. The council narrowly voted in favor of the frogs staying at the Tango Club.

The frogs didn't stay at the club, however, because the Tango Club closed — permanently.

Cornelius said Wade asked him to buy all six of the frogs so they wouldn't be separated. And he did. Cornelius paid only \$6,000 and considered it a "steal" because they cost \$25,000 to make.

Other people interested in the frogs would have to make bids for them at an auction, he said, but their price would have gone up substantially.

"If someone wanted to buy them from me it would cost them \$50,000," Cornelius said.

The 46-year-old businessman said the frogs currently at A&M are insured for \$25,000.

After finishing their tour of Texas, the 10-foot-high, 500-pound, polyurethane lily pad hoppers will return to Carl's Corner, eight miles north of Hillsboro, Cornelius said.

Challenger families ask U.S. to carry on space efforts

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Families of the seven people killed when the shuttle Challenger exploded released a letter Tuesday announcing plans to build space learning centers to help children "take their own place among the stars."

The letter, written in conference among all of the family members and issued on the eve of the first anniversary of the tragedy, said the crew members were "people who worked hard to extend the reach of the human race no matter what the sacrifice."

"They risked their lives not for the sake of aimless adventure, but for the nation that gave them opportunity, and for the space frontier which was an extension of its spirit."

They were teachers and scientists guiding us to space."

The letter said if the Challenger crew could speak they would say: "Do not fear risk. All exploration, all growth is a calculated risk."

"Without frontiers, civilizations stagnate. Without challenge, people cannot reach their highest selves. Only if we accept our problems as challenges can today's dreams become tomorrow's realities. Only if we're willing to walk over the edge can we become winners."

The families said they want to create "space learning centers all over the United States called, cumulatively, the Challenger Center."

The letter called such a Center "a fitting tribute, a celebration of our loved ones' lives, a triumph over their loss."

A&M profs: Videotaped courses provide in-depth lectures, time to absorb material

By Patricia Lowry
 Reporter

The main objective of teaching two Texas A&M courses on television is to provide more comprehensive lectures to more students and to allow students more time to absorb complex subject matter, say A&M professors involved in teaching the classes.

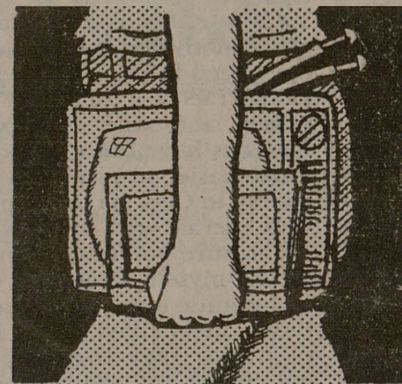
Management 211 and Educational Technology 645 are the two courses being videotaped at KAMU-TV and broadcast over McCaw Cablevision's educational access channel.

Management 211 is the legal environment of business and is taught by three instructors, each specializing in different areas of business law.

Dr. Al Ringleb, an associate management professor, said the main objective in televising the legal environment of business is to provide more informative lectures to more students.

"We were concerned with what we could bring the students in large mass sections, like Management 211," Ringleb said. He added that the average enrollment in the course is 1,000 students per semester.

"We are working very hard to make sure that we aren't providing a dull, uninteresting course. We have plans to bring in guest



speakers which, because we simply could not do before, we couldn't get people to sit through six lectures to give a five-minute talk."

News stories concerning the legal environment of business, as well as some actual courtroom scenes, also will be used in the class, Ringleb said.

Phillip Howard, a sophomore management major from Houston, said, "I like the idea of having the same guest speakers for each section; plus, we will be able to have more guest speakers."

Ken Rue, a sophomore finance major from San Antonio, said, "The good thing is the flexibility of times to watch class; the bad thing is you can't stop and ask questions."

Ringleb expressed concern about student-instructor interaction, but said more flexible office hours and live review sessions should prevent that problem.

Management 211 is shown Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. on cable channel 31, and videotapes are available in the Academic Computing Center and the Learning Resource Center for individual viewing.

Unlike Management 211, Educational Technology 645 is a graduate course in microcomputer applications in the classroom.

Dr. Rodney Zent, station manager at KAMU television station, said the majority of the students enrolled in this course are teachers. The broadcast portion of the course is designed to prepare the students for the regular lecture.

Zent said that, in a computer literacy course of this nature, it is easy to become overwhelmed in thirty minutes of lecture, and the broadcast portion of the course is an excellent way to prepare for the class because it is taught in a three-hour block.

Educational Technology 645 also is shown on cable channel 31 and the students have four opportunities to view it before each lecture.