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Guardsmen arrested at A&M

Armed man leads police on wild chase

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An armed Coast Guardsman's flight from his cutter in Freeport ended in his arrest at Texas A&M Sunday night.

Gus Peter Grammas, 20, of Harker Heights, led University Police on a chase from Dorm 9 through the Commons area before he was taken into custody in PA 30, the parking area behind the north campus dormitories.

Police Chief Elmer Schneider said Grammas was carrying a .45-caliber automatic and two clips of ammunition and was wearing a bullet-proof vest, all stolen Saturday from the arms room of the Coast Guard Cutter Point Monroe. Grammas is believed to be AWOL from the cutter.

Grammas faces felony charges of weapons possession on school premises and Class B misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest.

Schneider said Grammas, who was visiting a friend at A&M, is wanted by Clute police in connection with a burglary there and may face theft charges in Freeport. Items found in the room where he was staying are believed to be connected to the Clute burglary, Schneider said.

Schneider said police received a report of a man with a gun in Dorm 9 at 10:22 p.m. Sunday. When officers went to investigate, he said, Grammas jumped from a second-floor window and was chased to PA 25, where he took a 1969 Buick belonging to his friend, whose name was not released by police.

Chased by police, he drove to Lubbock Street, driving the car up a curb and across the Quad before coming to a stop on the lawn next to Dunn Hall.

Schneider said Grammas then fled the car. Police are unsure if



Gus Peter Grammas, left, is transferred from the University Police Station to the Brazos County Jail.

he entered a dorm. Commons residents reported that University Police entered the dorms with guns drawn to look for Grammas. Schneider said Grammas then fled on his motorcycle and was

chased by police officers from PA 24 on the south side of campus to PA 30 on the north side, where he was arrested.

Schneider said Grammas waived his rights and made a

statement to University Police. Grammas is being held at the Brazos County Jail.

Battalion senior staff writer Oliver Uytendroek contributed to this story.

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Investigators will question NSC secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional investigators will question the former personal secretary to Lt. Col. Oliver North who reportedly helped North destroy White House records crucial to the Iran-Contra probe, a member of the Senate committee examining the affair said Sunday.

The new report comes amid denials by White House officials that chief of staff Donald Regan planned to resign following bitter disputes with President Reagan's wife, Nancy, and criticism of his handling of the Iran affair.

Dismissing the reports as rumors, Regan's executive assistant Thomas Dawson said, "I don't believe they are true."

However, Larry Speakes, former White House press secretary, said Regan may resign in the next few days because the controversy over the Iran-Contra affair may be "almost at the unbearable stage" for the chief of staff.

"Don Regan has been the victim of a vicious campaign by the media to get him out of office," Speakes said in Richmond, Va. on Saturday.

"I'm sure he's said, 'Why the heck should I put up with this mess,'" Speakes told a forum on U.S. problems with Iran, adding: "This is not insider knowledge but based on my understanding of what goes on at the White House."

Sen. George Mitchell, D-Maine, a member of the Senate select committee investigating the secret sales of U.S. arms to Iran, said his panel had planned to interview secretary Fawn Hall even before the *Washington Post* reported Sunday that she had helped North shred documents.

"Obviously this is something that the committee will look into very carefully," Mitchell said.

Hall's attorney, Plato Cacheris, said on Sunday that she has been granted immunity from prosecution by independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh. Hall was North's secretary at the National Security Council.

Cacheris said the grant of immunity was made "in return for her talking" to Walsh. He said Hall had not finished in her dealings with the independent prosecutor.

Cacheris refused to comment on the substance of Hall's testimony. The *Post* reported that Hall told in-

vestigators she helped North destroy documents and internal messages last November.

Cacheris said his client would have no comment on the reports.

The paper quoted a government source as saying that the statements from Hall and other NSC aides, as well as the retrieval of multiple computer communications have established "a clear case of obstruction of justice."

Repeated efforts to reach Hall were unsuccessful.

"The congressional investigating committees are quite interested in talking to her and will do so at some point," a source close to the congressional investigation told the Associated Press. "She's someone worth talking to."

The source, who spoke on condition he not be identified, said the committees' counsels had been in touch with Hall through her lawyer.

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The Tower board, headed by former Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, which has been investigating the affair, is scheduled to submit its report on Thursday to Reagan.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater has said Reagan's aides expect "a very critical and a very tough report."

A spokesman for independent counsel Walsh, Gail Alexander, said there would be no comment from the investigator about the report that Hall said she had spent about an hour on Nov. 21 helping North destroy key memos and computer messages hours before Justice Department investigators were scheduled to begin reviewing NSC files. The report said the stack of documents was "mammoth."

White House spokesman Dan Howard, asked to comment on the report, said White House officials had no knowledge of Walsh's investigation, nor would they comment on it.

"We just don't know what Walsh is doing and it would be improper to say anything," Howard said.

Pop Art prince Andy Warhol dies from heart attack after surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Warhol, the pale prince of Pop Art who turned images of soup cans and superstars into museum pieces, died Sunday of a heart attack.

One of the most influential and famous artists of his time, Warhol, who was believed to be 58, died at New York Hospital a day after undergoing gall bladder surgery.

A cardiac arrest team worked for an hour to save him.

Slender, pallid and soft-spoken, instantly recognizable in his blond wig, Warhol abandoned a successful career as a commercial illustrator in the 1950s to gain worldwide fame as the principal exponent of the Pop Art movement.

He won fame in the early 1960s by producing repeated silk-screen images of commonplace items such as Campbell's soup cans, and went on to establish himself as the emotionless recorder of the images of his day.



Andy Warhol

Warhol was an iconoclast and an eccentric, rejecting accepted conventions of art, society and behavior.

"In the future," he wrote in a 1968 exhibition catalog, "everyone will be world-famous for 15 minutes."

But Warhol's fame endured for decades, through his work in underground film, his creation of the gossipy *Interview* magazine, his portrayals of members of the glamorous jet-set in which he traveled, even his cameo appearance on television's "Love Boat."

"He made his own lifestyle a work of art," Richard Oldenburg, director of the Museum of Modern Art, said Sunday. "He was one of the first people to really become a star as an artist, and once celebrity came he certainly enjoyed it."

William Rubin, the museum's chief curator of painting and sculpture, said, "He was a serious artist whose posture was unseriousness. He was a pioneer of image-appropriating Pop Art, and the implications of his ideas are still unfolding in Post-Modernism."

Born Andrew Warhola, one of three sons of Czech immigrants, Andy Warhol grew up in the indus-

trial city of McKeesport, Pa., near Pittsburgh. A delicate youth, he suffered three nervous breakdowns as a child.

His date of birth is most commonly listed in reference books as Aug. 8, 1928, which would have made him 58 at the time of his death. But a date of birth of Sept. 28, 1930, also has been cited, and Warhol never cleared up the confusion.

His father died when he was 14. But he pulled together the money to attend the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, graduating in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in pictorial design. He moved to New York City, cut the final vowel from his name and quickly found success as a commercial artist.

The turning point of his career came in 1962 when his work: "Campbell Soup Cans," was shown in Los Angeles, placing him at the forefront of the Pop movement.

3 suspects arrested, charged with murder of 2 Bryan residents

By Daniel A. La Bry
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Two men and one woman are being held without bail in the Brazos County Jail on capital murder charges in connection with the Wednesday morning slayings of two Bryan residents.

Gary Allen Penuel, 20, of 204 Edge St. in Bryan; David Michael Clark, 27, of Route 5 in Bryan; and Mary Gober Copeland, 25, also of Route 5 in Bryan were arrested early Friday morning at their respective residences, Sgt. Dale Cuthbertson of the Bryan Police Department said Sunday.

Clark and Copeland were arrested at 4 a.m., and Penuel at 5:26 a.m.

Cuthbertson said the arrests were made after the names of the suspects were obtained from a reliable source. The source was found

through a joint effort of the Bryan Police Department and the narcotics division of the Texas Department of Public Safety, he said.

Charles Gears, 21, and Beverly Jean Benninghoff, 25, were found dead Thursday morning in the living room of their newly rented home at 408 Foch St. in Bryan. Gears, who worked in movie theater, and Benninghoff, a waitress, had lived in the house for a little over a week.

Gears had been shot twice and Benninghoff had been shot five times. Two small-caliber guns were used in what appears to be a drug-related incident, Cuthbertson said. He added that to his knowledge no weapons have been found.

Cuthbertson said police estimate the time of the shooting was early Wednesday morning.

Students to learn about life at A&M

'Transfer camp' starts this summer

By Stacey Babin
Reporter

It's an idea whose time has come — Transfer Camp — a Fish Camp, of sorts, for transfer students.

Incoming transfer students at Texas A&M will be able to attend a camp August 26-29 at Camp Hoblitzelle in Midlothian, Texas.

For four days, the students can learn about life at A&M so they can be more comfortable at a new school, says camp director David Mendoza.

Mendoza worked as a peer adviser last summer and talked to many transfer students.

"I've also talked to many transfer students here now, and they see Fish Camp and ask 'Why isn't there one of these for transfer students?' So we know the interest is there," he says.

About 200 students are expected to attend, but camp capacity is 500, so there's room to expand, he says.

Associate director Tom Lenahan says he has talked with sev-

eral transfer students who wished the camp had been offered to them.

"I think a camp will be really helpful because A&M is very different from other schools," she says. "We (transfer students) feel

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like freshmen coming in to a new place. You have to get acquainted with a new system."

Lenahan says social and informational activities are being planned to meet the special needs of the newcomers. A staff of about 14 must be selected first so ideas can be developed further, he says.

Robin Ray, a transfer student

Swimming, canoeing, intramurals, group discussions and dances will be included, he added.

Mendoza says about 50 counselors will be chosen for the camp.

He added that transfer students' needs are different from the needs of incoming freshmen.

"Transfer students know how to calculate their GPR (grade-point ratio), how to study, and they have already gone through leaving home," Mendoza says.

He hopes the camp will help the incoming students cope with a different school and environment.

The camp will cost about \$70, which pays for transportation, food, and lodging, Mendoza says.