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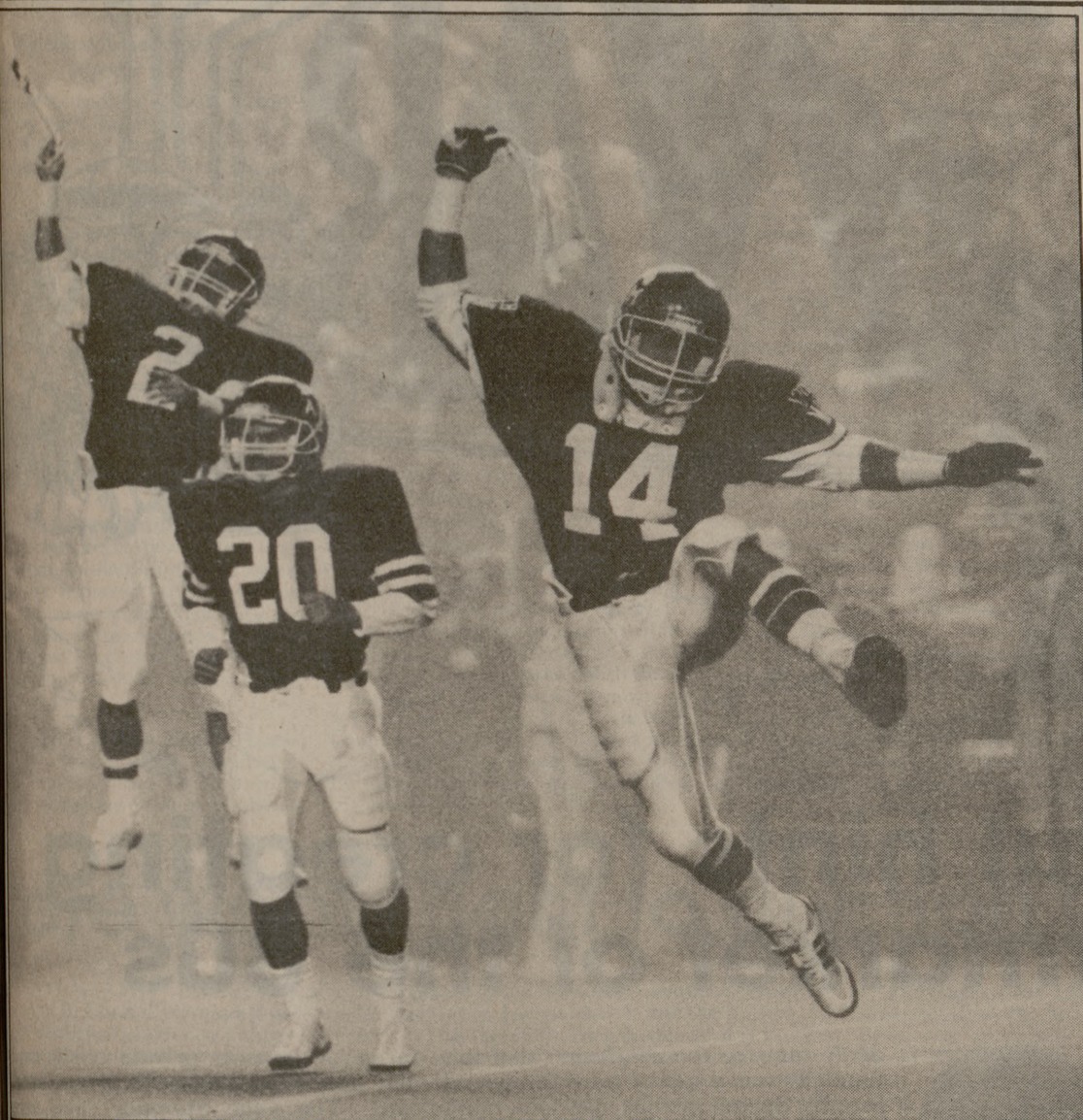


Photo by Jay Janner

## Jump!

Members of the Texas A&M 12th Man Kick-off Team celebrate after Keith Woodside's 90-yard touchdown run in the second quarter of Thursday's game against the University of Texas. A&M

won the game by a score of 20-13, giving the Aggies the Southwest Conference football championship and sending them to the Cotton Bowl for the third straight year.

## Haiti junta puts end to electoral council

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The military-dominated junta dissolved the Independent Electoral Council after the council canceled Sunday's elections because of violence that left more than two dozen people dead.

At least 15 voters were shot and hacked to death at one polling station in the capital. Twelve other deaths were reported in scattered locations.

Junta chief Lt. Gen. Henri Namphy, in a television announcement at 6:30 p.m., condemned the violence, said elections can still be held and he plans to step down as promised on Feb. 7, 1988, to make way for a freely elected president.

As Namphy spoke, sporadic gunfire could be heard in the streets in renewed violence that started shortly after sunset.

In a decree read over television at 3:30 p.m., Namphy's three-member National Governing Council accused the electoral council of taking an action that "endangers the unity of the nation and invites the intervention of foreign powers in the country's internal affairs."

Foreign countries, including the United States and Canada, had provided millions of dollars in assistance for the balloting and sent observation teams. The United States provided \$7.9 million for the election.

Voters would have elected a president and National Assembly to replace the governing junta that took over 22 months ago when President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier ended a 29-year family dictatorship by fleeing to France.

There were 22 candidates for the presidency and 328 candidates for 104 seats in the bicameral National Assembly.

French Ambassador Michel de

LaFourniere protested the junta's measure in this former French colony. Asked if the junta's decree amounted to a coup, he responded, "The coup was this morning," referring to the violence at the polling places.

In Washington, the State Department said America was immediately cutting off all non-humanitarian aid to Haiti.

The electoral council canceled the elections less than three hours after

the polls opened at 6 a.m.

The free elections would have been the first in Haiti, which shares Hispaniola Island with the Dominican Republic, in more than 30 years.

From Saturday night into Sunday morning Port-au-Prince, the capital city of 1 million, resembled a war zone. Bodies lay scattered about the downtown area. Explosions rocked neighborhoods. Gunmen sprayed slums and shantytowns with bullets.

## U.S. plans to suspend non-humanitarian aid to Haiti after violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is cutting off all non-humanitarian aid to Haiti in the wake of violence that forced the cancellation of elections, State Department officials said Sunday.

"The United States has decided to remove all United States military assistance personnel from Haiti and to suspend all military assistance to Haiti," department spokesman Benjamin Justesen said in a statement.

"In addition, all non-humanitarian economic aid programs to Haiti are being suspended and only humanitarian assistance will continue," the statement said.

The move, he said, comes "in view of the . . . actions of the national governing council of Haiti dissolving the provisional electoral commission and aborting all electoral legislation."

The department spokesman said he did not have exact figures for the amount of aid being cut off. For fiscal 1987, Justesen said, the United States provided Haiti with \$1.2 million in military assistance and \$100 million in economic assistance, including both humanitarian and non-humanitarian aid.

Justesen said he did not have details about the number of military assistance personnel present in Haiti or the nature of non-humanitarian aid being cut off. However, he said the United States would continue to give Haiti money to fight narcotics trafficking.

"The United States government reaffirms its support for the Haitian people in their efforts to secure a democratic political system through free and fair elections," State Department officials said.

## Korean officials call crash likely after jet carrying 115 disappears

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A Korean Air jetliner carrying 115 people on a flight from the Middle East vanished Sunday somewhere near Burma and apparently crashed into the sea or thick jungle, officials said.

An air operations official at Seoul's Gimpo International Airport said KAL Flight 858 from Baghdad, the capital of Iraq, to Seoul was missing without a trace and officials were trying to find out what happened.

"It just disappeared," one official, who spoke on condition of not being identified, said.

KAL officials said it appeared the three-engine Boeing 707 crashed, although they would not rule out the possibility of hijacking. Airline officials also said a bomb may have destroyed the jet.

"There is the possibility that a crash may have

been caused by explosives," a KAL airline statement said.

The jet was carrying 95 passengers and a flight crew of 20, airline officials said. All but two people, an Indian and a Lebanese living in Abu Dhabi, were South Korean, officials said.

Burmese Civil Aviation Administration officials in Rangoon said the plane was over the Andaman Sea, about 150 miles west of the Burmese coastal town of Tavoy, when contact was lost.

Officials in Rangoon said the plane was making routine contact with air traffic controllers at Rangoon Airport before proceeding into Burmese air space when it disappeared.

The officials said the plane's last radio contact did not indicate any problems and the plane was due to make another routine contact with the tower 21 minutes later. It never did.

Burmese officials informed the South Korean government that a search operation for the plane was launched, but initial sweeps found nothing, officials in Seoul said.

Thai provincial police said the plane may have crashed near the Thai-Burmese border, but the time they gave for the incident did not agree with flight details released by Bangkok flight control.

KAL officials said Thai authorities would conduct an air search for signs of the missing plane.

A provincial police chief said villagers said they saw an aircraft plunge into a jungled area along the Thai-Burmese frontier and patrols were dispatched to determine whether it was the South Korean jet.

Police Col. Punlop Roongsomphun said in a telephone interview that the villagers came from Huay Kaper, a border hamlet in Kanchanaburi Province 150 miles west of Bangkok.

## Released hostage: American prisoners suffering in captivity

PARIS (AP) — A French hostage just freed in Lebanon said Sunday that Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, was in the room next to him during his captivity and that American hostages were suffering greatly.

Roger Auque, 31, a free-lance journalist, was released Friday in Beirut by his Shiite Moslem kidnappers along with Jean-Louis Normandin, 36, a lighting engineer for the Antenne 2 television network.

In an interview on French television, Auque said Waite also was being held by the Revolutionary Justice Organization.

"I knew that Terry Waite was held by the same people as me, the same kidnappers, and was in the room next to mine in the apartment where I was held," he said.

Auque was optimistic about more releases soon.

"I think the French government has now found the key to hostage releases and that there

will be more in the future," he said.

Normandin and Auque were the sixth and seventh French hostages freed since Premier Jacques Chirac's conservatives came to power in March 1986.

Chirac heatedly denied a report by the respected newspaper Le Monde that a ransom was paid. The French government has maintained an absolute silence on all matters relating to the hostages and negotiations for their release.

Waite dropped from sight in Beirut on Jan. 20 while on a mission from the Anglican Church to negotiate with Islamic Jihad for the release of foreign hostages in Lebanon. His whereabouts were unknown though it was widely assumed he had been kidnapped.

Auque said he learned two Americans held by the Shiite organization were suffering.

Auque said he got information from a South Korean diplomat, Do Chae-Sung, kidnapped Jan. 31, 1986 and freed Oct. 29, with whom he shared a cell.

## Senators' plan will give A&M students access to evaluations of professors

By Mary-Lynne Rice  
Staff Writer

A common complaint recurs in registration lines at Texas A&M each semester — students often say they have no idea of which professor to choose, that they must trust tips from friends, word of mouth or just luck.

No student comments or other evaluation information is made public for students to see before registration. Students now have access only to professors' grade distribution rates.

The Student and Faculty Senates, however, expect to hear fewer laments in the registration line if their second-try proposal to make each professor's student-evaluation results available to anyone interested is approved by University administration.

Results from a semi-standardized evaluation form to be used throughout University departments would be organized and compiled for students to learn more about professors' grade distribution rates and to read other comments about them, said Tom Black, a student senator.

The idea first was proposed two years ago, Black said, prompted partially by a similar program at the University of Texas.

"They were trying to figure out a way to standardize course instructor evaluation forms each semester

*"The more information a student can find out about a faculty member, the better."*

— J.M. Rosenheim, assistant professor of history

throughout all the colleges on campus," Black said. "The result would be that a student in biology, for example, would have the same questions to answer as a student in engineering."

"The form was made flexible enough that there could be additions for specialty items, like classes with a TA or classes with labs associated with them or classes that give only essay tests."

Sophomore journalism major Marc Giller said he would like to have evaluation information available to him before he registers for classes.

"That's probably a pretty efficient way of doing things," Giller said. "It's a way of dipping your feet in the water before jumping in."

The Student Senate submitted the first proposed evaluation form to the Faculty Senate, which approved it with minor changes and then sent it to University administration, where it was stopped, Black said.

"They asked for a clear purpose to the bill," he said. "They said there was a problem with implementation,

and they asked us to redefine the purpose of the evaluation."

Faculty Senator Manuel Davenport, professor of philosophy and humanities, said the administration brought up questions of management, including how many forms would be made, how different they would be and whether the cost would be assumed by each department, each college or the University.

Faculty and administration members have registered some objections, Black said.

"They (professors) ask, 'Can you devise an evaluation form to suit my subject area?'" he said. "We've said, 'You devise the form.' We've tried to be as flexible as possible."

"They also say that students are not qualified to judge the faculty. That's a half-truth. They certainly can tell how effective a faculty member communicates, but perhaps they can't judge the quality."

"We're not arguing that a student evaluation tells you everything you need to know."

Some say students don't recognize who the good teachers are until after they graduate, Black said.

## UPD chief calls crowd orderly despite arrests of 8 at bonfire, game

By Clark Miller  
Staff Writer

The crowds at bonfire and the Texas A&M-University of Texas football game last Wednesday and Thursday were well behaved, although eight arrests were made, Bob Wiatt, director of the University Police Department, said.

Wiatt said there were six arrests made during and after bonfire, and two more on the day of the game.

There were also 75 citations issued by the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission agents and University Police officers for minors being in possession of alcohol, for making alcohol available to minors and for possessing altered driver's licenses, he added.

Overall, though, Wiatt said, both the bonfire and football crowds were manageable.

"Everything was very peaceful," he said. "There was a well-behaved crowd at bonfire. It wasn't nearly as raucous as the last two years."

There were an estimated 45,000 people at the bonfire site.

Wiatt said that of the eight arrests, seven involved A&M students or graduates of the University, and the other arrest was of a UT student. Wiatt said that final reports of the

arrests were not completed because of the holiday and the weekend.

Most of the arrests involved public intoxication and disorderly conduct, although one A&M student was arrested because of several outstanding traffic warrants, he said.

"I was very much impressed by the behavior of the crowd," Wiatt said. "I hope they continue to act as well next year."