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Photo by Jayna Glidden

## Chilly dog

Monica Buergler, a senior history major from Houston, shares her McDonald's ice cream cone with Dundee, an Australian Shepherd, in College Station Central Park Wednesday afternoon.

## Guerrillas get caught near border

JERUSALEM (AP) — Soldiers on Wednesday captured four teen-age Palestinian guerrillas who were trying to sneak across the border with submachine guns and grenade launchers to attack a settlement in northern Israel, the army said.

A security source said three of the guerrillas were wounded. He said soldiers spotted them at a fence on the Lebanese border and they gave up after a half-hour skirmish 20 feet from Israeli territory.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, 16-year-old Talad Khalil Zakoot was killed during a clash with troops, an Arab reporter quoted the boy's relatives as saying.

Soldiers in Nablus in the occupied West Bank shot and wounded two Palestinians when a gang of youths, some wearing masks, threw stones and bottles at them, an army spokesman said.

If confirmed, Wednesday's fatality would bring to at least 211 the number of Palestinians killed in the rebellion that began Dec. 8. About 1.5 million Palestinians live in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which Israel captured from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 war.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir urged tougher tactics against arson, firebombings and stoning that have given new impetus to the revolt.

"We have to step up our activities in every sphere against this phenomenon and we mustn't sit and wait for some political solution to come from heaven," he said on army radio.

Shamir called the uprising a challenge to national survival and declared: "There is a wave of aggression, whether arson or murder, against the Jewish presence everywhere in the land of Israel."

## Underground power cable cause of campus blackout



Photo by Jay Janner

A University police officer directs traffic on Joe Route Boulevard and Wellborn Road during Wednesday's power outage.

## Pentagon probe focuses on defense contract bids

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon corruption investigation focuses on 75 to 100 defense contracts worth "tens of billions of dollars," chief prosecutor Henry Hudson told congressional leaders Wednesday, and he said indictments might not be returned until after the November election.

House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, said Hudson told the House group that the investigation focuses on three areas of potential misconduct, chiefly involving the sale of inside information by private consultants who were acting as middlemen between the Pentagon and defense contractors.

Hudson, the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made an unusual trip across the Potomac River from his office in Alexandria, Va., for two closed-door briefings of House and Senate leaders on the case which has caught Washington's attention.

Hudson said no indictments are expected until later this year and that it was possible they might be returned after the Nov. 8 election.

"I'm hopeful that if indictments are appropriate in the case, they will be secured by the end of the year," Hudson told reporters. "If we can proceed at a faster pace, we'll attempt to do it."

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., said Hudson told the House group that 75 to 100 contracts are under scrutiny in the two-year-long probe. The total value of the contracts is in the "tens of billions of dollars," Dingell said.

Meanwhile, former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, in an interview with the Associated Press, denied responsibility for whatever corruption may be found by the investigation — just as President Reagan had one day earlier at a news conference in Toronto.

"I had briefings regularly, once a week or every two weeks, on the major weapons programs," Weinberger said. "But no matter how careful you are, you're not going to be able to eliminate dishonesty. We need to keep a sense of proportion without jumping to conclusions."

Weinberger headed the Defense Department at the time a private consultant offered to sell confidential bid-related information to a former Navy employee working for a defense contractor. The ex-Navy man reported the incident to the Na-

val Intelligence Service, touching off the investigation.

Weinberger said, "You don't close a bank because there's been a bank robbery. And you don't conclude that we don't need a strong defense because of the actions of some faithless employees."

Reagan on Tuesday had said, "It should be understandable how such things can happen in something as big as our government is."

Wright said Hudson indicated the investigation is focused on three areas:

- The first involves the deliberate sale of proprietary government information by consultants to individual corporations and contractors;

- The second involves the manipulation of bid specifications in ways to favor certain contractors over their competitors;

- The third involves indications of collusive bidding on the part of individual contractors.

## Former A&M student missing since Monday

By Loyd Brumfield  
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A Texas A&M graduate is missing after beginning a newspaper internship in Belleville, Ill.

Audrey Cardenas, 24, a May journalism graduate from Houston, was reported missing Monday after she missed work at the *Belleville News-Democrat*, where she was beginning a summer internship program for minorities.

Belleville police said they have no leads in the case.

"We've got nothing," a detective with the Belleville Police Department said. "We've talked to a lot of people — people at work, acquaintances, but we've got nothing."

Cardenas was last seen Sunday at 3 p.m. washing her truck. Police searched her apartment, which was undisturbed.

Her name has been entered in a nationwide computer search for missing people.

Her mother, Billie Fowler of Houston, was in Belleville Wednesday night but was unavailable for comment.

The Associated Press reported Tuesday that Fowler said it was out of character for Cardenas to disappear without telling anyone.

"She's never done anything like this before," Fowler told the AP. "She's never had a drug or alcohol problem, and she doesn't go to bars to meet people."

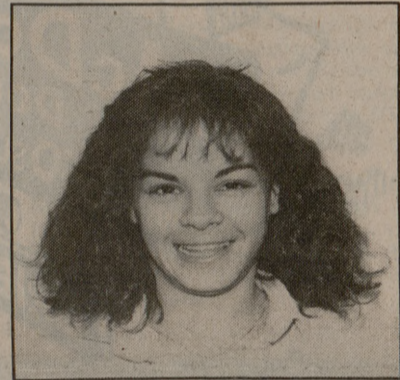
Cardenas, a former employee of the *College Station Press*, is participating in a nationwide program called the Capital Cities Minority Internship Program.

Belleville is her first stop before moving on to the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* in Fort Worth.

Fred Ehrlich, assistant city editor for the *News-Democrat*, said Cardenas had been working there for about two weeks.

"She's been here 10 days as a general assignments reporter for us," Ehrlich said.

"The search is continuing and



Audrey Cardenas

the police are in contact with us, but there have been no new leads at all," he said.

Ehrlich said part of the problem was that Cardenas was so new in town that not many people knew her.

"It's giving police a lot of trouble," he said. "They don't know who to talk to, she's so new."

The *News-Democrat* had been very pleased with Cardenas' work, Ehrlich said.

"She had done a variety of stories for us, including a lot of page one stories," he said. "She was very level-headed and was willing to work. We are very satisfied with her."

"She was treated just like any other reporter here, except that this was a temporary stop for her."

Randy Hines, an A&M journalism professor, said Cardenas was a serious-minded student.

"She was definitely interested in journalism," said Hines, who taught her in Journalism 310, Newspaper Editing and Production, and Journalism 305, Magazine Writing.

"We talked about a number of internships for minorities and things of that nature," he said. "She was supposed to send me some postcards."

## Video yearbook struggles with first production

By Ashley A. Bailey  
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Texas A&M's print yearbook, the *Aggie*, is the largest and one of the most successful in the country. But Texas A&M's video yearbook, in its infancy, is struggling.

Don Johnson, coordinator of student publications, and Ed Smith, associate professor of communications, put together a basic plan for a video yearbook in 1984, but it was not implemented until June 1986 when the Student Publications Board approved a \$50,000 budget per year for a two-year trial period.

The only contingency was that the project break even after the first year, Johnson said.

The project was a long way from breaking even the first year because most of the staff resigned after only one month as a result of problems with KAMU. The board, however, felt that one year was not enough time to get the new project off the ground, Johnson said.

## AGGIEVISION PRODUCTIONS

"The board decided that with a year of experience under their belts and with some new, dedicated people the project could improve substantially," he said.

Aggievision, the 1987-88 edition of the video yearbook, is not yet complete.

Greg Keith, Aggievision producer, said the two-week post production of the video will begin about the second week of July. During this period the editing and sound dubbing will be done to produce a 60 to 70 minute mastertape, Keith said.

This year's project has resulted in about 160 completed 20-minute tapes that will be edited into the final product. Johnson said he expects the video to be distributed in the first week of September at the English

Annex in a manner similar to that of the *Aggie*.

This shows a definite improvement over last year's results, but there are still other problems.

As of May, Aggievision had spent about \$82,000. Total sales revenue for the approximately 500 videos sold is \$15,508.20.

Aggievision's \$20,000 payroll budget ran out June 17 but there is still about a month and a half of work left. Post-production editing and the reproduction of the finished product is yet to be completed.

Keith, who graduated in May, said he was instructed by the board to budget the payroll through May 1988, and even though there is no more money allotted for payroll the job must be completed.

Dr. Douglas Starr, chairman of the Student Publications Board and head of the Department of Journalism, did not know the allotted money for Aggievision's payroll was going to run out before the production was complete. Starr, who advises the Aggievision staff, said the finished tapes must be produced regardless of whether the staff is paid or not.

"They are committed to complete the production," he said. "The contract was that they stay available until completion."

Johnson said the other \$30,000 of the \$50,000 budget is used strictly for purchasing supplies and for renting video and editing equipment from KAMU-TV. It must be rented from KAMU because when the journalism department was given permission to produce a video yearbook, the station was inadvertently given the same permission, Johnson said. The compromise to this problem was that the journalism depart-

ment make the video using only KAMU equipment.

Starr said this mandate has since been changed.

"The board approved the department's request to purchase its own video equipment," he said. "We have since purchased two field camera units."

Johnson said owning instead of renting the equipment might help Aggievision to break even in two to three years.

"The two field camera units that we just purchased cost \$6,000 each," he said, "but compared to what they would've cost us three to five years ago they're cheap now. The units will be used for instruction in classes as well as for the video yearbook."

Starr said the overall project should be better next year because the staff will have their own equipment to work with.

"Having their own equipment also means that they (the staff) won't have any excuses for missing shots," he said.

The problems with the past video yearbooks may have been one of the reasons why finding a producer for next year's production was difficult.

No applications were received for the position of the 1988-89 video yearbook producer. After the deadline was extended four students applied.

Keith was hired under much of the same circumstances last year.

Dr. Manuel M. Davenport, a Student Publications Board member, said the board hired the only person who was willing to give it a try.

"Let's give this guy credit," he said. "He took it on knowing what the problems would be. He's done a fairly credible job."

Keith said the fact that A&M has never produced a video yearbook caused problems for him and his inexperienced staff.

Keith said he fired two of the ten members of his original staff and

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