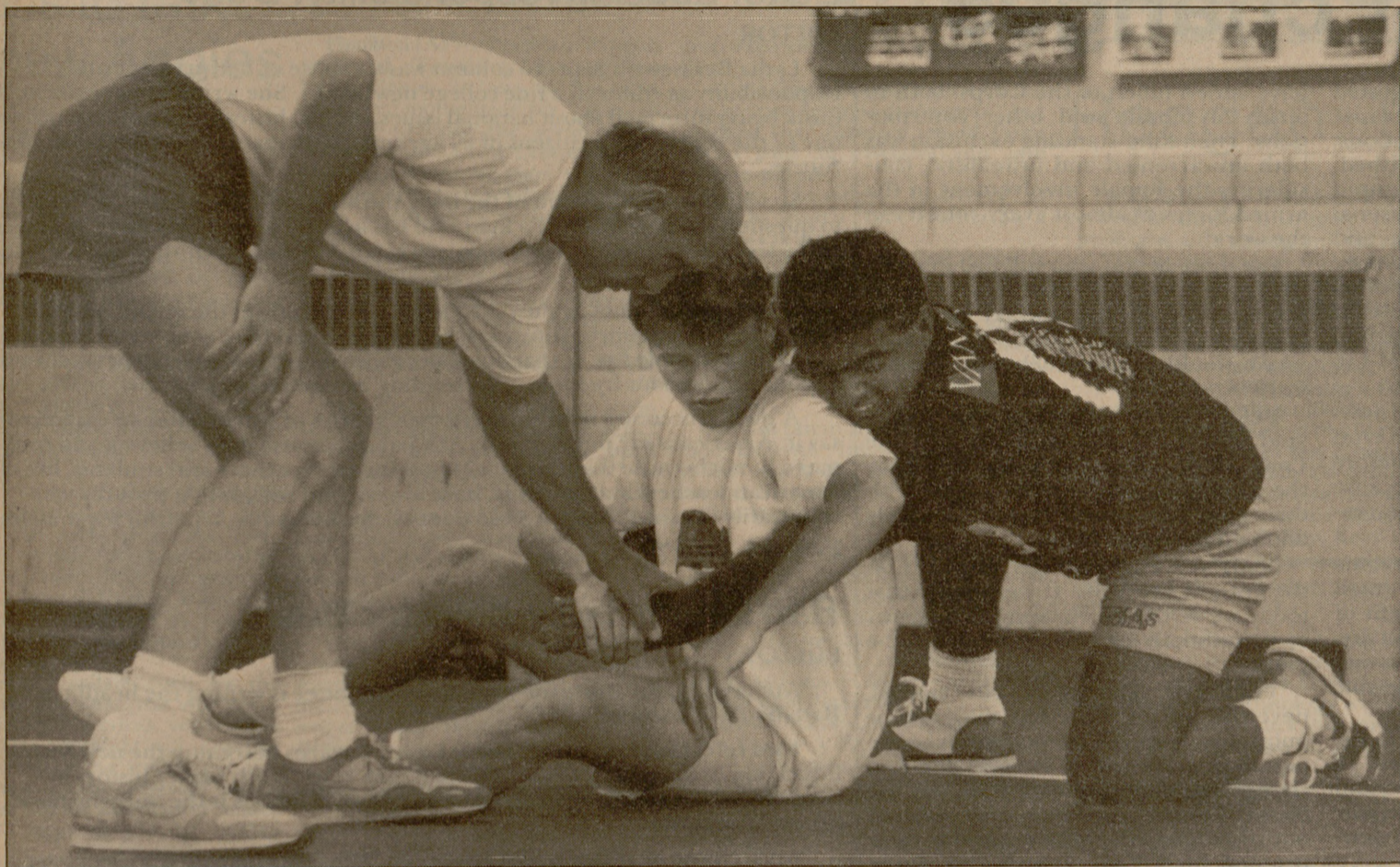


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## Hold On!!

Wrestling instructor Bob Kohl gives a few pointers on the "switch", a wrestling maneuver, to members of his wrestling class at the Read building. Kohl's wrestling class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Read.

Photo by Freddy Joe

## Wright denies revealing any military secrets

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Jim Wright denied Thursday that he revealed anything classified when he criticized a covert CIA operation in Nicaragua, while Republicans pressed for formal ethics and intelligence investigations of the speaker's remarks.

Wright, who has become a lightning rod for Democrats on Central America policy, found himself again embroiled in controversy for his revelation two days earlier that the Central Intelligence Agency had instigated demonstrations aimed at provoking the leftist Managua government and sabotaging peace talks with the Contra rebels.

The speaker repeated that assertion to reporters, but contended such CIA activity was already well known through news reports.

"I didn't say anything that was revealed to me as classified information," Wright, D-Texas, said.

While he denied breaking rules against disclosing secrets, Wright did not specify how he had learned of the covert operation in Nicaragua. He and other Democrats sought to focus attention on the administration's action rather than the propriety of Wright's disclosure.

"In late August of last year I became aware that elements of the U.S. government were seeking to disturb the domestic tranquility in Central America, to foment disturbances with a view to seeing if they could provoke" the Sandinistas into a crackdown that would derail peace talks, Wright said.

"That seems to me just intolerably two-faced," he said. Wright added that he had been given "indirect assurance" that the practice has now been halted.

House Republican Leader Robert Michel of Illinois and Rep. Dick Cheney, R-Wyo., chairman of the House Republican Conference, formally requested investigations in both the Intelligence Committee and the ethics committee, which has responsibility for enforcing non-disclosure rules.

The ethics panel, formally known as the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, already is investigating Wright on unrelated allegations.

Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine, said the speaker's comments had apparently violated non-disclosure rules and jeopardized the bill.

## College Station council OKs utility rate change

By Sharon Maberry  
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College Station utility rates will change beginning October 1.

The College Station City Council approved utility rate changes Thursday decreasing electric rates and increasing water and sewage rates.

Electric revenues have been supporting water and sewage revenues which were working at a deficit, Mayor Larry Ringer said.

This is the second year of a five-year plan to adjust utility rates to a more equitable distribution, Deputy Director of Finance Glenn Schroeder said.

"Our original proposal was a fairly significant increase in water and sewer rates," Schroeder said. "But that was very massive to do all at one time."

Last year, the city council decided to phase in these changes in a five-year period, he said. Sewer rates would increase over a three-year period, water rates would increase over a five-year period and electric rates would decrease over a five-year period.

Schroeder said this year electric bills for single-family residences will decrease about 4.5 percent and bills for master-metered residences, including large apartment complexes, will decrease about 10 percent.

Water rates will increase about 10

percent and sewage rates will increase about 13 percent, Schroeder said.

The increases in water and sewage rates are offset by the decreases in electric rates, he said.

"A small (decreased) percentage in electricity equates to a fairly significant increase in water and sewage (because electric rates are much higher than water and sewage rates)," Schroeder said.

The council also approved increases for sanitation services and drainage assessment fees. Sanitation fees will increase from \$4.20 per month for single family homes to \$5.25 per month.

A drainage assessment fee will increase from \$.50 per sanitation customer to \$.70 per sanitation customer.

Schroeder said that even with these utility rate increases, the average customer's monthly bill will only increase by about \$3.00.

Sanitation costs are rising because City staff recognized that sanitation payments were being paid from the general fund, Schroeder said.

"Appropriately, sanitation should be paying these costs," he said.

"In essence, the sanitation department is paying the general fund for administrative services. If sanitation is receiving services, it should be paying for it."

## Woman testifies in gang rape case

SAN DIEGO, Texas (AP) — After breaking down on the witness stand, a tearful 19-year-old woman Thursday afternoon continued her graphic, horrifying testimony of the night she said she was gang raped.

She hugged a stuffed animal throughout her daylong account of how a group of men allegedly took turns raping and sodomizing her.

"I was screaming and telling him to stop," she said Thursday of 23-year-old Orlando Garza, the first to go on trial of 10 men indicted in the case. "He was holding my legs. I was trying to push him off."

Later during her testimony Thursday, the woman was overcome with tears. Counselors from Crisis Services of Corpus Christi escorted her from the small courtroom

packed with a standing-room-only crowd of about 150.

She testified that Garza had raped her at her house three days before the alleged gang rape incident, but that she had been afraid to tell anyone about it, including her husband.

Defense attorney Albert Pena attempted to discredit her testimony by asking if she was drunk the night of the alleged gang rape, whether she had a previous relationship with Garza and why she waited several hours to report the incident to the police.

"How many other times did Orlando Garza rape you?" Pena asked her.

The woman, a mother of two, said she had a previous relationship with Garza, but she had a short distance home from a relative's residence about midnight on March 26. Garza is being tried on a charge of sexual assault. He also faces a charge of aggravated kidnapping.

The woman said Garza stayed in the backseat with her and forced her to perform oral sex, while the others waited to see the roosters fight.

"I was trying to pull myself up, but I couldn't because he was pushing me down," she said.

After that, she said Corrado Perez walked back to the car and told Garza, "to save him some."

Perez, 26, of San Diego, also faces sexual assault and aggravated kidnapping trials in connection with the alleged gang rape.

## Lebanon gains new leadership

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Lebanon's army commander will be the prime minister of a six-man military government, President Amin Gemayel said in a decree issued in the last minutes of his presidency Thursday.

Gemayel's stunning choice of a military Cabinet, led by army commander Gen. Michel Aoun, came after civilian Moslem figures refused to take part in an interim Cabinet headed by a Maronite Catholic premier.

Gemayel, 45, had to name a transition government because the deeply divided Parliament failed to choose a new president Thursday. The constitution bars Gemayel from seeking another presidential term.

Earlier Gemayel was trying to form a civilian government under business tycoon Pierre Helou, 60, a Maronite Catholic who is a Parliament deputy.

The shift to a military Cabinet appeared aimed at heading off the formation of two governments, one Christian and one Moslem, that would have further cemented the sectarian cantons that have formed during a 13-year civil war that has left more than 150,000 dead.

The decrees appointing the Cabinet members, who represent the six main sects in Lebanon, came five minutes before Gemayel's presidency

expired at midnight (5 p.m. EDT).

Also Thursday, Moslems and Christians clashed around the dividing Green Line, and three top commanders of Amal, the main Shiite Moslem militia, were assassinated.

Aoun, the Maronite army commander, and his five ministers will continue serving as the army's Supreme Defense Council, which controls Lebanon's military. The decrees, effective immediately, also named Aoun as defense and information minister. He remains the army commander.

"I leave the presidency today worried and filled with anxiety," Gemayel told the nation in a five-minute farewell address televised nationwide before issuing the decrees.

"Today should have been a festival in which we rejoice over the election of a new president that would take the helm and the oath of office as I and my predecessors did," Gemayel said. "But the people of war were stronger than peace."

Moslems and Christians fought after Parliament speaker Hussein Hussenit postponed a Parliament session to elect a president.

Police said a Christian militiaman was killed and two soldiers of the predominantly Shiite 6th Brigade were wounded in a two-hour duel

around the Green Line, which divides Beirut into Christian and Moslem sectors.

Several mortar rounds crashed around the Parliament building in Moslem west Beirut's Nejmah Square, protected by 1,000 6th Brigade troops and Moslem policemen, police said.

A police spokesman said Amal leaders Daoud Daoud, Mahmoud Fakhir and Hassan Sbeiti died instantly after gunmen raked their car with machine gun fire and rocket-propelled grenades in south Beirut's seaside Ozai district.

Daoud and Fakhir led an Amal crackdown on Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed Party of God, that ousted the fanatic group from most of south Lebanon last April. The confrontation killed 60 people and wounded 150. Security sources said Hezbollah vowed to kill them, but no group immediately claimed responsibility.

Lebanon's unwritten covenant specifies that the president be a Christian, the prime minister a Sunni Moslem and the speaker of Parliament a Shiite Moslem.

Moslems had warned that should Gemayel appoint a Christian prime minister, they would declare their own republic in territory they control, breaking up Lebanon into rival states.

## Ugandan ambassador visits A&M

By Juliette Rizzo  
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His Excellency Stephen Katenta-Apuli, ambassador to the United States for the Republic of Uganda, visited Texas A&M Thursday and met with Ugandan students as part of a four-day Texas trip to promote better academic, economic and cultural ties between Americans and Ugandans.

Katenta-Apuli, who became ambassador in July, and Francis K. Katana, minister-counselor to the Ugandan Embassy in Washington D.C., arrived in Austin Wednesday to begin the trip by meeting with University of Texas President William Cunningham and UT students.

The ambassador arrived at A&M Thursday and was met by Dr. John Norris, director of the Office for International Coordination. While on campus, he met with Ugandan students and several professors from the Colleges of Agriculture, Engineering and Veterinary Medicine. After leaving A&M, the ambassador also will meet with various state officials including central Texas civic, government, academic and business leaders.

The ambassador, through visits to the United States, is trying to make the country more aware that Uganda has emerged from dictatorial rule and is aiming to establish a democratic system under President Yoweri Museveni. By talking to students at universities, he said economic and cultural ties can be strengthened.

In 1962, Uganda gained independence from Great Britain and set up a constitutional government, but Milton Obote, the country's new prime minister, assumed dictatorial power. In 1971, Major General Idi Amin overthrew Obote and continued an eight-year "reign of terror."



Photo by Kathy Haveman

Stephan Katenta-Apuli, the ambassador to the U.S. for Uganda greets Jennifer Mukasa.

## Barnes wins silver medal

Former Texas A&M shot putter Randy Barnes won an Olympic silver medal with a toss of 73-5/4.

Barnes attended A&M in 1986 and '87.

Barnes qualified for the finals in Seoul Friday with a throw of 68-4. Barnes' effort easily topped the 66-6 qualifying mark for the finals.

Ulf Timmermann of East Germany won the gold.

of a new constitution is underway, and the government has said free elections will be held in 1990.

Museveni is trying to improve the country's relationship with the United States and other western democratic nations.

To get the country back on its feet, Katenta-Apuli said Uganda is looking to Texas and other states to help strengthen the nation's economy through investment and new technology.

"By visiting institutions like this, we can promote and encourage individual contact between the two countries in academics, business and other areas," he said.

After a luncheon in the Memorial Student Center, with Dr. Donald McDonald, provost and vice president for academic affairs standing in for A&M President William Mobley, who was called out of town on University business, the ambassador met with Ugandan A&M students.

Sitting at a table with five Ugandan students and Dr. Charles Bassenyemukasa, A&M visiting assistant professor of computer science, the ambassador addressed the issue of extending ties with Americans through the students' own ties at the university, in the community and in the United States.