



Roper vs. Roper

Texas A&M's John Roper pressures Rice's quarterback Quentis

Roper during the football game Saturday at Kyle Field.

Photo by Dean Saito

Police continue search for man who abducted, stabbed student

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Police continue to search for a suspect in the Thursday abduction and stabbing of an A&M student.

The victim was in stable condition Monday with 24-hour police protection at Humana Hospital, while her assailant remained at large.

Police said the assailant, if caught, will most likely be charged with attempted capital murder.

University Police Department Director Bob Wiatt says the student claims she was sexually assaulted.

Wiatt re-creates the 45-minute incident.

"The student's last class was in Blocker, and around 12:30 p.m. she is believed to have taken a shuttle bus to parking lot 71 near the Meat Science and Technology Center. From there, police think she walked to her white Suburban, and as she opened the door, a man held a

pocket knife to her back and pushed her over to the passenger side of the vehicle. He then tied her hands and drove south of College Station to a wooded area southeast of Lick Creek Park, where he loosely tied her to a tree, and cut her throat."

Wiatt said that after the assailant left, the victim was able to free herself and crawl about 200 feet to the entrance of the park, where she was found by a passing motorist at about 1:15 p.m.

A sheriff's deputy drove by several minutes later and called for an ambulance. The Department of Public Safety later sent out a helicopter to look for the suspect, and the Texas Department of Corrections searched the area with four bloodhounds. Police said they could not comment on whether they found additional evidence in the searches.

In the park, however, police found pieces of rope, and the woman's skirt and shoes were found close to the tree police said she was tied to.

Wiatt is asking all students who were on the west side of campus or rode the shuttle buses there Thursday about noon to report any suspicious sightings in Parking Annex 71, or the sighting of someone fitting the following description:

A white male, about 29-34 years old, of medium build, with short light brown hair in a standard cut; with a moustache and gold wire-rim glasses; wearing a dominantly blue checkered long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans; carrying a maroon backpack.

Police say the attacker told the victim that he was not a student — that the

backpack was just a cover-up, Wiatt said.

Wiatt said the UPD and College Station police are actively following leads in the case.

Fingerprints from the victim's car are being processed by the CSPD, but they are latent prints, Wiatt said, which cannot be identified until they are matched with a suspect's prints. The victim and her friends all will be fingerprinted, Wiatt said.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact either the UPD at 845-2345, or the CSPD at 764-3600.

Terrorists issue strict demands for U.S. captives

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Kidnappers holding American hostages announced five demands for their release Sunday and threatened to make the United States pay a price that would reflect adversely on the captives' fate if the demands were not met.

It was the second threatening statement in three days from the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad.

The threat came in a three-page type-written statement in Arabic signed by Islamic Jihad, or holy war, which holds American journalist Terry A. Anderson and educator Thomas Sutherland.

It was delivered in a sealed envelope to the independent newspaper An-Nahar. A picture of Anderson was later delivered to a Western news agency in Beirut — the kidnappers' normal method of authenticating statements.

The statement demanded:

"A — Release of all our mujahedeen (holy warriors) from all Arab and foreign jails.

"B — Release of all Lebanese and Palestinian Mujahedeen from Israeli jails in the occupied lands and its surrogates in south Lebanon's border enclave and (Christian) east Beirut.

"C — Withdrawal of all Israeli forces and their surrogates from south Lebanon without any conditions.

"D — Non-intervention in Lebanese domestic affairs and the discontinuation of support for partitionist, isolationist and sectarian forces in Lebanon.

"E — Reconstruction of south Lebanon and Beirut . . . And payment of war reparations to all our oppressed people in Lebanon."

"In case of failure to meet these demands and continued support of Israel's aggression against our people the United States will pay the price very soon. This price will reflect adversely on the fate of the hostages we hold," the statement said.

Anderson and Sutherland are among nine Americans held hostage by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon.

There are believed to be a total of 16 foreigners held hostage in Lebanon.

Anderson, kidnapped March 16, 1985, is the longest held hostage.

Islamic Jihad said its new statement was issued to mark the fifth anniversary of the suicide truck bombing attack on a U.S. Marine base at Beirut Airport in which 241 American servicemen were killed Oct. 23, 1983.

On Friday, the group threatened to punish the hostages to avenge Israel's air

strikes on Palestinian and pro-Iranian guerrilla bases that day, which left 21 people killed and 34 wounded.

The air raids were in apparent retaliation for a car bomb attack that killed eight Israeli soldiers and wounded seven in Israel's self-designated security zone in south Lebanon on Wednesday.

The statement paid tribute to the suicide bombers who blew up the American Marine base and the French paratroop headquarters in Moslem west Beirut, naming them only as "martyr Jihad" and "martyr Jaafar."

"They have dramatized by their deed that the path of martyrdom is the only method to gain the freedom of the oppressed and chop off the hands of the arrogant," the statement said.

A&M regents OK contract to remodel

The Texas A&M Board of Regents approved on Saturday in a special session the awarding of a \$3.1 million contract to Sentry Construction of Bryan for the remodeling of the Commons dining facility.

All original bids for the project were rejected for being too high.

The remodeling will begin in the spring semester.

The special meeting was held to inform former regents of progress made on current University projects.

A presentation was made by Dr. Charles Arntzen, deputy chancellor for agriculture, about the Institute of Biosciences and Technology, a joint genetic engineering project with the University of Texas Medical Center in Houston.

Mark Money, vice chancellor for the Research Park and corporate relations, spoke about upcoming research projects and grants to the University, including the offshore oil drilling research center.

A&M President William H. Mobley reported on the state of the University.

Former Regents at Saturday's meeting were Ford Albritton, Bill Clayton, Sterling C. Evans, Tony Heldenfels, Norman Moser and Lola Smith.

Baylor president denies liberalism

WACO (AP) — Baylor University President Herbert H. Reynolds' fiery rebuke of fundamentalists who in a recent publication accused the school of liberalism may be a precursor to a showdown at the Baptist General Convention of Texas meeting this week.

Reynolds on Friday refuted charges that appeared in "The Founder's Review" tract published by United For A Better Baylor and he dismissed the group saying they were "acting like a bunch of jackals."

The publication, distributed two weeks ago at a trustees meeting in San Antonio, claims Baylor has departed from its original intent to primarily train ministers.

But Reynolds said the university's charter declares the school "is to be educational and for the encouragement, support, maintenance, and promotion of education in all branches."

Furthermore, the university is to confer on students "any of the degrees usually conferred by similar institutions in any of the departments or branches of literature, art, science, theology, law or medicine, and to grant diplomas for the same, and in all other respects to exercise the functions of the most favored of literary institutions," Reynolds said.

"So theology was one of the things, but there were others, as well you can see — literature, art, science, law, medicine. Baylor was chartered to be a very broad-based kind of university," Reynolds said. "We haven't strayed from the vision of our founders."

Another front page editorial attacks Reynolds for saying he would join tenured faculty in a class action suit against fundamentalists if they took over Baylor.

"These statements by the President of Baylor University are unparalleled in the history of Texas Baptists," the editorial said.

"I say that is absolutely correct," Reynolds said. "The reason that these statements are unparalleled in the history of Texas Baptists is that this takeover movement, 'going for the jugular' as Paul Pressler has stated, and the announced intention of taking over Texas and taking over Baylor, is absolutely unparalleled in the history of Texas Baptists and of Southern Baptists," Reynolds said.

Trustees reached by the *Waco Tribune Herald* were either out of town or refused to comment on Reynolds' statements.

Fundamentalists, who control the national Southern Baptist Convention, would like to control Baylor and the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Reynolds said.

The BGCT meets Tuesday and Wednesday in Austin. To gain control of the convention and Baylor, fundamentalists first must capture two of three positions — president, first vice president or second vice president. All three positions have equal votes.

The Rev. Joel Gregory, a Fort Worth pastor, probably will run unopposed for president. Moderates have said they will nominate the Rev. Phil Lineberger of Richardson and the Rev. James W. Hatley of Austin for vice president.

MOB pokes fun at elections, careful not to provoke A&M

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Photo by Jay Janner

A member of the Rice MOB performs at halftime at the A&M—Rice game.

With a triumphant "Go, Rice!" the Marching Owl Band ran onto Kyle Field Saturday and proved, once again, that it is not the average college band.

The MOB played, sang, danced, yelled and catapulted rubber chickens across the field at halftime during the Texas A&M-Rice University game this weekend. The band, with an election-year theme, poked fun at the Internal Revenue Service, the candidates, taxes, the deficit and campaign speeches, but the MOB was careful not to make fun of A&M.

Stephen Sachitano, a MOB coronet player, said the band is known for making fun of the colleges they visit during halftime shows.

"In general, the schools all laugh along with us," Sachitano said. "But not A&M. Members of the Corps just aren't good enough sports. When we play A&M, the MOB has a general feeling that we need to be careful. We don't want to provoke them again."

The MOB did provoke A&M in 1973. Members of the band played an off-tune version of the Aggie War Hymn and made an out-of-step "block-T" formation. They also made fun of the A&M mascot by forming a fire plug on the field, only one year after the death of Reveille III.

In a Nov. 20, 1973, issue of *The Battalion* it was reported that members of the Corps of Cadets were so inflamed that the Rice band "huddled under the south end of Kyle Field for two hours while Aggies milled around outside waiting for them to leave." MOB members were so disturbed that they refused to travel to Kyle Field until 1980.

Bad feelings toward the MOB still run

strong among some members of the Aggie Band, even though 15 years have passed.

Members of the Aggie Band had much to say on the subject, but asked to remain anonymous, since their opinions might be taken as representative of the band as a whole.

"The negative opinions associated with the MOB are Ol' Army stories passed down through generations," one band member said. "My father, class of '63, used to tell me how awful it was."

Several band members said they thought the MOB puts on a good show, as long as A&M's reputation is not at stake.

"Their antics are cool, but it's not appropriate to make fun of us, since we don't make fun of them," a member said. "Part of it is in fun, but they can go too far."

"We had been talking about what they might do at rehearsals this week," another Aggie Band member said. "A lot of us enjoy their shows, but there are some who disagree. When the two most unique bands in the Southwest Conference meet, there is bound to be some conflict."

Another band member agreed. "They do their thing and we do ours," he said. "We just have two completely different styles."

Even though the MOB seemed to offend some members of the Aggie Band, they received a standing ovation from the

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crowd, a feat not easily accomplished by visiting bands at A&M.

Kim Fisher, a junior economics major at A&M, said she thought it was ridiculous that the MOB still would be held re-