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Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

Putting up tradition

Company B-2 hollers out their outfit yell after they helped secure the center pole in place for bonfire Friday afternoon. The center pole went up at its scheduled traditional time as it has every year since the bonfire tradition began.

Officers arrest, plan police lineup for Huntsville man

By Fiona Soltes
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College Station and University police officials are planning a lineup today or Tuesday to identify a suspect arrested in connection with the Oct. 20 rape and attempted murder of a Texas A&M student.

Bob Wiatt, director of security for the University Police Department, said officials must await the release of the victim from Humana Hospital Brazos Valley before the lineup can be held. The 21-year-old victim is in stable condition, a hospital spokesman said.

Wiatt said Daniel Lee Corwin, 30, of Huntsville, was arrested at his home Friday night and has been charged with attempted capital murder, sexual assault, aggravated kidnapping and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He was being held at Brazos County Jail as of Sunday night. Bail was set at \$50,000 on the each of the four charges.

Officers from the University, College Station and Huntsville police departments and Walker County Sheriff's Office assisted in the arrest, he said.

Corwin became a suspect on Oct. 22, two days after the attack, Wiatt said. Madison County Sheriff Ed Fannin called Wiatt at the Kyle Field press box during the Texas A&M-Rice game to report on an anonymous Crime Stoppers tip from that county. Fannin identified Corwin in connection with the tip and told Wiatt that Corwin had been attending A&M on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Wiatt said he became suspicious when he discovered Corwin had not attended the University since withdrawing with failing grades in May 1987.

Wiatt soon discovered Corwin had been convicted of sexual assault in Bell County in 1976 and spent nine years in the Texas Department of Corrections in Huntsville. Wiatt said Corwin has been on parole for his conviction since 1985.

Police officials put Corwin under surveillance Monday when they saw a composite sketch of the suspect, drawn by a Texas Department of Public Safety artist from a description given by the victim. The sketch looked surprisingly like Corwin, Wiatt said.

After more than 100 tips to the police, there was not enough evidence for an arrest until Friday afternoon, when Corwin's fingerprints were matched to a set of latent prints from a Chevrolet Suburban involved in the assault, Wiatt said.

A witness who had called the police earlier in the week with a description of a man having lunch at Olsen Field with a woman the day of the attack was asked to identify Corwin in a photographic lineup and did so.

Police officials obtained a search warrant and seized several articles of evidence from Corwin's apartment, Wiatt said. He would not comment on what items were found.

The assailant abducted the victim at knife-point from a parking lot near Olsen Field at about 12:30 p.m. Oct. 20. The assailant then forced her to drive to Lick Creek Park, south of College Station, where he raped her and stabbed her in the neck, she said.

The assailant left her tied to a tree, but she managed to free herself, she said. A county employee found her a short time later near Rock Prairie Road.

One dead, 21 hurt in Israeli gunfire

BETH SAHUR, Occupied West Bank (AP) — Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian on Sunday, and hospital officials and Arab sources said at least 21 Palestinians were wounded by army gunfire in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Extra soldiers were deployed throughout the territories for fear Tuesday's national elections would bring more violence. Troops in black berets were seen moving into a girls high school in Bethlehem.

The military would not say exactly how many extra soldiers were put on patrol.

Underground Palestinian leaders called a general strike Tuesday to coincide with the parliamentary elections, and they joined Moslem fundamentalists in urging another strike for this Wednesday.

Their leaflet, sent to news agencies in Cyprus, repeated an appeal to Israeli citizens to vote for "voices of peace" and promised to persist in the uprising until an of an independent state state is established with Jerusalem as its capital.

Israel has declared Jerusalem its capital.

In the Gaza Strip, 18 Palestinians ranging in age from 12 to 70 were shot by soldiers, hospital officials said. The army said it had reports of six woundings in the Gaza Strip and was checking the other reports.

Two Palestinians, ages 12 and 14, also were shot and wounded when Israeli troops opened fire on stone-throwers in the village of Salem near Nablus, the West Bank's largest city, according to Arab reporters. They said the 12-year-old was shot in the head.

Most clashes have pitted young, stone-throwing Palestinians and Israeli occupation forces.

The Palestinians are demanding that Israel withdraw from the territories it seized from neighboring Arab states in the 1967 Middle East war.

The uprising and the future of the occupied territories have become the major issue in Israel's upcoming parliamentary elections.

Democrats second-guessing Dukakis campaign strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even as Michael Dukakis insists there is time to score an upset in the Nov. 8 balloting, many Democrats already are second-guessing his campaign strategy in anticipation of another national election defeat.

"After the election, this may be the campaign considered the worst managed in this century," Democratic Sen. Terry Sanford of North Carolina said.

Like many people in his party, Sanford insisted he thought Dukakis still had a chance to defeat Republican nominee George Bush, but he didn't sound overly optimistic.

"I'd bet money on it," he said of the chances of a Dukakis upset. "But I wouldn't bet my law license on it."

Other prominent Democrats have urged Dukakis openly for weeks to sharpen his responses to Bush's steady attacks.

"Dukakis has really got to take off the gloves," Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia said. "He's got to defend himself. . . . I

wouldn't have been a punching bag on some of these issues."

Democrats have lost four of the last five presidential elections, and current polls point to the likelihood that Dukakis will make it five of six.

Even Dukakis recently conceded he didn't get his message out clearly enough and was too slow in responding to negative commercials from the Bush campaign. But as he headed into the final week of the campaign, Dukakis proclaimed, "There is time to do it."

"They're running a beautiful cam-

aign right now," said Ed Martin, executive director of the Texas Democratic Party. "But a proper campaign for three months has been compressed into three weeks."

Among those in the ranks of the second-guessers was New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, who told reporters he thought the Dukakis campaign had failed to figure out a general election strategy.

"They did so well by the end of the Democratic convention, they said, 'OK, now we'll take it easy, get some rest, take our breath,'" Cuomo said. "The

other guy started landing jabs and uppercuts and picking up points."

"Every campaign has a jillion things go wrong with it," said John White, a Texan and former Democratic Party chairman who backed Jesse Jackson for the presidential nomination. "And if you're behind, everybody points them out."

"Our timing has just been terribly off," White said. "In August nothing happened, so we started August work in September, September work in October."

Gore slams GOP, hails Dukakis during CS visit

By Richard Tjerina
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U.S. Senator Albert Gore Jr. stopped for a brief visit in College Station Friday to campaign for Democratic Congressional candidate Greg Laughlin and to urge voters not to give up Michael Dukakis.

Gore, D-Tenn., landed at Easterwood Airport and spoke for close to 20 minutes about the upcoming election on November 8.

He emphasized the fact that even though Democratic presidential nominee Dukakis trails Vice President George Bush in the polls, the election is far from over.

Gore recalled the 1948 presidential election in which Democratic nominee Harry S. Truman overcame a large deficit in nationwide polls and defeated Republican nominee Thomas Dewey.

"This election is not yet over with," Gore said. "I remind you that Harry Truman was a lot further behind in his campaign, and he didn't even have Lloyd Bentsen on the ticket. He came back from much further behind in 1948. I believe Mike Dukakis and Lloyd Bentsen will be the Kirk Gibsons of 1988 and hit a home run in the bottom of the ninth inning."

Over the past few weeks, Dukakis himself has been reminding the nation of Truman's come-from-behind victory of 1948. Going into the final days of the election, nationwide polls show him narrowing Bush's lead across the country, particularly in key swing-states such as Texas, California, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Gore, a former presidential candidate himself, said he would be working harder than anyone else for the Democratic ticket in the final days of the election. He encouraged the partisan crowd not to give up hope and told them to be sure to vote on election day, because

Texas would be a crucial state for Dukakis to win.

Gore attacked the Reagan-Bush administration for running up a huge national deficit, pointing out that ten years ago eight of the top ten banks in the world were located in the U.S., but now the highest ranking U.S. bank is 27th.

"You can't keep borrowing money and writing hot checks like the Republicans have been doing for the past eight years and get away with it," he said.

"It's like an Olympic athlete taking steroids—you can win the 100-yard dash, but it does permanent damage to your system."

Gore criticized Bush for running a dirty campaign, pointing out Bush's attacks on Dukakis' patriotism and Massachusetts furlow system.

"I served in Vietnam and saw young men come home in caskets that were draped in American flags," Gore said. "No one asked if they were Democrat or Republican, they were American. I'm not going to let Dan Quayle and George Bush turn the American flag into a political issue."

He also pointed out that it was unfair to blame on the tragedy surrounding Dukakis' Massachusetts furlow program, where convicted murderer Willie Horton raped and stabbed a woman. Gore said Ronald Reagan had a similar furlow program that ended in similar tragedies, and that even the federal government has a furlow program that releases convicted murderers and drug pushers.

Gore was introduced by Laughlin, who is running against Republican incumbent Mac Sweeney for the 14th Congressional District, which includes Burleson, Washington and Austin counties.



Sen. Albert Gore Jr.

"I know his (Laughlin) opponent scraped up \$10,000 for Gerald Ford to come here and support him," Gore said in reference to Sweeney's campaign visit by the former president. "I want you to know that I'm doing it for free."

Gore said he is supporting Laughlin because they are both for a strong defense, and strong economic and education policies.

"I have been reverberating the need for a strong national defense everywhere I speak," Gore said. "Greg Laughlin is a part of that strong national defense. He knows first-hand what it takes to insure a strong national defense."

"He also knows we must have a strong economic policy, and that can only come from investing in a strong education policy. Today's youth will be tomorrow's leaders, and they're not getting the kind of education they should. We've got to reverse that trend and reorganize the education system."

RHA sponsors alternative plan for Halloween

By Sherri Roberts
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Trick-or-treating among hall residents has become increasingly regulated in the last few years because of complaints that it had become a drunken brawl. Shots of alcohol were often passed out as treats, which led to a high level of intoxication among participants.

RHA began RHalloween in 1983 in an effort to provide a safe and legal alternative to the infamous hall tradition.

Safety has become an increasingly visible issue at Halloween due to the rise in candy tampering and other illegal activities overshadowing it in recent years.

Bob Price, a police officer with the College Station Police Department, recommended that individuals keep their homes attended, locked and well-lit on Halloween. He suggested that items such as bicycles, garden tools and lawn mowers be put away and locked up.

Candy that is unwrapped or torn should be thrown away, he said, while fruit should be cut into small pieces.

Several local hospitals and medical clinics are providing free screening of candy.

Although RHA no longer sponsors trick-or-treating among the campus halls, the practice is still allowed under certain conditions, Nyla Ptoimey, RHA housing program supervisor, said. Four to five halls can trick-or-treat together if they receive approval from their individual resident director and assistant area coordinator, she said.

Although trick-or-treating and ghost stories may be forsaken Halloween traditions for many people, Texas A&M students can indulge in a variation of the festivities tonight with RHalloween.

Sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, RHalloween will feature such attractions as a scream contest, pie toss and costume contest, Veronica Simmons, RHA programs director, said.

Each booth, sponsored by two residence halls, will offer various prizes, including gift certificates from Garfields Restaurant, she said.

The event is free and will take place from 9 p.m. through midnight at the Grove tonight.

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Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, leader of the left-leaning Labor Party, has backed the idea of exchanging occupied lands for guarantees of peace with the Arabs. The rightist Likud coalition, led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, rejects the idea.

Israeli officials have said election day may bring an upsurge in violence in the 10-month Palestinian revolt against Israeli rule.

At least 305 Palestinians and six Israelis have died since the uprising, known by its Arab name "intefadeh," broke out Dec. 8.

An army spokesman said a Palestinian teen-ager died when soldiers fired plastic bullets on youths in the Christian village of Beit Sahur, the site of the fields where the Bible says shepherds first learned of the birth of Jesus.

The clash occurred after church services when youths organized a demonstration and dozens of military jeeps entered the village. The soldiers ordered the demonstrators and nearby residents to go inside their homes.

Instead, many took to rooftops and threw stones at the Israeli troops, while others waved Palestinian flags. Soldiers opened fire with plastic bullets, which are intended to injure without killing.

Village residents said Iyad Bishara Abu Sada, 18, was shot in the chest with a plastic bullet and died instantly. A second Palestinian was reported shot in the right arm.

Rioters set fires, shouted and whistled at troops, who declared the village a closed military area and ordered reporters out.