

Committee will study possibility of Fall Commencement ceremony

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A committee formed by the University's Campus Relations Office will soon begin studying the possibility of a Fall Commencement. A new format for both Fall and Spring Commencements will be developed to accommodate larger graduating classes because the switch to semesters will reduce the number of yearly commencements from four to two, said Leslie Cammauf, committee member. At registration, the committee distributed a questionnaire to students with the intent-to-graduate

card — otherwise known as a number 10 card, she said. Undergraduate Student Government President Emil Parvensky said students were asked to answer three questions:

- Would you like your diploma to be sent to you after graduation?
- Would you attend a Jan. 7 commencement?
- Would you return for the Spring commencement?

Parvensky said a Fall Commencement will be held if enough students request one. "There's a little discrepancy on the number of people," Parvensky

said. "In my own mind 200 to 250 is fine." Cammauf (senior-rehabilitation education) said she is not sure of the number of people needed to ensure a Fall Commencement. "I'd assume if it's a majority but I don't know," she said. James Dungan, secretary of the Calendar Conversion Council, said that no specific number has been established to determine the need of the Jan. 7 commencement. This number might be misconstrued because some students who intend to graduate did not attend the arena registration, Cammauf said.

ACCU-Weather sues USA Today to prevent contract cancellation

By The Associated Press

HARRISBURG — A privately-owned weather forecasting service has filed a federal court suit here to prevent USA Today from ending its contract. ACCU-Weather Inc. of State College said Gannett Co.'s national newspaper did not give adequate notice for the cancellation, due to take effect tomorrow. ACCU-Weather asked U.S. Middle District Court to enforce the contract and award the service compensation in excess of \$10,000. The service also demanded that its name be removed from USA Today ads if the contract is ended. A hearing is set for this afternoon before Judge Sylvia Rambo. The suit named Gannett Corp., a Gannett subsidiary and publisher of the Washington-based newspaper. The service said it entered a contract with USA Today

on Sept. 16, 1982, to provide weather data for one year at \$36,500. The information is used for the paper's "Weather Across the USA" page. In its suit, the weather service said the paper's weather page has become a popular feature and as a result has become "extremely valuable" to ACCU-Weather. The contract included an automatic renewal clause, but with a provision that either party could cancel with written notice. ACCU-Weather said it should have been given notice by Aug. 9. Since there was no notice, the contract remains in effect, said Barry Myers, ACCU-Weather's general counsel. He would not elaborate on when the service was notified of USA Today's intentions. ACCU-Weather said it was told by Gannett that USA Today would employ another weather forecasting service. ACCU-Weather asked the court to bar USA Today from using the current "Weather Across the USA" format unless ACCU-Weather supplies the information.

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Reagan: Marines not in combat situation

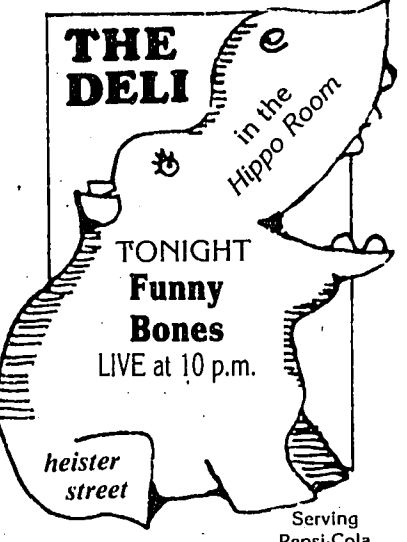
By TERENCE HUNT
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U.S. Marine Commander, Col. Timothy Geraghty tells reporters near Alpha Company position — where two Marines were killed Monday — that the U.S. forces will continue their mission in Lebanon. Serving as part of a peace-keeping force, the Marines are providing support for the government of Lebanon.

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — As U.S. Marines came under fire in Beirut for the third day, President Reagan refused yesterday to characterize the fighting as a combat situation subject to a congressional decision without the withdrawal of American troops. Instead, the president sent a letter to congressional leaders outlining the three days of fighting, in which two Marines were killed and 14 were wounded Monday. He said that by late yesterday a cease-fire was in effect in Beirut and firing on Marine positions had ceased. "In the meantime, U.S. forces will be prepared to exercise their right of self-defense should such attacks recur," the president said. "I believe the continued presence of these U.S. forces in Lebanon is essential to the objective of helping to restore the territorial integrity, sovereignty and political independence of Lebanon," Reagan wrote in letters to Senate and House leaders. "It is still not possible to predict the duration of the presence of these forces in Lebanon; we will continue to assess this question in the light of progress toward this objective," he said. From his vacation ranch high in the Santa Ynez mountains, Reagan recapped fighting that has enveloped the 1,200 U.S. Marines in Beirut since Sunday. He said U.S. Marines came under small-arms fire in the area of the Beirut airport Sunday and returned the fire and that there were no injuries to the Americans. In Monday's fighting, in which the two U.S. Marines were killed, the American positions came under mortar, rocket and small-arms fire, and several artillery rounds fell near the amphibious support ship two jima stationed offshore. Reagan said the Marines returned fire with

artillery, small arms and rocket fire from a helicopter gunship. There were additional exchanges of fire yesterday without injury to U.S. personnel, he said. White House spokesman Larry Speakes insisted that the Reagan administration was complying fully with the War Powers Act, although several influential members of Congress urged the president to invoke provisions of the law empowering Congress to order a withdrawal of American forces. "It is our opinion we are complying fully with the War Powers Resolution," Speakes said. "I believe the continued presence of these U.S. forces in Lebanon is essential to the objective of helping to restore the territorial integrity, sovereignty and political independence of Lebanon," Reagan wrote in letters to Senate and House leaders. "It is still not possible to predict the duration of the presence of these forces in Lebanon; we will continue to assess this question in the light of progress toward this objective," he said. From his vacation ranch high in the Santa Ynez mountains, Reagan recapped fighting that has enveloped the 1,200 U.S. Marines in Beirut since Sunday. He said U.S. Marines came under small-arms fire in the area of the Beirut airport Sunday and returned the fire and that there were no injuries to the Americans. In Monday's fighting, in which the two U.S. Marines were killed, the American positions came under mortar, rocket and small-arms fire, and several artillery rounds fell near the amphibious support ship two jima stationed offshore. Reagan said the Marines returned fire with



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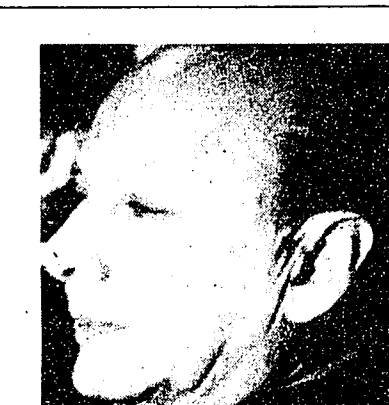
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Guerrillas assassinate Santiago, Chile, official

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Urban guerrillas firing automatic weapons assassinated the governor of Santiago as he left his home today, the government said. Carol Urzua, 37, a retired army major general, was shot in his car on the street where he lived. His chauffeur and his bodyguard also died in the attack, according to officials. Radio stations quoted witnesses as saying five men and a woman, all on foot, staged the attack in eastern Santiago, then escaped in three vehicles. Urzua was the military government's top official in the Santiago metropolitan region, where more than 4 million of the country's 11 million people live. The assassination of Urzua came a day after President Augusto Pinochet lifted a state of emergency, which had replaced a tougher state of siege in force since the 1973 coup, enabled military commanders to impose curfews and prohibit meetings to deal with threats to internal security. Alfonso Marquez de la Plata, the secretary general of government,



Carol Urzua said the slaying would not alter Pinochet's commitment to a political opening.

Polish officials halt Solidarity gathering

By BRYAN BRUMLEY
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WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Communist authorities yesterday blocked a Solidarity rally planned by labor leader Lech Walesa and lightened security throughout Poland on the eve of the outlawed union's third anniversary. Walesa dropped his plans to attend the rally, but said he may defy authorities when he marks the anniversary today at a wreath-laying ceremony before a monument to workers in Gdansk. "The government hopes there will be no demonstrations," he said. On the eve of the anniversary, Vatican newspapers called on the Warsaw government to open talks with workers and other groups, while leaders of the banned Workers' Union said they would appeal the government's decision to dissolve the group. Solidarity supporters are expected to mark the union anniversary with protests in Warsaw, Gdansk, Nowa Huta and other strongholds of the outlawed labor federation. The union's underground leaders have called for marches and a rush-hour boycott of public transport. Walesa had sought permission to stage a Solidarity anniversary rally outside the Lenin Shipyards in Gdansk, where records were signed three years ago to form the Soviet bloc's first independent trade union. The 39-year-old labor leader said instead he would attend an official wreath-laying ceremony at the nearby monument to workers. Communist Party authorities decided to commemorate workers this week, but Gdansk Communist Party authorities could not say yesterday what would appear at the event or what time it would start. "The ideals which Solidarity stood for still enjoy the full and sincere support of Polish society," he said. "The authorities are aware of this, and that is why they resort to such infamous decisions." Government spokesman Jerzy Urban told a news conference officials have taken security measures to "ensure peace" on the union anniversary, but he declined to give details.



Guards rounding up inmates after regaining control of the Corner Correctional Center in Hominy, Okla. After the prison's officials, with the assistance of the National Guard, quelled the prison, the inmates were loaded onto buses and taken to other state correctional facilities.

One dead in Oklahoma prison riot

By GIL BROYLES
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HOMINY, Okla. (AP) — National Guard troops helped round up prisoners today at an overcrowded Oklahoma prison where a dispute over food erupted into a "spontaneous" uprising that left one inmate dead, 23 injured and five buildings burned. Gov. George Nigh declared a state of emergency in the early hours today as authorities re-entered the prison compound 30 miles northwest of Tulsa and regained control. Shortly after 3 a.m., shirtless inmates were led out of the prison in small groups under heavy guard. They were led with cord, searched and loaded onto National Guard buses, which shuttled them to other state facilities. Prisoners lined against a fence as authorities prepared to load them onto the buses shouted reporters that they had been "shot down." Meachum said the rioting seemed to be "spontaneous." "There was no structure, no leadership, no demands," he said. No reports of inmates having guns were made, he said, but officials were unsure about other weapons. "The only gunshots came from police and guards who said they mainly fired into the air." No hostages were taken by the prisoners. All 150 prison employees were accounted for after the disturbance broke out, Corrections Department spokeswoman Joyce Jackson said. The dead prisoner was identified as Greg Hodges, 27. Hominy hospital administrator Dennis James said Hodges had been shot in the chest and face. Three guards were treated at a local hospital. National Guard troops bolstered the ranks of about 120 guards, local police and highway patrolmen. All power was out at the prison at one point and Civil Defense authorities brought in lighting units, Reid said. Helicopters hovered over the prison shining search lights around the area.