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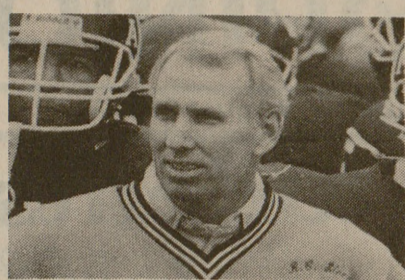
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U.N. secretary-general, Iraqi minister discuss crisis

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar will meet Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz to discuss the Persian Gulf crisis, a U.N. spokesman said Sunday.
The secretary-general will meet with Aziz Thursday in the Jordanian capital, Amman, "in order to engage in a full exchange of views on the crisis," said the spokeswoman, Nadia Younes.

Perez de Cuellar, who returned to New York Sunday from South America, was in contact with Iraqi and other officials, she said.
The crisis was set off by Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait, which has been condemned by the United Nations in a series of resolutions.
On Saturday, Perez de Cuellar said in Bogota, Colombia, that he had asked the Iraqi minister to meet to discuss the situation. Younes would not comment on Iraqi

President Saddam Hussein's statement Saturday that he would welcome a visit by the U.N. chief.
Saddam's statement came in Baghdad, where he was asked by reporters traveling with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim whether he would agree to meet with the U.N. secretary-general in Iraq.
"Of course," Saddam replied, "The U.N. secretary-general is always welcome." He was quoted by the official Iraqi News Agency.
The news agency said Saddam was refer-

ring to Perez de Cuellar —not Waldheim, the former secretary-general — but provided no further details.
Saddam's news conference came at the end of a one-day visit by Waldheim, who flew out of Baghdad with 100 Austrian nationals who had been stranded there.
Perez de Cuellar made his offer hours after the U.N. Security Council authorized the use of military force to enforce the trade embargo against Iraq to punish Saddam for his Aug. 2 invasion of neighboring Kuwait.

"I believe that after the resolutions adopted by the Security Council, the time has come for the secretary-general to begin diplomatic efforts to alleviate the present crisis in the gulf in all aspects, through the process of dialogue," the secretary-general said.
In Kennebunkport, Maine, White House spokesman Roman Popadiuk said Saturday that Washington welcomes a "discussion by all U.N. members in the context of the complete and immediate and unconditional withdrawal" of Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

News continues at A&M during summer

Much has happened at Texas A&M during the summer months.
Because many students, faculty and staff members were away from campus, the following is a compilation of major news events at A&M since the end of classes in the spring.
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• Nine delegates from Kazan, Soviet Union, visited the local area from May 5 to 12. The Russian delegation and local officials signed a

document establishing Bryan-College Station and Kazan as sister cities. Kazan State University and A&M also were designated as sister universities.
• Dr. M.T. "Tom" Harrington, Class of '22 and a founder of the Texas A&M University System, died May 14. Harrington served as president of the System and the University and was second chancellor of the System.

• Texas A&M Faculty Senate members recommended during a May meeting that bonfire's volume should be reduced by 50 percent and grade requirements should be imposed on those who build the spirit symbol.
• The Faculty Senate also voted during the May meeting to replace the present grade scale with a 13-level scale. The new scale would in-

clude A+, A and A-. An A+ would be equal to 4.33 grade points, an A would be equal to 4.0 and an A- would be equal to 3.67 grade points, and so on down the scale.
• A&M University System Regents adopted a drug policy aimed at curtailing drug use among employees and students. The policy also
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Poll samples opinions on conference changes

By CHRIS VAUGHN
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Texas A&M President William H. Mobley and University of Texas President William Cunningham said Friday the Southwest Conference's two biggest schools would stay put, which exactly half the students polled in last week's Battalion Poll support.

The poll, conducted before the presidents' announcement, also revealed that more students prefer A&M join the Pacific-10 Conference than any other conference if A&M leaves the troubled SWC. But Friday's announcement by the universities' presidents ends that speculation for now.

When students were asked if A&M should leave the SWC, 50 percent said no, 38 percent said yes, and 12 percent had no opinion.

When asked what conference A&M should join if it decides to bolt from the SWC, 42 percent said the PAC-10, 35 percent said the Southeast Conference, and 23 percent said another conference.

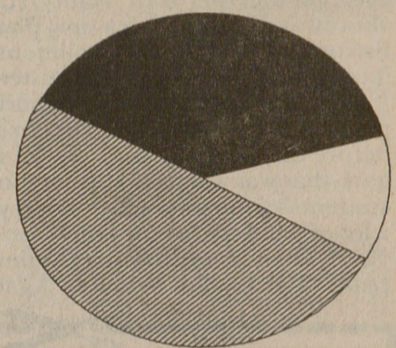
But questions about whether A&M and UT will leave the SWC were answered Friday when Mobley and Cunningham issued a joint statement saying they "are committed to doing everything possible to strengthen the conference and make it successful."

The SWC's troubles began earlier this summer when the University of Arkansas, a charter member of the SWC, leaped to the Southeastern Conference. Arkansas officially leaves the SWC next year.

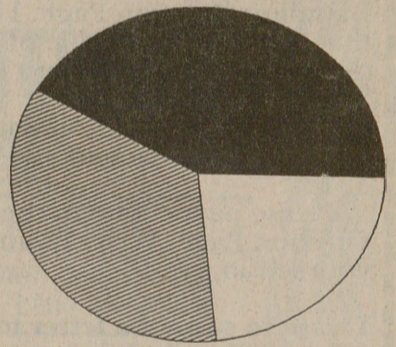
Talk then arose about A&M and UT also leaving the conference.

Meetings were held between A&M and UT officials and PAC-10 representatives, but the PAC-10 schools, which include Stanford, University of Washington, University of Arizona and University of Southern California, decided against expansion.

Texas legislative members, including House Speaker Gib Lewis, also threatened legal and financial action against A&M and UT if they left the SWC.



Should the Aggies leave the SWC?
■ 38% Yes
■ 50% No
□ 12% No opinion



If so, to which other collegiate conference?
■ 42% Pac-10
■ 35% SEC
□ 23% Other

Though Mobley's and Cunningham's statement said the two universities will stay with the 76-year-old league, things must change.

Among the presidents' suggestions for the conference's survival were expansion, possibly with the Big Eight or several East Coast
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Cadets learn basics during orientation



D-1 Commanding officer Ben Hewlett leads his freshmen in their first Corps hump-it before taking an oath and marching in a review at Simpson Drill Field. For a closer look at the Corps' Freshman Orientation Week see tomorrow's Battalion.

By ISSELLE MCALLISTER
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Parading their new military skills on Gen. Ormond R. Simpson Drill Field, Corps of Cadets freshmen marked the end of Freshman Orientation Week and the beginning of the school year during Friday's Freshman Review.
FOW Commander Conrado Alvarado praised the cadets in a short motivational address for meeting the goals of the week. Maj. Gen. Thomas Darling also administered the Corps of Cadets' oath, which the freshmen repeated in unison.

Besides teaching the fundamentals of marching and drills, FOW helps the cadets deal with the "culture shock" they experience in the transition from civilian to military life, Alvarado said.
FOW is the hardest week of the year, he ex-

plained. The freshmen had activities from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
The Corps loses many cadets during the week, he said, but this year it retained more than 95 percent of its recruits.
"The hardest thing about Freshman Orientation Week is that you don't run your own life anymore," Corps Commander Jonathan Whittles said.
The cadets must learn how to be led before they can learn how to lead, Whittles said.
Freshman Jason Viel of Plano described the training as "intense."
"It was a lot of work, but it will be worth it," Viel added.
Alvarado said the trainers stressed the importance of academics during the orientation week.
"You can't major in the Corps," he said.
Trainers also stressed the Aggie code of

honor, he said, and the importance of living by moral principles.
To get the cadets prepared for the semester, the freshmen met with advisers to schedule classes. The cadets also bought books and parking permits and learned what duties were expected of them as freshmen in the Corps.
But not all of FOW was work, Alvarado said. The cadets listened to interesting and motivating speakers and participated in recreational activities, such as mixers, football games and water fights.
Whittles said although FOW is 13 years old, this is only the second year for Fish Review. The response has been great, and the Corps plans to continue it, he said.
"It gives the fish something to look forward to," Alvarado said.

All-U Night at Kyle Field raises spirit

All-University Night at Kyle Field will be broadcast on Home Sports Entertainment's R.C. Slocum show tonight, said Tim Sweeney, associate director of Student Activities and adviser for the yell leaders.

The spirit-raising event, sponsored by the yell leaders, begins at 6:55 p.m., and head football coach R.C. Slocum will speak. His comments to the audience will be broadcast on HSE about 7:30 p.m., Sweeney said.

Also speaking are Student Body President Ty Clevenger, University President Dr. William H. Mobley, women's athletics head coach Lynn Hickey and Kermit Davis, men's basketball coach.

The yell leaders will lead a yell practice, and the Aggie band will play at the annual event.

The Howdy Dance follows All-University night. The dance will last until midnight at the Texas Hall of Fame.

Correction

A story in Wednesday's Battalion incorrectly stated the graduation rate for minority students.

Statistics used in the article were percentages of freshman students who progress to the sophomore level.

The story should have said that 86 percent of African-American students, 87 percent of Hispanic students and 90 percent of non-minority students stay at Texas A&M past their freshman year.

The Battalion regrets the error.

Services held

Funeral services were Saturday in Dumas for a Texas A&M senior who died Aug. 22 in Florida.

Robert Charles Phillips, a 22 year old from Dumas, was a marketing major at A&M.

Doctors ruled Phillips suffered from a brain tumor.