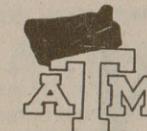


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Mobley opts for AIDS education programs

By CHRIS VAUGHN
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Condom machines in Texas A&M buildings won't become a reality now that A&M President William Mobley nixed the AIDS committee recommendation to put condom machines in residence halls and other heavily populated buildings.

Mobley, who announced the new University AIDS policy Monday, instead opted for educational measures to cope with the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome problem.

The president said condom machines in residence halls and other highly populated buildings are not necessary because condoms are readily available to students at locations surrounding the campus.

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pleased with Mobley's decision, despite the failure of the condom machine recommendation.

"The committee knew it would be unusual if the president approved and put into effect every one of our recommendations," Gaston said. "I think they will still be pleased."

As part of the new AIDS policy aimed at education, a class in the health department about all sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, is planned for the spring.

University Regulations for students and the Policy and Procedures Manual for faculty

and staff now will include a six-page section devoted to AIDS and related problems, such as discrimination.

The policy states that A&M shall not discriminate against any student, employee or future employee because of AIDS or HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus).

Dr. Kenneth Dirks, A.P. Beutel Health Center director and committee member, said he strongly supported the anti-discrimination portion of the policy.

"There's no reason to discriminate against someone's educational opportunity," Dirks said. "You can't get AIDS sitting in a classroom."

Vice President for Student Services John Koldus also has been asked to begin implementing more programs, such as workshops, conferences and orientations, aimed at educating students about the dangers of AIDS.

"We wanted these opportunities to be used to remind students of the consequences of certain behavior," Gaston said. "We have a sophisticated student body, but young people have a tendency to believe they're immune to harm. There's a sense of immortality. Educa-

tion is a constant requirement."

KAMU-TV and KAMU-FM also have joined in the educational efforts as they program more shows and commercials about the deadly disease.

Mobley and Dirks both said the health center will continue to play a vital role in dispensing information about the disease. The center also does confidential AIDS testing and counseling.

"I think education is the proper approach to handling the problem," Dirks said. "I'm convinced that when Aggies know the facts, they make good decisions."

Gaston also agreed.

"I think education will help," he said. "It would be too optimistic to say that none of our students would get AIDS, but our goal is to make that happen."

The University AIDS committee, which included faculty, staff and students, was appointed by former A&M President Frank Vandiver two years ago.

More space now available for parking

Bicycle lanes created, garages completed

By KATHY COX
Of The Battalion Staff

Changes made by the Department of Parking, Transit and Traffic Services at A&M have created more parking spaces for off-campus students.

Completion of the 2,000 space on-campus student parking garage on the south side of campus has helped clear space for more off-campus student parking spaces, Tom Williams, director of PTTS, said.

Williams also said the railroad right of way on Wellborn Road across from Kyle Field has been prepared and designated as off-campus student parking.

Additional spaces also were allocated to off-campus students since new bike lanes on campus took the place of some off-campus parking spaces, he said.

The new bike lanes on Bizzell, New Main Drive, Coke and Ross were created to help make traveling on campus easier for bicyclists and to make the campus look better, Williams said.

In another change, PTTS will start enforcing parking rules on the weekends.

Williams said parking on the weekends had become chaotic, and fire and emergency vehicle teams were concerned they could not get to residence halls if an emergency occurred.

"We need to keep order in the parking areas seven days a week," he said.

PTTS mailed parking tags to students along with a map designating lots in which each permit holder can park.

Students already should be displaying their parking tags, Williams said, and those who have not purchased a tag can buy one at Rudder Tower.

Problems in construction of a parking lot next to the tennis courts has delayed the opening of the lot, Williams said, but it is scheduled for completion next week.

Williams said he believes the changes, including the parking garages, bike lanes, expanded bus services and enforcement of rules will help transportation at A&M.

"I think we're getting off to a good start," he said.

Marshall: Sprinklers make dorms safer

By CHRIS VAUGHN
Of The Battalion Staff

Texas A&M's crowded residence halls, exempt from city building codes, would be much safer if sprinkler systems were installed, the College Station Fire Department's fire marshalls said.

None of A&M's residence halls have sprinkler systems, including the newer four-story modular dorms like McFadden, Neely, Hobby, Rudder and Haas.

If the buildings were off campus they would have to have sprinklers, but they are exempt from city building requirements because they are on state property.

College Station Deputy Fire Marshal Bland Ellen said sprinkler systems would improve the chances of his department, which responds to fire alarms on campus, controlling a fire.

"I don't know if it's unsafe, but I believe sprinkler systems would make it safer," Ellen said. "That's the reason we (College Station) require them. A&M may never have a problem. But if it did, it would be much easier to contain if sprinkler systems were in place, especially in places with a high life hazard."

College Station Fire Marshall

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Fall enrollment breaks record

A record 40,129 students were registered at Texas A&M as of the start of Monday's classes, according to University figures.

Executive Director of Admissions and Records Gary R. Engelgau noted that the Fall 1990 first-day figure is 1,111 more than last year's first-day total.

Final enrollment totals will not

be determined until the 12th day of class, the official reporting period of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Engelgau said he expects the final figure for the fall semester to be about 41,000.

A&M enrolled 40,492 students as of the 12th class day last year.

All Spirit at All-U



Jr. Yell Leader Kerry Cox, an Agricultural Business major from Amarillo, whoops it up during

All-University Night held Monday Aug. 27 at Kyle Field.

Photo by Scott D. Weaver

Fifty-two Americans escape Iraq, arrive in Turkey

Fifty-two exhausted Americans reached freedom in Turkey on Monday after an ordeal in Iraq and occupied Kuwait, and U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said "it is time for diplomacy" to resolve the Persian Gulf crisis.

World markets rebounded and oil prices fell, apparently on the rare good news from the Middle East. But there were threatening developments as well.

Baghdad detained three young men, the sons of American diplomats, at the Turkish border, separating them from their families.

The State Department ordered the expulsion of 36 Iraqi diplomats — two-thirds of the Iraqi Embassy

staff in Washington — and imposed travel restrictions on those remaining.

In Kuwait, diplomats waged a test of wills for a third day with Iraqi authorities demanding that they close their embassies. France, protesting the worsening situation at the Kuwait missions, said it would ask the United Nations to send envoys to help the besieged diplomats.

President Bush was pessimistic about prospects for a diplomatic settlement to the crisis. "I don't particularly see more hope now," he said Monday.

In the gritty reaches of the Saudi Arabian desert, the pace of the U.S. troop deployment was as blistering

as the temperatures. Army Maj. Gen. Gus Pagonis, in charge of logistics for the U.S. forces, said an average of 50 U.S. transport flights were arriving daily.

Those Americans who arrived safely in Turkey on Monday began their journey last week as a group of 100 American diplomats and dependents who left Kuwait after Iraq's embassy-closing order. In Baghdad, Iraq detained the men but allowed the 55 women and children to leave.

Then, at the Turkish border — after a grueling 27-hour, 430-mile overland trip from Baghdad — three young men over the age of 18 were "forcibly removed" and sent back to the Iraqi capital, the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait.

Washington angrily accused Baghdad of having "once again renege on its pledge" of free passage for the dependents. The 52 who got through to Turkey were taken to a NATO base in Incirlik to await a flight home Tuesday. Base spokeswoman Marty Davis said they were swimming, relaxing, and having "pizza and ice cream cones."

Their ordeal — coupled with other Iraqi actions against diplomats — angered American officials.

Hungary and Nigeria said Monday they were temporarily suspending embassy operations in Kuwait.

Iraq to withdraw from occupied Kuwait and for military enforcement of the trade-embargo against Iraq.

"We expect these discussions to focus around the U.N. resolutions and take place within the context of a complete and immediate unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait," Fitzwater told reporters here.

Fitzwater also said Bush would extend his planned one-day visit to Washington this week, remaining in the capital from Tuesday afternoon until Thursday afternoon for meetings on the Mideast, budget and other matters of a "routine nature."

Fitzwater denied that the president's decision to extend his Washington stay was in response to criticism that Bush has continued to vacation while sending U.S. troops to the Persian Gulf.

"It just makes common sense" for Bush to conduct meetings and other business while he's in Washington, Fitzwater said.

Bush was expected to talk by telephone to Perez de Cuellar later Monday, Fitzwater said.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater welcomed the decision of U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar to meet Thursday with Iraq's foreign minister but said "it remains to be seen" whether the talks are likely to offer a promising resolution of the crisis.

"Certainly we are pleased with the role the U.N. is taking at this point," Fitzwater said.

However, he indicated that the United States expects Perez de Cuellar to hold firm to the U.N. call for

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"We're trying to provide security and mobility for these students," he said. "It's a positive effort."

Williams said off-campus students who study at the library at night or need to have access to University computers will find the service useful because they can stay on campus

later.

The original Dial-A-Ride service,

which began in Fall 1989, provides

free rides to locations on main and west campus from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Sunday through Thursday.

Students can call 847-RIDE and talk to the driver who will come pick them up.

"People like being able to call and talk to a person instead of just waiting for a bus," Williams said. "It's a more personalized service."

New expanded services offer rides from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Friday to off-campus locations along the regular shuttle bus routes.

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Dial-A-Ride service must have a bus

pass or a one-ride coupon.

Williams said bus operations will use the small buses or vans at first, while demand for the extended service is being determined.

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Traci Faust, a freshman from Garland, steps up into the Dial-A-Ride bus Monday night near the Fish Pond. Bus Operations has added night service this year.

Photo by Sondra Robbins

Bush says negotiations at standstill in Mideast

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) — President Bush said Monday he holds out little hope that a U.N.-sponsored search for a diplomatic settlement in the Persian Gulf will result in "fruitful negotiations."

He said the demand of the United Nations and the United States for a complete Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait is not subject to negotiations.

And Iraq's Saddam Hussein "has been so resistant to complying with international law that I don't yet see fruitful negotiations," Bush said.

"There is no flexibility on Iraq getting out of Kuwait and the rulers (of Kuwait) being permitted to come back," Bush said.

The president commented during a news conference with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, who came by Bush's vacation home to consult on the crisis.

Asked if he was more optimistic now than earlier about a diplomatic settlement, Bush said:

"I don't particularly see more hope now. ... It's so clear that what the world is demanding of Saddam Hussein (is): 'Get out of Kuwait and restore the rightful leaders to their place.'"

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