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U.N. attack destroys Somalian warlord command post

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOGADISHU, Somalia - U.N. heliwords a renegade warlord's command center Monday, and angry Somalis turned on journalists and killed at least two — an ssociated Press photographer and a Reuters photographer.

Two other foreign journalists were missing and feared dead. Two more suffered stab and bullet wounds.

Supporters of warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid claimed 73 Somalis died and 200 were wounded by the U.N. attack. But U.N. officials said their troops counted 13 dead Somalis and 11 wounded at

Enraged mob kills two journalists, two more missing after assault

the villa after the 17-minute attack by American helicopters and soldiers.

A U.N. spokeswoman, Maj. Leann Swieczkowski, said damage was confined to the villa, which Aidid's fighters were using as a command center.

Aidid's gunmen have been blamed for attacks that killed 35 U.N. soldiers and wounded 137 the last five weeks, plunging Mogadishu back into the chaos that prevailed before a U.S.-led military force intervened in December. U.N. troops began trying to reassert control a week ago.

In London, a group loyal to Aidid issued a statement saying his militiamen would continue attacks until all U.N.

troops leave Somalia. Aidid has accused U.N. officials of being biased toward his rivals in the civil war that ravaged this impoverished country in the Horn of Africa.

After the U.N. attack, people claiming to be Aidid supporters escorted nine or 10 journalists to the scene to inspect the damage, but the five media cars were shot at and then swarmed over by more than 100 angry Somalis armed with guns and knives. Some of the journalists sped away under fire, but several were cut off.

Somali interpreters employed by The Associated Press returned to the area and reported seeing the body of Hansi Krauss, a 30-year-old AP photographer from Ger-

many. The body of photographer Dan Eldon, a U.S.-British citizen who worked for Reuters out of Kenya, was recovered by U.N. forces. He appeared to have been beaten with stones and rifle butts.

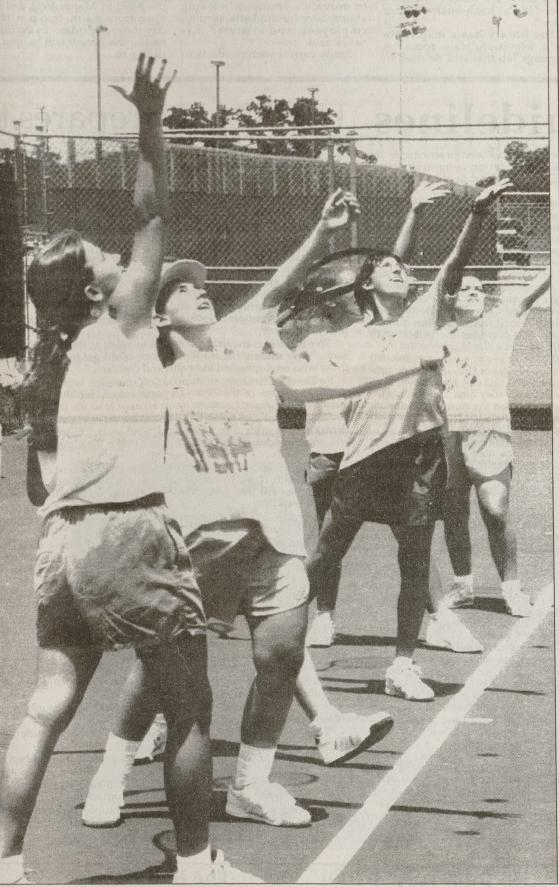
Somali employees for foreign news agencies said they saw the bodies of two other foreigners in the street outside the attacked villa. Two other Kenya-based Reuters employees, photographer Hosea D. Maina and Anthony Macharia, a Reuters TV soundman, were missing, but the agency said it had not confirmed the bodies were theirs.

Mohamed Shaffi, another Reuters TV soundman from Kenya, was stabbed, shot in the leg and stoned but was rescued by colleagues and taken to a U.S. Army field hospital. Scott Peterson, an American reporter for The Daily Telegraph of London, was treated for a machete cut on his head.

The U.N. special envoy to Somalia, retired U.S. Adm. Jonathan Howe, described the deaths of the journalists as "an outrageous and barbaric attack on in-nocent people doing their work honestly and professionally" to bring Somalia's problems to world attention.

Howe, who has ordered Aidid's arrest, stepped up the hunt Saturday by announcing a \$25,000 reward for information on his whereabouts. Aidid's supporters say he remains in southern Mogadishu, his stronghold.

Tennis anyone?



Attendees of the Texas A&M Tennis Camp line up to practice their serves. There are waiting lists for all four sessions of the week-long camp, which is considered to be one of the best in the nation. This particular group is being taught by Leslye Beck (not pictured), a junior journalism/English major from College Station.

Agency finds unethical study

A&M professor accused of violating medical laws in Taiwan

By JASON COX

Scientists Against Research Fraud (SARF), a university research monitoring agency, is alleging that a Texas A&M University professor participated in unethical activities while in Taiwan during the late '80s.

Dr. Gene L. Trupin, coordinator of SARF, said Dr. George Chiou, head of the department of pharmacology and toxicology at Texas A&M University's school of Medicine, bypassed normal procedure and assisted in testing experimental glucagon eyedrops on Taiwanese subjects without permission from the Taiwanese gov-ernment, or the appropriate A&M and federal agencies.

"We're not trying to cause problems, but we thought the lo-

cal community should have some knowledge of what is going on," said Trupin. "Public scrutiny can help bring about justice."

The purpose of the study was to determine whether diabetic patients suffering from hypo-glycemia could be treated on an emergency basis with eyedrops, rather than injection.

Chiou refers to his role in the matter as a co-investigator, providing animal research data so that others might coordinate a plan for experimentation. The actual clinical trials were conducted by Drs. L. M. Chuang and H. P. Wu, without Chiou's direct participation. Chiou stated in a letter to Texas A&M's Institutional Review Board (IRB) that all patients were thoroughly informed by Chuang as to the nature of the experi-ments and agreed to participate in the one time trials.

The Taiwan Department of Health took disciplinary action against Chuang, Wu and National Taiwan University, charging them with a violation of a medical law that requires advance approval from the Department of Health. Chiou was not brought up on charges in Taiwan.

A sub-committee of the IRB was established in May 1990 to review and evaluate allegations that Chiou had departed from set policies and procedures for research involving human subjects. The committee's final report found that Chiou was not in compliance with approved University regulations when he participated in a consulting capacity to Taiwan University College of Medicine.

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Tenure policy now stresses teaching

By MICHELE BRINKMANN

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Texas A&M University officials say they are ahead of other universities throughout the nation in re-evaluating their tenure policies as a result of the growing "publish or perish" attitude on campuses.

"We already revised our policy to emphasize teaching," Senior Vice President and Provost Dr. E.

Associate Provost and Dean of Faculties Dr. William L. Perry said, "I believe that our policies are consistent with standard practices of other Uni-

In May 1993, a revised set of guidelines concerning the evaluation of teaching in tenure decisions was added to the Guidelines for Managing, Tenure and Promotion booklet that was sent by Perry along with two memorandums to University deans and department heads. The last revision of the tenure poli-

Dr. Wendy Wood, professor of psychology, said she is impressed with how carefully research, teaching and service are evaluated throughout the

But Speaker of Faculty Senate Dr. James Morgan

said the tenure policy still needs to be improved.
"Our policy is good, but the implementation isn't carried through," Morgan said. "They do try. The problem is that it's easier to measure research than it is to measure teaching."

Dr. Karl G. Hursey and Dr. Wendy Stock recently left A&M for other positions after they were denied tenure because they did not meet the research requirements within the psychology department. They criticized the tenure policy for placing too much emphasis on empirical research and not enough on teaching.

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A&M to assist USDA in cattle research

By JAMES BERNSEN

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture is sponsoring research to further the knowledge of cattle genetics, and Texas A&M will play an important role in the coordination of the program.

Dr. James Womack, W.P. Luse professor of Veterinary Pathology, has been named coordinator of the USDA's National Animal Genome Research Program's effort to develop a genetic map of

"The purpose of the map is to locate economically important traits in cattle," Womack said. "If a need for a certain trait like a different fat content arises, we can produce animals with the trait in just one generation instead of several, as it takes through conventional breeding."

A&M will also be used as a center to coordinate databases and distribute genetic material, Womack said.

With the map, breeders will be able to change the cattle's characteristics to produce a better beefsteak, as well as increase resistance to disease.

Dr. Gary Adams, professor of Veterinary Pathology, said the genetic map of cattle will be very important in reducing tuberculosis in cattle, a disease which is increasing in cattle as well as humans.

"People often get tuberculosis from cattle as well as other diseases," Adams said. "If we can make cattle genetically resistant to such diseases, it will reduce the occurrences in humans of such diseases.

Adams said approximately two

million cattle are shipped up from Mexico every year, and some are smuggled past inspectors who would identify the animals with tuberculosis.

"If we can isolate the gene that controls resistance," Adams said, we can distribute material for artificial insemination worldwide to combat this problem."

Adams, along with Dr. Joe Templeton, also of Veterinary Pathology, is currently working on locating the gene that controls resistance to brucellosis disease, which causes abortions in cattle.

"We've never, ever managed disease by making animals more resistant, and this is what were

trying to do," Adams said. The Animal Genome Project will coordinate all similar

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University to participate in nationwide study

By REAGON CLAMON

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Texas A&M faculty and administrators will have the opportunity to influence federal poliy as participants in a nationwide project to study the problems U.S. universities face juggling their mission to educate and their mission to research.

The study is a joint project between the National Science Board and the Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable (NSB/GUIRR) to develop new policies that research-sponsoring agencies could follow to al-

leviate the stress put on universities.

Dr. Roger Ulrich, associate dean of the College of Architecture, presented the Faculty Sen-

ate with the project at their Monday meeting.

Project members are directed by the NSB/GUIRR guidelines to recommend policy changes at the federal level to ease the pressure put on universities by scientific research. Ulrich said this part of the project is "un-

Eleven other universities will join A&M in

the study, including Stanford, Yale, and the University of Wisconsin. Ulrich said the focus of the project is re-

search, but there are many "teaching related issues that are to be addressed." Ulrich said the project mainly focuses on

engineering and the sciences, explicitly ignoring the humanities.

Ulrich said the study was a great opportunity for Texas A&M, but that the deadline for

presenting A&M's recommendations to the

NSB/GUIRR will be difficult to meet

"The less good news is that the
(NSC/GUIRR) have imposed a fairly Draconian time frame for this project," Ulrich said. The final report from the University has to be

in at Washington by October, and if we're late we don't contribute.

The Texas A&M project members are charged by the study to discuss seven topics and have created seven subcommittees to explore each one.

Some of these topics and subcommittees include:

· Priorities: To explore how institutions prioritize areas of focus in research and education and the ramifications of these priorities.

· Research and undergraduate education: To explore what institutions and research sponsors can do to improve the quality of undergraduate education.

•The community of scholars: What should institutions and research sponsors be doing to improve the sense of community among scholars on campus, including issues of increased participation of women, minorities and younger researcher's research at the university.

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Tuesday: partly cloudy

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 Forecast for Wednesday: partly cloudy, highs in the 90s to near 100. Hot!!

 Your Battalion extended forecast: Same old stuff, partly cloudy, highs in the 90s, lows in the 70s

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