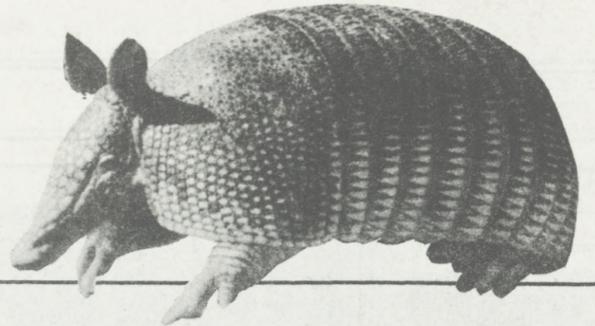


Research protects endangered animals

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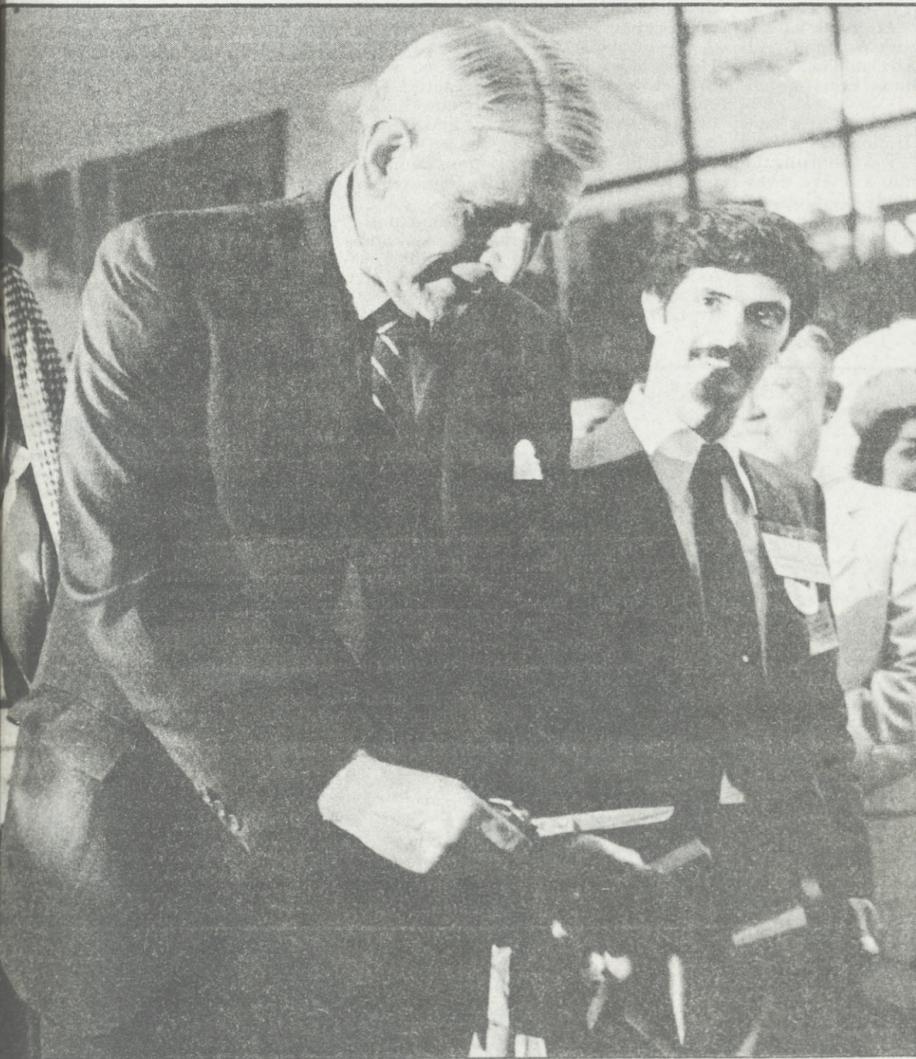
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International Week begins

President Frank Vandiver cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony of International Week, in the MSC, this morning. Seen looking on is Oussama Qawsmi, chairman of the cultural

displays. Qawsmi is a graduate student from Palestine. Aside from the cultural displays in the MSC, is an international talent and costume show, and a food fair.

Paratroopers killed in parachute drop

United Press International
FORT IRWIN, Calif. — Four paratroopers were killed and 71 injured in war games in the Mojave Desert — the largest airdrop since World War II — but an Army general denied the soldiers were dropped into dangerous winds.

Reporters said cold winds were gusting up to 40 mph Tuesday as little as an hour before the nearly 3,000 troopers of the famed 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, N.C., bailed out of their 90 Air Force C-141 cargo planes.

But Army Gen. Robert Kingston said winds were at an acceptable velocity shortly before the jump at 6:05 a.m. PST.

Kingston, commander of the Rapid Deployment Force, whose military readiness is being tested in the Gallant Eagle 82 war games, said two soldiers died because their parachutes did not open and one was killed when he landed on a piece of heavy equipment. The fourth victim was killed, or seriously injured, on impact, then was dragged by his parachute.

"This is why airborne soldiers get intensive training with frequent parachute jumps," Kingston said. "Paratroopers get hazardous duty pay because it is hazardous duty — otherwise the Army wouldn't pay them hazardous duty pay."

Kingston told reporters winds were about 7 mph in one of the two jump areas and 11.5 mph in the other.

He said 14.9 mph is considered the maximum allowable wind velocity in peacetime training exercises.

Volatile Palestine issue heats up A&M debate

by Laura Williams
Battalion Staff

"The Middle East: Where to Draw the Line" was the issue, and over 300 people attended a heated debate pre-

Palestine Liberation Organization's Information office in Washington, D.C., debated Palestine's right to statehood for more than an hour as audience members shouted comments and interrupted with applause more than 10 times.

Many participants were asked to be seated as they shouted accusations toward the speakers, and one man was removed from the theater.

"The only Arab who got his land back from the Jews was Sadat," Schoenbrun said. "Why? Because he offered his hand in peace." Schoenbrun said the Palestinians would never obtain statehood through violent means.

Hussain countered saying: "Nobody leaves his home or farm because someone tells him to get out. They fight for it, and so will the people of Palestine."

"The house of Israel has been built on the ashes of the house of Palestine," he said in opposition to Schoenbrun's claim that Palestinians were destroying Israel while trying to form their own country.

In 1948 a United Nation's partition ended British control of the countries of Palestine, Egypt and Jordan, and the country of Israel was

formed and Israeli occupation of Palestine began. Egypt and Jordan became Arab states.

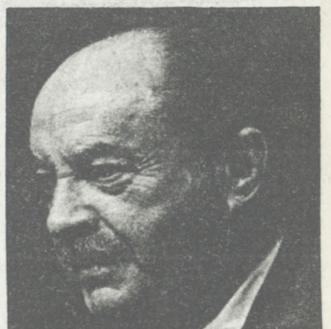
"Palestine has always been a geographic area. It has never been a state



Dr. Hatem I. Hussain

presented by MSC Political Forum Committee in Rudder Theater Tuesday night.

David Schoenbrun, long-time journalist in the Middle East, and Dr. Hatem I. Hussain, director of the



David Schoenbrun

with its own government," Schoenbrun said, defending the Israeli occupation of Palestine. "The people of Palestine will be more likely to gain their own state if they recognize the right of Israel to exist as a state."

Target 2000 completes preliminary talks

Group writing draft

by Hope Paasch
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Battalion Staff

A comprehensive plan for Texas A&M University's next two decades came one step closer to completion Tuesday when part of the Target 2000 Project completed its preliminary discussions.

Target 2000 was created by the Board of Regents last year to define problems the System may face in the next 20 years and to recommend solutions for them.

The project's engineering task force wound up its meeting when the chairman, Kenneth E. Montague, appointed a committee to write a first draft of the task force's report.

The draft will be completed by the end of May. The task force cancelled its next meeting, scheduled for May 6, and decided to vote on its report July 8.

After the report is approved, it will be sent to the Target 2000 executive committee, which will combine and edit the reports of all three task forces and submit a finished proposal to the regents.

The final report is expected by December. The engineering task force is one of three such groups within the project; it focuses on the Texas Engineering Extension Service, the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, the Texas Transportation Institute and the Texas A&M College of Engineering.

On Tuesday, task force members discussed a number of proposals which may be included in the task force's final report. Among those proposals are:

- A recommendation for an advanced-technology industrial complex in College Station;
- A request that the ceiling on the amount of money a professor can earn from honorariums — usually money earned from speaking engagements — and consulting jobs be raised from its present limit of \$5,800;
- A plan for a public affairs office to publicize System efforts in research and development; and
- Suggestions for strengthening System programs in professional continuing education, which is keeping engineers and mana-

gers abreast of the latest developments in their fields.

Those proposals, and others, will be considered by a drafting committee but they may not be included in the task force's final report. None of the recommendations was presented in its final form Tuesday and none of them was specific.

Task force members said the proposals were meant as broad guidelines for the development of a final report.

Another part of the project is still in the discussion stage. The academic task force, which deals with the System's four campuses — Texas A&M University, Prairie View A&M University, Tarleton State University and Texas A&M University at Galveston — spent Monday and Tuesday discussing the System's problems. However, task force members said they need at least one more meeting before they will be able to write a preliminary report.

At the task force wrap-up meeting Tuesday, work groups delivered reports which contained ideas for discussion at future meetings. The task force may endorse none of the ideas; it could accept some or all of them.

The reports included:

Admission and Records: The committee said that more undergraduate courses in marine sciences are necessary and that the library at Texas A&M-Galveston is "completely unacceptable." It cited problems at the College Station campus, including too few endowments, a perception of deterioration of standards, a possible decline in teaching effectiveness, and defective promotion policies. It also recommended that the System consider not hiring professors who cannot speak English well.

Student Services: The group endorsed maintenance of the ROTC program and suggested that new dormitories be equipped with telecommunications devices to allow students to audit some courses from their dorm rooms. It also raised the possibility of moving the School of Veterinary Medicine to Tarleton State and changing that school's name to Texas A&M-Stephenville. Finally, it suggested raising admission requirements at Prairie View.

Work groups examine agricultural topics

by Johna Jo Maurer
Battalion Staff

A Target 2000 group will soon have proposals to hopefully solve foreseen problems of the future at Texas A&M University System.

The agriculture task force work groups Tuesday completed their preliminary discussion of proposals which will eventually be submitted to the System Board of Regents for possible implementation.

Agriculture task force members focus on the agricultural extension service, the agricultural experiment station and the College of Agriculture.

Each task force is divided into work groups which limit discussion to specific topics.

Four work groups — mission and programs, clientele served, resources, and organization, management and interagency relations — will now begin writing reports of their recommendations to be presented at the next Target 2000 meeting May 26-27.

Recommendations proposed by the missions and programs work group include a national study to assess the actual cost of graduate research at Texas A&M. Graduate research is an important provider of manpower for other agricultural agencies, a group spokesman said.

This study would generate tangible data to be used to lobby Congress for the Farm Bill, a part of which provides for competitive grants for both land grant and non-land grant universities. The group also recommended that agricultural students be required to get a better foundation in agricultural business structure and biological sciences.

A need for expansion of continuing education programs in the college of agriculture was also expressed.

Continuing education and skill training is important toward the year 2000, Dr. H. O. Kunkel, dean of the College of Agriculture, said.

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forecast



Today's forecast: Partly cloudy, warm and humid with a high in the mid-80s; low near 70. Thursday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-80s.