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## Easter brings bloodshed, riots to Israel

**United Press International**  
JERUSALEM — Israeli soldiers today wounded at least nine Palestinians in violent confrontations of protest against the bloody Easter desecration of Islam's sacred Dome of the Rock mosque, the military said.

Palestinian leaders said as many as 12 were wounded.

A general strike paralyzed East Jerusalem and also brought commercial life to a halt from the occupied West Bank to the Gaza strip in angry response to the killing of two Arabs and wounding of 19 others in the mosque attack and ensuing clashes on Sunday.

The military said three Palestinian demonstrators were wounded by gunshots in a large and violent demonstration at Dohaisha refugee camp outside Bethlehem where demonstrators hurled rocks and set up flaming tire roadblocks.

At the casbah in Nablus on the West Bank, a Palestinian demonstrator was wounded by gunfire and three others were hospitalized with unspecified injuries, the military said. Another Palestinian suffered gunshot wounds in Hebron, the military said.

In one of the largest confrontations, Israeli soldiers shot and wounded four protesters in the occupied Gaza Strip, where the Palestinians raised Palestinian and Moslem flags, burned tires and stoned Israeli-licensed vehicles.

Public transport in the Arab areas came to a halt and Palestinian sources said Palestinian laborers employed in Israel stayed off the job.

The latest outbreak of discontent followed protests that started last month in violent reaction to Israel's dismissal of three elected Palestinian West Bank mayors that left six Palestinians and one Israeli dead.

The attack touched off the worst rioting since Israel annexed east Jerusalem in 1967. More than 100 people were injured, including 12 tourists.

Following a 30-minute shooting spree, authorities subdued the gunman who was dressed in Israeli army fatigues and carried a U.S.-made M-16 rifle.

The Interior Ministry identified him as Alan Goodman, 30, who six years ago came to Israel from Tenafly, N.J. Later press reports said Goodman had lived in Baltimore.



### Ride like the wind

Cyclists take the sharp turn around the corner of Spence and Lamar streets during the annual AggieLand Lowenbrau Stage Race held Sunday. Sponsored by the

Texas A&M Cycling Team, the event consists of three separate races, or stages, held over the weekend and attracted a number racers from Texas and other states.

staff photo by Eileen Manton

## Pre-registration for Fall '82 begins April 19

by Lisa Thompson  
Battalion Reporter

Pre-registration for next fall will be held April 19-23.

Students can pick up card packets from their department next week, fill out their class schedules and turn them in at Rudder Exhibit Hall after an adviser approves the schedule.

College pre-registration requirements vary among the colleges.

**College of Agriculture:** No specific GPR is required to pre-register, but students with a GPR below 2.0 must get departmental approval.

**College of Architecture and Environmental Design:** Overall GPR must be 2.0. Students with midterm GPRs between 1.0 and 2.0 can pre-register if they have an overall of 2.0. Students with a midterm GPR of 1.0 or less cannot pre-register.

**College of Business Administration:** Students with an overall 2.0 can pre-register. Students with midterm GPRs less than 2.0 can pre-register unless this is their first semester at Texas A&M.

**College of Education:** Students with an overall GPR of 2.25 can pre-register.

**College of Engineering:** An overall

2.0 GPR is needed to pre-register. Students with midterms below 2.0 can pre-register with approval.

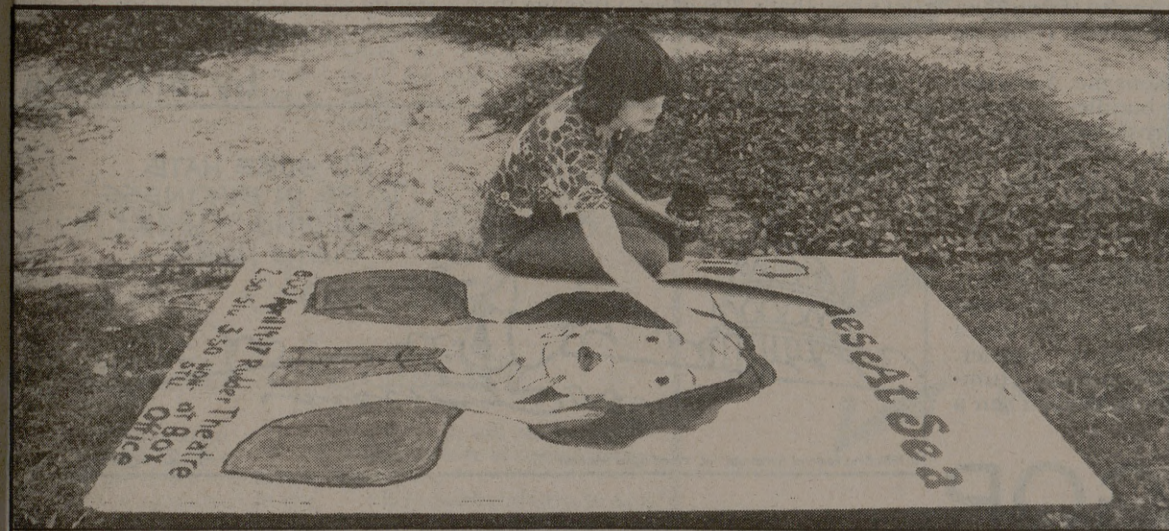
**College of Geosciences:** Students with an overall 2.0 GPR or with a midterm GPR between 1.5 and 2.0 can pre-register. Students on scholastic probation with a midterm GPR between 1.5 and 2.0 can pre-register unless otherwise informed by their department.

**College of Liberal Arts:** An overall 2.0 is needed to pre-register. Students with midterm GPRs under 2.0 can pre-register if they are not on scholastic probation. If they are on scholastic probation, they may pre-register if they have met the probation terms set by their department.

**College of Science:** Students six grade points deficient of a 2.0 overall

GPR or in their major cannot pre-register. Students on scholastic probation may not pre-register unless they meet probation terms.

Advisers for the College of Business Administration will provide extra pre-registration counseling Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the second floor lobby of the Academic and Agency Building.



### Dame at work

staff photo by Eileen Manton

Theatre arts senior Melissa Bradley prepares a sign to be displayed in the Academic Building advertising the upcoming Theatre arts presentation of Dames at Sea. The production will run

from Wednesday thru Saturday in Rudder Auditorium. Bradley, who is head of the publicity crew for the Theatre Arts Committee, is from Houston.

## Blockade begins amid talks of mined waters

**United Press International**  
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — British submarines prowled a 200-mile blockade zone today around the Falkland Islands with orders to torpedo any Argentine vessel in their path. And a report said waters close to the islands had been mined.

There were no reports of any confrontation in the South Atlantic archipelago and the chances of a naval confrontation were greatly reduced when Argentina pulled nearly all its vessels back to unidentified shoreline posts before the blockade began Sunday at 11 p.m. EST.

About 9,000 Argentine troops entrenched on the windswept archipelago and stocked with armored personnel carriers and heavy artillery were put on full alert. Mirage interceptor

fighters stood ready on the island airport.

More troops were massed in mainland coastal towns 450 miles away and thousands more reservists were ordered to report to duty today in the capital.

The New York Times reported today that troops on the British island colony of 149 years had placed mines around the islands, as well as in the harbor and Falkland capital of Port Stanley.

They quoted military sources as saying Argentina would bolster the Falkland force with more troops and equipment through air flights in coming days.

The Times said the sources confirmed the presence of four British subs in the South Atlantic.

Previous reports said at least two nuclear-powered submarines of the hunter-killer type were expected in the region and that two others would join them.

A Defense Ministry official in London announced the start of the blockade and said British vessels were on orders to sink any Argentine boats in a 200-mile radius of the islands.

The blockade is designed to isolate troops on the 200 islands over which both nations claim sovereignty. Argentina seized the islands April 2.

In London, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig arrived for a second round of talks following a weekend of meetings with Argentine President Leopoldo Galtieri in Buenos Aires.

Galtieri promised to go to war if a dignified peace with Britain over the conflict cannot be achieved.

## Foreign students face hurdles to get to A&M

by Joe Tindel Jr.  
Battalion Reporter

For the 1,500 international students at Texas A&M, gaining admission to the University was just one of the obstacles they faced in their attempt to get their education in a foreign country.

The requirements of fluency in English, proven ability to pay, and excellent grades eliminate about 95 percent of the applicants, said Dr. Donald Boucher, director of International Services.

The small percentage of international applicants who finally are admitted to Texas A&M face problems such as language, cultural differences, financial problems and limited housing, he said.

But these problems are secondary. A prospective international student must first complete the long and difficult process of gaining

admission to the University.

When a person living in another country requests an application form, he often must wait three or four weeks for the application to arrive in his country, Boucher said.

Before an application can be submitted, the applicant must go through several steps in his own country to get his transcript certified, and must pay a \$2,000 deposit to prove he is able to pay for his education.

After the student receives the application form, he must take it to the U.S. Embassy in his country to obtain a visa, Boucher said.

But the international student who defeats the admission obstacle faces a new set of problems.

Tasks such as opening a bank account, buying insurance, or getting a Social Security number are often stumbling blocks for the newcomer.

Tina Watkins, adviser for the International Students Association, said housing arrangements are another source of conflict for the international student.

"Signing a lease for an apartment is really a confusing thing," Watkins said.

Cultural differences are also difficult for these students to adjust to, Boucher said.

"How we interact male to female and professor to student is alien to them," he said.

While most of the international students are academically elite in their countries, some of them are socially elite as well, so it is sometimes difficult for them to adjust to being just another student, he said.

"Some of these people are very important in their countries, and they come here and all of the sudden they're another one of the very many students who are here," Boucher said.

Watkins said international students probably encounter money problems more frequently than any other students.

Unstable economies in their countries can hinder their ability to pay for their education, which costs about \$10,000 a year, she said.

Boucher said the fluctuating value of the Mexican peso, for example, has caused the cost of attending Texas A&M for Mexican students to double since the beginning of last fall.

To complicate the problem, financial aid for these students is limited, Boucher said.

"The financial aid available for international students is minimal, and there are almost no scholarships available," he said.

But, in spite of the problems, international students continue to select Texas A&M, primarily because of its reputation as an excellent engineering and agriculture school, he said.

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### forecast

Today's Forecast: Early morning fog becoming partly cloudy and windy; high today near 80 with a low in the mid-60s. Tuesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-80s.