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Athletic rivalry sparks fights on field

Police arrest LSU students after game

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Four Louisiana State University students were arrested Saturday night after the Texas A&M and LSU football game and several others were taken to jail and then released.

The students that were arrested were charged with assault, public intoxication and/or disorderly conduct, said Bob Wiatt, director of University Police at A&M.

The arrests were made after the game when several Louisiana State University students left the bleachers and ran onto the field, after the public address announcer requested that everyone stay off Kyle Field.

The LSU students on the field were taunting A&M fans and waving flags and an obscene sign.

Katie Matzinger, a senior at A&M, said the LSU students on the field were looking for a fight.

"They have as much school spirit as A&M," she said. "But things just got out of hand."

Doug Beall, head yell leader for A&M, said there were no major problems until the LSU fans ran onto the field.

"I saw people yelling and shouting at each other until the LSU fans went onto the field," Beall said. "Then all hell broke loose."

Wiatt said there was a lot of unrest in the stadium throughout the game. "The LSU crowd was rather temperamental in behavior," he said.

Many of the LSU students were drinking in the stands and most of the students on the field after the game were drunk, he said.

He said the actions of the LSU crowd were a disgrace.

"They were acting like a bunch of sophomores in high school," Wiatt added.

Beall, a senior, said Saturday night was the only time he had seen fights after an A&M football game.

Although some A&M students fought with LSU students after the game, Wiatt said the A&M crowd was well-behaved.

"I was proud of the A&M student body because they ignored the taunts," Wiatt said.



Bryan Police arrest a Louisiana State University fan after he ran onto Kyle Field and resisted police attempts to remove him.

Photo by Doug LaRue

No A&M students were arrested or taken into custody.

Matzinger said the A&M students kept away from the LSU students and let the police take care of the problems.

Wiatt said that six LSU students were taken to jail but released with no charges when sober friends promised to take them straight to Louisiana.

The four students who were arrested were bailed out by friends the same night, he said.

Beall said that there were no fights at midnight yell practice Friday, but there were a few shoving matches between students.

There were more than 40,000 people at yell practice and is believed to be the largest ever at A&M.

"I'm for moving the game to a neutral site," Beall said. "It can only get worse."

Wiatt said that he is just glad the LSU students are gone.

"Thank goodness they've gone back to Louisiana," he said.

A&M student speaks on TV about high cost of education

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It isn't every day students from Texas A&M are chosen to appear on national television, but last week when an ABC news crew came to the campus to tape a story on the cost and quality of higher education, A&M freshman Brenda Smith was in front of the camera representing A&M.

Smith, a biomedical sciences major and national merit scholar from Houston, spoke briefly about the high cost of education on "This Week With David Brinkley," which aired Sunday afternoon.

Before entering A&M, Smith turned down an offer of admission to the University of Pennsylvania, mainly due to the higher cost of the Ivy League school.

"With the scholarship I have here," Smith said in a *Battalion* phone interview, "I'm paying a lot less than I would have if I had gone to the University of Pennsylvania."

"It was a much more reasonable decision to come here."

She added that she wants to go to vet school and that A&M is a good choice for her future plans.

Sunday's program also included comments by A&M President Frank E. Vandiver and faculty and students from Yale University.

The two main concerns of the program were the rising cost of college and the quality of education university students receive.

Anchorman David Brinkley commented on the mounting costs of higher education and suggested that there is "too much money spent on too little education."

The program also showed some not-too-impressive statistics on the lower education standards held by high school graduates in the United States.

Guests Allan Bloom and E.B. Hirsch, both authors of current bestselling books concerning education in America, commented on the mediocrity in schools today.

Bloom's "Closing an American Mind" discusses the abandonment of "the classics for trendy things" in colleges and universities.

"We've given up hope," Bloom said. He feels the concept of "learning to lead the good life" through higher education has disappeared.

Hirsch, author of "Cultural Literacy," feels the decline in the quality of education has roots in primary school. "It's elementary education that determines who is going to be a college graduate," he said. Hirsch also stressed that the nation's primary schools are too concerned with teaching students skills. "There used to be a tradition in this country that once you reach secondary education, you would let the marketplace of ideas decide what you would do," he said.

However, Lynne Cheney, chairman for the National Endowment for Humanities, said the purpose of going to college is to learn to ask "those human questions" — then a person goes into the job world.

Despite the realm of ideas about the purpose of higher education, the general consensus of the speakers was that American colleges and universities are not teaching the qualities and values they used to.

James Freeman, president of Dartmouth College, said, "College should give students capacities to improve the mind — open a channel to the soul. Students need to learn to think critically and to be tolerant of others' views and values."

Soviets produce brochures to warn people about AIDS

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Health Ministry has produced 5 million brochures warning about the spread of the deadly AIDS virus and has begun distributing them in the capital.

The information campaign, begun over the weekend, shows the increasing seriousness with which the government is tackling AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

A year ago the state-run Soviet news media described AIDS as a scourge resulting from the decadent behavior of Westerners. The Soviet press also said the virus was the product of secret germ warfare research in the United States.

The new Health Ministry brochure, entitled "What You Need To Know About AIDS," takes a direct and non-political approach to explaining the virus — how it can be contracted and how to avoid exposure.

The Russian-language pamphlet so far has been delivered only

to two compounds for foreigners. But the number of brochures printed suggests the ministry intends to eventually deliver them to every household in Moscow, a city of 9 million.

According to the circulation figure printed on the back of the pamphlet, 5 million were produced.

Threats to public health, such as the annual influenza epidemics that sweep Moscow, are usually addressed in newspaper articles and on bulletin boards of clinics and hospitals. But a health warning as detailed and mass-produced as the AIDS brochure was believed to be unprecedented.

AIDS is a fatal disease in which a virus attacks the body's immune system, leaving victims susceptible to a wide variety of infections and cancers. It is most often transmitted through sexual contact. Sharing of contaminated hypodermic needles or syringes by intravenous drug abusers is another major means of transmission.

No cure for AIDS is known.

The brochure says those facing the highest risk of contracting AIDS are male homosexuals.

Homosexual contact is a crime in the Soviet Union, punishable by up to five years in a corrective labor camp.

The Soviet government issued a decree Aug. 25 that authorizes forced testing of anyone in the Soviet Union when "there are grounds for assuming that they are infected with the AIDS virus."

The decree set penalties for those who knowingly expose others to the virus.

"Deliberate exposure of another person to the danger of being infected with AIDS shall be punished with up to five years in prison," the decree said.

The prison term can be as much as eight years if a known AIDS carrier infects another person.

Iran accuses U.S. of pressuring Kuwait into expelling diplomats

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Iran said Sunday the United States pressured Kuwait into ordering five Iranian diplomats expelled. Six U.S. mine sweepers meanwhile steamed toward the Persian Gulf to help protect reflagged Kuwaiti tankers.

Vernon Walters, U.S. envoy to the United Nations, said Iran — "if anybody there is thinking logically at all" — would accept a cease-fire when U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar travels to the region this week.

In another development, Iran announced it was releasing 100 Iraqi prisoners of war and proposed that both sides release certain prisoners held for more than five years in the 7-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

Kuwait on Saturday ordered the five Iranians to leave the country within a week and complained that Iran fired a missile at the Kuwaiti coast on Friday. Iran considers Kuwait an ally of Iraq. Kuwait says it is neutral.

Iran's prime minister, Hussein Musavi, said Kuwait was too weak to expel the five on its own and was only obeying "that which is dictated upon it by other governments," according to Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Cyprus.

"Persian Gulf governments are permanent neighbors which should care more about good relations with each other than relations with the United States," Musavi said.

U.S. warships began July 21 to escort 11 Kuwaiti tankers through the gulf.

Until now, mine sweeping operations in the gulf have been carried out by helicopters based aboard the U.S. assault carrier Guadalcanal.

Kuwait on Saturday told Perez de Cuellar that Iran was guilty of hostile acts that merited U.N. action.

It pointed to the missile attack Friday and an earlier Iranian attack on a Kuwaiti freighter in the gulf. It said it was withholding other grievances to avoid complicating the U.N. leader's efforts to bring about a cease-fire.

Witnesses said Friday's missile crashed in sand near an empty beach house just south of the Al-Ahmadi

oil terminal, where two U.S.-reflagged Kuwaiti tankers were moored for loading. They said it caused minor damage.

Kuwait-based shipping officials and a senior gulf government official said it was a Chinese-built Silk-worm, fired from Iranian-held territory in Iraq's Faw peninsula, about 50 miles away.

Kuwait Defense Minister Sheik Salem Al-Sabah told a Cabinet meeting Sunday the missile was made in China, but he did not call it a Silk-worm, reported Rashed Abdel Aziz Al-Rashed, the minister of state for Cabinet affairs.

Al-Rashed told reporters the Cabinet endorsed the expulsion of Iranian diplomats and called Iranian threats to Kuwaiti territory "one of the most dangerous manifestations of escalation in the gulf region."

Three Kuwaiti tankers outfitted with U.S. flags and escorted by U.S. warships left the gulf through the Strait of Hormuz on Saturday. The seventh convoy of the reflagging operation made what U.S. officials said was another "uneventful" journey.

Official says disabled should avoid Mass site

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Worshippers who use wheelchairs shouldn't attend Pope John Paul II's Mass service Sunday in San Antonio unless they registered two months ago for special transportation, a church official said.

"For somebody in a wheelchair, I don't think it's realistic to decide at the last minute they want to go," Sister Robin Connell, chairman of the papal visit's disabled persons committee, said.

"This is a rather major event," she told the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*.

"For somebody to decide on Sept. 4 or 5 they want to go, that's not terribly realistic," she said.

But a priest who heads the Diocese of Corpus Christi's Office for Persons with Disabilities said he disagrees.

"If I were a disabled person and I hadn't really registered, I would go and take a chance," the Rev. David Walsh said.

"I find it difficult to believe they would turn back people," he said. "They can't."

Sister Connell said 550 disabled people, about 115 of them in wheelchairs, met a July 31 deadline to register.

Shuttles offered by the Archdiocese of San Antonio to the Mass site are provided for those attending in wheelchairs.

Walsh said the original registration deadline was July 1.

Walsh will be traveling to the Mass with nearly 200 local handicapped people, only three or four of them in wheelchairs.

The deadline for the handicapped registration was extended to July 31 to allow more to sign up, archdiocese officials said.

Elizabeth Bingham, communications coordinator for VIA Metropolitan Transit, said shuttle buses for the general public at 10 park-and-ride stations around the city will not be equipped to handle wheelchairs.

The area at the Mass site designated for the disabled is near one side of the altar, and has been cleared of large rocks and debris, for easier maneuverability.