

WEATHER

TOMORROW'S FORECAST:
 Partly cloudy and cool

HIGH: 76 LOW: 50

Baker schedules summit in U.S., signs six accords

JACKSON HOLE, Wyo. (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III said Sunday that the success of his meeting with the Soviet foreign minister should silence congressional critics and dampen their appetite for unilateral arms cuts.

Despite progress on talks to cut strategic, conventional and chemical weapons and the signing of six accords Saturday, Baker said the Soviet Union still was "a military threat."

"I think it would be quite naive for the United States to talk about unilateral reductions of its strategic arsenal," Baker said on the CBS-TV program "Face the Nation."

The Bush administration, he said, remains committed to the Strategic Defense Initiative and deploying new classes of long-range bombers and mobile missiles.

Baker's four-day session with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze yielded an agreement to hold a summit in the United States next spring or summer.

It will be the first meeting between President Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev since Bush took office, although the two met in New York between Bush's election and his inauguration.

In the course of the Baker-Shevardnadze talks, the Soviets also said they would withdraw a demand that the United States agree to curb work on "Star Wars" before conclusion of a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START).

Baker told a news conference Saturday the Soviet decision could speed conclusion of START, which

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Slocum continues 'chalk talk' luncheons for students, players

By Julie Myers

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Head football coach R. C. Slocum will hold his third football "chalk talk" Wednesday at noon in Sbisal in an effort to improve relations with the student body.

Before every football home game, Slocum invites assistant coaches and one player to accompany him to the informal luncheon from noon to 12:30 p.m. Slocum then gives a short speech, followed by an open question and answer session. The buffet lunch is \$4.25.

"I want to have the chance to meet the students, have them meet us and also get to know their football team on a first name basis," Slocum said. "It's also a good opportunity to meet with the students and from my standpoint to say that we do care about you."

Because the football team and the program is all a part of college life at A&M, Slocum said, the players should feel a part of that also.

"I'm really doing everything I can to keep at a minimum the isolation they have as athletes," Slocum said. "I want them to be able to mix and mingle and enjoy being a college student at A&M. That's why I sent the freshmen to Fish Camp."

Although Slocum said he wasn't aware of any program like chalk talk at other schools, he admitted that many football programs did have an image problem with students.

"As freshmen, players start practice before anything else on campus," he said. "Then their schedules and time demands prohibit them from participating in a lot of student activities."

Consequently, Slocum said, students perceive them to be aloof or to have their own clique.

"If you're not careful a separation grows between the student body and the athletic team," he said. "It doesn't have to be that way."

"In most cases, these boundaries are not real boundaries anyway, but because of their schedules and the way their life is arranged that's what happens," Slocum said. "I'm trying to take steps to cross those boundaries."

During chalk talk, students can direct questions to anyone on the panel. He said he will answer any question from any student as long as it does not embarrass anyone. In fact, John Lauletta, sophomore political science major and 12th Man Foundation spokesman, said Slocum hasn't declined to comment on any question since chalk talk began.

"R.C. Slocum is a truly candid man," Lauletta said.

Slocum said he encourages suggestions for future plays as well as questions.

"Everybody's got great plays they always want to try," Slocum said. "I won't promise to run them, but I do promise to look at them."

In addition, Slocum said he hopes the tradition of active student participation will benefit both the team and its fans.

"Our guys are good guys and our students are good students," he said. "If you mix them up then there will be some natural friendships developed. (This is) a healthy thing — what I envision college athletics being."



Say ah!

Scott Weaver, 6, feeds hay to a donkey Sunday at the petting zoo in Central Park. He and his sister Julie, 10, were trying to catch a glimpse of the donkey's teeth. The petting zoo was a

part of the Brazos Folk Festival held Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Central Park and was sponsored by the Bryan chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

Photo by Jay Janner

Hugo leaves thousands without water, electricity

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Victims of Hurricane Hugo scrambled to meet life's basic needs Sunday, fretting over shortages of food, fresh water, cash and electricity. Unable to cook or boil water, people stood for blocks waiting for hot meals.

"There's no bread, there's no meat," said Harold Washington, 21, at a supermarket that had doughnuts and peanut butter but lacked staples. "You can't survive like that. Things just aren't working fast enough."

Washington, who lives with his mother and four siblings, said the family was burning candles at night and washing clothes by hand. They worried that the water they were using to brush their teeth was contaminated.

National Guardsmen with M-16 rifles patrolled the streets of the battered city of 65,000 people, guarding against looters and keeping order at locations where residents lugged coolers and plastic jugs to get fresh water.

An emergency law enacted Saturday night sought to keep profiteers from charging \$10 for a bag of ice and \$600 for a chain saw. Tempers flared at one location where people sought ice to

keep their food fresh.

"People were . . . begging for ice," said Staff Sgt. Bill Petty of the South Carolina National Guard. "There were fistfights in the line. They were down-on-the-ground fights — men and women."

Without electricity for a third day, residents were unable to cook, boil water for drinking or get cash from bank machines. At stores that managed to reopen Saturday, people waited in lines for up to four hours.

The Red Cross dished out hot meals from lunch wagons. At the Citadel Square Baptist Church, the line stretched for three blocks, spokesman Brian Ruberry said.

Officials said six branches of the South Carolina National Bank would reopen Monday to ease a money shortage. The city also planned to resume trash pickup Monday, officials said.

As a cold rain fell Sunday morning, church bells pealed above the hum of generators and the buzz of chain saws.

"We have no roof and we've got three feet of water in the living room," said Jimmy Bailey, a state lawmaker who attended services. "But we all

have what we were born with and that's good health. . . . Anything else is just gravy."

Hugo clobbered Charleston for six hours late Thursday and early Friday with 135 mph winds and a storm surge of 17 feet of water.

The death toll from Hugo's six-day rampage stood at 51 — at least 27 people in the Caribbean and 24 in the Carolinas, Virginia and New York. A South Carolina woman and her two children died Sunday when their rural wood-frame house caught fire from candles, officials said.

Damage estimates were in the billions of dollars.

In the three-county area around Charleston, 75,000 people were still out of their homes, Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. said. Schools are closed until further notice, and a dusk-to-dawn curfew remains in effect.

"It's scary out there," said National Guard Staff Sgt. James Shugart after coming off night patrol. "You don't know what to expect. There are no lights. You don't see anything open."

At least 775,000 people in the Carolinas re

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Mobley dedicates program's first tree

President William Mobley has dedicated the first tree in the University's new commemorative tree-planting program, honoring the first dean of business administration Dr. John E. Pearson.

Pearson, who died in 1984, came to Texas A&M in 1963 as head of the School of Business Administration. Five years later, the school became a college, and Pearson served as dean for 10 years.

Pearson left A&M to become senior vice president and chief financial officer for 3D/International and, at the time of his death, was vice president of Gulf Research and Development Co. in Houston.

Mobley, dean of the College of Business Administration

from 1983 to 1986, said Pearson's early work had a lot to do with the college's recent growth and program enhancement.

The tree that will bear Pearson's name will be planted near the Blocker Building, where the College of Business Administration is located.

The commemorative tree-planting program was instituted earlier this month to honor A&M students, former students and past and present faculty, staff and friends. Donors can give from \$1,000 to \$125,000 to plant new trees on campus, attach names to existing trees and establish endowments for the maintenance of flower beds and other planted areas.

Bonfire cutting classes held this week at Grove

Students who wish to participate in cutting down trees for this year's Bonfire must attend one of the three mandatory cutting classes scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The classes are held from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. at the Grove. Students should bring their I.D. cards.

At the end of each class a cutting card will be issued.

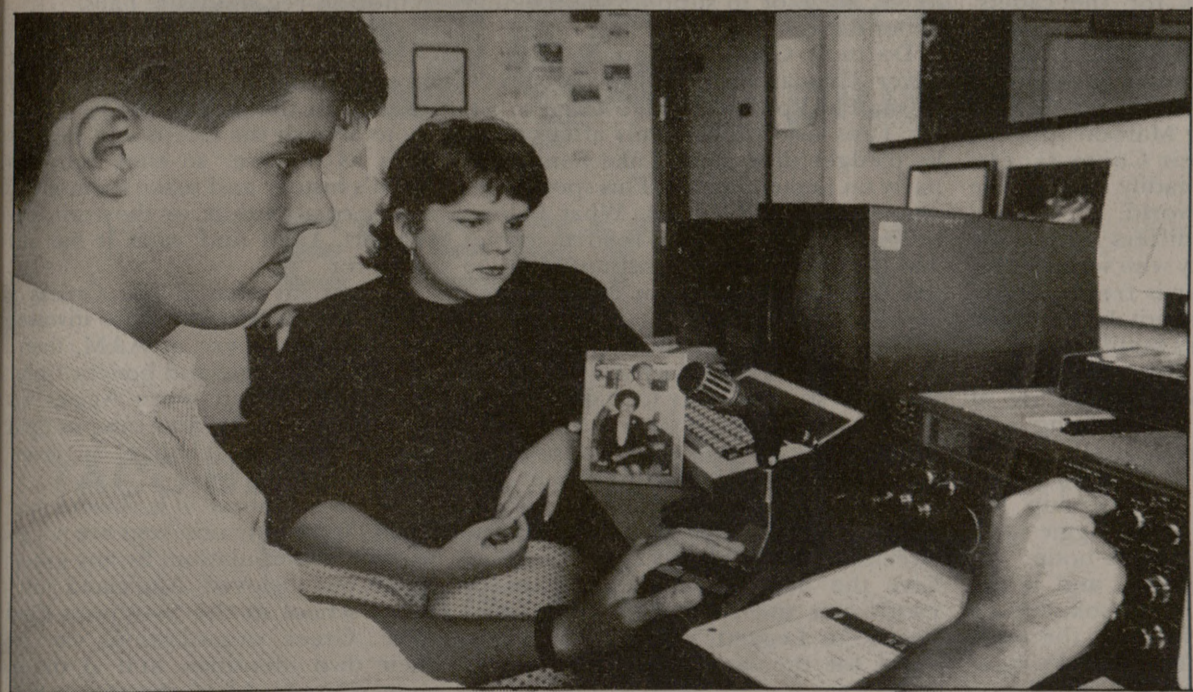


Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

Brian Maves, a meteorology graduate student and HAM radio operator from Dixon, Illinois, attempts to reach Puerto Rico so

Maria Morales (right), a special education major from Guaynabo, Puerto Rico can communicate with relatives there.

Messages from home Radio club gathers information on Hugo's victims

By Julie Myers

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When Hurricane Hugo slammed into the Caribbean and knocked out all phone communication, HAM radio operators worldwide filled the information gap by sending and receiving information about stranded friends and relatives.

The all-volunteer Texas A&M Amateur Radio Club sent more than 40 messages to the Caribbean from College Station area residents and students.

Jeff Maca, freshman applied mathematics major and radio club trustee, said that from the time the Caribbean was hit, the club was transmitting messages 24 hours a day to Montserrat, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.

Most of the calls, Maca said, were "health and welfare" requests from people who wanted to know if their family and friends were all right.

"Luckily, we didn't have to send anything bad back — like deaths," Maca said. "I don't know if 'family's OK, house destroyed' is good; I guess it's good in the sense that they're alive."

Maca said that although some messages were transmitted and received in less than an hour, most took about a day.

Maria Morales, a junior special education major, said she was relieved to find out that her mother, who resides in Puerto Rico, was fine.

"There was no other way to find out since all the

phone lines were down," she said. "The area where my mother lives didn't receive too much damage, but the island as a whole was beat up."

Anytime a disaster hits an area, making normal routes of communication useless, the radio club will probably be sending messages. Maca said they usually transmit following tornadoes and hurricanes, with the most recent being Hurricane Gilbert last fall.

When someone calls and requests information about a disaster, they are asked for the name, address and phone number of the party being contacted, as well as their own phone number. The radio operator then contacts another radio operator in that location and asks them to find out the condition of that person. When and if the radio operator is able to find the necessary information they call back and the radio operator at A&M contacts the original person placing the request.

The A&M HAM radio station operates one of the largest stations in the state and is capable of contacting any country in the world. In fact, Maca said that the station, using mostly used equipment donated by former club members, has contacted all but seven countries. The Amateur Radio Club's office is located on the third floor of the MSC, down the hall from the Metzger-Sanders Gun Collection.

Although Maca said that being a HAM radio operator is addicting in some ways, the primary reason he was involved in helping those caught up in hurricane Hugo was the satisfaction he received from helping others.

"If you ever talk to someone on the telephone and tell them that their mother is OK, that's a good feeling," he said.