

WEATHER

TOMORROW'S FORECAST:
Partly cloudy

HIGH: 72 LOW: 55

Moscow police attack crowd at anti-KGB rally

MOSCOW (AP) — Helmeted riot police using truncheons repeatedly charged and clubbed demonstrators Monday night in a candlelight vigil outside KGB headquarters in memory of Stalin's victims. Scores of protesters were knocked to the ground, beaten and dragged into police vans. About 40 people were detained, the official Tass news agency said, in what was the heaviest crackdown on protesters in Moscow in more than a year. Tass said the protesters were "trying to create as much confusion as possible, to display anti-Soviet slogans and shout anti-Soviet slogans." The clashes took place on some of central

Moscow's busiest streets and were especially jarring because of the more permissive political climate instituted under President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's wide-ranging reforms. About 1,000 Soviets converged on KGB headquarters at Dzerzhinsky Square after dusk to mark the unofficial "Day of the Political Prisoner" and mourn the millions who were wrongly imprisoned or killed under Josef Stalin. The hour-long protest, in which two rows of people holding flickering candles lined up on three sides of the building, proceeded peacefully. It had been organized

by the Memorial Society, which seeks to commemorate those who suffered unjustly under Stalin, and the Democratic Union, a self-styled opposition to the Communist Party. At the end of the demonstration, a splinter group of about 500 people, mostly young men, marched off in the direction of Pushkin Square, a favorite rallying site for human rights activists. Chanting, "Shame on the KGB!" and "The KGB is the enemy of the people!" the group was confronted without warning by riot police two blocks from Pushkin Square as they passed out leaflets to homebound commuters. The white-helmeted police, armed with long black rubber truncheons, formed a line, then waded into the protesters, clubbing at least four of their leaders to the ground, then dragging them into nearby buses for detention. The demonstrators retreated, then formed again and headed to Gorky Street, the main thoroughfare leading to Pushkin Square. The riot police and other uniformed officers sealed off the square and split the protesters into two groups. On Gorky Street, riot police again charged the demonstrators, taking about six into custody. As the protesters were

dragged to the buses, spectators shouted: "Shame! Shame!" Another group of demonstrators, gathered on the southeast side of Pushkin Square, was also repeatedly charged by riot police, who ignored the dozens of television camera teams and foreign reporters who flooded there. It was the roughest treatment of an unsanctioned demonstration in Moscow since December 1987, when about 200 burly men in civilian clothes roughed up Jews who staged a protest demanding the right to emigrate.

Catch a wave



Rene Torres, a senior nuclear physics major, gets unexpectedly splashed by a truck driving through a large puddle on Clark Street. Torres was trying to keep dry under his umbrella in the midst of heavy rains on his way to classes Monday.

Smith officially declares candidacy for seat in Senate

By Michael Kelley
Of The Battalion Staff

In a not-so-unexpected announcement Monday afternoon at the Brazos Center, state representative Richard Smith, R-Bryan, Class of '59, officially declared his candidacy for the Texas Senate's 5th District seat. A Friday night appreciation dinner for Smith, and press notices released this weekend, alluded to his intentions. District Five consists of 15 whole counties and three split counties located in east central Texas. There are 31 Senate members in the Texas Senate who are elected to four-year terms. One-half of the Senate is elected every two years. The 5th District race is next year. The Republican and Democratic primaries will be held in March and the general election next November. Smith said he decided to run for the Senate for two reasons — he wants to deal with issues concerning the elderly and work to create job opportunities for youngsters. The most pressing issue of senior citizens, Smith said, is fear for their



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lives and their property, due to crime. "Crime has moved into the countryside because of the pressure on the drug dealers in the cities, who are moving their drug labs and drug operations out into the country," he said. Smith also talked about health care for the elderly, saying Brazos County has an efficient system of health care, but that other areas in the district are not as fortunate. "In the 5th District there are many rural areas that have a serious deficiency in the provision of health care because of a number of factors — some federal problems and some problems that can be dealt with at the state level," he said. Smith said he would help the elderly in their concerns about loss of pension and retirement money due to taxes. "They are concerned about tax laws at the federal level and also at the state level," he said. "They are concerned about the state income tax that would impact adversely on their fixed income. "I'll state unconditionally here today that I'm unauthorably opposed to a state income tax and would do whatever I can in Austin to prevent

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South African authorities laud peaceful protests

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Government-run broadcasting said Tuesday that peaceful demonstrations such as the large anti-apartheid rally over the weekend helped ease political tensions and assisted reforms. "We thank the people for behaving within the norms of democratic society," Maj. Gen. Norman Stadler, the police public relations chief, said of the 70,000-member rally Sunday at a soccer stadium on the edge of Johannesburg. It was the largest ever anti-government protest, and virtually every aspect violated security laws. But authorities approved the event in advance and police maintained a low profile as African National Congress leaders, released

from prison Oct. 15, endorsed the organization's guerrilla campaign and called for increased economic sanctions against the white-run government. "There is no doubt this event will go down in history as the most dramatic, most poignant, and perhaps the most politically significant since the start of the struggle for liberation," said the *Sowetan*, the nation's largest black-oriented daily newspaper. The ANC has been outlawed since 1960, but Sunday's rally was the clearest signal yet that the government is willing to allow peaceful public activities by the organization. The *Citizen*, a pro-government newspaper, said it would be better to lift laws restricting political freedom than to enforce them selectively.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok told government-run TV Sunday night that peaceful protest offers a needed outlet for those with political grievances. "I don't think we need to be afraid that these protests, which are monitored, will break into violence," Vlok said. But Andries Treurnicht, head of the pro-apartheid Conservative Party, called for an urgent session of Parliament to debate the government's relaxed stance toward protests. "The ANC, under its own flag and that of the Communist Party alongside, is enjoying complete freedom to propagate its aims and ambitions and issues one ultimatum after the other to the government," Treurnicht said. "The government's authority to maintain law and order and to enforce the laws of the

land is being blatantly challenged," he added. Police spokesman Col. Vic Haynes said police were studying Sunday's rally to determine whether anyone should be prosecuted. However, police have made similar statements after several recent demonstrations and have not taken any action. When a magistrate approved Sunday's rally, he warned organizers not to promote the aims of the ANC. "We refused," Cyril Ramaphosa, a union leader and one of the main organizers said. "The ANC lives. It is amongst us." The seven ANC leaders freed unconditionally Oct. 15 appeared on a podium beneath huge banners of the ANC and the South African Communist Party. Six of the seven had spent at least 25 years in prison.

Bats inhabit stage ceiling of Rudder

Halloween has come early to the Rudder Auditorium in the form of pesky bats who refuse to leave, University Center Manager Steven Hodge said. The bats were first noticed about a week ago and most often appear in the area high above the stage, Hodge said. "We are trying to prevent them from getting in by finding and closing their access holes," Hodge said. Maintenance crews have been locating the holes when the bats leave at night. This is not the first time bats have invaded the complex. The same problem occurred several years ago, Hodge said, and the bats have apparently located new holes in the building. Since the bats are so high above the audience, they have yet to cause any real problems, Hodge said. "We've had several comments, but no problems yet," he said. During the MSC OPAS presentation of the play "Absent Friends" Friday night, one of the actors added the bats to his script. "Next time you should come to our house," he said to another actor. "It's very peaceful there. No bats at all."

Service honors deceased staff, faculty members

Flags will fly at half-staff today in memory of the following faculty, staff, or retired faculty member: Willis Howell Clark, retired, Department of Marine Research; A.D. Griggs, retired, Construction Management; Manning A. Price, retired, Entomology Department; Donald Lee Rogers, Maintenance Department; Harold D. Richardson, Grounds Maintenance Department. The observance, called "Lowering of the Flag," commemorates the memory of deceased faculty and staff members who were active and locally retired. The flag is lowered at 8 a.m. on the last Tuesday of every month by members of the Corps of Cadets and remains at half-staff throughout the day. The ritual has been enacted at appropriate times for the past several years.

Cadets represent A&M at Honor Conference

By Todd Connelley
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Honor and ethics were the topics of the fourth annual National Honor Conference last weekend at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. Texas A&M was represented at the three-day event by Jonathan Whittles, Corps sergeant major, and Karl Kent, Corps advocate sergeant. During the sessions, which included lectures and round-table discussions, participants discussed ideas on existing honor codes and helped design new ones. "The University of Southern California is try-

ing to set up an honor code for the entire campus," Whittles said. "We spent one whole day giving them ideas." The conference, attended by all major military schools and some civilian schools, also focused on ethics in the private sector, as well as ethics in public service. Each subject was addressed by an expert in the field. Whittles said that in addition to attending different seminars, cadet leaders from other schools critiqued and evaluated other honor codes. "After looking at the West Point system, we decided we need to devote more time toward educating cadets about honor," he said.

"They spend about 15-20 hours a week on education, as opposed to our 3-4 a week," he said. "Time talking about it reinforces aspects about it." But after observing Texas A&M spirit firsthand, West Point leaders decided their institution needed a little more motivation. "A&M is much more spirited than West Point," Whittles said. "We told them they needed to be a little more unified." Major speakers included Greg Laughlin, House of Representatives, 14th district, Texas; Eugene R. Sullivan, judge on the U.S. Court of Military Appeals; and Gordon F. Shea, president of PRIME Systems Company.

Thousands of East Germans march for democracy

BERLIN (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of East Germans marched for democracy Monday night, the eve of a trip to Moscow by new leader Egon Krenz for talks with the Soviet bloc's champion of reform, Mikhail S. Gorbachev. Official media said about 300,000 people rallied in Leipzig, a city of 650,000; at least 50,000 in Halle; 40,000 in Schwerin; more than

20,000 in Karl Marx Stadt; and 5,000 in Poessneck. Lutheran Church sources in East Berlin said 3,000 pro-reform activists demonstrated in the capital. Leipzig activists told the Associated Press by telephone many of the marchers there demanded that the Communist Party give up its monopoly on power. They said the protesters wanted

free elections, freedom to travel and legalization of opposition groups. Political parties now are recognized only if they align themselves with the Communist Party. The official news agency ADN said people in all the cities spoke out for a free press, and those in Karl Marx Stadt carried banners reading "Democracy Now." Krenz reaffirmed the Communist

Party's pre-eminence Monday, telling military academy graduates it was "at the head of qualitative changes going on in society." ADN reported he would leave for the Soviet Union on Tuesday. Krenz has said East Germany can learn much from reforms promoted by Gorbachev, the Soviet president. Krenz is visiting the Soviet Union as a state leader for the first time.

A&M student dies of unknown causes

Senior James Gregory Foley, 33, died of unknown causes Oct. 24 in Tomball, Foley, who came to A&M after six years in the Navy, was majoring in engineering technology. Services were held Friday at Klein Funeral Home in Tomball.