

# Soviets continue crackdown on Azerbaijanis

MOSCOW (AP) — Dozens of mutinous Azerbaijani military cadets fired on Soviet troops patrolling their capital Sunday, and tens of thousands of people mourned victims of a bloody crackdown on their republic's nationalist uprising.

The cadets, joined by comrades from the neighboring Caucasus republic of Georgia, battled for 20 minutes in the morning and sporadically throughout the day with Soviet soldiers at Baku's garrison and military academy, Arif Yunusov of the Azerbaijani Social Democratic Group reported.

The downtown garrison was the scene of some of the fiercest fighting when thousands of troops stormed into Baku, the southern republic's capital, early Saturday

and broke through barricades erected by militants.

Sporadic fighting has continued since. On Saturday, in the first report of soldiers dividing along ethnic lines, a local activist said 125 Azerbaijani soldiers fought a pitched battle with those sent in to restore order.

Occasional shots rang out elsewhere in Baku on Sunday, Yunusov and Radio Moscow reported. The activist said by telephone from Baku that one bullet broke a window in his apartment building.

Rebels also have thrown grenades and Molotov cocktails at soldiers' military vehicles, the official news agency Tass said. A correspondent for Moscow's state-run TV and radio service briefly was held hostage.

The Interior Ministry reported 51 civilians and six soldiers dead, and 287 civilians and 36 soldiers wounded in Saturday's action. That brought the total number of casualties for the week at 129 dead and more than 500 wounded.

Activists reported much higher figures, and Interior Ministry officials said they received too many conflicting accounts to confidently update their figures.

Baku's military commandant said 83 people, including 14 servicemen and their family members, were killed in fighting since late Friday, according to a Radio Moscow broadcast monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp. in London.

The chief doctor of Baku's ambulance

service told the Tass news agency 57 civilians were killed and nearly 500 wounded in the weekend clashes.

Foreign reporters were barred from Armenia and Azerbaijan, so it was difficult to reconcile the conflicting information.

Tens of thousands of Azerbaijanis gathered Sunday outside the Communist Party headquarters in Baku to mourn those killed when Soviet troops moved in, Yunusov said. They also demanded that the state of emergency imposed in the capital early Saturday be lifted and that Soviet troops pull out, according to the Azerbaijan's People's Front, which has organized anti-Armenian protests.

Baku's city council made identical de-

mands, and the republic's Supreme Soviet legislature met in emergency session. The agenda was not immediately clear.

Residents said flags with black mourning ribbons were draped on cars, balconies, windows throughout the city, which was the middle of three days of officially declared mourning. A mass funeral was scheduled Monday.

Soldiers continued to patrol the Caspian Sea port of 1.8 million people in armored personnel carriers.

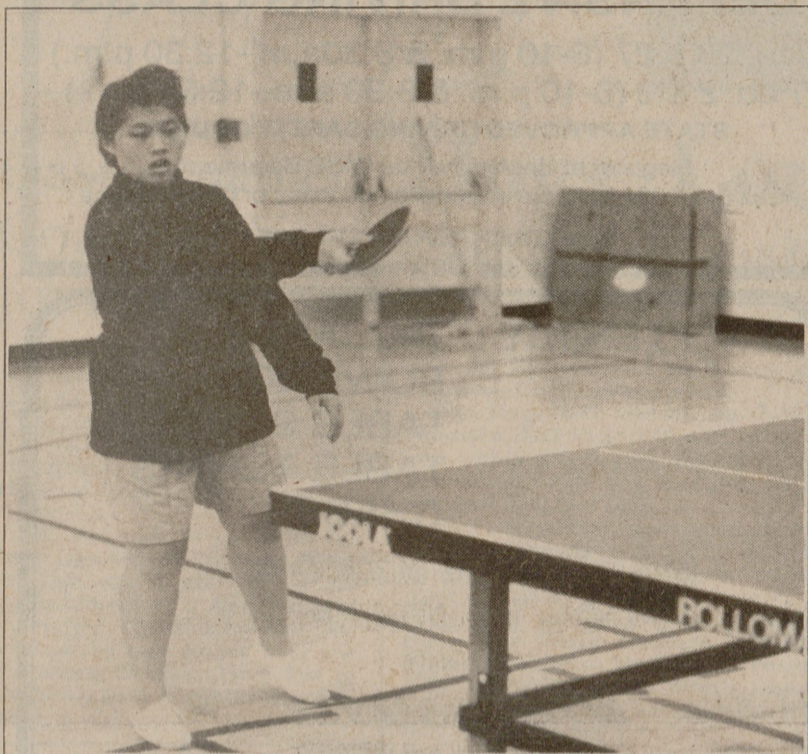
Radio Moscow said troops arrested people overnight for violating a curfew part of a state of emergency. A military leader of Azerbaijan's People's Front was arrested after he was found to be carrying a homemade grenade, the broadcast said.

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### GAME PLAN

Entries Open: January 15 Entries Close: January 23

#### Preseason Basketball

Entry Fee: \$10 Tournament Dates: Thursday, January 25 - Sunday, January 28

#### Basketball

Entry Fee: \$30 Play Begins: Monday, January 29

#### Indoor Soccer

Entry Fee: \$30 Play Begins: Sunday, January 28

#### Racquetball Singles

No Entry Fee! Play Begins: Tuesday, January 30

Entries Open: January 22 Entries Close: January 30

#### Wrestling

No Entry Fee! Matches Begin: Tuesday, February 6

#### Team Bowling

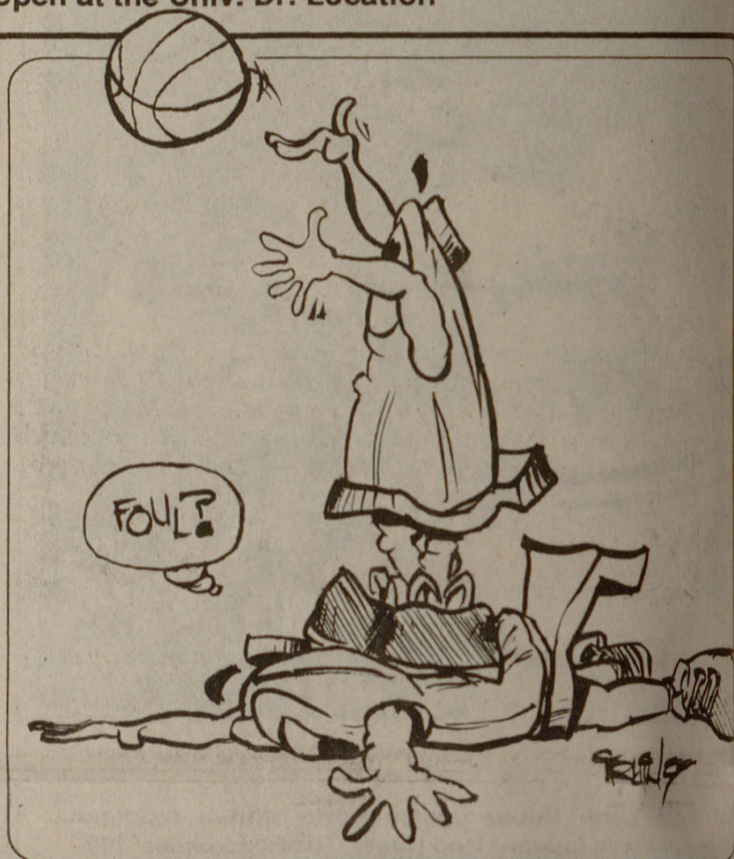
Entry Fee: \$20 Play Begins: Monday, February 5

#### Table Tennis Doubles

No Entry Fee! Play Begins: Tuesday, February 6

#### 3-on-3 Basketball

Entry Fee: \$5 Tournament Dates: Feb 2 - 3



Tuesday is your last chance to sign up your team for 3-on-3 basketball!

### Roadrunners and Opas Sponsor Run For The Arts

TAMU Roadrunners and The MSC Opera and Performing Arts Society will hold the 8th annual Run for the Arts Saturday, February 17. The event includes a 5K run and a 1 mile run/walk, predominantly through the A&M campus and paved streets, starting and finishing at the front of G. Rollie White Coliseum. The entry fee is \$9 if postmarked by Febru-

ary 9th, or \$11 the day of the race. The fee includes a 100% cotton Beefy-T shirt with race logo, as well as race results in the mail and printed in *Inside Runner*. Mail entry fee with check payable to OPAS to Run for the Arts, c/o MSC OPAS, Box J-1, Texas A&M University, College Station, 77844. For more information call James Schroeter at 693-8391.

### Recreational Sports Offers Exercise Classes

Registration Open January 15 through January 26

The Department of Recreational Sports is offering exercise classes to students, faculty, staff, and their spouses. Beginners can take advantage of low impact classes designed to meet the needs of

people planning to start an exercise program, with an emphasis on toning and stretching. For the more advanced, our intermediate class places heavier emphasis on cardiovascular endurance.



Fees are \$30 or \$35, or take an unlimited number of classes for \$45. Classes begin January 29. Sign up in the Rec Sports Office, 159 Read, or call Paula Opal at 845-7826 for more information.

### CLUB NOTES

The TAMU Men's Rugby Team continues the season, after last weekend's cancellation, by taking on Houston's University of St. Thomas at 1 pm Saturday, Jan. 27, on East Campus. The Ags will follow up by taking on Rice on Sunday at 1 pm.

Cheer on the TAMU Gymnastics Team Saturday, January 27, 12 - 4 pm, 307 Read, in their first meet of the semester.

### TAMU OUTDOORS

TAMU Outdoors sponsors camping trips, kayak workshops, backpacking excursions, as well as other programs for rock climbers, scuba divers, and general outdoor enthusiasts. All programs are conducted by experienced personnel, and offer participants an opportunity for personal growth through challenge and group fellowship.

Registration opens February 5th for:

	Date	Rating	Fee
Rock Climbing Clinic	Feb. 24	B*	\$15
Mountain Bike Day Trip	Feb. 25	B/I	\$6
Rock Climbing, Hueco Tanks	March 10-18	B/I	TBA
Back Packing, New Mexico	March 10-18	B/I	TBA
River Rafting	March 10-18	B/I	TBA

\*B=Beginner, I= Intermediate

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All registration for TAMU Outdoors is taken in 159 Read. For more information, call Patsy Greiner at 845-7826.

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## REC SPORTS WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY January 22	TUESDAY January 23	WEDNESDAY January 24	THURSDAY January 25	FRIDAY January 26	SATURDAY January 27	SUNDAY January 28
Entries Open: Wrestling Team Bowling Table Tennis Doubles 3-on-3 Basketball	Entries Close: Preseason Basketball Basketball Indoor Soccer Racquetball Singles	Basketball Athletic Corporal Meeting 5 pm, 167 Read  Preseason Basketball Brackets Posted, 3 pm	Captain's Meetings: Basketball 5:30 pm, 601 Rudder Indoor Soccer 6 pm, 167 Read	Entries Close: Exercise Classes  Racquetball Singles Schedules Posted, 1pm	Men's Rugby 1 pm, East Campus Gymnastics 12 - 4 pm, 307 Read	
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