

# Texas A&M The Battalion



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TOMORROW'S FORECAST:  
Mostly sunny  
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## 'I had no inkling' Reagan affirms innocence in videotaped deposition

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Ronald Reagan testified in a videotaped deposition released Thursday he never "had any inkling" his aides were secretly arming the Nicaraguan Contras during a congressional ban on military aid.

In testimony for the upcoming trial of John Poindexter, the former president also said he remained unconvinced there had been a diversion of Iran arms sale money to the rebels — until prosecutors confronted him with the report of the Tower Commission he appointed.

Reagan said he would have expected Poindexter, his former national security adviser, to inform him of any diversion of funds to the Contras "unless maybe he thought he was protecting me from something."

Reagan's testimony was taken in Los Angeles last week and made available in Washington. The former president was jovial and testy by turns during eight hours — winking at Poindexter as he took the stand and talking amiably with the judge but also answering in abrupt fashion when Iran-Contra prosecutor Dan Webb said he wasn't addressing a question.

He said at numerous points that he couldn't recall a date, a name, whether someone had told him something or not.

Reagan said decisively that he agreed with a letter Poindexter sent Congress saying the White House was complying with the ban on help for the Contras — a letter that forms part of the basis for one charge Poindexter faces.

But he also said, when told by prosecu-

tors, that he was learning from them for the first time that former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane, Poindexter's predecessor, had pleaded guilty to misleading Congress in the affair.

Reagan testified, "It was my impression" that National Security Council aide Oliver North's assistance to the Contras was limited to "communicating back and forth ... on the need for the support of the Contras."

"I guess that I had never ... had any inkling that we were guiding their strategy in any way," Reagan testified under questioning by Webb.

Asked what he thought North was doing, Reagan said that "you have to have people that can be available to make contact with the leaders of the Contras."

## Students flock to health center for vaccine

By KATHERINE COFFEY  
Of The Battalion Staff

About 100 students rushed to the A.P. Beutel Health Center Thursday to receive an immunization shot in fear of being affected with measles. Most of these students were informed by their professors that they might have been infected in class by a student who contracted the disease this semester.

Over 600 students who had classes with John Carroll, a sophomore accounting student who got the disease, were encouraged by their professors, who were informed by the health center, to get vaccine shots.

Director of the Beutel Health Center Dr. Kenneth Dirks said the students were immunized in an effort to stop the spread

of the contagious disease at A&M.

Junior Allison White, who has Theater Arts 101-501 with Carroll, said she called Friday to get a vaccine shot and the health center was charging everyone \$26. White said she decided to get a shot because her mother called her from Dallas and told her to get a vaccine because cases of measles were also present there. But by this week, the health center decided not to charge students who get immunized, she said.

Dr. Dirks said the health center asked the Texas State Health Department if they could provide free shots for primary contacts who had the same classes as Carroll and also any of his friends or relatives. People, who did not have direct contact with Carroll but think they should get a

shot anyway, will have to pay the fee in order to pay for the extra vaccine immunization medicine, he said.

Everyone is receiving a MMR (measles, mumps and rubella vaccine) combination shot, he added.

"I encourage everyone who thinks they have come into contact with someone with measles to get immunized in order for the disease not to spread," he said.

Being the first person to be diagnosed at A&M since 1971 as having measles, Dr. Dirks said, Carroll is already well and was discharged from the health center Thursday.

Carroll was out of the health center just in time to celebrate his 20th birthday that night.

## TASP test takers risk tardies by using Texas Ave. Saturday

By JULIETTE RIZZO  
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Students taking the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test 8 a.m. Saturday in Harrington Classroom Building may need to leave a little earlier to ensure arriving at the test on time.

Karen Stowe, test coordinator, said that because the Eighth Annual Texas Straight Shot race will close Texas Avenue to through traffic at 7:45 a.m., students may need to find an alternative route to campus. Students need to make sure they are on time or they will not be admitted to the test, which starts promptly at 8 a.m., Stowe said.

The TASP test, required by state law House Bill 2182) as of Fall 1989, is administered to all incoming freshmen and education majors (prior to student teaching) to assess students' basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics.

Pam Kibbler, professional counselor for the Academic Skills Program, said the purpose of the test is to ensure that students' weaknesses are identified prior to course registration.

"The purpose of the test is to make sure students get any developmental work they need before entering into college course work," she said. "If students receive less than the minimum score of 220 in a specific subject area, by law they have to be placed

in developmental courses at the University. "The test is a positive action toward student retention at universities and promoting student success," she said.

Stowe said she only hopes that the 300 students registered to take the test Saturday are able to get there on time.

Tony Scazzero, Straight Shot director, said the race should not pose a problem unless students plan to cross Texas Avenue after 7:45 a.m.

Texas Avenue will be closed from East 29th Street in Bryan to FM 2818 until approximately 9:35 a.m. Scazzero said intersections may open after runners pass through them. The Corps of Cadets will assist in traffic control.

Scazzero suggests that students coming from the south take Texas Avenue to FM 2818 and make a left continuing to Wellborn Road, which leads to campus. He recommends that students coming from the east take Highway 6 to the University.

Roads will completely reopen at 9:35 a.m., leaving roads clear for students leaving the test in the afternoon, he said.

The test will be administered again on April 28. Students may pick up registration materials in the Measurement and Research Services Center located in 257 Bizzell Hall West or in the Academic Skills Program Office in 242 Blocker Building.

## Communist regimes' fall leaves extra funds Governors dispute 'peace dividend'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most governors say they expect the fall of communist regimes in Eastern Europe to produce a "peace dividend," and they want it used to reduce the federal budget deficit rather than designated for their own states' needs.

"There's no question there's going to be a dividend if you're using that term in the sense that the defense budget will come down," said Republican Gov. William Clements of Texas, a former deputy defense secretary.

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Arguing that any such savings should go toward reducing the deficit, Clements said, "The proliferation of our domestic programs is a no-no as far as I'm concerned."

Gov. Buddy Roemer of Louisiana, a Democrat, predicted the savings from reduced military spending could total \$100 billion over the next three years.

"The thing that can help Louisiana the most is to lower the deficit," he said.

"Any peace dividend should go primarily to balancing the budget," said Democratic Gov. George Sinner of North Dakota.

While there was widespread agreement with their view among governors responding to an Associated Press survey, there were a few dissenters.

"As billions are pared from the Pentagon budget, it's time for the federal government to return a substantial portion of that dividend to the states," said Democratic Gov. Robert Casey of Pennsylvania.

Casey singled out mass transit as an area where federal funds were needed. He said the budget proposed by President Bush included no money for the Philadelphia area transit system, which was receiving \$27.4 million this year.

The governor's views on the possible peace dividend were solicited as the state officials prepared for their annual meeting opening this weekend in the nation's capital.

The federal budget, education and drugs were the principal items on the National Governors' Association agenda. Bush will meet with the governors Monday at the White House.

Nearly all the governors said they were confident there would be budget savings as a result of the swift changes occurring in Eastern Europe, where communist regimes have toppled and the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact has lost its status as a military threat.

Bush has brushed aside suggestions that a substantial "peace dividend" was in the offing.

"Many speak of the peace dividend. Few discuss the short-term cost of peace," he said in an address to the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco earlier this month.

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governor of Texas

"There will be costs as we cross the bridge to a better future," he added.

In an introduction to Bush's 1991 budget, Richard G. Darman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, said people were over-estimating the dividend. He portrayed members of Congress as devising spending plans that would total "about ten times the over-estimated dividend."

## Corps hosts military weekend

A full military review will highlight Texas A&M's annual Military Weekend, when members of the Corps of Cadets host representatives of military institutions from around the nation.

Joining A&M cadets are 23 cadets representing the Citadel, West Point, North Georgia College, the Virginia Military Institute, the Air Force Academy, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Norwich University and the New Mexico Military Institute.

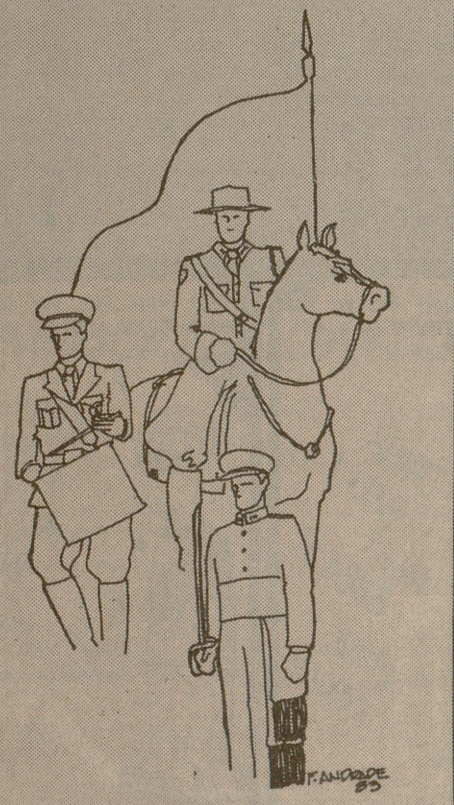
The weekend will include meetings and social events.

Activities began this morning with a round-table discussion on freshmen orientation where cadets will review ways the various institutions welcome new members. Other discussions are scheduled throughout the day.

The Corps will have a run at 5:30 p.m. today, followed by a "Combat Bash" tonight at Lakeview Club.

Saturday's events include a performance by the Ross Volunteers, the Corps' honor unit, and a 1:30 p.m. review on the Simpson Drill Field. A military banquet and ball conclude festivities Saturday night.

A&M's Corps Development Council, a group of former students and friends that supports Corps activities and scholarships, will meet in conjunction with Military Weekend activities.



## Videos educate students about rape

By STACY E. ALLEN  
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The Texas A&M Department of Student Affairs purchased three videos dealing with rape and acquaintance rape to increase student awareness about the topics.

The videos, titled "Someone You Know," "Rape Prevention: Trust Your Instincts" and "It Still Hurts" can be shown to student groups that request a presentation.

Dub Oliver, a graduate assistant in student affairs, said the videos were purchased because rape and date rape are issues concerning college students, and more students want to be educated about the topic.

"We want to make sure we have resources available for the students so that we can do effective programming for them," Oliver said.

Oliver said "Someone You Know" is an awareness-raising video that deals with acquaintance rape.

According to a brochure given out by student programs, 65 percent of all rapes are committed by men that the victims are familiar with.

Oliver said the video is a 30-minute presentation during which women and men who have been raped talk about the experience.

"This is a good film because it gives you an understanding of the kind of effects rape has on women and also confronts the attitudes that are prevalent among men,"

Oliver said.

"Rape Prevention: Trust Your Instincts" is an 18-minute video that gives practical ways women can protect themselves.

Oliver said the video gives women information about how to say no with force, how to be assertive, how to tell if you're being followed and how to get out of a situation you don't want to be in.

Oliver said the last video, "It Still Hurts," is a dramatic representation of what a woman thinks about and goes through after being raped. The film is shown to resident advisers during training sessions.

"We want to equip the R.A.s with effective strategies for students that might be dealing with these problems, because we know it happens on campus, and it's something we should all be aware of," Oliver said.

According to the Uniform Crime Report, no rapes occurred on the A&M campus in 1986-87, four occurred in 1987-88 and three occurred in 1988-89.

Oliver said you can multiply these figures by 10 to get a more accurate estimate of the number of rapes that occurred at A&M.

"Rape is the most under-reported of all crimes," Oliver said. "Statistics indicate that only one in every 10 rapes are actually reported, so it's hard to get a handle on how bad the problem is at a particular place, because you can't see the whole picture."

"We do know, however, that it occurs at A&M, and that is why we do program-

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graduate assistant

ming," he said.

Oliver said any student group can call the student affairs office and schedule a presentation of the films. A representative from student affairs will show the films and direct the discussions that take place afterward.

Oliver has been encouraged so far by the feedback the videos have received from the halls that have seen them.

"If by doing this, we prevent someone from having to go through the trauma and emotional experience of rape, then we will have made a difference," Oliver said.

## Correction

The Battalion incorrectly reported how measles victim John E. Carroll II contracted the virus. Carroll did not get the virus from his children, (he has no children).

The Battalion regrets the error.

## Whoosh!



Photo by Jay Janner

Christie Seay, a senior electrical engineering major from Houston, gets blasted by a gust of wind outside Rudder Tower Thursday.