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WEATHER

TOMORROW'S FORECAST:
Mostly cloudy with a chance of
showers
HIGH: 65 LOW: 45



Red Army leaves Czechoslovakia

FRENSTAT, Czechoslovakia (AP) — A brass band struck up the "Internationale" on Monday as the Red Army began leaving Czechoslovakia 22 years after it arrived to crush a reform movement.
Karel Micek of the Civic Forum said the presence of Soviet troops had meant "empty shelves in stores, polluted water, an occasional fight in the pub and a reminder that we are not a free country."
"Their main problem was that they were here," said Micek, whose group played a central role in the peaceful revolution that ousted the Communist Party from exclusive power in November.

Over 20 Soviet T-62 tanks loaded on flatcars left the northern town of Frenstat, beginning a negotiated, three-stage pullout of the 73,500 Soviet military personnel, scheduled for completion next year.
A second train, laden with 33 armored vehicles, left a few hours later from the Domasov nad Bystrici station near a Red Army base at Libava in eastern Czechoslovakia.
It is the first time the Kremlin has removed its soldiers from the territory of a Warsaw Pact ally.
Hungary is near agreement with the Soviets on a similar accord, but no deals have been struck with Poland and East Germany, the other Soviet allies in Europe that are hosts to Red Army

troops.
Soviet soldiers remained in Czechoslovakia after a Warsaw Pact invasion crushed the reformist "Prague Spring" of 1968. They entered Hungary in 1956 to put down an anti-Stalinist uprising.
Before the withdrawal began, the Soviet Union had 1,220 tanks, 2,505 armored vehicles, 77 combat aircraft and 146 helicopters in Czechoslovakia, in addition to the 73,500 soldiers.
Soon after the first train rolled toward the border, the official news agency CTK reported that Soviet-Czechoslovak military maneuvers would be held next month.

Sbisa luncheon provides chance to voice concerns

Texas A&M students will have an opportunity to voice their concerns about A&M undergraduate education during lunchtime Wednesday.
Members of the A&M Committee on Academic Campuses Advisory Panel on Undergraduate Education will be at Sbisa Dining Hall from noon to 1 p.m. to answer student questions and identify issues and concerns about undergraduate programs at A&M.

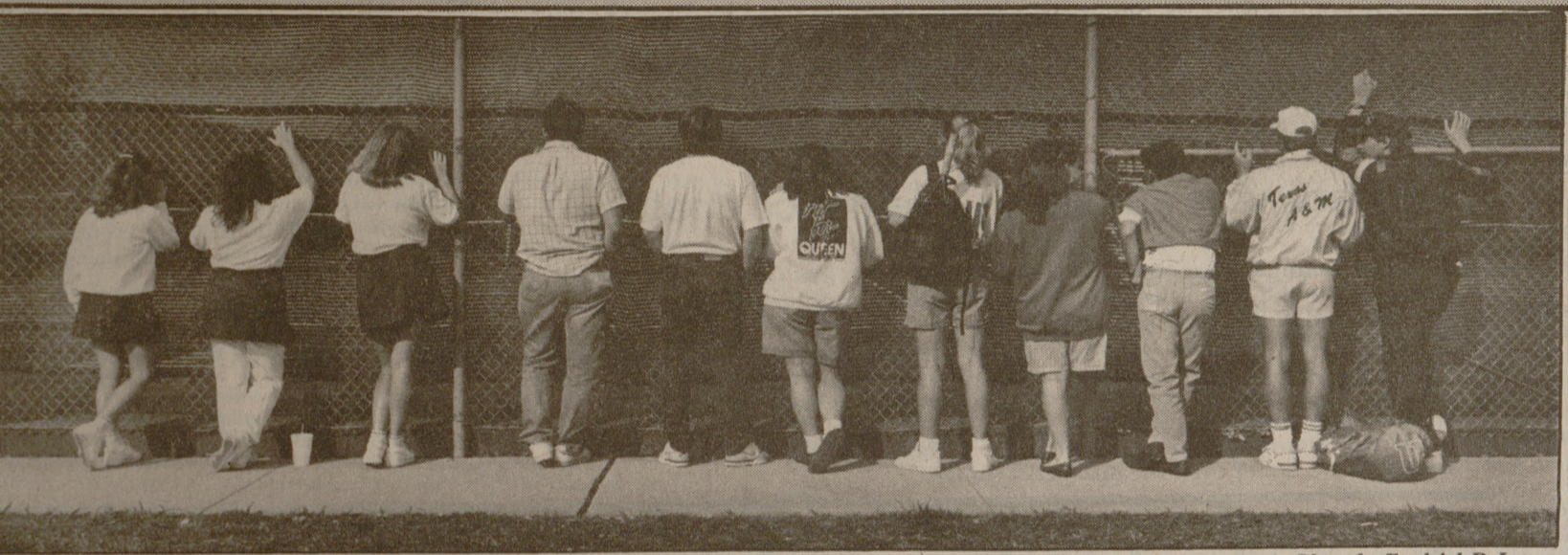
Vicki Running, secretary of the Board of Regents, said eight tables consisting of three people from the Board of Regents or the advisory council will be set up in Sbisa for talks with students having lunch.
The committee is made up of student leaders, faculty members, members of the Board of Regents, former students and the president of the Federation of A&M Mothers' Clubs.

Nicaraguan leader admits loss of power

Ortega concedes to voters' verdict

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — President Daniel Ortega assured the world Monday the Sandinistas will accept the voters' verdict and surrender power after more than a decade to an opposition alliance formed only six months ago.
"We leave victorious because the Sandinistas have sacrificed, spilled blood and sweat, not to cling to government posts, but to bring Nicaragua something denied since 1821," he said in a dramatic dawn speech broadcast nationwide.
Ortega spoke hours after it was clear the electoral tide was against him and Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, publisher of the opposition newspaper La Prensa, would be the next president of this battle-scarred nation, which has in the past decade become one of the poorest in the Western Hemisphere.
"People wanted a change," she said as she headed for a victory celebration at her campaign headquarters.

Fenced out



Texas A&M tennis fans peek through the fence to watch a match in Monday's tournament against Northeast Louisiana at Omar

Smith Tennis Center. The Aggie men's team beat the Indians 5-4. See tennis story/Page 7

Photo by Fredrick D. Joe

Commission rejects control of liquor sale

'Happy hours' ban protects businesses

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission unanimously rejected strict rules on the liquor industry Monday that were aimed at reducing alcohol abuse, especially among minors.
Alcoholic Beverage Commission member R. Allan Shivers Jr. of Austin said he sympathized with the thrust of the 15 proposed rules, including a ban on "happy hours," but said they would infringe on the rights of businesses.
Shivers said banning happy hours — periods when establishments offer drinks at reduced prices — would be similar to banning "white sales at department stores in the Christmas season."
The measures were pushed by Texans for Responsible Alcohol Consumption, a coalition of groups

Ross Volunteers march in Mardi Gras parade

By DAPHNE MILLER
Of The Battalion Staff

Texas A&M tradition and excellence are part of New Orleans' Mardi Gras today as the Ross Volunteers march in the King Rex Krewe Parade.
Dressed in crisp white uniforms with shining swords and boots, the Ross Volunteers began the seven-mile march at 10 a.m.
Capt. Mark Johnson, adviser of the group, said the Ross Volunteers will serve as King Rex's

honor guard on this Fat Tuesday.
"Attending Mardi Gras is the second unofficial duty of the Ross Volunteers," Johnson said. "The first is to escort the governor of Texas."
This is the 39th time in the past 40 years the RVs have participated in the parade. Icy weather prevented the group from participating last year.
More than 100 Ross Volunteers and their advisers departed from A&M by bus at 5:30 a.m. Sunday. The group is staying on the USS Guam, anchored on the Mississippi River.
The RVs experienced the Mardi Gras festivities Sunday night during free time, and the New

Orleans A&M Club hosted the group for a Cajun and seafood dinner Monday night. After Tuesday's parade the group will drive back to College Station.
Johnson said the trip is paid for by A&M funds and an honorarium from King Rex Krewe, organizer of the parade.
The Ross Volunteers have been practicing for the parade since the beginning of the school year, starting with the Bryan-College Station Christmas Parade and the "Go Texan" Parade in Conroe earlier this month, Johnson said.

Conference helps student leaders

Speaker says anyone can affect history

By JILL BUTLER
Of The Battalion Staff

The international events of the past year should inspire all people that anyone can have enormous effects on history, said the executive director of the White House Initiative on Black Colleges and Universities.
Robert K. Goodwin, former deputy chancellor for external affairs at Texas A&M, was the guest speaker at the Conference on Student Government Associations luncheon Monday.
"The gravest danger to our democratic way of life and our economic system is the thought that each of us can't make a difference," Goodwin said.
"We are at a critical juncture in our civilization's history," he said. "On the one hand, unimaginable opportunity and on the other, unspeakable hazards. They intersect in such a way that you and I can make a difference."



Robert K. Goodwin

Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

He said history is full of examples of ordinary men and women, who through extraordinary actions, changed the world.
Goodwin cited as examples Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Chinese students in Tienanmen Square and Germans who broke down the Berlin Wall.
"Leadership is a case of following tried and true principles, following a path cleared by others," Goodwin said.
He said to improve leadership skills, people should look to examples set by others.
"By objectively reviewing those human attributes you relate to and gravitate toward and want to emulate, you can paint a faint picture of an option for your life — something you can aspire to and shoot for," Goodwin said.

Setting goals is imperative to reaching a level of excellence, Goodwin said. He said deciding where you want to go by setting goals is half the journey of getting there.
"Leadership is first and foremost about choices," Goodwin said.
He said people must choose values, goals and priorities.
"We can scale the mountains of selfless giving, or we can trudge

Leaders discuss student apathy

By JULIE MYERS
Of The Battalion Staff

In one of 20 roundtable discussions, student government leaders helped a peer from The University of Texas at Pan American evaluate the apathetic student body and overcome what he described as a dictatorial administration.
Students from 84 universities around the world participated in the discussions in the Memorial Student Center Monday that are aimed at increasing the effectiveness of student government.
The discussions, which were part of the 10th Annual Conference on Student Government Associations, gave student leaders a chance to share ideas, experiences and areas of strength.
Andrew Robinson, a UTPA student government member, said the school has an apathy problem.
Eight students out of 12,000 voted in student body president elections last year, Robinson said.
The apathetic attitude is compounded by an uncooperative administration. Robinson said university officials are cooperative only if it is agreeable to them.
"We are the student's voice to the administration," Robinson said. "But it's frustrating because students tell you their problems and you can't do a thing about it."
Robinson said the UTPA president can change anything at will and that student government could not override any veto, even if every student at UTPA wanted a change.
Brad Moini, a student government leader from Kean College in New Jersey, said the key to effective student government is to know the administration one-on-one.
"If they don't know the student organizations," Moini said, "they won't care."

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— W.S. McBeath, TABC administrator

including Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Texans' War on Drugs and the Texas Parent Teacher Association.

The coalition said it would continue to fight for stricter regulations.
In addition to the happy hour ban, the coalition wanted bar employees to count patrons' drinks and prohibit unescorted minors from entering bars.
Shivers said the Legislature would have to change state laws in order to implement the coalition's recommendations.
"The Legislature has said that minors can be in places that serve alcohol," he said. "The Legislature has clearly said that people who are 18 years old may work in places that sell alcohol. The Alcoholic Beverage Commission cannot thwart the will of the Legislature."
Shivers and commission member Morris Atlas of McAllen also discounted criticism that the alcoholic beverage agency was doing the bidding of the powerful liquor industry.
"I don't think anybody on this commission is going to be intimidated by anyone," Atlas said.
Jim Crouch, executive director of the Texas PTA, said, "The TABC has been so long involved with the industry without much outside input that this has been a new environment for them."
"We have given them a third element to this relationship," he said.
W.S. McBeath, agency administrator, said the commission staff would continue investigating happy hour practices, increase enforcement and review penalty guidelines on the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors.
"Our goal is to safeguard the public from dangerous or abusive practices without causing harm to the honest businessman," he said.
Atlas said the commission will probably look at happy hour practices again. "That is a problem," he said. "It has been a problem for some time."

Clarification

Students wishing to copy the anti-virus computer programs that invaded the Macintosh computers earlier this month should copy the virus on their own data disks, not on the system disk.
The WDEF virus may have scrambled or erased programs.