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Students, faculty in reserves face possible active duty

By JULIE MYERS
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Texas A&M students, faculty and staff employees in the reserves could face active duty if they are called to supplement active duty personnel in Saudi Arabia and short-handed military installations around the United States.

President Bush last week called for the activation of 40,000 reservists. Bush has the authority to activate up to 200,000 reservists.

Dr. John Koldus, A&M's vice president for student services, said there is no University policy regarding students in the reserves who are called to active duty because there has not been a need in the past.

Instead, students who have questions about their status should contact the Dean's office of the college in which they are enrolled and the office of student services, Koldus said.

"We will try to be flexible and adaptable in working out each student's problems," Koldus said.

Maj. Jake Betty, a U.S. Army cadet training officer in the Corps of Cadets Comman-

nant's Office, said there had not been a count of the number of reservists in the Corps, but said that there were quite a few.

Betty is also a reservist with the 75th maneuver area command in Houston, an infantry unit. Betty said he does not expect he will be called to duty.

Bush's decision to authorize the call up of reservists for military duty was the first such action since 1968 when President Lyndon Johnson activated reservists after the Tet Offensive in Vietnam.

President Richard Nixon also called up reservists in 1970 to help deliver mail during a postal strike.

Betty, Class of '73, said before now there had not been a need for a policy concerning the activation of student reservists in the Corps of Cadets.

At the time of the last call up in 1970, students could not be in the reserves and the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the same time.

Reserve units provide drinking water, road construction, maintenance of vehicles, medical support and truck transport.

Statistics compiled by the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., show that



only 33 of the Army's 100 truck companies are active-duty units. Such companies are crucial for distribution of goods and supplies to front-line units.

Of the 100 maintenance companies in the Army, only 11 are active duty units. All 100 railroad units are reserve elements.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Patricia L. Couger sent a memo Aug. 20 to all A&M system personnel officers concerning military leave.

The State Auditor's Office has determined the crisis in the Middle East constitutes a national emergency in the context of leave without pay privileges for reservists called to active duty.

Additionally, the memo said if the President calls reservists to active duty, even if it is not specified as a national emergency, the same rights to leave apply.

The memo also stated that reservists:

- can use the unused portion of the 15 days of paid reserve duty leave prior to going on leave without pay or terminating employment.
- can use the 15 days of paid leave up to Sept. 30 and then use next year's allocation of 15 days starting Oct. 1.
- cannot return to LWOP status if they go on leave without pay and return to a pay

status on Oct. 1 to use next year's 15 days for reserve duty.

- may have a right to leave without pay if they volunteer for military service. A CEO may grant a LWOP, but is not required to do so under the law.
- have re-employment rights both for those who volunteer and those ordered to report to duty.

The Texas Veteran's Employment Restoration Act assures re-employment rights of individuals entering the military service either voluntarily or under orders.

The law states re-employment is guaranteed if the individual returns to state employment within five years of enlistment as long as the military discharge or separation is under honorable conditions and application is made within 90 days of separating from the armed forces.

- can use accrued annual leave and compensatory time before going on LWOP status, but cannot go on LWOP and still be paid a lump sum for accrued annual leave.

The memo also told employees to check the APRM B.9.8, Leave of Absence for Military Training and Duty for additional guidance, or to call 845-2026.

More bodies found at UF

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Two more bodies were discovered in this university city Tuesday, two days after three women students were found slain and mutilated in their apartments, setting off a wave of fear at the start of the school year.

"It's clear this part of the country has some maniac on the loose," University of Florida President John Lombardi said during a staff meeting. "It reminds us of a natural catastrophe. The killer is selecting victims by criteria that are not clear to us."

The bodies of a man and a woman were found together Tuesday morning at a student apartment complex near one where two bodies were found Sunday, said Alachua County Sheriff's Lt. Spencer Mann.

Police set up a command post between those off-campus sites and about two miles from the apartment where a third body was discovered early Monday.

Bush praises national unity, warns Iraq of 'stiffer price'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, applauded by Congress for his Persian Gulf strategy, warned Iraq on Tuesday that it will pay a stiff price for occupying Kuwait and "an even stiffer price" by broadening the conflict.

"Let no one abroad doubt our national unity or our staying power," Bush said.

The White House reacted cautiously to an announcement from Iraq that all women and children foreigners would be allowed to leave the country beginning Wednesday.

"Our position has always been that everyone should be allowed to leave," said White House deputy press secretary Roman Popadiuk.

Bush reiterated earlier statements he has made.

"When it comes to the safety and well being of American citizens held against their will, I will hold Baghdad responsible," he said.

The president, breaking away from his summer vacation in Maine, flew to Washington to consult with congressional leaders and brief members of the House and Senate Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, Appropriations and Intelligence committees.

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., seated alongside Bush in the Cabinet Room, said Congress supports the president's moves.

Even so, some lawmakers have raised questions about the cost, size and duration of the massive buildup of American troops in the Persian Gulf.

The Pentagon on Tuesday estimated the total cost of the U.S. deployment at \$2.5 billion through the end of September, nearly double the previous estimate of \$1.3 billion.

Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams said the increased costs can be attributed to the expense of calling up reserve and National Guard forces, increased operations for ships and aircraft and to increased fuel costs.

Williams also said Iraq's troop strength in and near Kuwait had increased to 265,000 soldiers.

Bush got a standing ovation from more than 170 lawmakers — Republicans and Democrats alike — assembled at the Old Executive Office Building for their first meeting with the president since he sent American combat troops to Saudi Arabia to deter Iraq after its Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

Telephone survey shows Williams leading race

By BILL HETHCOCK
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Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ann Richards trails Republican candidate Clayton Williams among Democrats and Independents in Brazos County, according to a phone survey released Tuesday by U.S. Congressman Joe Barton.

Barton said the survey of 4,500 Democrats and Independents showed 34.5 percent supporting Williams, 29.5 percent supporting Richards, 14.7 percent undecided and the remainder refused to respond.

"We're not calling Republicans, and Ann Richards is still behind," Barton said. "Ann Richards would lose in Brazos County if the election were held now, even if no Republicans voted."

The survey does not reflect opinions of Texas A&M students, who were not contacted because many were out of town when the survey was conducted, Barton said.

Barton said Richards has turned to negative campaigning to win over Williams supporters.

He pointed to the Democratic and Republican primaries as evidence that negative campaigning is coming from the Democrats.

"Look at the Republican and Democratic primaries," Barton said. "We had spirited campaigns on both sides, but the negative campaigning was on the Democratic side."

He said Richards is resorting to negative television, radio and newspaper advertisements because she is behind Williams in the polls.

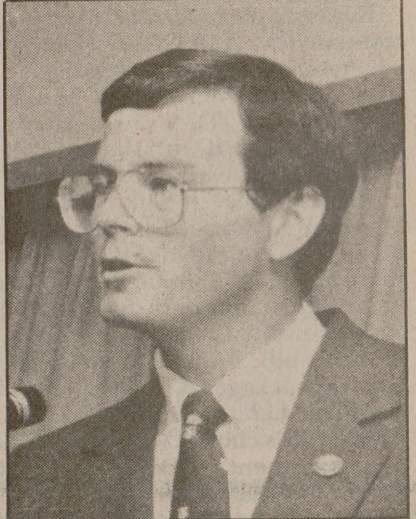
"When people decide to go negative, it's usually a sign they're getting desperate, and I think that's the case here," Barton said.

Williams campaign officials have contacted Richards' headquarters and requested both sides stick to positive, issue-oriented campaigning, but Richards refused, Barton said.

Brazos County Democratic Chairman Bill McGuire denies the Democrats were the ones "slinging the mud" first, and said he doubts a phone survey was even conducted in the local area.

"After the primaries, Williams said no more mud," McGuire said. "But then you've got Williams ads on the radio saying prisoners are for Ann Richards and stuff like that."

"Then he was approached by



Battalion file photo
 Sen. Joe Barton

Rudder's Rangers fight mock air battle



Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

Rudder Ranger members John Hester and Blake Alexander, with the rest of the outfit, stand at attention after their attack exercise at the Duncan Field Tuesday afternoon. They are standing in the smoke of their smoke bombs used in the raid.

By TROY HALL
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Helicopters, smoke and gunfire filled the air Tuesday afternoon at Duncan Field as Texas A&M Rudder's Rangers members led a mock air attack against a "Middle Eastern" stronghold.

Rudder's Rangers, a student organization sponsored by the A&M ROTC program, had its annual quad assault to recruit new members from the Corps of Cadets.

John Arthurs, Rudder's Rangers training officer, said the Middle Eastern overtone

made the mock attack more interesting for cadets.

"We thought this would make it more timely — with the 'enemy' wearing Arab outfits," he said.

A five-member opposing force wore Arab turbans while a Soviet flag flew over the mock stronghold.

Tuesday's quad assault consisted of light infantry tactics. Two helicopters, each with a squad of six, landed at Duncan Field to intercept an opposing force of five. Smoke bombs made visibility difficult when the helicopters landed to drop off the squads.

Gunfire rang in the air for several minutes,

and the event ended when the opposing force was killed and their supply tent blown up.

"Your blood is pumping and everything is moving fast," said Roy Tisdale, a junior animal science major from Alvin. "It felt like a real combat mission. You're up above and then all of a sudden you're down in the middle of gunfire. There is a high intensity the entire time."

Rudder's Rangers members join the organization to supplement their ROTC program and prepare for ROTC Advanced Camp.

This ultimately could decide the type of

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Construction begins on System headquarters Price approved at \$10.7 million

Texas A&M University System officials were present Tuesday as construction began on the System headquarters on Tarrow Street near the Hilton Hotel in College Station.

The site of the state System headquarters is presently a shell of a building, formerly the seven-story Woodbine Financial Center, behind the Hilton.

The A&M headquarters building will be approximately 129,000 square feet and cost \$10.7 million to complete.

Paul Pogue Inc. construction company of Sherman was selected by System Chancellor Perry Adkisson to do the work. The Texas A&M Board of Regents approved the company during a July meeting.

Base construction costs for the headquarters totaled \$8.3 million, but the regents approved additional money to add 12 ornamental features, including elevator paneling, granite tile floors, extensive millwork and TAMUS seals around the building.

The System bought the partially completed building and 4.2 acre site several years ago to move the chancellor and deputy chancellors' offices as well as all other TAMUS administrative and general offices off the main A&M campus.

In addition, the building also will house the offices of the Texas Forest Service, Texas Engineering Extension Service and several small classrooms and meeting facilities.

The building is expected to be ready for occupancy by December 1991.