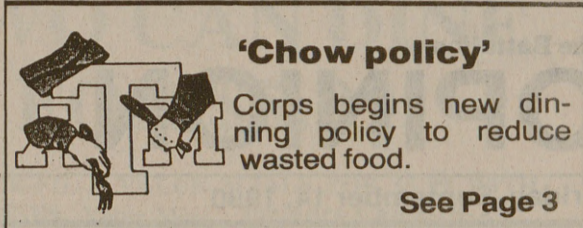


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Senate spars with Souter about controversial issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee David H. Souter firmly refused to discuss his views on abortion Thursday as the Senate Judiciary Committee opened confirmation hearings. Democrats promised to continue to press for his views on that and other controversial issues.

He told the Senate Judiciary Committee it would be inappropriate for him to discuss such a hotly contested constitutional matter as abortion, though he said he accepted the constitutional right of privacy on which the Supreme Court based its abortion-legalizing 1973 decision, Roe vs. Wade.

Souter, the New Hampshire judge who is President Bush's first choice for the nation's highest court, spoke slowly and somberly in the crowded Senate hearing room of what he

called "the greatest responsibility that any judge in our republic can undertake."

The court has been deeply divided in recent years with 5-4 rulings on such contentious issues such as abortion and civil rights, and conservatives are hoping that Souter will help anchor the court firmly on the right.

"If the Senate of the United States believes it is right to confirm my nomination, then I will accept those responsibilities as obligations to all of the people of the United States whose lives will be affected by my stewardship of the Constitution," Souter said.

Committee chairman Joseph Biden, D-DeL., then began the long process in which Souter would confront questions from all 14 commit-

tee members.

Biden engaged Souter in a dialogue about the right of privacy, which although not specifically mentioned in the Constitution has been recognized by the Supreme Court since a 1965 decision called Griswold vs. Connecticut.

Souter, 50, said he would view his Supreme Court service as a responsibility "to make the promises of the Constitution a reality for our time and to preserve that Constitution for the generations that will follow us."

He began his testimony after sitting quietly for two hours while senators made opening statements.

Drawing battle lines quickly, Democrats advised him to "open for us the window into your mind" while Republicans told him to keep his own counsel in facing sensitive questions.

Presentation of message scoreboard, new bugles to take place before game

By KATHERINE COFFEY
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Presentations will be made Saturday before A&M's football game for Kyle Field's new message scoreboard and for the Aggie Band's bugle rank, who received 16 new bugles from former band members.

David South, assistant athletic director in charge of marketing and promotion sales, will present the scoreboard with John David Crow, A&M athletic director.

The board was paid for by Coca-Cola, GTE, NCNB and Dairy Queen.

"The new message board is the largest four-color message board of its kind in the United States," South said. "It is neat because it has all types of animation abilities on it."

Crow said the scoreboard's features include making announcements, animations and playbacks of the game. He said it is similar to but much larger than the scoreboard in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

and it turned out to be profitable," Crow said.

Crow said the scoreboard is an added attraction to Kyle Field.

The other presentation during the pre-game ceremonies Saturday will be former band members donating 16 new bugles to the bugle rank of the Aggie Band. Twelve of the 16 bugles are used for each game, Maj. Jay O. Brewer, associate band director, said.

"We were in dire need of new bugles because the last brasses purchased were in 1980, and before that in 1950," he said.

Brewer said he and another former band member coordinated the project. They began to contact old band members this summer about donations so they could get 16 new bugles made, he said.

Brewer said they found a company in California able to make the instruments by having the old bugles sent as models, he said.

He said he thought this was a worthwhile project because it got other people interested in donating to and supporting the band.

The bugles were donated by former band members, the San Antonio A&M Club and the San Antonio A&M Mother's Club.

"I think the presentation to the bugle rank is showing the loyalty and support the former band members have for the Aggie Band," he said.

Former band members to relive past

About 500 members of the Texas Aggie Band Association will be in town for Saturday's Texas A&M and University of Southwestern Louisiana football game to attend reunion activities.

More than 100 members of the Texas Aggie Band Association, the alumni and support organization of the Aggie Band, will relive their roles as musicians in the Former Student Band.

The band is scheduled to rehearse in the Adams Band Hall and on the Haney Practice Field Saturday afternoon, then march into Kyle Field and sit on the student side of the stadium.

The two bands will alternate playing traditional football songs.

The primary reunion activity will be a Saturday luncheon for 800 — nearly 300 former band members, 290 present members and more than 200 family members of the present musicians, who are affiliated with the alumni group as associate members.

This year's band has 290 musicians, including 11 women.

Before A&M received the scoreboard, the athletic administration talked about the idea of a new board during last year's football season, Crow said. By the spring, officials were putting together proposals.

"We sold advertising for the new message board for more than it cost,

Iraq warns U.S. of terrorist attacks for 'crimes,' 'insults'

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iraq warned the United States today of possible terrorist attacks against American targets in retaliation for what it called "crimes" and "insults" against the Arab and Islamic nations.

The warning came in a memorandum handed to the U.S. charge d'affaires in Baghdad, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the Iraqi memorandum was in response to a message given to the Iraqi Foreign Ministry in Baghdad on Wednesday. The report said the message was from the U.S. government and was delivered by the U.S. charge d'affaires.

The U.S. message "claimed that certain terrorist groups which have bases in Iraq and are supported by Iraq are preparing for attacks against targets of the United States and its friends," INA said.

According to the news agency, the U.S. message warned: "In the event of an attack of that sort, Presi-

dent Saddam Hussein should know that the United States will hold him personally responsible."

The memorandum given to the U.S. diplomat today said: "The Iraqi government categorically denies the American claims," contained in the Washington message, according to the news agency.

"The American government and President Bush should expect that the crimes the United States of America is committing against the Arab nation and the insult it is directing to the Islamic shrines by occupying holy lands will undoubtedly produce a natural reaction from the Arab and Islamic masses," the Iraqi memorandum said.

It was delivered by Nizar Hamdoun, undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry, the news agency said.

The United States has massed troops in Saudi Arabia along that country's borders with Iraq and Kuwait in response to Baghdad's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

Cotton clippin' Aggies



Photo by Jay Janner

Michael Crawford and Karl Mihalski, student workers for the Soil and Crop Sciences Department, clip the leaves off cotton plants in preparation for their transplantation.

Student organizations execute post-game tidy up of Kyle Field; time, effort pay off for everyone

By JOE FERGUSON
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More than 70,000 screaming, towel-waving football fans can leave quite a mess.

Trash collected from Texas A&M's Kyle Field usually fills eight large dumpsters — twice — according to Associate Athletic Director Wally Groff.

So who has the honor of cleaning up after 72,000 A&M fans? A&M's water polo team.

The athletic department and the water polo team have an annual contract, but the water polo team sub-contracts out if it needs help, Groff said.

The 1990 contract defines the salary for each game according to attendance figures.

Groff said the department pays \$1,500 when attendance is less than

50,000; \$1,650 when attendance is between 50,000 and 59,999; \$1,800 when attendance is between 60,000 and 69,999; and \$2,000 when attendance is more than 70,000.

Water polo team president Jimmy Linehan said the team cleans the third decks of Kyle Field and it contracts out the lower two decks to two other student organizations.

The other organizations can earn between \$200 and \$500 depending on attendance.

Linehan said first-deck workers usually earn more because of the deck's size and the extra work required to clean it. Larger groups, like the Corps of Cadets, are preferred for the first-deck cleanup for the same reason.

Many organizations are hired to work during a season, but about two-thirds of the cleanup crews are from the Corps, Linehan said.

With all the necessary equipment provided by the athletic department, Linehan said the cleanup takes about four hours.

He said they get started at 8 a.m. Sunday and are done by noon, unless it rains.

Linehan is reminded of a cleanup after the 1988 A&M and University of Texas game. A&M was headed for the Cotton Bowl, and the fans were throwing cotton balls into the air, which made for a particularly messy football stadium, he said.

The next day it rained, delaying cleanup for a while. Cleanup was made even more difficult because of all the soggy cotton balls sticking to everything.

"We don't mind cleaning it up if we have a reason," Linehan said. "We didn't have to find any cotton last year."

Other than soggy cotton balls, Le-

nihan said groups have found money, umbrellas, beer and "millions of liquor bottles."

The water polo team, however, has sought and found something not likely to be discovered in the garbage: funding.

Linehan said about 75 percent of the team's funds come from the cleanup. He said the funds are used for traveling to tournaments in and out of the state.

Not all the money, however, is saved. Much of the day's pay goes to feeding 15 to 20 team members after the cleanup.

Linehan said assignments for this season already have been made and there is a lengthy waiting list, but organizations wanting to help clean Kyle Field should apply in April.

For more information, ask for Paula Opal in the Recreation Sports Office, 159 Read Building or call 845-7826.

Police to enforce no-parking zones; football fans affected

University News Service

Parking will be an even scarcer commodity when College Station police begin to enforce no-parking zones on city streets around Texas A&M, particularly during football games.

Sgt. Greg Lewis of the College Station Police Department said as many as 800 to 1,000 spaces zoned no parking, which have been used by fans during past football games, will be off limits this fall.

Lewis said his department is enforcing the no-parking zones because of hazards when automobiles park in the areas.

Targeted areas include George Bush Drive (formerly Jersey Street),

Wellborn Road and the secondary streets that intersect George Bush Drive between Wellborn Road and Timber Street.

The areas contingent to Kyle Field also will be patrolled for parking violators.

Lewis said the majority of no-parking zones have been designated as tow-away zones and violators will have their automobiles towed at their expense, plus a \$15 fine for the parking violation.

Because so many people are accustomed to parking in these areas, Lewis said during the first two home games, Saturday and Sept. 22, officers will give warnings instead of towing autos.

Mexican Americans to honor social leader

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Remembering the 180th anniversary of the people's march on Mexico City, many Mexican Americans will honor Mexico's first social leader and the revolution he inspired, Sunday on Mexico's day of independence.

On Sept. 16, 1810, or *el dieciséis de septiembre*, a peasant uprising led by Father Miguel Hidalgo marched on the Mexican capital rallying behind the battle cry, "Independence and Death to Spaniards."

Within 10 months, however, Spanish forces captured Hidalgo and executed the leader of Mexico's first major social revolt against Spain.

Dr. Henry Schmidt, an A&M associate professor of Latin-American history, said many Mexicans still revere Hidalgo, a parish priest from Dolores, as the father of Mexican independence even though his revolt did not lead directly to Mexican freedom.

"Although Hidalgo was not a very good organizer and a worse soldier, his ideals proved to be the foundation for future revolutionary leaders," Schmidt said.

Another social revolt led by José María More-

los gave more direction to the independence movement in 1813, Schmidt said.

In 1814, Schmidt said, Morelos tried to draft a new constitution for Mexico but failed.

After two years of trying to form a provisional government, Morelos was captured by Spanish forces and executed.

Five years after Morelos' death, Schmidt said a

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liberal revolution in Spain in 1820 caused the conservative faction in Mexico led by Augustin de Iturbide, to join with the liberal heirs of Hidalgo and Morelos to achieve Mexico's independence on Sept. 27, 1821, more than 11 years after Hidalgo first attacked the Spanish in Mexico

City.

"However, Sept. 16 is celebrated as Mexico's independence day because the implicit social revolutions started by Hidalgo and Morelos mean much more to the common people of Mexico," Schmidt said.

After independence was achieved, Schmidt said the conservative element of the revolution took control of the government. He said because Iturbide came to power, only nominal change occurred.

He said it would be another 100 years until actual social change would affect Mexico during the revolution of 1910.

"Ironically, the revolution of 1910 reached back to some of the same ideals and beliefs of Hidalgo and Morelos," Schmidt said.

Hidalgo once again became a prominent social figure in Mexico because the liberal 1910 revolution redefined the Mexican government, he said.

"Mexico goes as its social revolutions go and when the liberal constitution of 1910 was adopted, many of Hidalgo's social reforms were reintroduced to the Mexican people," Schmidt said. "Because of this, Mexico remembers and honors what Hidalgo did for them and their country."

Brazos beautiful Local groups to pick up trash, plant wildflowers

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Sixteen Brazos County Adopt-a-Highway groups will participate in Saturday's Great Texas Cleanup-Greenup.

Nelda Riley of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation's district engineer office in Bryan said local groups and 1,384 Texas Adopt-a-Highway groups will pick up trash and plant wildflower seeds on Texas highways.

A highway department press release said wildflower seeds are provided by Anheuser-Busch Inc. as part of its corporate sponsorship of the department's "Don't Mess with Texas" campaign.

The campaign is credited by the highway department for a 60 percent reduction in highway litter after five years.

The highway department, which

developed and sponsors the Texas Adopt-a-Highway program, said the Great Texas Cleanup-Greenup will involve more than 25,000 volunteers cleaning 2,800 miles of Texas roads.

The plantings should yield about 2,000 square feet of wildflowers, the department said.

Only members of Adopt-a-Highway groups may participate in the cleanup, although anyone who wants to help may join a group, she said.

The Adopt-a-Highway program, which began in the Tyler area, was introduced statewide in March 1987. More than 3,600 groups have since joined the program.

The program involves civic and business groups which "adopt" two-mile stretches of highway and are responsible for keeping them clean.

The Texas Adopt-a-Highway program is the first of its kind in the nation.