

Compromise Taxes increased, spending reduced in plan to decrease budget deficit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and congressional leaders Sunday forged a \$500-billion, five-year compromise package of tax increases and spending cuts, spurring Congress to quick action on a budget spending measure needed to avoid slashes in federal services Monday. The House approved the temporary financing bill just three hours after the budget agreement was described by President Bush in a Rose Garden announcement. The Senate was poised to act later in the evening. "It is balanced, it is fair, and in my view it is what the United States of America needs at this point in its history," Bush said in announcing an agreement that concluded budget negotiations that began in May. The package contained \$134 billion in new tax revenues, including new taxes on gasoline, cigarettes, alcohol and luxury items. Medicare costs for the elderly and disabled are increased; defense spending slashed as well. On a 382-41 vote, the House passed what is called a continuing appropriations resolution to keep the government operating at full speed through next Friday while lawmakers weigh the proposed budget compromise. The resolution, sent quickly to the Senate, also includes \$2 billion in new appropriations for the Desert Shield operations in the Persian Gulf. House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., praised the compromise, but agreed with Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell of Maine, who said "Now comes the hard part," in pushing it past special interest groups and through Congress. The compromise would shear \$40 billion off the deficit expected for the new fiscal year. Without action, the 1991 shortfall was projected to hit \$294 billion, \$73 billion higher than the previous federal record for red ink and almost triple the shortfall the administration said it anticipated in January. White House budget director Richard Darman attributed the higher deficit projection to the deteriorating economy and growing projections of the costs of rescuing the savings and loan industry. With congressional leaders at his side, Bush said "I do not welcome" the tax increases — which he opposed during his 1988 election campaign. But he said they were needed to help the country's economy, and he said he would join in a bipartisan effort to get the package enacted by Oct. 19. "I will do everything I can to generate support from the American people for this compromise," he said. The components of the final budget compromise was a delicate political balance between tax increases Democrats sought and spending cuts Republicans favored. "We all made compromises in the national interest," said House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo. Republicans in Congress will be reluctant to accept the tax increases, while many Democrats will look warily at domestic spending reductions, with most programs held to increase matching the inflation rate for the next three years. There also were broad reductions in projected future spending for social, pension and agricultural programs.

Fighter plane crashes; kills two U.S. pilots

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Two U.S. Air Force pilots were killed Sunday when their F-15 fighter plane crashed during an exercise in Saudi Arabia, the U.S. military command said. They were the first Air Force personnel reported killed in Saudi Arabia since the beginning of Operation Desert Shield nearly two months ago. Another F-16 crashed earlier, but the pilot was not hurt. The aircraft, assigned to the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, was on what was described as a routine mission in the southern Saudi desert on Sunday morning, officers said. The pilots' names were withheld pending notification of relatives. A board of inquiry was assigned to investigate. The crash brought to five the number of U.S. servicemen killed in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield. Five crewmen were injured in the crash of an Army UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter Saturday. Officers said one remained in critical condition, three in good condition and one was released. Two soldiers have been killed and one hurt in vehicle accidents, and a sailor was accidentally electrocuted on a ship.

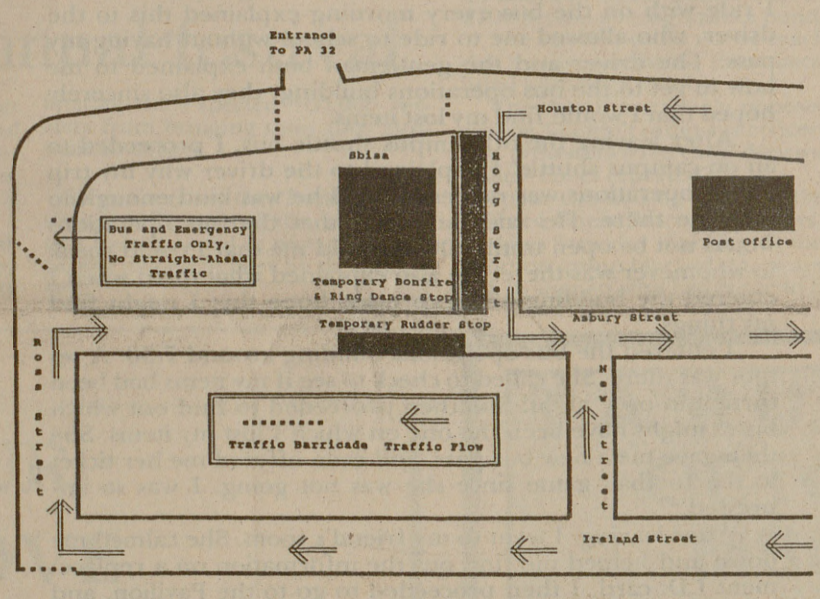
Keeping the roads clean



Photo by Sondra Robbins Laura Haberle, a senior recreation and parks major living in Davis-Gary hall, picks up trash off Highway 21 Saturday.

Buses rerouted while Ross Street repaired

TROY HALL The Battalion Staff Ross Street will be closed for an indefinite period of time beginning Tuesday afternoon because of a street failure. A&M officials decided to close Ross Street because several sections of the street are washing out. Workers will find the source of the problem and make the necessary repairs. The emergency closure of Ross Street will result in the rerouting of traffic as well as the on- and off-campus bus systems. The grounds maintenance crew will begin work Tuesday afternoon, which time Ross Street will be closed between Ireland and Bizzell streets. Ross Street will run one-way westbound from Ireland to Asbury Street where all traffic must turn to leave campus. Houston Street to Asbury Street will be open only for bus, emergency and local access to parking areas. Traffic entering parking area 10 will need to enter by way of Ireland Street. Spence Street also will be closed at the Ross Street intersection. Tom Williams, director of Park-



ing, Transit and Traffic Services, says the proper barricades will be used to mark the construction areas. "When you have an open hole in the middle of the street, there is a certain amount of danger, but grounds maintenance will provide the proper barricades for the construction," he says. If you have any questions regarding the rerouting of the buses, call the Bus Operations main office at 845-1971, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

William McKenzie System regent serves A&M with experience

Editor's note: The Battalion will focus on members of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents during the upcoming week to better acquaint students and faculty members with the System's leaders.

By BILL HETHCOCK Of The Battalion Staff



William McKenzie

In the middle of his second term on the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, William McKenzie is serving as chairman of the Board and chairman of the Executive Committee. McKenzie, from Dallas, first was appointed to the Board of Regents by Gov. Bill Clements in 1981. He was reappointed by Clements in 1987. He is a Class of '44 A&M graduate with a bachelor's degree in marketing and finance. He earned his law degree from Southern Methodist University in 1949. McKenzie is the senior partner in the law firm of McKenzie and Baer and is a member of the American Bar Association. McKenzie was a captain in the U.S. Army. He was company commander in the G2 Section of the 152nd Engineer Combat Battalion in Europe with Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army, which was attached to various corps and to Task Force Reed. Some of the civic endeavors McKenzie takes part in include serving on the board of directors of Camp Grady Spruce YMCA, president of the Dallas Museum of Natural History Association, membership in the Salesmanship Club of Dallas and the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association Board. He also has served on the board of directors of the Association of Former Students and is a 12th Man Donor in the Aggie Club.

The Power of Caring' Teleconference challenges Greeks to be leaders

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Texas A&M Greeks, along with Greeks at universities across the nation were issued the challenge to become effective Greek leaders Sunday during a teleconference on fraternity and sorority life broadcast to universities in the United States and Canada. "The Power of Caring: Greek Life Will Survive The 90's" was broadcast live from Oregon State University to Rudder Theater, as well as 41 universities around the country and in Canada. Dr. Will Keim, a noted expert on Greek life and moderator of the teleconference challenged Greeks to be aware of their opportunities to change things in the Greek system in addition to putting a passion into how they live their lives. Keim says the boredom and lack of interest students seem to have scares him. He said with events like the Berlin Wall coming down and the Communist world changing so dramatically, stu-

dents don't have time to be bored. "It absolutely tears me up about the whole world changing, with the opportunities that are going on — with a new world order — how we can't be passionate about our opportunities," Keim said. He said what the world needs is people who are able to be leaders and make the changes necessary in an evolving world. "Today as Greeks, we are going to be different, we are not going to follow, we are going to lead, we are going to set the tone for the 21st century," he said. To lead the next century, the Greek system needs people who are committed to their brotherhood, sisterhood, community service and scholarship and are ready to put them into action, he said. Keim told students to live each day with a passion, caring for their fellow students and taking advantage of opportunity. "Live your Greek lives with a passion — not to pretend you have all the time in the world, not to squander your opportunities, not to waste the

best years of your life with alcohol, drugs, sex abuse, hazing and a variety of other stupid things — but, to live each day as it was your last," he said. The way to accomplish living life to its fullest is through making correct choices, he said. Keim outlined the 21 Choices Approach to survival which included such items as: choosing to make ethical decisions choosing to be socially responsible choosing to work together choosing to cooperate — not compete A thirteen member panel of experts on various aspects of Greek life spoke on topics ranging from hazing to academics to building strong brotherhood and sisterhood in their organizations. A phone line linked students at participating universities to the experts, who addressed their questions and concerns. The teleconference was sponsored nationally by AT&T. The local sponsors were Alpha Gamma Delta, Panhellenic, PanHellenic and the Interfraternity Council.

Military experts criticize U.S. policy

LONDON (AP) — The likelihood of war in the Persian Gulf has grown significantly as sanctions and a hostile world push Saddam Hussein into a corner with no diplomatic escape, European and Israeli military analysts say. But they say there is still a window for peace, before the effects of sanctions sink in further and U.S.-led forces in Saudi Arabia become strong enough to consider launching a military operation to push Iraq out of Kuwait. "I think another six to eight weeks available to prevent a conflict, but after that it becomes almost inevitable," Paul Beaver, publisher of Jane's Defense Weekly, said.

With the United Nations demanding an unconditional Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait and Iraq reiterating almost daily that it will never leave, the analysts see little room for a negotiated solution. "Saddam Hussein could well now be driven into a corner which makes negotiations difficult and we could see a situation where he is left with very few options — and those all being of a military nature," Beaver said in an interview. Dominique Moisi, deputy director of the French Institute for International Relations in Paris, said he would "love to see a diplomatic option" but "it would mean that ... Saddam Hussein gives in to Western

pressure, and it's rather unlikely." A compromise is still possible, he said, in which Iraq would withdraw in return for agreement to hold an international conference to redefine Kuwait's boundaries, give Iraq access to the sea and redistribute Kuwaiti oil reserves. "But I do not see it in the cards right now," Moisi said. "Maybe in the very beginning a diplomatic option might have been open." Now it's a bit late. Even if Iraq withdraws from Kuwait, which would satisfy the United Nations, the rest of the world has to be assured that Saddam doesn't have the potential to strike again or continue developing nuclear and chemical weapons, Beaver said. Col. Andrew Duncan, assistant director for information at the International Institute of Strategic Studies, endorsed what he called a scattershot search for a peaceful solution being pursued by individuals and groups in the Arab world and the West. But "both the United Nations and the Arab League have got to be the major players in the solution," he said. The U.S.-led forces now "are just about in position to defend Saudi Arabia but a lot more is required before an offensive operation to retake Kuwait," Beaver said.

Animal research must be approved by committee

By JULIE HEDDERMAN Of The Battalion Staff

Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine must receive approval from the University Laboratory Animal Care Committee before conducting research on laboratory animals. This announcement was made at the vet school's weekly College Hour meeting. Dr. Gary Joiner, director of Laboratory Animal Resources and Research Facilities, said the protocol review is a requirement by the two governmental oversight groups that support the College of Veterinary Medicine. The Public Health Service, which has an animal welfare policy, also requires the school to inspect University-owned animals and issue semi-annual reports to the provost, Joiner said. The PHS regulations apply only to PHS-funded research. The U.S. Department of Agri-

culture also has requirements for the school. The veterinary school must investigate and review any animal concerns — with the University and private practices — and issue annual reports to the USDA and semi-annual reports to the provost. The USDA regulations apply only to research on USDA species, including cats, dogs, primates, non-production farm animals and water mammals, Joiner said. The USDA has been working with the College of Veterinary Medicine since 1965. Dr. Duwayne Anderson, associate provost for research and graduate studies, discussed how the veterinary school would handle an animal rights demonstration. He said the school would take emergency action if the health and welfare of animals or people was threatened.