

'Ten for 10' offers staff health program

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The Texas A&M Health Promotion Program implemented a service to send a health team to make "house calls" to staff and faculty offices on campus.

The "Ten for 10" program offers 10 preventive health assessments for \$10, and all test results are given on the spot, says Bonnie Sorenson, program coordinator.

The program, formed in September, is offered so standard health assessments will be more accessible to A&M employees, Sorenson says.

"Ten for 10" is designed to make A&M employees more health conscious in areas where lifestyle changes might occur, Sorenson says.

Assessments offered include blood pressure, strength, total cholesterol level, body composition, blood sugar, job satisfaction, cardio-

vascular fitness, health lifestyle appraisal, flexibility and health locus of control.

Nutritional analyses and exercise prescriptions also are offered for an additional cost.

Participants also can compare results to national age and norms, says program director Paul Kingery.

Kingery, assistant professor of health and physical education, says the purpose of the Health Promotion Program is to suggest dietary and exercise regimens for A&M employees.

The Health Promotion Program, part of the Human Resources Department, also provides health and well-being education programs including brown bag seminars every Tuesday on health issues, video presentations and training programs.

Those interested in "Ten for 10" or other programs can call the Health Promotion Program, 845-4141.

Nineteen killed in dispute

Government minister protests blocking of temple's construction

AYODHYA, India (AP) — Thousands of Hindu fundamentalists failed in a new attempt Wednesday to storm an ancient shrine claimed by Moslems, and at least 19 more people died in violence sparked by the dispute.

A government minister resigned to protest construction of a Hindu temple on the disputed site, deepening the crisis in his beleaguered coalition.

Armed paramilitary troops blocked about 5,000 Hindus from attempting to re-enter the mosque in Ayodhya, which has been the center of a decades-old dispute between India's Hindu majority and Moslem minority.

Hindu fundamentalists broke through police cordons on Tuesday and chipped away bricks and bits of plaster from the one-story mosque, which they want to replace with a temple.

At least five Hindus were killed and 20 injured when police opened fire to throw back the rioters. One of the injured died of his

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wounds on Wednesday, doctors said.

Press Trust of India said at least 18 other people were killed in street battles between Hindus and Moslems in four widely separated cities.

The dispute has killed at least 170 people in the past eight days and pushed Singh's 11-month-old government to the verge of collapse. The Hindu fundamentalist Bharatiya Janata Party withdrew support from the governing coalition last month to protest government policy on the temple project.

The desertion left Singh without a majority in Parliament, but he has said he will win a

vote of confidence scheduled for Nov. 7.

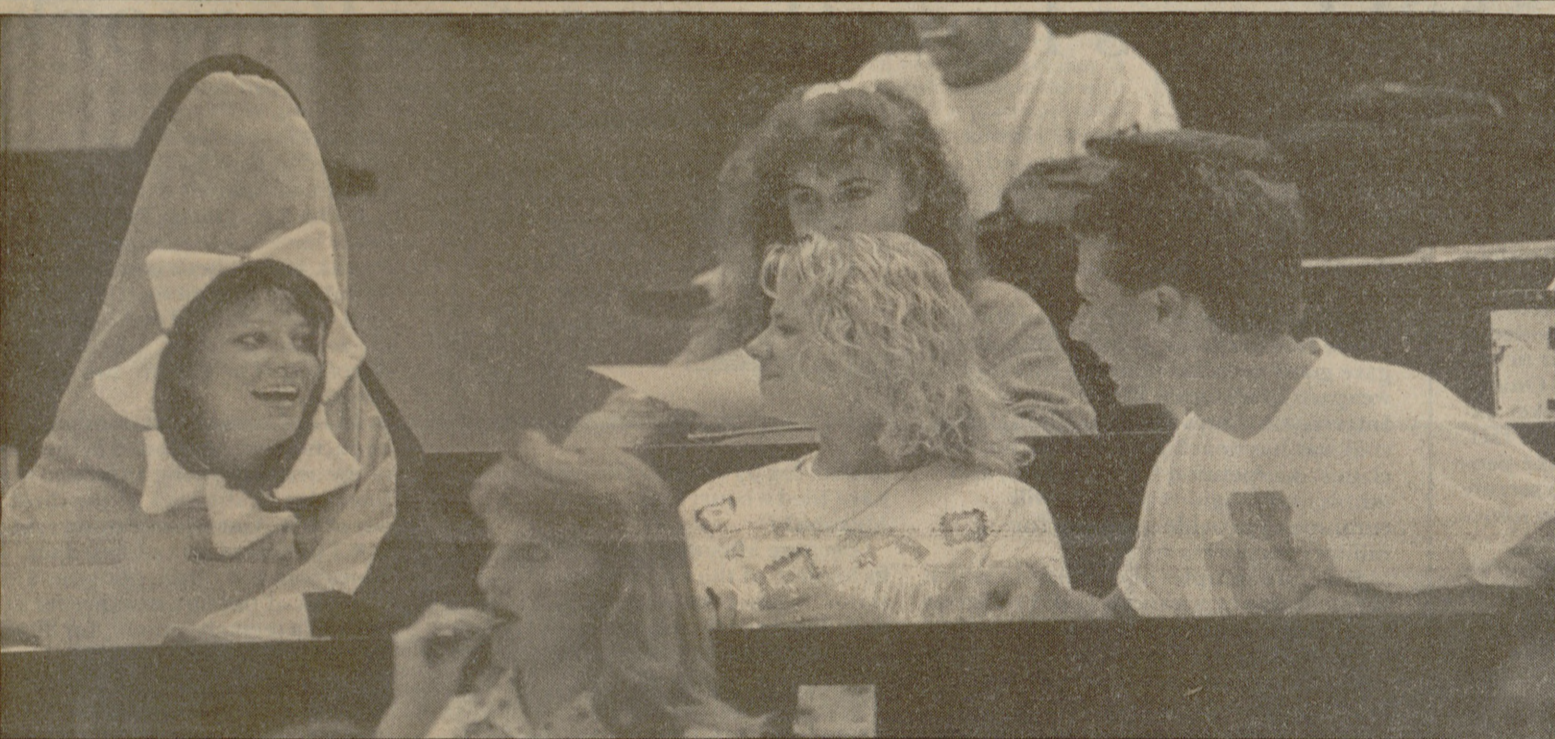
Singh's attempts to ride the religious and political crisis received another setback Wednesday, when the deputy minister for sports, Bhakta Charan Das, resigned to protest the police action at Ayodhya.

Das, a Hindu, accused Singh in his resignation letter of "lack of foresightedness" in tackling the crisis.

The dispute also triggered violence in neighboring Bangladesh, an Islamic nation, where Moslem mobs attacked temples and Hindu shops and homes after hearing of the situation in Ayodhya. Authorities clamped curfews in the capital Dhaka and the port city of Chittagong to curb rioting.

In Ayodhya, volunteers of the fundamentalist World Hindu Council said they would make another attempt to storm the mosque on Thursday. Officials said they had information that hundreds of Hindus would try to enter the town at night.

Land shark



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Freshmen Marci Allen and Dennis Trammell laugh at Keisha Jones' Halloween costume in their political science class. The in-

structor, Scott Dittloff, allowed his students to wear costumes for extra-credit points.

Expert forecasts rise in oil prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — The price of oil could easily "explode" to \$100 per barrel if war broke out in the Persian Gulf, a panel of experts told a Senate committee Wednesday.

"There's no limit," said John Lichtblau of the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation. "It depends on how much panic there is."

With the Bush administration rattling sabres in Iraq's direction, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., presiding over a hearing of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, echoed growing concern in Congress about what will happen at the pump if war breaks out.

"The day the war starts prices will explode," said Lichtblau, one of several experts on the oil industry to appear before the panel.

Oil prices hovering in the \$33 per barrel range could easily triple, said Professor Fariborz Ghadar of George Washington University's business school. "I would not be surprised if oil prices reached \$100 per barrel," Ghadar said.

Translating a crude oil price increase into a higher price at the pump is an inexact science. But

some industry experts use a ratio of 12 cents more per gallon for every \$5 increase in the price of a barrel of crude.

At \$100 per barrel, under that formula, gasoline could rise to nearly \$3 per gallon.

The witnesses told Lieberman that with oil production already at or near capacity, oil consuming states could do little beyond releasing oil reserves onto the market.

Tapping oil reserves would have to go beyond the use of the U.S. government's Strategic Petroleum Reserve, said Professor M.A. Adelman of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It would have to occur globally.

In addition to the strategic reserves there are the oil reserves held by private companies and substantial reserves held by Japan and western European nations, witnesses said.

The reasons for the sharp price rise, the experts said, would be fear that war would disrupt supply lines combined with the likelihood that a Gulf war would curtail Saudi Arabia's oil-producing capabilities.

Bush fed up with poor treatment of hostages

President Bush said Wednesday he was fed up with Saddam Hussein's harsh treatment of U.S. hostages. Iraq later said it would allow American families to visit the captives for the holidays.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and a British commander warned the likelihood of war in the region was increasing.

But Iraq's ambassador to the United States, Mohamed al-Mashat, said he sought to avoid bloodshed and reiterated Iraq's offer to negotiate.

Mubarak said the Persian Gulf crisis has become so dangerous it "could explode at any time." And he urged "our brothers in Iraq" to realize the danger their Aug. 2 invasion of oil-rich Kuwait has caused.

The commander of British forces in the gulf warned that an attack against Iraq is increasingly likely. Air Chief Marshal Sir Paddy Hine said a joint team culled from the Royal

Air Force, Royal Navy and Army is developing plans for military strikes.

"Saddam Hussein seems reluctant at the moment to accept the judgment of world opinion," he said. "It is looking increasingly unlikely that Saddam Hussein will withdraw unconditionally from Kuwait."

"The embassy is being starved," Bush said of the besieged U.S. mission in occupied Kuwait. "The people out there are not being supplied."

"Do you think I'm concerned about it? You're darn right I am. And what I'm going to do about it? — let's just wait and see, because I have had it with that kind of treatment of Americans," Bush said.

Later Wednesday, an Information Ministry spokesman in Baghdad said the Iraqi government is prepared to allow families of Americans in Iraq to visit during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. No other details were

immediately available.

A few diplomats have held out at the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait, defying an Iraqi order to close missions in the annexed nation. Iraq has cut utilities and surrounded the compound with troops. The British Embassy also remains open.

Bush said, however, the recent comments from his administration about the possible use of American military might against Iraq should not be interpreted as an indication that war was imminent or unavoidable.

"You don't use pretext when you have force deployed," he said. "You just do what's right."

In Baghdad, Information Minister Latif Jassim said the United States was spreading "false reports" on the conditions of "foreign guests" to seek an excuse to attack Iraq.

Baghdad calls the hundreds of Westerners held in Iraq and Kuwait to deter attack by the

multinational force deployed in Saudi Arabia "guests." Many have been sent to strategic sites as human shields.

"I want to tell you that our guests live in good conditions at some places better than many Iraqi families, but Bush perhaps wants an excuse," Jassim said.

The United States has more than 210,000 troops in the gulf region and Washington plans to send 100,000 more. About 100,000 soldiers have been deployed by other nations.

The 13-nation force faces about 460,000 Iraqi troops stationed in southern Iraq and Kuwait.

Egypt, along with Saudi Arabia, has led Arab opposition to Saddam. Speaking to reporters in Cairo Wednesday, Mubarak said he hoped "our brothers in Iraq will understand well that the situation is very dangerous and could explode at any time."

Centerpole to be raised this afternoon

Bonfire's centerpole will be raised at 4 p.m. today at Duncan Field.

A yell practice will be held afterward at Duncan.

See The Battalion's special section on bonfire in today's issue for information on the event's history and tradition, efforts to reduce bonfire's volume, pros and cons about cutting and burning trees and anything else you've ever wanted to know about the spirit symbol.

Telephone registration begins today

Touch-tone telephone registration by classification begins today and will continue through Nov. 27.

The registration system is open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Twenty minutes are allowed to register once the system has been accessed. The system automatically disconnects after 20 minutes, but students can redial and continue until they complete registration.

Open registration, and drop and add by phone is Nov. 28 through Dec. 14 and Jan. 2 to 17. The system will be available from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., excluding weekends.

For more information regarding registration, consult the Spring 1991 class schedule book.

Graduate students worried about fall semester classes can Q-drop through Friday.

Writing program restructured

Seniors needing English 104 or 301 to graduate in May should register for these classes as soon as possible.

The writing program is being restructured, and temporary shortages of these classes could occur during the spring.

Dr. Lawrence Mitchell, English Department head, says reorganization of the program will be complete by Fall 1991.

Graduating seniors who want to register for closed sections should come by the English department, but must present proof of graduation status. Advisement times will be posted outside the English department main office.

Sections held for BAs only

The Texas A&M Department of Modern and Classical Languages wants students to be aware certain sections of Spanish, German and French 101 and 102 are reserved for BA students only.

BA students can register for any section, but candidates for other degrees are limited to non-sections.

The department will enforce this policy at the end of preregistration and again at the end of late registration by removing all students in violation.

Non-BA students who already have registered for reserved sections need to make schedule changes.

Corps members wear spurs expressing desire to beat SMU

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Freshmen cadets are clanging around the Texas A&M campus wearing homemade "fish spurs" to celebrate their desire to "spur the hell outta the Mustangs."

The spurs become part of the cadets' uniform the week before the Texas A&M vs. Southern Methodist University football game.

When the SMU football team was on probation two years ago, cadets did not break tradition, and instead sported their spurs before the Texas Tech game.

The spurs are made of flattened bottlecaps and coat hangers, says Mark Hoskyn, deputy Corps commander.

Cadets must make their own spurs, he explains. They spend hours finding bottlecaps, hammering them flat and stringing them

with coat hangers.

According to tradition, cadets must wear fish spurs before they can earn the privilege of wearing senior boots, he says. Students joining the Corps after their freshman year still must wear fish spurs before becoming seniors.

Each outfit's spurs are designed differently, he says. For example, some outfits make their spurs with 94 bottlecaps to symbolize their class, others use another number that is significant to them.

If a cadet's spurs fall off, tradition dictates they "wildcat" back to the Quadrangle. When "wildcatting," cadets must run with their arms in the air as they yell the traditional freshman "Aaayy."

Looking back on his days as a freshman, Hoskyn recalls the tradition as being a slight nuisance, but says, "It was kind of fun."



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